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DUFFIELD CARNIVAL 25 JUNE 2022 – TRANSPORT

Duffield Carnival would like to invite you to join us on Saturday 25th June for a street procession followed by entertainment on Eyes Meadow. This year's theme is "Transport". We'll be looking forward to seeing your floats for our theme and remember, anyone can be part of our procession. So, grab a group of friends, your local club or neighbours and create your own display. It can be with a vehicle or on foot or any other mode you can think of. Register your entry at www.duffieldcarnival.co.uk so we can make space for you.



Come and enjoy local performers, music, fairground rides, stalls and an evening of live bands. Procession at

12.45pm from Avenue Road, through onto Eyes Meadow til 9pm. This year our procession will be led by the Katumba.

They are a drumming group that provide a vibrant mix of music and movement. A fusion of UK big beat, Calypso and the carnivals of North East Brazil gives Katumba the inspiration for their unique sound that will result in you not being able to keep your feet still!

The Women's Institute (WI) will again be providing tea, coffee, and their superb cakes within the marquee. There will also be a BBQ, Project D, Ice creams, Toastie the difference and many more. Coffee Buzz and Fizz and our own bar will be available in the marquee.

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DUFFIELD CARNIVAL – TRANSPORT

From the cover...

Around the field, there will be Circus Wunderbar who will provide a circus skills workshop and bubble fun, the Donkeys will be here again for rides and this year we have a Hovercraft too! We will have a display of vintage cars, and the fairground and Derbyshire Archery Club will be joining us. This year we will be using the same format of pre-registration for Tug-o-war teams so get together with your family or friends. Please email to register your interest to paul.mccracken@virgin.net. There will also be the ever-popular Egg Throw.

The evening music starts at 5.00pm with Sensational Hot Rocks Band, Big Fish Little Fish and Dammit Jack.

The Sensational Hot Rocks Band will be taking to the stage with a selection of hits from the 70's to the present day. We can't wait to have a rockin' good time!

Local musicians Alex and Matt (AKA Big Fish Little Fish) sing and play cool acoustic tunes for you!

Dammit Jack are a group of three brothers from Derby who add their own unique style to a variety of songs covering many genres. There will be something for everyone in their set from old classics to modern day tracks, which are sure to get you moving!

Reduced price advance tickets ending 24th June

Online tickets can be purchased from at www.duffieldcarnival.co.uk/tickets for £3.80 including booking fee. Paper tickets are available from Duffield News for £4.00 cash.

On Carnival Day itself.

Online tickets will cost £4.40 including booking fees.

Tickets bought at the gate will cost £5 for cash sales **notes only** or via card for £5 including transaction fee.

More Carnival Week 2022 events on page 7.

BROADWAY CHARITY PLANT SALE

After 17 years supporting the National Garden Scheme charities by donating around £24,000, Roger & Sue Roberts at 34 Broadway, Duffield DE56 4BU (01332 841905) have decided to retire from the NGS and open the garden 'by arrangement' from May to September for groups of up to 30 people. In addition there will be a Plant Sale (hundreds



of plants from Akebia to Yucca) on Saturdays 25th June and 2nd July (10-3) in aid of local charity. Last year similar events raised over £800.

THANK YOU TO RESEIDENTS

Thank you to the residents of Duffield, for taking the time to vote and support our local election last month and congratulations to Alison McDermott on being elected as the new borough councillor. It was a real privilege to stand as your Conservative candidate, in my first venture into local politics. I am especially grateful to everyone who gave their time on the doorstep and in the streets to raise concerns, but also to talk about our fantastic village and its possibilities. I've learnt so much about the



issues that matter to you and our community. These issues will not disappear overnight and I will continue to advocate for the protection of our green spaces and village facilities. For more information about the new Duffield Conservative branch please email me on pippaforduffield@gmail.com. by **Pippa Rowen**

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We're delighted that you elected Alison McDermott! A resounding 70 percent voted Green in Duffield. 'I was blown away by the result and support you gave me around the village and all the positive things you said when I met so many of you on your doorsteps', says Alison. 'It's an honour to represent you and to build on Dave and Gez's excellent work. 'The result sends a clear message that people here want AVBC to support local communities, protecting our Green Belt and looking after our environment.'

The turnout was very high for a local election at 53% - way higher than anywhere else and previously in Duffield, showing that many Duffield people who don't usually vote at local elections did so this time. It feels as if the village is proud to be leading the way in being Green. We're glad to have captured your imagination and will work hard now to make sure we repay your trust.

'Alison was a great local candidate. She campaigned with great positivity and energy, involving so many local people in the campaign



with a real 'feel-good' factor' says Cllr Gez Kinsella. 'It's fantastic to see more and more local people coming aboard.'

