



Welcome to Issue Number Eighteen

We hope that you continue to find our village newsletter of interest and enjoy its articles and other contents. If you would like to get in touch or send in articles or other news items please write to the editor - Andy (acadman175@yahoo.com)

For further information why not visit the web site: <https://ironville.000webhostapp.com/Index.htm>

The report below did not quite arrive quite in time for our last Newsletter but here it is now and rightfully on the front page:

Our local primary school is rated as “GOOD” by Ofsted living up to its motto: “believe, achieve, succeed”

The school was visited last July by three Ofsted inspectors who complimented the way the school is run, saying that the school motto (see headline) captures exactly what this school is all about.

During the visit, the children told the inspectors the school is ‘fun and has kind people, friends and teachers.’

The Ofsted report said: “Leaders are passionate about giving every child who comes there an education that will prepare them for life. This means providing pupils with more than just the academic knowledge they need to be successful.”



Parish Council Update *by Kath Gruber, Parish Clerk*

New Parish Councillors

There have been a few more changes to the Parish Council with David Long resigning and two new Councillors joining us - Balwinder Gill and Katrina Allsop-Jones



Improvements to Ironville and Codnor Park

- The parish warden, John, has been very busy improving the environment, he has:
 - * Planted wallflowers in planters
 - * Removed graffiti around the village, including Queen Street playground
 - * Removed waste from various locations.
- Councillors met with Highways to discuss options for improved traffic flow at Monument Lane and see if a dropped kerb can be put in at Vicarage Lane/Forge Row.
- Wrote to Nigel Mills MP requesting he support action to stop HGV vehicles using car sat navs.
- Increased the number of Christmas silhouettes on lampposts.
- Installed a larger trade waste bin at the Community Centre.
- Can you help? Fly tipping remains a significant problem in the village and if you see any instances the Council would appreciate you reporting it to: www.ambervalley.gov.uk/environment/fly-tipping/

The Council received very positive feedback on the tributes in the village for **Remembrance Day**

- an illuminated poppy on Cinderbank lamppost.
- Increased the number of poppies on lampposts
- Installed three lamppost Tommies and two Tommy Statues.



Unfortunately the top half of the Tommy on Bullock Lane lamppost blew off – if anyone finds it please let us know!

Many thanks to everyone who turned out for the **Christmas Light Switch-on** despite the terrible weather. The Council is very privileged for the support of Rob Tailby who provided the sound system and Bali Gill who organised the Gospel singers. Team Tree put on an excellent event at the Crossings Club and once again Christmas in Ironville was a festive, community affair. Team Tree have donated their Christmas silhouettes to the Council.



As a community we are very lucky to have 1538° operating in the village which, through various projects is striving to inspire hope and create a greater connectedness. Check out their Facebook page to see if they can assist you www.facebook.com/1538EQUALITY/

The Council set the budget for 2023/2024 at its meeting on 16 January 2023 and this includes money for twelve more hanging baskets to be located in Codnor Park. The Council is also seeking permission to place a bench in the area of Forge Row/Station Road.

The Council would love you to share your ideas for improving the village and you are very welcome to come along to our meetings. Future Parish Council Meeting Dates are:

20 March 2023 & 15 May 2023

Find out what is happening by checking the Parish Council website which has details of meetings, policies and initiatives. The website can be found - www.ironvilleparishcouncil.co.uk

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions for the Parish Council please contact the Parish Clerk, Kath Gruber, on clerk@ironvilleparishcouncil.co.uk or 07595515154

Your Parish Councillors are pictured below:



L to R: Cllr E. Holgate (Vice Chair), Cllr T. Bowler, Cllr P. Cope (Chair), Cllr Y. Hutsby-Bird, Cllr C. Gent, Cllr P. Rose, Cllr K. Jones & Cllr B Gill

Did you know that Ironville Parish Council can give grants to voluntary groups or charitable organisations?



To qualify for a grant, the applicant must be able to demonstrate that any funding from the Council will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish.

Applications will be considered for the following purposes:

1. purchasing equipment either in part or in full
2. the funding of transport that will enable group members to partake in a group trip or outing regardless of their income
3. training activities, or to purchase the expertise of an outside trainer/ instructor/facilitator
4. activities that raise the profile of the area
5. running costs of a group/project that is reliant on donations
6. hosting special events or celebrations
7. the provision of recreational facilities.



Eligibility

1. Any Charity, Voluntary Group or Community Organisation.
2. Agencies that operate within the Parish and are of benefit to the local community with the following provisos:
 - the Council will not fund activities that it considers to be the responsibility of a Statutory Authority.
 - applications from schools for an activity that takes place within the school day will not be considered.

The application form is straightforward and can be found on the Council's website or a copy requested from the Parish Clerk. Applications are considered at a meeting of the Council and if accepted the grant will be paid within a few days of the meeting.

[S137 Grant Policy 2022 2023 – Ironville Parish Council Website](http://www.ironvilleparishcouncil.co.uk)

... or you can contact: clerk@ironvilleparishcouncil.co.uk for an application form.

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OUR LOCAL SCHOOL

At Ironville and Codnor Park, we value **RESPECT** and know that our standards of **Resilience, Excellence, Self-Awareness, Passion, Empathy, Communication and Teamwork** have developed our children into active and caring citizens in the community. **We therefore need YOUR help.**

This year we are introducing **INTEGRITY AWARDS** that will be given to children, nominated by an adult in the community that has shown these **RESPECT** behaviours in their daily life outside of the school gates, *even when they are not aware of anyone looking.*

So, if you know of a child (and you are not related to them) please get in touch with Mrs Bowler either by phone 01773602936 or email info@ironvillecodnorpark.derbyshire.sch.uk

RESPECT

News from the Forge from Sally Fisher

Hi Everyone,

First of all we would like to thank everyone who so generously supported our fund raising stall selling our jams, marmalades and chutneys in December. See picture, left.



The proceeds this year will go to making the path to the Canyons from the Iron gates more user friendly in all weathers. Currently we are working on drainage. All natural drainage was destroyed when the site was opencast.

Thank you too, to all you good people who continue to pick up litter when you see it so that everyone can continue to enjoy the Forge Nature Reserve.

Late November we went on a fungi hunt and here are some of the treasures we found:

Hairy Curtain crust (*Stereum hirsutum*) - Picture 1

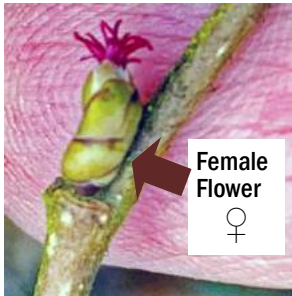
Yellow Brain Fungus (*tremella mensentrica*) - Picture 2

Mycena species - Picture 3

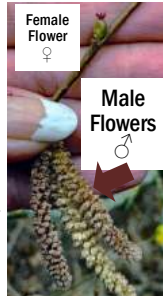
Nodulisporum cecidogenes - Picture 4 has had only 30 national records and is on wet rot and a most unusual find.

The importance of fungi is only now being taken seriously and much is to be discovered about them. Fungi have mechanisms through which trees can communicate with each other. For example, if a tree is without a certain mineral another tree nearby will supply it through the underground network of fungi. Dead wood is vital in the support of fungi and should be left to decay in order for our woodlands to thrive.

In February we went to look for signs of spring the highlight of which was to find the beautiful but tiny female flower of the hazel tree. We both thought wrongly that that was the catkin. We really had to look hard for the tiny red flowers.



Hazel is monoecious, meaning that both male and female flowers are found on the same tree, although hazel flowers must be pollinated by pollen from other hazel trees to produce the hazel nuts that all of our local squirrels seem to enjoy burying everywhere.



One of our regular walkers shared her frosty photos recently. There is beauty in every season if we look. (Please see next page).

WALKING IN A
WINTER
 WONDERLAND



Photographs by Marlene Eglinton

IRONVILLE CHURCH HALL
EASTER FAIR

1st April Inside 11am-3pm
 Outside 11am-6pm Free Entry

Craft Stalls

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| BURGER VAN | Rides and Slides | Easter Raffle | Reptile Experience |
| Pizzas | | | Majestic Mascots |
| Donuts | | | Milkshakes |
| Pancakes And Waffles | | | Facepainting |



And Much Much More!

SAT 8TH APRIL

NEW GAMES
Rock and Roll Bingo

THE ANVIL CLUB
 IRONVILLE
 NG16 5NN

MUSIC FROM 7pm - GAMES START AT 8pm
 For a fun night of music & games
 with fun for all the family

THE ANVIL CLUB'S
EASTER PARTY

SUNDAY 9TH APRIL
4.30PM-6.30PM

WITH
Majestic Mascots

EVERY CHILD WILL RECEIVE A
 EASTER BUFFET LUNCHBOX
 POPCORN
 PLUS A EASTER EGG

LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON!

