



Ironville & Codnor Park Newsletter



Local news, events, articles and more September 2026



Welcome to Issue Number Twenty Five

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



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Ironville Adventurers

With support from the PTA, our children have enjoyed a rich variety of school visits that have brought learning to life beyond the classroom this year. From exploring history at Bolsover Castle, to discovering art at Yorkshire Sculpture Park; each visit has been carefully chosen to deepen curriculum understanding and broaden horizons. These experiences have sparked curiosity and been thoroughly enjoyed! Whether it was the excitement of a residential for all children in Years Four to Six, the wonder of the theatre in Derby, or the hands-on learning at a garden centre, every trip has supported personal growth, social development, and academic learning. Visits to Derby University and another primary school in inner city Nottingham, has also helped raise aspirations and foster inclusivity. Our 'house' visit to Kedleston Hall promotes the sense of belonging and pride our children develop. We have been privileged this year to have had the help of Brell Ewart (MBE DL) and Kaye Robinson (EMR) to take Kestrels class to see the iron from Ironville at St Pancras Station in London, with a special tour of London sights!

See photograph, (top right)
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Parish Council Update *by Kath Gruber, Parish Clerk*

Working for the Village, All Year Round



Since the March newsletter, the Parish Council has continued working on village priorities raised by residents, alongside planning for Christmas, supporting local organisations and completing its annual governance and financial checks.

Key updates include:

- Welcoming a new parish councillor who wants to support the village and its events.
- Developing plans for a community Christmas event and lantern walk.
- Continuing to pursue concerns about Coach Road and the Casson Street/Queen Street playground.
- Supporting youth activity, local heritage and community pride.

Welcome to Councillor Ryan Proctor

At its July meeting, the Parish Council was pleased to co-opt Ryan Proctor as a councillor. Ryan told the Council that he wants to support the village, help with community events and bring a fresh perspective. He has also committed to completing councillor training. The Council warmly welcomes Ryan and looks forward to working with him for the benefit of Ironville.

Chair and Vice-Chair Appointed for 2026/27

At the Annual Meeting in May, Councillor Phillip Rose was elected Chair of Ironville Parish Council for 2026/27, with Councillor Elizabeth Holgate elected as Vice-Chair. The Chair leads Council meetings and represents the Council on civic occasions, while the Vice-Chair supports the Chair and acts in their place when required.

Christmas in Ironville - Saturday 5 December 2026

Plans are taking shape for this year's Christmas event. Subject to the final practical arrangements, the programme will include:

- A Christmas craft fair at the Community Centre.
- A lantern-making workshop for children, with 60 lantern kits being provided.
- A managed lantern walk, with glow sticks, to the Christmas tree on Market Street.
- The Christmas tree light switch-on, with other local organisations and businesses encouraged to add to the occasion.

The Council's Christmas Working Group is progressing the details and will share further information nearer the time. Please keep the date in your diary.

Your Parish Councillors are pictured below:



Left to Right: Cllr E. Holgate (Vice Chair), Cllr Y. Hutsby-Bird, Cllr P. Rose (Chair), Cllr W. Taylor, Cllr D. Watson, Cllr R. Proctor.

Coach Road - Continuing to Press for Action

The Parish Council has continued to pursue the longstanding flooding, pothole and road-safety concerns on Coach Road. Following its request for the road to be considered for Derbyshire County Council's Capital Programme, the Council was advised in May that a Highways Officer was due to inspect the road.

At the time of writing, the Parish Council is awaiting a further update and will continue to press for a proper response. We will let residents know when more information is received.

Casson Street/Queen Street Playground

The Parish Council has continued raising concerns with Futures Housing about the playground, including the locked access gates and holes in the safety flooring. Although the fence had been repaired, both gates were still reported as locked at the Council's May meeting. Futures Housing has been asked for an update. The Parish Council will continue to follow this up, although the site is not owned or managed by the Parish Council.

