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Watch these Spaces! The Duffield Community Association (DCA) is planning to sow WILDFLOWER seeds along some of the grass verges in the village. Starting with 2 verges along the A6.

This is a Project supported by the Duffield Parish Council to encourage insects, in particular bees, and wildlife back into our environment; and to bring pleasure to walkers and drivers passing through our village; It supplements the Wildflower Project already commenced at the Cemetery.

To be successful, it involves removing the turf from the 2 verges and sowing the wildflower seeds onto the soil beneath, providing them with space to germinate without the competition of the grass.

BUT: we can't just do this without permission: This will come from Derbyshire County Council, who own most of the grass verges in the village. Applications have been submitted but it's taking a long time..., However, we are a persistent lot, and we don't intend to give up!

So.... let's hope we can still plant the seeds before winter sets in, so that we all have the pleasure of seeing the countryside in our village next summer.

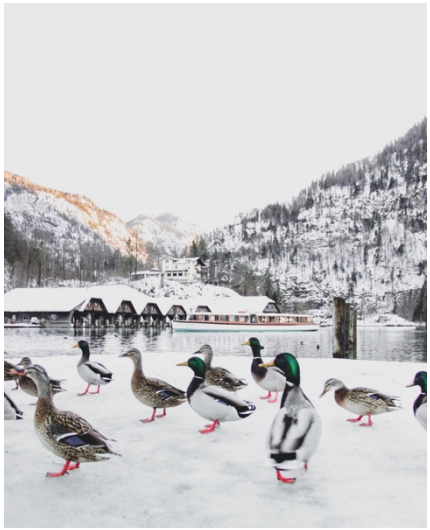
DCA Exec

Merry Christmas from the WI! Duffield Cumberhills had its first Zoom meeting in November. Around twenty members tuned in to make a Christmas decoration, led by Jenny Rice and Linda Adey. They had put together packs of items for members to use which were delivered to everyone in time for the meeting. *Ed. What a neat idea – see opposite for results.*

It was great to see so many people for the first time since March - it will be even better when we can welcome all our members to the first proper meeting. What a party that will be!

We are currently making food items for the Christmas Cheer hampers being created by the Project Cheer group - no rest for the wicked as they say!

Merry Christmas everyone - we know it won't be the same as usual but let's make it the best that we can!



Duffield Coronavirus Support (DuCS) continues to provide shopping for those who are unable to shop in person and with no other support. The Shopping telephone line is available every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am until midday. The number to ring is 07730 518121.

Our volunteers have done a fantastic job, but shopping will become more difficult over the Christmas/New Year period. The shopping line will therefore be open as follows -

Tuesday December 22nd - urgent items only, Thursday December 24th - closed

Tuesday December 29th - urgent items only Thursday December 31st - closed

We urge our users to ensure that they stock up or order supplies before this period.

Duffield Cheer members are looking forward to some alternative ways to celebrate the season (see below), why not join them.

What started as a little idea for the Harrogate Community is starting to spread through the world. Originally inspired by the movie Elf and the 'Clap for Carers' initiative, the Christmas Eve Jingle campaign encourages communities to gather on their doorsteps and ring bells at 6pm for two minutes on Christmas Eve to spread Christmas spirit and to help Santa fly that sleigh. With the added option of set Carols to sing after! It will create a wave of bells across the world. #christmasevejingle

After a tough year it would be an amazing memory for the kids and communities. End 2020 with a bit of Magic, hope and togetherness!

Here's something different, 15 minutes of carols that you can join in with. Carols on the Doorstep is being broadcast by Premier (Christian) Radio on DAB, Freeview 725 and SmartPhone Apps.

https://www.premierchristianradio.com/radio-windowed

Sing your heart out with these evergreen favourites; Hark! The herald angels sing, O, come all ye faithful, While shepherds watched their flocks by night, and We wish you a merry Christmas. The carol sheet is available from here http://www.newcastlemethodistdistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Carol-sheet.pdf

And if you cannot wait till then… on Wednesday Dec 16th at 6pm Radio Derby is broadcasting the Shropshire born alternative Doorstep Carols https://www.doorstepcarols.co.uk .

Christmas trees + lights for around the village. Apologies all but the original date of Sat 28th Nov had to be scrapped due to Lockdown 2.0. However, with the release of the Tier 3 guidelines, this is now rescheduled for 10.00 am in the Weston Centre car park on Sat 5th December. Bring gardening type gloves, please practice family bubble, socially distanced groups. Also, help will be needed to take the trees down on Sat Jan 9th at 10.00

St Alkmund's - Christmas Events and Services

Christmas 2020 is obviously going to look somewhat different than normal, and this will include the various services at St Alkmund's church during Advent and Christmas. Subject of course to any future changes in Covid19 regulations, our current plan for Christmas is as follows:

Services in Church:

Sunday 20th December	Nativity Service @10am
	Carol Service @6:30pm
Thursday 24th December	Christmas Eve Crib Service @4.30pm
Friday 25th December	Joint Christmas Day service with St Paul's Little Eaton @10am

Due to the Covid19 social-distancing rules and the restrictions this places on our seating capacity at church, we will have a booking system for these services, which will be operated through our church office – we'll let you know more about this nearer the time – keep an eye out for our social media, and regular emails – contact office@stalkmundsduffield.co.uk if you don't yet receive this and want to.

