



Ironville & Codnor Park Newsletter



Local news, events, articles and more Sept 2023



Welcome to Issue Number Nineteen

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>

Ironville School in 1844

The little folks, too, are not neglected. It is a standing rule of the Butterley Company that no apprentice shall be received until he can read, write, and perform the earlier processes of arithmetic; and as this rule would press heavily on those who have not the means of acquiring education, the proprietors have built a large, commodious, and even elegant school, at Ironville, for the education of the workmen's children; and it is, we believe, in contemplation to build a church there likewise the school being at present licensed for the Church of England service on Sundays. The school-house has two school-rooms; one for boys, and the other for girls. There are about a hundred of each sex attend the school, under the superintendence of a master & mistress, engaged expressly for the purpose. The usual and most useful branches of education are taught, and, in addition, vocal music is taught on the stem of Mr. Hullah. In every large group of children there must of course be a considerable number who cannot make the least approach to correct singing; but there are in this school many who go through concerted pieces with an accuracy which would do credit to children of larger growth; some of them, too, being able to sing off a piece of moderately difficult music at sight.

From an 1844 Penny Magazine



Improving access on the local Forge Nature Reserve. See pages 4 & 5



This group are looking to improve this area and more. Go to pages 6 & 7

Parish Council Update *by Kath Gruber, Parish Clerk*



New Parish Council

There was an election in May 2023 which saw many changes to the Parish Council.

As a result, the Council wished a fond farewell to:

Councillor Pam Cope retired after over 30 years on the Council. Pam has been a force for change in the village and Council is sad to see her go but wishes her a long and happy retirement.

In recognition for her outstanding and eminent service to Ironville she was nominated, by Councillor Liz Holgate and Paul Smith, a previous County Councillor as well as Parish Councillor, for the Freedom of the Parish. Granting the Freedom of the Parish is the highest honour that the Parish Council can bestow. As a recipient, Pam, is able to use the title of Freewoman.



Councillor Caroline Gent also chose to retire from the council after a four year term. Whilst on the Council it was Caroline's proposal that something needed to be done regarding parking around the school which led to the trial enforcement activity in place at the moment.

At the same time, the Council welcomed back previous Councillors Holgate (now Chair), Bowler (Vice-Chair); Hutsby-Bird, Gill, Rose, Allsop-Jones and newly elected Councillors Jeffrey and Hines.

Improvements to Ironville and Codnor Park

The parish warden, John, has been very busy improving the environment, he has:

- * Cleaned the planters and planted spring flowers.
- * Removed graffiti around the village.
- * Removing waste from various locations
- * Cleared fly tipping where possible.
- * Regularly cleaning of bus shelters
- * Kept green areas tidy through weeding and strimming.
- * Litter picked.



King's Coronation

The Council was delighted to be able to provide coronation coins and engraved display cases for children at Ironville and Codnor Park primary school and Clowns nursery.

Speed Watch

The Council is re-establishing this scheme with Councillor Katrina Allsop-Jones agreeing to be *Your Parish Councillors are pictured below:*



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

the co-ordinator and Councillor Hutsby-Bird on the team of volunteers. Safe locations are currently being assessed by the police.

School Parking

On 5 June, the Council started a trial scheme to promote safer parking around the school at pick up and drop off times. The purpose of this is to educate drivers and reduce obstruction / conflicts in order to contribute to road safety. Feedback from the school and residents has been very positive with the majority of people taking on board the advice and guidance of the warden. Unfortunately, there is one persistent offender who repeatedly ignores the advice and causes a nuisance for others. The Council is liaising with the police regarding this matter.

New Village Noticeboard

The Council intends to replace the current noticeboard outside the post office with a new one. 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:
18th September 2023; 20th November 2023; 15th January 2024; 18th March 2024

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

AROUND THE VILLAGE WITH JOHN

Hello everyone, as some of may know I have taken up a new role as Civil Enforcement Officer at our local Primary School in the morning and afternoon. I have monitored no parking on the zig zag lines outside school since June 5th. This has been hugely successful and has been met with a lot of positive feedback from parents, teachers and of course the children who say "Thank you".

THIS IS ALL ABOUT THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE IN A BUSY PART OF THE VILLAGE.

My other duties include litter clearing and reporting fly tipping and other waste. All targets are usually met with within a week or two by Futures or DCC.

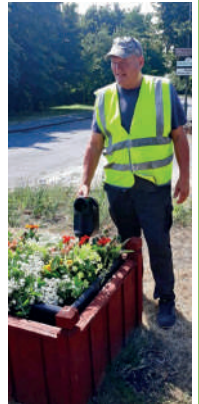
As you walk about the village all the planters are thriving quite well. There has been no need for much watering this year with the summer that we have just had. They have just needed a bit of feed to give them a boost.

At Nottingham Lane triangle I continue to maintain the wild flowers. They are starting to come through at last. They were sown in early June.

Jobs pending in the village include the new Ironville sign where you enter the village from Jacksdale. Derbyshire County Council have been tasked to do this. Also the Green bridge on the old canal. I'm expecting an up-date on this some time in September. So hopefully there will be some news on this in the near future.

My other jobs have been strimming and pruning around the village, especially the allotments. We have also identified two areas where the Parish Council want to put two new bins. These will help with the litter situation.

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



News from the Forge from Sally Fisher

As you can see from the front page we have been busy trying to lay dry paths for walkers ready for winter. The front page photograph was taken on the 6th June and on that day we laid 125metres with the help of a friendly farmer who with his dumper truck made the job so much easier, (see photo– right).



Next we needed to tackle the boggy bit and the very wet summer has not helped. Deb and Mick have sourced and fetched many loads of brick and stone. Deb has also sweet talked some builders into letting her have some plastic Bodpave 85 for free and filled her car with it. (Photo right). We put in some more French drains and the Friends of Cromford Canal have helped us lay more stone, dig another French drain and cut down intrusive undergrowth. This week (August 16th) they will come back to put some edging to the track ready for the final layer of limestone to be laid on top. This has been a mammoth task so thank you to anyone who has helped including those who have lent rakes to lay the stone,



(Photographs - right Deb and Ben laying the Bodpave, bottom right the FCC sorting and straightening path).



As usual, from April - October we have been walking our two transects each week and again are thoroughly frustrated by the weather, the upside being that there are plenty of healthy plants this year which should help next years brood. Early on we had a good showing of Dingy skippers as well as Marbled whites. The latter looks as if it may be becoming resident which is good news. The whole of England, apart from two counties were seeing very few Peacock butterflies until the last couple of weeks which is very late for them but may be because their food

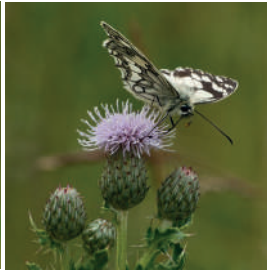


plants (nettles) dried out last summer. The lovely Common blue has only shown itself in ones and twos all summer. Last week we recorded the highest number (36) in the County. (Butterfly photographs below by Maggie Campbell).



Common Blue above - Marbled White below

Dingy skipper above - Peacock below



We have found yet another new plant this year, gypsywort (*Lycopus europaeus*) - (bottom left), a member of the dead nettle family, but this page would not be complete without some mention of fungi. We have not been able to go on a proper hunt but this is Alder tongue gall and is a fungi caused by *Tuphrinaalni*. You can still see these on some Alder trees if you look carefully. (Bottom right). Finally, thank you to all those of you who help by picking up litter and in one case from clearing the lake of it and to Mick Fox who will finish painting our benches.



YOUR CODNOR PARK RESERVOIR

Most of you who are reading this know Codnor Park better than us, us being Tony Baxter and Steve Scudder, but perhaps not as well as Angela Harvey. Angie used to run the Water's Edge Cabin before she sold the business over to Steph and Tara.

Tony and I joined Angie as leaseholders of Codnor Park Res in January 2023. Our objective was to continue the legacy of Eddie Harvey in making Codnor Park a fantastic place to come fishing and to create an environment for everyone to enjoy. Whether you want to walk with your dogs, wander around on a lazy sunny day, bring your family to feed the ducks or simply enjoy and photograph the fabulous wildlife, this beautiful nine-acre site offers it all.