Youth Club Improvements

The Council was pleased to hear that work has been completed to the Youth Club roof and that new remote-controlled heating has been installed. Councillors have also been invited to visit the club during its Tuesday and Thursday sessions, which run from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

The Parish Council welcomes this investment in a valued local facility and the continued provision of positive activities for young people in Ironville.

Celebrating Ironville's Heritage

The Council heard about exciting work to celebrate the village's industrial heritage. Kestrels class from Ironville School visited London and saw the contribution made by Ironville's ironworks to St Pancras Station.

A Red Plaque, used to mark sites of important transport heritage, is also being arranged for display at the Forge, together with an interpretation board about Ironville Ironworks. These initiatives are a welcome way of ensuring that the village's important history is recognised and shared with future generations.

Planning Application - Monument Lane

In May, the Council considered planning application 2026/0214 for between one and five dwellings on Monument Lane. The Parish Council agreed to object because of concerns about access and water levels.

The Parish Council is a consultee on planning applications; the final decision rests with Amber Valley Borough Council.

Annual Governance and Audit

The Council completed its annual review of governance, policies, accounts and financial controls. It received a positive internal audit report for 2025/26 and published the relevant audit documents on its website.

Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, the Scheme of Delegation and key Council policies were also reviewed and adopted for 2026/27. This work helps ensure that public money is properly managed and that the Council remains open and accountable.

Meetings and Contact Details

The next Parish Council meetings will be held at the Community Centre, Victoria Street, starting at 7.00pm: Monday 21 September 2026 & Monday 16 November 2026

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

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News from the Forge *from Sally Fisher*

Hi Everyone,

Firstly, we would like to thank all those of you who have continued to litter pick as you walk around the Forge. This has been especially important this year because of the very high temperatures potentially leading to wildfires in a tinder dry landscape. So a very big thank you.

Counting butterflies on a transect is a bit like going on a mini safari not knowing what you might find. Here's a flavour and it has been both rewarding and exhausting.

28 May Painted Lady - 28. Dingy skipper - 4

Common blue - 61 Small heath - 34

18 June Meadow brown - 35 Ringlet - 93 Small heath - 43

3 July. 600 +butterflies covering 15 species including large numbers of gatekeeper, skippers, large and small, ringlets, meadow brown, and smaller no. of painted lady, small heath, peacock, large and small white, marbled white, red admiral, comma, speckled wood, brimstone, common blue

1. August Common blue - 131. Painted lady - 6.

Small copper - 4

Clouded yellow - 1. 2nd brood Dingy skipper - 1

Just to give you a flavour of the numbers involved!

It is always a delight to encounter a new species, a white letter hairstreak 29 species have now been spotted on the Forge some only once.

Friends of the Forge are raising money for an exiting new project which we believe will raise the profile of the area when complete. I have been asked to say nothing more at this stage as it involves other people. There will be a fundraiser on 5th September at 10.30am at the Crossings Club when there will be our home made preserves for sale as well as a raffle, coffee and cakes.



painted lady



common blue



small copper



clouded yellow



White letter hairstreak

Every Village Needs an Erryl

Some volunteer groups are large, others are modest in size — and then there is Erryl, a dedicated team of one. He works tirelessly to help keep our village looking its best, making a quiet but important contribution week after week.

Here he is photographed on a “red-hot” Sunday afternoon, tidying around the base of the school wall by the pavement, water bottle in one hand and scraper in the other.

If you see him at work around the village, a simple “thank you” is all it takes to show your appreciation.





Free Health and Wellbeing drop in

Tuesday 29th September
Ironville Church Hall
9.30am - 11.30am



Local services will be there to chat to you about groups available to support your health and wellbeing

Free Hot Drinks, fruit and Places Leisure passes

Free blood pressure checks will also be available

The Parish Council's hanging baskets have added welcoming colour throughout the village this year, lifting residents' and visitors' spirits and staying vibrant despite this summer's repeated heat waves. (Also see photo above).



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For further details also see page 34.

