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## DUFFIELD'S VIBRANT NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY

Visitors to Duffield are often pleasantly surprised by the vibrant night-time economy which the village is home to. There are fantastic wine bars, pubs and restaurants, all brilliant small businesses which contribute to the local economy and to the atmosphere for residents and visitors in the evening.

Small businesses are the bedrock of Duffield, both during the day and in the evening. Some of them have been operating here for many years, like Sally Montague's Hair Salon, whilst some are newer but making a big impact on

the local scene, like Bradmans Wine Cellar, which I visited on Small Business Saturday.

The growth of the night-time economy in particular benefits all of Duffield's businesses, as people are making trips for the whole day to shop in the afternoon and then stay for dinner or a drink. It brings different groups of people and this time of year is a great example – with Christmas shoppers wanting to enjoy some local hospitality after an afternoon spent browsing the high street.

Speaking to Duffield residents, the main issue which they raise

in relation to the night-time economy, and the growth of Duffield as a destination for shoppers and visitors, is the lack of available parking.

I have been exploring this issue for some months and looking to provide suitable solutions. There is parking across the river next to Eyes Meadow, but unfortunately the lighting between there and the village centre is not good enough to give people confidence. Similarly, there are reservations about parking in residential areas off the high street. Most visitors wish to park outside business premises,

where parking is limited.

This is a difficult issue, and one which will only continue to grow with the continued success of Duffield's vibrant village centre and night-time economy. Therefore, I would like to listen to local people regarding solutions which are acceptable to our community. If you would like to offer your thoughts on how to support Duffield's business through additional parking without clogging up residential streets, I would be delighted to hear from you at pauline.latham.mp@parliament.uk.

by Pauline Latham OBE MP



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Chevin Golf Club is pleased to introduce our two Captains for 2023. The Club Captain is Mr David Vincent, and the Ladies Captain is Mrs Debbie Dawson.

David was born in Yorkshire where he lived until he moved to Duffield in 1996. He has spent a large number of years in the IT industry both in the UK and abroad. He retired from full time employment in 2021. Formerly a keen rugby player, David joined Chevin G.C in 1997 directly from his previous club in Leeds – Headingley G.C. where he had been an active member for 20 years. Since his retirement, David has been an enthusiastic member of Chevin’s Seniors Section and has represented the club in A-team games. He is a keen participant in the club’s social events and the regular quiz nights in particular. He is married to Liz, also a Chevin member, and his other hobbies include



restoring antique furniture and compiling picture quizzes. Debbie was born in Berkshire but moved to Derbyshire in 1987 with her husband Dave. She started playing golf in 2008 when she joined a taster session for ladies’ golf and found the ladies so friendly and supportive that she joined the club as a full playing member. Debbie has worked on the ladies committee as secretary and working on the events committee organising



social events as well as social golf events. Her other hobbies are skiing and church bellringing as well as being a keen gardener who helps maintain the beautiful flower borders at Chevin.

Both David and Debbie are looking forward to their year as captains and would welcome any prospective new members to come along to Chevin as you will be given a very warm welcome to a club with

a strong active membership who enjoy both competitive and friendly mixed golf.

David and Debbie will both be supporting Derby Samaritans Charity as their fundraising charity for the year.

Derby Samaritans operates 365 days a year. They have been going for 61 years and it costs approximately £100 per day to operate. The Charity need to fundraise as there is no central funding either from Samaritans Central or from Government. They are a volunteer led organisation so there are no funded posts. The volunteers are responsible for supporting callers as well as all the other functions of making an independent charity work. By both Captains supporting this charity we are hoping to make the most of our fundraising abilities knowing the generosity of the Chevin members and beyond.

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## CHARITY RAFFLE



The Duffield Club held its annual Christmas raffle to raise money for charity. The raffle was originally started by the late John Allen who sadly passed away in November 2022. This year the club managed to raise a magnificent sum of £700, which will be split equally between Barnardo’s and The Rainbow Children’s Hospice. Special thanks to a number of local businesses, who donated prizes towards the raffle but in particular.....