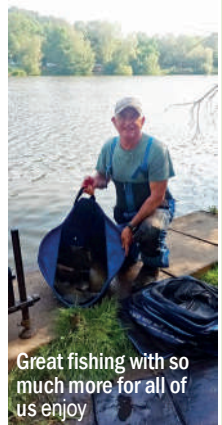
We have plans in place to improve the path that runs along the opposite side of the reservoir. The Canal and River Trust will supply materials and help will come from Cromford Canal and Codnor Park Res group plus additional help from Friends of Cromford Canal

The addition of French drains running along the field side of the path will prevent the mud bath during the winter months. This will be a great improvement for everyone who is either walking, riding bikes, taking families with pushchairs or the not so nimble members of our community.

Like always, this article does come with a cry for help. Currently, our only source of revenue comes from fishing membership, sale of day tickets and match pegging fees. All of this revenue is used to facilitate improvements.

As the beginning of July 2023, we were told that The Canal and River Trust would be discontinuing the waste collection scheme on all the lakes, reservoirs and canal tow paths throughout the country due to financial costs. So, it has been left for us to source and pay for the removal of the general waste and the dog waste of which there is a considerable amount.

The cost for removing the general waste is £1000 per year and the requirement cost of clinically removing the dog waste is £1700 per year. We are hoping that we can reduce these figures once we know exactly how many collections are needed each year.



Great fishing with so much more for all of us enjoy



Path improvement work



Repairs by Tony & Steve

We have already started trying to cover these costs by increasing the day tickets prices and the match fees from the beginning of August 2023 plus the membership prices from April 2024. It is important to note that we are a non-profit making committee, run entirely by volunteers.

We are hoping that we can have a helping hand from all of you lovely people that enjoy Codnor Park Res in your own way.

We have put a collection box and some notices up at the Water's Edge Cabin asking for donations, no matter how small, to contribute towards the waste removal costs. That will mean that funds will be freed up to pay for the ongoing improvements around the reservoir.



There is a lot more going on which we will post on the notice board at the reservoir, so keep an eye out and please enjoy your walks and rides and keep Codnor Park Res a clean and waste-free environment. Where possible, taking litter home will also reduce waste-removal costs.

Thank you all, *Steve, Tony* and *Angela*

Steve Scudder: 07946683417 Tony Baxter: 07870909071 Angela Harvey: 07899095758



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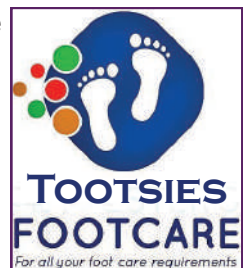
In the Church Hall
Thursdays 7 - 8pm
See back page
Column one

“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 11th Oct 2023 and Wednesday 22nd Nov. 2023

To book an appointment please call 01773 766922
(More dates follow on - every 6 weeks approx.)



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



URGENT SUPPORT NEEDED FOR OUR LOCAL BRANCH

Each year since 1926 there has been a Remembrance Service held at Ironville Church in November, organised and financed by Jacksdale and District Branch of the Royal British Legion.

A short outdoor ceremony is now held to enable those present to reflect on the names on the Memorial and give grateful thanks to those young men of the village who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Unfortunately due to old age and infirmity Branch membership has declined and following the death of our Secretary, it may be that the Branch will have to close.

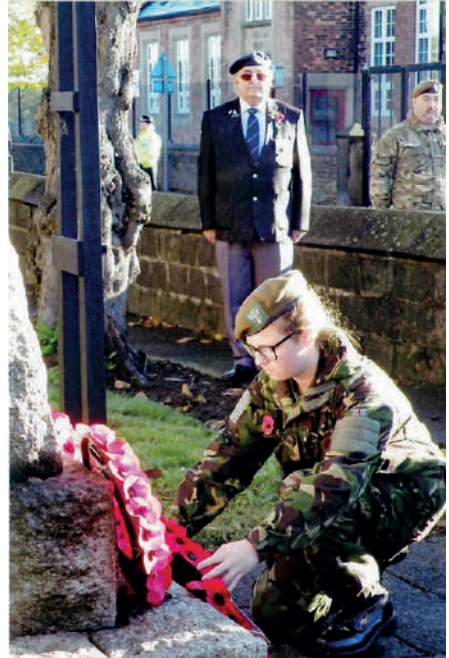
The Branch is financially sound and it would be ideal if younger people could assist and learn from the few members who remain. It is not a requirement for Legion members to have served in the armed forces.

Legion membership ensures that Remembrance is kept alive and that the sacrifices our brave Service men and women made are never forgotten.

If you are interested and want to know more you can contact a Branch Officer:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Robert Guest | Fred Leighton |
| Chairman | Branch Treasurer |
| 01773 813578 | 01773 602912 |

Please telephone Robert or Fred



Local cadet laying a wreath in Ironville with former club secretary, Adrian Bingley BEM, who passed away recently, in the background.

**If no one is
prepared to step
forward to support
this LOCAL group
you will ALL lose
something VERY
special.**



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



You may remember back in Spring of this year we told you all of our plans to lay new paths all the way from our beloved Humpy Bridge to the end of the canal path. I am pleased to report that despite the funding we applied for not materialising this work has now been completed.

We all know that our area would not be possible without the hard work of the many volunteers that work along the canal, on the Forge Nature Reserve and around the reservoir. I hope that all our readers have seen the progress being made across all our local green spaces and are enjoying it more than ever before. Volunteers are the lifeblood that bring plans together and this project was only made possible with the help of those local heroes.

On the 19th of July, our volunteers were joined by some extra help from The Derbyshire Wildlife Trust team who worked for over 10 hours to make sure that the paths were safe, level, and accessible for all. The weather, for the most part was on our side and the team laid over 600 metres of new stone.

Longcliffe Quarries yet again donated the stone and thanks to the help of Ben and the team at Collins Earthworks who loaned us a mini digger and a dumper and Terry who came along to operate it. The team made short work of something that would have been nigh on impossible in the timescale. Extra stone was also laid across the areas that have been holding water.

Thanks to everyone who came along to help.

The other seasonal work that has been completed has also involved the construction and siting of 2 new benches, balsam being pulled and destroyed, seasonal reed pulling to clear the water path, bramble hedges pruned, windblown trees removed from the canal and of course the regular emptying of bins and litter picking.



Bat Walks 2023

We are also going to be doing more Bat Nights as the last one at the start of September was fully subscribed within a week of it going up on the Facebook page and we had to open a waiting list for places. If you haven't been to one, please do come along. It is a fascinating subject, and you have some great people on hand with expert knowledge as well as some impressive technology that can detect not only which bats are about but also the species.

We will be doing a special feature on the bats in the area in the winter edition of the newsletter.

Volunteering

We have a varied mix of people who volunteer each week and who give different amounts of time. No matter what you do in your 'day job', there is always something that needs doing so if you would like to find out more, please do get in touch.

And please, if you are less mobile or cannot volunteer your 'physical' self, due to illness, disability, or other challenges, we would love to hear from you. Everyone is welcome and we have roles that range from admin to design work, from fundraising to photography and research projects. We are truly open to helping you share in the joy of wildlife in whatever form that takes.

Fresh air, learning new skills, being with like minded people who care about the local environment and a few giggles along the way..... what's not to love about that!

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



A huge thank You to Collins Earthworks for the loan of mini digger and dumper. This enabled us to complete a task that would have been otherwise impossible in the time we had. See previous page for full details.

Slow Ways

By Ken Brockway

Help create a national walking network

What if there was an official network of walking routes connecting all of Britain's towns, cities and national parks? Well there is.

Slow Ways is an initiative creating a national network of walking routes connecting all of Great Britain's towns and cities as well as thousands of villages.

Using existing paths, ways, trails and roads, people use Slow Ways routes to walk between neighbouring settlements, and combine them to create longer distance trips. It's designed to make it easier for people to imagine, plan and go on walking journeys.