£4
 Per Child

WALK ON WALKING GROUP

A message from Joan Colebrook



Walk on Walking group started in 2003 and up to "lock down" we walked three times a week. Since then we have walked as groups of friends.

As we now only walk from Jacksdale we don't have any expenses so decided to donate the funds in our account equally between "The Friends of Cromford Canal", "The Cromford Canal and Codnor Park Reservoir Group" and "The Friends of Belper Parks" who own the Forge site. All three organisations work tirelessly to ensure that the local area is safe, welcoming and well maintained at the same time as being a haven for wildlife. They have given us so much pleasure over the years, it is our way of saying thank you, knowing it will be put to good use.



The presentation ceremony at the Crossings Club - 5th October 2022

“TOOTSIES” FOOTCARE - AFFORDABLE FOOTCARE

Age UK Derby and Derbyshire and NHS Derbyshire County are working together to offer an affordable, long-term footcare solution for people aged 50+.

In Ironville Church Hall, Casson St. on:

Wednesday 15th March 2023 and Wednesday 26th April 2022

To book an appointment please call 01773 766922

(More dates follow on - every 6 weeks approx.)



**TOOTSIES
FOOTCARE**

For all your foot care requirements



CHRIST CHURCH, IRONVILLE

Christmas Tree Festival & Bazaar

3rd, 4th & 5th December 2022





The Cromford Canal and Codnor Park Reservoir Group - Seasonal Work Update



Along with the usual signs of Spring such as snowdrops and the grebes doing their mating ritual dances and all the new life that this brings, we are also reminded that time keeps on ticking. Nature's patterns repeat, giving a sense of calming reassurance that the sunshine will soon appear and the world keeps turning.

The swan has already started chasing off last year's brood of cygnets, building up their wing muscles and encouraging them to fly the nest ready for the new 'rez' family to arrive. Soon there will be pictures of the new cygnets visiting the post office on the village green.

It reminds us all that that one thing we can count on in this crazy world is Mother Nature. However, we are also seeing an increasing number of a particular breed visiting the area at this time of year. Once rare, we are surveying an ever growing population of this spring invader.

They are easy to spot on your daily walk and can be identified using the naked eye. They are usually wearing a camouflage coat and have a long black lens sticking out from the front of their jackets. Often, they can be found skulking quietly about in hedgerows or slowly parading down the Golden Valley footpaths with kit in hand. Yes it is a kingfisher paparazzi season! Although I jest, there is a very real and pertinent debate to be had about the balance of conservation and tourism and believe me, it is happening again right now.

Your volunteers, under the guidance and direction of The Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, have spent years working on, what was once, an abandoned, unkempt section of the Cromford Canal. The work parties have been removing tons of debris, litter and reed, improving the water quality and flow lanes, laying hundreds of metres of footpaths, installing flood barrier bunding and other conservation measures. The regular volunteers that turn out in all weathers to pick up litter are working hard to maintain the levels and although mostly unheralded are working tirelessly in the background.



"Another cracking volunteer day today. Reed pulled including from the boat, Willow Herb pulled from lock 7, bins emptied and litter picked." Andy Moon 10.11.22

We have helped to provide a resource for local people and in lockdown times, a sanctuary of peace and tranquillity on our doorstep and in some cases, a vital opportunity to interact with other people.

The benefits to the local endangered wildlife such as water voles and white clawed crayfish have been obvious for all to record, but there remains the question over the monster we have created.

It's a double edged sword, as to fund the resources we have needed, we have had to highlight the work we have been doing in social media but this is the medium responsible for the increased visitor numbers. We have built the Facebook group to over 3,000 members, the majority of which are respectful and kind with their posts and we have seen an increase in local people, especially since covid, using the area for walks and peaceful reflection.

These benefits to us and the local families have been clear but where do we draw the line when we are now seeing the need for more litter picks, warnings having to be made about disturbing the wildlife to get the perfect shot and an increase in dog mess once more along the footpaths? It's a dilemma which has caused huge debate and one which we are constantly working on in order to balance the needs of funders and supporters and the wildlife we protect and serve.



We survey populations regularly and are reporting findings on birds, insects, water voles, crayfish to our conservation partners. Generally though, we are seeing an increase in all species. It's a work in progress and we give our assurances that we are monitoring the situation closely.

Funding and Future Work: Talking of funding we also wanted to alert you to the forthcoming work that will be completed during the seasons in 2023. The group has applied for some funding to do the paths from humpy, all the way down to the crossing near the Erewash Nature Reserve. This project will see the completion of path all the way from the railway bridge at Lock 6. It's going to be a huge task which will need over 500 hours of volunteer time to complete and there will inevitably be some disruption to access during this time.

We will let everyone know when this is likely to be happening and there may be some pathway closures to bring to your attention.

For more information or to volunteer your time with us, please do get in touch by emailing the group at cromfordcanalgroup@outlook.com.

Marie Brown



"Another very productive day, trying to lay the Hawthorn at lock 6. Not the prettiest but with whips planted, should make a decent wildlife corridor/habitat."
Also letting lots of light in." (15.02.22)
"This was very difficult on such poor rotting trees, but so far we Don't seem to be doing too bad. If this wasn't done, they would all die back" (25.01.22)

NEWS FROM PHILIP ROSE

☎ 077301771794 e-mail: Philip.rose@derbyshire.gov.uk



First, I should like to pay tribute to Cllr. Pam Cope who is retiring as Chair of Ironville Parish Council after 30 years service to our community. Always helpful and encouraging to others, including me, Pam represents the best of Ironville, her presence on the Council will be sorely missed. Thank-you Pam, for your service and support.

Working with members of the Parish Council, mainly Liz, I helped erect Poppies around the village last November. I believe Remembrance Day is an increasingly important event in the village calendar – a chance to give thanks and remember those who have fought and often died to protect our freedom and also to all those who gave their lives to hard work in mines, foundries and factories. They brought us a better life. We all have relatives and friends to remember and this special time gives us a rare opportunity to come together as a Community in honour and respect to those we have lost.

Over the last few months I have met with Highways Officers regarding a number of potential improvements in the village. Small changes, but all will make life easier and safer for us. A drop kerb at the junction of Forge Row and Station Road, extra signage on Coach Road approaching the crossroads, a sign on Parkside to prevent HGV's and, I have been promised increased numbers of 'pothole repair team's' will result in much-needed repairs being completed sooner rather than later. I am not so pleased with progress on footpaths and bridleways and aim to focus on these issues throughout 2023. Plus, I still have a list of highways improvements 'as long as your arm' reported but awaiting action.

As I write it is very cold outside and I have the heating on! This has implications for my budget and, like many of us, I am concerned about utility bills come March and beyond.

The touted reason for the energy price hike is the engineered proxy war in the East (Why are we not insisting on a negotiated cease-fire?). However, that is only a part of the story as successive Governments are responsible for selling off our energy infrastructure; Nuclear & coal fired power stations are 100% owned by overseas interests, gas pipe network 89%, gas power stations 85%, off-shore wind turbines 83% and our electricity network 79%. We cannot control our prices and we are paying more than elsewhere in the West. We are being exploited by special interests in my view.



Overall, I am immensely disappointed with the performance of our national and local government and the silent complicit official opposition. We are now faced with the potential imposition a 'Mayor' for the East Midlands. A Mayor will act as a gatekeeper and ultimately squeeze funds from local authorities. The 'elected' Mayor will give us all one vote in 2.2 million so our voice will not be heard in any meaningful way. It is another step away from local democracy following the move to cabinet style local government: A few make the decisions and the rest are whipped into support for fear of disciplinary action. Also, we have the threat of 'local travel networks' restricting our free travel, stripping us of our rights as free people under threat of fines.

Please do get in touch to discuss any matter – I am always keen to listen as well as talk. My contact details can be found at the top of this page.

Philip



NEWS FROM TEAM TREE

We at Team Tree continue to raise money to help enhance our village, villagers can contribute by joining in any of Team Tree's challenges and events by donating towards our tombola.

To date Team Tree with your support have raised enough funds to purchase, install and run six lamppost silhouette's. Team Tree have now gifted the six silhouettes to the parish council who have taken ownership and responsibility to carry on the village lamppost silhouettes.

Team Tree will continue to plan and hold village events throughout the year to help light up our village, please watch out for future events that will be advertised as and when throughout the village.

We would very much like to thank everybody for your continued support over the last year including the scarecrow competition number squares and tombola that all contribute towards enhancing the village.

Please contact Team Tree via – teamtreetgroup@yahoo.com or by contacting a member of Team Tree -

Pauline Griffiths, Kathleen Martin, Diane Lehane, Rachel Mitchell, Cathy Hughes, Emma Clarke, Kim Bligh, Tina Dorning.



For Scarecrow Challenge 2022
See Newsletter 17 - page 28.



