



Ironville & Codnor Park Newsletter



Local news, events, articles and more September 2024



Welcome to Issue Number Twenty One

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: <http://tinyurl.com/nzxc2t9w>

News From Ironville and
Codnor Park Primary School



☎ 01773 602936

What a busy and enjoyable Summer Term at Ironville & Codnor Park Primary School! We have had lots of visitors, visits and exciting times for our children and staff.

Memorable moments have been the Twycross Zoo visit for our Robins Class, encountering the medieval past for our Kingfishers at Bol-solver Castle and exploring artistic possibilities at the amazing Yorkshire Sculpture Park for our Year Four and Five. Our Year Six have been developing their love of learning by visiting Derby University and finding out what courses and facilities they have to offer – perhaps a budding scientist or mathematician will be inspired? Kestrels' class have continued their link with the city school: Scotholme and was able to visit a mosque, which provided them all with a very large ice cream! The whole school celebrated 'Wonderful World Week' which allowed each class to explore key aspects of a different country. Our Year Five and Six have showcased their musical talents, with instruments and vocally with a Lion King Medley, to send off our Leavers, who we are extremely proud of for their exemplary effort in their SATS.

We hope that everyone had a relaxing and safe summer break.

www.ironvillecodnorpark.derbyshire.sch.uk

*Year 5 & 6 Orchestra
See article left.*



"Wildflower meadow at the end of Market Place looking resplendent again this year thanks to Futures Greenscape." - Roger Breen

Parish Council Update *by Kath Gruber, Parish Clerk*



Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor?

We currently have two vacancies and would love to hear from you if you want to join us and help make a difference to the village. To apply contact the Parish Clerk if you meet the following requirements:

- Are aged 18 years or over, and:
- Have lived in the Parish for the past twelve months, and
- Are registered to vote in the Parish, or
Have occupied land or premises in the village, as owner or tenant, for the past twelve months: or
Have your main or only place of work in the Parish for the past twelve months.
- Not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor.

Climate Change

The Council is interested to know your views on climate change and invites you take part in a short survey. To take part copy this link into your internet browser and answer the four questions.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6BPK6VQ>

D-Day 6 June 2024

Thank you to the residents who dressed their windows/gardens in commemoration of D-Day. The winning entries were:

1st prize - 1 Victoria Crescent

2nd prize - 3 Forge Row

3rd prize - 20 Forge Row

Turn to page 13 to view the winners

Christmas

The Council has awarded a 3-year contract for the Christmas Illuminations to Blachere at a cost of £21,751.54 over 3 years. Blachere will install 24 motifs on lampposts ready for the annual switch-on event on Friday 6 December at 6pm. This year there will events and activities before the switch-on which are being organised by Councillors Gill, Bowler & Holgate.

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 B. Gill, Cllr N. Farthing, Cllr J. Payne

This will run from 4pm until 6pm and will include:

- food and craft stalls
- Henna/face painting
- Santa's grotto
- Tea and coffee
- Letter to Santa
- Ribbons for memorial messages to be placed on tree barrier.



To make this happen though the Council does need volunteers to support the events and litter pickers for after the event. If you are willing to help this, go ahead, please contact one of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk.

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.gov.uk

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions for the Parish Council please contact the Parish Clerk, Kath Gruber, on

clerk@ironvilleparishcouncil.gov.uk or 07595515154

Future meeting dates are:

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| 16 September 2024 | 20 January 2025 |
| 21 October 2024 | 17 February 2025 |
| 18 November 2024 | 17 March 2025 |
| 16 December 2024 | |



Hot drinks at last year's switch on.

The Railway Carriage Youth Club has recently submitted an application for funding to the National Lottery Community Fund. Funding is urgently needed to keep this now thriving Club going into the future.

The Youth Club faced several problems which threatened to bring over 20 years of community youth service in Ironville to an end. The governing committee was ageing, with initially very few people coming forward to take their place and there has been a substantial rise in running costs. Previous fundraising activity had also fallen away. Funding is now urgently needed to: deliver our existing youth services; increase marketing; enable the new committee to develop; investigate the possibility of external youth organisations to run the club; develop a program of fundraising activities; allow us to take advantage of exciting new opportunities, (see page 18 for example). The now newly formed committee plan to introduce fundraising to sustain the club and recognise the earning potential of the carriage as a venue during time when the youth club is not running.

As well as benefitting young people with careers advice; CV writing; increased self-confidence; activities increasing health and wellbeing; specific advice for young women; residents of the village benefit from reduced anti-social behaviour and vandalism.

At the time of going to print no decision has been made at the Lottery, so please keep your fingers crossed for our LOCAL Youth Club. If you can help or support the Club in any way please do get in touch.



News from the Forge from Sally Fisher

Hello Everyone,

YAHOO! Whew, we have done it. A DRY PATH from the metal gate on Station Road to the CANYONS woodland.



This was a massive effort from a few regular volunteers so everyone can enjoy a walk on the Forge all year round without losing their boots to end up sitting in the mud. My thanks go to all who have helped but especially Mick Fox, Mick and Deb Biss, Malc Chisnall and Ben Iduss.

This has taken two years to complete and has taken four x 17 tonnes of stone, a massive 68 tonnes in total covering over half a kilometre of paths. And we must not forget the efforts of Deb, Mick and Taffy in finding bricks, collecting them and transporting them to raise the level of the footpath in the wettest areas and to FCC for their help in laying them. We had a grant from DCC which paid for the grids on the final stretch and one load of stone. We also had a generous donation from the walking group led by Joan Colebrook. The rest of the funds were made by Deb and myself making our jams, chutneys and marmalades and selling them. Thank you to everyone who supported our fund raising effort at the Fun day event. (See photograph on page 22) That provided us with a good proportion of the money needed for the hire of dumper and digger needed to transport the stone onto the Forge. Our butterflies have taken a huge hit this year with the extended wet weather and dry but grey days. All species numbers are down, some like the small copper have not been seen at all and others have had a very short season. The common blue has so far counted 9 in its second brood but we count ourselves lucky because southern Derbyshire have not recorded any in any brood so far. Will we see any next year?..

The Process:



Collection from the lane - Delivery to make the path followed by Raking out - Answering Questions!

“Thank you to everyone who attended the bird ringing event (29th July) on the Forge Nature Reserve, we hope you found it interesting and enjoyable. Thank you also to all the wonderful volunteers from the South Notts Ringing Group and to Sally Fisher and Deb Biss for use of the Forge Site for this event”.

It was a great morning, in total the South Notts Ringing Group caught and ringed 60 birds of 13 different species. They arrived at 6am to set up the mist nets and played some bird calls to attract the birds to the nets. By 7.30 they had caught almost 30 birds and they were in small bags waiting to be ringed by the time the first group arrived. As the morning went on and it got warmer and sunnier there were fewer birds being caught in the net, they would be finding a shady spot to keep cool. Additionally, direct sunlight on the nets makes them more obvious to the birds, and therefore easier to avoid. Even so, each group was able to see a number of birds up close and find out about the species. It was great to compare a willow warbler and chiff chaff side by side, often so difficult to distinguish out in the field, if they aren't singing. The chiff chaff is a little duller with darker legs and a paler eye stripe. They have shorter wing tips as they are short distance migrants to Europe and North Africa. The willow warbler looks brighter, with a brighter eye stripe and pale pink legs. The wing tips are longer to aid a long-distance migration to Sub-Saharan Africa. It is amazing to think these tiny delicate birds that weigh around 8g take on such a momentous journey.

The full list of species included:

Chiff Chaff	Reed Bunting	Blackcap	Great Tit
Willow Warbler	Reed Warbler	Robin	Wren
Blue Tit	Common Whitethroat	Bullfinch	



The photos above illustrate the netting , followed by captured birds in bags, the general public were fascinated .



The first two photographs above show the ringing process the third shows chiffchaff and willow warbler.

And finally, just as they were taking down the nets...a Woodpigeon.

Bird ringing can only be done by experienced ringers with special training. A couple of the volunteers from the South Notts Ringing Group started around the age of 8. Now with over 50 years of experience they continue to train others to become bird ringers. Ringing a bird helps to learn about how long they live for and where they move to, essential information for informed bird conservation. If you find a bird with a ring on you can report it by emailing ringing@bto.org or telephoning 01842 750050, quoting the ring number and details on when and where the bird was found and what happened to it.

As always we would like to thank those of you who pick up litter as you walk round the Forge. Nobody likes to go for a walk to be confronted by litter so what you do makes it better for those who follow you. Keep up the good work.



STOP PRESS: Painted Lady Butterfly photographed by Roger Breen on the Forge Nature Reserve on 17th August - Possibly his first in three years.



Below are two male small skippers photographed by Roger on 30th June - Forge



Below are two dragonflies photographed by Roger on 30th July - Forge

Black tailed Skimmer



Common Darter



Julian's Column 🧐



September is that time of year for transitions, as Autumn approaches the trees start shedding leaves, plants die back, the weather turns colder and the cygnets that many have been following on the Res start that journey of leaving the nest and finding their own way in life. Our children and grandchildren (and great grandchildren!) move on in a school year and they seem to be shooting up in height and often wisdom.

