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DUFFIELD CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT UPDATE

We are living in challenging times, with the Coronavirus situation affecting each and every one of us. However, in this time of uncertainty Duffield has shown impressive resolve to work together. Many streets, clubs and Churches are leading the way by forming their own mutual aid groups.

There is also a village wide group, Duffield Coronavirus Support (DuCS), which has been established under the umbrella of the Weston Centre. The Weston Centre exists to support retired residents and the urgent need was to



continue that work, especially for those who were completely isolated. DuCS provides a safety net for those who have

no network of family, friends and neighbours to call upon, or their support networks have failed because their friends

have also had to self-isolate. Duffield responded immediately to the DuCS call for volunteers. 120 have been recruited to date, of which around half are currently active and the remainder are available to be deployed as the project advances. We would like to thank all of those volunteers.

DuCS has launched a Shopping and Delivery Service, and a Chat Line.

Shopping and Delivery

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From the cover...

for others where necessary, collecting prescriptions, or explaining how the isolated can solve those problems for themselves.

We're supporting local businesses wherever we can with volunteers shopping in the village at the Coop, Meadow Vale Store, Duffield Newsagents, Birds and using home delivery services such as Croots and Anthony Andrews to meet people's needs.

We know that there are more people in the village who could use our service, so please help us with the task of getting the message out about

DuCs, what it can do, and how to find us.

So – are you:

- Needing to buy food and other essentials
- Unable to shop in person without violating government guidelines
- Unable to use or access on-line delivery services
- Unable to access other support such as local family or friends

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Future plans

We aim to establish good working relationships with higher level organisations such as Derbyshire County Council and the NHS. We see them as complementary – we can bring local knowledge, they can bring government resources and powers.

If you have comments or want further information we have a Duffield Coronavirus Support (DuCS) Facebook page on which users share feedback and useful advice.

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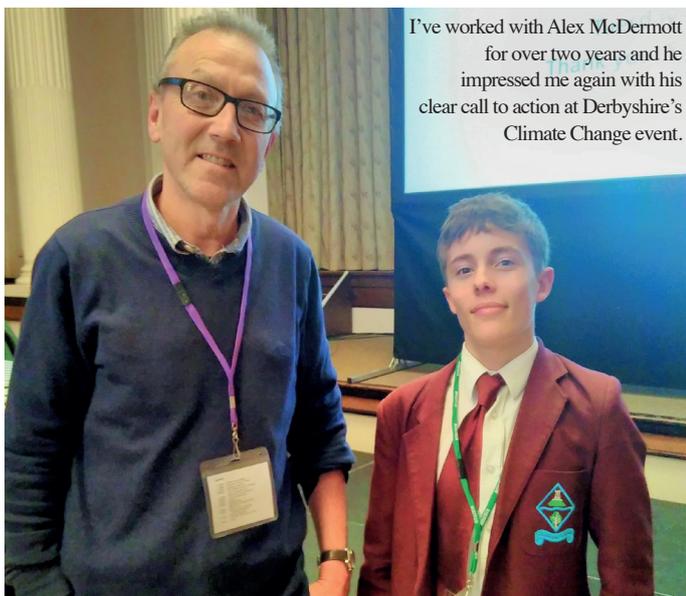
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These are difficult times, and my heart goes out to everyone who is lonely or suffering. In a crisis we learn a lot about ourselves. As we help our neighbours, care for others or keep essential services going we are seeing the best in people.

Sarah Brooksby and the rest of the Duffield Coronavirus Support (DuCS) team are doing a great job. I've been in frequent touch with them, offering support, passing on information and delivering shopping.

I was very sad to hear of the death of Colin Thompson, the chair of the Parish Council. Colin was a thoroughly decent man who worked hard for the good of the village and will be sorely missed.

With council meetings cancelled, I've made sure that I get briefed on all relevant issues and share relevant information with you on Facebook. I've been working hard on AVBC's Climate Change Working Group and took part in DCC's recent Climate Change event.

I visited Lubrizol Hazelwood and Wilson Vale Catering with Ecclesbourne students including fellow members of Plastic Free Duffield (PFD). Both companies have removed most single use plastic and the students want their school's new catering contract to do the same. I'm delighted that PFD includes great people of all ages and works across political parties, as I hoped when I set it up.