There are currently over 8,000 Slow Ways stretching for over 120,000km. This network of routes was created by 700 volunteers during the Spring 2020 lockdown, creating a unique Slow Ways map in the process.

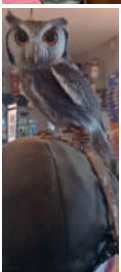
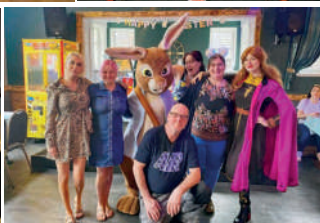
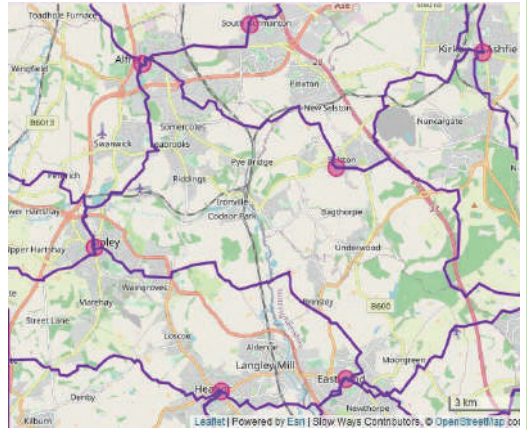
Now these handmade, crowd-sourced routes need checking. Can you help?

Start here - <https://beta.slowways.org/> you can find routes by using the search box and by browsing the map – just click on the dots and lines. Plan longer journeys by combining Slow Ways routes in the Journey Planner.

The map (top right) shows in blue Slow Way routes that have already received three reviews and are considered good walking routes connecting towns and settlements in our area. Give one a go and see if you agree.

Closer to home the Slow Way connecting Ripley to Selston passes through Ironville see:

<https://beta.slowways.org/Route/Ripsel/5028#overview> Why not walk the route and leave a review.



Crossings Club Monument Lane

 01773 602346

Monday - The club is CLOSED
Tuesday open 4pm to 12am
Skittle Matches

Wed. & Thurs. open 4pm - 11.30
Meals served from 4.30 - 8pm
£6.50 per meal - Desserts £3.00

Friday open 4pm - 1am
Free Jukebox + Various Bands

Saturday open 8.30-12am
Breakfast Served 8.30 - 12pm
Meat Draw 7.30pm

Sunday open 12pm to 10pm
Free Bar Nibbles

The Club can cater for all occasions, also free room hire. Please contact the Club for more info.



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

☎ Pam 01773 689414 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.

The Crafty Crafters are already very busy preparing for a spectacular display for Remembrance day in November. They plan to hang the display of around 1,000 poppies from the side of the church. Pauline (below left) initiated the project and as you can see from the pictures they are moving "full steam ahead". The craft group hope that you will enjoy the display and look forward to seeing you at the Remembrance Ceremony organised by the British Legion.



In addition to the poppies the members of the group are working on many other projects. Some are already preparing for Christmas!

Julian's Column

It must be getting near Christmas because the shops have started displaying advent calendars and Christmas decorations. It seems that our lives and diaries are driven by the supermarkets and consumerism. I know my grandchildren have already got hold of catalogues and drawn huge thick circles in black felt pens around a lot (and I mean A LOT) of the toys and games as unobtrusive hints to parents and grandparents.



But for many September has different priorities, there are new schools or new classes to go to, new routines, perhaps new jobs or new relationships to embrace. So perhaps now is the ideal opportunity to start a new way of looking at life – not through the eyes of shopping or material things, but through the eyes of “tomorrow being the first day of the rest of your life”, so what do you want to make of it? Perhaps it’s a new and simpler way of living, not keeping up with neighbours, but keeping up with the simple joy and pleasure and rich possibility that each new day brings.

Saint Paul writing to the people in Rome saw how the Romans were living and offered a new way, a new start in life. He wrote this: “But now that we’re no longer shackled to that domineering mate of sin, we’re free to live a new life in the freedom of God.” Perhaps we too can shake off the shackles of whatever it is that holds us down and free ourselves to live simpler and less cluttered lives, for me that’s following Jesus, and I hope and pray that you too will find that higher path.

Julian Rev. Julian Penfold




Clowns Children's Centre


Last term Pre School enjoyed a observational painting activity.

We looked at the gorgeous bunch of daffodils and painted what we saw.

This was such a rich learning activity. By taking part we:

- * Strengthen our memory as we looked at the daffodils and remembered what they looked like.
- * Developed our fine motor skills
- * Developed an understanding of spatial awareness
- * Developed our concentration and focus skills
- * Developed our observational skills
- * Interpreted a 3d shape into a 2d shape
- * But most of all, we had fun 



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 on 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 (DCT) has successfully launched its new Car Club scheme in Belper. The operation involves the use of two vehicles – a Nissan Leaf electric car and a wheelchair accessible Ford Tourneo vehicle (WAV). To date 58 people have joined the Belper Car Club and 100 trips have been operated. Car Club members can either hire the vehicles to drive themselves or DCT can provide one of our 11 volunteer drivers.

Liz Esnouf, DCT's Managing Director, said "It is early days, but we are very pleased with the Car Club's initial take up and we are looking to expand the scheme to other parts of the County. Any charities and community groups in Ironville and Codnor Park who are interested in working with us to develop a local funding bid should contact Steve Burd, our Project Manager, at s.burd@derbyshirect.org".

DCT's joint Tackling Loneliness project with the DfT and the Community Transport Association in the Chesterfield and North-East Derbyshire area assisted over 400 people meet new friends and become more involved in their local communities, reducing social isolation. 108 trips were run during the nine month trial and over 1,200 individual return trips were made locally in Derbyshire and to destinations further afield such as York, Harrogate, Liverpool and Birmingham.



Steve Burd, DCT's Project Manager, said "17 Community Transport (CT) operators took part in the scheme across the country and DCT generated 20% of the total passengers carried. The DfT were very pleased with the results of the project and we are hopeful that this will lead to additional funding for the Community Transport sector in the future".



DCT are running the following day trips in September with door home pick-ups in Ironville and Codnor Park – Tuesday 5th September- Skegness (£25), Wednesday 13th September Trentham Gardens (£20), Thursday 21st September – Stratford Upon Avon (£20) and Tuesday 28th September Castleton (£18).

Seats can be booked by calling 01773 746652.



There were some super displays around the village to celebrate Charles III's coronation followed by quite a number of Street Parties. A big thank you to all who helped to organise or create. On this page are just a few examples.





NEWS FROM PHILIP ROSE

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Earlier in the year all County Councillors were offered the opportunity to meet with the 'managing director' of Derbyshire County Council, to introduce her to our divisions and, show her specific issues that need to be resolved and, opportunities for improvement etc.

I took the opportunity to invite Emma and her assistant Helen to Ironville.

Of course, the obvious issues of poor road surfaces, indifferent transport links and lack of amenities were pointed out and acknowledged but I really wanted to show Emma and Helen what was unique about Ironville and Codnor Park and, the potential for improvements that would benefit residents.

I focused on our relative isolation, hidden on the edge of Derbyshire (Emma admitted she had never visited before!) and, the excellent resources we enjoy in terms of paths and trails including that we sit on a 'Key Cycle network' route from Pinxton to Langley Mill with connection to Ripley. I explained in detail my frustration that the route is so low down on the priority list even though it represents an excellent and valuable 'active travel' route... much of which is not paralleled by a road.

It should be recognised what is 'in the water' in the relatively near future including efforts to minimise personal travel and private car use on the altar of 'fighting climate change' so the importance and potential value of upgrading these routes should not be underestimated. One shop does not cut it!

We met at the corner of Vicarage Row and Station Road I pointed out we have been waiting for a drop kerb requested two years ago - the key question though is 'how did the original work get signed off without a drop kerb?' We then walked through the Forge and across the canal and river where I pointed out the attractive and well-maintained path and park to Jacksdale. Then down the canal towpath back into Ironville. We spoke to a number of folk walking from Jacksdale and identified the lack of a bridge over the canal as a problem.



