

Duffield Parish Council News Letter - Issue No.44(APRIL 2007)

ELECTIONS IN DUFFIELD

As Spring approaches and the light nights beckon Summer on its way, the Parish Council will soon be looking forward to the election of new members. Elections to select members of the Parish Council and the Borough Council will take place in early May, and if you are not registered to vote or unsure you should contact Amber Valley on 01773 570222.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Parish Council will be holding their Annual Parish meeting on Tuesday 24th April at the Weston Centre to commence at 7pm. This will give all Parishioners the opportunity to hear first hand what the Parish Council has been doing over the past year and what their plans are for the coming year. You will be able to ask questions and raise concerns about matters in the Parish with Councillors. If you would like to find out more about the workings of the Parish Council why not come along

THE NEW LOOK PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AT

<http://www.duffieldpc.org.uk>

The objective of the Duffield Parish Council website is to inform parishioners about the work that council has been doing and also about what is going on in the village. The Council very much want it to be a website which parishioners (and also people from outside the village) use for seeking and contributing local information.

The original Duffield Parish Council website went live in March 2004. After consultation the council decided on the categories of information that it thought would be useful to the village and two Ecclesbourne pupils helped to put the site together. The website has proved popular and received a lot of praise. In 2006, it was decided to commission a local web designer, Ben Slater of Snake Lane Design, to upgrade the site.

The information found on the site is categorised as follows:

- The **Home Page** with the following information:
 - A Google map showing where Duffield is situated on the A6 and highlighting various points of interest in the village

What's New: New items that have been added about the Parish council:

- Agendas; Minutes; changes to council personnel etc.
- Events that will be taking place in the village (we want your input here!)
- Planning: the latest applications that have been submitted to Amber Valley Borough Council for the Duffield ward.
- **Our Village:** which has pages of information about the:
 - History of the village
 - Schools
 - Healthcare
 - Sports facilities
 - Local Businesses
 - Local Organisations
 - Churches.
- **The Parish Council.** This category provides details of:
 - The Parish Representatives at Government, County, Borough and Parish level
 - The various council committees with their Terms of Reference
 - Minutes and Agendas.
- **The Parish Plan.** Here you can find the final report and also details of how the Parish Plan was prepared.
- A **Contact Us** page. If you want to contact the Parish Council to tell us about a problem that you require some help with, or about an event that you wish to publicise, or just to make an enquiry, you can send an email to the Clerk from this page

The following features are new to the website:

- A **Planning** page, with information about the:
 - Planning process
 - Latest planning applications as they appear on the Duffield ward part of the Amber Valley web site planning page
- **Events** happening in the village, which can be viewed from the Calendar in a daily, weekly and monthly format. If you want an event to be publicised in this Calendar please press the "**Contact Us**" button and let us know about it
- **The Search facility:** The whole site, plus attachments i.e. minutes etc can be searched using Google search.

This web site will keep evolving and changing. We are keen to receive your comments and ideas to incorporate in future upgrades. We would like to have more photographs of the village on the site so please send us any that you have and would like published. Already we have plans for enabling parishioners to set up an email alert for any web site changes (useful for keeping an eye on planning applications that may affect you) and for a page describing the village footpaths in detail and particular walks that you can take using them.

Please take a look at <http://www.duffieldpc.org.uk> and let us know what you think by using the **Contact Us** button

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:

Wednesday April 4th 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. (Closed for Bank Holiday)

You can Contact the Clerk , Sally Bygraves on 01332 842368, or email us through the contact button at www.duffieldpc.org.uk