

Ironville & Codnor Park Newsletter

Local news, events, articles and more March 2026



Welcome to Issue Number Twenty Four

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 0.5

Last term, at Ironville and Codnor Park Primary School, we enhanced our current enrichment curriculum provision with the launch of our **life skills**, which are designed to equip children with the abilities to navigate daily challenges, build healthy relationships, make informed decisions, manage stress, and adapt to changing situations, ultimately contributing to personal success and to well-being, all of which they can build on for their life.

In our quest to equip our children for life readiness, our children will be taking on a series of tasks to develop personal skills, social interaction, career success, decision making and improving their own mental health. A great deal of fun and teamwork was had whilst carrying out these activities last term, some of which included using a tin opener, making a bed and changing a plug. You can view them on our web site below:

<https://tinyurl.com/100-life-skills>



We are all looking forward to our next challenges in the Spring Term!

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Toasting marshmallows down at the Railway Carriage.

Also see page 18 Photo by Sam



Team Ironville are out and about every Tuesday morning doing good for our village. Why not join them? Just ask, join and improve your well being. (See page 34)

Parish Council Update *by Kath Gruber, Parish Clerk*

Working for the Village, All Year Round

Since the last newsletter, the Parish Council has held further meetings to continue progress on village priorities, including community events, youth provision, partnership working and local environmental issues.

Key updates include:

- Continued support and encouragement for local youth activity and positive community projects.
- Partnership working with Futures Housing and local organisations to support residents.
- Planning for village priorities and ongoing operational matters raised by residents.

Coach Road Flooding & Potholes – Capital Programme Request

Residents will be aware that Coach Road regularly floods, and because local drainage is insufficient, standing water remains on the carriageway for prolonged periods. Over time this has led to repeated road surface failure and a constant pothole problem, requiring repeated patch repairs.

The Parish Council has now formally requested that Derbyshire County Council includes Coach Road in its Capital Programme for full resurfacing, so that this long-running issue can finally be properly addressed.

The Council is especially concerned about road safety. We understand that since November 2025 there have been five accidents on Coach Road, including one incident resulting in life-changing injuries.

We will keep residents updated when Derbyshire County Council responds.

Councillor Allowance Trial – Helping Attract New Councillors

Ironville Parish Council continues to experience ongoing pressure due to councillor vacancies and the difficulty of recruiting new members.

To help address this and encourage new candidates, the Council has agreed a proposal for a trial Members' Allowance Scheme for 2026/27, which is designed to be:

- modest,
- transparent,
- linked to attendance,
- and reviewed after one year.

Proposal summary (trial year 2026/27):

- Up to £250 per councillor per year
- Based on attendance at ordinary meetings
- £41.67 per meeting (maximum 6 meetings per year)
- Allowance is only payable for meetings attended.

The intention is to support recruitment and retention so the Council can remain quorate, meet its legal responsibilities, and continue delivering for Ironville.

Your Parish Councillors are pictured below:



Left to Right: Cllr E. Holgate (Chair), Cllr Y. Hutsby-Bird, Cllr P. Rose, Cllr W. Taylor, Cllr D. Watson, Kath Gruber (Parish Clerk).



Could You Be a Parish Councillor?

Do you care about Ironville and want to help shape local decisions?

You do not need experience — just:

- an interest in the community,
- a willingness to listen,
- and time to attend meetings and contribute.

If you'd like to know more about the role, please contact the Parish Clerk.



Welcome to Our New Councillor

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome a new councillor, Dawn Watson, who has a long-standing connection to the community: her children attended Ironville School, where she also volunteered as a school helper. She has friends in the village and wants to use her local knowledge and commitment to support Ironville residents and is keen to help the village move forward.

Community Events

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone involved in supporting local community activity over recent months.

The village's Christmas event was another success, and the Council appreciates the time and effort given by those who helped with planning, set-up, stewarding and activities on the day.

Parish Precept 2026/27 – What it Means for Households

The Parish Precept is the Parish Council's share of Council Tax, used to fund local services and support work in Ironville.

For 2026/27, Ironville Parish Council is proposing to keep the Precept the same as last year at £50,315.

However, because the Council Tax Base has reduced, the same precept is shared across fewer properties. This means the parish element of Council Tax will increase slightly, even though the precept cash amount is frozen.

Based on the current tax base, the Parish Council's Band D equivalent charge is estimated at approximately £113.65 for 2026/27.

Estimated Parish Council Charge by Council Tax Band (2026/27)

(Based on Band D = £113.65)

Below: Council Tax Band (top row) followed by Parish Charge (bottom row)

Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£75.77	£88.39	£101.02	£113.65	£138.91	£164.17	£189.42	£227.30

Ironville Parish Council remains committed to delivering value for money, setting budgets responsibly and maintaining reserves in line with recognised good practice guidance. Please note that the figures shown above are estimates for the Parish Council element only.

Residents will be able to see the final confirmed amounts on their 2026/27 Council Tax bill.

Meetings & Contact Details

Next Parish Council Meetings (7.00pm)

Meetings are held at the OAP Community Centre:

- Monday 16 March 2026 – Parish Council Meeting
- Monday 18 May 2026 – Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting

Contact: Kath Gruber - Clerk/RFO – Ironville Parish Council

clerk@ironvilleparishcouncil.gov.uk ☎ 07595515154

News from the Forge *from Sally Fisher*

From the very smallest mushroom to the largest tree, both are connected to the wood wide web and neither could thrive without the other. So, what is the wood wide web? Basically it's an underground transport system feeding all plants on earth. 90% of all plant life depends on fungi. Fungi are the visible fruiting bodies of the web which gather nutrients such as phosphorus, copper, calcium, magnesium, iron and zinc from the soil and send them through the web to plants which need them in return for glucose and water. Up to 1000x more water can be taken up with the mycelium present than could be taken up by roots alone. All this happens just below our feet.

There are many types of fungi and, in woodland most fungi are decomposers of dead and decaying wood. Scarlet elf cap and Turkeytail are but two, (See photos right).

Dead and decaying matter are extremely important as habitats for many species of invertebrates including stag beetles which feed for larvae and insects and, in turn, birds such as wrens, gold crest, and woodpeckers feed on them as well as insects whilst tits and warblers feed in the canopy.

Some fungi are harmful, they are parasites which evolve through injecting an enzyme into the tree usually killing it. Both Dutch Elm disease and Ash Dieback are examples of this. Another function of the wood wide web is to prevent and warn of disease, pest predation and drought. Trees communicate with each other and bigger trees will respond through the web to saplings in the understorey thus ensuring the health and ongoing life of the woodland.

Some fungi have a symbiotic relationship with trees which means they work together for each other's wellbeing.

The Boletes species and Fly Agaric are two examples of this. Fungi are the unsung heroes of the woodland.

Sometimes several fungi are found on one tree.

Finally, on a different note, we will need to buy stone and hire equipment to repair the damage

done over the winter to the pathway

so please continue to buy our jams, chutneys and marmalades which

will help to pay for this. You can reach us via our Facebook page:

"The Forge Nature Reserve". Thank you for your Continuing Support. 😊



Ash (Mother Tree)



Turkeytail



purple jelly disc

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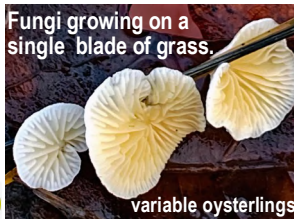


Scarlet Elf Cup

purple jelly disc
aka black
witches butter



Fly Agaric



Fungi growing on a single blade of grass.

variable oysterlings



The never ending job of keeping the paths in good order.

An Introduction to the Anvil Club from Maria

The Anvil club is a Family village Pub for everyone to come along for a friendly pint or two. Here at the Anvil we now have two Pool tables for everyone to enjoy. Great entertainment on various weekends for all the family. Feel free to hold any functions or meetings here at the Anvil via your host Maria.



**The Anvil Club is open every evening - Monday - Tuesday 5-10, Thursday 5 - 11
Wednesday 5 - 11, Friday 5 - 12, Saturday 2 - 12 & Sunday 2 - 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 - Free on Thursdays.*



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



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"The Anvil Club"

Contact Maria McCormack on 07816-439881

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

POOL AT THE KING BILLY - CIRCA 1985

Left to right: Barry Brady, Mark Ashmore, Cliff Fenn, John Pemberlon, Rich Dolan, Bryan Dyer, Baz Storer, Greta Rowlands, Shane Gregory, Shaun Dolan, Lance McCormack, Rob Douglas.



29TH NOV. Christmas Fayre

Ironville Church Hall & Church



Exploring Registers & Records

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

Are you ready for the biking season?

Nothing beats the feeling of freedom, the rush of joy and the sense of calm that riding brings. Bikers want to feel that joy, no matter where they go. We all want to avoid close calls and improve the craft we love.

We know the pull of biking, especially when you live on the doorstep of the beautiful Peak District, with roads which are a magnet to those on two wheels.

Unfortunately, we also see the risks. Each year Derbyshire sees an influx of bikers into the Peak District on sunny bank holiday weekends, and each year not everyone makes it home to their loved ones.

Our police bikers are the ones who pick up the pieces after a collision. They're bikers themselves, who are passionate about riding and want to support the biking community. That's why they run BikeSafe; the workshop built by bikers, delivered by bikers, for bikers.

