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Founders, Zoe and Georgie are thrilled to become a part of the vibrant community of Duffield. This store is the second Riber Pets location for the animal loving duo. "Our team has worked tirelessly to bring a wide range of high-quality pet products and exceptional customer service



to this location. We can't wait to welcome new customers and provide them with a local solution to their pet's needs".

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essential items such as poop bags and flea treatments. In addition to a diverse product offering, customers can also expect top-notch grooming services to pamper their pooches including ultrasonic teeth cleaning and walk-in nail trims for dogs.

To celebrate the grand opening, Riber Pets Duffield will be hosting a special event on Saturday 9th March from 10am. The event will feature discounts across the entire range in store, free goodies for pets and free animal handling ... continued on page 3.



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# RIBER PETS IN DUFFIELD YOUR SAY – THE LOCAL PLAN

## From the cover...

providing fun for all the family!

Zoe and Georgie want to invite the entire community to join us on March 9th to celebrate this milestone with them. "There will be exciting animal surprises and exclusive promotions throughout the day, making it an event you won't want to miss."

For more information about Ribber Pets Duffield and the



grand opening party, please email [info@riberpets.co.uk](mailto:info@riberpets.co.uk) or call 01332 289944.

## £1000 RAISED FOR CHARITY

The Duffield Club raised £1000 towards two charities

- Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People and Barnado's, who help terminally ill and disadvantaged children. The Xmas raffle raised £702, and an unnamed business man donated £298.

**Thanks You!** A big thank you to the local businesses, who donated prizes including Angelo's (Kings Head), Anthony Andrews Butchers, Tom Morris



(Bradman's Wine Bar) and Sanchini's coffee bar.

We look forward to your continuous support throughout the year - The Duffield Club committee.

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Did you know that your council has to produce a local plan and that you can help to shape it?

A local plan is an important document that sets out the council's vision of the future for your area. It covers housing, community facilities, the local economy and the environment.

Amber Valley Borough Council recently voted through their proposed new local plan. Among other things, the plan lays out how many houses will be built in the next fifteen years and where they will be built.

Green Party councillors voted against the proposed plan because the council has agreed to take on two thousand houses from Derby City Council's allocation and build them in Amber Valley. 1300 of these houses would get planning approval over the next 15 years.

Councillor Alison McDermott



voiced her concerns. These extra homes will be built on fields between Mackworth and Kirk Langley leading to car-dependent housing estates and worsening traffic congestion. As an architect, she knows that a better approach would be to build affordable homes on brownfield sites in Derby, revitalising the city centre and allowing residents to walk or use public transport.

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# WILLIAM GILBERT ENDOWED SCHOOL – OUTSTANDING



An “exceptional” school has achieved the highest praise possible after a visit from Ofsted inspectors who declared it to be “outstanding” in every category. William Gilbert Endowed Church of England Primary, in Vicarage Lane, Duffield, achieved an overall “outstanding” rating after a visit in November from the education watchdog. The school and nursery is part of the Derby Diocesan Academy Trust and has managed to hold on to the top rating it previously received after a visit in 2008.

The timing could not be better as the pupils were preparing for their school nativity, aptly named ‘The Inn-spectors’,

which was decided before they knew they were getting a visit. The three-strong Ofsted inspection team noted “pupils flourish at this exceptional school where differences between people are nurtured and valued.” The behaviour of the school’s 246 pupils was described as “exemplary... because they know what is expected of them and they live up to those expectations.”

Headteacher Helen Britten said: “We are incredibly proud of our Ofsted report and it’s pleasing that the inspectors saw how happy and hardworking our pupils are. The staff work so hard to make sure all our pupils enjoy exceptional personal

development that allows them to thrive and flourish. William Gilbert is a special family that develops the whole child spiritually, morally, socially, and culturally, not just academically. We strive to not only give them the best education but also the best school experience where they feel safe and supported.”

The inspection found that younger pupils “get off to a flying start” and the school’s curriculum “flows seamlessly” from the early years in Nursery and Reception to Year 6, also noting that: “The Christian ethos of the school supports pupils to develop strong moral values.”

Other findings include

that “The school’s vision for excellence permeates throughout the school. William Gilbert school has exceptionally high expectations of all pupils to achieve, across each area of the curriculum. Pupils thrive academically and in their wider personal development.” Dr Sarah Clark, the chief executive officer of the Derby Diocesan Academy Trust, said: “The staff at William Gilbert work incredibly hard and this is a testament to that dedication. We are so proud of this report and that the inspectors saw what goes into making William Gilbert the outstanding school we already knew it to be.”

## MEADOWS SCHOOL & BELPER BANKING HUB

I have been in regular contact with Derbyshire County Council regarding progress in relation to pupils returning to Duffield Meadows Primary School. I am delighted to hear that, at the time of writing, nursery will be returning to their premises after the February half term with the rest of the school to follow after Easter. I know that Derbyshire County Council have worked extremely hard to ensure that staff and pupils return within six months of leaving their premises. I understand that there have been a few issues with the buses to the temporary accommodation, and also with cold classrooms, however staff and pupils have dealt with this situation admirably and have basically just got on with it!

Derbyshire County Council have employed additional staff to help with the move back to Duffield Meadows, and some parents have also kindly volunteered. This has been such a great team effort, and I do hope that the staff manage to have some rest over the Easter break. Well done to everyone involved!