Before lockdown I met residents worried about speeding on Duffield Bank. I mapped signs and street lamps and met with Police and AVBC to try to find a solution.

Please remember that it's 30mph all the way to where the houses end near Makeney.

I've been enjoying seeing the lovely rainbows in windows around the village. How about drawing a picture of the key workers who are doing so much for us too?

I'd like to congratulate Ben Slater for keeping the Scene going too. In the actions of each of us who help each other and connect us, young and old, I see the seeds of hope for a better world where we support each other to rise to the challenges which lie ahead.

by **Councillor Dave Wells**



Tribute to Colin Thompson, Chair of Duffield Parish Council

It is with deep regret that Duffield Parish Council has announced the death of its Chair, Colin Thompson, from the effects of Covid-19, at the age of 69.

His early life was spent in Essex, where his father worked for Ford in Dagenham. There he developed a strong interest in car manufacturing which would become his career, but he also developed a lifelong interest in politics and was later elected as a Liberal Democrat Councillor in St Albans. He moved to Duffield in the 1990s when he came to work as a safety specialist for Toyota at Burnaston. His career took him to Toyota plants worldwide and he and



family lived in Belgium for four years until quite recently. During these trips overseas, he developed a passion for travel to far off places which he enjoyed for the rest of his life.

Colin was first elected to Duffield Parish Council in the 1990s along with his wife Jan, as one of three Liberal

Democrat Councillors. He was also central in reviving the Mid Derbyshire Liberal Democrat party in 2015, before it was merged into the current Amber Valley organisation. He served as Chair until the end of 2018 and then became Treasurer prior to his death. He narrowly failed to win the Duffield seat in the Amber Valley Borough Council Elections in 2010 and later inspired five local Duffield members to join him in putting themselves forward for election to Duffield Parish Council in the May 2019. All six were elected and Colin became Chair of the Council.

Colin was a modest family man, with a quietly

mischievous sense of humour and always ready to help the disadvantaged in society. He had a deeply ingrained sense of civic duty, a belief in the part that business can play in the local community, a belief in collaboration between nations and the freedom to study, work and travel within Europe. He leaves a wife Jan and two sons who attended school in Duffield. Our thoughts at this difficult time are with his family but we are also grateful that he led a full and active life and for a generosity of spirit that will be sorely missed.

Roger Harrison
Vice Chairman
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THE CHANGING SEASONS IN THE GARDEN

The garden fell quiet. Suddenly all the birds stopped singing and looking up into the contrail-free blue sky, the outline of a buzzard flying high could be seen – mobbed by two house martins! Soon gone, the small garden birds resumed their conversations – the wren began declaring his territory again, a melodious dunnock perched high on the syringa twig in a call and response with another one across the wall, a busy blue tit pair traversing the garden to the nest box on the house side had a hurried consultation on the mock orange bush before deciding which should go in first, the pigeons who have a nest in the leylandii tree next door make a noisy clapping exit and the great tit was busy pumping up his bicycle tyre with his insistent two note call. Later, as the breeze became stronger, a mob of jackdaws flew in for a hurried meeting – perched on the television masts, tiptoed along the edge of the guttering, balanced on the ridge tiles - they bobbed up and down – chacking away to each other before one flew up and challenged another for the highest spot. In an instant they were all flying around before they swooped off low across the rooftops into the village. The blue aubrietia glowed in the bright sunshine of the early

evening and was adorned by a beautiful tiny orange tip butterfly vying with the bees for nectar from the tiny flowers. The newly dug soil in the vegetable garden boasted a resting peacock butterfly enjoying the warmth from the dark loam as well as the rays from above. The peace was disturbed by a low buzzing – sounding for all the world like a small, low flying helicopter. A large bumblebee – all black and brown furred with a white backside – was quartering the lawn at mouse height looking for a suitable nest site. Backwards and forwards she went - doing circuit after circuit and eventually going up over the wall to try next door instead. The hover fly – almost motionless in the air – took no notice and effortlessly hung at head height observing the scene – its wings a light grey blur as its motionless body and long legs enjoyed the warm sun. On the edges of the lawn, the exquisite blue of the tiny forget me nots glowed in the sunshine; interspersed with the occasional mauve and pink flower heads, these little