'I want to thank each and every one involved - you all helped to make a real difference,' adds Alison. Louise Nelson and her daughter and Verity were two of many villagers to congratulate Alison, saying 'I'm so pleased to have Alison as our councillor and delighted that the future of Duffield is Green.'

Green Cllr Jamie Walls (left) was elected in Belper South too and together they will form an official Green group on the council. 'I'm honoured to be the first leader of the Green group,' says Dave Wells 'Between us we can do more to highlight the issues that Duffield cares about, like strengthening communities and protecting and caring for the environment we rely on.'

We'd all like to hear from you so do get in touch.

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LOCAL ARTIST REMI | QUEENS JUBILEE BEACON

My name is Remi and I am a local Artist from Duffield. I have a small art business called Devine Creations which I set up during the first lockdown after having to close my salon.

With so much free time I decided to dive head first into what I truly love and never had time for previously which has always been art. You may have also seen me in Elizas Flower Emporium on the high Street working part time in and amongst the flowers.

I specialise in a wide range of mediums from acrylic paintings and watercolours to custom resin pieces and jewellery.

Perhaps your home or business needs a little brightening up or you'd like to treat yourself (or someone special) to a little crafty creation by me then please feel free to check out my work and keep up to date with all new projects.

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by Remi
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QUEENS JUBILEE BEACON

Thank you to everyone that joined the celebration and made it a special evening lighting the Queens Jubilee Beacon. The weather behaved impeccably and there was a fabulous turnout. Such a stunning view of the valley from Croots field, a perfect location. Special thanks to Kay and all the Croots team for organising and hosting the event. What an incredible team.

Thank you to our amazing Scout Leaders for providing and running activities. Helping to make some keepsakes of the event.

Last but not least, thank you to Paul, Wei and Timmy. Paul and Wei for your words and Timmy on trumpet solo. It was a once in a lifetime event!



DUFFIELD TRAIN STATION INVESTMENT UPDATE

I am pleased that there has been over £700,000 worth of investment into Duffield station in 2022, including upgrade works at Easter to entirely renew nearly 500m of track, providing for smoother and more comfortable journeys for passengers.

I have long campaigned for transport investment in Mid Derbyshire, including road upgrades, railway infrastructure and timetabling, and construction and maintenance of active travel routes like cycle paths. I am therefore delighted to see this tranche of funding,



and will continue to push for more in my conversations with the relevant Ministers. One of my current campaigns is about accessibility at Duffield Station. Duffield Station has incredibly poor accessibility. The station

steps are very steep, which make it totally inaccessible for those with disabilities, prams or pushchairs, or even just with heavy luggage.

This Conservative government has put into law our commitment to

achieving net zero, and public transport, including the railways, is an important part of this. Duffield is very well-connected in Derbyshire, and it is therefore a real shame that the station is inaccessible to so many people.

Therefore, I recently met with East Midlands Railway to discuss the problem and potential for funding bids to improve the station. East Midlands Railway are now preparing a bid for station upgrade funding, and I will support this bid in Parliament and directly with Ministers.

by Pauline Latham

DUFFIELD CARNIVAL WEEK EVENTS 2022

19 June

Family Treasure Hunt

Start between 1.30pm and 2.30pm, finish by 4pm for prize giving at the Kings Head.

20 June

'Duffield 5'

Family Fun Run

Starting & finishing at Meadows School. Check in from 6.15pm, for 7pm start. Online registration required at <http://forms.gle/CPojm5xiXwaEsyGr6> closes at 6pm on Tues 14th June.

21 June

Churches BBQ

Eyes Meadow, from 6.30pm We would like to thank the five churches of Duffield for again providing a free village Barbecue. This is a lovely family evening where everyone is welcome. Serving until the food runs out so get there early. Bring a picnic blanket, games, frisbees, whatever takes your fancy, and don't forget the dog!

22 June

Sports Spectacular

Meadows School, Registration 5.30pm. Various sporting activities aimed at all children from pre-school to year 6.

Duffield Singers Concert

7.30pm at St Alkmund's Church. Title of the concert is "Songs from Near & Far" and will last for about an hour. Free Admission with a retiring collection in aid of Ukrainian refugees. www.duffieldsingers.org.

23 June

Squash & Tennis Clubs

Open Evening, 6-9pm.

Free tennis/squash/racketball and bar open from 6pm. Free junior activities 6.30 - 8pm. Everyone welcome.

24 June

Duffield Dynamos

Presentation Night

Eyes Meadow. Starts 6.30pm prompt. A celebration of all our Duffield teams' seasons.