At a BikeSafe workshop you'll first learn the theory behind advanced riding, such as reading the road, cornering, positioning, breaking, hazard perception and rider attitude. Once you've grasped this, you'll then put it to the test during an observed ride with a police biker following you, stopping regularly to give you practical advice on how to push these skills. Afterwards, they'll give you feedback on how to take this further, with pointers on what you can do next to become the best biker you can be.



Getting ahead isn't about speed and risky overtakes, we'll give you the tools to help you ride smarter and make progress quicker. We're not riding or guiding you as cops; we're doing it to help you level up your skills.

Find out more about BikeSafe and book onto a workshop at: <https://bikesafe.co.uk/derbyshire/>

Our BikeSafe workshops are run from Butterley Hall in Ripley, Derbyshire at our headquarters. So not to far away from Ironville or Codnor Park.

“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 March 2025 and Wednesday 2nd April

To book an appointment please call 01773 766922

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



**TOOTSIES
FOOTCARE**

For all your foot care requirements

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

The short section of Cromford Canal in Jacksdale is owned by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and is managed by our volunteers to support nature to thrive and for people to enjoy. Connecting to nature is known to have physical and mental health benefits, so taking a walk along the canal, even in colder months can have a positive impact on your well-being. Winter highlights include flocks of migrant thrushes, Redwing and Fieldfare, feasting on the copious red berries from the Hawthorn hedgerows. Stonechat, Redpoll, Goldcrest and Siskin can be seen along the towpath and look out for the ducks, geese and wading birds on the scrape.

Over the last few months, we have been working hard to re-wet the scrape, as it is an important area of wet grassland essential for many wetland species. We have diverted water from the canal when water levels are high, protecting the path from flooding and acting to create ponds and puddles on the scrape. We have burrowed out channels and created natural dams to redirect water into the scrape ponds that had dried out. A large copse of willow had established on the scrape; this pioneer species has thirsty roots that can dry out wetland areas if left unchecked. We have cut down the willow and thanks to some heavy rainfall, and the water being diverted from the canal and through the channels, the large pond has been restored.



The Scrape before Intervention



The Scrape after the copse of willow has been removed and water has been channelled back into the pond

Winter is a time when we can dig out some of the grassy reed and riparian vegetation that has encroached into the canal. Removing just a small area of the grassy reed is often all that is needed for the water to search out new routes and spread out across the canal. Unsafe branches hanging over the towpath have been cut down and used to create natural dams within the canal, directing the water into pools and slowing down the water flow.



Clearing the copse of willow on the scrape



Clearing reed in the canal to create pools and manage the water flow

A new owl box has been erected on the Scrape, so keep your eye out to see if any new residents move in.



An Owl box has been erected on the scrape

Thank you so much to all our volunteers who look after the site year round, for the local community, for the many visitors and for wildlife. In 2025, we totalled 778 volunteer hours and collected 414 bags of litter. For further information or if you would like to volunteer with us, please contact us via our Facebook page or by email at cromfordcanalgroup@gmail.com

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SAFE GUARDING THE COMMUNITY

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OVERWATCH COMMUNITY RESPONSE



Overwatch Community Response (OCR) is a volunteer-led community safety organisation providing high-visibility patrols and safeguarding support across the communities it serves. Our purpose is to promote safety, deter antisocial behaviour, and offer reassurance through a consistent and professional presence.

Working in partnership with local residents, landowners, youth groups, and statutory services, OCR operates as a trusted community resource and an additional set of eyes and ears on the ground. Our activities include community patrols, identifying and reporting anti-social behaviour and environmental damage, and supporting safeguarding by appropriately escalating concerns through the correct channels.

Alongside patrol activity, OCR is actively involved in community education, working with youth groups to deliver practical sessions on emergency awareness, basic first aid, and dog safety. By engaging young people early, we aim to build confidence, responsibility, and safer behaviours that benefit the wider community.

OCR is not an enforcement organisation, but we operate to clear standards, governance, and safeguarding frameworks that underpin everything we do. Through professionalism, visibility, and strong local partnerships, OCR plays an increasingly significant role in strengthening community safety, resilience, and public confidence.

From: Robert Fallows 1901: OCR Operations Lead & K9 Support Team Lead

Ironville & Codnor Park is on their patrol route. They are there for any assistance anyone needs. – Ed.



The annual Carol Service at Christ Church last December was a joyous occasion and was well attended. The service was led by Father Mark, with readings by Jack Brown MBE, Mike Kelly (FCC), Mary Wright (local British Legion), Lisa Bowler (village school), Andy Cadman (Editor), Liz Holgate (Parish Council). The Advent Wreath (See picture, left) was lit by Eliza & Ruby. Special thanks are due to all those who contributed towards making this special occasion a big success.

**ANVIL
CLUB**

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY!

6th December 2025

"Wow what another amazing Mac's Christmas party, our brilliant Santa Clause made the children's day, and visit from Mac the Elf always brings a smile to everyone, thank you to everyone who came and all who helped and made this happen, hope to see you all next year." *Mandy*



MAC'S
COME & JOIN US FOR OUR
SUMMER FUN DAY

Saturday 15th August
Ironville Church Hall

WE'RE BACK

Events

Come and enjoy a Fantastic day out for all the family
Stalls - Entertainment - Live Singer

...and much more!

MAC'S
Easter PARTY

Saturday 4th April 2-5pm
In Ironville Church Hall

Come along and have some fun

Tickets available from the Anvil Club



Clown's Children's Centre

Pre School had lots of fun in the Autumn Term, free painting on this homemade large scale painting activity. We turned the table upside down and wrapped cling film around the legs before letting the children explore their artistic skills.



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.



CROSSINGS CLUB

Join us at your local pub and enjoy a welcoming atmosphere, quality food, and a great selection of drinks, bringing the community together over hearty meals, well-kept pints, and relaxed conversation. Whether you're stopping by for dinner, a casual drink, or a social evening out, you'll find good value, friendly faces, and a pub that feels like home.



Crossings Club Monument Lane

☎ 01773 606657

Monday - open 6 'til Late
Games night + 5s & 3s

Tuesday open 6pm to 12am
Skittle Matches

Wed. open 5pm - 12am
Food served from 5.30 - 7.30pm

Darts & Dominoes matches
Thursday - open 6pm - 11pm

Jackpot Joker draw

Friday open 2pm - 1am
Various Bands & Entertainments

Saturday open 8.30-1am
Breakfast Served 8.30 - noon

Sunday open 12pm to 10pm

Free Bar Nibbles

Meat Draw - Sunday 3pm

*The Club can cater for ALL occasions,
also free room hire. Please contact the
club for more information.*



Wed. Mornings 10am - 12pm held in our homes

☎ Pam 07866861424 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.



JACKSDALE & DISRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

1926 - 2026 *by Fred Leighton*

The Centenary Service was very well attended, with representatives from neighbouring Branches, Officers from Nottinghamshire Headquarters, and the Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, who also serves as Patron of the county's Royal British Legion.

After the Service, everyone gathered at the Dale Club for entertainment and refreshments. During the afternoon, the Lord Lieutenant congratulated the Branch on reaching its Centenary and offered particular thanks to the Past Chairman and Past Treasurer for their dedication in helping the Branch reach this milestone.

The Branch began at the Portland Arms in Jacksdale, founded by WW1 veterans who wanted to raise funds for fellow servicemen, widows and families affected by the war. Members also supported the newly established Poppy Day, which first took place in 1921.

Since its early years, the Branch has marked Remembrance Day with a march between the churches at Jacksdale and Ironville, with services held alternately. The Act of Remembrance has always taken place at both War Memorials. (See page 28 for details of the November 2025 Ironville Service.)

For many decades the Parade was led by a marching band, beginning with the Salvation Army and, in 2003, concluding with the Reds and Greys from Newark. Rising costs, fewer members available to fundraise and participate, and increasing difficulty arranging a Police escort across two counties eventually made the traditional parade unsustainable.

The Branch then engaged Huthwaite Prize Band, conducted by a Branch member, to play at the outdoor Remembrance Service at Jacksdale Memorial, led by the Branch Chaplain, Rev. Fiona Shouler.

In 2014 a War Memorial was dedicated at Selston, and since then a Remembrance Service has been held there each year before the one at Ironville.

Membership gradually declined, and the Branch was further affected by the loss of its Secretary. At the start of 2024, only fifteen members remained, with just four active: the Chairman, Treasurer and two Committee members. Determined to honour the work of those who had sustained the Branch over the decades—and to ensure the Centenary was marked—the Officers resolved to keep going.

Despite repeated efforts, new members were slow to come forward. The Branch continued with all three Remembrance Services, announcing at each that closure was likely without fresh support.

Gradually, the community recognised that without the Branch, the Remembrance Service itself would be at risk. Thanks to the persistence of the Chairman and Treasurer, and strong backing from local residents, a new Committee has now been formed. A new Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are in place, and membership has risen to seventy—giving the Branch a secure future.

Footnote: *The British Legion was formed in 1921 and, in recognition of its charitable work, was granted Royal status by the Monarch on its 50th anniversary in 1971.*



The 60th anniversary local parade to celebrate the end of the Second World War involving Veterans and members of the forces, (2005)

NEWS FROM CHRIST CHURCH & THE CHURCH HALL *by David Fearn*

The past six to nine months have proved to be a very busy time for both the Church and the Hall with the usual mix of progress and ongoing challenges.