I was pleased to be invited to open the new Belper Banking Hub in February. UK Finance commissioned LINK to undertake an assessment of the cash needs of towns whose last banks were due to close, with a commitment from banks to provide a shared banking hub if LINK’s assessment identified that one was required. I was delighted when it was agreed that a new



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will be open Monday-Friday, 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. and five banks will be in the building on a day each week: Barclays, NatWest, HSBC, Lloyds and Santander. I hope that more banking hubs will now be rolled out to other areas of the community in the future.

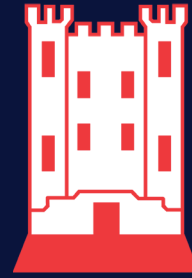
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# MARCH – THE STORMY RUGGED MONTH

I am sorry we do not have the landscape and habitat to support hares - including **“mad March”** ones. Even the rabbits we used to get have been culled due to hazardous holes in the railway embankment undermining the track. The sight of hares racing around and having boxing matches is amazing and often misunderstood as it does not represent two rival males facing up to each other in the contest to win a female - but a female fending off the unwelcome attention of a male!

March as a month has rhymes and folk lore attached to it. When referring to the possible weather events - legend has that if the month comes in **“like a lion, it goes out like a lamb”**. This has some basis in fact when looking at weather patterns - although somewhat challenged nowadays due to climate change.

The name of the month comes from the **Roman “Martius”** - a reference to Mars the god of war. March used to be the start of the year until 1752 when we changed to use the Gregorian calendar and adopted January as the first month instead. The **Anglo Saxons** used to refer to March as **“Hlyd monath”** or **“stormy month”** or **“Hraed monath”** which translates as ‘rugged month’.

Of course March also signifies the **Equinox on the 21st**

when traditionally we put our the clocks forward one hour (*spring forward in March and fall back in Autumn*) which signifies the time when the day and night are of equal length. This started in 1916, as a response to Germany’s decision to implement daylight savings to reduce energy use in World War One, the UK made their clocks go forward as well. Similarly, it was to save energy and resources, and in doing so, aid the war effort. However, this was not the first time the idea was proposed in England.

Almost 10 years prior, in 1908, a bill was proposed to make the clocks go forward over summer to provide more daylight hours after work. However, it was deemed unnecessary and eventually rejected.

Like the UK, many European countries have been using daylight savings since WW1, but it wasn’t until 1996 that the EU standardised daylight savings across all EU nations. This means that all EU countries now make their clocks go forward by one hour on the last Sunday of March.

The sudden few weeks of warmth and sunshine last month has encouraged the signs of spring to be evident with daffodils and snowdrops appearing in the meadow and on grass verges everywhere. A few weeks on if you carefully look in amongst the growing grass on the meadow there are cowslips appearing and the bluebells should be in bloom before long in the bottom of the pleached hedge line.

The floods that plagued us last year and into February should have ceased during March and with warming weather, longer days and subsequent sunshine, it is worth looking at the leaf burst. As I write this there is a faint blush of green on the copses as those tightly furled buds begin to unfold. There are many rhymes concerning the weather and its relationship to events in nature. One common one refers to when leaves first unfold in spring and to how that affects what sort of summer we may have. **“Ash before the Oak and we shall have a soak, Oak before the Ash and we shall**

**have a splash”**. There is little strong evidence of the veracity of this saying and unfortunately we may not be able to check this in the future on the Reserve. After a survey of all of the trees for disease and safety it was confirmed that **all of our ash trees have ash dieback** and many - if not all - **will have been felled by the time you read this**. Ash dieback is ravaging our countryside and we may elect not to cut some right down to the ground in the hope that they may regenerate and be more resistant. Research from the UK and Europe has found that **seven or eight out of every 10 ash trees may die** (although there are some local variations) However, some trees do show some levels of tolerance and may even recover over time. By the way - the robin that has started singing at 3.30 a.m. outside my bedroom window seems to be well on the way to securing his territory ready to breed. On the reserve the level of birdsong has increased massively and frogs are laying spawn in the wetland. Enjoy the flowers, blossom and warmer, longer - and maybe drier days!

by **Di Hancock**  
Chair; Duffield Millennium  
Meadow Conservation Trust  
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**DUFFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – MARCH 2024**

It has been a busy and challenging year for the Parish Council since the last Chair's report, with positive progress from the newly appointed Council. The Parish Council is made up of 12 Councillors and serving since May '23 have been Gregory Broadbent, Kevin Burke, Jim Grieveson (Chair), Roger Harrison (Vice Chair), Steven Knee, Louise Nelson, Pippa Rowen, John Shoesmith, Mark Spilsbury, Jan Thompson and David Walton with Simon Black elected following a co-option in June.

The Council comprises 6 Liberal Democrats, 3 Conservatives, 2 Green and 1 Labour Councillors, although we try to run the Council on a non-political basis. Key Committees include the Outdoor Management & Development Committee to oversee existing assets and development of new facilities; the Strategic Development Committee to focus on longer-term needs, residents' priorities and climate change; the Finance & Management Committee focusing on compliance with our financial regulations, the annual budget, management of accounts and the precept; and a Staffing Committee focusing on resources, salary levels and recruitment. We also operate small Working Groups to focus on the Environment, Traffic and Parking and Anti-Social Behaviour. We support Plastic Free Duffield and keep in regular contact with Ecclesbourne School and the RJ Weston Duffield Charity as well as having representation on the Millennium Meadow Committee. Of course, none of this would be implementable without a staff and we the Council (and as Duffield residents) are hugely indebted to Parish Clerk Fay Craig who has done a sterling job since taking up her post in November of 2022. Fay is supported by her Assistant Clerk Jackie Clements, Admin Assistant Dee Fitzgerald and Responsible Finance Officer David Melsome; a wonderful team who continue to offer their expertise and diligent attitudes to their roles. Village Warden Michael Forkin and Groundsman Michael Hutchinson have continued to provide an exceptional standard of work maintaining the Cemetery grounds, Gray Recreation Ground, Eyes Meadow and the village in general. The Council would like to thank the team for their efforts over the year.