For adults, as we advance in age, we too perhaps look back and wonder where the summer has gone or even where the last few years have gone.

It's all in the cycle of life, and time and seasons are things that we cannot slow up (global warming notwithstanding), although we do our best to prevent ageing with creams and lotions!

I wonder if we look back on our lives and wonder if we could have done anything different or anything better, if there is someone that we could have helped, or someone we could have walked with as we journeyed to this point in our lives.

As you would expect the bible has something to say about this. The book of Ecclesiastes says:

For everything there is a season, a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds.

So as we enter the Autumn of both the year and for some of us the Autumn of our lives, let's focus on the world and the people around us. We only get one shot at life so I would suggest that we need to make the most of things. Perhaps as we look forward, we could see how we can make the most of the time that is left to us.

Julian Rev. Julian Penfold

“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 23rd October 2024 and Wednesday 4th Dec 2024

To book an appointment please call 01773 766922

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



What a wet and cold Spring and start to the Summer it's been. There was an absence of insects, creating tough conditions for small insectivorous birds trying to feed their chicks. Ecosystems have evolved to be very resilient to change, but at the same time can be vulnerable to a short-term swing in environmental conditions. As it eventually warmed up, nature appeared to bounce back with the reassuring appearance of butterflies, bees, loads of banded demoiselles and the twittering of young birds.

Our Spring and Summer seasonal work is limited to minimise any disturbance to wildlife, so we are mainly hands off. We've been monitoring the impact of our work building dams and opening up channels in the reed beds over the winter months, improving water flow and creating pools. We continue to remove litter, empty the bins and maintain the pathways. The bankside vegetation was slow to get going then quickly became a jungle! We have been trying to keep the edges of the tow path clear from vegetation, using brush cutters on occasion, but we have also tried out our new slashers, clearing the vegetation in a much more nature friendly way and it's less noisy too! We have tried to get the balance right between enabling access along the towpath for people to enjoy and maintaining the lush and varied vegetation needed to support the wildlife.



Himalayan Balsam is everywhere this year, along the roadside, the banks of the Erewash and many small watercourses locally. It might look pretty but it is an alien invasive species that forms dense stands that eventually outcompete the varied native flora which our insects have evolved with. If left unchecked it will ultimately negatively impact biodiversity, with certain insects no longer having access to their preferred food plant. We've done our best to manage it along the canal but there are some clumps of it that we can't access without disturbance to potential nesting reed warblers and water voles. Once the flowers are matured, we've missed the opportunity to stop its spread. The seed pods explode when touched and scatter seeds up to 7 metres away. The seeds remain viable for a couple of years and are widely spread along watercourses.



*Removing
Balsam
from
under the
railway
bridge*

22 people attended our bat night on 24th April 2024. Having cancelled last September due to poor weather, we were lucky that it was a dry evening, a bit too cold maybe, but with light winds and even a little bit of sunshine just before dusk. The bats didn't disappoint, despite the cold they were out hunting for insects, wowing us with their aerial displays and calls. We identified four different species of bats by listening to their varied calls on our bat detectors and watching their behaviour and pattern of flight. The Noctule bats were out first, flying high above the reservoir. Next came the Common and Soprano Pipistrelles, twisting and turning in flight and finally the Daubenton's made an appearance, dashing across the reservoir and scooping insects from the water. We plan a further bat night in September so look out for this being advertised soon on our Facebook Page.



Bat Night at Codnor Park Reservoir

Pictures of Water Voles have dominated our Facebook page this year. They have very obligingly put on a show for the photographers and indeed we have attracted visitors and photographers from far and wide to see these endangered and protected species. They are Britain's fastest declining mammal, disappearing from 94% of their former sites, so it's very special that we have them and it's important that we look after them. We ran a Water Vole Survey Training event on 5th June which was supported by Lydia from Notts Wildlife Trust. It was well attended and Lydia provided lots of interesting information on their life cycle and habitat and informed participants about survey methodology. We hope this will encourage champions for our local water vole population and improve the recording of water vole sightings in our area.



We organised a bird ringing event in conjunction with the Forge Nature Reserve and South Notts Ringing Group on the morning of 28th July. It was an interesting morning, with opportunities to learn the value of monitoring bird populations. Ringing a bird helps to gather information on how long they live for and where they move to, essential data for informed bird conservation. In total the South Notts Ringing Group caught and ringed 60 birds, of 13 different species, including blackcaps, common whitethroat, great and blue tits and a garden warbler.

Chiffchaff and Willow Warbler



It was great to be able to compare a willow warbler and chiffchaff side by side as these are often difficult to distinguish in the field. Everyone who attended was able to see a number of birds up close and find out about the species. Bird ringing can only be done by experienced ringers with special training who ensure the welfare of the birds they handle. If you find a bird with a ring on you can report it by emailing ringing@bto.org or telephoning 01842 750050, quoting the ring number and details on when and where the bird was found and what happened to it.



The team installed 6 QR posts between the railway bridge and the entrance to Erewash Meadows. If you take a look on your smartphone you will be able to see images of bygone ages from right where you are standing. Dave Wilson, with the assistance of Hugh Potter and Andy Cadman provided the website, photos and write up for it. We hope you will all enjoy it.



Use your smart phone camera on this QR code to discover more.



Finally on 11th of August we held our free 'Wildlife Detective Day' where children and parents were invited to come along and learn more about the local wildlife. We had great fun with our detectives and did pond dipping, insect sweeping, took a really close look at ladybirds and bees and enjoyed looking at dragonflies and butterflies.



Look out for more events soon.

If you would like to get in touch, please join the Facebook group at : 'CromfordCanal&CodnorParkRes' or send us an email at: cromfordcanalgroup@outlook.com



Clowns Children's Centre

In June Rachael and Pre School made Gingerbread Men!

It was a wonderful activity to promote maths, sharing and turn taking, predicting what will happen when ingredients are mixed together, and learning new words and talking about hygiene whilst baking.



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.



Wrens have had a busy yet fun summer term at our local Primary School

We started our new topic 'Sandy Shores and Salty Seas' by diving under the sea. We explored the world beneath the waves, exploring the fascinating creatures that live there and ocean habitats and discovering how different habitats provide food and shelter for various marine animals.

Wrens also learned about keeping the ocean clean and discussed the importance of keeping our oceans clean and free of litter and explored ways to reduce waste and protect marine life. We have also had a great time learning about the seaside. Wrens were transported to Skegness to learn about the human features like shops, restaurants and piers and compare Skegness to Ironville. We also learned about the human and physical features of each place and explored what is similar and different between the two locations. During Plan, Do, Review we recreated the seaside where we paddled in the sea, made sand castles and enjoyed ice creams!

Now we can't forget about Pirate Day!

We had so much fun learning about pirates. We made flags, pirate hats, telescopes and even made our own pirate ships. During rhyme time, we learnt and sang sea shanties and any misbehaved pirates were made to walk the plank! The pirates had so much fun that they found and followed a treasure map and found treasure!



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 the we participated in variety of Greek games.



Ironville Parish Council - D-day garden or Window Decorating Competition

To Mark the 80th anniversary of the D-day Normandy landings by decorating your windows or gardens



1st Prize
1, Victoria
Crescent



2nd prize—3, Forge Row



3rd Prize
20, Forge Row



Crossings Club Monument Lane

☎ 01773 606657

Monday - The club is CLOSED
Tuesday open 5pm to 12am
Skittle Matches

Wed. & Thurs. open 5pm - 11.30
Meals served from 5.00 - 7pm
£7.50 per meal - Desserts £3.00

Friday open 4pm - 1am
Various Bands & Entertainments
Saturday open 8.30—12am
Breakfast Served 8.30 - 12pm
Meat Draw - Sunday
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 Anvil Club

☎ 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.



OSCARI'S POP UP COMMUNITY PANTRY

It is with great delight, through partnering with Derbyshire County Council, Rural Action Derbyshire and Futures housing that we have been able to open up a pop up pantry for the residents of Ironville and Codnor Park.

This is based at the Church Hall and opens twice a month on a Friday from midday until 2pm

There is a minimal fee of £5 to join and then just £5 every two weeks to stock up on pantry essentials plus fruit and vegetables, bread and cakes. The value of the food we are offering is between £30 and £50.

Oscari is dedicated to supporting those in need and we do not means test people, meaning everyone has a fair chance of being able to afford healthy and nutritious food.

We shall be having different wraparound support services involved each opening and look forward to welcoming everyone.

We are hoping in the very near future to offer a freezer pack.



Take a look on:

www.facebook.com/oscarisocial

For more information and opening dates and times.

Contact Tracy on: 07570307195

Oscarisocial@gmail.com



SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



Local officers are receiving lots of enquiries about the law regarding XL Bully dogs which came in place from February 2024. Under these rules, it's illegal to breed, sell or rehome these type of dogs, and existing pets must have been registered, be insured, and be muzzled and on a lead in public.

For further advice please visit the gov.uk website. Concerns regarding dogs can be reported to us online, via our social media channels or through 101. In an emergency, where there is a risk to life, please call 999.