CHRIST CHURCH

EVENTS IN 2025 – There were three fundraising events – a Strawberry Tea in June, stalls at the Village Fun Day in August and a Christmas Fayre in November (see page 6)– all of which raised a total of £941 for Church funds. We were very grateful to all the stallholders and visitors who gave their support. We have dates pencilled in for this year – 6th June, 15th August and 28th November - to repeat the events.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - The service took place on 11th November and we were grateful to Revd Ken Johnson, one of our clergy team, who kindly hurried down from a service at Riddings before returning there to do a second service. The Parish Council had provided Tommies around the War Memorial, and the previous Friday, children from the School had placed their wreaths and poppies there too. (See page 28)

CAROL SERVICES – The Church service on 21st December was well attended and thanks go to the six people who volunteered to read, several stepping forward without even being asked. The school Carol Service a few days earlier drew a large group of parents, relatives and friends numbering over 60. (See page 10)

ELECTRICAL WORKS - The ongoing problem with the proposed *Renewal of the Electrical Installation* (see Newsletter No. 20) continues to overshadow our planning with rather slow progress and estimated costs of £20-25,000. However, the Church Architect has now produced plans, our insurers have granted us more time, and contractors are now being invited to visit and tender for the work.

SERVICES - In October 2024, Christ Church and our United Benefice sister church of St James Riddings agreed to alternate the Sunday services over the autumn and winter, firstly to help with the problem of a shortage of clergy to lead the services, and also in an attempt to cut down on bills for heating and lighting (It costs about £12 per hour in gas to heat Christ Church). For Ironville, this arrangement continued through 2025 and will remain in place into 2026 and beyond.

THE CHURCH HALL

CLASSES - Some new weekly classes – Community Boxing and a Children’s Dance Fit - started at the end of last year and have made welcome use of the Hall. These two new classes are free to those who attend. We are grateful to the other regular users some of whom advertise in this Newsletter. There has been a sizeable and also very encouraging increase in the use of the Hall for Parties and Wakes and we have been grateful to all those occasional users. (See back page).

MAINTENANCE -The Hall is now over 63 years old and facing increasing maintenance demands. In September 2024, an inspection by *Derbyshire Fire & Rescue* resulted in restrictions being placed on certain activities in the Hall until there were improvements with the Fire Protection systems. This resulted in a flurry of activity throughout 2025 including a Fire Risk Assessment, an Electrical Installation Condition Report, an Asbestos Management Survey and, eventually, the fitting of a very expensive Fire Alarm System covering the entire hall building. We now have a state-of-the-art Control Panel in the Hall porch entrance with 4 zones covering the whole building together with 5 red, push-button Call Points, 18 Smoke Detectors, 7 (very loud) Sounders including 5 audio/visual Sounders one in each of the 5 toilets, and various signage around the building. The designated Muster Points are the front and rear car parks.

For Church Contact details see page twenty For Church Hall bookings see back page col one.

CODNOR PARK RESERVOIR News from *Tony, Steve & Angie*

First of all we would like to thank the local people and visitors who take the time to walk around the reservoir and litter pick at the same time, it's very much appreciated. You shouldn't have to pick other peoples discarded litter up, but like a lot of things these days it seems the norm, but thanks again.

Most of you will by now have seen the barrier across the main car park. We have done this to help stop the anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping. 24 hour monitoring and recording CCTV cameras will also be installed at the entrance to the car park in the spring.

You will also see an article in the magazine regarding Overwatch Community Response. They have agreed to add Codnor Park Reservoir to their patrol route, during the week and at week-ends, so please read the article for future reference. (see page 10)

Steph, Tony and I are also trying to acquire planning permission to have a permanent cover at the Waters Edge Food Cabin. Although this may be a few months off being approved, we hope it will bring some wet-weather protection to the cabin's customers.

During February we have once again resurfaced the entrance to the car park, it's never going to be the ideal fix, (a bit like the local road pot holes), they will just keep coming back, but we are hoping to find some funding to have a more permanent solution to the problem.

We have just renewed the bark chipping around the seats on the high bank and the seats in front of the food cabin. We have been asked not to have plastic artificial flowers on the memorial benches by the Canal and River Trust, as they are not environmentally friendly. So please, if you have a bench dedicated to a love-one, please maintain it correctly and no artificial flowers.

Steph will be organising an Easter Egg Hunt for the children, so watch out for the posters coming nearer the date.

Our fund-raising fishing matches and raffles run by Steph have managed to raise £450 for the Air Ambulance, our chosen charity, plus an additional £50 from Tony, Angie and I on behalf of Codnor Park Fishery.

During the summer months we are hoping to run some fishing tutorials for under sixteens. One of the regular anglers at the park has donated a substantial amount of fishing tackle that can be used and then handed back at the end of each session. Each tutorial will last for around 2 to 3 hours in the evening, probably on a Friday evening after school. We will insist that an adult from the family will be present during the 2 to 3 hours of the tutorial as a safe guard. If it is of interest to your young family members please let us know or speak to Steph at the food cabin. That's all for now, and a big thank you to all for the nice comments regarding the up-keep of the Res. It is really appreciated and keeps us ploughing on into 2026.



New barrier across the Car Park

Down at the Carriage - Deepdale, Ironville

Sessions on Tues & Thurs & Friday 6.00pm to 8.00pm



The Ironville Railway Carriage Youth Club represents an innovative approach to youth provision, delivering targeted support within a unique and engaging setting. Since August 2024, Supporting Communities have delivered the sessions which operate across three weekly sessions, (one by the *Blend Youth Project*), providing young people in Ironville with a consistent, safe space for positive social interaction, skill development, and creative expression alongside qualified youth practitioners.

The Ironville Railway Carriage Youth Club offers a dynamic programme of activities designed to engage, support and empower young people. The sessions combine recreational activities including pool, darts, virtual reality, board games, seasonal crafts, sports and gaming consoles with creative opportunities such as arts and crafts and the signature graffiti mural project. Young people can access community sports facilities on adjacent courts, delivered by qualified youth coaches, while enjoying musical entertainment in a welcoming environment. Crucially, the trained youth practitioners provide guidance and advice, facilitating open conversations that support personal development. This carefully balanced mix of structured activities and informal social interaction creates an inclusive space where young people can build skills, confidence and positive relationships while expressing themselves creatively. The programme's strength lies in its ability to cater to diverse interests while maintaining a consistent focus on wellbeing, engagement and community connection.



Darts comes to the carriage.



International Darts coach Gary explains.



Absolute Laser focus



Pumpkin Decorating



Ironville Christmas
**LIGHTS
SWITCH
ON**

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 4pm to 6pm



Lily and Nevaeh switch on the lights.

Christ Church

Rev Mark Taylor ☎ 01773 833280

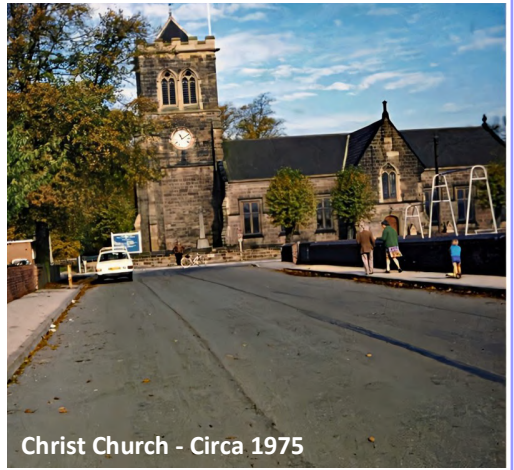
Warden: David Fearn ☎ 07786 581911

Services: Sunday at 11.15am

(Every Two weeks—please check)

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



NEWS FROM PHILIP ROSE

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Happy New Year to all our readers, and to everyone in Ironville and Codnor Park.

On the subject of Codnor Park, it has been suggested to me that the name itself may be quietly disappearing from maps and official use. I sincerely hope this isn't the case. The name 'Codnor Park' connects us to a largely forgotten but fascinating past. Ironville, by contrast, is a comparatively young village, shaped by industrialisation and transformed within my own lifetime into a dormitory community with no manufacturing industry and just one shop!!!

As generations pass, family ties and a sense of "roots" become vital in helping us feel connected to where we live. They ground us, link us to one another, and give us the foundation for belonging, confidence and a feeling of home. If we don't care about our place—if we aren't invested in it—why should anyone else be? And why should the authorities, often just individuals operating behind government agendas and overreach, or even charities and non-profits, feel compelled to care either?

We are living through a period of significant change in society, politics and government at every level. The imposition of a Mayor for the East Midlands last year, along with a new regional structure involving unelected corporate and stakeholder representation is only the beginning. According to the current timetable, Amber Valley Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council will be abolished in 2028 and replaced by an imposed unitary authority with 90–100 councillors. To me, it resembles the old EU regional government model—make of that what you will.

Whatever the outcome, we are heading toward an even steeper pyramid of governance, with decisions about resources made by increasingly remote bodies that are harder to influence. There will be no popping down to the Town Hall. Meaningful government will feel more distant and, in my view, less responsive.

To compensate for this loss of local control, I suspect Parish Councils will be handed larger budgets, slightly more powers, and possibly paid councillor roles—along with greater politicisation. My concern is that Parish Councils may become extensions of top-down government policy rather than genuine channels for local decision-making. Time will tell.

Jobs, travel, movement, personal freedom and the right to a private life are all being tested. Look at photos from 60 years ago and see how our environment has changed, almost without notice. If only we could be sure these changes were always for the better.