### **Village Action Plan**

The Council have continued to work towards the priorities for improvements for the Village as set out in the Village Action Plan, a copy of which can be found on the Parish Council website: <https://www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/duffield-action-plan.html> The priorities identified are arranged under four themes: Traffic Management; Environment; Community and Culture and Supporting Vulnerable Residents, and an update on the Council's progress is outlined below:

### **Traffic Management**

A persistent issue. Cllr Black, Cllr Knee and Cllr Shoesmith are constantly looking at applicable parking solutions for the benefit of Duffield residents as well as looking at resolving issues of problem parking and issues connected to public transport. Cllr Shoesmith also continues to assess opportunities for the creation of identified cycling routes and key footpath improvements.

Improvements to the car park and drainage at Eyes Meadow have been made, with further work planned in the immediate future, and we encourage those who are able to use this car park when appropriate.

The Duffield Community Speedwatch Group (chaired by Cllr Thompson) has continued to undertake speed checks around the village. Since November we also have taken charge of two speed detection devices in the village to act as a gentle prompt. We successfully applied for and received a grant of over £5000 towards the costs. The location of these will change periodically.



### **Environment**

The Parish Council, as part of an environmental initiative, took the opportunity of the Kings Coronation in May to give schoolchildren seed packets for wildflower planting. Commitment to rewilding continues and a budget has been allocated to further wildflower planting around the village.



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The village looked fantastic yet again through the year thanks to the beautiful seasonal baskets and planters put in place in June and November. The Winter Planters were a new addition last year following a small increase to the budget and we hope to continue this to ensure the village can benefit from the floral displays year round. Plans will be made to increase the locations of the displays for the future.



In September Di Hancock agreed to become our voluntary tree warden. We benefit a great deal from her knowledge and enthusiasm. Also in September a tree nursery was started, managed by one of our allotment holders. Trees have been kindly donated by

Woodland Trust....more coming November this year. In the years to come, once matured, they will be replanted around the village at suitable locations.

Environmentally, the headline news for many residents last year would be the October floods. As a Parish Council we are aware that this can be extremely distressing for residents and had to learn quickly how best to help those affected and direct their enquiries to the appropriate people or department. We are now better equipped for the future and in December Andrew Clements agreed to become our voluntary Flood Warden. Our thanks go out to him. He has already compiled a large report collated from submitted evidence. Cllr Shoesmith also compiled a report about what happened and is happening going forward. This (and much more information) can be found via the Parish Council website.

### **Community and Culture**

In May we were able to offer small grants to local groups to hold street parties or celebrations for the King's Coronation.

Our Outdoor Theatre event, the Illyria Theatre production of '*Robin Hood*' on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June was enjoyed by enthusiastic families. Unfortunately, the numbers attending were lower than we would have hoped and we have decided against staging a performance this year. It may return in future years.

The Remembrance Day parade returned to the original A6 route which proved to be a popular decision. NVC Security helped to safely close the roads for the event. The Parish Council was also happy to support the Duffield Carnival and the Eyes Have It music festival and we look forward to offering this support once again and to supporting further events in 2024.

Unfortunately, in July we had an upturn of reported Anti-Social Behaviour in the village. The ASB working group, chaired by Cllr Rowan promoted guidelines on how to report ASB and engaged NVC Security for summer holidays security patrols. We have also been looking for ways to tackle the problem by working closely with local Police and PCSOs.



### **Supporting Vulnerable Residents**

The Parish Council continues to support the RJ Weston Duffield Charity (Weston Centre) whose activities aim to support older people. The Weston Centre offers activities including a film club, a lunch club, coffee mornings and fitness activities. We also promote the Helping Hands initiative, which brings much needed support to the lonely and vulnerable with assistance in everyday tasks. Cllr Thompson is currently the Parish Council appointed Trustee of the charity.

### **Grants**

We were delighted to be able to provide community grants this year for Duffield Methodist Church for sanding and sealing the Church Hall floor, William Gilbert School for scooter pods and bike racks, Duffield Squash and Racquetball Club for bike racks and Duffield Tennis Club for girls coaching.

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## **Open Spaces**

There have been a number of improvements made throughout the village. In June three new picnic benches were installed at Gray Recreation Ground and in July new metal bins were installed at Gray Rec and Eyes Meadow to replace the vandalised and burnt out bins. In the summer, the Cemetery footpaths were repaired and improved and the Duffield Meadows Snake Lane Footpath had improvements and maintenance work undertaken.

The Cemetery continues to serve local residents. In 2023 there were 26 full burials and three ashes burial in the Cemetery, and 14 in the Garden of Remembrance. We have had two allotments handed back and not renewed and these have been offered to the next people on the list. Currently there remain six people awaiting an allotment.

New Parish Council noticeboards have been installed at Gray Rec and outside the White Hart.



