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DUFFIELD SQUASH CLUB CELEBRATES 80 YEARS

Duffield Squash and Racketball Club celebrated its 80th Anniversary with a celebration on 7th October. Chairman, Mike Taylor welcomed visitors with an opening address: "I have been absolutely delighted by the response from members to this evening's event, which I interpret as a reflection of your fondness for and pride in belonging to this special Club. In putting together the memorabilia which is displayed on Court 2, and which I hope triggers memories, I have been reminded of the rich heritage of the Club, and of the succession of members



who have made such a contribution to establishing the Club as it is today. In 1936 there were only three squash courts in Derbyshire, 2 at the Palace Hotel Buxton, and 1 at

Normanton Barracks. In 1937, Leslie Woolley, along with Keith Thomson, brought squash to Duffield. "Squash is undoubtedly the coming game" wrote Keith in his appeal for

members, and how right he was. Court 1 was built in 1937 to SRA specifications, with a kitchen and boiler room downstairs, and an enlarged balcony overlooking the Court. There was a separate wooden pavilion for changing. Court 2 came into operation in 1973, and with it a major increase in membership. In 1978, land purchased from the former adjoining garage site, enabled plans to be prepared for Courts 3 and 4, a kitchen and dining room area, and a multi-purpose room above. The development was completed in 1970. ... continued on page 16.



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14th Nov: Dave John, Singer
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DUFFIELD GARDENING CLUB

10am at the Weston Centre. All welcome, non-members £2.

Saturday, 4th November
Our Speaker will be Deanne Home "Using produce from your garden".

Saturday 2nd December
Our Speaker will be Andrew Firth "Christmas in the Dales".

MUSIC for REMEMBRANCE

The Derwent Singers commemorate Armistice Day. 11th November, 8.00 pm. St. Mary's Church, Bridge Gate, Derby, DE1 3AU Tickets £10.00 .

More events on p14.

Village Jottings

ST ALKMUND'S CHURCH SONGS OF PRAISE

1st Monday of every month (2nd if a Bank Holiday) at 2pm, Duffield Church Hall. Come and join us for a short service with traditional hymns followed by drinks and amazing cakes.

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Comedy Central - Russell Kane at Derby Uni

Fri 3rd November 6.45pm
Tickets £13 on the door or £10 in advance.
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NGS OPEN DAY THANKS!

Roger & Sue Roberts of 34 Broadway wish to thank all the 500+ visitors to their National Garden Scheme open days in August which raised £3500 for several caring charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie and Hospice UK.

This year the NGS hopes to donate £3 million to their nominated charities. After 15 years Roger & Sue have decided to enjoy their garden without the pressures of public opening so this was the final year for NGS. They hope that other keen gardeners will take their place in Duffield.

HEDGE LAYING COURSE

Always wanted to know how to do it? The Millennium Meadow Trust are offering a short, BEGINNER'S hedge laying course to anyone who would like to learn this craft skill. It will operate in January 2018 (date to be decided) and be spread over a weekend.

Pleaching is an ancient rural solution to thicken up the base of hedges that have grown tall and straggly. All equipment for the course will be provided

and will be led by a qualified instructor.

Open to ALL ages (adults), let Di Hancock know if you are interested as places will be limited on a first come, first reserved basis. There will be a small charge of £10 per person for the two days – bring your own coffee!

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The children at Treetops Castle Garden have been enjoying a week of Harvest celebrations. Throughout the week they have been writing kind messages to give out to the parents, they have made soup and bread to share with the other children in the nursery and have been collecting food from home to put into their Harvest basket. They finished the celebrations

with pre-school children visiting the Duffield Methodist Church where the children joined in with some fun songs and stories led by the Minister Rev. Helen White and in the process learnt all about giving to others. The Harvest basket was also taken to the church which will be sent to the Derby Homeless shelter. They would like to thank all of the kind parents for their donations.

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The second Duffield Arts festival was a real success. With many from the village and the wider community coming out to support it. The highlights were the excellent art exhibition and demonstrations, the many performers during the day and evening, the fantastic children's activities at Duffield Meadows, the stilt walkers, Rough Truffles flash mob choir, the incredible three choirs which totalled over

130 people and the wonderful opening evening featuring Andy Cope,

A special thank you goes to Neil White for bringing together Duffield Meadows and William Gilbert Schools and Geraldine Curtis was the festival's official photographer and did a great job. Also, thank you to the incredibly hard-working festival committee.

So what about next year?

It will be back but even better. Next year the main venue will be Ecclesbourne, in the heart of the community. Their support is really appreciated. Also, there will be more street entertainment along Town Street, with the support of the businesses.

There will be four competitions next year, so along with the art, short story and photography there will also be a video production competition.

So if you want to help in any way with the planning please give Jonathan a call on 07952675862 or email jonathan@duffieldartsfestival.com We are a really friendly group, who meet once a month.