These services will also be livestreamed via our United Benefice YouTube channel, https://www.youtube.com/c/TheUnitedBeneficeofDuffieldLittleEaton.

If Covid19 restrictions prevent us from being able to meet in the church, all our Christmas services will move to being online-only on YouTube.

Online only services (on YouTube):

Sunday 6th December	Christingle @ 4.30pm
Thursday 24th December	Lessons and Carols @6.30pm

We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you as best we can this year and do please bear with us as plans may have to alter late on in the face of changes in the Covid19 rules!

ecc Emmanuel Community Church

Until further notice, online Worship Services are every Sunday at 10.30am. Join us via. "Emmanuel Community Church Duffield – YouTube"

Chapel Street Corner. The last edition posed a question **"Does anyone know what building/structure used to be on the apex of Chapel Street and Town Street?"**

A response by John Lowe prompted further investigation. This confirmed that there had been a building on Chapel St corner, see photograph. Apparently it was run as a Fruiterer by a Duncan Sloan. The photograph is reportedly from c. 1920, but by 1950 or so the building had gone, possibly something to do with preventing further floods?

NHS Tribute. Pictured below is the DCA's latest floral display. Thank you to Peter (JCB) Mycock for his assistance in installing the same, also to Julian Hunt and John Weston for loan of the site in their field. Now all we need is a bit of time to bring out the white pansies spelling out NHS.

The idea came from Gérard Varin, and it was his boys who used their joinery skills to assemble the frame, with the family painstakingly planting out the pansies in blue and white. This is but one of many projects where Gérard has given his energy and time to do something for the village. We are very fortunate to have such a talented and public-spirited family in our midst. Thank you Varins.

Editor's soapbox

Democracy at work. Many years ago, I was working at a colliery where custom was that each year at a particular Union meeting, the members present would select what weeks to have as the Pit Holidays. One year the Fishing Club turned up en-masse and swayed the vote for a particular week in June when there was an Angling competition in Ireland.

When it became apparent to the wider membership that the pit Holiday week was not in the school holidays, there was uproar. An EGM was necessary to reverse the Fishing Club's preference.

To me this was an early lesson in the vulnerability of democracy. There will always be those who are more prepared to turn up and/or vote, resulting in a disproportionate representation of their views/aims.

Since then on numerous occasions, I have noted that people are taken aback when don't get what they wanted/expected... because they didn't bother to communicate their desires. To influence, you must participate.

Taking my own advice ...reminder to self...must fill out my Christmas wish list!

Duffield Christmas Street Map – Where to find the Christmas Tree and Window displays

Duffield Community Association and the Duffield Christmas Windows group have been blown away and excited by the enthusiasm with which the village has taken on board the idea of brightening up the village for the Christmas period. There are around 70 houses creating window displays and, to date, almost 50 decorating outdoor trees. Start to look out for these from 1st December. We hope this will "CHEER" everyone up.

If you would like to be able to find more of the wonderful creations, a printable map has been produced to help you, see over. We also have an online version of the map which you can find here https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1fv8vxjBAIvTy1c4R71yoaJPTDyjOQhMm&hl=en&usp=sharing. This online map can be updated to include any late entries, so don't feel you have missed out on taking part!

Additional Trees can be registered (for inclusion in the online map) by completing a short form: https://forms.gle/XFUpx3aEPLyhh7nn9. Send in a picture of your creation to web-ed.DCA@outlook.com and we will create a gallery on the DCA website https://www.duffieldvillage.co.uk/

If you want to add a Window display, please contact the 'Duffield Christmas Windows' group on Facebook.

To add to the festive atmosphere, DCA volunteers will be decorating the Village with the usual display of Christmas trees and lights on Saturday 5th December.

Look out for " Delfie"; the cheeky Duffield Elf, who's come down off her shelf , and will be popping up round the village to spread some Christmas Cheer. She's going to be visiting all the Advent windows and trees on the Cheer Christmas Trails - and has made her own tree so look out for it. She'll be posting pictures on Duffield network and other places, so wave and say hello. Cheers and love from Delfie xxxx

Duffield Christmas Street Map

Stay informed with the DCA at https://www.duffieldvillage.co.uk/

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