There are ongoing patrols around the Forge Nature Reserve and we're working with partners to address people riding motorbikes dangerously on the paths. Please continue to report this to us so we can build up the intelligence picture.

Finally, as the nights draw in, it's a timely reminder to ensure all your belongings and property are secure. Make sure any outbuildings and gates are locked, tools removed from vans and keep an eye out for your neighbours by reporting anything suspicious. You can find several easy tips for deterring burglars on our website.



THE ANVIL CLUB

The Anvil Club is open every evening - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5 - 10
Wednesday 5 - 11, Friday 5 - 12, Saturday 2 - 12 & Sunday 12.00 - 10



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.



See BACK PAGE column 1 for full details of activities & events



Find us on Facebook 
"The Anvil Club"

Contact Maria McCormack on 07816-439881

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

Potholes

by Kevin Roberts

Every year from autumn to spring we seem to get a large number of pot-holes in the roads. These are generally caused by 3 main factors, water, traffic and surface cracks.

It's mainly the water element especially in the wet colder months that causes the most damage.

Unfortunately, knowing the cause of them doesn't help the motorist as they drive into them, potentially causing damage to tyres, suspensions and shock absorbers.

We all sit and complain about the state of the roads, but very few people do anything about reporting them.

If they don't get reported the council doesn't know about them, and they get worse over time. Don't assume that someone else has reported it

Reporting a pot-hole is a simple process. Log into the Derbyshire council website:

www.derbyshire.gov.uk

then follow the process to report a road fault.

You may get asked to create an account, which you could do but it isn't necessary.

You will then get asked a few multiple choice questions about the pot-hole. What type of road it is on, where it's positioned on the road, its length and depth.

You will then see a map where you can zoom in and pinpoint the position of the pot-hole, and also give a brief description, The more information the better. You are then given the option to upload pictures, which is a good idea if a hole is really bad.

If you've set up an account you will get an email confirming they have received your report and a further email when they will let you know they are attending to it. Followed by a final email letting you know the hole has been repaired.

It's a simple process; **don't assume someone else has reported it.**

I believe the more people reporting them could increase the chances of them getting repaired quicker, although that is only my personal opinion.

The added bonus of reporting them is if you do have an incident reference for that particular pot hole, if it's been reported you stand a better chance of making a claim.



Down at the Carriage - Deepdale, Ironville

Sessions on Thursdays & Fridays, 6.00pm to 8pm (See back page for full details)

SOMETHING SPECIAL COMING SOON

Starting in September, the Railway Carriage Youth Club is going to be part of a new creative project, which will transform the way it looks, making it more vibrant, welcoming, and representative of the members' interests, giving everyone a chance to express their creativity as part of the process. Artist Alastair Flindall from Neck of the Wood Studio will be leading the project. Working with the young people, and their leaders over the autumn to co-design a new mural for the outside of the carriage.

With the motto "Some see the wood. We see the trees," Neck of the Wood Studio, is a community arts studio focused on making art with people in the places they live. They are based in Sheffield, but work nationwide, including a recent project at Mansfield station. Ahead of getting started lead artist Alastair shared: "I am thrilled to be collaborating with the Railway Carriage Youth Club on this project. As a community artist, I am always excited about meeting new groups and sharing my work with new people. From what I have learned about Ironville so far, the youth club is exactly the sort of group I love working with and this will definitely be one of the most unique canvases I have ever painted! I can't wait to meet everyone and get creating a meaningful mural project together."

The youth club members will be invited to take part in four creative workshops in September, to shape the design of the mural, as well as having a go at the different art techniques that will be used. The mural will be painted in October (weather permitting!) and once complete, there will be a community celebration of the project in the autumn, alongside the sharing of a short film which will document the transformation, made by local filmmaker John Felix.



Alastair leading a creative workshop

The project is supported by Make/Shift, a small team working with communities across Amber Valley. They start from the belief that everyone is creative and focus on growing connections and opportunities for everyone to get creative in the places they live. Make/Shift is funded by Arts Council England as part of their Creative People and Places programme

You can find out more about Make/Shift on their website: www.wearemakeshift.uk or on their Facebook page: We Are Make/Shift.



The Artist Alastair (centre) with the Make / Shift team on a preliminary visit to the Railway Carriage



Three examples of Alastair's work.

Christ Church

Rev Mark Taylor ☎ 01773 833280

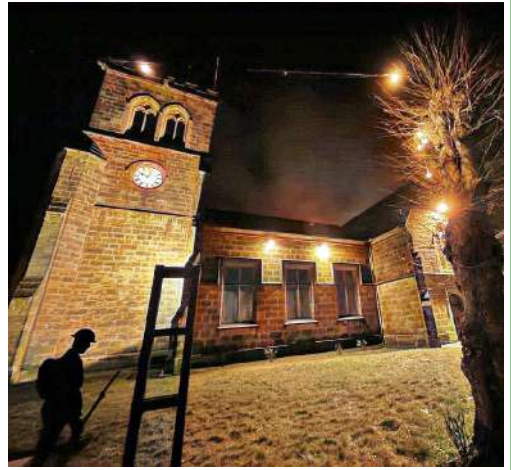
Rev Julian Penfold ☎ 07932 564888

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



Find us on:  facebook.

Menu	
TOAST and TOASTIES	
TOAST (2 slices)	£1-50
TOAST with TEA/COFFEE	£2-50
TOAST with JAM/MARMALADE	£2-00
BEANS ON TOAST	
EGG ON TOAST	£2-50
MUSHROOM or TOMATO ON TOAST	£2-50
CHEESE TOASTIE	
CHEESE & BEAN TOASTIE	£3-00
CHEESE & HAM TOASTIE	£3-50
BACON OR SAUSAGE & BEAN	£3-50

Toast and toasties are now added to the menu

 Phone Orders WELCOME

THE LOCKKEEPER'S GARDEN - SITUATED AT LOCK 4

The lock keeper's garden continues to provide an attractive area for everyone to enjoy as well as at the same time providing a supply of fresh local produce in season to local charitable causes. A broad range of vegetable crops are grown including cauliflowers, cabbage, onions, peas, broad and runner beans.

Annual flowers are produced in the traditional cottage garden style. They provide a wonderful splash of colour as you pass by in the late spring and summer.

More support is needed to help manage the site. If you feel able to help in anyway, please get in touch with the editor or talk to Shirley or Carol as you pass by.

The photograph, top right shows a bumper crop of runner beans being harvested by Shirley and Carol who currently manage the plot on behalf of the FCC. Photo, right the plot is being prepared for Autumn.



The Crooked Line Club meets in the Church Hall on Tuesdays between 7.30 and 10.00pm. They are open to anyone who would like to give Line Dancing a try. The first visit is always free with the exception of artist's night. See back page column 1 for further details.



The hanging baskets organised by our Parish Council have looked particularly good this year, all around the village.

NEWS FROM PHILIP ROSE

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A few years ago, the County Council cut funding for youth services and as a result funding for our Railway Carriage Youth Club. Recently, amidst protests, the Ironville Family Centre closed, in theory, to be replaced by a remote service which by its nature becomes responsive rather than pre-emptive. The *Lawn Bridge* project was summarily abandoned and, while not directly effecting Codnor Park or Ironville at this stage, a 'consultation' (that is: an exercise to excuse the inexcusable) is currently under way looking at future options for certain DCC run Residential Care homes including Rowthorne in Swanwick. As we know from other recent 'consultations,' they are more often than not a paper exercise – the decision already made! Even Amber Valley CVS has been affected by cuts in funding!

Does anyone see a pattern here?

It is clear to me that local services we have taken for granted over the years are disappearing fast – local council funding is being squeezed by central government and in my view, the new combined authority is merely another layer of bureaucracy paid for by you and me to 'gatekeep' funding and ensure local councils 'toe the line'. It is the same story all over the Country.

All of our Council tax money goes into the Governments 'consolidated fund' account to be re-distributed to local authorities etc. By the time wages and pensions are paid less and less is left for services to residents and I don't see that situation changing within the current system.

We are lucky to have our Parish Warden John, Hannah looking after Future's Housing and volunteer groups like the 'Tuesday Club' making a difference for all of us. However, I believe we all share responsibility and that current events both locally and nationally, show us that we have to work together as a community to create and maintain an environment we want – safe, honest, prosperous and clean!

While we cannot manage what drops from the sky we can all make a difference by taking responsibility for our own actions and helping our friends and neighbours. Everyone has something to offer. For example, to everyone with a garden; plant veg and fruit trees. Very rewarding and the taste of home-grown food is fabulous – if I can do it anyone can... Or, join a local group or start a new one with friends and neighbours. If your time is at a premium – support charitable causes like the Railway Carriage Youth Club which plays such an important role for our young people and continues to be self-funded. Look out for fundraising events and get involved. Remember, every little helps.

Many thanks to all those volunteers who contribute so much to our village life. More power to you!



"Brilliant, Well Planned, Fun - Filled Event -really bought the community together."



10th August 2024

CODNOR PARK RESERVOIR *by Steve Scudder*

It has been 18 months since we took over the responsibility for running Codnor Park Reservoir and we would like to update you on our work at Codnor Park.