Christmas Event 2022 - see page 35



Crossings Club Monument Lane

☎ 01773 602346

Bingo (Various Saturdays);
Snooker & Pool; Snacks;
Licensed Bar; Games
Machines; Live Acts & Groups;
Breakfasts (Saturday 9am);
*Free Function Room for
those special occasions;*
Live Sports on Big Screen;
Thurs - Food - served from
4.30pm; Band Night (Fri. pm);
Sunday - meat and beer
draw and a Poker School .



Wed. Mornings 10am - 12pm in the Church Hall

☎ Pam 01773 449322 for further details



All you crafters come and join us for a morning of crafting of your own choice . . . or why not learn a new one. We enjoy helping each other. We do anything from felting, quilting, crochet, knitting and any other craft that we can think up! Then there's tea and biscuits and conversation too.



"Every Wednesday our Craft Group meet at Ironville Church Hall between 10am & 12noon. We are a mixed bunch of crafters, knitting, crochet, patchwork, rug making just to name a few. We bring our own drink and share biscuits. It's a very friendly group, a place to have a natter and share our experiences with each other. All are welcome and we are happy to share our knowledge if you would like to learn. Do come and have a go. Pauline"



Lauren Monks School of Dance

Ballroom and Latin classes for all ages in Ironville



Wednesdays

6:45pm-7:45pm - Adult Advanced Ballroom and Latin Class
8:00pm-9:00pm - Adult Beginners Salsa Class

Thursdays

5:30pm-6:00pm - Childrens 3-10 years Ballroom and Latin Class
6:15pm-6:45pm - Childrens 11 years + Ballroom and Latin Class

Ironville Church Hall, Casson Street, Ironville NG16 5NN

For more information please contact Lauren Monks

Tel: 078 12 994066

Email: laurenmonks1@hotmail.co.uk

Facebook: @LaurenMonkschoolofdance Instagram: LMSOD..

Julian's Column



Rev. Julian Penfold



In February I had the opportunity to spend some time with the Sami people – the native people of Lapland. During my visit I heard about their attitude to life. They believe that everything has a soul, including animals and trees, and that everyone and everything has to be respected – including time itself. And so, their life is marked by the gentle pace that they follow. Nothing is rushed, and time is not wasted. They looked around them all the time and appreciated creation.

However, when our group returned to the cabin in the evening, many of the team were checking emails, they were making phone calls they were rushing around when they could have been relaxing, enjoying the company of others and admiring the wonderful Scandinavian scenery. It made me wonder which is the better life style – enjoying the moments or being slaves to technology!

Jesus of course set the example. The Gospels talk about him taking time out of his hectic life to pray, to walk alone, to enjoy hospitality with friends. Yes technology has moved on in time, but I wonder if it has gone too far?

Why not try slowing up, perhaps have a phone / computer free day once a week and just look around and enjoy what is around you, perhaps take a stroll around the Reservoir?

There is a lovely passage from the bible – Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 verses 1-8. It's too long to print here, but starts with "There's an opportune time to do things, a right time for everything on the earth" Why not find a bible and read the whole passage!

This is Hendrick, a native Sami walking his Reindeer around to our group to take us for a sleigh walk.



Clowns Children's Centre, Ironville

One morning Pre - School were asked to bake some cakes.

They had a great time with Rachael, talking about what ingredients were needed, tried to guess how long it would take to bake the cakes, talked about why it was important to wash hands beforehand and not to lick the spoon and talked about what happens to the mixture as it cooked.

The cakes never made it to the decorating stage, they just could not wait to try them so they had them for snack, they were delicious. 😊



If you would like to find out more about the activities we do and are interested in a place for your child please contact the nursery at: clownsnursery4@yahoo.co.uk

We would be happy to tell you more and help you to understand how much fun the children have learning through play. We offer places for children who are eligible for 2 year funding and for all 3 and 4 year olds.





**DERBYSHIRE
COMMUNITY
TRANSPORT**



Update on Derbyshire Community Transport's Car Club and Discount Community Group Travel Opportunities:



Wheelchair accessible Ford Tourneo vehicle (WAV)

Derbyshire Community Transport (DCT) will be launching its new Car Club scheme in Belper in late March 2023, which will initially involve the use of two vehicles – a Nissan Leaf electric car and a wheelchair accessible Ford Tourneo vehicle (WAV). The WAV has already arrived and has been branded into a specific Car Club livery, related to its Community Bus livery and colours. The electric Nissan Leaf is expected to be delivered shortly.

The two vehicles will be based in Coppice Car Park, where Belper Town Council has installed electric charging facilities, and will have their own dedicated bays.

People will be able to book the cars to drive themselves or to book not only a car, but also a volunteer driver as well to take them to their required destination. The scheme is, particularly designed to assist the elderly, the disabled and other people with mobility/ transport access difficulties to go to hospital appointments, doctors' surgeries, church services, community activities, social gatherings, etc. DCT is currently in the process of recruiting volunteer drivers in Belper area. Liz Esnouf, DCT's Managing Director, said "This is an important first step. There is potentially further funding available to expand our Car Club to other parts of Derbyshire and we would particularly like to talk to interested charities, community groups and other organisations in the **Ironville, Codnor Park** and Codnor areas about a possible next stage for the scheme".

To date DCT has assisted over 300 different people in the Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire area by providing discount day trips, lunch club trips and group hires, using monies secured from the Department for Transport's (DfT)/the Community Transport Association's Tackling Loneliness fund to increase social inclusion. The vast majority of passengers have come from elderly and disabled groups, as well as from BAME community organisations such as the local Asian, African- Caribbean, Chinese and Ukrainian groups. The DfT have been delighted with the passenger numbers and data obtained in Chesterfield and from 16 other pilot schemes around the country and the trial funding has been extended until the end of April as a result.


Steve Burd, DCT's Project Manager, said " We have kindly been donated some funding from the Ripley Branch of the Freemasons and given the success of the DfT project in North East Derbyshire, we are going to use these funds to offer community groups and charities in the **Ironville, Codnor Park and Ripley areas the chance to book half price group trips during the next four months until the end of June or until the money is fully spent. Our objective is to help those with transport issues and to assist them in getting more involved in their communities". Any organization interested in this opportunity or in working with DCT to help set up a possible Car Club in the **Ironville/Codnor Park** area should contact Steve Burd in the first instance at s.burd@derbyshirect.org.**

Christmas Lights Switch on!



Special Events in and around the Anvil Club & Church Hall

It's time to party!
 At Ironville Church Hall
 With Majestic Mascots!
 PARTY PACKAGES AVAILABLE TO BOOK
 BOUNCY CASTLES GLITTER TATTOOS
 BUFFETS AND MORE!



1st April - Church Hall & Anvil Club
 Easter Fair between 11am & 6pm



2nd April at the Anvil Club from 3pm
 Easter Chocolate Family Bingo



8th April - Church Hall & Anvil Club
 Rock "N" Roll Bingo 7.30 - 11.00



22nd July Church Hall & Anvil Club
 Summer Fair 11.00 am - 6pm



THE ANVIL CLUB

The Anvil Club is open: Mon/Tues/Thurs between 5.00pm and 10.00pm
 Wed 5.00pm-11.00pm; Fri 5pm - 12am; Sat 2pm - 12am; Sun 2pm - 10pm



The Anvil Club is the perfect place for your functions. Where you can celebrate those special times or hold important meetings.



A cosy place, to enjoy a pint of good bitter ale with a welcoming atmosphere.

A great place for a game of Pool too. With Your host Maria serving ales



clear and bright.



Find us on Facebook 
 "The Anvil Club"



EVERY WEDNESDAY - BINGO PLUS STICKY 13 (7.30PM START)

Contact Maria McCormack on 07816-439881

The Anvil Club, Casson Street, Ironville, Nottingham, NG16 5NN

HALLOWEEN

Celebrations around our village 2022

What an amazing little community to be in for Halloween! I recently moved to the area and my boys and I have always been huge Halloween lovers so it was so lovely to see a neighbourhood that makes such an incredible effort from pumpkins, to decorations, to fog lights and all the spookiness you love during the Halloween season. We absolutely loved seeing everyone's amazing efforts and can't wait for next year. Happy Halloween from my family to yours.

Stephanie Gregory



Stephanie's
Halloween display



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TAEKWONDO

Taekwondo classes have been held in Ironville for over thirty years now. The classes are in the military style / Self-defence, unarmed combat. They are for ALL the Family, both Juniors & Seniors. (Contact Dave on 01773 609626). See back page column one for times & more details.



Christ Church

Rev Mark Taylor ☎ 01773 833280

Rev Julian Penfold ☎ 07932 564888

Warden: David Fearn ☎ 01773 605447

Services: Sunday at 11.00am:

For more news and information -

Please see the CHRIST CHURCH IRONVILLE Facebook page. This includes the Church monthly Newsletter, which is available also via email or as a paper copy.



Photo by John Bates

Ironville Post Office

We are very lucky to have in Ironville our own Post Office and General Store at the heart of our community. The store not only provides a top class postal service, but also newspapers, magazines and most general household needs.