25 June

Carnival Day

Eyes Meadow, 12pm - 9pm
13:30 Procession arrives on Eyes Meadow. Opened by BBC Radio Derby's Andy Twigge

14:10 Katumba Marching Band

14:40 'Pedal Power vs Parcour'

15:20 Vision Dance

15:50 'Pedal Power vs Parcour'

16:30 Village Games: Tug-o-war & Egg Catching

Around the Field

Hovercraft rides, vintage cars, motorbikes, tractors, donkey rides, circus skills and big bubbles, fairground, archery, Duffield Scouts, Rolls-Royce Heritage display and stalls.

Carnival Music Festival

Eyes Meadow, 5pm - 9pm.
17:15 The Sensational Hot Rocks Band
18:15 Big Fish Little Fish
19:15 Dammit Jack

26 June

All Aboard the Carnival Express

Leaving from Duffield EVR Station at 6pm - £36 for a compartment of up to 6 people online booking required.

Enjoy a return trip along the Ecclesbourne Valley aboard the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway steam train sponsored by Duffield Carnival.

Visit duffieldcarnival.co.uk for more information about all the Carnival Week events.

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Eyes Meadow Events

Outdoor Theatre: Peter Pan, by J. M. Barrie



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BROOKLYN IN SPRING – SWIFTS AND DANDELIONS

As I write this, I am sitting on the balcony of my son Dan's three storey brownstone house in Brooklyn having just watched a tentative **possum** tiptoeing along next door's fence - only to lose its footing and collapse into the garden! A fairly frequent visitor, these small dog sized animals are known for raiding birds nests and predating eggs and young as well as eating beetles and worms.

It was one of the more unusual visitors. There is a continuous chattering of sparrows in the bushes and trees, the occasional **blue jay** and a lovely male **red cardinal** perched on the wires at the bottom of Dan's yard/garden. Large **carpenter bees** are patrolling the balconies trying to control territory and occasionally fighting each other.

Less pleasing to see are the **bullying starlings** everywhere. These are related to the original 100 that were imported and let go free in Central Park in 1891 by a misguided Shakespeare lover **Eugene Schieffelin** who wanted to populate New York with all the birds mentioned in the plays! **200 million birds** later they are a pest throughout the USA. They unfortunately take up valuable nesting sites usurping other native species creating havoc in both the urban and rural environment.

Later, we travelled up north to Williamstown in Massachusetts where my grandson Ezra was playing saxophone in a jazz festival associated with his

University - the liberal arts Williams College. The campus is very self contained for the 2500 students over about half a square mile with beautiful buildings including three museums/art galleries. It is nestled in a valley in the Berkshires and the countryside around is spectacular with high, tree clad hills on all sides. We sat outside listening to a Thelonius Monk arrangement as nine **Turkey Vultures** circled overhead! These large, eagle sized black birds hold their wings in a slight v shape and the feathers are spread out at the end of the wings. They feed by scavenging dead animals and seek their food by smell. Larger predators like Condors who hunt using sight will often follow turkey vultures once they start circling in the hopes of robbing a meal.

We walked up through woods associated with Clark Campus and listened to the woodpeckers who are taking advantage of the standing dead wood in amongst the pine, birch, beech and oak trees. An iridescent green beetle with startling blue legs was rummaging around in the leaf litter. He looked very similar to ones to be found in Pembrokeshire...

When we came to the clearing at

the top of the ridge overlooking the college buildings and the tiny town there was a carpet of dandelions and some beautiful pale pink/mauve flowers that are closely related to our

Lady smock. **Wood violets** were everywhere and the trees were just coming into leaf unlike in Brooklyn where the weather has been considerably warmer and the blossom and leaves are well advanced.

The river flowing through the tiny town is fed in the early spring by meltwater from the considerable winter snowfall (4-5 feet) and is popular for swimming by the students! Walking casually into the woods behind our AirBnB it is sensible to read the notices before embarking on a trek. The little park area was operating the same sort of conservation that we are doing on the meadow and everywhere in the town and on the campus were "**NO MOW MAY!**" notices in front gardens and on the road side verges. It seems that everywhere people are becoming more and more aware of the need to increase biodiversity....

One of the major surprises of being in Brooklyn was the enormous GreenWood cemetery which is only a few