When we took over the finance reserves were very low, just covering the rent to the Canal and River Trust of around £3000 per year.

Our first objective was to increase the revenue in order to make improvements to the Park. We were able to encourage more anglers to fish at the Park either through match fishing, pleasure fishing or by becoming Codnor Park members and by improving the fish stocks. This extra income has then led to the purchase of new equipment such as lawn mowers, motorised and battery-operated trimmers, long-reach saws and general maintenance equipment.

In late August a second-hand container was kindly donated by Mining Machinery Development (MMD) which has given us more space and secure space to house the equipment.

The regular use of the new equipment has led to easier and more effective maintenance of the area; improving paths, the car park and fishing pegs and the general appearance of the seating areas. Over the last month potentially dangerous, overhanging and dead trees have been removed from the side of pathways. Shredding of these will be done in the winter months, being mindful of the wildlife and nesting seasons. We would welcome any volunteers to assist with this work and they will be provided with refreshments. Did you know that volunteering is beneficial for your physical and mental health?!

We will also be spending time improving the field-side path of the reservoir as a priority. We realise this gets extremely muddy in the winter but authorisation to use the heavy equipment has been requested but not yet been secured. It remains a priority and will be started once we have the go-ahead from the Canal and River Trust.

The accumulated waste from the bins and around the car park and reservoir is the second biggest cost after the rent. It costs £1000 per year to remove the general waste and £1800 per year for the specialist removal of dog waste. We would therefore ask that you take home and dispose of as much as possible to keep costs down. Currently the revenue from anglers is used towards these bills along with some kind donations from local people. It would be great if we could lower these costs and gain more donations, as we all use the facilities it seems fair to all do our bit.

Due to some of the unsavory late-evening problems, we have been forced to make plans to fence off areas of the car park. The gates will be locked from dusk until dawn and security cameras are to be installed by the end of October this year. There will still be some car parking available. This is an attempt to improve the security of the site for all users.

The Park's general maintenance is undertaken by volunteers. Revenue is used for maintenance equipment and paying contractors only, such as plant-hire, the fencers and the security installers. If you enjoy the park and are able to donate towards its upkeep, we would be grateful for any amount which can be made to The Waterside Food Cabin or Steve Scudder or Tony Baxter. Please be assured that all donations are used solely for improving the park.





Friends of Cromford Canal (FCC) Update

Registered Charity number 1164608



Work Party Report by John Guyler

The FCC are pleased to report that produce from the Lock Keepers Garden at Lock 4 Ironville, has again been donated to a food bank. This year is the fifth year of donations and the food bank at Hucknall, received the produce. John Barker, FCC Vice Chair has received a very nice thank you letter from the food bank. The produce included cauliflowers, cabbage, onions and large amount of peas

At Ironville, we have had several work parties, one group of three, cleared several fallen trees and branches at Cinder Bank in the channel between Locks 2 and the site of the demolished Lock One at the Pinxton Arm Bridge.

Another group, worked on Casson Street, clearing the road side of the old canal wall all the way from the Church car park to the steel pedestrian bridge. Also, the footpath from the Church car park to Codnor Park Reservoir was strimmed and cleared. One bag of litter was picked. Himalayan Balsam was also pulled at Ironville between Lock 2 and Pinxton Arm Bridge

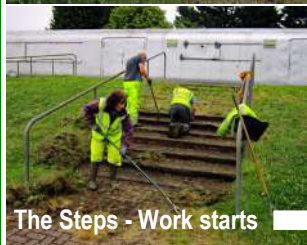
Two volunteers worked at the youth club coach at Ironville clearing and pressure washing the block paving, at the request of Andy Cadman. It was then decided that a full working party was required to complete the job, because a large area of paving was discovered under weeds and saplings at the end of the railway coach and the sloping walkway at the other end also required weed removal and cleaning. The following week, a larger work party group were at the youth coach and continued clearing the paved area around the coach and the wheel chair access ramp of weeds. The front steps were also cleared.



Before



Almost completed



The Steps - Work starts



Completed



Team Work

In the middle of July five FCC volunteers worked on the land at the rear of Ironville Church which used to be the Pinxton Arm Canal, but is now infilled to provide an open grassed area. There was a request, could the FCC make the area ready for the Ironville summer fair. This year DCC had cut the long vegetation, but it was a bit of a mess, our job was to trim some of the trees and vegetation back to make suitable space for bouncy castles and stalls. We cleared the whole length behind the church to the road bridge and then started on the car park trees. We finished up clearing vegetation in the car park back to the original canal wall for approx 40m. We also picked one bag of litter. Two weeks later, Chris Martin mowed the grass in the field behind Ironville Church and topped up the sand pit ready for the village fair. (See photos on next page).



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5

*Photo 1; The footpath at Casson Street being trimmed.
Photo 2; The wall along Casson Street being cleared
Photo 3; The wall up near the bridge showing work in progress.
Photo 4; The wall cleared
Photo 5; Grass at the rear of Ironville Church mowed ready for the village Fun Day.*

On Wednesday 15th May at Codnor Park Reservoir, the work party split into three groups to work on the far side of the reservoir at fishing peg one. Three volunteers cleared out a small stream that enters Codnor Park Reservoir via a small stone bridge, which was blocked between the bridge and the reservoir. Upon examination several large trees and branches had built up leaf and twig debris causing the water flow to back up and burst through on to the adjoining footpath. In the early afternoon white clawed crayfish were seen near the work area and all work was immediately suspended. The other groups cleared overhanging tree branches.

In the middle of June, there was a meeting at Codnor Park Reservoir to discuss and plan the replacement of the footpath on the far side of the reservoir, which is constantly very boggy.

Malc Chisnall and John Barker were there for FCC, there were two reps from the Canal & River Trust and two members of Codnor Park Fishing Club. C&RT are supplying all the materials. Volunteers on the project will be drawn from the FCC work parties, C&RT workers and members of the Codnor Park fishing Club. It is going to prove to be a very difficult job because the access to bring materials on site (30 ton of aggregate) is very limited.

In May, Malc Chisnall and Baz Bazley, worked at the northern point of the reservoir at the zig zag point of the footpath from the reservoir footpath and the Pinxton Arm Canal footpath. Part of the metal hand rail and the attached brickwork was damaged and coming away from the structure, making a liability for an accident. The brickwork was drilled through and a vertical pipe was attached by bolts to the brickwork and a metal bracing plate. The bricks were held into place by a special adhesive. A solid structure was achieved.



The channel after the blockage removed at Codnor Park Res.

A group of eleven WRG (Waterway Recovery Group) volunteers came back to Beggarlee, Langley Mill, on the 19th July to continue the uncompleted work on the 600mm headwall and to create a flood channel extension. The group came from Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and a couple from London.

Two days before their arrival, the stakes marking the area were again checked using a GPS positioning device. The day before they arrived, an environmental survey, was carried out for Amber Valley Borough Council to ensure the area was ok to work, it was.

The digging out of the flood plain extension, is necessary to compensate for land that will be taken when the channel and locks are built. Two archaeologists were on site during the digging out of the flood plain, just in case anything was discovered, which was the case with the old original lock (Marshalls Lock) appearing. Before the main job of digging the flood plain extension, there was the finishing off of the 600mm headwall installation, left from last November because of bad weather and machine breakdown. After installation the headwalls were backfilled and compacted to a level to allow heavy machinery on to the flood plain.

At the 600mm manhole chamber, work was carried out to place an additional 700mm section on the chamber and the area around built up with material from the flood plain dig. This will have to be done once more to bring the chamber height up to the finished height for the embankment of the canal channel. The area was compacted continually with the 13ton vibrating compactor with a front roller built with multiple tines on.

On the flood plain, working to the stakes marking the area, the diggers dug out the far end of the extension, removing the spoil in the dumpers and then profiling the top edge and bringing the bottom level to the correct height. There was a little bit of concern about not finishing to schedule, so some very long hard days were put in. This concern grew when the original Cromford Canal lock (Marshalls Lock) was uncovered, which slowed progress a little. It was thought that the lock would be uncovered because of GPS positioning and comparison with old maps. It has been estimated that 2500 & 3000 tons of hard clay earth had been moved in the week. The position of the planned work at the end of the visit, is that some more work is to be completed by FCC volunteers to clear the area around the old lock and towards the 900mm chamber, mainly to remove more tree stumps and roots.

WRG may be able to come back for a long weekend in September to create the two runoff channels, one at each end of the new compensation area. These will allow flood water which gathers in the channel, to gradually drain down to the Erewash.

Equipment used: two, six-ton dumpers, a 13ton vibrating compactor, a small hand operated vibrating compactor of about half a ton weight, several diggers of various sizes and of course the tea urn. A fuel bowser was also hired to fuel the equipment every day using just under 1000 litres of diesel.

The FCC dumper, has been hard at work in the week and I think it will have to have some TLC on the gearbox, judging by the sound when in second gear, that machine has been a really inspirational buy at the insistence of the late John Baylis.



The boys with just some of their toys!