So what can we do? Stay alert. Don't shrug and leave things to others. Invest in your place, your neighbours, and the many voluntary groups supporting Ironville and Codnor Park. Make a difference.

Philip

The Life of A Parish Warden *by John Watson*

Hello everyone, I would like to tell you about my work in the village.

NOTTINGHAM LANE

I'd like to update you on what has been happening here.

After three years of reporting potholes and the poor road surface, the lane has now been fully re-surfaced from the first bridge up to the old canal - a much-needed improvement.

Following repeated reports of fly-tipping to DCC, concrete blocks have now been placed in front of the Severn Trent gates. This has stopped the problem there, and the rest of the lane has seen a big reduction too.

I also carried out some light pruning on trees and bushes that were overhanging the road, until DCC came later in the year to carry out a more thorough cut-back.

BUS SHELTERS

As mentioned in the last issue, I planned to repaint the bus shelters on Victoria Street. I managed to complete one before the damp weather set in.

The plan is to paint the second shelter in early spring, replace a damaged panel, and also look at improving the windows.

GRIT BINS

As winter approached, all the grit bins were loosened up and refilled with grit provided by Ironville Parish Council.

If any bins near you are running low or are empty, please contact the Parish Council and I will refill them.

PLANTERS

All the planters now have tulips, daffodils, or a mixture of both. Earlier this year, more bulbs were added, including:

Scarlet baby tulips; Crocus tri colour or purple and yellow; Crocus botanical mixture; Tulip linifolia; Dwarf daffodils; Muscari armeniacum. - Hopefully these will be flowering by March.

A new planter will also be added on Nottingham Lane for wildflower seeds.

ALLOTMENTS

Later in the year, when the apples and pears are ripe, I will be bagging them up and hanging them on the fence outside, as too many are going to waste by falling to the ground.

Please help yourself - one bag per person so there's plenty to share.

I've also been keeping the pathways clear by strimming, carrying out light pruning on some of the fruit trees, and preparing new plots in case any become available.

LITTER PICKING

I carry out a weekly round of litter picking, covering as much of the village as possible.

Any fly-tipping is reported to the relevant authorities - Futures / DCC / AVBC - although thankfully incidents have been minimal in recent months.

Kind regards,

John Parish Warden



Victoria Street bus shelter after painting

Neighbourhood Scans ...the story so far

What is a Neighbourhood Scan?

Neighbourhood Scans seek to identify opportunities to make small, public space improvements that enable residents to be active more easily where they live.

The scans explore routes that include paths, parks, green spaces and play areas within the local areas to fully understand how easy it is for residents to walk, wheel and be active.

Over six weeks in June and July we walked and wheeled 18 different routes across Somercotes, Ironville and Riddings speaking to the community along the way.

What did we hear?

Through community conversations and guided walks we engaged with **183 people**. Four main themes came through strongly.

1. Community pride
2. Infrastructure and accessibility
3. Community safety
4. Traffic and parking



Community Pride

"We have a fantastic community spirit – our green Spaces are great for the Local kids to play outside"

Across all communities there was a strong sense of community pride with the community mentioning:

- regular bin emptying
- Litter picks
- Well maintained park areas
- A local bus service
- places for children to play
- the local heritage

Infrastructure and Accessibility

"I struggle to walk far, so need either a bench or low wall to rest on. Not having one on our street prevents me from getting the bus"

The community had concerns about:

- dropped kerbs not being fully accessible for Wheelchairs / mobility scooters
- poor pavement conditions and lack of suitable crossing points.
- insufficient waste bins in key locations
- lack of benches for people with mobility issues

The positives mentioned were about:

- streets that feel well maintained and tidy
- in some places pavements are wide enough to enable safe wheelchair / pram usage



Community Safety

"If we had more lighting when it's dark I would walk more"

Issues were raised about:

- groups on e-scooters riding around causing a level of anxiety
- suspicion of substance misuse in public spaces
- loud music & antisocial gatherings
- safety fears about lack of lighting

Traffic and Parking

"Vans and cars blocking the pavement make it impossible for me to get past safely on my mobility scooter"

Community members are concerned about:

- school time parking blocking driveways and causing traffic issues
- high speed driving through residential areas
- inconsiderate parking blocking access for push-chairs and wheelchairs



What are our next steps?

We will be sharing detailed insight with a variety of agencies to -

- Address and influence improvements for change
- Influence future policy and strategy documents and their implementation



Codnor Castle is one of only two medieval castles retaining its original medieval architecture in the whole of the county of Derbyshire. The only other being Peveril Castle in the Peak District. Codnor Castle has a very rich history and the castle site dates back to the 11th century. The castle was the home and power base for one of medieval England's most powerful families for 300 years - the De Grey family, also known as the Baron's Grey of Codnor. This medieval fortress was once grand enough to play host to royal visits including that of King Edward II in 1342. If you would like to go on a local circular walk that includes the castle, please go to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/Walks-around-Ironville>

Photograph by Andrew Reardon

Amber Valley's Community Connection Grant offers small funding to help neighbours come together, reduce loneliness, and strengthen community life. If you have an idea to help people feel more included or supported, this fund may assist.

Purpose of the grant

The scheme supports activities that build friendships, improve wellbeing, and tackle inequalities across Amber Valley. Local people know best what their area needs, so the fund welcomes ideas on gaps you've spotted and how a small grant could help.

What the grant can support

- **Grassroots ideas** organised by friends or neighbours. No constitution needed; up to **£150** available.
- **Regular or expanded activities** run by volunteer-led or constituted groups. Up to **£1,500** available.

Who can apply

Applications are welcome from voluntary, community, or faith groups based in Amber Valley. You can apply if you are:

A Informal group of friends or neighbours with a simple idea to reduce isolation needing a small amount to start or cover running costs. The application is short and support is available. (Up to £150)

B constituted group with:

- A written constitution or rules
- A management committee of at least three unrelated people
- A bank account with two unrelated signatories
- Relevant policies, such as safeguarding (if working with children, young people, or vulnerable adults) and Health & Safety risk assessments This includes CICs, CIOs, and registered charities. (Up to £1,500)

Who cannot apply

The fund cannot accept applications from statutory organisations (schools, councils), individuals or sole traders, or groups making a surplus not reinvested for community benefit.

Grant criteria

Projects must focus on reducing loneliness, tackling social isolation, and helping people build meaningful connections. Applications should show a clear understanding of the needs of those you hope to support and include all required documents. Successful applicants will share how the grant helped, including who benefited. Short case studies or videos are welcome.

What can and can't be funded

The fund supports new or pilot projects, one-off events, and activities that help groups grow or add value to the community. Revenue costs, including ongoing rent or room hire, can be covered.

The grant cannot fund: activities already completed; clinical or statutory services; payments or gifts to individuals; political or religious events (unless health-focused); private enterprise; building refurbishment or fixed assets; or mandatory training required by law.

The scheme is run by Amber Valley CVS on behalf of the Amber Valley Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

For an application form or for further information please do get in touch with:

Glynn Wilton 📞 01773 512076 or e-mail: glynnwilton@avcvs.org

Completed applications should be returned to Glynn Wilton.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9 November 2025

CHRIST CHURCH
IRONVILLE



The Service was led by the Rev Ken Johnson and included the Last Post, Reveille, Epitaphs and Laying of Wreaths

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY by Cllr Charlotte Gates

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Hello, please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Charlotte Gates, I am your local Councillor for Derbyshire County Council. I have been working in and around your area since June 2025. I am very interested in making Ironville and the residents of Ironville happy. I am always here to listen to the residents and will be setting up surgeries in the area for residents to come and speak to me in person and ask any questions they may need an answer to. Whilst being a councillor for the area, I have made safety for the adults and children in the area my priority, making the roads of Ironville better. Outside of the council, I am a SEN Teacher, working closely with Special Needs Children. I am also a massive advocate for ladies in cricket; I play for a local cricket club. I also play for county indoor cricket.



THE RAILWAY CARRIAGE YOUTH CLUB

Follow the QR code (right) to:

Find out more about the Club via:

Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Website

Contact forms & Feedback:

Parent/Carer, Practitioner & Young Person

Ways in which you can support the Club



Local Ironville resident Daniel, proudly lays a wreath at St. James' Church, Riddings on behalf of our local Ironville Parish Council, (Remembrance Sunday - November 9th 2025).





Friends of Cromford Canal (FCC) Update

Registered Charity number 1164608



Work Party Report by John Guyler -

At the Lock Keepers garden, Lock 4, Ironville, Shirley Bullock her sister Carol and their husbands have the garden ready for the winter, the winter vegetables were planted in the Autumn, the remaining beds dug over and the area is generally tidy. They had a very successful growing season last year with a large amount of the produce going to Age Concern at Eastwood. Shirley tells me she still gets visits from the little dog when she is working on the plot.

On the 18th September at Codnor Park Junction, two FCC volunteers assisted the Canal & River Trust, together with a large number of the Codnor Park Fishing Club to clear trees which were growing into a neighbouring field. The Yew trees were being eaten by the horses in that field, Yew is poisonous to horses. Our two FCC volunteers used their skills as licenced chain saw operators.

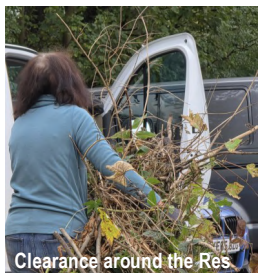
On 22nd September at Ironville a FCC work party were in the canal channel at the King William Bridge clearing the last of the Himalayan Balsam. They worked up to the chamber of Lock 3.