Mon - Sat : Open 7am - 8 pm

Sun: Open 8 am - 2.30pm ☎ 01773 605472



CODNOR PARK RESERVOIR

Fishing in well stocked water

☎ Steve Scudder

07946 683417

☎ Tony Baxter

07870 909071

WATERS EDGE BURGER BAR

Drinks, hot and cold food available

Open Wed - Sun
7.30am - 1 pm

☎ Steph: 07800 978153

☎ Tara: 075140 98133





At Futures Housing Group, we're passionate about giving back to the communities where our customers live and in December last year, over 60 Futures colleagues spent the day in Ironville as part of our Futures in the Community Day.

A day where our employees left their desks behind to swap keyboards and computers for bin bags and spades. With the added support of Amber Valley Borough Council, three large skips were spaced out and manned across the village for the community to dispose of household waste, whilst colleagues set out on a mass village litter pick.

With support from The OAP Centre we opened their doors as a 'warm space', where we were armed with free hot drinks, cakes and biscuits for people to come and have a chat. Also available to take away were 'warm packs' full of handy items for the winter, including a blanket, torch, flask and fluffy socks.

Janene Haywood, Community Engagement Project Delivery Officer at Futures said: "It was so lovely to see all these people come together, and we got such positive comments. For some people this was an opportunity to catch-up with neighbours they hadn't seen since before covid, which was quite overwhelming to know these warm spaces brought them together again."

The day also provided an opportunity to refresh our wild-flower planting areas. We're looking forward to seeing these bloom again this year, together with fruit trees and shrubs that were planted around the village. This marks our involvement in The Queen's Green Canopy project, an initiative to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, and was extended in honour of her passing. As our part, we're planting 140 extra trees across our neighbourhoods with the final trees to be planted by spring.

The bus stop on Victoria Street has had five fruit trees planted that will begin to establish a small community orchard over the coming years, and recently added to the space is also a new bench for the community to use.



Futures in the community
litter pick team 7/12/22



"Warm Space"



Ceri Theobald, Group Director Strategic Partnerships & Growth at Futures with Chris from 1538 planting a fruit tree.

Last year, the Ironville Parish Warden asked if we could provide a bench as there was nowhere for people to sit while waiting for the bus. Team Futures got to work and sourced an environmentally friendly bench for the community, from Derbyshire company TDP, based in Wirksworth. The bench is made from 100% recycled UK plastic waste, which works out to almost 37,000 bottle tops! Not only is it better for the planet, it won't rot or splinter meaning it'll be there for the people of Ironville to use for decades.

Our support across the village doesn't stop there, last November, we were asked to help put some of the tommy displays around the village for Remembrance Day. Our team eagerly stepped up to support such a poignant way for the village to honour those who fought or lost their lives in the war.

While this is just a snapshot of the work carried out by Futures, we're already excited to see what else we'll do in Ironville throughout 2023.



Above: Futures staff with Katrina Allsop Jones of 1538 at the "warm spaces" coffee morning last December, held in the OAP Community Centre. Right: Lindsey Williams, CEO of Futures in the process of planting one of the five fruit trees by the bus stop on Victoria Street.



The Disappeared

The lost streets of Ironville



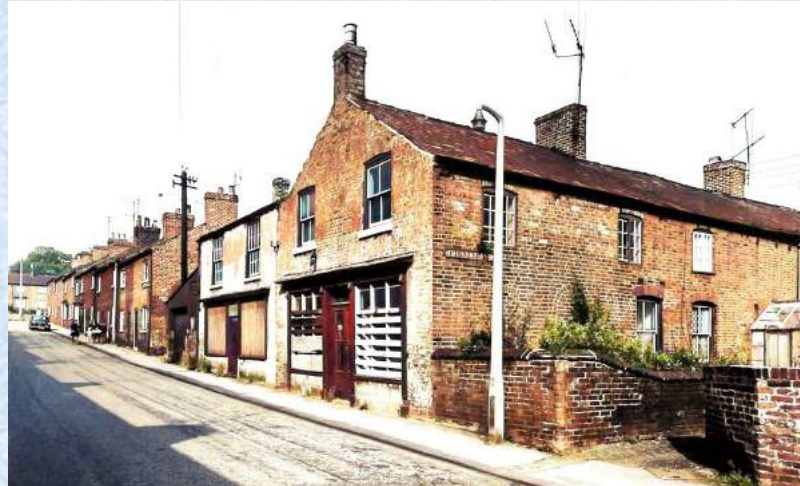
Pottery Row - above centre - built circa 1825



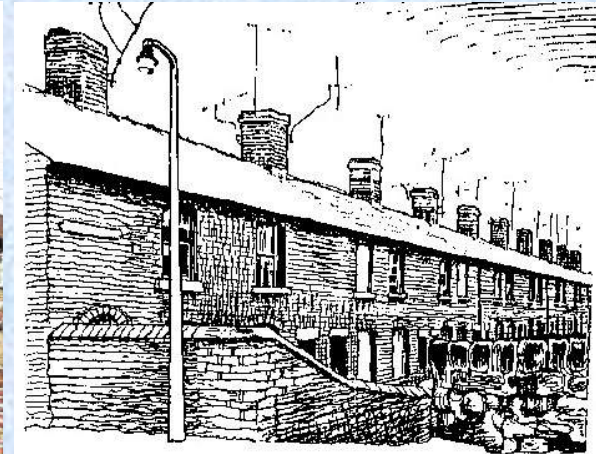
Above: The original King William Street from the south end.



Tank Street - built 1849 perhaps by a nearby water tank.



Foundry and Furnace Rows built in 1811 with a schoolroom nearby. Formerly known as Nether Bullock Close.



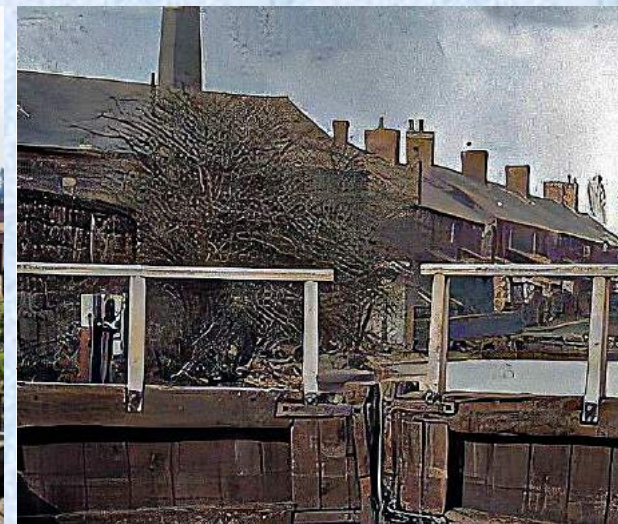
Furnace Row [now demolished].



The Big Six", built in 1834. It was usually occupied by larger families. This was situated on Victoria Avenue. Lil Leake's chip shop was in the middle.



King William Street, built in 1834 by the Butterley Company to act as "the axle" to their then new 'model village'. (Looking South East).



In 1802 Lime Kiln Row (middle right) was built near to lock 7. This photograph was taken circa 1907. Most of the row was demolished shortly after, leaving one cottage until the 1960's.

To explore further, more local history can be found on this link: <https://www.ironvillecodnorpark.derbyshire.sch.uk/ironville-and-codnor-park-community/>



Friends of Cromford Canal (FCC) Update

Registered Charity number 1164608

Work Party Report by John Guyler



A grant of £500 has been made by the Mansfield Building Society, for new equipment and a new water system for the Lock Keepers garden at Lock 4, Ironville. The new system will make watering so much easier, (picture "A").

A welfare suite has now been ordered for the Beggarlee site at Langley Mill, with a grant of £10,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund and should arrive on site in late February.



I have recently received an Email from Lee Copplestone of Waterside Care, part of The Keep Britain Tidy scheme, the scheme is being wound up at the end of March. This is a great shame because we had a lot of valuable advice and support through Les Warren until his redundancy last March. With the demise of Waterside Care it will leave a big hole in the support network.

At Ironville, the FCC work parties during November, cleared the towpath side in sections, of thick brambles and vegetation to Lock 4 from King William Bridge, we also started clearing the water course at Lock 4, which was very overgrown, finally finishing clearing the whole section up to the Codnor Park Reservoir overflow, without going in the water and one crayfish was sighted, so we know they are still there. We had two work parties at the site of the Pottery building, they cleared some small trees outside the Pottery, also in the Pottery yard we were given permission to work on some of the small trees that were going through the wire fence. the brambles and vegetation opposite the Pottery, were cut back or cleared in sections and a very small amount of litter was picked.



In November, Malc Chisnall & John Bates (Taffy) fitted a new bench at Codnor Park Reservoir. Malc & "Taffy" also cleared the 20" drain at the stone bridge on the far side of Codnor Park Reservoir, water was flooding back over the footpath to 9" deep, make it impossible to walk through.

We have been able to organize a large digger to work in the channel at Pinxton Wharf, to remove weed build up and this has now been completed.