Scarecrow Festival 2017 Winners

Favourite Scarecrow

28 Crowson Family with the Conquest of Everest and 11 Melbourn Close with British Gold Medalists

Most Inventive

42 Andrew and Lisa Wensley with Dig for Victory
14 Marsden Close with Live Aid

Best Depicts the Moment

65 Humphries Family with Royal Wedding of Kate and William

27 Wendy Lowe's Craft Group with The Great Fire of London

Quiz Winner

The Varin Family with runners up Jocelyn Clark and Alice & Katie Britten

Congratulations to the winners of the scarecrow festival!



2017 DCA Children's Art Competition Winners

Preschool/Nursery

- 1st - Benjamin Marriott
- 2nd - Verity Nelson
- 3rd - Idris Crawford

Infant/Yr 2

- 1st - Alice Lincoln
- 2nd - Max Aldred
- 3rd - Albie Crawford

Junior

- 1st - Amelia Crawford
- 2nd - Holly Lewis
- 3rd - Lara Hubbard

12-14

- 1st - Emily Warner

Overall 2017 Cup Winner
Alice Lincoln

2017 Arts Festival Photography Competition Winners

7 & Under

- 1st - Manita Tamilarasan
- 2nd - Imogen Lewis
- 3rd - Max Aldred

8-10

- 1st - Robert Lewis
- 2nd - Max Pinder
- 3rd - Hal Hollingsworth

11-14

- 1st - Aidan Crowson
- 2nd - Harriet Blackwell
- 3rd - Ben Pinder

Adult

- 1st - Sam Horton
- 2nd - Sharon Jackson
- 3rd - Liz Tingle

Janis Clark Short Story Competition

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7 and Under

- 1st - Flo Taylor
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8-10

- 1st - Milly Taylor
- 2nd - Lucy Masterson
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11-14

- Joint 1st - Emily Warner & Alice Warner
- 3rd - Emilie Kummerfeld

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The Duffield Evening Women's Institute (DEWI) is hoping to follow in the footsteps of Rylstone and District WI and raise money for charity.

For those of you wondering who Rylstone WI are, do you remember a calendar, followed by a film, followed by a musical? Before your mind goes into overdrive, no, we are not doing a nude calendar! However, there will be photographs involved. There will be vegetables. There will be pots and pans. There may even be buns. Have you guessed yet? DEWI has compiled two cookery books - one savoury and one for the more sweet-toothed among you, in the hope of raising money for their chosen charity, The Laura Centre.

The Laura Centre is a specialist bereavement counselling service for parents whose children have died and for young people who have been bereaved by the loss of



a parent or significant other. If you would like to find out more about the charity's services, further information can be found on their website thelauracentre.org.uk. So back in the spring, a few of the members thought they would share a few recipes. Having done so, they realised they had enough recipes to compile a cookery book (or two!). After a few encouraging get-to-togethers, the rest of the members were asked to contribute their favourite recipes for the book. The book was coming along nicely in our heads. The next step was how to get the recipes cooked, tasted, photographed

and published. Not a problem! Onwards and upwards and after a few bars of Jerusalem, anything is possible. Much hilarity ensued, not least for our friends, family and neighbours who helped sample our delights. Although not until we had channelled our inner David Bailey and selected our best crockery, found the best lighting (indoor or outdoor?), angles and backdrop. As you can imagine, after all our photography the food was now cold and our helpers remarked that they may have preferred the dish warmer, at which point we reminded our guests, this was all for charity.

As autumn approached, so did our deadline. Our publishers, Snake Lane Design, waited patiently while we shortlisted the top ten (or hundred!) recipes. We hope our efforts have not been in vain as we've had such fun making the books and we hope to raise lots of money for our charity.



If you are intrigued by our endeavours or just love a good recipe, the books will be on sale at all good local WI meetings throughout November and December - just in time for Christmas. You should also be able to pick up copies of the books in local businesses in Duffield - Duffield News Town Street, Duffield Clinic Wirksworth Road, Movie Shakes Town Street, Croots Farm Shop Wirksworth Road, Betty's Vintage Tea Room Cokayne Avenue Ashbourne. We've really enjoyed putting the books together and now it's over to you. To quote a popular TV show - "on your marks, get set, BAKE".

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The October meeting of the Duffield Gardening Club was held at the Weston Centre and their speaker was Tracey Akehurst (right). Her illustrated talk was entitled 'Carrots, cabbages and other ancients'

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The sale of stamps starts on Monday 20th November and the last collection is at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 19th December. All cards will be delivered before Christmas Day.

The following places in the village sell stamps and act as post boxes: Duffield News, Duffield Service Station, Croots Farm Shop, Meadow Vale Stores, Katie Weeds Hair Studio and at Idridge Hay Stores. We hope add to these sites shortly.

Why not take advantage of this excellent scheme, save yourself money compared to using the Royal Mail for your Christmas cards to the delivery area concerned and at the same time support local charities and the 1st Duffield Scout Group?