WRG have a cook with them on all these site visits and on this visit, Martine Hearnden was the cook. She is the wife of one of the volunteer's "Moose" Hearnden, why he is called "Moose" I have no idea. She is the boss. Not only did she cook breakfast and the evening meal in the Anvil Social Club in Ironville, she came on site to cook mid- day meals and snacks. In mid-afternoon she would disappear off site, go shopping and then cook the evening meal. This lady was an absolute star, she put in 90 hrs in the week looking after all the meals, she is to be applauded.

All in all, it has been a very busy time for the FCC work parties, they have put in on all projects along the length of the Cromford over a thousand volunteer hours this year.

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** on: work@cromfordcanal.org.uk

The Life of A Parish Warden by John Watson



Hello everybody,

Here's what is happening around my role in the village:

- Continue to keep the village as tidy as possible, Litter picking, removing small fly tips, reporting large fly tipping to DCC, Futures, Amber Valley Council all who act quite promptly.
- Amber Valley Council have added a extra round of dog waste collection out of the bin on the recreation ground as it was regularly overflowing.
- The Parish Council have been granted permission to put up a new notice board outside the post office which will be larger so more information for the parish to obtain.
- We also have the licence to put two new Litter bins in the village at Waterside and along Vicarage Lane.
- The second skip day is coming up on the 7th September 8.00am till 12.00 this will be located on Park Side Drive.
- Continue to look after the four planters in the village, weeding and watering.
- Work coming up - pruning around the triangle bottom of Nottingham Lane.
- Lots of pruning in the parish allotment of fruit trees in the winter and other trees earlier this year and the maintenance of the paths.
- Continue the cleaning of bus shelters and other street furniture: signs, barriers, removal of small amount of graffiti.
- As we now are moving towards autumn we will also be filling the grit bins ready for winter.
- The lamppost tommies will again be erected around the village on the same lampposts, and the ground tommies again will be in the Church Yard.
- A thank you to the Parish Council for support of supplying tools and PPE on a regular basis, we have just purchased a new strimmer for various jobs around the village.

Kind regards, *John*

Ironville is to get a Commonwealth War Graves sign for the front of church, (although we have only one grave).

Pilot Officer Leslie Booth (born circa 1917)

Son of Percy James Booth and Mabel Nellie Booth, of Codnor Park.

Details of accident that resulted in Pilots Officer Booth's death:

On 14th March 1942 a number 3 Coastal Operations Training Unit Whitley, a medium bomber aircraft was being flown on a sea search that had taken part over the North Sea. At 14.15hrs while over the southern edge of the Yorkshire Wolds the captain of the aircraft went forward to the nose of the aircraft leaving another pilot at the controls, as he was returning to the cockpit the front escape hatch gave way under his weight and he fell through bottom of the aircraft to his death. His body was found near West Hill Farm, Drewton near North Cave. The Whitley landed safely at Leconfield and later returned to the base at Cranwell.

Pilot Officer Leslie Booth RAFVR (103493), Aged 25 was Buried in Ironville Church Cemetery, Derbyshire. Plot: Sec. B. Grave 1260. Memorial ID: 25013113



John "Taffy" Bates had never had a birthday party before and so it was decided to put that right and hold a special Party for him with all of his friends. This took place on April 27th earlier this year. You will recognise many familiar faces in the photograph below.





Flooding and foodbanks have been the main themes for Futures in the village of Ironville over the last six months.

The devastating floods of Storm Babet in October last year impacted our customers and the community for longer than anyone imagined. It wasn't until June that our first customers could eventually return to their home after being in temporary accommodation for eight months.

Our teams have been dedicated to supporting customers the whole way through this long and challenging time. This included installing post boxes at their homes so that people could still safely collect their mail, dealing with insurance claims, energy companies and contractors, and hosting an open day for customers. We know it wasn't just our customers who were affected by the floods, and something the whole village has been impacted by in one way or another. We hope everyone has been able to get back to a normal life and home as possible!

We've also supported the opening of a new pop-up pantry in Ironville this year. Along with Derbyshire County Council and Rural Action Derbyshire, Oscari, which already has a foodbank and pop-up pantry in Riddings, has now brought their £5 fortnightly shop to the Church Hall on Casson Street.

Oscari is passionate about supporting people in need, and their pantry is open every other Friday, 12pm till 2pm. It's £5 to join and then each shop costs £5 every fortnight, where people will walk away with a bag full of food worth between £40 and £50. You'll be able to find store cupboard items, meal staples, fresh fruit, vegetables and bread!

Anyone is welcome to the pantry, as it isn't just about helping to save money but about saving food waste too. We're so pleased with how it's taken off and we're proud to be able to support such an important initiative, especially as many are still feeling the effects of the ongoing cost of living crisis – please search for Oscari on Facebook to find a link to a survey where you can suggest what other support you'd like to see in Ironville.

Supporting the community doesn't just mean our customers. We know the pop-up pantry will help the wider community and we want to continue to make a positive difference to everyone in Ironville.

Each year we complete estate walkabouts which are a chance for customers, and their neighbours, to give us feedback about the places where they live and let us know what more we can do to help. We'd love to hear your thoughts about Ironville and we want to know what's going well and what could be improved. If you'd like to have your say and share ideas for projects in your community, please go to futureshg.co.uk/walkabout-feedback.



**Oscari's pop up
Community Pantry
is now open every
other Friday from 12
- 2pm**

**Located at the
Church Hall in
Ironville
NG16 5NN**

Become a member of your local
community pop up pantry.
Membership will be £5.00 per annum.

Your shop will cost you £5.00 every
fortnight.

Your shop will include ambient food
staples, fresh vegetables and fresh
fruit.



Contact Tracy on 07570307195 or email:
Oscarisocial@gmail.com



Children's Easter Party held in the Church Hall on 30th March

A great Family Event - Meet & Greet with a Special Easter Guest - Easter Bonnet Parade - Easter Biscuit Decorating. Every Child Received - Hot Dog - Popcorn - Sweet Cone & an Easter Egg. MACS provided all the materials to create Easter Bonnets and decorated biscuits.



A View from the Borough by Kieron Cox

It's been an interesting first full year as a Borough Councillor, with lots of things going on locally and nationally - never a dull moment as they say. It's been a privilege for myself and my colleague Becky to be able to get involved in the local community and help residents get things done.



I reflect on visiting families after the devastating effects of Storm Babet, and then visiting the Church Hall, seeing the way the community pulled together to offer whatever help they could - something that restored my faith in humanity and helped me better understand how close knit the people of Ironville are. While Derbyshire County Council are responsible for much of the flood response, being on the scene and talking to people helped me understand what residents needed, and what I, or AVBC could help with. Residents told me they needed help disposing of water damaged goods, which AVBC duly assisted with upon my request, and I liaised with Futures and other bodies where individuals needed support in doing so. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Futures who moved so quickly to make sure their residents were re-housed, everyone at the Church Hall and everyone who gave up their time to help. It was greatly appreciated by the whole community.

On a brighter note, I have this year become a Trustee of the Carriage Youth Club - another source of inspiration for me in my role as Councillor but also a place that shows how important it is that the community work together for the benefit of everyone. I first visited the Carriage not long after it opened in the late 90s - as more of a customer than a guest - but what I remember vividly is the liveliness, the colour and the innovation of the place. An actual Railway Carriage being used as a youth club. Brilliant! Back in those days, Youth Services were a key part of the Labour County Council's offering to residents. This funding was cut in later years and then removed altogether by the present day administration at County Hall. Lots of Youth Clubs died out, including the one at Somercotes and the charity sector now runs the majority of youth centres. Again, it is testament to the community spirit of Ironville and Codnor Park - and people like Pam Cope, Michael Blount, George Jones and my predecessor Paul Smith - that the Carriage is still helping the young people of the villages to this day. Pam and Michael have now retired as trustees, and again I'd like to take the opportunity to thank them for everything they've done for the young people of the parish. It is important that people realise these things don't just happen - and that if you want these services for your children to use, you have to contribute. Volunteer, donate, get involved.

Something close to my heart when it comes to Youth Services is the ability they have to empower and engage young people. To give them ownership and value of something within their community and the confidence to make a difference that brings. The youth service offered that to me, and got me involved in youth politics which ultimately led me here. The Makeshift project that Andy Cadman has worked so tirelessly to secure at the Carriage will offer that to this generation too. Young people will finally be repainting the Carriage - it's been grey for far too long. It will give them an opportunity to develop skills but also that sense of pride and ownership that is what a youth club and being part of a community is all about. It's my vision to go further than that though - to give the young people a voice in how the Carriage is run, to let them learn how things get done and how decisions get made and give them the confidence to make a difference in their community. Inspire the next and all that!

Anyway, if you ever need to get in touch with me, email me, call me, add me on Facebook or come along for a chat at one of our surgeries, please do feel free. Let me know about fly tipping, pot holes, overflowing bins - I'll sort that kind of stuff. (Please see page 43 for full details).