At Codnor Park Reservoir in the last week of September there was a report of fallen trees from Steve Scudder, the fishing club ranger. He reported to Malc Chisnall that a tree had fallen on the far side of Codnor Park Reservoir. Ian and Malc, our chain saw operatives, cleared the tree, a long and difficult job. Then they were called over to look at two trees that had fallen on fishing pegs. One tree was really difficult to winch out, and took part of another tree with it.

In October at Lock 4, Ironville, four of the FCC work party replaced four rotten fence posts on the lock side. This meant the top and middle rails being removed from the fence. The post had previously been tapered to fit into the shoe mounted on the stone parapet of the lock by Malc. (unknown fact, the taper for each canal company is different).

On the same day a large group of FCC volunteers finished removing high vegetation from the water's edge at Lock 4. They then moved on to the old Lock 1 area at the Pinxton Arm Bridge to clear vegetation there, there was an awful lot of Himalayan Balsam still there.

A week later, at Lock 3, vegetation was cleared along the top edge stones of the chamber backing on to the houses, the work party also finished clearing the brambles from the edge of the towpath opposite the Pottery. The week after that, the work party cleared vegetation, past the Pottery up to the road bridge, there was a large amount of litter cleared from underneath the bridge. Six volunteers worked again from the Pottery area to clear vegetation and removed two saplings against the King William Bridge. For me it was a different day, I spent several hours accompanying one of the work party volunteers to Ripley Hospital. He had tripped in the channel near King William Bridge and gashed his face and hand. After being really well bandaged up by an ex-army medic, also one of our volunteers, it was off to hospital to sit down for



for several hours while he was checked over, no concussion and praise from the staff for the way the first aid was delivered.

On the 26th November at Pinxton Wharf, the main job was clearing previously cut vegetation from near the weir, there are several large trees that may require attention this winter, that's if the weather doesn't remove them first. At the Boat Inn mid-morning, there was a presentation

from the Amber Valley Rotary Club, of new hi viz for the FCC work parties, this is the third supply of hi-viz in nine years. The work parties are extremely grateful to AVRC for this gesture. The photos show Amber Valley Rotary Club Joint Presidents Maria Adams and Glynn Allsop presenting the new hi-viz.



The presentation of the new hi-viz from Amber Valley Rotary Club

Again, at Codnor Park Reservoir on Tuesday

6th January three volunteers removed a tree on the reservoir back footpath which had split and was rotten on the inside. They cut it up into manageable lengths for it to be removed from the footpath. A check had been kept on this tree over the last year and recently three branches have fallen off leaving the tree leaning over the path with the remaining branch touching the ground. The photos show the split in the trunk and how rotten it was.

I was hoping that that we could clear the weeds again at the Railway Carriage Youth Club, we have the weed killer and the spraying equipment but just haven't got around to it. The weather has currently been rather wet! So, that's one job for the Spring.

One of the big jobs the FCC had at Langley Mill last Summer and Autumn, was building some new boat stands for our trip narrow boat Birdswood at Cromford.

Birdswood, has to have an out of water inspection every two years to maintain the licence to carry passengers. We needed new boat stands and our intrepid group set to and made four superb stands to the design our consultant engineer John Boucher had given us. Thanks go to Dan and Vicky Cauldwell of the Langley Mill Boatyard and the Erewash Canal Preservation & Development Association for their invaluable help with equipment and facilities to build the stands.

At Lower Hartshay, in the first week of November, we had a two-day work party to relay the footpath (old towpath). On the first day the plant consisting of two diggers, a dumper and numerous shovels and wheel barrows and twenty tons of gravel arrived. Digging out of the towpath at the runoff pipe in to the water meadow, where the path has worn much lower than the concrete edge. On the second day a larger work party moved another twenty ton of gravel into the dugout sections. I am assured by some of the volunteers that despite having diggers .

and dumpers it was a very hard and tiring exercise for the return to Collins yard. A borrowed laser was then set up to see how bad the canal wall and towpath had sunk, it, was found to have dropped 75cm for a considerable distance, from information gathered a calculation of how much material will be required for the further repair to the footpath / towpath. Later, a work party continued to finish off compacting the gravel laid the previous week. Ian Hutchinson had been given a wacker plate with a broken bracket, our qualified welder Malc Chisnall fixed it, so now the FCC has a wacker plate, which was in use at Lower Hartsay.



A grant from Foundation Derbyshire of £1500 paid for this work. Foundation Derbyshire is a group of local families and companies who have joined together to fund good causes and are based in Belper. In late January, I was informed that a further grant of £2500 was received again from Foundation Derbyshire to allow us to finish off the whole of the footpath to a reasonable condition. In the middle of November, the FCC had the first of several work parties, a large amount of vegetation clearance was carried out, the weather has delayed us on this exercise, with either cancelled work parties or work parties cut short because of heavy rain. In 2025, the FCC work parties over the entire length of the Cromford Canal from Langley Mill to Cromford Wharf, gave 4214 volunteer hours plus their travel hours.

If you fancy joining our regular work parties contact: work@cromfordcanal.org.uk

We have a growing number of volunteers who have trained on various machines and to do skilled jobs within the restoration framework. Why not come and join us, train up and you never know what it might lead to . . .

LOCAL COMMUNITY BOXING FOR ALL BY *GEORGE GM*

The session is still going and thriving with a regular small group, the main ethos of the session is still about creating an inclusive and fun space for people of all ages and ability to learn how to box, the session is still free for all participants and we have funding until the end of March so there is still plenty of time to learn the basics. See back page column one for more details.



NIC'S FITNESS CREW - So who are Nic's Fitness Crew? - We are YOU!

Welcome to Nic's Fitness Crew. I'm Nicola, and I run weekly community fitness classes at Ironville Church Hall. We've been going for over four years, offering four evening sessions and a morning class each week. The heart of the group is the sense of togetherness it creates – people from all walks of life coming to enjoy movement, laughter, and a friendly space to focus on their own wellbeing.

Classes aren't just about dancing and working up a sweat. They're about feeling part of something, meeting new people, and building friendships that last beyond the hall doors. Everyone joins for their own reasons, but we support one another, chat, and have fun while keeping active.

If you'd like to be part of a warm, welcoming group and try something that's good for both body and mind, please get in touch for more details.

Mon- Beatz Fitness

5-45 -6-45pm

For more info you
Can join our fb page

Tue- Rockbox Fitness

5-45 -6-45pm

Or contact Nicola Hogg
07810898868



Wed- Dance & Tone Fitness

5-45 -6-45pm

**SUITABLE FOR ALL
FITNESS ABILITIES
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Thur- Step Class

5-45 -6-45pm

**Thurs walking class
10am**



Once More

I sit beside the res once more
The sun warm on my face
I've been here many times before
It is my happy place

Today the water is so calm
The sky so blue and bright
This place is always full of charm
And sets my heart alight

The sun reflects from res to trees
Where dancing shadows play
The last leaves tremble in the breeze
On this November day

I watch a blackbird take a drink
From puddles at my feet
It really doesn't mind I think
That I'm here on this seat

It seems to me that life is sweet
When I take time to be
At one with nature all around
And simply just 'be me'.

Julie Sheldon ©

Reservoir Robins

The 'Reservoir Robins' will capture your heart
They'll sing you a song oh so sweet
They'll fluff up their feathers on russet red chests
And ask you for something to eat

They'll follow your footsteps as you walk along
They'll land on a branch up ahead....
They're cheeky, adorable, beggars with wings
Who truly are very well fed

Their cute little faces will charm one and all
They'll pose for a photo or two
The 'Reservoir Robins' are one of life's joys
They're out there just waiting for you!

Julie Sheldon ©



The 'Res'

No matter what the time of year
Nor what the time of day...
A walk around the local 'res'
Can chase the blues away

There's always something new to see...
A friendly face to greet...
Or time to sit and contemplate
Upon a quiet seat

A fragrant breeze sets out to tease
Our noses with a pledge...
A promise of a bacon cob
Served by 'The Water's Edge'

The anglers sitting so serene
With patience of a saint...
Each hoping for the biggest fish
To bite and take their bait

Photographers with lenses poised
To find the perfect frame
Just never knowing what they'll find...
No two days are the same

As seasons change...on centre stage...
Upon the 'res' so bold
Come actors new to watch and view...
New stories to unfold

Let's all embrace this special place
Where Nature takes the lead
To fill our hungry senses with...
Just everything we need!

Julie Sheldon ©

Comment by Julie :

"Like many others I find great pleasure in taking a walk around the 'res'.... No matter what my mood at the start of the walk.... I always return feeling refreshed, calm and so grateful that I have this special place on my doorstep".

TEAM IRONVILLE *by Nigel Lane*

Spring finally feels within reach as warmer days return and colour begins to brighten the village. Snowdrops were the first to show, spreading happily wherever they find a space. The crocuses followed, not spreading in quite the same way, but still appearing reliably each year and looking as lovely as ever. Last to arrive are the daffodils, filling beds and verges with their familiar golden glow.