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or permits ‘Getting out and About’.

It grew out of the 2015 Duffield Parish Council Action Plan and the group responsible for looking at the needs of the 50+ and elderly would like to ask Duffield residents whether they have found the ‘Wheel’ leaflet useful and whether they

have any suggestions on how it might grow. We should like this to be a two-way exchange of Neighbourliness to which all Duffield can contribute and through which the whole village will flourish.

We are attaching a short enquiry form and if you have

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WEEKLY EVENTS

MON

Babies and Bouncers*
10.00am - Parish Hall

Rotary Club of Belper & Duffield
6.30pm for 7.00pm
The Lion Hotel, Belper
John Horwood 01773 853813

TUE

Seedlings Toddler Group*
9.30am - 11.30am
Emmanuel Community Church

Boys Brigade & Girls Association*
6.15 - 7.30pm
Ages 5-11. Baptist Church Hall.
New members welcome. £2.00.
01773 689983

CHAT (Come and Have Afternoon Tea)
Baptist Church 2.00 - 4.00pm
Various activities for all age groups.
Come and join us for tea and a chat!
Keith Powney 841736

WED

Duffield Baby & Toddler Group*
9.30-11.30am, £1.50.
Methodist Church Hall, King Street

THU

Explorers Club*
4.00-5.30pm, no charge.
Emmanuel Community Church
Primary children, Creative Fun, Crafts,
Cooking, Puppets, Games, Drama.

Duffield Singers
7.45 - 9.45pm
St. Margaret's Church, Hall Farm Road.

FRI

Massive*
4.30 - 6.30pm (years 7-9)
7.00 - 9pm (years 10-13)
Emmanuel Community Church
No entry charge. Food & tuck for sale.

SUN

"Blast" Club
10.30 - 12noon
Emmanuel Community Church
Creative fun, games, crafts, stories,
learning about the bible in an exciting way.

MON-FRI

Coffee Morning
10.00am - 12noon
The Weston Centre.
Coffee, tea and biscuits 50p, (refill 20p).
Volunteers will ensure you are made
welcome.

*term time only

MONTHLY CALENDAR NOVEMBER

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Bonfire & Fireworks Night
from 6.00pm, £3 (£2 adv)
7.00pm bonfire lit, 7.15pm fireworks
Eyes Meadow
Hot food and cricket club bar

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Duffield Gardening Club
10.00am, non-members £2.
The Weston Centre
All welcome, our Speaker will be Deanne
Home "Using produce from your garden".

6

Songs Of Praise
St Alkmund's Church
2.00pm
Duffield Church Hall.
Come and join us for a short service with
traditional hymns followed by drinks
and amazing cakes. We look forward to
welcoming you soon.

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**Remembrance Day Proms Night
British Police Symphony Orchestra**
7.00pm, doors open Adult £15,
Concession £14, Student £7
Ecclesbourne School
www.musicatduffield.com
John Norreys 841503

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Remembrance Day Parade
10:30am
Uniformed organisations parade from
Tamworth Street to the war memorial outside
St. Alkmund's Church. Followed by a short
service at the memorial.

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Silver Leaves
7.30-9.00pm.
Dave John, Singer - All welcome.
Methodist Schoolroom, King Street.

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Activity Sessions
2.00-3.00pm
St. Margaret's Church, Hall Farm Road
Board games, puzzles, card games, crafts,
refreshments and more!
Sally Phillips 841681 or
Kathy Gorman 842603

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Community Lunch
12.30pm, no charge
Emmanuel Church - All welcome.
Lynda Greaves 840821, 07814 066381

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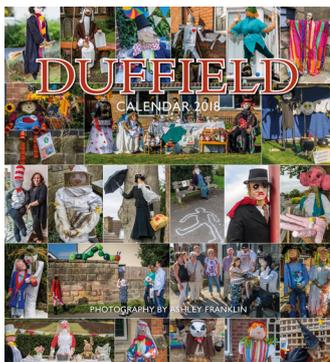
Silver Leaves
7.30-9.00pm.
Windworks Music - All welcome.
Methodist Schoolroom, King Street.

DECEMBER

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Duffield Gardening Club
10am, non-members £2.
The Weston Centre
All welcome, Our Speaker will be Andrew
Firth "Christmas in the Dales".

ASHLEY'S 2018 CALENDAR CELEBRATES DUFFIELD



A snowbound Eyes Meadow, a dramatic mist-strewn sunrise, trees of autumn gold beside the river, May blossom in the village cemetery and one of the finest gardens in Derbyshire... All these sights and more have been incorporated in the new Duffield Calendar, published by local photographer Ashley Franklin. The 2018 Duffield Calendar is the 11th to be produced by Ashley and he feels it's his best yet. 'Yes, I know I say that every year' smiles Ashley, 'but I really believe I have eclipsed all my previous calendars.'