I was able to indicate to Emma and Helen the location of routes we have requested to be designated bridleways and again share our frustration that requests for action seem to disappear into a black hole, including the Lawn bridge project which was dropped following years of volunteer work and promises from both officers and members.

We then drove to Pye Bridge - which took around 10 minutes, and walked onto Smotherfly - pointing out the route of the footpaths and potential cycle path and the opportunities for an active travel route from businesses in Pinxton and Pye Bridge to Ironville and on to Langley Mill....

While the visit does not mean anything will change in the immediate future, it did represent an excellent chance to raise awareness of our area in the minds of County management and cement in my mind the opportunities we have to make improvements which help residents without destroying our character.

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.



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
07870909071

WATERS EDGE BURGER BAR

Drinks, hot and cold food available.

Open Wed - Sun
7.30am - 1 pm

Steph: 📞 07800 978153
Tara: 📞 075140 98133





Over the course of four months, team Futures worked with customers, community groups and councils to plant 140 trees across the communities where our customers live. The trees were all planted in honour of The Queen's Green Canopy Project, a nationwide campaign originally set to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and extended to mark The Queen's passing.

Lindsey Williams, CEO of Futures, came up with the idea after reading about The Queen's Green Canopy, Lindsey said: "The planting fits perfectly with Futures' passion of giving back to the community and our ongoing sustainability journey. I'm thankful for all the support we've received from customers and organisations, and of course colleagues for making this possible."

We planted 17 trees in total in Ironville, spread across Market Place, King William Street and Victoria Street bus stop. We chose trees that were either local to Ironville or best for the planet, with most of the 17 being apple trees.

Some of the types of fruit trees were Newton Wonder, Lambs Seedling and Belledge Pippin, which are all native to Derbyshire and mostly dessert apples so people will be able to get baking. Planting local produce means we're supporting local businesses and by choosing fruit trees, it means both our customers and the community of Ironville will be able to take apples from them in the future. Who can already smell the apple pies?

We also planted hornbeam trees and sweet chestnut trees, with the latter being able to live for up to 700 years. Hornbeams keep their leaves all year round, so they're great for giving wildlife a place to shelter and nest, as well as being a tasty treat for caterpillars. Sweet chestnuts can also produce tasty treats, but this time for humans although red squirrels and even micro-moths will eat their nuts.



We started this tree planting project in Ironville on our Futures in the Community Day in December last year, so it was only right that we ended the project in Ironville too. We were joined by Team Ironville, a group of gardening volunteers who we've worked closely with over the years. Their hardworking group are passionate about making Ironville bloom and we love being able to collaborate on green fingered projects like this.

The trees are all included in our tree management plan so we'll continue to take care of them in the future, but the apple trees are all there for the community of Ironville.

Lindsey said: "The trees will be here for many years to come and hopefully in a few years' time, the apple trees will be ready for people to start cooking."



**OUR LOCAL
POLICE ON
PATROL
IN OUR
"CITY
CENTRE !"**

Photo by Jayne Nunn

KATHLEEN BROWN

"We were deeply saddened to hear of the recent passing of Kathleen (Kath) Brown. It is difficult to know where to start in describing Kath's involvement in not just the Church but the whole village of Ironville and Codnor Park. She was a tireless worker for her Church - the Parochial Church Council, an expert flower arranger, a dedicated fundraiser and cook - and Kath was equally involved in the life of the Church Hall and the Anvil Club. She will be greatly missed in so many ways, and our thoughts and condolences go to Jack and the family. Kath's funeral took place in Christ Church on Tuesday 9th May."



Ironville as seen through the eyes of a Kestrel's pupil, Phoebe Purdy at our local primary school. This was part of a project that linked with Scotholme Primary School in Nottingham to contrast rural setting with their urban setting.

The village is set within beautiful countryside, with many wonderful suggested walks.



Free one → Blast Furnace area
Lime
Rin



W. William Tossop
monks houses
Ironworks



Post office / shop

Derbyshire England



Model village school building
yew monks
light's church

IRONVILLE

reservoir

Church Hall and Knoll Club school
at Church hall you can have parties (birthday parties) etc. you have many more. Church hall is across the street of our school.



1750s
croft and canal
River embankment



Pank's
Penny
canal

William Tossop

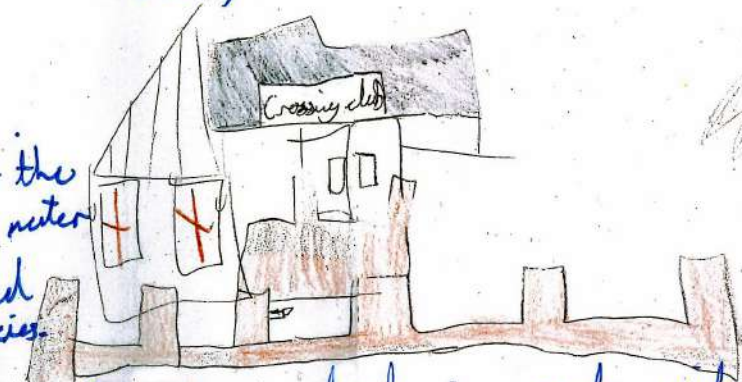
1820
Lodrup park
Polly

1354
Tossop
monument



sand

Wild life is thriving in this section of the sand. Water voles nests in the sand banks. Litter for the distinctive plays as one drops into the water or even eat them swimming. White-clawed crayfish and water voles are protected species. This section of the croft and canal is a refuge for these scarce animals.



Crossings club is a pub which opens at 5. Every day. On a Thursday they have bingo.

The reservoir also provides excellent fishing facilities including willow fishing, fly fishing and carp fishing and other refreshments at the bar & cafe.

WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE LOCAL FORGE CLOSED?

By Tom Denniford FRICS who was The Butterley Company's Group Surveyor and Land Agent from 1967 to 1969

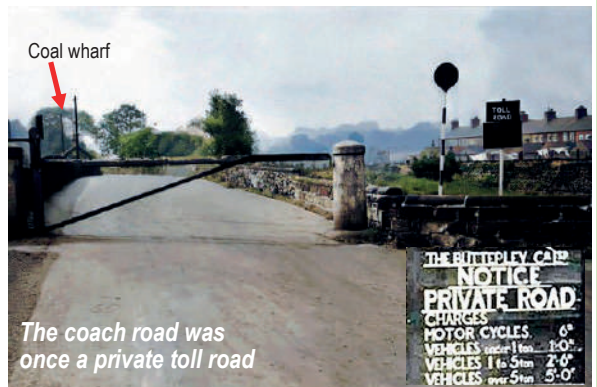
In many respects Ironville/Codnor Park in the late 1960s was a reflection of its recent history and retained the atmosphere of the "company village". The majority of the houses were still owned by Butterley; the streets were unadopted, private roads; water was supplied by the company; and the company did most of the maintenance. The Coach Road was a private toll road and fees were collected by a gate man located in a hut close to the canal bridge. Behind it one could readily trace the route of the private railway, which had linked the Butterley Works at Ripley to the Codnor Park Forge and Wagon Works. Close to the toll keeper's booth was a coal wharf or "Land Sale" where people could buy coal from local pits, probably Pye Hill. Smoke hung over the reservoir on windless days.



But change was already afoot. The closure of the Forge mirrored what was happening in the area generally. Housing tied to workplaces was a thing of the past. At Ironville, Butterley was already selling off houses when it could. Rent control and security of tenure for residential tenants meant owning rented property was an unattractive proposition. Rents could not be raised without the approval of a local authority Rent Officer, who took existing rents as evidence rather than market rates. A typical house in the village could be rented for £1.05p per week, but the responsibility for repairs lay with the company. A typical Market Street house would go for about £500, but they were not suitable for building society mortgages and the company was having to give mortgages to its buyers. The older houses were unsaleable.