Team Ironville has worked hard over recent years to keep the village looking its best at this time of year, supported by the parish council and generous private donations. Many of the bulbs planted have been tête à tête daffodils, which cope well with exposed roadside conditions thanks to their small, sturdy growth. We have since learned, however, that they only thrive for a few years, so we may soon need to start replacing them with longer-lasting varieties. That will mean a fair amount of work, as well as the funds to buy new bulbs, so phasing the replanting over several years is likely to be the most practical approach.

Alongside our regular bed and border maintenance, litter picking remains one of our constant tasks. With the recent spell of milder weather, more people have been out and about and unfortunately, the amount of litter has risen too. A photograph taken on 20 January showed the remains of what must have been a New Year's Eve gathering, now thankfully cleared away.

It has been an exceptionally wet winter, which hasn't helped our efforts, but we can hope for kinder weather in the months ahead. As everything begins to grow again, there will be plenty to do, and any extra help would be very welcome.





In mid-June of 2025, the germ of an idea planted itself in my mind. The Crossings Club had hosted MacMillan Coffee Mornings on previous occasions, and it was my view that we should do so again. I bounced the idea off a couple of people and they agreed that we should do exactly that. The idea was formally put to the Committee, approval was given, and I gathered together a small working party to guide the project forwards. Our then Stewardess contacted MacMillan and asked for a fundraising pack which was delivered shortly afterwards. At that point, I put out the first of a series of “teaser” posts on the Friends of Ironville and Codnor Park Facebook page; essentially seeking donations of baked goods or of individuals’ time.

Offers began to be made and, with help from Kim Bligh, a group chat was set up on Facebook so that those of us who were steering the project could bounce ideas off each other and set plans in motion. It soon became clear that there was more we could do to raise funds than just bake cakes and invite peoples’ donations in exchange for coffee and cakes. One thing led to another, and a couple of side-events were put into the mix, one of which was eventually pencilled in for October 5th, the other taking place on October 12th. The organisation of those events has been devolved entirely to two Committee members (man and wife) who are involved with the Club’s Skittles team and the Darts & Dominoes team respectively. My only request was that they did what they felt was appropriate to make those events work just so long as participants made donations to the MacMillan appeal.

During the course of planning, it came to light that one of our Club members, Dawn Vasey, who has had cancer treatment was having a birthday “bash” at the Club and that she wanted those who attended to make donations to MacMillan rather than buy gifts for her. That raised £263.88 (of which £132 would attract Gift Aid). For those who are not familiar with Gift Aid, it works this way. If, as a standard rate taxpayer, you make a donation to charity, you can fill in a few brief details on a form (provided) and the tax man will top up your donation by 25%. It’s something that the Club hadn’t paid too much attention to in previous events, but we pushed it for all it was worth this year. Reverting to the £263.88, it was stipulated that the sum should be added to whatever the Club raised on the actual day. Thank you for that Dawn.

The 2024 Coffee Morning raised just shy of £400 and it was the stated intention from day one that the 2025 event would exceed that total. I also got to know that the Dale Club at Jacksdale were running their MacMillan event on September 5th, so I sent them a goodwill message for that and added that we were running ours on September 27th. You can imagine my surprise and delight when they said “Bring us a couple of posters for your event, and we’ll put them up. It goes without saying that we did that. When I enquired, they were still counting what their appeal raised but if the Crossings Club could raise even a quarter of what they did, then I would be a happy man.

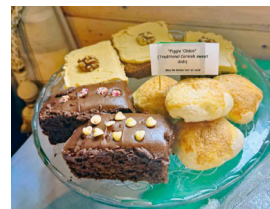
Someone then suggested that if we were to run a raffle to raise funds, then she would be happy to donate some prizes. We hadn’t thought about a raffle but quickly decided that it would be a good idea. Jacksdale Butchers also offered to display a poster for us and then also promptly and generously offered a voucher to be spent over their counter if we wanted it for a prize. That was gratefully accepted and that voucher became First Prize. Before I knew where we were, we had over a dozen raffle prizes available to us. The Skittles event

on October 5th proved to be a pairs tournament, and that raised just over £150. Several people from other skittles teams also took part in that and I extend my thanks to them for giving up their Sunday afternoon for the cause. The Darts event on the 12th was rather more informal but still raised another £90. Alongside those events, there have been two “squares” boards running in the Club. Those offered participants the chance of £100 win for a £2 stake. Between them, those two boards raised £160 for MacMillan, and various other donations were placed in a “pot” on the bar over a period of several weeks.

We counted the monies received on the morning of October 15th and discovered that we had a staggering total of £1514 in hard cash and of which £579 was pledged with Gift Aid (worth £142.25 to MacMillan). That’s a grand total of £1652.25. Some monies were also donated online (which turned out to be £40.00). A “late” donation of another £40 has brought the total up to a whopping £1732.25 and another idea was planted in my mind: was there any mileage in getting a MacMillan representative to come to the Club to accept a “symbolic” cheque to generate even more publicity. I put that idea to my co-conspirators, and received a resounding “yes” to the idea. Sadly, it wasn’t possible for that to come to pass this time round, but it’s something we will try for in future.

I can’t thank my co-conspirators (Kim Bligh, Adam Warriner, Pauline Griffiths, Jean Lane, Sean and Lisa O’Neill and not forgetting Dawn Vasey) enough for their efforts nor do I have words fulsome enough to thank all those who did bake and bring cakes, pastries and biscuits, (and who then donated generously to take pieces of other cakes away with them), or those who bought raffle tickets (three of whom then promptly donated their prizes back to be re-drawn). I am truly blown away by people’s generosity.

I’m currently “plotting” something for early 2026.. No decisions have yet been made, but early indications are that such an event may be hosted in conjunction with the Marie Curie Daffodil appeal which usually takes place around Easter each year. WATCH THIS SPACE and watch also the various Facebook pages for further details.



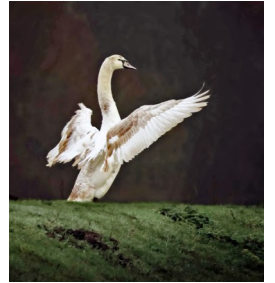
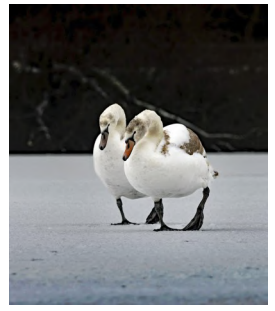
LOCAL SWAN FAMILIES by Ella Roberts

Some info about the local swan families because I know how much you all love them! I (Ella, some of you may know me from around the reservoir, I've noted a few people call me swan girl) have been in continuous contact with Linjoy Wildlife rescue this year to look after the swans and have all of the info about both families!

You may have noticed the original swan family is no longer residing at the reservoir; they were moved to a new retirement lake earlier this year due to territorial disputes with the new swans, who decided they wanted the res after living on the canal Golden Valley Way! (And making a home in one of the residents' gardens for a while!!). To make things less confusing, instead of saying 'new swan, old swan, this swan, that swan', I'm going to call the new swans by their names, Archie and Delores. Their having names makes it a lot easier for me to communicate issues to the rescue! I was also informed that they learn their names and can attest to that ha ha! Our original male unfortunately ended up with a broken wing after fighting with Archie and had to be taken in for treatment. This left the female alone. She was struggling to protect herself and the cygnets, so it was decided that, for the safety of both families, it would be better for them to be moved to be with Dad at the sanctuary. To avoid any more fighting and potential injuries by returning the old pair (the original male being quite old), once his wing healed, he and his family were moved to a lovely private lake to retire, where they seem very happy! The location is private, but I was lucky enough to visit in August. All of them were doing very well and seemed to be loving their new home.

Archie, Delores and their 3 cygnets are the swans you've seen all of this year after they took over the territory, and despite a few incidents with fishing line/hooks, they've all done really well! We started with 4 cygnets, but I found one alone at the opposite end of the reservoir from its parents in June. It turned out to have a respiratory issue, so it was taken into the sanctuary, where it was treated, and now lives very happily over there! The remaining 3 all did really well on the reservoir, one did unfortunately have to get emergency surgery to remove a fishing hook from her throat at one point, but she recovered well! As of right now, they are all in great health and have also managed to avoid catching bird flu, which I'm aware is a concern for the community- they're all okay, thank goodness! Fingers crossed it stays that way. Archie and Delores have, as of November 2025, moved house to further down the canal near Jacksdale, leaving their 3 cygnets to live on the reservoir on their own! And as of late January 2026, the cygnets had left to go explore, and 2 of have now returned alongside a new adult swan that has taken residence. (Likely a 2024 baby)

I'd like to add that if you ever spot any issues with the swans (or other wildlife, not just birds), please do ring Linjoy! Their 24 hour emergency number is 07780742748. They have been *angels* this year, helping me with injuries to both swans and other waterfowl, including geese and ducks. They take donations that go entirely towards vet bills and animal care. You can find that on their website here: linjoywildlifesanctuary.org.uk



ST PANCRAS STATION – IT’S STRONG LINK TO OUR VILLAGE.

Our village has strong links with the Roof of the internationally famous St Pancras Station.

It is important to emphasise that most of the wrought iron used in the construction at St Pancras would have been rolled at Codnor Park Forge, although it is more likely that much of the fabrication work would have been carried out at Butterley along with the production of the column castings.

The Forge and Rolling Mills at Codnor Park Works produced the famous Butterley iron - noted for its toughness and resistance to shock and to corrosion. The product of this forge and mills was well known and esteemed for its excellence by engineers all over the world for use where wrought iron was specified.

