

Duffield Parish Council News Letter - Issue No.43(MARCH 2007)

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IF DUFFIELD

You may recall that an alcohol designation order for Duffield, preventing the consumption of alcohol in the street, was being considered by Amber Valley Borough Council. Following consultation with Residents, the Police, the Parish Council and other interested parties this designation order was approved by Cabinet on 31st January 2007. The areas affected by the order are Grays Recreational Ground, Town Street from the junction of King Street to its northern junction with Makney Road, Wirksworth Road from Town Street to Park Road, Tamworth Street, Holloway Road, Snake Lane, King Street from Town Street to Castle Hill and Chapel Street. Notices will soon be placed along the zone informing residents on this change of status.

APPROVAL FOR RELEASE OF S106 MONIES

The Parish Council have for a number of months been researching and planning the new play facility on Grays Recreational. Following responses received from residents of all ages, we are pleased to report that quotes and plans from reputable supplier are expected within the month. To support this program Amber Valley has agreed to the initial release of funds held by them under s106 funding. This money which is donated by developers to help support the infrastructure of the village will go some way to covering the costs of the new facility. Duffield Parish Council is one of the first Parish Councils to take advantage of this scheme directly and will be further consulting with parishioners on the final outcome.

In addition to the Grays Recreational Scheme, the Youth working group is continuing to push ahead with proposal to develop a Youth Community Centre. This group which is working independently from the Parish Council is currently looking at funding opportunities for this project in addition to the s106 funds identified as a possible source. If you are interested in becoming involved with this group please contact the Clerk who would be happy to pass on your details.

STILES AT THE GLEN

Following requests by a number of residents for the Parish Council to work with Wyvern Rail to replace the Stiles at the Glen, the Parish Council are pleased to report that changes as to this access have been agreed and that Wyvern Rail have kindly agreed to the installation of a new type of access which will be supplied through the Parish Council.

NEW MEMBER OF STAFF AT THE PARISH COUNCIL

Following last months advertisement for an Assistant Parish Clerk, the Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Chris Carter to the post of Assistant Clerk. Chris, a Chartered Accountant and well known resident of the village will commence his duties in April.

JOTTINGS

Don't forget that you can find bus and rail timetables on the Parish Council notice boards. These have been recently updated, so if you are planning a day out why not check you times first.

Councillors continue to hold surgeries at the Weston Centre. If you would like to discuss any item of concern with them , the next surgery will be:

Monday March 5th 10.00am

If you cannot make this time the Clerk is available every Monday and Wednesday morning at the Weston Centre between 10am and 12am.

Following extensive lobbying by the Parish Council to Derbyshire County Council and Amber Valley Borough concerning the flooding of footpath 12 on at the top of Holloway Road, the Parish Council are pleased to report that the land owner has agreed to undertake work to resolve the problem.

A meeting between the Parish Council and Derbyshire Highways Authority has resulted in new markings being placed at the bottom of King Street. Residents are reminded that the disabled crossing point at this location, as with others throughout the village, have been installed because they are needed. Parking over these crossing points creates significant danger as it prevents disabled users from accessing the footpath.

By the time you read this newsletter the Parish Councils' new website should be up and running. For information about the village and calendar of events why not visit our site at www.duffieldpc.org.uk

You can Contact the Clerk , Sally Bygraves on 01332 842368, or email us through the contact button at