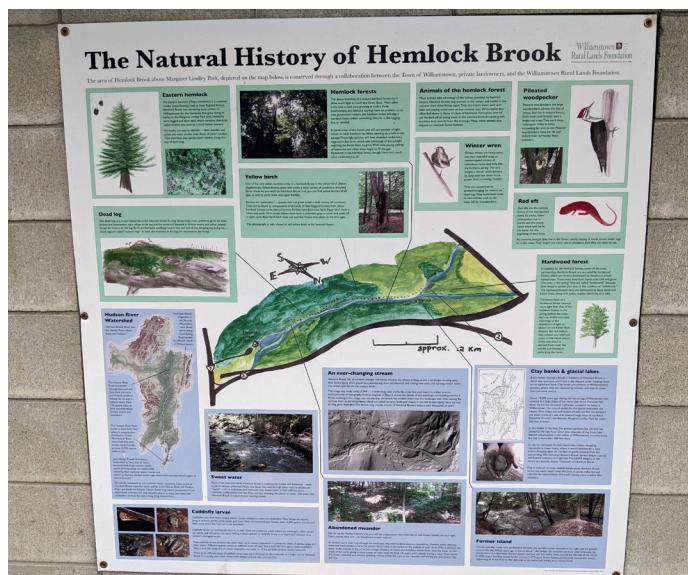
blocks from where Dan lives. It occupies an area of 478 acres and was started in 1838 to serve the increasing demand from New York - with the town being built around it. The original land was composed of a series of low hills stretching almost down to the sea's edge the designers kept the topography with many meadow plants in evidence - testimony to what it would have looked like originally. Wood violets were everywhere, meadow grasses, daisies aplenty in amongst

the most magnificent trees including mature beeches, horse chestnuts, maples, oaks and flowering dogwoods. Some of these are at least 200 years old and tower above the gravestones and mausoleums of the original Brooklyn settlers. It is managed as a conservation area and is criss crossed with paths and roads. The whole place is designated as a historical landmark and is fully protected.

Notable people are buried there including the composer Leonard Bernstein and the gothic entrance gates are home to green parakeets who have accumulated masses of nesting material over the years!

By the time this is published the glory of blossom and the first leaves will have left our meadow as we move towards summer. The cow parsley and the meadow sweet, the knapweed and the meadow cranesbill will soon rule.

by Di Hancock
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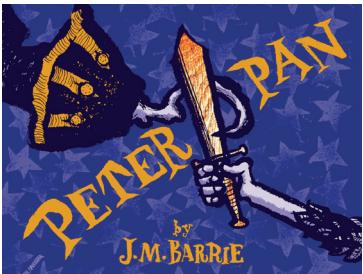


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At the time of writing the new "Big Rig" play equipment was in the process of being installed at Gray's Rec, thanks to funding from the National Lottery and the Parish Council, and will be ready for use by the Jubilee Holiday week.

The National Lottery 'Awards for all' grant of £10,000 has topped up the funds allotted to the project by the Parish Council, helping to realise a long-held ambition to install more play and exercise equipment for use by older teenagers and adults.

A Summer of fun at Eyes Meadow

Four exciting events are coming to Eyes Meadow over the summer...

- Duffield Carnival is making its long-awaited return to Eyes Meadow on the 25th June – we can't wait! Don't forget that Town Street and nearby roads will be closed for the parade through Duffield starting at 12:45pm. The theme for the Carnival is 'Transport'. Find out more at duffieldcarnival.co.uk
- The Eyes Have It music festival is back on 1-3rd July with some great acts including Bad Manners and Dr and the Medics – find out more at theeyeshaveit.co.uk
- The fantastic Illyria will be bringing their theatre production of Peter Pan, by J M Barrie, to Eyes Meadow on the 10th July at 2pm. To buy tickets or to find out more about the show, visit our website duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk or our Facebook page.
- The Parish Council's 'Movies in the Meadow' event is back, showing Steven Spielberg's Oscar-nominated version of West Side Story, on August 20th. Visit the Parish Council's website or Facebook page to find out more and book tickets.

Calendar Photo Competition – Closing July 15th

Don't forget to get your entries in with the theme "Duffield through the Seasons" for this year's photography competition – the closing date is July 15th and up to five photos can be entered. The competition is open to all and winning entries will be featured in the Duffield Calendar for 2023 – see our website for more information and to enter.

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 – Strategic Development Committee meeting June 15th at Hazelwood Road Cemetery Lodge; Full Council meeting 22nd June at Weston Centre. Meetings begin at 7pm.
All are welcome to attend.

Meeting Agendas and Minutes can be viewed online at www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

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THE EYES HAVE IT



The Eyes Have It Music Festival 1/2/3 July 2022

www.tehi.co.uk

The 7th Eyes Have It Festival will soon be with us, and we're delighted to be welcoming The Real Thing, Bad Manners and Dr And The Medics to the main stage as the main headliners for the respective days. There'll be top notch support including Geordie, who Brian Johnson of ACDC fame used to front, offering a musical mix suitable for everyone. Great food and drink and, this year, art and circus workshops for the children. This year's event has

proven very popular as we are now finally able to get out and enjoy live music again! Tickets have moved fast and numbers are limited, so book yours now to avoid disappointment at: tehi.co.uk, where you can also see the full lineup.

The Real Thing Friday 1st July, Bad Manners Saturday 2nd July, Dr and The Medics Sunday 3rd July.

If you have any queries, please feel free to call me on: 07707562981.

See you there!
Simon.

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