At Beggarlee, Langley Mill, at the start of December, the work parties had to concentrate on removing saplings and bushes around two open culverts which were put in when the A610 road was built, they are piped under the road and then they are open about fifty metres from the road and then they run to the River Erewash. These culverts will now have to be piped completely, with one diverted to feed into the other and then down to the Erewash, because they will be under the canal and the embankments will cover them.



At the time of writing, at the middle of February, the work parties have almost finished cutting the bushes back and the exposed self-set saplings over the whole area are starting to be pulled out, with a winch and cables.

A team of volunteers from the Waterway Recovery Group (WRG) spent a weekend in the middle of February pulling the tree roots in the culverts, out.

As piles of brush were created and moved to points where a chipper could be sited, small trees, large bushes and saplings were exposed and these were cut to about one metre in height, so the straps or cables could be attached for pulling the roots out.

The Erewash Canal Preservation & Development Association work parties who are based at the Great Northern Basin have been working at Beggarlee on Fridays from December. Firstly, they cleared the access up to the area where the locks are going to be so that the dumper can pull the chipper up to site. The FCC work parties cleared a lot of the bushes and saplings on this section on several Wednesdays. The result was good access, but with the large amount of rain in January this has developed into a very muddy track. We are now able on some Wednesdays, to get access through from Hall Road, so the chipper can be towed by a road vehicle on to site.

We are fortunate to be able to use the chipper owned by the ECP & DA, for which we are very grateful. The FCC has two volunteers trained and certificated to use the chipper, John Dyson and Malc Chisnell and the Erewash group have several certificated operates.

On, alternate Saturday's starting on the 7th January, a joint work party with the FCC and ECP&DA work parties combining mainly to feed and operate the chipper. This has worked very well, probably the bacon cobs at the start in the

ECP&DA cottage at the Great Northern Basin have something to do with it. There were problems at the start with the chipper, with the replacement of the pull through mechanism and then having the chipper blades sharpened, but now with several weeks of work behind them the operators have got to grips with how it is working, one indication of a problem is the change of chippings being produced, so now the machine is stopped and adjusted or small brush which drops out of the bottom chute is cleared to prevent the cutters clogging up.



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We are very happy with the progress so far.

There has been training on the use of a chipper, chain saw operations, dumper truck driving and JCB diggers, over various days since the new year and also four FCC volunteers have trained or retrained as First Aiders.

The total FCC work party hours in 2022 were 2874.75 + 500.5 travel hours

A request is being put out for a Project Manager, for the extension at Beggarlee, Langly Mill.

Also, a request is being put for a publicity officer for the FCC, with a lot of new projects in the pipeline, there is now a need for a dedicated person for this role.

If you are interested, please contact the Emails below.

John Guyler : John_guyler@yahoo.co.uk

John Barker: work@cromfordcanal.org.uk

If you feel, that you would like to participate in the work parties, the volunteers are a very social bunch, they look out for each other and are great to work with. Please contact either of the Emails above.

Encouraging Safe Parking at School Pick-up and Drop-off Times

Parking on the 'school keep clear' markings outside schools in the mornings and afternoons is a significant safety issue and results in many complaints.

The Parish Council has therefore considered how it can address the concerns and complaints about unsafe parking practices outside the school. The introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) under the Traffic Management Act (TMA) 2004, enables Ironville Parish Council to take responsibility for enforcing parking restrictions near our school. The Council wants to:

- promote safer parking around the school at pick up and drop off times
- educate drivers and reduce obstruction / conflicts at peak times
- contribute to road safety education
- achieve compliance with parking restrictions through clear and informed advice and guidance

The Parish Warden, John Watson has completed training in civil enforcement and the council will be discussing this role with the school as well as producing a risk assessment for consideration at a council meeting. Once approved the warden will be starting to promote safer parking and you will see him outside the school at pick up and drop off times.

A date for this has yet to be agreed although it is expected this will start after Easter.

Memories of Codnor Park Forge *

My grandad worked at Codnor Park forge before it closed down in 1965. Sometimes he would take me inside and then we would gaze into the furnaces where the large pig iron ingots would be heated until bright orange. Then we would stand aside whilst strong men would grab them with giant tongs and carry them a short distance to the left, to place them under the mighty steam hammer. With a colossal noise, sparks would fly and the ingot would be pummelled into a sort of sausage like shape. Then the sweating men would place the ingot back into the furnace until white hot. Tongs would then be used to feed the ingot repeatedly through progressively smaller pairs of rollers. This would squeeze impurities out of the metal whilst reducing its form to rods about an inch in diameter. I can remember vividly the sight of the glowing rods, probably 40 feet long, spewing across the floor of the forge like so many demented, orange snakes. This was all very frightening for a five year-old boy, but at the same time utterly brilliant! (This process was known as puddling). When my brother and I got a bit older, we also enjoyed playing around the ancient disused blast furnaces built into the hillside to the south of the site. Our favourite trick was to go inside the furnace and climb up the chimney, to emerge into the bramble-strewn field in front of Forge Row. Little did we know at the time that these old furnaces were of great historic interest, and a very early part of the industrial revolution.



Above is a photograph of the now long demolished Kilns at the former Ironworks. Once a play ground for children in the days before “health and safety” was invented!!!

The above photograph may have come from an article by K. A. Reedman and P. J. Riden

** When walking around the Res around three years ago now, a passer-by placed a piece of paper into my hand saying “. . . for the newsletter”. When I looked up he had “disappeared”. The above article is what was written on the piece of paper. Without his name I was unsure whether to include the piece or not. However, I think that it is of local interest, so here it is now! Ed.*

The village marked Armistice Day on Friday 11th November 2022 and Remembrance Sunday on 13th November 2022 at the War Memorial, Christ Church, and in other ways too, some illustrated on this page.



On November 11th the local school visited the war memorial to show their respect for Remembrance Day. Local veteran Fred Leighton led the assembly in the school hall on that day.



Thank you to the Parish Council team for installing the poppies around the village and for the support of David Wadsworth and the Futures team for installing the village tommies, to remember our fallen.



Look at these amazing knitted poppies, which were lovingly made with a combined effort from the Craft Group and friends.



Well done to all of the children at Clowns Nursery who have contributed to this beautiful Remembrance Day display (Nov. 2022), which they proudly shared outside the nursery.

New Signs at the former Codnor Park Pottery



At long last the Pottery has been recognised with this new sign. A village landmark, which we hope will not disappear and survive into the future. Today it is often referred to as the Boathouse Garage. The Butterley Company provided the building materials for this building. The actual Pottery construction was conducted by William Burton and on completion he took up business there. The building work began in 1820 and was completed in 1821. The Pottery began work in the completion year, clay being purchased locally at 3 shillings a Ton. By 1846 the Bourne family had acquired the Pottery, so it became part of the large empire of Denby Potteries. After the Bournes had vacated, the Co-op took it over and used it for storage and repairs for many years. Eventually the old Pottery was used as a garage, run by Geoff Woodhouse, and some may remember the fire after which Geoff had to rebuild the roof in order to carry on. The Butterley Company always held the rights to the property until the Council took over Ironville. The old Pottery is still in use today, rented as a garage and long boat repair yard. (See Newsletter 15, pages 36 & 37 for a full



The cast iron plate (left) was originally discovered locally in a back garden near Railway Row when a builder was digging out to put in new drains. It has since been restored and installed on a wall at the pottery.

So, who was Sarah Moreland?

Sarah lived in our village at least between 1861 and 1881 at 5 Railway Row.

Initially she moved in with her husband and two children. Her husband's occupation was given as an "Iron Moulder" (A foundry worker who made moulds for casting iron) probably working for the Oakes Company in Riddings. Sarah's husband died in 1861 and was buried in Ironville.

A search of the trade directories for 1875 and 1876 reveals that Sarah is listed as a shopkeeper living at 5, Railway Row. This would fit in nicely with the metal Plate "Sarah Moreland dealer in Small Wares". It is highly likely that she was probably a haberdasher dealing in tapes, ribbons, braids etc. It is also highly likely that the metal plate was made at the James Oakes Ironworks in Riddings. To discover more see Newsletter 13 page 32. To the left Taffy is shown clearing some of the scrub to make the signs more visible.

Thanks are due to Taffy and Malc for installing the signs and to Adrian for giving his consent to install the signs on the pottery building.



Down at the Carriage - Deepdale, Ironville with Shane & Helen

SESSIONS ON THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS - 6.00PM - 8PM

Age Group: 11 to 16 year olds and up to 18 with Special Educational Needs

Come and have a great time with lots to do. Enjoy a range of modern day entertainments planned and organised with qualified youth workers, such as pool, play station and dance coupled with traditional favourite games. At the same time you can pick up confidential advice and support if you have any problems that you need to talk about. Simply just “pop” in and meet your local youth workers or e-mail:

Ironvillecarriageyouthclub@hotmail.com



When the local Jessop Monument was just being built a passing youngster by the name of Greaves was invited to lay the first stone. Later this same Greaves became a Chemist and was in deep trouble for selling Laudanum to a child who administered it to her young baby brother to stop him crying and killed him. Tragic, but a very interesting piece of local history don't you think?