Our County Councilor is: **Cllr Charlotte Gates**

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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



Find us on
Facebook
"The Anvil Club"



Contact Maria McCormack on 07816-439881

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

News from a local Walking Group by Joan Colebrook

Our walking group began back in 2003, and we're still going strong - perhaps at a gentler pace these days, but with just as much enthusiasm.

We enjoy exploring our local area and often make use of the lovely paths around the Forge site. A big thank-you to Sally and all the volunteers whose hard work has made these walks such a pleasure.

It's amazing to think how different things were when we were children — crossing the iron bridge, stepping over the rail lines, and wandering straight through the middle of the works (health and safety wasn't quite the same back then). From there we'd head up towards Codnor Park Station, the Monument, or the Castle. Those memories make our walks today feel even more special.

We meet at the Jacksdale Community car park every Tuesday and set off at 10am. Come along, enjoy the fresh air, share a few stories, and be part of a friendly group that loves a good walk.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



Your email account - the 'front door' to your online life

As more of the world becomes digital, and we get used to using our email accounts for everything, it's become increasingly important to recognise that your email account is in fact, the front door to your entire online life.

If a criminal wants access to your account, and has access to your emails, a simple click on 'forgotten password' might give them the ability to change your password, locking you out of your accounts.

It can even assist criminals in taking over your mobile phone number. They also might be able to verify their own log in attempts to other accounts by authorising the attempt via your email account.

Not to mention, our email accounts are often a treasure trove of personal information. You might have sent a photo of your passport to a friend to check in on a holiday, or have your payslips to be sent to your emails – all of these attachments, which you might have forgotten lurk in your sent or deleted items, could be invaluable for criminals and put you at risk of identity theft.

To protect against this, always have a unique, strong password that you use purely for your email account. This could be three random words, with a mixture of numbers and symbols mixed in.

Where it is available, you should always have two factor authentication enabled on your emails too. This sends a code or link to another email or phone number to verify it's you when trying to log in. Remember, you should never give this code to someone who calls and asks for it, or an email out the blue requesting it - only enter the code into the trusted link you've used to log in.

For more tips

Our Cyber Team regularly post on their Facebook page, follow them for the latest tips. Just search for Derbyshire Police Online Safety.

We recently launched a newsletter highlighting the current fraud trends being reported and dealt with by our officers. Compiled by our Fraud Team, 'The Big Con' newsletter offers an insight into the latest fraud and cybercrime tactics and how to protect against them. Read the latest edition on our website: www.derbyshire.police.uk/TheBigCon

Remember: Stop! Think Fraud. That moment of question can be key in stopping a scammer.

"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 7th October 2026 and Wednesday 18th Nov. '26

To book an appointment please call 01773 766922

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



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

This summer has left the land parched, with the longest period without rainfall this century and temperatures reaching or exceeding 30°C for several consecutive days. A warming climate creates challenges for us all, not only in keeping cool but in rethinking how we manage gardens, green spaces and the wildlife that depends on them. Water levels are changing, natural habitats are being disturbed and species are facing pressures we do not yet fully understand. Yet thriving ecosystems also help regulate climate, making their protection essential.

Our short section of the Cromford Canal is an important blue-green corridor. Its slow-flowing water is separated from the drainage system, making it less nutrient-polluted than the River Erewash. Combined with varied marginal vegetation, it provides a vital haven for wildlife. As you wander along the canal, wetland and woodland, consider its intrinsic value: cooling the village, capturing carbon, supporting health and wellbeing, and sustaining local biodiversity.

For these reasons, throughout spring and summer we leave most towpath vegetation - both the pretty and the less welcome - to provide food and shelter for insects, birds and mammals. You may notice only a narrow strip cut back on each side of the path, maintaining access while leaving a range of flora for wildlife. Cutting vegetation too short leaves canal edges parched and wildlife vulnerable to starvation, overheating and predation. We manage the towpath as best we can, but it grows quickly in summer.

This year has been a bumper one for butterflies, which bask in the warmth. They need varied food plants and flower-rich habitats, especially for caterpillars. Stinging nettles along the towpath may cause grumbles, but they are the crucial host plant for the caterpillars of the Peacock butterfly, recently voted Britain's favourite.

