

# **Duffield Parish Council News Letter - Issue No.54(FEBRUARY 2008)**

## **UPDATE ON GRAYS RECREATIONAL GROUND**

The Parish Council are pleased to report that all funding to install the new play area on Grays Recreational Ground has now been secured and that negotiations regarding the installation date are underway. Work on the steps and entrance will be started as soon as weather conditions allow, whilst the new play area and new access path will it is hoped commence in mid to late February. If you have any concerns about the project or would like more information please contact the Clerk for further information. More details on how we funded this project and its opening will follow in the next newsletter.

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### **COUNCIL SETS IT PRECEPT**

Following a meeting of the Parish Council in January the Parish Council have set their annual precept for 2008/09 of £87, 714. The Precept is the amount that is charged on your rates for the services provided locally by the Parish Council. This money covers the cost of maintaining Eyes Meadow, Gray Recreational Ground and Duffield Cemetery. Included on these sites are five properties for which the Council is responsible, three of which are listed buildings. In addition to these assets the Parish Council also undertake maintenance and repair of some local footpaths and roadways. It is anticipated that the Parish Council will complete the resurfacing of Cockpit Lane, and the roadway outside the cemetery at a cost of £22,000. Work to replace a window and heating system at the Cemetery Lodge is also planned. The precept has been set following a review of the five yearly budgets set by the Council. The Council continually reviews its position and has adopted risk assessment and smoothing reviews to ensure that Parishioners contributions are used as efficiently and effectively as possible.

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### **NO VINTAGE EVENT FOR EYES MEADOW**

The Parish Council has reluctantly rejected a request from Belper Vintage Steam Event organisers to hold their annual event at Eyes Meadow. This decision was made by special resolution following the enactment of a little known agreement by Network Rail on the repair and maintenance of the bridge on Donald Hawley Way. The Parish Council has had to take this action to restrict its liabilities and is looking at what further needs to be done. Legal advice on the position of the Council is currently being taken.

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### **FUNDING FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

The Parish Council would again like to highlight the availability of small grants available under s137 funding. These grants are made annually and can be awarded to

## **COMMUNITY FLOOD FAIR**

The Parish Council will be working in partnership with Amber Valley to bring an information evening to residents of Duffield to inform residents as to how they can defend their property against flooding. The event will be held at: **The Ecclesbourne Sixth Form Centre, Wirksworth Road, Duffield on: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008 6.30 to 8.30pm**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

The Parish Council will be holding the following meetings at the Committee Room on Hazelwood Road to commence at 7.00pm. All meetings are open to the public and Parishioners may bring items of concern to members' attention prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Tuesday January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00pm	Cemetery Committee
Tuesday February 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Parish Council
Tuesday February 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Recreational
Tuesday March 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Parish Council

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### **Parish Councillors for Duffield**

**You can contact your Parish Councillors through the  
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Duffield, DE56 4ER  
Tel: 01332 842740**

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<b>Police non emergency</b>	<b>0845 123 3333</b>

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If you have any comments regarding the work of the Parish Council or would like to speak directly with the Clerk please note the Clerk is still available every Monday

not for profit or charitable organisation. If you would like to find out more please contact the Clerk who would be happy to pass on an application form and grant criteria. All applications for this year must be received by the Parish Council by the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007

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**OWNERS OF UNSAFE MEMORIALS SOUGHT**

The Parish Council is continuing in its attempts to contact families of memorials owners following the completion of testing at Duffield Cemetery A number of relatives have come forward, but many memorials that have been made temporarily safe remain unclaimed. If any member of the public is aware of contact details for the families to whom these relate the Parish Council would be very grateful if this information could be passed onto either the Clerk or the Cemetery Superintendent. All information will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We would ask relatives not to remove the stabilizing bands and stakes on the memorials as these are in place as a safety measure, and their removal could result in injury to third parties.

and Wednesday morning at the Weston Centre between 10am and 12am. No appointment necessary. (Closed for Bank Holiday). PLEASE USE THE BACK ENTRANCE OF THE CENTER TO ACCESS THE PARISH OFFICE

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**You can Contact the Clerk , Sally Bygraves on 01332 842740 mon-wed during office hours or in an emergency on 07836244818. You can also contact the Parish Council via email us through the contact button at [www.duffieldpc.org.uk](http://www.duffieldpc.org.uk)**

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