'I always work hard on improving the calendar images year upon year,' continues Ashley, 'and I have been fortunate in the last year

or so to capture some choice moments like a glorious sunset captured from Duffield Bank and, my favourite image, the May picture which shows the new waiting room/ticket office at Duffield's Ecclesbourne Valley Railway station, where there is a steam loco under blue skies and fluffy clouds. It was a perfect moment.'

Also, in aiming to reflect the life of the community rather than just depict one scenic image after another, Ashley has included three montages: one of four new businesses on Town Street, another depicting Duffield Carnival and, for the first time, the village's first ever Arts Festival.

Furthermore, Ashley has celebrated Duffield's first ever Scarecrow Trail by making it a feature of the cover. 'Usually I put a single image on the cover,' explains Ashley, 'but I was so wowed by the scarecrows – as everyone else was - that I decided to showcase the award-winning scarecrows and the best of the rest. What better way to celebrate a great community-spirited village? Ashley's Duffield Calendar is on sale at Duffield News and Croots Farm Shop, priced at £9.95.



DUFFIED AUTHOR RELEASES THIRD BOOK IN BEST SELLING SERIES

Local author Tracy Bloom has been gearing up for Christmas since March of this year when she began writing **No-One Ever Has Sex On Christmas Day**, the latest installment of her best selling romcom series.

This book continues the story of Katy and Ben who began their journey in Tracy's debut novel, **No-One Ever Has Sex On A Tuesday**, which was inspired by her participation in antenatal classes that took place at Ecclesbourne School. The book became a bestseller in 2013 and she was actually asked three years ago to write a Christmas instalment but didn't feel she had a strong enough idea. It wasn't until



some festive woes were shared amongst friends over a coffee at Godfreys café that the story started to take shape. "I knew I didn't want to write just another smaltzy

Christmas story," said Tracy. "Whilst there is plenty of Christmas magic in this book I also wanted to capture the craziness of trying to achieve the perfect Christmas. Hearing what happens in other people's families was definitely inspirational. Things going wrong, families falling out, people crying for all the wrong reasons, that's a much a part of Christmas as Brussels sprouts!"

No-One Ever Has Sex On Christmas Day is Tracy's sixth novel and is part of the two book deal she recently signed with London based publisher Bookouture. "I feel very lucky to be able to continue to work as a writer



and I was particularly happy to return to these characters for a third time. The reviews have so far been excellent so I very much hope that people enjoy it as much as the others."

Tracy's novel is available from Amazon.co.uk and iBooks.

DUFFIELD SQUASH CLUB CELEBRATES 80 YEARS



Pauline & John White



Exhibition Match
George Parker v Lewis Walters

1981 saw a beer store and office added.

In the year the Club celebrated its Golden Jubilee, 1987, a scheme for re-structuring the existing Clubhouse to provide for a glass back court, and to improve lounge and changing room facilities was put forward. After overcoming initial objections, planning consent was granted, and the project commenced in February 1990. The glass back court, now Court 3, and enhanced facilities were opened by Jonah Barrington on 2nd February 1991.

As you will appreciate, the events outlined do not occur without the enthusiasm, drive, commitment and hard work of individual members, and since its inception the Club has been blessed by a succession of such people.

Denys Hope became Secretary in 1943, and elected a Life member in recognition of his 49 years as an officer of the Club. Court 1 is dedicated to his memory.

Court 2 is dedicated to Clive Wildsmith, a stalwart of the Club and its President for 27 years.

Duncan Graham has a plaque

in the lounge for 30 years service as Bar Manager.

The plaque on our show Court 3 rightfully belongs to John and Pauline White. Both served on the Committee for three decades and spearheaded both the development of the Club and its playing activities. Both were very distinguished players. John was awarded an MBE for services to squash. Pauline was the first Chairman of the National WSRA Coaching Committee, a post she held for 17 years, with a coaching scheme she introduced to the Club being replicated throughout the country. How fortunate Duffield Squash Club is to have John and Pauline as members, and what a huge debt is owed to them for their invaluable contributions in establishing the Club as it is today.

Our past Honorary Treasurers include Tim Park who guided the Club through the financial intricacies associated with the 1990 project to provide Court 3, and Roy Squires who held the post from 1992 until his recent retirement.

The Club has and continues to boast a succession of renowned players. To John

and Pauline are added the names of their sons Simon and Kevin, Laura Hill, Paul Hargrave, Lesley Sturgess who continues to have a very active role in the Club as coach, Gail Winfield, Stuart Maclean, Phil Shaw-Hamilton, Greg Loach, Millie Tomlinson and many more too numerous to mention. Then there are the Club's significant achievements in what was originally the NSL, and its successor the PSL. Under the guidance and shrewd managership initially of Brian Hargrave, who was also prominent in the management of the NSL, and later Felix Frixou, the Club were Champions five times. Past players representing the Club reads like the who's who of the top squash players over the past two decades – Nick Matthew, Cassie Jackman, Laura Massaro, Lee Beachill, James Wilstrop, David Pearson, Marcus Berrett, Derek Ryan, Peter Marshall to name just some – and always so excellently supported by our home grown talent in the likes of Paul Hargrave, Kevin White, Laura Hill and Millie Tomlinson.