## **Budget for 2023/2024 (1 April 2024 to end March 2025)**

The annual budget for 2024/25 was set in January 2024 at £330,344 total expenditure, of which £42,300 is for projects to be undertaken during 2024/25. The Parish Council has set the Annual Precept at £227,115 for next year keeping the increase to 5%, which is below projected annual cost inflation in what is likely to again be a difficult year for many families as the cost of living accelerates. The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) recommends holding General Reserves of 30-60% of the Precept value and we have set a target of holding £68,134 - £136,269 General Reserves plus an additional £19,798, which has been earmarked for Specific Projects in future years for equipment replacements, footpath maintenance, building maintenance and car park repairs. Approximately 85% of our income arises from the Precept, and the rest comes from cemetery burials, allotment rents, events and income from renting out the Eyes Meadows playing fields. Staff costs equate to about 32% of expenditure.

## **The Coming Year...**

We have some exciting projects planned for the coming year, including starting work on the new Village Plan, improvement works at Eyes Meadow, the new Weston Yates Parkland project as well a continuation of our work with the appropriate organisations regarding speeding and parking and organisations to tackle anti-social behaviour. We are also looking to generate more Community and youth engagement. We are looking in the next few months for CCTV to be installed at Eyes Meadow and a new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to be launched.

## **THANKS...**

To everyone in Duffield who continues to support the objectives of the Council in enhancing facilities and services for the community, 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; and to members of the DCA, the flood warden Andrew Clements, our tree warden Di Hancock, our footpath advisers, Community Speedwatch volunteers, Ecclesbourne Meadow working group, uniformed organisations and to all the staff at the Parish Council, our sincere thanks. Personal thanks also to my fellow Councillors for their tireless work on behalf of the community.



**Cllr Jim Grieveson**  
**Chairman, Duffield Parish Council**





# Duffield Parish Council



## Repairs to Playground Equipment

The 'bouncy turtle' and play pirate boat have been given brand new springs in readiness for the coming spring and warmer weather! Further repairs will be made during March to other pieces of equipment including the toddler climbing frame. Please avoid using any play equipment that is 'roped off' – this is to allow cement or similar repairs to set so the equipment is strong enough to use. Our thanks for your patience while the repairs are being carried out.

## Dogs at Gray Rec – New Signage

New signage has been put up at Gray Recreation Ground reminding users that dogs should be kept on their leads while using this space to exercise your pets. Dogs should not be taken into the under-12s play area at any time. Should you wish to exercise your dog off the lead, please consider visiting Eyes Meadow.



## Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The Parish Council will be launching a new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for Duffield in April. Please keep an eye on our website, social media and the Duffield Scene newsletter for more details or to find out more email the Clerk: [clerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk)



## Flooding: 'Frequently Asked Questions'

Derbyshire County Council and the Environment Agency have recently compiled a useful list of Frequently Asked Questions on flooding. The document answers a number of flooding-related concerns including where to find help in the event of a flood, planning concerns, riparian land ownership, flood resilience for properties and getting hold of sandbags and gives advice and links to further resources. This along with further flooding resources can be found on our website: [www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/flooding](http://www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/flooding)

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** and the **Annual Council Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 8th May 2024 at the Weston Centre. There are two Committee Meetings in April to be held at the Cemetery Lodge meeting room; the Finance and Management Committee on the 3 April and Outdoor Management Committee on the 17 April. Meetings begin at 7pm and all are welcome to attend.

Meeting Agendas and Minutes can be viewed online at [www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### The Parish Office

Cemetery Lodge, 43 Hazelwood Road, Duffield, Belper DE56 4DQ.  
Telephone 01332 842740.

### Contact the Clerk

[clerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk) or call 07719 103015 (emergency contact).

### Cemetery Enquiries

contact the Assistant Clerk at [assistantclerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:assistantclerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk) or call 07514 871801.



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1st Duffield

# Spring Plant Sale Save the date!

1st Duffield Scouts are running a spring plant fundraiser  
which will be based upon a pre-order and collection service.

Orders will be taken from **18th March 2024** via the 1st Duffield webshop  
[www.1stduffield.org.uk/shop](http://www.1stduffield.org.uk/shop). (Please note orders will not be live on the  
website until the 18th March)

COLLECTION WILL BE ON **SATURDAY 11TH MAY 2024** AT AN ALLOTTED TIME FROM THE  
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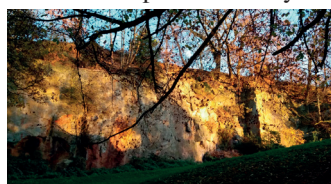


# DUFFIELD & DISTRICT HERITAGE FEATURES – Stone & Clay



Duffield Bank (Manor) Quarry c1900

Any examination of Duffield's built heritage will reveal a judicious mix of stone and clay bricks used for building construction throughout the centuries. This is illustrated by the fact that at one time or another there was a string of grit/sandstone quarries between Milford and Little Eaton along Duffield and Eaton Bank. Within the village there have also been brickworks that utilised local pockets of clay.



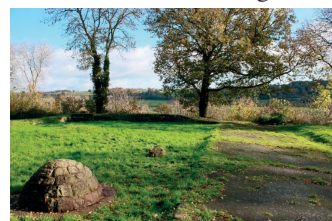
Duffield Bank (Manor) Quarry



Hewing and shaping at the quarry face

The material from these local gritstone/sandstone quarries has been utilised for the building of castle, church, roads, bridges, railways, and houses. The Normans began a major castle building programme designed to subjugate the population.

Given the size of the castle foundations discovered in 1886, and its theoretical size as probably the third largest 'Tower Keep' in England, after the White Tower of London and Middleham, Yorkshire, there was clearly a significant demand for local building stone.