M. T. C.

Buzzard* photographed locally by Roger Breen

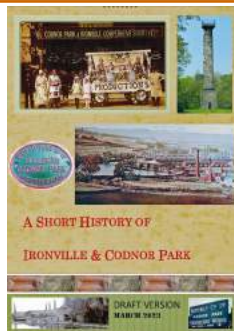


*N.B. This bird was labelled "Red Kite" in error in the previous Newsletter (17). Sincere apologies to Roger from the Editor.

The Story of Our Village

This comprehensive volume giving a detailed history of our village has now reached 103 pages and can no longer be described as "short"!

If you would like a digital copy it is available on request from:
acadman175@yahoo.com



THE ROYAL TRAIN - A LINK WITH OUR VILLAGE by Geoff Griffiths

In the 1960's a lot of kids went trainspotting (or fishing down the res). There would always be a dozen of us on the bridge at the bottom of Station Road. The Station Master didn't like us going on the platform. I was nine in 1965 when we left Codnor Park as my Dad lost his job when the Forge closed.

The kids arrived from all around the local area on their push bikes. (Codnor, Ripley, Selston and other local villages). I was lucky as I lived on Forge Row.

I Spent many hours watching the trains. I never imagined then that one day I would travel with the Queen along this route.



Photo by Glyn Griffiths.

The Royal train (left) conveying HM The Queen (Elizabeth II) and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh from Windsor to Sheffield passes the site of the former Codnor Park and Ironville Railway Station on the Erewash valley on the morning of 18th November 2010. This was the last journey with HM The Queen for Royal Train - Manager Geoff Griffiths.

After the Queen (Elizabeth II) disembarked at Sheffield, the train returned empty to Wolverton, passing through Codnor Park again Southbound later in the day.

As the Royal train Manager, this was the last train that I organised for the Queen before my retirement the following month. I was summoned to see her in her private carriage where she thanked me and gave me a signed framed photograph. Something I never thought would happen in my train spotting days down at the station in the 60's!

"LOVING OUR NEIGHBOURS AS OURSELVES"



1538 Community Interest Company is faith based and non profit. One of the board members as said "As members of the Church of England we feel that the principles of loving your neighbours as yourselves is paramount in any successful community!"

Congratulations to 1538 on the opening of their Community Pantry on the 1st March 2023. It will provide much needed support for those in need in our village. They have definitely hit their first 25 Members, with new memberships opening again soon.

The Community Pantry, is a membership style store, that seeks to provide quality food at a fraction of the usual cost you'd expect to pay at the supermarket.

Everybody should have access to good food. Everybody values community. Pantries are all about dignity, choice and hope. Each one operates as a member-led neighbourhood hub, often serving as a springboard to other community initiatives, opportunities and ideas. As we all strive for a brighter future, Pantries are an immediate big step in the right direction, loosening poverty's grip and creating the breathing space for communities to pursue ambitious goals.

A Pantry is member-run. Pantries operate along cooperative lines, and many volunteers are members too.

Open to all. You don't need a referral - anyone who lives in an area served by a Pantry can join.

Long-lasting: You can join for as long as you want, and can choose to go every week or just occasionally.

Pantries stock an abundant and wide range of top-quality food including fresh fruit and veg, frozen and chilled food, meat and dairy products, and long-life tinned and packaged food. Members pay a small subscription, and in return can choose groceries worth many times more, often saving substantially on shopping bills.

Pantries are just like a shop, in that you choose the food you want from the shelves. Pantries are run by volunteers who manage the stores.

The Pantry also has a cherished role as a neighbourhood hub, often serving as a springboard to other initiatives and ideas, such as volunteering opportunities and training.

- Pantries have been shown to:
- Strengthen communities
- Improve health and wellbeing
- Improve household finances
- Prevent waste
- Prevent hunger
- Build dignity and agency



Pete's Page - How do we compare with the people of the Philippines?

COMMON COURTESIES

My visit to this far away country and living amongst the locals gives me the opportunity to compare social differences.

The first thing a British visitor will notice is how happy-go-lucky people are. As you walk around **everyone** you come across will make direct eye contact with you in a nice way.

This always comes with a ready **smile** from the youngest to the oldest. They will never avert their eyes.

Everyone speaks at least a little English, and you will always be greeted with a 'good morning' or 'hello'. Also, they adore having their photo taken!

Uncle or Sir?

Invariably you will be called Uncle (or Auntie) if you are older than the other person. If you are a complete stranger you'll be called Sir (or Madam) without fail.

Even if they know you, they will still never call you by your actual name, it is either uncle/auntie, if they are younger; and if they are of a similar age it will be Brother (or Sister).

When you walk into a shop for example the assistant will say "Can I help you sir?" and this will be accompanied by a little bow of the head, thus showing respect.

Filipinos are not a shy race and strangers will readily strike up conversations with each other. Their sense of humour is very similar to the British sense of humour. They love a good tease and a leg pull.

If they are displeased with something, again they are respectful, but rather than mouthing off; they will pull a sort of pained expression and leave it at that. (Having said that if they are really angry the other person will know all about it!)

Filipinos invariably eat with a fork and spoon (or with their fingers in the villages). They find it very odd, that I use a knife and fork and they can't understand why a knife is needed at the table! To them a knife is something for use in the kitchen.

Like it used to be in Britain 50 years ago, the women generally manage the family finances. Again like the British of old, a good husband will generally handover this week's wages for his wife to allocate and give him his spending money. A bad husband will spend far too much of his wages on drinking liquor with his mates in the evenings before handing over the remainder to his wife.

If you drive - don't speed, 'cos if you fail to stop the Traffic cops will drive alongside and shoot out your tyres, Hollywood style! Finally if you use a bus, (often crowded), the etiquette is to pass your fare along to the passenger next to you and so on until your fare reaches the driver! How trusting!

Salamat ading (Thank you younger ones) *Pete Clark*



BE THE CHANGE IRONVILLE NEEDS *Ordinary people doing an extraordinary job* **BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR**

Ironville parish council is the local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the parish. It is the level of government closest to the community, with the district authority (Amber Valley Borough Council) above it in the local Government hierarchy. As the local authority closest to the people, Ironville parish council is a vital part of the community as it is usually the first place people will contact when they have a problem or need help



The next round of local elections is coming up at the beginning of May 2023. Which means this is your opportunity to make a real difference to the village and its residents. Are you someone who is passionate about Ironville? Have you innovative ideas for the village? Maybe you have concerns about a certain issue and want to do something about it. If so, the council needs you to become a councillor and empower change. The council would like people from all backgrounds and experiences in the community to put themselves forward for election ensuring we have capable, enthusiastic and engaged councillors making decisions on how the village is run.

What does the Parish council do?

Ironville parish council runs numerous services, many you will see day-to-day, but some are less known. The council is responsible for:

- Keeping the streets clear of litter and debris.
- Maintaining and cleaning the bus shelters.
- Providing seating and ensuring there are enough litter bins.
- Maintaining and servicing grit bins.
- Keeping the village beautiful with seasonal floral displays.
- The Christmas tree and the Christmas decorations.
- Remembrance Tommies
- Three defibrillators
- The Allotments
- Working with the County and District Councils, Police and other community organisations.



What does a parish councillor do?

Councillors are elected to represent the community, so you will either live or work in the area. A parish councillor is someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support. It is a rewarding experience as you have the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the village, making decisions that bring change and help improve residents' lives. As a councillor your role will include developing strategies and plans for the area, helping with problems and ideas, working with the local community groups and talking to residents about their needs and what the council is doing. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

The best way to find out what it is like to be a parish councillor is to talk to someone who is doing it now. Come along to a parish council meeting or speak to one of our councillors and find out what they think of the job. Contact details for all Ironville councillors are on the council website: Council Members – Ironville Parish Council Website

How much time does it take up?

The council meets every two months, usually on the third Monday of the month, with meetings lasting no more than two hours. In addition to these meetings, councillors are required to engage with residents to understand what they want and on occasions help develop a new project for the village. For example, parish councillors help organise village events such as the jubilee celebrations. Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for four years following which you can stand for re-election if you wish to continue in the role.

Hopefully, you are now asking: am I eligible to be a parish councillor?

To stand for election you must:

- Be a British citizen or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union
- be a least 18 years old.
- be an elector of this parish, or.
 - * for the whole of the previous 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish, or.
 - * during the previous 12 months have worked in the parish (as your principal or only place of work or.
 - * for the whole of the previous 12 months lived in the parish or within three miles of the parish boundary.