Throughout its history the

Club has benefitted from a strong voluntary input from members, very often above and beyond the call of duty, which continues today, and which forms such an important part of the ethos of the Club. Those who have served on earlier Committees, our past House Manager and chairman Dick Smith, Pat Strutt, Eileen Sturgess, Peter Ashworth and Derek Latham, Brian Legg for the numerous roles he has undertaken, our present House team managed by Phill Harrison with particular mention of Mike Robinson and Pete Dyson, and many others. The present Committee, to whom I express my grateful thanks for their support and input, particularly our President Russell Moore, seeks to continue the best traditions of the Club, to maintain its facilities to the high standards which have been set, to explore opportunities for development, and, of paramount importance, to introduce the younger generation and encourage them to play squash and racketball which has given so much enjoyment, and for some continues to do so. We are excited by the recent formation of a Junior Academy, the inspiration of Felix Frixou and managed by Dean Gregory, which we hope will go from strength to strength.

I end by repeating my apologies for any oversight of person or event in my attempt to précis the past 80 years. I am proud to be a member of such a fine club, and deem it a privilege to be with so many others of service to it.

Here's to the next 80 years."

For the full report and more photos visit: www.duffieldsquashclub.co.uk.



Sheila Alcock, John Bannister, Bob Allen, Mike Taylor & Brian Hargrave

THE CHANGE OF SEASON FROM SUMMER TO AUTUMN

Sitting outside having lunch in temperatures that would grace any British summer, it was hard to remember it was the middle of October. The bowl of salad was adorned with nectar rich red, orange and yellow flowers, chopped chives with their mauve flowers, new apple mint leaves and some fragrant oregano. Everything seemed to be still growing well. Looking around gave the game away – the last of the roses still in bloom, the fiery leaves of the sumac tree, the pretty purple and white Michaelmas daisies, the shy red and purple cyclamen, the seed filled heads of the golden rod, the dusky red of the sedums, the romping nasturtium flowers alive with bees and some grey squirrel fur stuck to the upright pole of the bird feeder - all this reminded me it was autumn. The hapless squirrel was trying to raid the sunflower seeds when it came across our patent anti-squirrel method to prevent it from robbing the birds. The feeder is suspended on a horizontal wire fixed to the end of an old tent pole

and the poor animal had leapt up to grip the pole, only to discover that he was sliding down as if in slow motion like a Disney cartoon character, unable to maintain his hold! They generally only do this **once** as the thick Vaseline smeared on the pole prevents all attempts at scaling it. This method is a gratifying one for protecting the wild birds in a domestic garden but in the wider world the squirrel is not so easily deterred.

Native to North East America, grey squirrels (*sciurus carolinensis*) were first imported in the 1870's as a fashionable addition to country estates; people were reported to be delighted by the "sociable, easily tamed" animal and had no idea that they had imported a problem. These intelligent, successful creatures soon became a threat to our smaller native red

squirrel (*sciurus vulgaris*) and are now thought to number over 2,500,000 across the UK as opposed to 140,000 red ones. The greys have a larger body size and are capable of storing four times as much fat as their smaller cousins thus enabling them to breed more often and more successfully and to better survive winters.

England, Ireland and Scotland are the only places in the world that have the two species trying to live side by side.

Whilst they compete for habitat and food – grey squirrels can eat hazel nuts and acorns before they are fully ripe - the biggest problem is that they are also carriers of **squirrel pox** – a virulent, fatal disease from which the reds have no immunity. The greys themselves do not suffer as they have grown up with the disease and are only carriers but the devastation of the red squirrel populations is a cause of great concern. This epoch of human globalisation is mixing up species and wreaking havoc as the UK's 2,800 non-native species of plants and animals out-compete or spread disease amongst our native flora and fauna.

So is the answer to the grey squirrel problem to try and control them by culling? The law allows trapping and humane shooting and in Cumbria this has been undertaken with some of the resulting carcasses becoming a local delicacy. However, it has also caused a massive controversy about how much we should interfere and over 95,000 people have signed a

petition against "this barbaric plan".

So as we watch the antics of the grey squirrels on our bird feeders and test ourselves to see if we can outwit them, their population on the meadow remains steady and they can be seen helping themselves to hazelnuts and acorns; they are responsible for some tree damage amongst younger saplings by stripping off the nutritious bark and new leaf buds and may occasionally take young birds from nests in the springtime. But the one thing we will **not** be doing is culling them. On our reserve they are part of an overall micro system that seems to be, by and large, in balance – even though later that day, we were amazed to count **32 magpies** flying out of the second copse to the trees by the Ecclesbourne – all 'chakking' away to each other!