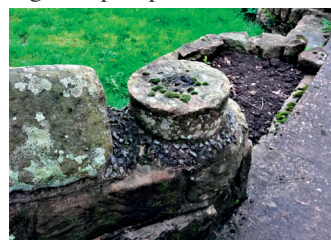


Remains of the Tower Keep, Duffield Castle

From where precisely the stone for the castle was quarried is unrecorded. A prime location would be the Duffield Bank quarries but at that time this would inevitably require crossing the Derwent by ford. A possible source was the quarries along the Chevin at Firestone Hill, and/or Milford, where the material could be brought downhill, thus avoiding a river crossing.

There are records of quarrying within the village for stone for sharpening scythes, including an area at the bottom of Avenue Road. These sharpening stones, or whetstones, were shaped at former cornmills

including the Top Mill on the River Ecclesbourne, aka Moldbourn Mill, subsequently used as a colour mill that eventually became Hawley's Colourworks. A grindstone was a much larger instrument, capable of sharpening a blade quicker and more effectively than a whetstone because of its speed when in use. It was used more in the initial crafting of a blade with whetstones used for regular upkeep.



Old worn grindstone, Tamworth Street

A remnant of the ubiquitous grindstone has even been fashioned into a garden wall feature on Tamworth Street! As a small boy I once fell from a wall and cut my forehead on a butcher's grindstone whilst showing off to an even younger little girl. Unlike the Jack and Jill story, thankfully, my wound was not treated with vinegar and brown paper!

As with the construction of HS2 today, there was a considerable demand for material during the building of the North Midland Railway in the 1830's. A quarry on Eaton Bank known as Outwoods dating from as early as 1329 was possibly the source of stone for the 15thC tower of Derby Cathedral. Sandstone grit for coping stones and sandstone for walling in use on Hazelwood Road probably originated from Duffield or Eaton Bank. Heavy split sandstone slabs were used for slating the roof of the 18thC tollhouse on Red Lane, Makeney.



Grit/sandstone combined, Hazelwood Road



Stone slates, Makeney

Duffield is too far south to have utilised much Derbyshire limestone for building.

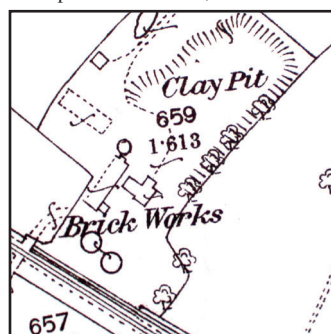
Intriguingly, a vestige of repurposed limestone is evident in two horizontal bands within a wall of locally quarried sandy-buff and pinky-brown sandstone on Hazelwood Road.



A hint of limestone, Hazelwood Road Interestingly, the fossil-containing Hopton-Wood (Middleton by Wirksworth) limestone 'setts' were used for paving in front of The Gables in Town Street. This stone was famously used for c120,000 headstones for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. By contrast, Granite 'setts' were revealed during road repairs in Lime Avenue which suggests they were commonly used for drainage channels throughout the older parts of the village.



Hopton-Wood 'setts', Town Street



Jennens' Brickworks, c 1900



In the 19thC a clay pit and brickworks were located at the southern end of King Street opposite the terraced stone cottages. Another was that of Samuel Jennens situated at the bottom of the footpath within The Glen, off Hazelwood Road. In c1900 his works had two 'beehive' kilns and a loading platform next to the Wirksworth branch railway.



A 'Beehive' brick kiln



A Jennens' brick

Cast-iron ovals bearing his initials, indicating the use of his bricks, can be seen on King Street including the former Girls

School, The Hermitage, and 33 Hazelwood Road. Sadly, not all Samuel's bricks stood the test of time. His external bricks have weathered badly producing a laminating effect known as 'spalling'.



Samuel Jennens' oval, Hazelwood Road



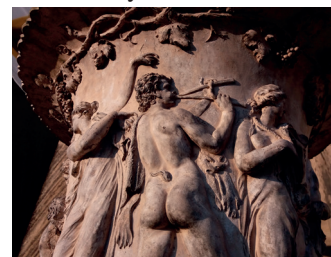
'Spalling' brickwork, King Street  
Terracotta is formed from a plasticated mix of ground clay, sand and powdered fired clay and moulded into decorative shapes like these 'egg-and-dart' 'bricks' on Castle Hill.



Terracotta moulding, Castle Hill

It may surprise one to learn that an early process using clay once created a product that strongly resembled stone. Eleanor Coade, who from 1769 owned an artificial stone manufactory in Lambeth, London produced artificial stone using a mix of clay, quartz grains and ground soda-lime glass. This was a modification of an existing terracotta recipe, designed as a cheaper alternative to natural stone, that could be used for indoor or outdoor ornaments. Her 'Coade-stone' using plaster casts, produced authentic looking sculpture, and ornamentation. What also made her 'stone' so popular was the influence from Ancient Greece and Rome in her pieces. At the time she was creating them in the late 18thC there had

been an increased interest in the Classical style.