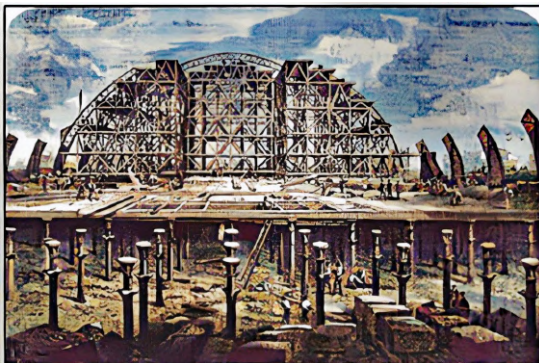
The Butterley Company’s Codnor Park works, established in 1807, became a major supplier of wrought iron. The growth of the railways provided impetus for the production of rails and bridges. Sir John Alleyne’s (Codnor Park Forge Manager) development with the Butterley Company in the early 1860s regarding the rolling and forge welding of plates and bars made possible the construction of structures such as the roof of St. Pancras station.

Here is the fascinating story behind the building and manufacturing of the famous St Pancras arch. The figures that follow for the blast furnace ingredients are mind blowing in volume and they alone set the scene for a significant under estimate of time to build by the company. All absolutely fascinating!!

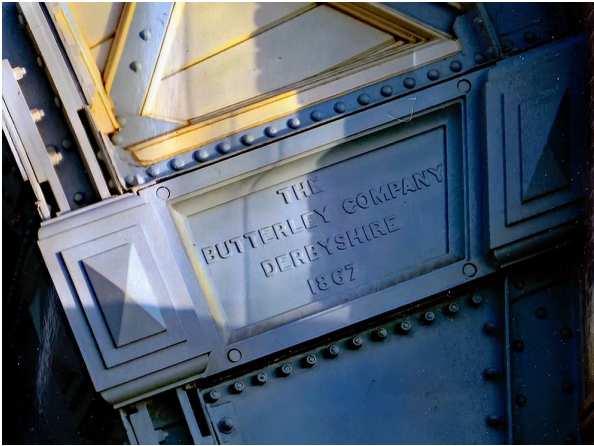
PRODUCTION OF WROUGHT IRON AND CASTINGS FOR ST PANCRAS STATION circa 1866 —67

This single arched structure was a massive 240 ft wide, rose 100ft from the rail platform up to the apex and was 689 ft long..

However, because St Pancras is probably the Company’s most prestigious and well known structure, let us try to put into perspective the tonnages of ironwork and wood required for its manufacture and erection. The station platform is carried on 688 cast iron columns, each 15 ft high and each set with stone bases on brick piers. The pillars support 49 rows of lateral girders and 15 similar girders running longitudinally for the length of the station. These form the upper floor carrying the platforms and rail tracks. They can easily be seen in the illustration shown on the next page. The roof consists of twenty five ribbed arches, the ironwork and gable ends weighing a total of 2,894 tons. The floor plates and joists weigh 1,054 tons, the girders 1,903 tons and columns 1,043 tons giving a total weight of iron of 6,894 tons.



Drawing showing the underfloor columns platform girders and timber assembly frame



Each ribbed arch is made up of riveted wrought iron channel and plate iron and is six feet in depth as can be seen left. The end of each individual arch sits on a large rectangular casting, having the Company's name and date cast on it.

Whilst the wrought iron would have been rolled at Codnor Park, it is more likely that the fabrication work would have been carried out at Butterley along with the production of the column castings. However, it is unclear if Butterley Foundry cast the floor columns but Barlow, in his 1870 ICE Paper did state that 'Butterley was the contractor responsible for the roofing and the lower floor' and so it may be reasonable to suggest that they were cast at Butterley.

The design and manufacture of the wooden erection scaffolding was also the responsibility of Butterley's Mr Alleyne. This was made in three sections, (see the photographs), being moved forward on rails as each rib was installed, the total structure being made up of 25,000 cu ft of timber and 80 tons of iron with a total weight with two ribs on it of 650 tons which amply tested the strength of the floor of the building.



Roof erection using the three stage mobile timber scaffolding

The contract for the roof was put out in July 1866 approximately 26 months before the station opened on October 1st 1868 and Butterley's price of £117,000 was the only one of five put forward which came near Barlow's estimate of £121,000. As such, Butterley was awarded the contract requiring the wrought iron to be produced of either 'Yorkshire' or 'Derbyshire' quality. Exactly when the contract was awarded is unfortunately unknown, but time was limited from the very beginning.

In order to appreciate the size of the task facing the Company, it may be useful to consider some of the facts and figures. Assuming that all the 6,894 tons of ironwork was produced at Butterley, this would have required a huge amount of blast furnace capacity to complete the contract. The total amount of wrought iron for the roof, floor girders and plates would have been approximately 5,850 tons. Using the 'dry puddling' method to produce the wrought iron, 1.3 tons (1 ton 6 cwts) of pig iron would be required to be refined and puddled to produce one ton of wrought iron. This would have required approximately 7,600 tons of pig iron equating to near 8,000 tons of liquid iron. Add to this the cast iron columns with a net weight of 1,043 tons; a further 1,600 tons of liquid iron would have been required, giving a liquid total of approximately 9,600 tons. With a single 'hot blast' furnace melting 75 tons per week, this would have required 128 'furnace weeks' (2 years 6 months). The majority of this, being for wrought iron, may have been produced at Codnor Park where four furnaces were available (but not necessarily all in blast). If three had been in blast, it would have required around forty weeks continuous melting though the possibility of utilising Butterley's melting capacity and transporting pig iron to Codnor Park for refining and puddling cannot be ruled out.

If the ironstone, coal and limestone requirements are also considered, further astronomical figures emerge. In order to produce 9,600 tons of liquid iron by hot blast smelting and using the hot blast furnace charge figures give earlier, the usage of coal would have been 27,840 tons, along with 24,480 tons of ironstone and 9,600 tons of limestone, giving a total of 61,920 tons of furnace charge materials.

It is therefore not surprising to read in Jack Simmons' book 'St Pancras Station' that things began to go wrong for Butterley from early on in the contract. Simmons states: 'The Butterley Company had hardly signed their contract before they were warning the Midland (Railway) Engineer that there was likely to be some delay in the delivery and erection of the first principal (arched rib), to which the committee answered that it relied on the time being recovered before the contract was complete. This confident optimism proved sadly ill founded.'

In the event, the first rib was hoisted into position just over a year later than the date provided in the contract and by July 1867, the Midland's solicitors were writing formal complaints which were again repeated in November. Butterley then had to construct a second erection stage at their expense to catch up on the erection schedule. This second staging was completed by March 1868.

Simmons continues: 'The truth seems to be that the Butterley Company, experienced though it was in ironworking, had gravely underestimated the magnitude of the task it had undertaken ...//... but the delays were not solely due to the unexpected technical difficulties of the task or due to its own dilatoriness. The year 1867 was one of great trouble for all commercial undertakings and the Company had its share of it.'

Finally, to be fair to Butterley, Barlow stated in his 1870 ICE Paper that 'The Butterley Company are entitled to great credit for the manner in which the roof has been constructed, and their managing foreman on the works, Mr Clark, is deserving of special mention for erecting the work and putting it together on the ground.'

The station was finally opened with little or no fanfare in a partially completed state on October 1st 1868, with one of the erection stages still in place to finish off one of the gable ends.

Main source: "Butterley Ironworks & Codnor Park Forge 1790 – 1986" by Tim Castledine

The Wrens have been busy bees this term!

By Karl Judge (Ironville and Codnor Park primary School)

New Year Celebrations

Wrens began the term by exploring why we celebrate the New Year. The children enjoyed sharing their own family traditions and learning about New Year's resolutions and their purpose.

Chinese New Year

We then travelled to the Far East to learn about Chinese New Year. The children explored the traditional story, customs and colourful celebrations, and compared these with our own New Year festivities.

Space Adventures

This half-term's big topic has launched us into space! The children have been learning all about astronaut Tim Peake, why he is a famous explorer and what it takes to train for a mission. Impressively, the children can now tell you at least three facts about him!

We watched real rocket launches, enjoyed the story *Whatever Next!* in Drawing Club, and used our imaginations to create rockets, space-stations and spaceships. The children especially loved building their own rockets using box-modelling materials—there were some excellent designs ready for take-off!

100 Life Skills

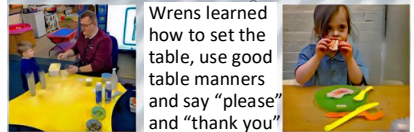
This term we continued our practical life-skills programme. Wrens learned how to set the table, use good manners and safely make toast. The children have shown growing independence and confidence in these everyday skills.

Resilience Day

Wrens took part in a whole-school Resilience Day, developing teamwork and determination through activities such as obstacle courses, jigsaw hunts, tower-building challenges and parachute games. They supported one another brilliantly throughout the day.

Computing: Designing Aliens

In computing, the children designed and created their own aliens using play-dough, shapes and colours. This hands-on activity supported early computational thinking, including patterns, tinkering and simple algorithms.