Kings Head Angelos - £100 food and drinks voucher. Anthony Andrews Butchers – £60 Meat Hamper. Bradman’s Wine Bar – Selection of fine wines. Local Businessman - £200. The raffle was drawn on the clubs’ snooker tournament finals night and over 60 members attended for an enjoyable night of entertainment. The committee would like to thank everybody involved for their continued support and would also like to wish you all a happy new year. The Duffield Club

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# SURVIVING THE WINTER WONDERLAND

As I write this, we are about to have a thaw of the severe winter frosts that have caused so much concern amongst the human population unable to afford to put on their heating or suffering from power outages caused by snow and/or wind. The very low temperatures of -8C are not unprecedented here but are unusual and following the severe drought earlier in the summer, will have stretched our wildlife in the survival stakes.

There was a kestrel carefully scanning the area where the hay bales have been dumped hoping that this home of many mice and voles would provide a meal. The ground was hard with frost so there were no beetles or worms to supplement his diet and he flew off to perch elsewhere. The sun shone through the beautiful frost-dressed teasels and as a sudden movement on the large hawthorn bush revealed birds feasting on the berries.

These migrating redwings will have flown the 500 miles from Scandinavia to take advantage of our autumn bounty. Thus usually happens when their food sources at home have depleted and these thrush like birds with their distinctive red flash will join with those that came over in the autumn. Some also came from Iceland and they all form loose flocks and their "seep seep" call can be heard as fly overhead.

When the hawthorn and rowan berries run out they will try and forage for earthworms. Many will return north in Spring or migrate to Spain. They will be competing with the slightly larger fieldfares who arrive at similar times and can often be seen foraging on the ground amongst fallen crab apples and apple orchards. They compete with our native blackbirds and thrushes for this food.

One of the smallest migrants that flock here from Scandinavia are gold crests. These beautiful tiny birds

(they each weigh about the same as a teaspoonful of salt) feed on insects secreted in the crevices in the bark of trees - preferably pine - and in freezing weather they can lose up to a fifth of their body weight. They use their tiny sharp beaks to tweak morsels from their hiding places.

One of the great sights of winter is a horde of waxwings feasting on a frosted rowan tree's scarlet berries.

From a distance they look like undistinguished beige starlings, but seen through binoculars they leap into sartorial splendour, with flashes of black, white, yellow and red plumage. This autumn there is a bumper crop of rowan berries so we may see these pretty birds on the meadow or in your gardens. Urban planting of cotoneaster - which they also love - may also mean seeing them in supermarket car parks or on roundabouts.

I watched a native tree creeper carefully seeking food in the bark of a maple tree and realised how few small native birds are evident. Many were

lost in the summer drought and many more in the freezing temperatures of December. The kestrel idly watched a small flock of redwings by the wetland.

Planting trees at this time of year gives them the best chance of getting established before the new growing season. The ground has been too hard from the severe frosts up until today and even then the soil is cold and frozen underneath the grass sods.

The root balls of the new trees are able to begin to spread out whilst the trees themselves have fewer demands as they are dormant. The meadow has received two memorial oak trees which have been planted on the margins of the old tip site.

These are probably the last ones to be planted in the foreseeable future as it is important not encroach on the flower meadow areas.

Oak trees can survive severe cold temperatures due to their thick bark acting like a blanket. However if the bark is not robust or damaged it might

mean that the water carrying cells inside the tree freeze - causing damage to main tree.

The scots pine trees have less to worry about. Evergreens have thin needles with a waxy coating: adaptations that also reduce water loss. The outer bark of pine trees contains many air pockets, rather than living cells filled with liquid that can freeze. The air pockets in bark help provide insulation and protection against freezing and cracking during the winter.

The ground underneath the trees tends to freeze less readily and this shelter gives plants chances to emerge more quickly in spring. Also many perennial seeds of wild flower plants relish a period of cold to allow germination. This dormancy is essential for many plants (as well as animals) and will ensure a more prolific show later in the year.

In thanking all those who help on the meadow and those who regularly donate towards the funds needed for its upkeep - the Conservation Trust wishes you a Happy New Year.