Coade-stone urn, Kedleston Hall 1771

Eleanor had a strong connection with Derbyshire including the production of pieces for the house and gardens at Kedleston Hall. Various ornaments were designed between 1760–1794, notably two Grecian urns known as the Borghese, and Medici reproductions of vases made in Athens during the 1stCentury AD, depicting scenes from Greek mythology. The firm closed in the 1840s, and with it the secret of its manufacture, although it's estimated that around 650 examples have survived. This Borghese urn at Kedleston looks a cheeky little number to me!  
by **Robert Reid**



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## WEEKLY EVENTS

- MON** **Coffee Morning**  
10.00am - 12noon, Emmanuel Church  
Opening so people have a warm place to go for free coffee, cake and a chat.
- TUE** **Walking for Health**  
Meet at 9.45am, The Weston Centre for supervised walk 10.00 – 11.30, round Duffield and beyond. All welcome.  
Chris - 07977 140415.
- Yoga with Pilates**  
1pm - 2.15pm. Bring mat & blanket. Beginners welcome. Julie 07817 147167. Methodist Church Hall, King Street.
- Boys Brigade & Girls Association\***  
6.15 - 7.30pm. New members welcome. £2.00. Ages 5-11. Baptist Church Hall. 01773 689983
- WED** **Ignition Youth Group\***  
7.30- 9pm.  
St. Alkmund's Church Hall.  
School years 10-13. Relaxing with a hot drink and cake, games and thinking through a section of the bible.
- Duffield Singers**  
7.45 - 9.45pm  
St. Margaret Clitherow Church, Hall Farm Road.  
theduffieldsingers@gmail.com  
www.duffieldsingers.org
- FRI** **Time Out for Toddlers and carers (TOTS)**  
10.00am - 12 noon  
St Alkmund's Church Hall  
A new free group. Come along to play, chat, join in the fun and make new friends. Snacks; coffee and tea on tap.
- Chairobics**  
Lunchtime, The Weston Centre.  
Suzanne, a practising physiotherapist, runs a friendly chair-based exercise class. Why not join her to get fit, have fun and make friends. Book with Suzanne 07810 023 743.
- Amber Painting Group**  
1.30-3.30pm - Methodist Church Hall.  
amberpaintinggroup@yahoo.co.uk  
www.fb.me/amberpainters
- Massive\***  
4.00 - 6.00pm (years 7-9)  
7.00 - 9.30pm (years 10-13)  
Emmanuel Community Church
- TUE-FRI** **Coffee Morning**  
10.00am - 12noon  
The Weston Centre, Tamworth Street.  
Coffee, tea and biscuits. £1 for a bottomless cup. Volunteers will ensure you are made welcome.

\*term time only

## MONTHLY CALENDAR MARCH

- 7** **Film Screening**  
2:00pm, 'Housewife, 49'  
The Weston Centre, Tamworth Street.  
£3 suggested donation. Tea, Coffee and bar available.  
Phone Sandra on 01332 928577.
- 9** **Riber Pets Grand Opening Party**  
10.00am, 25 New Zealand Lane, Duffield.  
See front cover.
- 14** **Art and Craft/Model Making Group**  
The Weston Centre, Tamworth Street  
1.30-3.30pm. All levels and experience are encouraged to our friendly, informal group.
- 15** **For all our 'Fab Forgetful Friends'**  
Duffield's Memory Cafe at the Weston Centre.  
nicola.memorycafe@westoncentre.org.uk  
2-4pm. 01332 840349
- 16** **Music at Duffield – Sophie Rosa & Peter Liang (violins)**  
7pm, St. Alkmund's Church Duffield.  
Adult £18, Concession £17, Student £8.  
www.musicatduffield.com, 07977 091171.
- 18** **Chevin Probus Club**  
Makeney Hall Hotel, Milford. 10.15am. Coffee followed by Mr Danny Wells, his topic is entitled Ilam.  
Peter Robinson - 01332 705554.
- 21** **Art and Craft/Model Making Group**  
The Weston Centre, Tamworth Street  
1.30-3.30pm. All levels and experience are encouraged to our friendly, informal group.
- 27** **Euro Film Club**  
The Weston Centre, Tamworth Street  
£4 suggested donation, doors and bar open at 7pm for a 7.30pm show. Potiche 15 certificate 2013.
- 28** **Art and Craft/Model Making Group**  
The Weston Centre, Tamworth Street  
1.30-3.30pm. All levels and experience are encouraged to our friendly, informal group.
- 30** **Easter Afternoon Tea Party**  
The Weston Centre, Tamworth Street  
2-4pm. Music from the 60's and other classics!  
Spaces are limited and tickets are £10pp. Tickets to be purchased before Friday 22nd March. See back cover.

## APRIL

- 4** **Film Screening**  
2:00pm, 'Showboat'  
The Weston Centre, Tamworth Street.  
£3 suggested donation. Tea, Coffee and bar available.  
Phone Sandra on 01332 928577.
- 11-13** **Twin Peaks Diesel Gala - Two Railways**  
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# TWIN PEAKS DIESEL GALA – TWO RAILWAYS

**Thursday 11th, Friday 12th and Saturday 13th April - One event, one ticket, two railways!**

Following on from a successful event last year, the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway and Peak Rail have come together to present their collaborative Twin Peaks Diesel Gala. Named in reference to Peak Rail's location in the Derbyshire Peak District and the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway's location in the White Peak area of the Derbyshire Dales, the event will be a showcase of heritage diesel locomotives on both railways.



The event will feature a special interconnecting heritage bus service enabling passengers to seamlessly travel the short distance between the two lines so that they can travel on both railways for one inclusive ticket. It promises to be a memorable event and one not to be missed! Expected to feature so far:

**Ecclesbourne Valley Railway**  
Class 14 D9537 "Eric"  
Class 31 31601 "Devon Diesel Society"  
Class 47 D1842  
Class 73 73001  
DMU

**Peak Rail**  
Class 25 D7659  
Class 44 D8 "Penyghent"  
Class 47 D1501  
DMU

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## COOPERATIVE KATIE'S COMMUNITY EVENTS

There have been some inevitable changes since my article 'The Duffield Co-op and Covid-19' appeared in the July 2020 issue of the Duffield Scene.

