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STORM BABET FLOODING SEVERELY HIT DUFFIELD

The recent flooding caused by Storm Babet has been devastating for many constituents and businesses in my Mid Derbyshire constituency and Duffield has been severely hit. Derby has always experienced flooding, but Storm Babet meant that the River Derwent was at its highest since records began in 1935 causing rivers and brooks to flood which don't usually, and creating an unprecedented situation.

I have visited constituents and businesses to see the terrible aftermath of the floods and the destruction it has caused. You will be aware that the staff and



pupils have had to move out of Meadows Primary School, and I attended a meeting with the Council and parents to

discuss the alternative options available. I am pleased that alternative temporary teaching accommodation has now been

found, however, this is an incredibly stressful upheaval for both staff and pupils. The damage to Duffield Squash and Tennis Club is heart-breaking and they are now undertaking a huge clean-up operation.

I have held a series of meetings with key agencies including the Environment Agency, the local councils, Parish Councillors, Severn Trent, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue to understand how the flooding situation was handled and what lessons can be learnt so that improvements can be made in future.

Following these meetings, ... continued on page 3.

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STORM BABET FLOODING

From the cover...

I have written to many constituents who were affected to provide useful contacts and details of the support that is available. The Government has announced support to areas that have experienced exceptional localised flooding. Flooded households can apply for up to £500 cash to help with immediate costs. Households and businesses may be eligible for 100% council tax and business rates relief for at least three months. Businesses may also be eligible for up to £2,500 from the Business Recovery Grant. In addition, eligible flood-hit property owners will be able to apply for up to £5,000 to help their homes and businesses to be more resilient via the Property Flood Resilience Repair Grant Scheme.

The contact details to access funding information is:

Derbyshire County Council:
www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/flooding/

It is really important for

constituents to keep up-to-date with flood warnings and to sign up to the alerts:

www.gov.uk/check-flooding

www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings

Floodline: 0345 988 1188

Other advice is:

Move items to higher ground/upstairs

Avoid walking or travelling in flood water. Flood water can sweep people from their feet and even move vehicles

Contact 999 in the event of a life-threatening situation

In addition, look for insurance under the 'FloodRe' scheme and 'Build Back Better Scheme':
www.floodre.co.uk/find-an-insurer/

Another useful website is:
homeowners-guide-to-flood-recovery.pdf (floodmary.com)

Finally, if you ever need my assistance in my role as an MP with an issue that you haven't been able to resolve yourself, please email: pauline.latham.mp@parliament.uk or call 01332 676679



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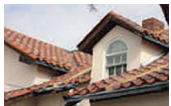
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THE CHANGING SEASONS ON THE MEADOW

A mixture of grass, straw, small branches, a small drinks can, random scraps of plastic - all sculptured into flowing shapes at head height on the trees was testimony to the latest flood. The meadow areas looked as though they had been jet washed with the resilient clumps of grass interspersed with soil - no sign of other plants, any undergrowth or debris. The Derwent had rushed through in full spate and cleared the Reserve of much of its useful biodiversity.

Both of the rivers overflowed and inundated the whole of the Eyes meadow - including the reserve - with unprecedented volumes of water in a very short space of time as a result of storm Babet.

A lot of Duffield village is situated on the natural flood plain of the two rivers and up until the early 1970's, the Ecclesbourne flooded regularly in the winter with Tamworth Street and Town Street suffering feet depth of water. The flood protection scheme has been very successful in preventing this but is now in need of urgent review given the effects of climate change and the volume of rain from the storms coming across the Atlantic.

Knowing that climate change is now manifesting itself is little comfort to the people whose homes, businesses and the Meadows School that suffered in the recent floods but is, unfortunately, a reality. Weather has been recorded every day since 1795 in the Armagh observatory and it has

never missed a day. October has been officially recorded as the wettest since 1838 and it followed the warmest September ever recorded globally.

On the Nature reserve we have been observing changes over the past 23 years since its inception. It ranges from a sad loss of butterflies, changes in the flower species that are able to thrive, lack of insects due to unseasonal rain or drought and songbirds unable to feed their young because of their food sources being out of sync with their breeding pattern. Two volunteers monitor the date of leaf break on a selection of the trees and this will prove interesting in a few years to see if that's changed over time.

One of the saddest sight on the reserve after the floods was photographed by one the volunteers as he walked at dusk on day. Most of the water had retreated except for the large puddles left in one of the depressions where there were hundreds of stranded small fish ranging from fry to some 4-6 inches long - most of them already dead.

