

# Duffield Parish Council News Letter - Issue No.59(August 2008)

## PLAYGROUND A HUGE SUCCESS

The Parish Council is delighted that so many children are using, and enjoying the new playground at Grays Recreation Ground. We would like to thank you for all the very positive feedback received, and would encourage you to give us your opinions. The playground has become a victim of its own success in that more users have meant more rubbish being generated. As a result the Council has ordered a new bin that should be in place shortly.



### Watch out for the hungry bear!!

We have also noticed that many young children are enjoying the football post located at the back of Eyes Meadow. To help with this play, the Parish Council has purchased an additional football post to be placed here so that a full end to end game can be played. We hope you enjoy it. It should be installed shortly.

The Playground is a very popular place and we are doing our best to ensure that it remains clean and safe. One way in which you can help us is by taking your recyclable rubbish home. This not only leaves space for other rubbish, but also helps protect the planet and preserve the environment.

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## NEW FOOTBALL PITCH

The success of Duffield Dynamos football for juniors is such that there is an increased demand for football facilities within the village, particularly at weekends. The Council is always keen to encourage and support such activity and, as a result, is taking steps to bring back into use the football pitch at Grays Recreation Ground to compliment the existing pitches at Eyes Meadow. Unfortunately there are no parking provisions on this site, or on the adjacent roads. The narrow roads must be kept clear in case of an emergency. Please do not bring your car. Arrangements for disabled users can be made through the football club.

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## DEMOLITION OF 'SHED' AT EYES MEADOW

The storage facility at Eyes meadow, commonly referred to as the 'shed', is at the end of its useful life, and may, in time, become unsafe. The Council has made a decision to demolish the shed, using specialist contractors. Planning permission has been sought to locate a high security container at the site that will be used for storage. If you have any items stored at the shed, and have not been contacted by the Clerk, please get in touch. Any unclaimed items will be recycled or disposed off by the end of September.

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW ADVISORS

The Parish Council is very pleased to welcome new advisors to their Recreational Committee. Mr. Keith Redfern has agreed to take the role of footpath advisor for the north west section of the village. His

## CEMETERY WORK CONTINUES

Following an extensive contact and advertising programme for grade 3 failed memorials; work will start over the next few months to lay down memorials where no response has been received. All memorials will be laid with their inscription facing upwards, to ensure that the information on them can be viewed. We apologise for any inconvenience that this work may cause users of the cemetery

We would also like to thank visitors to the Cemetery on Hazelwood Road for their patience during recent resurfacing work on the drive and parking bays outside the Cemetery on Hazelwood Road. This work, costing £10,000, has allowed this area of road to be adopted by Derbyshire County Council, thus reducing future liabilities for the Parish Council.

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## STAY SAFE BY THE WATER

As the Summer holiday get into full swing, we would urge all users of Eyes Meadow and Grays Recreational ground to be aware of river safety, and resist the temptation of taking a dip in what might appear to be cooling waters. We would particularly urge young teenagers to resist the temptations of jumping from the gas pipe into the River Derwent. The River has dangerous under currents and has caught out even strong swimmers with its dense weeds. The Parish Council have asked the British Gas to look at the safety of their fencing around the pipe. Any problems on this issue can be reported to British Gas on 0845 605 6677.

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## COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Councillors will be holding open surgeries for resident. You can bring your concerns about the village directly to Councillors in face to face meetings. A list of surgery dates has been placed in all Parish noticeboards. The surgeries will be held at the Parish Office at the Weston Center, Tamworth Street.

**Next Surgery : Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008 10.00am**

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## 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 September 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Parish Council
Tuesday September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm	Cemetery Committee
Tuesday October 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Parish Council

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acceptance of this role will ensure that the good work of Mr. & Mrs. Tonks who retired earlier this year will be continued. We wish Keith every success in his new role and thank him for taking time to help the Council in this important role.

The Parish Council have also appointed an advisor from the Cricket Club to work with them in the ongoing development of Eyes Meadow.

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**TREE WORK AT EYES MEADOW**

Contractors have been invited to undertake tree thinning and shrub removal work at Eyes Meadow over the Autumn period. It is anticipated that this work will open up parts of the meadow and allow specimen trees more space to grow. This work will be coupled with pollarding and trimming at the Cemetery as part of the Parish Councils' ongoing tree management work.

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**Parish Councillors for Duffield**

**You can contact your Parish Councillors through the Parish Office at the Weston Center, Tamworth Street, Duffield,**

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**Tel: 01332 842740**

**Derbyshire County Council: 01629 580000**

**Amber Valley Borough Council: 01773 570222**

**Dog Warden 01773 841335**

**Police non emergency 0845 123 3333**

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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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