Thankfully responses to Covid are now much less disruptive to our everyday lives, local lady Mandy Aves is embarking on her 54th year of continuous employment with the Duffield Co-op, and there have been two managers since Natasha Rook, who left the store soon after making her contribution to the article. Natasha's emails to me conveyed her joy in supporting community events during the 3 years she was store manager and the challenges the team faced in their reaction to an unprecedented situation posed by Covid-19. Current manager Katie Matthews also reacts to challenges most efficiently and has identified 2024 as the year she begins to promote activities emanating from the community store. Her ideas could be shared by way of face-to-face conversation with me, which pleased and benefited us both!



carnival where we will be hosting a membership stand to sign up new customers on our app and free fruit on offer to sample. September will be Fairtrade fortnight in stores, so we will be reaching out to the local schools to host a Fairtrade event, where they can learn all about the Co-op's dedication to sourcing Fairtrade products for customers. These events will also be duplicated at Little Eaton.

**PW: Are your choices likely to be influenced by the decisions you made earlier in your career?**

KM: I have implemented and been a part of numerous community events over the years. It is a key part of working in our stores, and collaborating with local businesses and groups provides multiple opportunities for members of the community to get involved with eventing. As a Store Manager, I am more than happy to collaborate with other

members of the community - for example, at our Willington Store, we collaborated with the local Arts group to produce a community paint by numbers project. 2-300 customers were involved, each donating to a good cause and painting a vista of their beautiful village. This artwork is now proudly displayed on the side of the store for all to see! There is also the Community Dividend Fund where local groups can apply for grants from £100 to £5000 - one store I worked in helped the local netball group to fund their uniforms for the upcoming year!

**PW: Considering your managerial role, what transferable skills will you employ to achieve customer participation and satisfaction?**

KM: As I have managed many stores in the local area, my knowledge of the business and it's core values has been invaluable when working in small community stores. It is important that the store I manage not only provides great customer service and a friendly face for our loyal shoppers, but that we also pass on knowledge all of the good things that the Co-op can provide to their community. We provide multiple recycling services, from batteries to household plastics and we also have a Food Bank where customers can donate any spare items to those in need. The community dividend fund is also open to applications from anyone wanting some extra help

with their local endeavours.

**PW: Based on your expected outcomes, what do you anticipate the customers and the store (including yourself and team members) will gain from these activities?**

KM: Hopefully the customers will gain a better understanding of what the Co-op does outside of the retail environment. They will be able to see how committed our team are to providing for the community and the passion we all have for creating a safe environment for customers to visit. Any special events are always fun, and the team is looking forward to getting involved with dressing up and raising some funds for our eventing journey this year and hopefully bringing the community along with us!

Katie has established her management skills within the Duffield store over the last seven months. For many, that would be enough responsibility, but Katie is the manager of the Little Eaton store as well. 2024 is a significant year for her too as it marks 25 years of continuous service as a Central England Co-operative employee, and, based on her self-motivation, it may be a year during which our visits to the community store become a little more interesting. We shall see...

Thank you Katie for your help and responses.

by Paul Wiggins

PW: Paul Wiggins

KM: Katie Matthews

**PW: What community events or competitions do you want to organise this year at the Co-operative store?**

KM: Easter will be our next main eventing time - this will focus on a colouring competition, raffle for a hamper and an Easter Egg hunt in store.

June will bring the Duffield

### Duffield Dynamos

Young people's sport is crucial to their development both physically and mentally as such the DCA gladly awarded a deserving grant application by Duffield Dynamos for the under 9's girl's Foxes Team jackets. The Dynamos are a brilliant village asset and the DCA were really pleased to be able to help them out, reflecting exactly what the DCA do, which is to improve and enhance village life. Now the girls can show off their new jackets with pride knowing that they will be flying the banner of two integral community assets, namely the Duffield Dynamos and the DCA. We wish the girls all the best with their season and hope for an update on their progress. The DCA are always pleased to support village sports clubs, especially when it furthers the development of our community's children giving them a place to exert all their energy out of school.



### Carnival Update

The Carnival Crew, headed up by Steve Evanson, met over January to progress preparations for this year's Duffield Carnival on Saturday 29 June. This year's theme is PIRATES. Aarrghhhh shiver me timbers!!!! The usual programme will be launched on Sunday 23 June with a Treasure Hunt. The week will be full of the fantastic events from the Sports Spectacular, Duffield 5, Community BBQ and a trip on the EVR (hopefully...). Carnival day itself is shaping up to be a real cracker. Invites to all the most popular stalls and attractions have already been sent out so we are hoping for a fantastic turn out. If you would like to come join the team, please drop us a message on our Facebook page

(DuffieldCarnival). The day itself requires almost 40 individual volunteers as well as other community organisations such as the Scouts, and Air Cadets who help to set up and clear the site.

### David James Barbers

The DCA would like to congratulate all the staff at David James Barbers. A DCA executive went along to get his hair cut and find out more. The team at David James raised over £8000 for The OddBalls Foundation with their 24-hour barbering marathon. That's a lot of haircuts! The OddBalls Foundation is the UK's leading charity raising awareness of Testicular Cancer. Testicular Cancer is the most prominent cancer in men aged 15-49, with around 2,400 new cases in the UK every year, that's more than 6 every day. However, if detected early, Testicular Cancer is one of the most curable cancers.