We went down the next morning intending to rescue as many as we could - only to find that the puddles were clear of fish except for a few tiny fry still alive which we

scooped up into a bucket and put into the flooded ponds. There must be some very fat gulls around - and/or other birds who had a feast.

Another casualty were worms.

Worms do not usually drown if the flood does not last too long. Worms breathe oxygen through their skin from the dampness/water around them in the soil. There is much discussion about why a lot of dead worms are left after floods and why they have not survived.

Most can manage in water under the soil for a short time but then will make for the surface. They get washed downstream by the fast moving water or are snapped up by opportunist gulls who make the most of this unexpected bounty. Researchers are still discussing whether earthworms make a dash for the surface in order to engage in mating.

One worry about the length of time the meadow was under water is that many worms will have drowned, along with burrowing creatures such as voles, mice, moles, badgers, rabbits and any insects hibernating in the soil or small holes. The brush piles that we carefully build from the branches we cut-off each year are designed to be a safe haven for insects, small mammals,

moths and some pupae. This coming spring will see a steep decline in these creatures and the knock on effect to those that rely on them for food like foraging birds.

Although the clean meadow areas look unscathed, the arisings from the mowing had not yet been baled so the cut grass and plants were floated off downstream by the raging waters - others caught on the wire fence around the wetland and the base of trees. This must be gathered up and removed once the weather allows.

One worry is that the water from the Derwent may have contained sewage from the plant upstream and thus deposited it as a residue on the meadow. The nitrogen and phosphate content may have a detrimental effect longterm. Similarly, the Ecclesbourne floodwater will have contained chemicals from farmland including fertilisers and slurry. And it is still raining. The sodden ground does not lend itself to being walked on and until we find an affordable suitable solution the problem of the muddy paths we are suggesting that people walk elsewhere until the drier weather comes along. The paths have a habit of spreading sideways - ever wider - and eventually go through areas previously un-walked. Please avoid them if you can.

Happy Xmas!

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

Your councillors were hugely impressed by the community's response to the recent flooding, with so many residents helping on the day and with the clear up.

All Duffield's Green Councillors have been helping out. They have attended local meetings and knocked on doors to tell people about the funding that is available for flooded and to offer advice on measures that can be taken to protect homes.

Councillor Alison McDermott has lived by the River Ecclesbourne for many years and is showing residents how to track river levels online and sign up for flood alerts. Alison and Councillor Gez Kinsella met with the executive director of Amber Valley to discuss the council's response and what lessons have been learned. Alison has also met with the Environment Agency to



help with its review of how Duffield flooded.

Gez and Alison have been in touch with the headteacher of Meadows to offer support after the unprecedented flooding of the school. In his role as county councillor, Gez has received a briefing on the situation from the cabinet member for education and he will make sure the county

keeps to their commitments and get the children back into their classrooms as soon as possible.

Alison is working with Duffield's new volunteer flood warden, Andy Clements, to coordinate a team of flood volunteers who will work to ensure that Duffield is better prepared for any future floods which, due to climate change,

are expected to happen more often. Gez has asked for the leader of Derbyshire County Council to meet with him and the parish council to discuss future actions and investment to improve Duffield's flood resilience.

We hope that there will be no more problems this winter and we wish you all a happy Christmas.



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DUFFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

Cllr Pippa Rowen

Duffield Parish Council would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been an important year not least with the King's Coronation but with successful village events like Carnival week, the Scarecrow trail and Bonfire night; and new initiatives like the Memory Café. Thank you to the Duffield Community Association and volunteers for decorating the high street and installing the Christmas trees. We look forward to 2024!

As a quick introduction, I've lived in Duffield for almost 12 years. As I have a young family, we really value the green spaces around the village, so I am delighted to sit on the Outdoor Management Committee.

In a previous job, I organised events for children and young people from across Derbyshire through the national initiative Parliament Week. It was a valuable tool in introducing public institutions and contentious topics to youngsters, making sure that activities complimented their PSHE curriculum.

Parish councils are a tier of local government. Our decisions impact on the whole village including our young residents. However, young people might not know that we exist!

This year, Duffield Parish Council signed up as a new partner for Parliament Week 2023, to start engaging our young residents with our work, particularly as we manage



Duffield's outdoor spaces. In November, we held poster competitions for 4-18 year olds from the village, to get them to think about what they would do as parish councillors with Duffield's green spaces. All entrants received a Certificate of Participation. We hope to build on our outreach with young people over the next year.

As part of my role, I am the lead councillor for the Anti-Social Behaviour group. Although we are a small working group, the issue of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village is high profile. We meet regularly and have been joined by our Police Community Support Officer, who has given us an important insight into his work.