Not sure what sort of omen that was supposed to foretell but whilst all the small birds and mammals were taking part in extra feeding to ensure they can survive the oncoming winter, today was another strange weather phenomenon that may well confuse them. A red Martian sun shone for half the day as the smoke from fires in Portugal and Spain – coupled with some Saharan sand – was blown across the country by the remnants of hurricane Ophelia and all but obliterated the sun. Eventually the fierce gusts of wind dispelled the offending clouds and blew the leaves off the trees - sending them spiraling across the sky in colourful patterns interspersed with spinning, lime tree seed 'helicopters' as small birds took temporary cover in the bushes.

by **Di Hancock**
Millenium Meadow Chair
 07511230320.



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DUFFIELD LIBRARY EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Our usual storytime sessions continue on Fridays at the usual time of 11am for half an hour of stories and simple crafts for pre-school children and their carers. Just call in, no pre-booking is required.

Our children's craft sessions continue on Saturday 4 November at 10.30am for craft and stories around a different theme each month. The theme for this month will be fireworks. There is no need to book, just call in if you or your child is interested.

The new look **Chatterbooks** reading group for children aged 7-11 will be meeting on Wednesday 15 November from 4.30pm until 5.15pm, if you love reading why not join us?

The library continues to be a donation point for the **Hope for Belper** charity, a local volunteer run food-bank helping our neighbours in Belper and surrounding areas. We have a food crate in the library where non-perishable food can be donated.

The craft group continue to meet on **Mondays** at 10am for



a couple of hours to work on craft projects, so please come along if you are interested. At present, the group is working on creating a knitted Nativity scene for our Christmas display.

New books in the library include a new edition of *World History: from the ancient world to the information age*, published by Dorling Kindersley, a fabulously illustrated history of the world. Fiction includes a copy of *Odd Child Out* by Gilly MacMillan, set in Bristol and described as a thrilling read this story follows the outcome of a horrifying incident which leaves friends Noah and Abdi

unable and unwilling to talk. We also have a copy of a new anthology of crime stories written by women and selected by Sophie Hannah. *Deadlier* includes stories written by Daphne du Maurier, Agatha Christie and Val McDermid. New fiction for children includes *Maybe* by Morris Gleitzman, the latest powerful episode featuring Felix Salinger. Set in 1946 in Australia this story continues the life of Felix as he struggles to find a safe place to live. *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker tells the story of Pax and Peter, fox and boy as they struggle to find each other. Described as a heart-wrenching masterpiece this is a thought provoking novel about the unbreakable bond between a boy and a fox. *The Princess and the Suffragette* by Holly Webb is set in 1913, as Lottie is swept up in the women's rights movement she celebrates the joy of friendship and female empowerment. This novel is the sequel to the much loved classic, *A Little Princess*. Non-fiction new books include the *Atlas of Dinosaur*



Adventures by Emily Hawkins where the reader is asked to take a trip back to the age of the dinosaurs to meet the dinosaurs of the day, a treasure trove for any young dinosaur hunter.

Recently I have read *The Last Tudor* by Philippa Gregory. The story of the Grey sisters, Jane, Katherine and Mary, this novel follows their lives in Tudor England. A fabulous historical story continuing the popular series of novels.

Happy reading
Carole-Ann and the team

ECCLESBOURNE PUPILS RECEIVE COURAGE AWARDS

The Rotary Club of Belper and Duffield held its 4th Annual Pride of Belper and Duffield Awards Presentation Ceremony. Each year, we write to all the schools and other educational establishments in the area asking for nominations of students who have had to face up to extreme personal difficulties and issues in their lives but have overcome them with strength, resilience and courage.

This time we were able to recognise the perseverance of seven young people from local primary, secondary and special schools; their challenges ranged from Type 1 Diabetes, visual impairment, suffering from a debilitating condition called Perthes



disease through to acute lymphoblastic leukaemia. Thanks to the support of several local businesses and organisations, we were able to give these youngsters, their families and teachers a special day out at Shottle Hall with a Presentation

Luncheon attended by Guests of Honour Lucy Martin, the BBC Weather Presenter, Member of Parliament Pauline Latham, Belper Town Mayor Councillor Peter Hurst and Rotary District Governor Michael Longdon. Certificates and engraved trophies were

presented by Lucy who congratulated the young people on their courage and perseverance and wished them all the very best for the future. Pictured: back row - Belper Town Mayor Councillor Peter Hurst, Pauline Latham MP, Rotary Club President David Pipe, BBC Weather Presenter Lucy Martin, Rotary District Governor Michael Longdon Seated - Elise Morris (Belper School), Ben Dawson (Long Row Primary, Belper), Finn Bailey (Ecclesbourne School, Duffield), Jake Owen Sharp (Alfreton Park Community Special School), Jenson Brough (St John's C of E Primary School, Belper), Kieran Humpheries (Swanwick School) and Sam Smith (Ecclesbourne School).