plants pop up all over the place – a legacy of at least 70 years. Tiny insects love the nectar they provide. The fragile wood anemones at the feet of the peonies have turned a pale shade of pink as they draw to a close and the apple blossom on the grafted dwarf N e w t o n W o n d e r s apple trees - rescued as scions from the dying tree of the old family home – had half its blushed pink blooms open and half still that startling pink of the closed buds. The primroses - just one or two plants that have spread and grown into a carpet of yellow blooms have lasted for weeks and weeks. Their pale lemon yellow flowers have deep orange centres and are a magnet for bees and flies. Deep in the centre of each plant more flowers struggle towards the light in a seemingly never-ending succession of cheerful blooms. Dandelions have sprung up in the lawn, at the edge of one of the vegetable beds and in the flower border. Their rich buttery yellow attracts bees and each flower head is a miracle of petals – try

counting them – it is fun. Destined not to be allowed to let their seeds float away on the wind, they nevertheless manage to keep going in cheerful pockets throughout the garden – along with the Dame’s Violet – almost in flower with its pale purple and white, heavily scented flowers still cocooned atop the rapidly growing stems. Then there is mint. Always meaning not to let it rampage on its sideways spreading roots, we have patently failed miserably and it pops up everywhere. The slightly furry leaved apple mint is the culprit but worth it when it flowers as it too, provides much needed food for flies, micro moths and bees. The golden rod is a similar mixed blessing – never looks as much as it becomes – the plants with their yellow blooms provide much needed food in the early autumn and will hum with life. There was a chill. The sun went down slowly and is now half hidden behind the trees so that the breeze was unpleasantly cool. The “chirring” of the blue its became more frantic as though they were aware that the day time feeding was coming to a close and the night to come will not yet be warm. The beans, peas and salad crops sown in pots and trays will need covering up before the possible frost tonight.

The robin made his last patrol and dashed to pick up a spider or two from the old brickwork at the back of the house. The cooing of the pigeons signalled the oncoming evening and the last of the cars rushed along the A6 as the coronavirus quiet gently settled in. Thank goodness I am marooned in my garden. Keep well and stay safe everyone.

by **Di Hancock**
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DUFFIELD'S TREES – MAGNOLIA



The 'Silver Wedding' Magnolia, Lime Avenue

As one of the Nations' favourite exotics the Magnolia tree really takes some beating. There are a couple of magnificent specimens opposite each other in Lime Avenue; one of which was planted some years ago to celebrate a Silver Wedding. In springtime these, and other magnolias within the Avenue and throughout Duffield, present a spectacular display.

The natural range of Magnolia is a disjointed distribution, with a main centre in east and southeast Asia and a secondary centre in eastern North America, Central America, the West Indies, and some species in South America. The species were first introduced into Britain in 1734.

Magnolia is a large genus (a group of plants with similar features) of about 210 flowering plant species within the family *Magnoliaceae* and named after the French botanist Pierre Magnol. Fossilized specimens of Magnolia have been found dating back 20 million years, while some plants identifiably belonging to the *Magnoliaceae* date to 95 million years ago!

Magnolia is normally a deciduous tree with large, early-blooming flowers in various shades of white, pink, and purple widely grown in gardens. They range from 2.5m (8ft) multi-stemmed shrubby trees to specimens 21m (70ft) tall, with a horizontal spread of 15m (50ft).

Unusually some species are evergreens, like the *Magnolia grandiflora*, or Bull Bay Magnolia, that have large, leathery leaves - glossy dark-green on top, bronzed and furry underneath. Grandiflora's huge, creamy flowers appear in late summer (August/September) and, in common with other Magnolias', has a complex fragrance described as citrus-like or lemony.



Magnolia soulangeana

There are many varieties of Magnolia due to propagation by cross(x) hybridisation and cloning. Those on Lime Avenue appear to be the prolific and ever popular *Magnolia* x *soulangeana*, or Saucer Magnolia. Another attractive hybrid on Lime Avenue with deep purple flowers is believed to be a *Magnolia liliiflora* 'Susan'.