It is important that we understand exactly what is ASB: for example, it is not young people gathering socially but it is rowdy behaviour in a public place due to drink or drugs. It is easy to assume that all the village

ASB is caused by young people; however, the definition includes illegal parking, which puts the adults in the frame too!

In July, Duffield Parish Council launched our crime reporting pathway in the Duffield Scene. It is vitally important the police receive information about all crimes so that they have an accurate

picture of what is happening in our village. As residents, we all know where the 'hotspots' are – but the local authorities won't identify recurrent problems unless residents report it.

During the school summer holidays, the Parish Council funded security patrols around the village, which saw the ASB rate reduce overall. We are fortunate to live in a low crime area. Nevertheless, the ASB group wants to make sure that Duffield doesn't miss out on essential resources by falling down the list of policing priority areas.

Going forward, the ASB group wants to have a more strategic approach, which will involve engaging with all residents. However, the responsibility for tackling crime resides with the police not Duffield Parish Council. Don't forget the reporting pathway: 999 for emergencies and 101 to report a crime!

HOW TO REPORT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

THE 3 STEP GUIDE

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- 1** In an emergency, if the incident is still taking place or if there is immediate danger to life or property, call 999 and report the incident.
- 2** To report anti-social behaviour in non-emergency circumstances please call 101 or report online at derbyshire.police.uk
- 3** Once you have reported the incident, please inform Amber Valley Borough Council via their website www.ambervalley.gov.uk and the parish council by email at clerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Flooding in Duffield – Were You Affected?

If so, the Parish Council, Environment Agency and AVBC want to know more about your experiences. AVBC is asking anyone affected to complete a 'Flooded Property Information Form' ASAP which can be done online, this can be found on their website: ambervalley.gov.uk.

Additionally, the EA's Flood Resilience Team for the East Midlands is looking at how the village flooded and needs accurate information to do this. The flood team is asking for any photographs and accounts of what you saw. This needs to include times and precise locations - please look up the time photos were taken in your phone's 'settings' and include this in their title. Send your information to: George.Skinner@environment-agency.gov.uk



New Volunteer Flood Warden for Duffield

The Parish Council has a new Volunteer Flood Warden – Andrew Clements. Andrew lives in the village and has extensive knowledge of flooding issues from his 25+ years experience working as a Consulting Engineer in the water industry. To help build a picture of flooding events in the village, please forward information as outlined above (photos and details of the exact times and location of the flooding) to Andrew at floodwarden@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk. Thank you.



New Noticeboard for Duffield

We had a new noticeboard installed in November alongside the White Hart to replace the old board that had reached the end of its lifespan, we hope you agree the new board is a very smart addition to the village!

Installation of Speed Indicator Devices

The new Speed Indicator Devices have recently been installed in Duffield at either end of Town Street. They flash with the speed of the vehicle to let motorists know to slow down or alternatively, to thank those drivers sticking to the speed limit. The devices will be rotated to different locations in the village regularly.

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

Forthcoming meetings – The next **Full Council** Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at the Weston Centre. Our next Committee meeting is the Outdoor Management and Development **Committee** on the 17th January 2024 at the Cemetery Lodge. Meetings begin at 7pm and all are welcome to attend.

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

The Parish Office

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Telephone 01332 842740. Please note the office will be closed over Christmas and New Year and re-open 8th January 2024.

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- 4** **Chevin Probus Club**
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- 7** **Film Screening**
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- 24** **10 Karen England's Family Christmas Magic**
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- 12** **Rotary Santa in Belper & Duffield**
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Tues 12/12 - Duffield
Thurs 14/12 - Gregorys Way, Belper
Mon 18/12 - King Street, Belper
Thurs 21/12 - John O'Gaunts Way, Belper
Santa will be at Morrisons each Wednesday & Saturday.
Ho Ho Ho
- 13** **Duffield Singers Free Concert**
7.30pm, Trinity Methodist Church on King Street.
The Duffield Singers choir will be singing some brilliant and joyful arrangements of carols from here and around the world. See page 15.
- 15** **For all our 'Fab Forgetful Friends'**
Duffield's Memory Cafe at the Weston Centre.
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- 31** **EVR Winter Steam in the Valley**
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LOCAL SCHOOL CHOIRS CREATE 'CHRISTMAS MAGIC'