### DCA Projects Update

Since the new year, the Oompa-Loompas on the executive have been working on getting a variety of projects off the ground. Amongst other things, the idea of well dressings in the village is slowly taking off, and a list of volunteers is being organised. As well as well dressings, Chapel Street corner is being looked into, with the hope the DCA can enhance this drab corner and make it more appealing to all who use it.

Unfortunately, one of our defibrillators was called upon in the village this month, highlighting how important this project is. The DCA has identified another site in the village (New Zealand Lane), completing the DCA's defibrillator network. The defibrillators are all monitored weekly by DCA volunteers and regularly require new batteries and pads in order to stay functional.

If you are encouraged by what the DCA does and would like to get involved, we would like to hear from you. You can get involved in many ways, through volunteering at some of our projects we have running in the village, joining the carnival crew, helping on Fireworks night. Everyone in Duffield is also invited to become a DCA member, £5 p.a for households, £10 p.a for affiliated organisations.

Please visit [www.duffieldvillage.co.uk](http://www.duffieldvillage.co.uk) for more information.





### DCA Meet and Greet

The Chair of the DCA Maggie Matther-Higgins and Executive Gregory Broadbent braved the cold and damp February morning to drum up support and listen to concerns of current members. The lions share of DCA members who came up to us were very happy with the work the DCA does throughout the village; however, there was feedback with the renewal of the subscriptions, and the lack of an easy way to pay on our website. All this will be discussed at the next

executive meeting and an action will be formed! It also gave us the opportunity to engage with new arrivals to the village, who are not familiar with DCA, informing them of all the work we do, and encouraging them to sign up. The DCA currently only has around 20% of the village signed up; however, with more subscriptions comes more opportunities for us to further make Duffield an even more fabulous place than it already is.

### Banking Hub

The Belper Banking Hub is finally here. For all those intrepid explorers who are happy to take the journey down the A6 to Belper, you can visit the Post Office run banking hub. Recently opened by our MP Pauline Latham OBE, the banking hub makes it easy to do your banking face to face. The main high street banks, Barclays, NatWest, HSBC, Lloyds, and Santander are all participating.



### Meet the DCA Executive



As part of our commitment to stay open and honest about who we are we would like to introduce our Carnival Treasurer, DCA executive and all-around good guy, Matt Stapley. We sat down with him and had a chat.

**Where were you born and where did you grow up?** I'm originally from Rugby and grew up in a village called Dunchurch, which has lots of similarities to Duffield.

**How long have you lived in Duffield?** My wife and I moved to Duffield (from Derby) 18 years ago, and since we moved here it's felt like home.

**What is your favourite thing about living in Duffield?** How friendly it is. When walking around the village people still say 'hello'. That's rare nowadays.

**What would you change about living in Duffield?** I've always thought a Belgian Brasserie would be a great addition to the village. Hopefully serving Karmeliet Triple (my favourite beer) on draft!

**How did you become a member of the DCA?** My wife and I were introduced to the DCA by our neighbour Marion Taulbot, who is very active in the community. We started as members and attended meetings to understand what it was all about, which lead to me joining the Carnival Crew, and the rest is history! My children regularly help out too, the Orange T-shirts must have won them over.

**What is your favourite thing about the DCA?** Like-minded people, giving up their time to make our village even better. The selflessness of others always amazes me.

**What is your favourite village event?** There are so many, however my absolute favourite is the Carnival Week Family BBQ. This is a free event which is open to all. It's great to see families on Eyes Meadow playing on the field with friends – and the food is always a bonus. The salads are legendary – so if you've never been, try and come along this year!

**How do you relax?** I enjoy spending time with the family, cycling (I'm a regular at Alport Heights), and a beer or two in the Town Street Tap and the HollyBush.

**What is the one DCA event that you would encourage everyone to get involved with?** I'd have to say the village Carnival. It's a great day, and might not be obvious, but takes a lot of behind the scenes organising from an incredibly welcoming team. The first planning meeting starts in November! Think about popping down to Eyes Meadow on Carnival Day morning to see if you can help out. There's always something to do!

### DCA Dates for your Diary

**Saturday March 16th - Wildflower Planting – location to be announced.**

**Wednesday March 20th - DCA AGM - 7.30pm @ the Western Centre**

**Saturday June 29th - Duffield Carnival – This year's theme is Pirates!**

Joke of the month - I was at the park wondering why this frisbee kept getting bigger... and then it hit me.

Now our newsletter is included in the Duffield Scene any articles, letters, photos for inclusion will need to be with the DCA editor by the 13th of the month to be in the following month's Duffield Scene. Please send DCA News to Nigel Hooker e-mail: [news.dca@outlook.com](mailto:news.dca@outlook.com) Tel. 07712 079730.





## AFTERNOON TEA PARTY



**Easter Saturday Afternoon Tea Party.** Join us for a singalong at 2pm, followed by afternoon tea on Saturday 30th March at the Weston Centre, Duffield.

If you enjoy listening and having a good sing yourself then why not come along to our Easter Tea Party. "Led by Rob and Linda Crowder, we will be singing some of your favourite 60's and other classics followed by a sumptuous Afternoon Tea" said David Zydzienowski, Chair of the trustees at the Weston Centre. "If you have ever been to an event like this, you will know that you are in for a treat".

Tickets are on sale from Emma at the Weston Centre, priced at £10.00 each. Payment on booking. Bar available on the day. Weston Centre Phone Number:- 01332 840349.



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