Magnolia liliiflora, 'Susan'

The *liliiflora* is a deciduous shrub, exceptionally also a small tree, originally from China but introduced to the western world via Japan. It grows to only 4m (13ft) tall, and blooms profusely in early spring with large pink to purple showy flowers, before the leaf buds open. The cultivar 'Nigra', with deeper coloured flowers than the species, has gained the Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit.



As an ancient genus, and since it appeared before bees, the flowers of the Magnolia have evolved to encourage pollination by wingless beetles. To avoid damage from the beetles' gnawing mandibles, the carpels are extremely tough and (if you were listening in Biology class!) consist of the female reproductive organ of a flower comprising ovary, stigma, and style. This example of a carpel and male pollinating stamens can be seen from the footpath above Courthouse Farm on the Chevin.



White Stellata



Pink Stellata



Carpel, Courthouse Farm

At the junction of Old Mill Close with Park Road there's a lovely example of a white *Magnolia Stellata*, or Star Magnolia; named as such due to its star-shaped flowers. A slow-growing small tree native to Japan, it bears fragrant showy white or pink flowers in early spring, before its leaves open.

A pink *Stellata* is on display beside Cockpit Lane, while on Hazelwood Road opposite the footpath to The Glen there's a splendid creamy-white goblet shaped Saucer Magnolia.

Unfortunately, a late frost can ruin Magnolia flowers which can be incredibly disappointing after waiting 52 weeks for them to appear! Happily this year has seen only limited damage to examples in Duffield.



Bark, Lime Avenue

A BIG CLAP FOR LOCAL VOLUNTEERS SEWING SCRUBS



Three weeks ago, ironically about April 1st, I had only heard of hospital scrubs via Holby City, and I had just one WhatsApp chat group which only pinged occasionally. Now just 3 weeks later I could answer Mastermind questions on hospital scrubs, and my WhatsApp chat groups are pinging more often than the bell in a busy corner shop.



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In the autumn when the Magnolia flowers are long gone, the fruiting seed pods have an interesting surprise in store. Resembling exotic-looking cones these pods, seen here on Hazelwood Road, spread open to reveal bright red berries, inside which are the magnolia seeds. If conditions are favourable you may even find a seedling growing under a magnolia tree.



The word went out that hospitals were in desperate need of scrubs, washable drawstring bags, headbands and more. The sound of people cranking up their ancient sewing machines could be heard throughout Duffield and all the surrounding villages. We quickly learned that various types and qualities of scrubs were needed, from those for the front line workers who needed something in a very specific colour and quality to be washed on site, to those for other NHS workers who wanted to take theirs home in a cloth bag to wash at home.

We also learnt very quickly that most of the scrubs fabric suppliers had sold out!!

This lack of the specific fabric didn't hamper the wash at home gang. Co-ordinators were set up to receive fabrics & trims in boxes outside their homes and distribute safely. Sheets and duvet covers have been cut up and a fantastic array of items has been made. 30 sets of scrubs and 50 bags and still counting.



Finally, if you have friends or family members with a Silver Wedding coming up, then why not present them with just the kind of plant to commemorate such a special occasion – the exotic and perennially favourite Magnolia.

by **Robert Reid**



Meanwhile the front line sewers wait for their fabric.

In the meantime we learn that Appletree are in need of scrubs and can accept a different colour and quality to front line workers. I order the fabric expecting a long wait, giving us time to sort out patterns and sizes required, but the fabric arrives the following morning so we have to get our fingers out. The team quickly get the patterns and fabric distributed and we start work. While I am trying to persuade my ancient Bernina to sew a decent stitch I receive a WhatsApp photo of 4 sets finished by an ex Ecclesbourne student now studying fashion. To add insult to injury it's a young man!!..... men weren't allowed to sew in my day they did woodwork! Also these are all stitched perfectly in white because the red thread had not yet arrived.

Just as we finish and deliver our scrubs to Appletree the correct front line blue fabric arrives at last! Hurrah.