An often acknowledged British army adage is 'Proper preparation and planning prevents poor performance'. In responding to kind invitations provided by Mr Knapp, head of creative arts at The Ecclesbourne School, and Mrs Owen, year 4 class teacher and music lead at William Gilbert Endowed (CofE) School, I was able to experience this maxim being implemented as pupils singing in choirs at both schools rehearsed for 'Karen England's Family Christmas Magic concert'. The (auditioned) all female chamber choir at The Ecclesbourne School comprises 15 pupils from years 7 to 13. Saviour's Day, first released by Cliff Richard in 1990, is part of their output which includes well-known Christmas music, carols and 'classical' pieces all performed in 3 or 4 part harmony. Noteworthy too is the singing in 2 part harmony as preparation for the well-crafted and popular Toto song 'Africa' by the 50-strong mixed school choir who, like the smaller ensemble, meet once a week for practices. Children in years 3 to 6 in the William Gilbert School choir also rehearse their 4 Christmas contributions weekly including the fun novelty song 'I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas' and audience participation is welcome for 'Because it's Christmas', popularised by Barry Manilow in 1990. Both teachers offered to share their thoughts on preparing the choirs for involvement in the concert.

PW: Paul Wiggins
MK: Mr Knapp
MO: Mrs Owen

PW: In rehearsals have any challenges been turned into opportunities and, if so, what has been the outcome of them?

MK: The song 'Africa', sung by the main choir, has some



choreography at the start of the piece. The members were originally terrified but now, after being taken out of their comfort zone, they are excited and enjoy the movement. Eatnemen Vuelie (Song of the Earth from film 'Frozen') is an unaccompanied Finnish piece and initially the alto singers in the chamber choir couldn't sing one part. The solution was to invite men from the school choir to help and the outcome is much better.

PW: How has the National Schools Singing Programme (delivered by Derby Cathedral) benefitted the choir's ability, confidence and interest in performing?

MO: The choir receives training from a professional singer during the Friday after-school club. This has been worthwhile in developing the children's confidence and interest. They enjoy the singing and receiving a different experience from a regular visitor to the school.

PW: Considering singing ability, presentation skills and overall entertainment, how will the school choir(s) create 'Christmas Magic'?

MK: 'Christmas Magic' will be created by well rehearsed singing providing an overwhelming sound. There will be a variety of music, skill in applying choreography and the sheer number of participants should create enjoyment for all.

MO: By engaging with the audience. The children are

trained to smile in their presentation and use their faces, particularly the eyes, to create moments of 'Christmas Magic'. This is achieved because the children enjoy singing as a group.

When I asked the children and young people why they wanted to perform in the concert, (from the William Gilbert School) Idrees Tafazal (10) said, "I like singing the songs and it is fun to be part of it". Annabelle Sturt (11) added, I enjoy the teaching of the singing. I sing with friends and other children and the choir boosts my confidence". Orla Duncker-Brown (11) of The Ecclesbourne School commented, "I really want to

gain experience and improve my singing" and 6th former Charlotte Davies, (17) perhaps spoke for many by saying, "I want to be part of something that brings joy to people's lives at Christmas". These special guests know the concert is the culmination of their efforts throughout the term. For one other special guest, Santa Claus, his main contribution to Christmas comes a little later in the month...

My thanks to all the respondents in this article and to John and Karen England.

Karen England's Family Christmas Magic Concert is at St. Peter's Church, Belper, on Sunday, December 10th at 4.30 pm.

VERNON KAY VISITS DUFFIELD



Having had a visit from a BBC representative two months before the event, and impressed by the quality of the coffee and cakes, Sanchini's Coffee Shop on Town Street was asked to be Vernon Kay's first 'pit stop' on the second day of his Children in Need UltraUltraMarathon from Derby to Hope.

Alex and Laura, with the help of Oli, were completely taken over from early morning catering for a thirsty and hungry team of over 25 people who were stoking up for the challenge ahead!

Well done to Vernon for raising over 6 million pounds on his 4-day gruelling fund raiser for children, covering 116 miles from Leicester to Bolton.



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SOUP AND PUD - IT'S A MONTHLY TREAT

Hot nutritious soup is both popular and beneficial to us particularly during the winter months. Add to this a delicious dessert and you have the basis of an enjoyable lunch. Developed from an idea by Julia Dodd, St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Church on Hall Farm Road extends an opportunity to accept a monthly Wednesday soup and pudding lunch offer. And what an opportunity it is for £5! Whilst people do book a place (and often it is busy, so table reservations can also be made), it is possible just to turn up any time between 12.00 and 1.15pm. The choice of five different soups including Asparagus, Lentil and Bacon and Mushroom is impressive. Wholemeal cobs and rolls are also available. If you are undecided which soup to have, there are usually seconds. But do allow for a wide range of satisfying and irresistible desserts: the selection may include Jubilee Trifle, Tiramisu and the ever-popular Strawberries and Cream. If there isn't ample room in the bowl or on the plate to try a number of desserts at any one time, very often guests can and do succumb to further temptation! Tea and coffee is then served. Part of the success is due to the efficiency provided by a hardworking team of volunteers who know their tasks and execute them in a timely and friendly manner. After considering food expenses and additional costs associated with lunch provision, there have been monthly charity donations. Kathy Gorman, one of the organisers, kindly provided more information about the well-supported and highly-rated soup and pudding lunches.