Maintenance was a full-time operation. The Estate Department had a workforce of about a dozen people with the work required in the village being supervised by a foreman based in a yard down by the canal. But the nature of its historical ownership meant that Butterley was not only responsible for the repairs to the houses, but also maintained the roads and streets and cleared the snow and was also repaired the water mains. The Estate Department collected the rents; sent out the water bills; checked the timesheets; and paid the bills for materials. This was handled by a clerk in the office who, at the time, was the wife of the local vicar. However, the management of repairs left a lot to be desired and it seemed that the tenants who shouted loudest were the ones who got attended to first. Disputes between neighbours could be another problem.

Understandably there was a lot of nervousness among local people when the Butterley takeover was announced. The possibility that the village might be sold to absentee property speculators raised considerable local fears. In the event, the decision of Alfreton District Council to purchase the village was, undoubtedly, the correct one. How the council dealt with the village afterwards is another story.





Friends of Cromford Canal (FCC) Update

Registered Charity number 1164608

Work Party Report by John Guylter



First of all, Shirley Bullock and her sister Carol have again produced a lot of fruit and vegetables from the Lock Keepers Garden at Lock 4 at Ironville, which was donated to Age Concern at Eastwood. John Barker, the vice chairman of the FCC, has received a letter of thanks to the FCC and the community for the donations, from Age Concern. There is a new water supply system installed at the garden, thanks to support from the Mansfield Building Society.

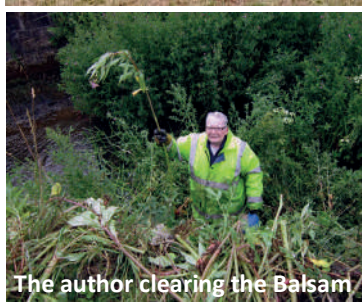
At Codnor Park Reservoir, there were several work party days to repair fencing, a team led by Malc Chisnell, replaced 3 posts and a top rail on the section near the steel bridge. and eight posts at the car park that were damaged. Then, at Golden Valley they have also removed fence posts dumped in the weir. In June, there was a need to repair fencing along the angling section near the car park and an additional job was to cut and remove a storm damaged tree, it had fallen across the path on the angling section. At Casson Street, the work party cleared the footpath through towards Pinxton Arm Bridge. A dead tree was made safe, its poor condition and position next to the footpath, made removal necessary. The following week the FCC work party acted on a special request, through Chris Martin one of our volunteers, to cut the long grass behind the Church for a special village event, there were ten FCC volunteers for a full day to clear the area. Chris has since made a sand pit in the same area. At the old Lock 1 area (Pinxton Arm Bridge) the FCC work party managed to remove a large amount of Himalayan Balsam from the reservoir overflow, almost to lock 2. At lock 4, we started clearing balsam from around King William Bridge and made our way towards Lock 4 where there was a very large clump at the start of the lock which took a lot of effort to remove. The FCC work parties have also cleared the old abandoned canal section adjacent to the angling section, of Himalayan Balsam and have got to clear around the memorial bench on the Golden Valley side, over the steel bridge. Now, at the time of writing, (the middle of August), the balsam is as high again on the Lock 1 to Lock 3 stretch, so if there is time, balsam bashing will be the order of the day, again. All work is done at the request and permission of the Canal & River Trust, there are regular visits to the area to discuss future work required and to look at work done by the FCC work parties.



Shirley with some of the 2023 crop



Clearing the grass behind Christ Church



The author clearing the Balsam



Pruning & Tidying near Christ Church

The FCC work parties have responded to a request from Sally Fisher, of the Friends of the Forge, for assistance to lay a dry path through the Forge site up near the railway. Using an assortment of old building bricks and sections of hexagonal walk way material filled with sand, edged with decking timber they are achieving a good result that in the wet periods visitors will have a much more pleasant work through what is generally a boggy area. The work has taken several work party days with possibly two or three more to finish.

In April, at a request of the Canal & River Trust, at Butterley Reservoir, the FCC had a work party clear the runoff and surrounding area of weeds and rubbish making the clearance for high volumes of water more efficient. Then at the beginning of June, the FCC had a request from Canal & River Trust if we could assist at Moorgreen Reservoir to clear the areas around the water level gauges and the gullies accessing them. These were difficult to get to, because the gauges were set back in the bank, in vee's cut into the bank and were very overgrown. They were successfully cleared, giving the C&RT's inspectors an easier time checking water levels.

At Lower Hartshay, the FCC has planted a further 400 whips for the new hedgerow (400 were planted last year). We were assisted by eight pupils and teachers from Ambergate Primary School who planted 100 whips.

Pinxton wharf had some visits from FCC work parties, clearing vegetation and litter which seems to be a big problem down there, There were some trees which had to be trimmed of branches which were over hanging and could potentially cause problems

At Sawmills, work on clearing brush was conducted by the main group, whilst work was taking place on the stone bridge to replace the lost coping stones. The coping stones had been missing off the bridge for a number of years. Master mason Robert Shacklock, had sourced some stone, which he had brought to size and then finished them off, to look similar to the originals still in situ. The bridge was worked on in the morning, replacing the blocks and from lunch time onwards the FCC team of volunteers did the finish lime mortaring. The finished repair looks good. This compliments the work on the rebuild of the wall at Waterloo Farm last year, just across the road. Thanks, go to Lockwood's Haulage for their backing for this project.

After many years of planning and discussions with various council bodies, the extension to the Cromford Canal at Beggarlee, Langley Mill, has got under way. Preparation of the site included the removal of a head wall containing a 600mm pipe which carries the Beggarlee Brook under the A610 and a smaller pipe from the drains on the A610. Using a jigger pick on the head wall itself and to remove the pipe attached to it, took a couple of days. With the headwall out of the way the area was prepared for the arrival of the Waterway Recovery Group (WRG), who are a national volunteer group who work primarily on waterway restoration. They were with us from



The FCC laying some silver birch to edge the new foot path on the Forge Nature Reserve.

the 6th to the 10th July and billeted at the Ironville Anvil Club. There were six of them and came from Manchester, London and Lichfield.

The concrete piping, all £28,000 of it, was delivered on very large truck and laid out in position ready for assembly. The WRG set to and assembled the large manhole chamber where the head-wall had been previously, over a couple of days. This chamber is 1.5m in diameter and two metres deep and is built in three sections and has a facility inside for inspectors to climb down. On the top is a brick level which has an inspection cover for access. Several concrete sections of large diameter pipe with rubber seals inside were located in the inspection chamber by WRG, that was where they finished their long weekend. That's where the FCC volunteers came into their own, over a period of nearly four weeks of continuous working, they have dug out a new gully and connected large flexible pipes each eight metres long to the concrete pipes at the inspection chamber, this piping

will be under the canal channel when it is completed. In all, they have fitted 44 metres of piping to reach the other larger gully where the two pipes will connect up and then discharge into the river Erewash. Previously, the WRG were on site in March to pull tree roots out of the areas that required clearing of tree roots, they brought some really heavy winches along, to do the job. The FCC & ECP&DA work parties had done some tree root pulling but with much smaller winches. We are now ready for the Waterways Recovery Group to continue the next heavy lifting of the 900mm diameter pipes and build an inspection chamber within the two headwalls, in early September. The FCC wishes to thank Wernick Danzer, who have allowed access to the site of heavy equipment and for the overnight secure storage of equipment. They have also donated land on a temporary basis to allow heavy trucks to turn on site.

So far, there has been 2,480 direct hours at Beggarlee, Langley Mill given by volunteers, clearing litter and rubbish, clearing the site of brush and the building of pipe systems that will eventually be underneath the canal channel.

The FCC, has two certificated power-saw operatives as well as certificated strimmer operatives, digger and dumper drivers, certificated tree chipper and lime mortar operatives. With, the building of the Beggarlee Extension getting closer, we need a Site Manager, someone who has the experience of managing contractors and keeping the job on track. If anyone has the experience and is interested; please contact to discuss terms and conditions.