SHARER SUNDAY LUNCH DUFFIELD FIREWORKS



Sunday lunch is everyone's favourite weekly meal. What's not to like? Juicy meats, roast potatoes, vegetables and gravy to top it all off. It's a traditional British meal that originated as a meal served after church on a Sunday. This meal is such a key part of British culture that in a recent UK poll it was ranked second in a list of things that people love about Britain.

A typical Sunday roast traditionally includes roast beef, lamb, pork or chicken with accompaniments such as Yorkshire puddings, roast potatoes, stuffing and vegetables with gravy. The focus of the meal is all about sitting down with family and

reconnecting after a long week. It's perfect no matter the time of year and is always good. At The Kedleston we believe that Sundays should be all about relaxing and catching up with friends and family while enjoying a delicious roast dinner. That's why we've introduced our new Sunday Sharer menu with succulent carving platters which are perfect to share. Enjoy ours by carving the meat yourself or let one of our talented chefs show you how it's done. The new Sunday sharer menu is available every Sunday with a live pianist performing between 2pm and 5pm on Sunday 5th November. For details see: www.thekedleston.co.uk.

Duffield bonfire and fireworks display 3rd November: buy your tickets now! Duffield Parish Council's annual bonfire and fireworks display will be held at Eyes Meadow on Friday 3rd November. Don't miss it!

As in previous years, tickets are available from Town Street Newsagents, Town Street chip shop and Meadow Vale Convenience Store. This year the tickets are in the form of bright yellow wristbands which will make getting in to the event quicker and easier as the wristband can be worn on the night and shown to the DCA volunteers on entry. Save time and money and buy your wristband ahead of time: you won't need to queue to buy one at the gate and wristbands cost £2 in advance compared to £3 on the night (under-5s get in free).

Gates open at 6pm, the bonfire will be lit at 7:00 and the display will begin at 7:15pm. There will be hot food and drinks available, sweets and light-ups stalls for the children



and the cricket club bar will be open.

Car parking is limited to Blue Badge holders only at this event. The Parish Council would like to remind visitors to this event that a torch is very useful as the approach roads are dark. Spectators' fireworks/sparklers are not permitted at the display. Finally, we would ask that all visitors leave the Meadow after the fireworks are over as we cannot be held responsible for anyone's safety when the event is finished.



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Remembrance Sunday Parade: 12th November

Parish Councillors and members of Duffield's uniformed organisations will be parading from the Weston Centre along Town Street and Makeney Road to St Alkmund's Church between 10:30 and 11:00am to lay wreaths at the War Memorial where a short service will take place. These roads will be closed to vehicles between these times.

The Parish Council would kindly request that anyone wishing to join the Parade do so at the end of the procession.



Eyes Meadow Bonfire and Fireworks Display: 3rd November

The annual event will be held on the 3rd November; gates open at 6pm and the bonfire will be lit at 7pm with the display starting at 7:15. For more information check the Parish Council's website: www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk, Facebook page, and separate article in this issue of the Scene.

Anti-social Behaviour

The Parish Council has requested enhanced lighting at Wirksworth Corner from Derbyshire County Council, which will help in identifying individuals involved in anti-social behaviour at this location. The Police continues to send reports through on a weekly basis which can be found on the Parish Council website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/anti-social-behaviour.html. The reports show that activity has decreased recently.



Damaged Bridge, Donald Hawley Way/Eyes Meadow Entrance

Following consultation with the chairpersons of Duffield's football and cricket clubs and the Millennium Meadow committee, proposed dates for the bridge repairs have now been submitted to Network Rail. As soon as this has been agreed, more information about the dates will be communicated to the public.

Cycle Racks

The Parish Council has asked Derbyshire County Council for permission to install two cycle racks on either side of Town Street. Once this has been granted the racks will be installed.

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.

The Parish Council's Full Council Meeting will take place on the 1st November at the Weston Centre.

Agendas, Committee Reports and Minutes can be viewed on line at
www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Email - cemetery@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

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CHEVIN GOLF CLUB NEWS & RESULTS



Chevin Win

Taskers Plate Final

Chevin B have won the Taskers Plate 2017. On Sunday 8th October the team of Jon Steel, Tim Hoblyn, Ian Brown, Alan Cunningham, Nick Earnshaw, John Stone and Dom Thompson beat Beauchief A from Sheffield in the final at Wollaton Park Golf Club. Early victories from Tim Hoblyn and Alan Cunningham saw the match tightly balanced at 2-2 with three matches still out on the course. There was a win for both sides in the next two matches with John Stone winning his match on the final hole bringing the overall match score to 3-3. Victory was sealed in the final match after a convincing 3&2 win by Dom Thompson who maintained his personal 100% win record for the competition.

The Taskers men's competitions this year were competed for by 112 teams from across 7 counties and the income from entry fees goes to provide support junior golf in the participating counties.