PW: Paul Wiggins
KG: Kathy Gorman

PW: When did you first provide the soup and pudding



lunches and what were your reasons for doing so?

KG: We started them approximately 6 years ago aiming for the local community to come into the church and enjoy food in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

PW: What arrangements are made in terms of food provision?

KG: Three people do the majority of the cooking, with some of our other volunteers providing the occasional pudding or soup.

PW: How have the changing circumstances over the last few years and responses from charities affected your desire and willingness to raise money for communities and organisations?

KG: Our primary purpose is not to raise money. However, clearly with the level of homelessness and the cost of living crisis affecting many people, we have been pleased to support Chevin House and Hope for Belper. We also recognise there is a huge need in the 'Third World' and so we have supported Christian Aid's work with vulnerable communities in Bangladesh and various disaster relief appeals.

PW: Do you anticipate making any changes in the future to

the soup and pudding lunch and, if so, what might they be?

KG: We would like to ensure that Soup and Pud continues to run for many years and it isn't dependent on either Julia or myself being there. We are very lucky to have 10 regular volunteers. We would also like to reduce paper use perhaps by using a blackboard menu. We are always open to ideas about how to improve Soup &

Pud, we want to make sure it is providing what the community needs and enjoys.

In conveying why she wishes to help, Helen Quigg's considered response is arguably one shared by many regular volunteers, "It's a lovely way to help people in the community in a happy, relaxed atmosphere". The guests also believe that attending is worthwhile. Jo Sartin told me, "There is lovely food. It's well worth a visit and the money helps the charities." John Lound added, "I like the food and the company and conversation it generates". If this is not a monthly treat for you already, perhaps the soup and pudding lunch may feature in your future plans to try something new. I wish to thank all contributors to the article particularly Kathy Gorman who may be contacted on 01332 842603. by Paul Wiggins

DUFFIELD SINGERS FREE CONCERT



Christmas is coming. It's not all about money and presents, a big part of its magic is singing. So why not get in the mood by going along to listen to some great choral singing.

Duffield's resident choir, the Duffield Singers, will be singing some brilliant and joyful arrangements of carols from here and around the world. Among them will be a beautiful Ukrainian carol with words in English.

Their musical director, Dana de Waal, who has an amazing voice, will show us all what he can do. It should be a great experience.

There is no need to buy tickets, and the concert is free, at Trinity Methodist Church on King Street on Wednesday 13th December at 7.30 pm. There will be a break at about 8.30 with refreshments on sale, when you can chat to friends and people you know in the choir, or escape if your children need to go to bed. The concert will end by 9.30.

There will be a retiring collection and any proceeds from the evening will go to the local children's charity, Umbrella.

The picture, by Jayne Hooker, shows the Duffield Singers in full voice.

DCA FLOOD SUPPORT



The DCA (Duffield Community Association) is creating a Flood Fund in order to give small hardship grants to support people living in Duffield who have been adversely affected by the floods on Friday Oct 20th.

The Flood Fund will be financed from: the profits from the DCA Fireworks 2023, some income from Carnival 2023, plus donations to the DCA Flood Fund.

The grants are intended as a contribution towards some of the uninsured losses faced by those affected.

Grant application forms are available from;

Paper copies at Duffield News. Complete the form online duffieldvillage.co.uk/onlineflood

Download a copy for printing

duffieldvillage.co.uk/downloadflood

If you would like to apply for a grant or need assistance you can register an interest by emailing: flood@duffieldvillage.co.uk.

The deadline for applications is **Friday 15th December**.

In the meantime:

The DCA may also be able to help or facilitate physical tasks needed to rectify flood damage.

The DCA has access to a bank of volunteers. If you think we might be able to help, please email: flood@duffieldvillage.co.uk

The DCA is in the process of setting up an online account for receiving donations. We hope this will be up and running by the time you read this, it will be accessible via our flood information page at duffieldvillage.co.uk/flood.

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