David Martin, chair@cromfordcanal.org.uk

If you feel that you would like to participate in the work parties, the volunteers are a sociable bunch, they look out for each other and are great to work with;

Contact John Barker: work@cromfordcanal.org.uk



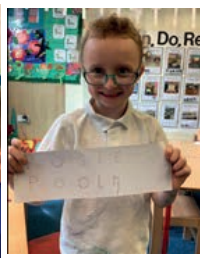
Work physically starts on the Cromford Canal extension at Langley Mill

Wrens have had a fabulous summer term

By Mr. Judge - Ironville & Codnor Park Primary School

When we have had a busy and fun time learning about the seaside past and present, exploring the differences what the seaside looked like and what people did for entertainment. This included watching Punch and Judy. During Plan, Do, Review we recreated the seaside where we paddled in the sea, made sand castles and enjoyed ice creams!

Empathy is about being kind, caring, showing forgiveness and being courteous and Wrens, along with the rest of the school have been learning about this with Empathy Day. We read the story of 'The Rainbow fish' who was at first reluctant, Rainbow Fish eventually relents and finds he enjoys sharing his scales. We then did some incredible writing about what happened when the Rainbow Fish shared his scales.



καλως ηρθες στην ΕΛΛΑΔΑ (Welcome to Greece)

Wrens have been on a trip to Greece for Wonderful World Week.

We explored where Greece is, the Greek Gods and why they were important, tasted different Greek foods as well as cooking Greek food! Oh, and don't forget about the plate smashing... OPA! ☺

We have been working very hard at name writing and we wrote our names in Greek. We also designed Greek temples with art straws and designed and decorated our own Greek vase. Wrens took part in our very own Olympic games, where we participated in a variety of Greek games.



Finally over the summer term, Wrens have been joining in 'Little Chefs Programme' where they have learned how to make breakfasts, snacks and simple lunches safely using a range of cutlery.



Anvil Club & Church Hall - 22nd July



In spite of some dreadful weather everyone had a lovely time at this special event



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

A very warm welcome from everyone at the youth club.

During the last few months, youth club members have enjoyed socialising and talking about a range of different topics. We have facilitated discussions about future life plans, career options and plans for after the summer break. We have many young people who are awaiting GCSE results, with some already having apprenticeships in place.

Others are going onto college, to further their education, as well as having part time jobs.

At the youth club we offer advice on careers, career options and pathways to all that attend, should they want it.

As well as advice in this area we facilitate discussions about healthy and safe relationships, friendships, alcohol and drug abuse and money/finances.

Over the last few months we have a new group of young people attending and we are pleased to see so many younger members that are coming in, who have just left the local primary schools.

Young people have taken an interest in playing pool, drawing and colouring and sitting in a safe space with a cup of tea and eating toast. This is something that we provide free of charge.

(Donations would be appreciated by the young people!)

Most importantly, over the summer if you didn't get those results you were after and are unsure what to do next, or if you need a bit of advice and guidance, feel free to pop down for an informal chat with Helen or Shane. (Or if you just fancy a game of pool then that is ok!).

We hope to see you soon!

Helen and Shane

**Sessions on Thursdays &
Fridays - 6.00pm - 8pm
Age Group: 11 to 16 year
olds and up to 18 with
Special Educational Needs**





Amber Valley CVS

At the core of Amber Valley CVS is support to start, fund and develop local groups and promote volunteer roles within those groups. We invite groups to meet and work together and promote what they do to local partnerships that include statutory workers and organisations.



We will be launching details of new small grants programmes from Public Health soon ! Many Thanks to Andy , who presented all the community activity from Ironville in May at the Amber Valley Partners event.

You can add your view of Ironville in 2 ways ;

How do you link with others in Ironville, as an individual or part of a group? How would you show the connections that people in Ironville have? Amber Valley CVS are keen to see any creative and informative representation of your community and have £250 to offer for work. For an example view Duffield Wheel on <https://www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/good-neighbours-wheel-revised-sept-17.pdf>

Please tell us what you love, loathe and would like to see changed by completing this comment card and returning it to lynn@avcvs.org / Amber Valley CVS , Market Place Ripley DE5 3HA

Which community place or space are you commenting on: _____

Yours
Amber Valley

What I love...

What I loathe...

What could improve...

If you'd like someone to contact you about your comments, please fill out your details:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Please cut out and send in or forward your comments by e-mail.

Contact details are above the form.

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And finally, are you a person who is well connected to others in the community and would you become part of a network of people sharing health & wellbeing information and taking questions back to health professionals on current topics ?

We are looking for people to share the Community Connectors newsheet – to receive the first edition, email davidbrough@avcvs.org

How has your community changed since the March 2020 lockdown? Have you a story to tell, good or bad that we can share and learn from – share it with us by responding to the Community Connector newsheet.

LOCAL RESIDENT GRANVILLE HORTON HAS CYCLED OVER 300,000 MILES IN HIS LIFE TIME

Cycling has played a major part in my life over many years. After joining the Nottingham Phoenix road Club at the age of fourteen I became a keen club member; out on the bike all the year round what ever the weather.

Early Holidays were spent youth hostelng over all the UK. At the age of sixteen I took up racing and found a level of success at club level. In 1961 four club member embarked on our first continental holiday, covering all the major passes in Switzerland. Also that year whilst staying at Rudyard Lake Youth Hostel I first met Shirley and we married in 1964.

After almost 25 years working as a technician at the University of Nottingham, I decided to open a shop in Hyson Green, £10 a week - rent and rates!

Shirley initially ran the shop until I could see my way to hand in my notice at the University.

Later on we bought premises on Valley road, Sherwood.

We sponsored our local cycling club Beauvale CC. And riders achieved success at local and national events.

In 2004 we retired and I was able to get out on the bike more. At the age of almost 70 I decided to ride Land's End to John O'Groats and I persuaded my old mate Tony Pilnick (from old Phoenix days) to come with his son Richard.

I handed the motorhome keys to Shirley at Land's End and she did a superb job of backing us up each day for the 1,000 mile journey. We raised well over £2000 for the Maggie's Cancer Support Centre in Nottingham.

To sum up I reckon I have covered over 300,000 miles on bikes and have made life long friends.

Finally I would like to thank Shirley and my family & club mates for their support and friendship over the years.



Above left: "Granville had a life long interest in hand built Paragron frames. Above right: Completing the 1110 miles of Land's End to John O'Groats in 11 days with Tony & Richard



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 discusses just a few of the things that they have been up to over the past few months.

Team Ironville has been busy again this year. February saw us join in with Futures Housing Group, as they planted some new trees on the green, which will eventually replace the existing ones, as they are getting old. Spring brought the results of our autumn bulb planting, where we are trying to make the village look prettier at the beginning of the year, before the summer flowers appear. We hope to plant some more bulbs in the autumn, so that we have an even better display next year.

The weather has conspired against us, as usual; we can't win! Last year we had a hot, dry summer, which meant that plants struggled to flower: this year, spring was dry, but the summer has been wet. Plants shot up, as they made the most of the moist soil and now look a bit straggly in places. Most of the wildflower beds around the village were seeded by Futures back in the autumn, but we were a little late, for various reasons, sowing the bed on Pottery Corner. The seed went down just as the dry spell hit, so they did not germinate till quite late. This time the wet weather, about which I complained earlier, actually helped, as the bed has since come on really well.

We continue to struggle with our small team of four. We have had to abandon care for the bed at the bottom of Nottingham Lane, opposite the entrance to Jack Brown's depot. The soil is quite poor there and, in dry conditions, can be like concrete to dig, so we have avoided the area. There are some plants there which we could possibly, with Futures' agreement, move somewhere better. We did start to paint some of the metalwork in King William's Square a couple of years ago, but, again, due to a lack of resource, we have not been able to do anything like as much as we would have wished. We might be able to get back there this autumn, weather permitting. Our little team, comprising Shirley, Carol, Pete and me, Nigel, we would love some help on Tuesdays. We are normally out between 10 and 2, but can be flexible.



We need volunteers!

Do have a Chat with us





Just a second is all it takes

It's something many of us do every day, almost without thinking – like brushing our teeth or locking the front door.

But while driving feels routine, things can change in a moment.

That's why Derbyshire Constabulary's road safety campaign has been reminding people of the impact of being distracted while driving – even just for a second.