The coordinator for this group is like Santa on Christmas Eve touring the area for hours delivering scrub packs to those patiently waiting to GET SEWING. The WhatsApp starts pinging like mad with questions about wobbly V necks, machines that won't sew properly, how many pockets there should be and trouser leg lengths. Only a couple of days later photos of finished scrubs are pinging their way to me.

Last but by no means least the W.I. have been making Hoods for Heroes. These are made from special disposable material

supplied directly to them by the Royal Derby hospital. They have made 350 hoods so far and as soon as more material is sourced more will be made. We have heard on the news how vital these PPE hoods are to the safety of the front line staff. So hats (or hoods) off to the W.I.

This Virus has changed all our lives but these sewing groups have brought us all together in ways we could not have imagined a few short weeks ago. Children are learning to sew from their parents, and sometimes parents from their children. The head of textiles at Ecclesbourne is thrilled that sewing is being brought to the forefront again having been neglected for too long. When our group asked me how much was the cloth? within a couple of hours I was embarrassed to find I had made a profit, and donated the excess to the incredible Captain Tom. We are laughing at our mistakes; exchanging messages to new friends we have not yet met, getting satisfaction from working together as a team for another amazing team the NHS.

When we are able to celebrate together and meet our new friends. I suggest our next project should be "Help Save Our Local Pubs". Thank you all and give yourselves a huge clap on thursdays you deserve it!

by **Maggie Hancock**



DUFFIELD LIBRARY NEWS FOR MAY

I thought I would keep going with the library news during the coronavirus pandemic even though I have been unable to open the building. As I write, there are no plans to reopen, I have no prospective date to offer. If I am told anything I will let everyone know. Anyone who has library books at home, please keep them, they are not due back until the end of June and no fines will be created.

Even though we have not been able to open our buildings staff have been busy working in different ways. Story times and craft activities are now available online, on Mondays and singing and rhymes on Wednesday mornings both at 10am. We also have an online reader group every Friday morning at 10am and an online poetry corner challenge on Thursdays at 4pm. The Lego group get together on Sundays at 1pm. Check out



our Facebook page or find us on Twitter for all the up to date information.

While I have not been at the library I have volunteered to work at the Community Response Unit organised by Derbyshire County Council. Based at Shand House in Matlock I have now become a call handler. I answer phone calls from the public who need a bit of extra support while

self-isolating or have no family or friends, with, for example, help with shopping, picking up prescriptions. I also make calls to people who might need a quick call checking up on them. More information can be found on the council website www.derbyshire.gov.uk or by phoning 01629 535091.

I am still reading and re-reading all the books on my bookshelf. I can recommend *The Secrets we Kept* by Lara Prescott. Two female spies, a banned masterpiece, a book that changed history. 1956. A celebrated Russian author is writing a book, *Doctor Zhivago*, which could spark dissent in the Soviet Union. The Soviets, afraid of its subversive power, ban it. But in the rest of the world it's fast becoming a sensation. In Washington DC, the CIA is planning to use the book

to tip the Cold War in its favour. Their agents are not the usual spies, however. Two typists – the charming, experienced Sally and the talented novice Irina – are charged with the mission of a lifetime: to smuggle Doctor Zhivago back into Russia by any means necessary. It will not be easy. There are people prepared to die for this book – and agents willing to kill for it. But they cannot fail – as this book has the power to change history. Lara Prescott's dazzling debut novel is a sweeping page turner, and now a global literary sensation and a fabulous cold war spy thriller

From that I've started to reread *Doctor Zhivago*, once read many decades ago.

I hope everyone is staying safe and that I can see you all as soon as I can.

Best wishes

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CROOTS ADAPTS TO SUPPORT CUSTOMERS

Duffield farm shop Croots reacted swiftly to protect staff and its loyal customers through the Covid-19 lockdown by introducing new ways of shopping.

The popular farm shop on Wirksworth Road has given customers a range of options including advance order 'click and collect' and the opportunity to drive to the shop's car park with either a completed order form or to fill in an order form on arrival. Shopping is then safely left on a table in the car park for collection or transferred direct into the boot of customers' cars.