Email me on kieron.cox@ambervalley.gov.uk or phone 07746 603204.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

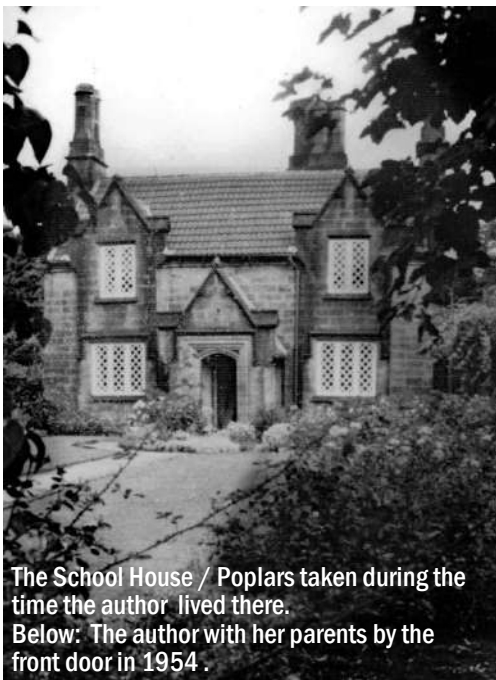
A SMALL WORLD by Gillian Wilding [nee Hardwick]

In April this year I visited Ironville, the place where I lived from 1943 from when I was born, until 1968. My husband Derek and I visit when we can from our home in Bristol for a nostalgic trip to see old friends and revive memories of a place and time so important to me. I was interested to read the Codnor Park and Ironville Newsletter and the articles and pictures gave an enjoyable insight into the past and present life of 'my' village and aroused many memories for me.

Home to me was the house by the church, opposite the school and, like the other houses in the village, was then owned by the Butterley Company. It was called "The School House" as headteachers of the school traditionally lived there while the Butterley Company owned the village. Later it was called The Poplars because of the 4 poplar trees in the garden which grew higher than the church and were later felled when they became unsafe. To day the house is known as "The Parson's Cottage." My father, Les Hardwick, at 29 years old came as headteacher to Ironville in September 1939, the early days of World War 2 and was head there until 1953 when he was appointed headmaster at Clay Cross. His father was a coal miner and it had been a financial struggle for his family in Tibshelf to support him through college. He married my mother Doreen in December 1939 and they remained happily in Ironville for the next 58 years.

The canal and its towpath which went under the bridge on Bullock Lane, ran at the back of our house and, as a child, I could watch from my bedroom window the moorhens and coots swimming around the abandoned barge in the reeds there. Sometimes on summer evenings I'd see teenage boys having great fun sailing their homemade rafts along the canal under the bridge towards Victoria Street.

We could hear the coal trains clanking along the railway line, their clouds of smoke billowing first over The Cottage, where Miss Waplington lived then over the canal and finally depositing smuts on the washing which was hanging out to dry in our back yard. I have vivid memories of my mother rushing out to rescue the sheets, calling on me to help. We were usually too late!



The School House / Poplars taken during the time the author lived there.
Below: The author with her parents by the front door in 1954.



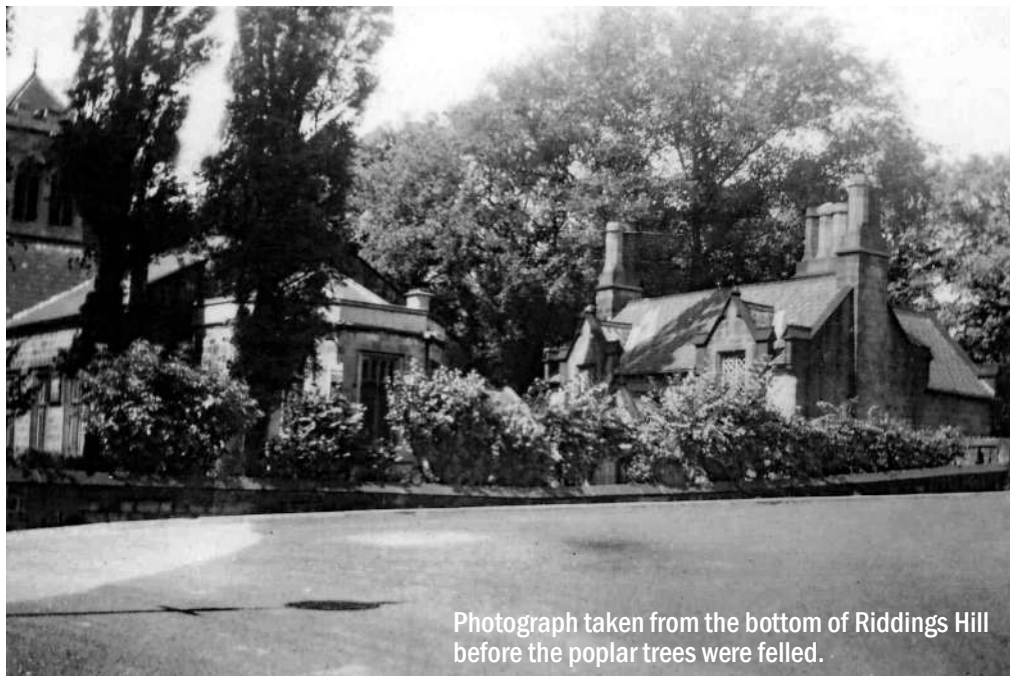
The account of the floods at Waterside this year reminds me of when our cellar flooded in the 1960s -which was said at the time to have been caused by old coal mine workings. The water was lapping the bottom step of the cellar, bottles of home-made elderflower wine floating in the water. Also, Rik Rydal's story of the nightsoil men [my parents called them Bill and Ben] brought back to me the memory of the bucket toilet in the outhouse in our back yard, a candle on the toilet windowsill for light in the dark, chamber pots in the bedroom to be emptied every morning. Bill and Ben came on the same nights each week and I was always worried that they would arrive when I had gone out to the toilet. They never did! What luxury it was to have a flushing toilet installed after the Council took over the village, not only in the back yard where the old one had been but upstairs in the bathroom too!

I am interested to see in the magazine what a lovely area the old forge site is now – my memories are of seeing flames from the furnaces and hearing the bang, bang as the metal was forged. I do realise that the Newsletter is not just for memories but for what is happening now and as we walked by the reservoir it looked so lovely with its rustic benches, so many people fishing and the swan with her eggs on her nest. I was struck too when walking along the Avenue, how attractive with its grass and flowers the slippery barren piece of land at the back of King William Street has now become.

Footnote

Derek and I sometimes go to the Somerset Antique and Collectors' Fair in Shepton Mallett. We were there just after our Ironville Spring visit and were admiring a Denby plate on one of the stalls. 'I live near the Denby factory,' said the stallholder. 'I used to,' I said. 'Where do you live?' 'Riddings,' she replied.

What a small world!



Photograph taken from the bottom of Riddings Hill before the poplar trees were felled.

VINTAGE PHOTOGRAPHS OF IRONVILLE

BY DAVID COLEMAN (A further section from circa 1970 - see Newsletter 19 - page 36)

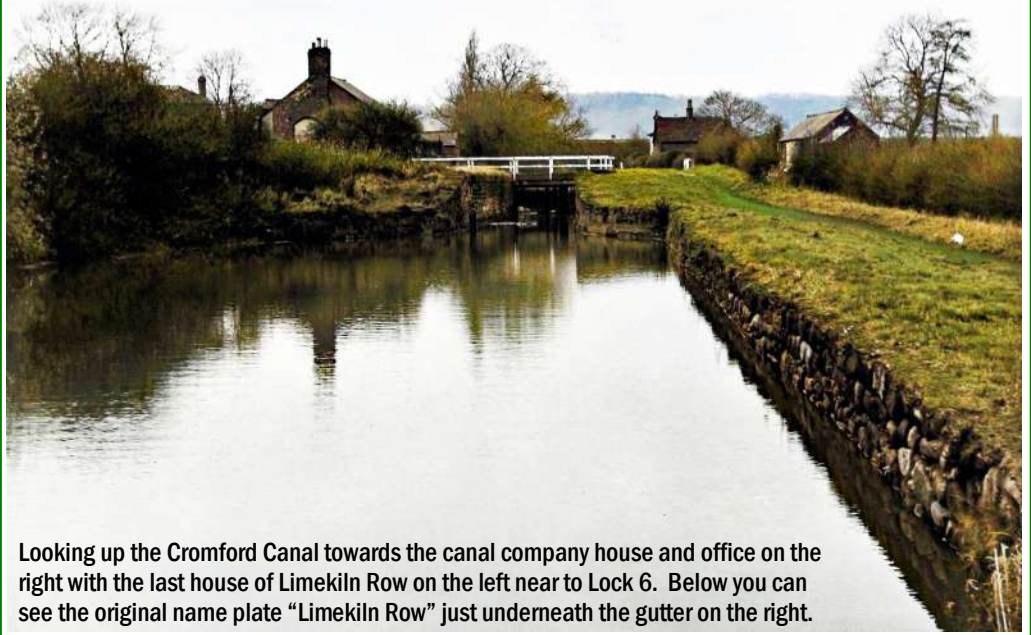


What was left of the Forge walls in 1970? These two photograph (above) show the view from both sides. In the background you can see the viaduct relating to Jacksdale Station.

The Forge was built in 1809 by William Brunton Engineer and general manager of the Butterley Works .