Standing for election

There are just a few simple steps to becoming a councillor:

1. Check for elections in your area by contacting Amber Valley Borough Council (AVBC) elections officer - elections@ambervalley.gov.uk
2. Submit your nomination to the returning officer — find out more about the process on AVBC website - Local elections (ambervalley.gov.uk)
3. Wait for your nomination to be accepted and made public by the principal authority
4. Start your elections campaign using information on this website - Elections — #MakeAChange (nalc.gov.uk)
5. Polling day — find your polling station on AVBC website

In memory of Moray Stewart who sadly passed away recently. He has been a major advocate of our village newsletter right from the start. He has helped with articles, photographs and regularly helped with delivering the Newsletter to our homes. He was a good friend who will be very much missed. *Ed.*



Team Tree Christmas Challenge 2022
“DECORATE OR LIGHT UP A TREE
IN YOUR GARDEN OR WINDOW”



What was for “Dinner” at Codnor Castle in the 14th Century?

A short extract from an account by Martyn Taylor Cockayne in association with Stuart Saint

The de Grey family were once one of the most powerful families in England, and for almost 300 years generation after generation of the de Grays were Lord of the manor of Codnor.

With the marriage of Richard de Grey, son and heir of Henry de Grey, that we find the most detailed and interesting accounts of what life was like at Codnor Castle, in the form of ‘Household Accounts, 1304 to 1305.’

They are here reproduced here in the best translation we can make.

(With thanks to Peter Gemmell for the translation).

Extracts from roll of household accounts of Lord Henry de Grey of Codnor

(Endorsed; i.e. written on the outside)

Household expenses roll for Codnor Castle from the first Thursday before the Feast of Bishop Saint Nicholas (Thurs, 3rd Dec., 1304) in the 33rd year of the reign of King Edward 1st son of King Henry III, up to (last date mentioned is 3rd Feb. 1305).

Memorandum that on the first Thursday before the Feast of Bishop Saint Nicholas (Thurs, 3rd Dec., 1304) in the 33rd year of the reign of King Edward 1 our Lord and Lady came unto Codnor together with all their family, (processing from Lincoln Cathedral) .

*Bread supplied, 16 quarters of wheat;
ale drawn, 24 quarters and 6 bushels
of barley malt;*

1 leg of bacon from store;

2 carcasses of mutton from store;

4 chickens purchased, 0s. 6d.

fodder for 51 horses

2 quarters and 7. 1/3 bushels of oats

On Friday following,

bread and ale from store

2 quarters and 7. 1/3 bushels of oats

1 barrel ? of fish sauce broached;

4 flounders from store

Codlings purchased 10d.

Lampreys purchased 4s. 3d.

Fodder for 37 horses

*2 quarters and 1. 1/2 and 1/3 bushels
of oats*

*On Sunday following, that is the vigil
of Saint Nicholas*

Bread and ale from store

1 barrel ? of fish sauce from store

6 flounders from store

*Codlings purchased for the feast day 9s
0d.*

Lampreys purchased 10s. 0d.

*Set aside for cartage of barrels for the
same items 6d.*

Eels bought 4s. 6d.

Conger eel bought (cost erased)

Sturgeon bought 6s. 0d.

*Hiring 2 horses from Lincoln to Lambley
2s.3d.*

Assorted ropes purchased 3d.

*Expenses of the said Thomas for 3 days
while making the said provisioning 2s. 6d.
allowance for 53 horses*

3 quarters and 2 bushels of oats

1 cheese weighing 1 stone 5 lbs.

other cheeses 9 lbs.

*1/3rd Rewan (winter) cheese 4 lbs.
butter 2 lbs.*

40 lbs Paris candles bought 5s 0d.

12 lbs Paris candles 18d.

On Sunday the feast day of St Nicholas (6th December)

Bread and ale from store
3 quarter carcasses of beef from store
8 carcasses of mutton from store
1 pork brawn
1 boar from stock
1 swan from stock
8 piglets from stock
14 geese from stock
to 35 chicken purchased for the kitchen 4s.
4.1/2d
1 peck of chicken feed for the kitchen
to 10 chicken purchased for the falcons 15d.
to 4 panniers purchased 7.1/2d.
to 4 bowls and 1 dessert dish bought for the kitchen 13d.
to 4 earthenware ale measures bought for the same 1d.
to glazed ones for salting 2.1/2d.
to straw to place under the ale measures in the cart 1d.
to small dishes for the kitchen 6d.
to 3.1/2 quarters of nut oil 3s 8d.
to 2.1/2 bottles of mustard 10d.
to 1 bottle of ginger and 2 bottles of gelatine 3s 0d.
to 1/2 bottle green sauce (pesto?), 1/2 bottle vinegar and 1/2 bottle verjuice 12d.
to 100 apples bought 6d.
to onions and garlic 6d.
to 300 eggs (cost missing)
to cartage for the above 4d.
to grooms and other stable boys for my Lord's carthorses 3.1/2d.
to 7 wild geese and 8 tame goslings, 5 wild goslings,
10 plovers, 29 teal and 51 small birds 11s 7d.
to expenses of Roger of Newton for 2 days while making the said provisioning in Nottingham 13d.
Allowance to Thomas of Radcliffe for offertory on St Nicholas' Day 20d.
Item to various donations made on behalf of his Lordship 7s 4d.
To an offertory for the Feast of St Nicholas by the said Thomas of Radcliffe, of which 20d. is for R de Newton 2s 11d.

Delivered to the kitchen:
2 cheeses weighing 1 stone 7lbs.
6 flagons of milk
2 flagons of milk for the children
to fodder for 88 horses
5 quarters of oats
to 1 quarter of oats made into flour for the kitchen
Additional expenses –
To 44 pitchers bought for the buttery 1s 4d.
to 6 score (120) dishes bought for the kitchen 16d
to 4 score (80) dessert dishes bought for the same 16d.
to 5 dozen cups bought for the buttery 20d.
to my Lord's precept of alms for the poor on St Nicholas day
4 bushels of wheat
4 quarters of rye
2 barrels of herrings for the same
to 5 doz. faggots of charcoal 5s 0d
to 4lbs suet to make white candles
to bran for the dogs
1 quarter of oats
3 lbs grease from store for my Lord's palfrey
to parchment bought 2d.
to shoes for Ralph in the kitchen 5d.
4lbs suet to make white candles
to wicks for candles bought 1d.
to girths and halters bought for my Lord's palfrey 17d
to offertories for my Lord and his family on Christmas, St Stephen's & St John's days 3s. 4d
to bran made for the dogs at the Christmas vigil
1 quarter of oats
to offertories for my Lord and for Lucy Sommers on St Thomas the Martyr's Day 2d.
to ginger, gelatine and mustard bought and delivered to Lincoln unto my Lord 14d.
to expenses of H, the chaplain visiting Burton and Lichfield thereafter for two days business on behalf of my Lord with the Bishop of Chester. 10d.
to one halter bought for my Lord's hackney 1d.

These accounts give an incredibly detailed insight into life at Codnor Castle in the very early 14th century and the sumptuous lifestyle of a Lord of that time. Certain rooms within the castle are mentioned such as the kitchen, the buttery and the stores, along with the stabling and foddering of dozens of horses. Perhaps one of the most interesting and yet smallest details is the mention of shoes being purchased for a boy named Ralph in the kitchen. Dogs, presumably hunting dogs are also accounted for and meat for Lord Richard's Falcon's, another medieval passion of the time. Doubtless much can be ascertained by the food to be consumed, particularly the variety of meat, game birds and fish, both fresh water and salt water and the many sauces and spices used. One that stands out in particular is the Sturgeon, a massive fish and one that was the preserve of the nobles. Indeed there was a law made in the time of Edward II (1307 to 1327) that made Sturgeon a Royal fish, each and every one of which had to be offered to the King first before then passing down the line of nobility according to rank.

Perhaps the greatest event to happen at Codnor Castle occurred in 1293, when the king (Edward I) visited Henry de Grey at Codnor Castle. The king's itinerary tells us that he arrived on Friday 20th February and stayed for just one day before continuing on to Duffield. One can only imagine the scene, with the king's retinue and the de Grey household in attendance.



The visit to Codnor Castle of Edward I in February 1293, as drawn by Victor Ambrus during the Time Team Dig of 2007.



Quite unusual – Codnor Castle, the farm & the dovecote, all in one shot. The picture was therefore almost certainly taken before 1969. (Today the dovecote has almost totally disappeared.)

AROUND THE VILLAGE WITH JOHN

Hello everyone,

I continually work to remove litter and waste from our local highways, removing up to 15 bin liners full each week, also removing small fly tips, the larger ones being dealt with by Futures and DCC.

OUR LOCAL PLANTERS

As the tulips and daffodils are starting to come through I've also planted wall flowers a first time for those, so we'll see how they do.

Also planted 120 different bulbs around the village mainly in the planters and around the Nottingham Lane triangle. The varieties being Sparaxis, Allium, Muscari, Anemone. They will be producing flowers between May & July.