Keep well and hope you are able to take advantage of the wonders of nature on our doorstep.

by **Di Hancock**  
(Chair; Duffield Millennium Conservation Trust)  
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# YOUR GREEN COUNCILLORS IN DUFFIELD

As we pass from one year to the next, the Green Team would like to wish every one of you the very best for the year ahead. While 2022 has brought many difficulties and challenges, it was a very successful year for the Green Party in Duffield with 70% of voters selecting Alison McDermott to represent them on Amber Valley Borough Council. She has been busy working alongside the other Green borough councillors, Dave Wells and Jamie Walls as well as your Green county councillor, Gez Kinsella and Duffield Green Campaigner Eva Long. Christmas and New Year are a time for being with family and friends. We hope you enjoyed your festive season, though for many people it can be a lonely time too. So while we haven't been as busy as usual, we'd like to look ahead to next year's elections and some important potential changes. May 2023 will bring elections to Amber Valley Borough

Council under a changed system. Duffield will form a ward with Quarndon which will elect two councillors together, who will serve for four years. Meanwhile the government is introducing a controversial requirement for voters to show ID at polling stations (even though in 2019 there was just one conviction for in-person voter fraud in the entire country). If you don't have a photo driving licence or passport, other forms of ID will be accepted - there will be a detailed list. Young people may find it harder to show they have what's on the list. Registering for a Postal Vote may be a good way around this. Postal votes are helpful for people who can't get out to vote or who are working or studying away from home. Alternatively you should in time be able to get a free Voter Card from Amber Valley, but the legal guidelines setting out how the system will



operate aren't yet available so councils up and down the country will have little time to put procedures in place. We will keep you updated on any developments. So, why not use the new year as a good time to get organised to vote? If you're not yet registered to vote, you can do so by completing the online form at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote). If you are not sure if you have already registered, contact Amber Valley on 01773 841634 or email [elections@ambervalley.gov.uk](mailto:elections@ambervalley.gov.uk).

You can also use these contacts or search online for Amber Valley Postal Voting to obtain a form to register for a postal vote. We want to make sure all villagers can exercise their right to vote, whatever party you choose to vote for (though of course we hope you'll vote for us!) And we hope that 2023 will be a really good year for you, your families and friends, with lots more interesting things in it than getting your ID sorted so you can vote! Gez, Alison, Dave and Eva

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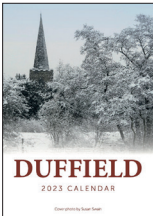


# Duffield Parish Council



## Trees planted at Eyes Meadow

The Parish Council was pleased to be able to arrange planting of several new native trees at Eyes Meadow in December, thanks to a Network Rail grant and the invaluable assistance of Di Hancock. Three of the trees are to be dedicated as memorial trees including one to remember Jane Terry, our Parish Clerk who passed away in August 2022.



## Duffield Community Calendar Still Available

Just a reminder that the 2023 Duffield Community Calendar is still available to purchase for £9.95 at Duffield Town St newsagents. Any profits made after the design and printing costs will be donated to a local charity (to be decided). The Calendar can also still be purchased direct from the Parish Council, if preferred. Contact [assistantclerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:assistantclerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk) for more info.

## ASB Advice – Report It

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## Applications welcome for S137 Community Grants

The Parish Council is able to award grant funds, called ‘S137 grants’, to Duffield-based community groups and charities whose work benefits the village and its residents. Grants can be applied for at any time and will be considered at Full Council meetings (the Full Council meets every 2 months). Recent recipients include Scout and Guide groups, the RJ Weston Centre Charity and the DCA.

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Parish Council meetings are open to the public to attend to listen or address the Council on any Parish issues. Correspondence from Parishioners is also reported to the meetings.

**Forthcoming meetings** – The next **Full Council** meeting will be the 11th January 2023 meeting at the Weston Centre. **Committee Meetings:** Outdoor Management & Development Committee 25th January 2023, to be held at the Cemetery Lodge meeting room. Meetings begin at 7pm and all are welcome to attend.

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