

Duffield Parish Council News Letter - Issue No.63 (December 2008)

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Staff and Councillors at the Parish Council would like to send their best wishes to you all, and wish you a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

THANKS FOR A GREAT SUCCESS

The Parish Council would like to send their sincere thanks to all the parties involved in the organisation and manning of the Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Event this year. The Community Association together with ACT squadron 620, the Scout Network and Duffield Fire Service ensured that the event went off with a bang, and was enjoyed by more than 1200 visitors. We also send our sincere thanks to Duffield News, Duffield Fish Bar and Meadow Vale News who sold advance tickets for the event. We hope that villagers will continue to support our local shops in these difficult times as they play an important role in our community. Part of the funds raised by the fireworks event will go towards brightening the village around the Christmas period, and we hope that you all take the opportunity to enjoy the Christmas trees displayed around the village as you do your local shopping.

ALL CHANGE AT EYES MEADOW

Visitors to the Eyes Meadow will now see that the shed has now been demolished, with its temporary replacement now firmly in place. The steel container houses only basic items such as football flag posts and contains nothing of any value. A temporary telephone mast will be placed on the site of the shed for the next six months. This is an emergency measure to ensure continued telephone coverage for Vodafone customers in the area. Residents and visitors are advised that although a protective fence will be placed around the mast for their safety, they should stay away from the site. The temporary mast will be removed once a more permanent solution is in place. This will be through the modification to the existing telephone masts already located on the site. Longer term this will mean that the village will continue to receive good mobile telephone coverage without impacting on this or other sites in the locality.

FIRE SERVICE BRING ROAD SAFETY TO REALITY

The Parish Council has been concerned over the number of road accidents taking place or involving Duffield residents, and in particular the impact upon our youngest residents taking up driving for the first time. We note therefore that Duffield Fire Station are organising a road safety event at Ecclesbourne School on Wednesday 10th 2008. The event is part of Derbyshire Fire and Rescue's work in reducing Road Traffic Collisions in the county. The event will consist of talks from the Fire Service, Police and Ambulance crews followed by a practical demonstration where volunteers will be cut free from wrecked vehicles. The Watch Manager John Foster of Duffield Fire Station says, "we have attended a number of serious accidents over the last few years involving young drivers from the area and they seem to be on the increase. We are going to deliver a hard hitting presentation to the 6th form students at the school in the hope of reducing this trend"

HAVE YOUR SAY

Amber Valley is urging residents to make a contribution to the development of its future plans. They are developing policies that will shape the future of our Borough and want to know what you think.

COUNCIL ADOPTS NEW MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME

In accordance with recommendations from the Information Commissioner the Parish Council have adopted the new model publication scheme. The Model Scheme as adopted can be viewed at the information commissioner's website in full at www.ico.gov.uk. The easiest way of locating it is to click on Publication Schemes under the A-Z listing. Information about the scheme will also be placed on the Parish Council's website. If you do not have access to the internet information on the scheme can be obtained from the Parish Council Office.

COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Councillors will be holding open surgeries for residents. 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 Centre, Tamworth Street.

Next Surgery :

Monday 1st December 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 December 9 th	7.00pm	Parish Council
Monday December 15 th	10.00am	Strategy, Finance and General Purpose*

(*replacement meeting due to postponement of November meeting)

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Whilst policies will be partly guided by national and regional requirements, there is still plenty of scope for addressing the community's needs. To make your voice heard visit Amber Valley's website at www.ambervalley.gov.uk and click on the link "issues and ideas." You will then be able to complete the online form giving details of what you think is important to your community. If you do not have a computer you can get a paper form sent to you by calling 01773 841584.

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