Crooked Line Club Line Dancing Every Tuesday in Ironville Church Hall - 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Well, well, here we are again for another year of dancing! It's been great to see some new starters that have seen this article and checked it out. And yes! they're still here and loving it! What's not to love?? Free door prizes, wine, chocolates, you name it, plus a raffle with cash prizes. Those who come to dance know how exciting the prize draws are, especially when I put my best TV voice on! For well over 20 years we have become a great collaboration with all kinds of abilities. Everyone is friendly, helpful and enjoy a good chin wag of course. You need no experience whatsoever, and your first one is free, and £5 thereafter for 2 hours of some of the best music the World has to offer. As said before, we play pop music, country, a little light rock and a pinch of Irish amongst other types. You have nothing to lose and nothing to worry about! Why stop in these dreary nights? Have a laugh, have a dance, take a chance. We'll all be waiting! Tuesday nights 7:30 prompt until 9:30.



Local Potholes by Jean Lane

For the past three years I have been trying to persuade Amber Valley Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council to take responsibility for repairing the roads linking Codnor Park, from Vicarage Lane through to Forge Row.

Last autumn, Amber Valley asked me to gather written statements from residents about the difficulties they face when using these roads. I collected this information and forwarded it to Cllr Gates at the Derbyshire County Council offices.

Despite following this up twice, I haven't yet received a reply. I'll share an update with everyone as soon as one comes through.

Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts - Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner

Last year, I was proud to award Safer and Stronger Communities Funding to support the Ironville Railways Carriage Youth Club—an innovative and valued project that continues to make a real difference to community safety and the wellbeing of local young people.

As Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, tackling anti-social behaviour and keeping communities safe are at the heart of my priorities, and the achievements delivered through this project clearly demonstrate the positive impact that targeted investment can have.

The purpose of this funding was to provide diversionary activities for young people who may be at risk of falling into anti-social behaviour, offering them safe, engaging alternatives under the guidance of trained professionals.

Over the six-month funded period, the Youth Club delivered exactly that. With three sessions running every week, young people in Ironville benefitted from a consistent, supportive environment where they could socialise safely, build confidence, and develop life skills.

Attendance remained strong throughout, with around 40 young people regularly taking part. They enjoyed access to community sports courts, supported by qualified youth coaches, alongside the opportunity to relax in a welcoming environment with music, creative activities, and open conversation. Importantly, trained youth workers were always present to offer advice, listen to concerns and help young people make positive, constructive choices.

One of the standout achievements funded through this programme was the creation of a tranquil outdoor area and sensory garden. This new space provides a calm and reflective environment for young people - a place where they can unwind, manage stress and enjoy a peaceful setting away from the pressures of everyday life.

This investment in emotional wellbeing sits firmly alongside our wider goals of preventing anti-social behaviour by supporting young people before problems arise.

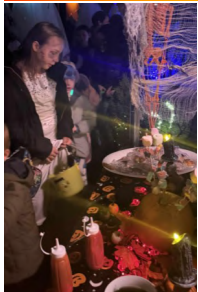
A further highlight was the completion of two collaborative mural art projects, one internal and one external, created with the support of a professional graffiti artist. These murals are more than just artwork: they represent pride, ownership and belonging. They have given young people the opportunity to leave a lasting mark on their space and to contribute something meaningful to their community.



Above left: Two youth club trustees together with two youth leaders receive the award from the Police and Crime Commissioner. Above right: This award enabled flood lights to be installed to the rear of the carriage improving security and enabling this area to be used on the dark nights.

Halloween

around Ironville



By Kerry Atkinson
Victoria Street



MACS Party in the Church Hall

By the Res

By Hayley Stocks, Market Place.
A collection at this event raised
£165 for special memory boxes.



Forge Row

A MESSAGE FROM LINSEY FARNSWORTH OUR LOCAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU!

A big thank you for inviting me to share a few words in this fantastic newsletter. It's a real privilege to have the chance to speak directly to our community and keep you updated.

My aim will be to share news from Westminster alongside local updates, so you can see how national decisions and local priorities come together to shape our everyday lives.

But most importantly my contact details are below. If you have an issue locally or nationally, please feel free to reach out and let me know.

VISITING RIDDINGS JUNIOR SCHOOL

I had a fantastic visit to Riddings Junior School with Cllr Kieron Cox. It was great to see the incredible work teachers are doing and to talk about ways I can help the school continue providing the best education for every child. We discussed improving facilities, including tackling flooding in the school field, and I'll be doing what I can to support the school in exploring solutions.



DELIVERING RECORD FUNDING TO FIX OUR ROADS

Potholes are a constant frustration for all of us. While Derbyshire County Council is responsible for the repairs, the Labour Government and our East Midlands Mayor, Claire Ward, has made sure there is record funding available.

We've increased road investment from £23.6m to over £55.2m this year, rising to £58m for 2026/27. Crucially, this funding is guaranteed for three years, ending the cycle of one-year "patchwork" fixes and allowing the Council to plan the ambitious resurfacing projects our borough needs.

The money is there and I will continue to hold Derbyshire County Council to account to ensure it is spent effectively on our roads.

If you have an issue that I may be able to help with, please get in touch with me

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We promise we aren't just talking 'rubbish', although waste and fly-tipping do make up some of our last six months in Ironville.

In October we funded a skip for Ironville Parish Council to hold a skip day on King William Street, so residents could save a trip to the tip and get rid of their rubbish and some bulky items for free.

We're aware fly-tipping has been an ongoing issue in some areas which is why we helped fund the skip, and why we've been continuing to work with both Ironville Parish Council and Amber Valley Borough Council, so we can all support together. Fly-tipping is a national problem, but across all our communities in Derbyshire, our colleagues spent over 90 hours last year removing fly-tipping! Which, adding on the cost of recovering the fly-tipping, means it costs us just under £20,000 in 2025 to remove fly-tipping in Derbyshire. If you spot someone fly-tipping, did you know you can report this to Futures anonymously? We have a form on our website at www.futureshg.info/fly-tipping-reporting for you to do this.

In our last update we let you know we're working with Amber Valley Borough Council to replace the communal bins on Openacre to help prevent them from overflowing. At the time of sending this across to publication we've not got a date yet but we hope this will be soon!

We're also on the look out for any local gardening groups that could support with the upkeep of the communal beds on King William Street. We know some residents have started planting seeds in the beds, so we'd love for more people to get involved with tending to these since we installed them for the community in 2024. You can get in touch with us by calling our Customer Services on 0300 456 2531 or fill in our online contact form at www.futureshg.info/customer-enquiries-form.

And last but not least, we also helped put up tommies across the village for Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. This is something we do – and enjoy getting to help with - every year!



FURNACE ROW

Kath Patrick nee Brooks has given permission to include the two photographs below in this Newsletter. First here is some information about them from Kath:

“My mum and younger sister dressed up for one of the Funny Band parades, they are standing outside our house on Furnace Row around 75 years ago.

The other one is of Mum & Dad on our back yard that was joined on to the King Billy as we called it, and in the background is my long time friend Pamela Aston that she was then .She is now former Councillor Pam Cope. She was around seven years of age in the photograph”.



The local “Funny Band” once did much charity work.

1972 photos of Furnace Row from both ends, (King William Street on the left of top photo)



To the left are two photographs of Furnace Row, (Near King William Street) not long before it was demolished. Furnace Row along with Foundry Row (built 1811) were the first rows to be built in this area of Ironville known at the time as Nether Bullock Close. Prior to the major phase of Butterley expansion from 1830 onwards the company “village” of Ironville consisted in its entirety of these two isolated rows, continuing the pattern of the equally isolated contemporary Forge and Limekiln Rows in Codnor Park.

What's on at the Church Hall?

Mon - Children's Dance Fit sessions - 4.30 - 5.15

Nic's Fitness Crew ☎ 07810898868

Beatz Fitness 5.45pm - 6.45 (See page 32)

Tues - Nic's Fitness Crew ☎ 07810898868

Rockbox Workout 5.45pm - 6.45pm

Tues - Crooked Line Club - 7.30 - 9.30pm

Dancing with Daz just for fun - free door prizes

☎ Daz 07967760065 or Steve 007548856386



Wed - Nic's Fitness Crew ☎ 07810898868

Dance Toning 5.45 - 6.45

Thurs - Nic's Fitness Walking Class - 10am - 11am

Thurs - Nics Fitness Crew Step - Class 5.45-6.45pm

Thurs - Taekwondo - 7 to 8.00 pm

These sessions are no longer open to the public.

Friday Boxing - normally 7pm - 8pm

See page 31 for further details

What's on at the Anvil Club? (See page 5)

Monday 5-10

Tuesday 5-10

Wednesday 5-11 Bingo Sticky 13

Open the Box on Bingo nights

Raffle Number Card Hot & Cold food

Thursday 5-11 FREE POOL night - Pool Team

Friday 5-12 Meat Draw 9pm

Saturday open 2pm-12am

Sunday open 2pm - 10pm

The Friends of the Cromford Canal Talks:

Most talks start at 7.30 pm in Ironville Church Hall

March 16th - The Dardanelles Campaign 1915

April 13th - AGM + Bennerley Viaduct talk

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

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IRONVILLE CHURCH HALL

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 & 3)

Next Meeting : Monday 16th March 2026

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 Tues, Thurs & Fri 6.00 to 8.00 pm
To find out more why not "pop" in and have a chat with the youth workers. (See page 18)

OAP Community Centre Activities

Victoria Crescent- Bookings ☎ Pam Cope 01773 606454

Mon: Coffee Morning & Bingo 11am - 12pm

It is hoped that it may be possible to organise other events & activities like Bingo on other days on other week days.

Do come along and join in with these community events



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

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