It's not just the potentially devastating consequences which might seem too far-fetched to ever become reality (although sadly, they often do). There are also the mundane effects of being caught driving carelessly – from soaring insurance premiums to losing your means of getting to work.

Sergeant Adam Titterton, from the Constabulary's Roads Policing Unit, said: "We are really encouraging people to take a second to reconsider the attention they give to driving. Incidents on the roads are largely caused by normal people like you and me.

"With more technology than ever in our lives now, most of us can probably think of a time when we've been distracted by glancing at a smart watch or fiddling with the car's touch screen. Unfortunately, it really does take just a second for everything to change.

"Even behaviours which aren't specifically covered by the law can become offences if they cause you not to be in control and driving with care, so we all need to treat driving with the respect it requires and minimise distractions as much as we can.

"Being banned from driving isn't something anyone wants to have to tell their family or employer about, but there is now more chance than ever of being caught with the amount of dash-cams and home security footage available to police – as well as our own regular patrols.

"So the message is simple – take a second to get everything ready before you go, minimise distractions and keep us all safer on the roads."

Look out for more on the campaign on Derbyshire Constabulary's website and social media channels.

Your local SNT is aware that there are also concerns about speeding in the area. For the latest updates on our work regarding this please follow our Facebook page: Codnor, Ripley and Waingroves Police SNT, or speak to the team when you see us out and about.

Ironville Parish Council is currently in the process re-establishing a local Speed Watch Scheme. Safe locations are currently being assessed by the police. (See pages 2 & 3).



CHOIR GOES TO FULL POWER AT CHRIST CHURCH

On Saturday 24th June Alfreton Male Voice Choir performed to an amazing audience of over 60 to help Christ Church Ironville raise funds for their **Urgent Electrical Works project**.

Everyone got 'switched on' enjoying songs including 'The Chattanooga Choo Choo' 'What a Wonderful World' and John Denver's, 'Perhaps Love' with bass Colin Smith wowing the audience with a solo.

After the interval the Choir turned up the 'power' with Queens 'Bohemian Rhapsody' 'Halleluia' and even the Choirs' lion 'Leonora' appeared to give a jungle feel to 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight.'

There was a complete change from AC to DC visually attractive Choirs' Sagalouts performed sea shanties and top tenor John Stamp again changed the voltage with two comedy monologues, 'The Ballad of Lidl and Aldi' and 'The Muckspreader song.

Parish priest Father Mark gave a vote of thanks before the finale when Alfreton Male Voice Choir went to full power encouraging audience the audience to join in with resounding performances of 'Sweet Caroline' and 'You'll Never Walk Alone' making Ironville church really rock.

A thoroughly powerful evening. We must give thanks those who sold concert tickets and raffle tickets, those who provided the many excellent raffle prizes (23 in all) and those who organised the refreshments during the interval. David, Miriam, Ann and Bally showed tremendous enthusiasm and hard work behind the scenes leading up to the concert. The concert raised more than £618 for the urgent electrical project. (Also see back page).



Not only did the church electrical supply need checking and updating, an asbestos inspection was also required too, to assess any potential asbestos-containing materials. Fortunately here the church got a clean bill of health. To the left Andy of GRP Ltd is giving Christ Church a thorough Check over.

VINTAGE PHOTOGRAPHS OF IRONVILLE

BY DAVID COLEMAN

They say proficiency in snooker is a sign of a misspent youth, so I'm not sure what taking photographs of historical and derelict buildings says about my youth! Growing up on the north-eastern corner of Ripley, in close proximity to Butterley Works, Butterley Hall and its estate, I spent many happy hours as a child, roaming along the Fortyhorse fields, Coach Road, the Cromford Canal, Codnor Park Reservoir, and the old industrial relics of Codnor Park and Ironville. As a geographer with an interest in the impact of the Industrial Revolution, I suppose it was inevitable that I developed a love of the area and an interest in its old industrial archaeology. As the 60's turned into the early 70's, it became clear that great changes were afoot in Codnor Park and Ironville. Houses were being left empty and descending into dereliction, and the old industrial landscape was being lost. A sixth-former at Swanwick Hall Grammar School by then, I had also developed an interest in photography, and managed to save sufficient of my earnings from part-time jobs to buy myself a Zenit B SLR camera, and thought it would be a good idea to capture some of the old village on film before it disappeared entirely. So, in my spare time, I roamed around Fletcher's Row, the Big Six, King William Street with the old Co-Op Square at the bottom, and some of the larger but now derelict houses by the Forge, snapping away. I also managed to capture some of the old Great Central viaduct being demolished, before it too disappeared.



In the 50 years since, the sequence of events is long forgotten, but a school colleague at the time, Mike Higginbotham, who was a couple of years older than me, also had a fascination for local history and had already authored several booklets including a history of Swanwick Hall. Mike told me that he was keen to do something similar for Ironville, and I duly sent him the negatives to use, then forgot about them, and eventually lost touch with Mike. It was not until during the Covid lockdown in 2021 that, out of the blue, I received a letter from Mike, who had found them in his archives and wanted to return them, with profuse apologies for keeping them so long! Thinking they might be of interest to others, I contacted Andy Cadman and he agreed. So here they are, and I'm sure they will bring back memories to some of the more senior citizens of Ironville!

For further information please do have a look at Mike's website, where you can find a wealth of other interesting local history information and photographs:

<https://www.mikehigginbottominterestingtimes.co.uk/>

Enjoy the photographs and perhaps share some of your memories with Andy!

David sent in an amazing collection of photographs - On the pages that follow is just a very small selection. Hopefully more will follow in future Newsletters. Ed.

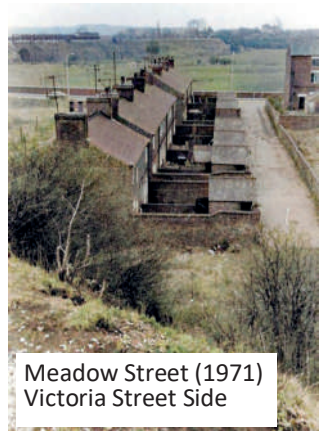
The coming of the railways to the village in the mid nineteenth century led to Meadow Street and Albert Street being split into two!

The Erewash Valley Railway was opened to the Codnor Park works, on 6th September 1847. Later this line was extended to the north about 1879 – the Erewash Line from Colwick to Pinxton was being made in 1872, and was opened in 1874. In 1900, the Midland Line Codnor Park to Manchester was made available for G.N. Traffic, and in the same year American built engines were first used on the Erewash Valley Line.

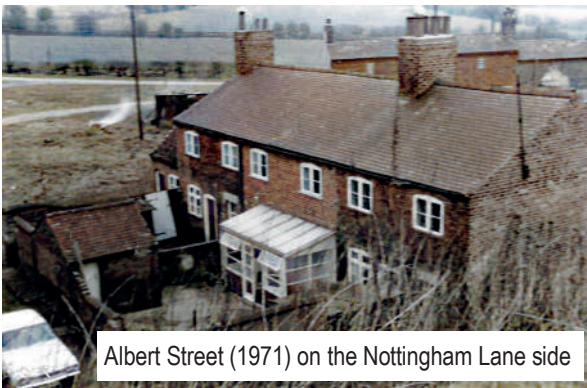
The arrival of steam locomotive railways changed everything for the land owners, colliery owners; iron works owners and canal users alike. This is described by rail and canal historians today as the 'period of transition', from the early horse drawn railways and their symbiotic relationship with canals, to steam railways and (in many instances) the direct competition to canals



Meadow Street (1971)
Nottingham Lane Side



Meadow Street (1971)
Victoria Street Side



Albert Street (1971) on the Nottingham Lane side



Albert Street (1971) on the Victoria Street side, above and left.

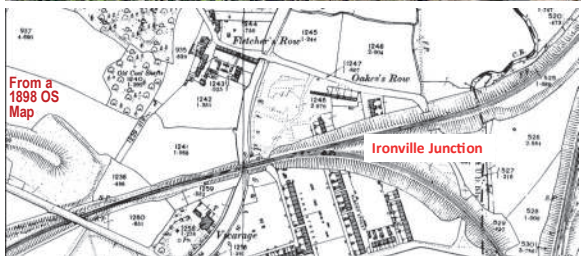


FLETCHERS ROW (Demolished in the 1970's)

Probably built in the 1840's by James Oakes for his workers, particularly coal miners, and named after the original land owner. There were once 22 Houses on Fletchers Row.



