

Duffield Parish Council News Letter - Issue No.60 (September 2008)

PARA MOTORISTS ON EYES MEADOW

Five Para Motorists together with their support crew were given special permission by the Parish Council to use Eyes Meadow as their landing site as part of their Tip to Toe charity flight to raise money for The Forces Children's Trust & The Regional Air Ambulances.



The Para motorists started their flight on 29th of July 2008, at Lands End, with the hope of reaching John O'Groats, more than 700 miles away in 8 days. They eventually arrived on Wednesday 13th August 2008. Eyes Meadow was their only landing site in the East Midlands and will play an important back drop for the film being made about their adventure. If you would like to find out more information about the flight, please go to their website at www.paramotorclub.org/tiptotip/index.php.

VANDALS ATTACK NEW PLAYGROUND

It is with great sadness that the Parish Council reports that the new playground at Grays Recreational Ground has been attacked by vandals. The new picnic bench kindly donated by Gerard Varin has been significantly defaced, and the spinning mushrooms, a favorite with the very young users of the facility have been bent and cut with knives. All the damage has been reported to police and investigations as to the culprits is underway. If you can help with any information on this matter please call Derbyshire Police on 0845 123 33 33. With the new alcohol control order now enforceable on Gray Recreational Ground, the police have confirmed that patrols will be stepped up in the area to tackle the under age drinking which has plagued the site.



One of the Mushrooms damaged by Vandals. Considerable effort was required to cause such damage, and it is believed the culprits worked together to cause the damage.

PLANNING APPLICATION TO REPLACE SHED

The Parish Council has made an application for a small high security storage shed at Eyes Meadow. It will be used to store low value items such as football flags and signs. The shed will be coated with anti climb paint. If you would like to view our application you can access this on the Amber Valley website at www.ambervalley.gov.uk and search for their planning register.

SPATE OF BURGLARIES AND THEFTS HITS DUFFIELD

CIRCUS COMING TO EYES MEADOW

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the John Lawson Circus will be visiting Eyes Meadow from the 22nd to 24th September 2008 as part of their national tour. The traditional family circus without animals was awarded Best Small Circus of Great Britain in 2007 and offers extensive acts of daring and mystery. Watch out for their posters about the event.

AUTUMN FOOTPRINTS FESTIVAL DUFFIELD AND HAZELWOOD TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2008

Councillors from Duffield Parish Council will again be taking part in this festival by leading a walk through Duffield and Hazelwood. Councillor Pauline Buckle and John Rice are experienced walkers and have put together a circular walk via Farnah Green and Hazelwood taking in the views of the Derwent Valley and Ecclesbourne Valleys. If you would like to join them on this sometimes challenging walk please meet them at Duffield Cemetery, on Hazelwood Road at 10.30am.

If you would like more information about this and other walks in the festival please call the Tourist Information Centre at Ripley on 01773 841488 or see the advertising notice in our notice board on Town Street.

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 17th September 2008 10.00am
Monday 20th October 2008 10.00am

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 9th 7.00pm Parish Council
Tuesday September 23rd 7.00pm Cemetery Committee
Tuesday October 14th 7.00pm Parish Council

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Parish Councillors for Duffield

The Parish Council has been one of the victims of the recent spate of thefts and burglaries that have hit Duffield. Commercial businesses and not for profit organisations have also been targeted. The Parish Council had its Stihl Petrol hedge trimmer stolen from the Cemetery, where it was being used by the superintendent. The trimmer has security markings, so if you are offered a used Stihl Petrol Trimmer please contact Derbyshire Police on 0845 123 3333 as they will be able to identify the stolen item. They have also requested resident call 999 if they suspect that a break in may be taking place, as resolving this problem has been identified as a key objective for the community policing team.

You can contact your Parish Councillors through the Parish Office at the Weston Center, Tamworth Street, Duffield, DE56 4ER

Tel: 01332 842740

Derbyshire County Council: 01629 580000
Amber Valley Borough Council: 01773 570222
Dog Warden 01773 841335
Police non emergency 0845 123 3333

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

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