Futures have redeveloped the area on Victoria Street which is looking great. They have planted a variety of different apple trees Newton Wonder, (originally found by a chance as a seedling in the 1870s, growing on the thatched roof of a pub in Derbyshire), Belledge Pippin (also originating from Derbyshire in 1818), Worcester Pearmain, (originating from Worcester in the 1870s, Discovery (Originating in the late 1940s, when it was discovered by a fruit farm worker in Essex, who planted some pips of Worcester Pearmain in his garden). (See page 20)

Futures also positioned a bench for those who are waiting for a bus. This looks good too, (see page 21).

The Council orders two skips each year which is a good way of getting rid of all your rubbish and are a success as the last one we had on King William square was filled in two hours.

One of the small projects I have in mind is to redevelop the corner of Nottingham Lane where the bench is situated along that side to tidy it up and to plant various plants, if you have any ideas please contact me.

Kind regards, *John Watson* - Parish Warden for Ironville and Codnor Park



Belledge Pippin



Further news from Ironville & Codnor Park Primary School

By Ella Tuxford-Flory

Hello everyone and a Happy New Year to you all! I hope you have had a lovely start to the year. In this half term in Wrens class we have been learning all about different celebrations. We started by looking at how New Year is celebrated in the United Kingdom before moving onto how Chinese New Year is celebrated and looking at the similarities and differences.



We started by reading a range of stories about Chinese New Year and how and why it is celebrated. We then looked at the story behind Chinese New Year and the Zodiac calendar where we watched a shadow puppet show of the story. After this the children decided that they would like to see a shadow puppet show and have a go at using one so we discussed the Science behind how this works, with the light being blocked by puppet to create the shadow. The children loved recreating the story with puppets and their own shadow puppet show.

The role play area in our class turned into a Chinese restaurant and all the children and staff got involved in the ordering, eating and celebrations that the restaurant offered! There were lots of customers and this was a very busy restaurant!



Outside the children decided that they wanted to make a Chinese Dragon. Children and staff both got to work collecting materials and resources to make it. With lots of talking and teamwork they soon made a huge dragon that the children enjoyed playing with for weeks.

In our messy area the children enjoyed painting Chinese numbers and looking at their age in Chinese numerals. We also made fierce fire breathing dragons using paper, straws, and tissue paper which the children loved to make up their own stories with.



As Spring is around the corner and we are all hoping to get into the garden and outside more, I send warm wishes to you all for a fabulous Spring and Summer time.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



An important part of our role as a Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) is to listen to the concerns of the community and respond accordingly.

We have recently seen an increase in calls for service in relation to a group of youths causing issues in the village. We've had reports of these young people banging on doors and windows, throwing items at properties, and causing damage to property.

As we go into the seasons with lighter evenings, please ask yourselves: do you know what your children are up to when they're out?

Whilst we can all remember our younger years, there is no excuse to be damaging property and causing distress. If you do have children, please take the time to talk to them about respect and the impact their behaviour can have on others.

Ask them, if they are banging on doors or windows, do they stop and think about who's behind the door? An elderly person? A family with children? A disabled person?

Regardless, it is totally unacceptable behaviour and is extremely childish. But by asking them to consider who is behind the door they might realise these actions do have an impact, and aren't just 'harmless fun'.

In our school visits, we will talk to young people about the consequences of their actions and encourage them to remove themselves from group situations if they become uncomfortable with the actions of others.

We know it will be a minority that is responsible for the disruptive behaviour, and it's important that children feel able to walk away and know to talk to a trusted adult to report these issues.

Your SNT will be out and about patrolling the area and will deal with any groups accordingly.

If you have any information around who you think it could be please feel free to contact the team. We have many ways to report any issues to us, you can save time by reporting online on our website: www.derbyshire.police.uk

You can also private message our Facebook page 'Derbyshire Constabulary' and Twitter account, @DerPolContact.

All these online options go to our contact team who will deal with your information or report accordingly.

If there is a crime in progress, or an immediate threat of harm, please call 999.

Keep up to date with all the latest information from your SNT, just search for 'Codnor, Ripley and Waingroves Police SNT' on Facebook and '@AValleyPolice' on Twitter.

You can also sign up to our two-way neighbourhood messaging system, Derbyshire Alert. Visit www.derbyshirealert.co.uk for more information.

Urgent crime dial 999

Did you know you can report many non-emergency matters online?

Save Time Report Online

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www.derbyshire.police.uk



Team Ironville is a small team of local volunteers who give up their time in order to make our village a nicer place to live. On this page Nigel Lane reports on just some of the things they have been up to over the past few months.

Team Ironville has been busy over the last few months, carrying out a variety of tasks around the village, including maintaining the various flower beds, clearing paths and planting plants and spring-flowering bulbs. We planted nearly three hundred miniature daffodil bulbs in various locations, including existing flower beds and grassed areas, which we had funded through Pete Clark's plant sales earlier in the year. We would love to plant a lot more this year; daffodil bulbs are quite cheap and snowdrops self-propagate very quickly, but crocuses can be quite expensive, which is why there are very few growing in the village. The parish council have provided funding for bulbs in the past, so might be amenable to providing more in the future. We also sowed some wallflower seed in the Lock keeper's garden earlier in the year, but the extreme weather conditions we experienced caused them to mature too quickly; as a result the display this year is nowhere near what we had hoped. We will try again this year. We will be discussing wildflower sowing with Futures soon, with the aim of creating some lovely displays again this year.

We began a project, again with the support of Futures, back in 2021, which was the repainting of some of the decorative ironwork around King William's Square. We aim to complete the project this year, but we really need some help, if we are to achieve it.

Team Ironville is very small; when we are at full strength, we comprise four people, the youngest of whom is nearly sixty-six years old. We appreciate that many people work on a Tuesday, which is our working day, but for those who don't, it's a great way to get some exercise out in the fresh air. The work is not too onerous; we only work for four hours maximum, with a break for a mug of Shirley's tea in the middle. We would love to welcome you to the team; just speak to us when we are out and about. We have managed to get out almost every week, even over the winter, as the weather has been quite mild; there is not much proper gardening to do at this time of year, which is why we have been concentrating on clearing some of the paths in the centre of the village, which are slowly disappearing due to a lack of maintenance in the past. We will do our best to keep them clear in the future, but some really need attention to stop them breaking up completely.





KESTREL

GOLDCREST



**CHAFFINCH
(MALE)**

*All birds photographed
locally by Roger Breen*



FIELDFARE

LESSER REDPOLL



What's on at the Church Hall?

Mon - Nic's Fitness Crew ☎ 07810898868

Beatz Fitness 5.45pm - 6.45

Tues - Nic's Fitness Crew ☎ 07810898868

Rockbox Workout 5.45pm - 6.45pm

Tues - Crooked Line Club - 7.30-10.00pm

Dancing with Daz just for fun

☎ Daz 07967760065 or Steve 07419323705



Wed am - Crafty Crafters (See page 12)

10am - 12pm ☎ Pam 01773 449162



Wed - Nicks Fitness Crew ☎ 07810898868

Pound Fitness 5.45 - 6.45

Wed pm - Lauren Monks School of Dance

Adult Advanced Ballroom & Latin 8pm - 9

Beginners Ballroom & Latin 8pm - 9



Thurs - Lauren Monks School of Dance

Under 10's Ballroom & Latin 5.30pm - 6

Over 10 Ballroom & Latin 6.15pm - 6.45

Thurs - Taekwondo - 7 to 8.00 pm

For all the family - adults and children.

☎ Dave Gregory 01773 609626 (see page 18)



The Friends of the Cromford Canal Talks:

All talks start at 7pm in Ironville Church Hall

April 17th - AGM

See the FCC website: www.cromfordcanal.info
to find out more about great forthcoming talks.

Anvil Club & Church Hall Events

April 1st Easter Fair between 11am & 6pm

April 2nd Easter Chocolate Family Bingo - 3pm

April 8th Rock "N" Roll Bingo 7.30 - 11.00

July 22nd Summer Fair 11.00 am - 6pm

☎ **MARIA MCCORMACK**

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(FOR THE CHURCH HALL & THE ANVIL CLUB)

FOR BOOKINGS



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IRONVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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All meetings take place at The Community Room,
Victoria Crescent, Ironville, starting at 7.00 pm .

(See website: ironvilleparishcouncil.co.uk)

Every meeting includes a period for Public Participation at which local residents are invited to attend - a time allocation of 15 minutes at the beginning of the meeting. (Also see page 2)

Next Meeting : Monday 20th March 2023

We look forward to seeing you there.



Cllr Pam Cope (Chair)



OAP Centre Coffee Morning Christmas Tree
for the Christmas Tree Festival - see page XX

OAP Community Centre Activities

Victoria Crescent- Bookings ☎ Pam Cope 01773 606454

Mon: Coffee Morning & Bingo

11am - 12pm



Tues: Money Bingo 7.30pm - 9pm

Friday - Prize Bingo 7.30p.m. - 9.00pm

Do come along and join in with these community events



Ideas and local information, news or events please e-mail:

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