Above left: "Forge House" -where the Forge Managers lived. Right: "Rock House" – where the Forge accountant lived. Both houses were situated on the former Forge site and were demolished shortly after these photographs were taken.



Looking up the Cromford Canal towards the canal company house and office on the right with the last house of Limekiln Row on the left near to Lock 6. Below you can see the original name plate “Limekiln Row” just underneath the gutter on the right.

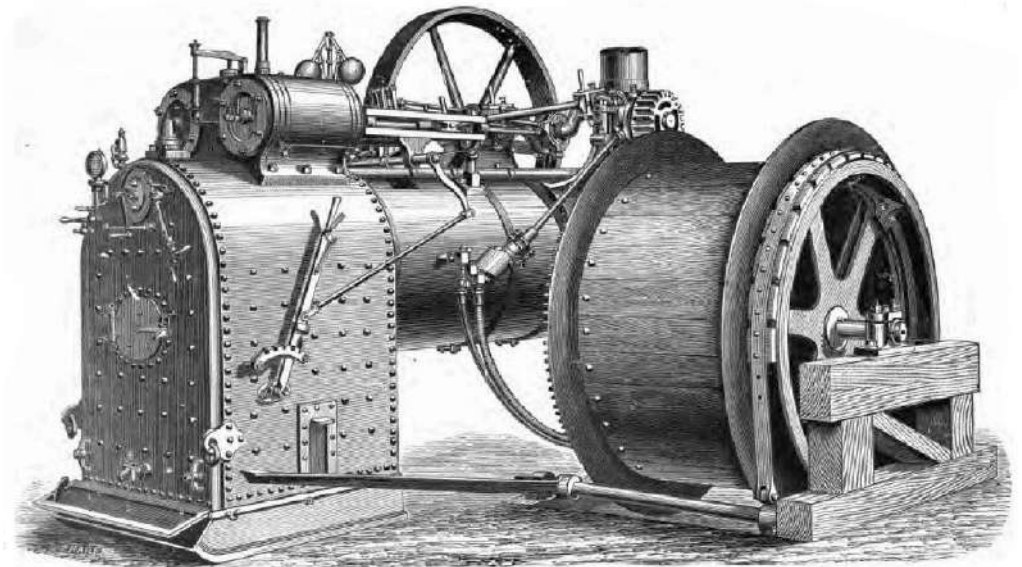


Castle Drive - The story of a local long disappeared local railway

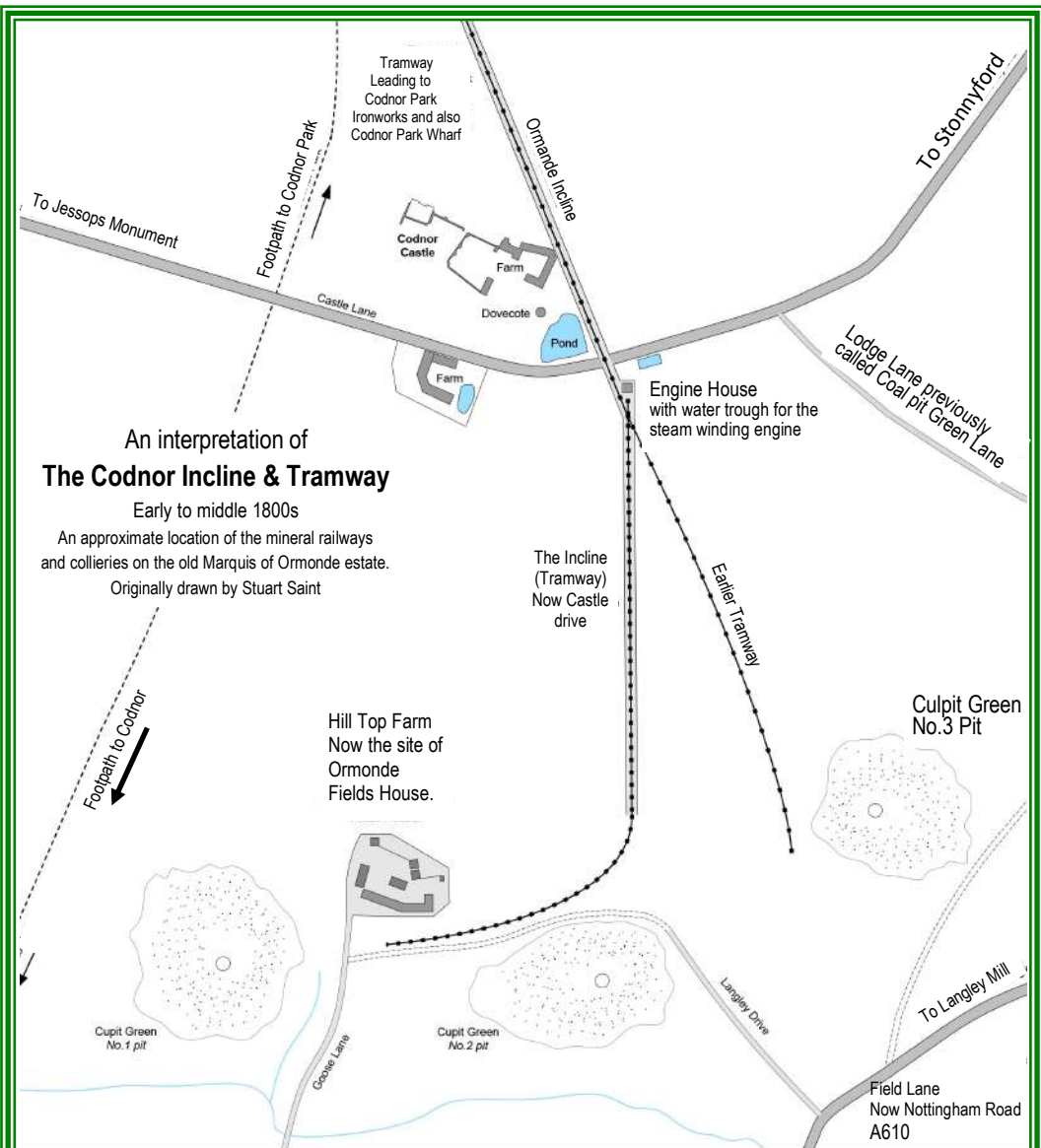
Castle drive was initially the route of a mineral railway that connected the Cupit Green collieries on the Marquis of Ormonde's estate (now the Ormonde Fields Golf Club, Codnor) to the Iron works at Codnor Park (now the Forge Nature Reserve) and also Codnor Park wharf. It was later landscaped by Frederick Channer Corfield to form a private drive to Ormonde Fields House. He planted the avenue of trees we see there today and it was re-named Castle Drive.

At the turn of the 19th Century the Cupit Green pits were operated by the newly formed Butterley Company. The company needed a method of transporting the ironstone from the pits to the Ironworks at Codnor park. They constructed a mineral railway or tramway that led up to Castle Lane then past Castle Farm and down the hill to Codnor park. A similar tramway was constructed at Little Eaton by Benjamin Outram using plate rails but the Codnor one would differ in that it would use William Jessop's newly invented Fish-belly edge rails. Jessop's design used three-foot long cast iron rails that were attached to stone sleeper blocks using steel spikes driven into a wooden plug set in each block.

Loaded wagons of Ironstone were hauled up the tramway incline by a steam-winding engine located in an engine house situated near Castle Lane. The same winding engine could also be used for controlling the descent of loaded wagons down the Codnor park side incline and also hauling empty wagons back up. (See map on next page)



Above: A horizontal steam-winding engine made by Appleby Bros. of London in about 1882. The winding engine on the Codnor incline would almost certainly be manufactured by the Butterley company and would be an earlier and simpler design, probably based on a modified Whimsy engine.

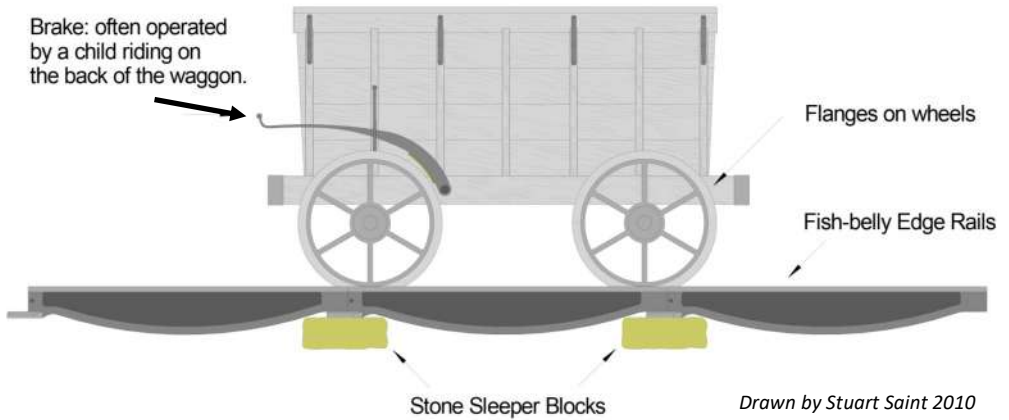


The above illustration shows the location of the incline and Cupit Green pits in relation to roads and landmarks some of which, still exist today. The engine house was positioned at the top of the hill were it could be used to haul wagons on both inclines. the location is still visible were the Castle Drive gets slightly wider just before it reaches Castle Lane.