In addition, the farm shop has been offering twice weekly home deliveries to Duffield for the elderly, most vulnerable and those who are self-isolating, supported by a team of village volunteers who have dropped off their shopping. Pictured is Nick Smith one of the volunteer drivers. Croots would also like to give a massive thanks to Andy Allsop, Sally & Hannah Wookey, Nick Smith, Pat James & Dom Wright - all

who have helped out over the last few weeks.

This scheme has now been extended to elderly and vulnerable people who live in the surrounding villages of Croots.

"Due to unprecedented demand, the number of customers accessing the shop, and the safety and wellbeing of our colleagues and customers, we had to adapt quickly to change the way we provided our customers with the food they wished to purchase," explained Kay Croot, who runs the farm shop with husband Steve.

"Over time, this has now been streamlined into a click and collect system, which allows customers to choose from a greater range of products on our website and pay securely online. They are busy working on improving this offer now so that it is more streamlined, integrated into the existing website with other payment options so that it can be rolled out further. However, we're also available to customers who need to pop up to the car park and hand us their



Croots retail manager Mark Green with volunteer driver Nick Smith

shopping list. We'd like to thank our loyal customers for bearing with us while we introduced this new way of operating.

"We've also had phenomenal support from our team at Croots, and I pay tribute to them for their dedication and hard work."

All of this has been happening whilst the family is busy with lambing too.....

Shaun, the fishman, is at Croots Farm Shop on Thursdays between 11am and 12pm for pre-ordered fish goodies only. Contact Shaun on 07588451894 to place orders in advance for freshly caught fish and seafood direct

from Grimsby.

For the latest up-to-date situation on how to shop at Croots Farm Shop follow the farm shop on social media or visit www.croots.co.uk



A YEAR ON AT DUFFIELD POST OFFICE

Just over a year since taking over Duffield post office and I didn't expect to be letting the anniversary pass by under the shadow of the strange situation we find ourselves in.

But none the less it has been a pleasure to meet such lovely and loyal customers and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued custom and compliance to the new restrictions we find ourselves all having to adhere to. We are glad we have been able to help many birthdays and occasions to try and still be celebrated the best they can be by providing helium balloons, gifts and party accessories, whilst the larger retail shops have been closed.

During this time, it shows how important and strong the community is and I feel sure your support will continue when we return to whatever normal life will look like.

We understand that people will be getting bored and frustrated being stuck at home so we have introduced some new, fun educational activities for children and parents to keep the kids busy and still learning whilst the schools remain closed. I also believe plants and gardening have brought a lot of pleasure and peace in this very crazy time, when we can only enjoy our gardens and homes, so we are also stocking a wide range of flowers and plants to help you get outside but in the safety of your own garden.

The village is starting to open up again slowly and we hope very soon that will be able to start extending our opening hours to ease the queues and wait times. Any changes to our opening times will be announced on the door of the branch and on our Facebook

page at 'Duffield Post Office'

Thank you once again for your patience, loyalty and support in this uncertain time we find ourselves in. We look forward to seeing you all and hopefully get back to normality soon.

by **Belinda Blackwell**



DUFFIELD PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMANS REPORT - APRIL 2020

It was with deepest regret that Duffield Parish Council announced the death of its Chairman, Councillor Colin Thompson, from the effects of Covid-19, at the age of 69, on the 5th April.

The Chairman's Report was published before this date for the Annual Parish Meeting, and still stands as testament to all that Colin achieved in his tenure as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Vice-Chairman Councillor Roger Harrison's tribute to Colin can be found elsewhere in the Scene.

The Parish Council has seen some changes and challenges in the previous 12 months. Following the local election in May 19, the Council was formed with eight new Councillors on board and a change of leadership. Both new and serving Councillors have worked well together to bring about improvements and events in the village. A by-election was also held in November, bringing the first ever Green party representative to the Council.

Weston Centre

The Parish Council has provided funding for staffing and operational costs for the RJ Weston Charity whilst it changes its trustee status, and this will continue in 2020/21.

We continue to help fund the Good Neighbour project in 2020, allocating £1000 for the group which works to improve the lives of the over-50s in Duffield.