Club Team

The final match of the summer season ended in an honorable

3-3 draw against The Leicestershire and brought to a close a very enjoyable series of 13 friendly matches that started back in April against Mickleover. Captain Neil Armstrong and Vice-Captain David Poynton were pleased to see a total of 35 players representing the club in the matches during the season and although it has not been one of our more successful seasons particularly in the away matches, we will have the opportunity to correct that in the return home fixtures next year.

"A" Team

Running on a similar 4-ball better ball match format to the Club Team, the Chevin Men's A team has been captained this year by Andy Cumming. With 30 players representing the club over 11 fixtures the team had a total of 5 wins and 6 defeats with the highlight of the season being a resounding whitewash away at Uttoxeter where Chevin beat the Rolls Royce Golf Society.

The season ended with a Stableford competition won by Tim Hoblyn and presentation dinner at which David Murfin was presented

with the "Player of the Year" award for the second year in a row. After two years in the role Andy's time as captain has come to an end and John Polglass was announced as his replacement for next year.

Seniors Team

Chevin Seniors have completed a very enjoyable series of matches this season played at a number of clubs around the area. The final results of our matches which are played in a spirit of friendly rivalry are; played 17, won 7, drawn 4 and lost 6. The seniors have two club competitions remaining this year; the DAMMIT on 18th October and the Festive Bowl on 13th December.

Ladies Inter Club Foursomes

After getting through to

the second round of the competition unfortunately the Silver team lost their match against Erewash. They were then beaten by Cavendish who went on to become the winners of this year's competition after beating Burton in the final.

Charity Coffee Morning –"Harvest Festival theme"

What a wonderful turn out for the Charity Coffee Morning at Chevin – so many ladies supported this event with a tremendous selection of homemade jams, pickles and chutneys together with some delicious cakes and quiches. Anne Allread who is a fabulous wet felt textile designer gave a demonstration of how this magical medium creates such fantastic creations and there were a lot of enthusiastic ladies wanting to give this a go. The event raised the fantastic amount of £721 for The Brain Tumour Charity, such a worthwhile cause.

Social Events at Chevin

On Saturday 30th September "The Voice of Neil Diamond" came to Chevin – a real entertainer singing all the songs that everyone knows. The dance floor was full and it was a great night for us all. This was followed up by a quiz night on Friday 6th October with another great set of questions provided by question master Julie Vaughan. The quiz was won by Steve McLoughlin's team with Vice Captain David Poynton's team a close second.



DUFFIELD DYNAMO U14/U13 GIRLS TEAM



A number of players leaving to sign for local academy sides mean that Duffield Dynamo's U14/U13 Girls are looking to recruit replacements.

The current team – made up of youngsters from school years eight and nine – was only set up two years ago, but they have gone on to great success. In their first season

they finished runners-up in the league and placed second in the Coalville Ravens tournament.

Co-manager JP Mauro said: "I couldn't believe what the girls achieved not only coming second in the league in their first season but also beating Derby County 4-0 along the way.

"Yet more importantly than

just winning matches, which the girls seemed to get the hang of pretty quickly, they've been a great bunch of girls who have a good laugh with each other, while having a great attitude, both on and off the pitch."

In their second season the girls finished third in the league and won the Mansfield tournament.

Co-manager Martin Perry said: "I thought we might have a dip after the initial success of the first season, but the girls smashed it again this year."

"Each week they've committed to develop their skills and match fitness. I'm proud of their achievements in matches and competitions, but most of all I'm proud of their spirit and sporting behaviour, which is what we try to focus on as a team and as a club".

Due to the high standards achieved the squad has lost some key players to local academy sides over the last two seasons – three to Derby

County, two to Burton and one to Leicester.

This means that the current squad needs more players; girls of any ability who are currently in school years eight and nine.

Martin added: "It's brilliant so many of our players have gone on to play at higher levels and we wish them all the very best with the next stage of their football careers, but we now really need new girls to come and join us."

"We're not worried at all about whether they've played before, or their levels of skill or fitness, we'll happily train any girl and help them to develop."

Parents can find out more by emailing Martin on martin.p.perry@zen.co.uk or calling him on 07787 577881.

Girls who may be interested can also attend one of the team's training sessions at Ecclesbourne School's all-weather pitch on Thursdays, from 8-9pm.



DUFFIELD DYNAMO U7/U8

Duffield Dynamo have now launched a U7/U8 girls football group for girls in school years 2 and 3 – training is Sunday morning 9.30-10.30 at Eyes Meadow, this is a mixed group for girls of all abilities.

Rob Mercer, Girls Team Liaison said, "I would like to extend a warm welcome to all year 2 and year 3 girls and their parents and would like to invite them to come and join us at Eyes Meadow for a free trial, the training is

very informal and suitable for girls who have never played football before and girls who are already playing."

Rob went on to say "we are currently running the training sessions on Sunday mornings, but it may be that we run a second session on Saturday mornings, so if you are interested in your daughter playing with us or just trying out on either Sunday or Saturday mornings please contact me on robert.mercer@siemens.com 07921 243203".

GIRLS GROUP LAUNCHED



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