Wagons were hauled to the bottom of each incline using ponies, they were then attached to the cable and the engine would haul them up the hill.

The slope of the Codnor incline was approx 1:38 whilst the Codnor Park side was slightly steeper at 1:28.

DETAILS OF TRAMWAY WAGON & TRACK



In 1789, William Jessop developed the cast iron edge rail and flanged wheel, as shown in the above diagram. Previous to this, waggons had flat rimmed wheels like a cart, and they were guided on flanged plate rails.

Jessop's idea of moving the flange onto the wheel, which then ran on the top edge of a cast rail, revolutionised the way railways were made. All modern rail systems are based on this design.

The cast rails were 3 feet long and were deeper in the middle to add strength, hence the name 'Fish-belly edge rails'. They were cheaper to produce than the flanged plate rails and less prone to wear.

Stone sleeper blocks were also used on tramways. This was preferable to using wooden sleepers as they allowed a clear walking path for the ponies working on the track.

Several waggons at a time were chained together in a train, and hauled either by the winding engine or ponies. Brakes were necessary on the waggons to control the speed on downhill sections where the ponies were at risk of being run over. Child labour was often used to ride on the rear of the waggons to operate the brake.

The type of rails used on the Codnor tramway indicate that it was built in the very early 1800s.



*Illustration showing Brake operated wagons travelling by gravity with a brake man controlling their speed.
Drawn by Stuart Saint.*

The following paragraph is from Joseph Millott Severn's book "My Village" and he describes the working of the incline when he was a boy.

Some of the later generations, seeing the long straight road, which was called the Incline, running up from No. 3 pit, and crossing over the road near the castle and down the other side, traces of which may still be seen, may wonder for what purpose it could have been constructed.

It was a busy concern when I was a boy. At the top was an engine room, and around the big drums were strong wire ropes, which were attached to ordinary railway trucks, ganged with horses from Codnor Park ironworks to the bottom of the castle side of the incline, when they were drawn up by the engine and let down to the three pits, all of which were ironstone mines. Here the iron ore was loaded into trucks, having been sufficiently exposed on the pit hills for the soft bind to separate from the iron ore, which usually took a year or two. It was then taken to the furnaces for rendering into the first process of pig iron.

Frederick Channer Corfield removed all signs of the pit hills and tramways during the 1890s, however evidence can still be found if you look hard enough. If you walk behind Castle Farm you will see a hedgerow that runs diagonally down the hill towards Codnor Park, this marks the route of the old tramway. Searching in the hedge reveals stone sleeper blocks and broken edge rails.



Photographed above is one of William Jessop's Fish belly edge rails found in the hedge bottom behind Codnor Castle. Only broken examples could be found. All the complete rails could have been lifted and re-used on other tramways.



This picture (left) shows details of how the track rails joined together. Although the Fish belly edge rail was an improvement over Outrams plate rail, it wasn't without its problems.

Cast iron is very brittle and this restricted manufacture to 3 foot lengths, any longer and it would be becoming too weak. Also the foot or cradle at one end of each rail was easily damaged or broken, rendering the rail useless, as it could not be secured to the sleeper blocks. Later examples had the cradle cast separately like modern rail tracks. The edge rails used on the Codnor incline are obviously very early examples.



Stone sleeper blocks still in place (above left), note the location hole for securing the edge rails. More sleeper blocks can be found displaced in the hedge bottom. The photograph above right show a block found near to Forge Row, so if you look carefully when you are out for a walk you can find them in many places around our village.

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Down in the cellar of Butterley Court and built into the foundations there is a cast iron fish belly edge rail. Not the sort of place you would expect to find one today and still in one complete piece.

This was probably manufactured at the local Codnor Park Iron Works .

Now over to you - how much evidence can you find?

TEAM IRONVILLE *by Nigel Lane*

Team Ironville was very pleased to receive a substantial donation from an anonymous source late last year, to which we added some of our own funds, enabling us to purchase a large number of crocus and daffodil bulbs, which we managed, with the help of a number of volunteers, to plant towards the end of last year. We obtained what should have been a mixed selection of crocus, but most of those, which have actually come up, have turned out to be purple, with a few white ones in between. There are some which did not come up yet; perhaps we will have more luck next year. Our thanks go to Myriam, Freya, Rebecca, Pauline and the Hall family for their valuable help. I apologise if I have not mentioned you all. The crocus and daffodils did their best to make what is a fairly drab time of year look pretty. We will try to get some more spring flowering plants this autumn. This year has been quite a difficult year for a number of reasons. The spring was very wet, which made working outside rather hard. When it finally stopped raining, it went the other way and became very dry, which is why the flower beds are now looking rather parched. We will have to start clearing beds out soon, before they get much worse. We would really appreciate any help we can get, as we have been very short-handed this summer, due to health issues among others. We meet at the Crossings Club car park at 10am every Tuesday morning, weather permitting. We then work through until about 2pm, with a break for tea half-way through. The work is not particularly onerous and can be very rewarding. It is certainly a very sociable activity. If we continue with the current level of resources, we may well have to consider reducing the number of locations around the village that we are able to care for. Please do not feel that you have to come out every week; occasional help would still be appreciated.



Deadheading encourages our plants to focus on flower production.



Tidying up is an important task.



Removing prunings for recycling



Bulb planting - All part of a natural cycle that will soon be starting again.



OLYMPIC SCARECROW COMPETITION 2024



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).
Thursdays in the Church Hall - 7pm - 8pm.



Derbyshire Community Transport are pleased to operate the Derbyshire Connect service in conjunction with Derbyshire County Council.

The Derbyshire Connect is a door-to-door shopping bus service which needs to be pre- booked via the office.



DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Derbyshire Connect

Door to Door service to your local supermarket.
Derbyshire Connect runs in all areas.
Contact us for full details.

Gold Cards are valid on these services. You must show your card otherwise you will be charged.

Adult Single £3.50 Child - Single £2.50
Return £6.00 Return £4.50

For more information call: 01773 746652
Phone lines are open Mon-Fri 8.00am to 5.00pm
Email us on: contact@derbyshiredirect.org

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In the Ironville and Codnor Park area the Derbyshire Connect runs on a Friday and will drop passengers off at Tesco in Alfreton. The time at Tesco is from 12.30pm until 2.50pm. The minibus is fully accessible and our drivers friendly and helpful!

For more information and to register to book please call:
01773 746652 between 8.00am and 5.00pm.



Amber Valley Borough Council - Ironville & Riddings Ward

Meet your local councillors - Kieron Cox & Rebecca Grundy

If you have an issue or concern Just pop into:

The Community Centre, Open acre, Ironville - NG16 5QA

All surgeries are between 11.15am & 12.15pm

Sunday 29th September 2024

Saturday 26th October 2024

See page 31 for further information

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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 - free door prizes
☎Daz 07967760065 or Steve 007548856386 

Wed am - Crafty Crafters (see page 14)
10am - 12pm ☎ Pam 01773 689414 

Wed - Nicks Fitness Crew ☎ 07810898868
Pound Fitness 5.45 - 6.45

Thurs - Nick's Fitness Crew 5.45-6.45pm

Thurs - Taekwondo - 7 to 8.00 pm
For all the family - adults and children.

☎Dave Gregory 01773 609626 (see page 42) 

What's on at the Anvil Club? (see page 16)

Monday 5-10 Free Pool

Tuesday 5-10 Free Juke box

Wednesday 5-11 Bingo Sticky 13 Play Your Cards Right *Open the Box on Bingo nights*

Raffle Number Card Hot & Cold food

Thursday 5-10 Pool night - Pool Team

Friday 5-12 Meat Draw 9pm

Saturday open 2pm-12am

Sunday 12 - 10 Sunday Dinner 12 'till 3 Eat in or take away **BOOKING ONLY** Call in or ring Maria on this number: 07816-439881

The Friends of the Cromford Canal Talks:

Most talks start at 7.30 pm in Ironville Church Hall
Sept 16th - Stanton Ironworks on Film by Stephen Flinders
Oct 21st - Along the Foss by Chris Hewis

See the FCC website: www.cromfordcanal.info

to find out more about forthcoming talks.

☎ **MARIA MCCORMACK**

07816-439881

FOR BOOKINGS



IRONVILLE CHURCH HALL

IRONVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: kathgruber@icloud.com ☎ 07595515154

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 & 3)

Next Meeting : Monday 16 Sept 2024

We look forward to seeing you there.



Cllr. Liz Holgate (Chair)

Railway Carriage Youth Club, Deepdale.

The Youth Club offers a wide range of activities that young people have planned and organised with youth workers. These include arts, sports, music and a space to chill out with friends. Opportunity is available to try new activities and seek advice & information on most teenage topics.



Sessions on Thurs & Fridays, 6.00pm to 8pm

To find out more why not "pop" in and have a chat with the youth workers.

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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The next issue is TBC - Deadline: TBC



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