Grants

The Parish Council awarded £500 to support the Arts Festival, and £1000 to DCA for bulb planting, which has led to the impressive display of daffodils you will have noticed around the village this spring.

New Duffield Action Plan 2020 – Consultation event and survey

The Duffield Action Plan, which sets the priorities for improvements in the village, was launched in 2015. The Parish Council is now refreshing that Plan and this involves consulting with residents to find out their views. This began with a consultation event held in February and more consultation, using traditional and online surveys as well as face to face meetings, will be taking place to bring the plan up-to-date.

The revised plan will be issued later this year. To take part in the consultation and read the previous plan visit <https://www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/duffield-action-plan.html>

Events

The Parish Council has run its own events in 2019 as well as supporting village events run by others including the Duffield Community Association's Carnival, Duffield Arts Festival (organised by Jonathan Leach) and The Eyes Have It music festival (organised by Simon Clark).

Movies in the Meadow – The Council saw a good turnout thanks to fine weather in mid-September with over 1000 people visiting on two evenings to watch Bohemian Rhapsody and Grease.

Eyes Meadow Fireworks Display – This was well-attended as always, with a spectacular display put on at Eyes Meadow for Bonfire night.

Despite the recent Coronavirus outbreak leading to a number of events and activities having to be cancelled, the Parish Council very much hopes to see further events taking place later in the year including the Movies in the Meadow event in September and the Fireworks night in November.

Gray Recreation Ground

A basketball hoop was installed to complement the play facilities at Gray's Rec and has been well-used by local children.



Floral Hanging Baskets

Floral displays were installed along Town Street in the summer, thanks to generous sponsorship by local businesses The White Hart; Katie Weeds Hair Design; Chevin Homes; Chevin Golf Club, Meadowvale Carpets; and Lecaw Electrical Services. Our sincere thanks to these businesses for their contribution.



Eyes Meadow Improvements

The area in front of the changing rooms was given a facelift with a patio area created for seating for summer events.

In addition, the installation of lighting in the meadow has made the area safer and more pleasant for all, especially during night time events such as the fireworks display.

The approach road to Eyes Meadow, Donald Hawley Way, has been completely resurfaced and the speed humps repainted.



Anti-Social Behaviour

In common with many neighbourhoods, the village continues to experience intermittent issues with anti-social behaviour, and the Council continues to work with the Police and others to present a united front in tackling these issues. Community Walks were set up by the Council and Neighbourhood Watch have now taken over these which are well attended. In addition the Council employed a private security firm to make patrols and give feedback on problem areas where necessary.



Climate Change

The Parish Council has declared a “Climate Emergency” and has pledged to decrease our own CO² emissions and encourage others to do the same. The council pledges to take climate impact into consideration in relation to all its decisions and actions. The Parish Council is fully supporting the community group “Plastic Free Duffield” which is raising awareness on reducing the amount of single use, throwaway plastics that cause environmental damage and create litter in the village.

Coronavirus

The Council has found different ways of working to ensure it continues to support the village. Please keep safe and well and we look forward to welcoming you back to Council Meetings in person soon, in the meantime however please join our remotely held meetings if you can.

THANKS.....

- To everyone in Duffield who continues to support the objectives of the Council, and particularly the village volunteers: the many individuals who carry out litter picking, keep an eye out for elderly neighbours, run village clubs and organisations, help coach sports activities, or volunteer for the Carnival Committee; to members of the DCA, Women’s Institute, uniformed organisations and others, our sincere thanks.
- My fellow Councillors for their tireless work on behalf of the community.
- To the Council staff:
 - Kath Gruber, Parish Clerk, for her service to the village, giving her commitment and dedication to the ever-varied and demanding role of Parish Clerk.
 - Jackie Clements, who keeps the communication channels open and informative. Congratulations to Jackie who has recently stepped into the role of Assistant Clerk.
 - Michael Forkin, Village Warden, who continues to work very hard ensuring that our village, grounds and Cemetery look their best.
 - Sarah Brooksby, the previous Assistant Clerk who took on the role of the Weston Centre Strategic Development Manager at the end of 2019.