N.B. Drained Pinxton Canal just behind the hedge.



FORGE ROW in 1971 before the Bungalows and houses on Vicarage Close were built. Very rare to see children playing in the street today and so few parked cars!



Below: Still a popular spot for photographers today, with Lock 4 in the foreground. You can just see Forge house in 1971 (middle left) shortly before it was demolished.



CODNOR CASTLE NEWS

By David Williams

"Codnor Parish Council wanted to update the information board in their Market Place Car Park to reflect the amount of work that members of The Castle Trust had put in to ensure a piece of our local heritage is remembered in years to come.

The plaque is to acknowledge the achievements of the Codnor Castle Heritage Trust 2006-2022.

The Codnor Castle Heritage Trust worked tirelessly for Codnor Castle and played an integral role in saving Codnor Castle from complete demise.

Throughout the years the Trust achievements have been immense, such as:

- Inviting and hosting the Time Team dig to excavate the ruins
- Raising Codnor Castle's profile through academic historical research
- Publication of our guide book and promoting and expanding the Castle's rich and little known history
- Bringing the castle back into the heart of the community by organising open days and events and guided tours
- Promoting Codnor Castle nationwide through Television, movies and social and other media. "



The names on the plaque, as suggested is just a sample of all of those who have supported the trust in so many ways in its time. Ed.



These photographs were taken in May when the pantry was open.

The Pantry is currently closed for the summer, at **the time of going to print.** It hopes to reopen in the autumn.

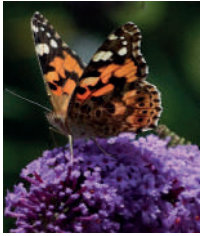
Pete's Page - Butterflies in our village, 2023



It is a sad truth that 80% of UK butterflies have declined significantly in our lifetimes, (mostly due to intensive farming and building; leading to a loss of their habitat and food-plants).

There has been some good news for 2023 – in particular Red Admirals and Holly Blues are doing well.

I try hard to garden for wildlife and I have spotted 19 different species in my Codnor Park garden. Here are a few photographs of some of them. (P.S . If anyone wants any help to identify one they see, just find me on Messenger and ask!) *Pete Clark*



Painted Lady



Peacock



Red Admiral



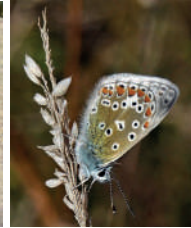
Small tortoiseshell



Speckled Wood



Comma



Common Blue



Common Blue



Gatekeeper



Gatekeeper



Holly Blue



Holly Blue



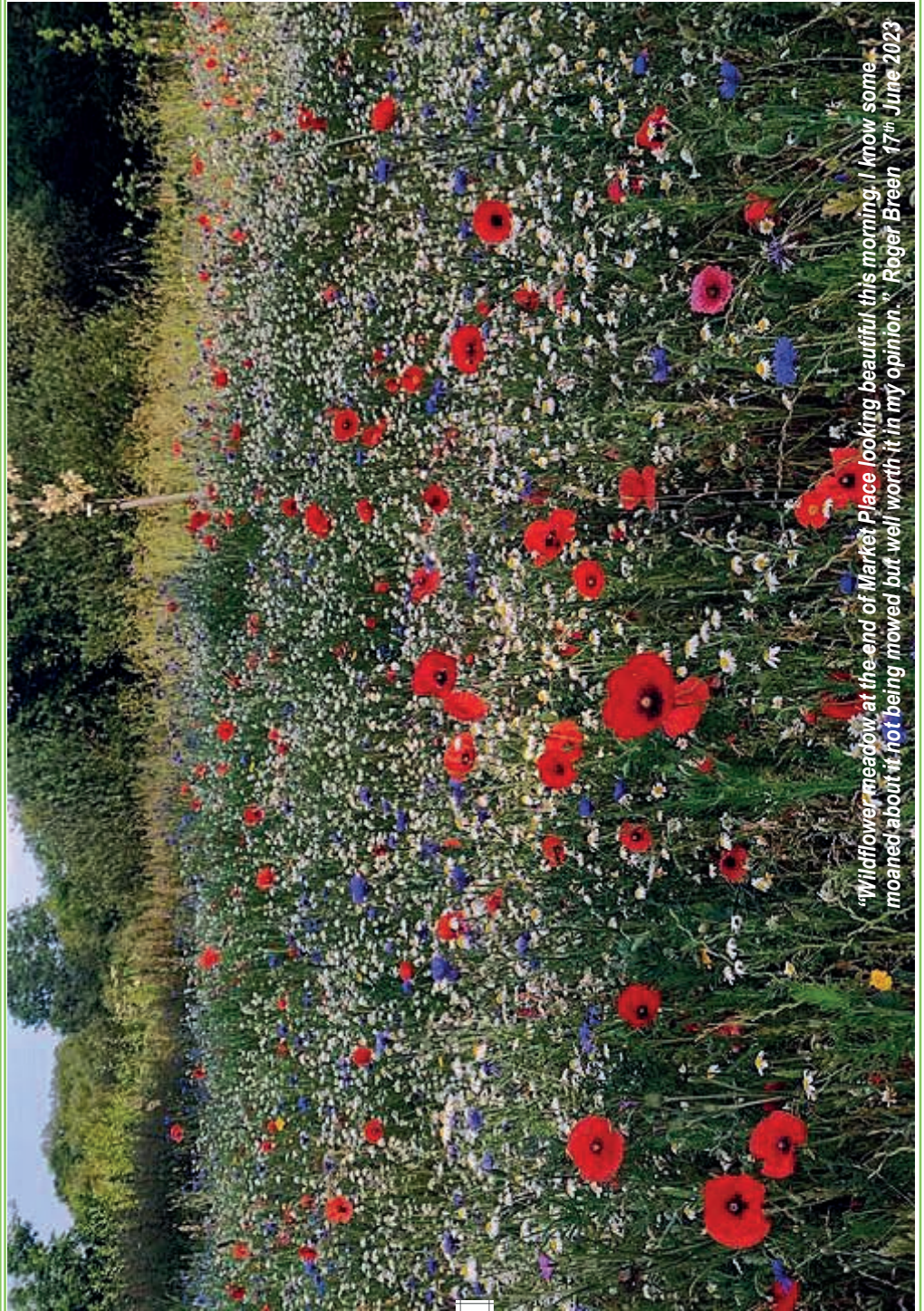
Large White



Orange Tip



Ringlet



*"Wildflower meadow, at the end of Market Place looking beautiful this morning. I know some
moaned about it not being mowed but well worth it in my opinion." Roger Breen 17th June 2023*

What's on at the Church Hall?

Mon - Nic's Fitness Crew ☎07810898868

Beatz Fitness 5.45pm - 6.45

Mon-Lauren Monks School of Dance

Inter. Ballroom & Latin 7pm - 8 Adults

Latin in line class 8.15pm - 9



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 - free door prizes

☎Daz 07967760065 or Steve 07419323705



Wed am - Crafty Crafters

10am - 12pm ☎ Pam 01773 689414 (see page 12)

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 7)



The Friends of the Cromford Canal Talks:

All talks start at 7pm in Ironville Church Hall

18th Sept - The Story of Aqueduct Cottage & its successful restoration by volunteer Ian Hooker

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

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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 for more details)

Next Meeting : Monday 18th Sept 2023

We look forward to seeing you there.



Cllr. Liz Holgate (Chair)



Alfreton Male voice Choir provided a really entertaining evening in Christ Church on 24th June. Go to page 35.

OAP Community Centre Activities

Victoria Crescent- Bookings ☎ Pam Cope 01773 606454

Mon: Coffee Morning & Bingo

10am - 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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The next issue is TBC - Deadline TBC



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