I’d also like to give a warm welcome to our two new members of staff:

- Michael Antonio Hutchinson who joined the Council in February 2020 as Village Grounds Worker. He is ably assisting the Village Warden with his work,
- Claire Gillman, our Apprentice shared with Belper Town Council, who also joined us in November 2019.

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DUFFIELD DEFIBRILLATORS – GOOD NEWS!

Despite all of the current restrictions **another public accessible Defibrillator has been installed** in the village! This brings the number of AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) accessible to the public at all times to **five**. (See our current map).

Located at Meadow Vale outside Meadows Vale Carpets, its procurement and installation, all within the current Covid-19 guidelines is thanks to:

- **Councillor Chris Short on behalf of Derbyshire County Council** for funding the Defibrillator and cabinet;
- **Phil of Meadow Vale Carpets** for agreeing to its location and to his commitment to pay for heating the equipment on an ongoing basis;

- **Gerard Varin and his son Phillip** for installing the AED and Cabinet.

The Duffield Community Association will monitor and maintain the device over the coming months and years.

Things to be aware of:

This AED is in a locked cabinet and will therefore require a code to open it. If you need to access it, please take your mobile phone, call the number displayed on the cabinet, and you will be provided with the code by the Ambulance Service.

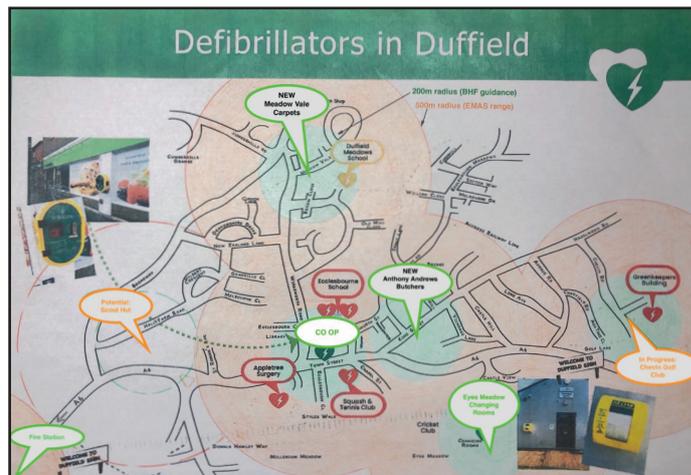
Use of an AED in the event of a heart attack can massively increase the likelihood of survival. Do nothing and the chance of survival is only 6%. Our plan remains to increase the number of public



accessible AED's by at least a further three and when life returns to normal, we intend to re-arrange the next CPR/AED training session at the Scout

Hut, having had to cancel it in march when the Covid-19 restrictions came into place.

STAY SAFE EVERYONE!



NEWS FROM CHRIS SHORT LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Statement of support for fellow residents

Firstly I wish to state how proud I am that the local residents of Duffield have adopted the National Government Policies to fight the war against Coronavirus. People have been making an excellent effort to self distance and reduce contact.

- Special thanks go to Gerard Varin and his family for putting up the sign of appreciation on Wirksworth Road corner and the new defibrillator on Meadow Vale purchased

by Duffield Community Association with Derbyshire County Council's contribution.

- The village has initiated so many support groups for residents requiring assistance within such a short space of time that I believe that community spirit is stronger in the local area than it has ever been.
- I would like to thank all local businesses for maintaining essential supplies and services to us all. You have our support.
- The caring professions, whatever role you play,

whether NHS workers, carers, teachers, Emergency responders. The list goes on, but your efforts are very much appreciated and will not be forgotten.

I wish to say how very sorry I was to learn of the death of Colin Thompson, Chairman of Duffield Parish Council. He was a caring man who wanted the best for his community and he will be sadly missed by the village. My sincere condolences go to his family and friends.

With regards to Local



Government, normal working strategies have changed and consequently priorities are changing daily. Please contact your local councillors if you require any assistance.

Please take care of yourselves and stay safe.

by **Chris Short**

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- ✓ Daily updates
- ✓ Frequently asked questions (FAQs)
- ✓ Links to local & national information

If you know people in your family or local community who do not have internet access, please use the site on their behalf and share information. The site is available in different languages online.

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