Bumblebees, essential pollinators, have struggled with persistent temperatures over 30°C. They easily overheat, struggle to fly and suffer from dried-up flowers and reduced nectar and pollen. Some holes appeared in the towpath this spring, likely caused by a badger digging up bees' nests - a natural process. Water voles often burrow under the path, and abandoned burrows are favoured nesting sites for red and buff-tailed bumblebees. If you see a disturbed nest, the advice is to place a temporary cover of sticks or leaves for the remaining bees and keep your distance. Upset bees may fly around briefly but will disperse. We will repair the path in autumn using stone kindly donated by Longcliffe quarries.



Path Clearing



Brush Cutting the Path

This spring also brought numerous reed warblers. Their rhythmic, almost mechanical chattering has echoed along the canal. The reed is perfect for their sling-like nests woven between stems, and the habitat is rich in tiny insects needed to feed their chicks. Reed warblers return to the same breeding sites year after year before migrating to sub-Saharan Africa for winter, making it vital that we maintain and protect the canal's reed habitat.

We have again lost the battle with Himalayan balsam this year. You may see this beautiful pink-flowered giant among the reeds, along the towpath and on the banks of the River Erewash. It is one of the UK's most invasive non-native plants, thriving in damp areas. Originally a garden ornamental, it has escaped into wild spaces, outcompeting native flora and reducing food sources for insects that evolved alongside native plants. Pollinators are drawn to its large sweet-scented flowers, by passing humble native species such as purple loosestrife, figwort, willow herb and woundwort.

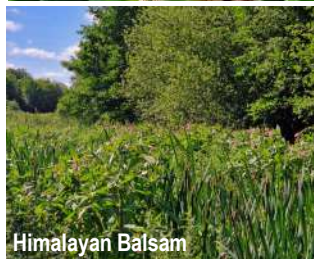
After flowering, balsam seed pods explode, firing over 800 seeds per plant up to 70 metres. Seeds remain viable for three to four years, making eradication difficult. Its shallow roots make it easy to pull up before seed pods mature (May–August), but much of it grows among reeds in hard-to-reach areas and near reed warbler nests. In 2024, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust trialled a rust fungus to limit balsam growth. The fungus survived winter and reinfected seedlings the following spring, apparently without harming other plants - so watch this space. Meanwhile, we continue pulling and bashing balsam where accessible. Feel free to remove any plants safely before they seed.

The canal has maintained reasonable water levels throughout the dry months. We have created a dam and made a pond at the bottom of the canal where it meets Erewash Meadows. Water voles and a grass snake have already been spotted there. The scrape and willow pond in the meadow have mostly dried out, but they receive water from the canal as levels rise and from Erewash Meadows, so they should refill when rain returns.

The concrete bridge crossing the Nottinghamshire–Derbyshire border at the River Erewash is a safety concern due to loose, rotten railings. It lies at the bottom of the path from Brinsley Rescue. Councillor Dawn Justice has taken this up with Derbyshire County Council. Their Structures Team has inspected the footbridge and plans to replace the timber posts.

Please continue to enjoy and care for the wildlife along your canal walk. There is always much to see and hear in every season. Please tolerate the nettles and temporarily overgrown path, and value our volunteers who work hard to look after this special place so you can enjoy the abundance of nature on your doorstep.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact us via our Facebook page or email: cromfordcanalgroup@gmail.com



I wonder how many people know the connection between Codnor Castle and Bess of Hardwick. Lady la Zouche was a distant relative of Bess's mother and at the age of 12, Bess was sent to live with them at Codnor Castle where she was to learn how to be a Lady in Waiting. Following her father's death, young Bess had little dowry. Serving in this prominent Derbyshire household allowed her to observe how high-society patronage and wealth operated. It was there that she met her first husband, Robert Barlow, he was training to be a squire. She was 15 he 13. He sadly died at the age of 15 leaving Bess a widow at 17. Through the La Zouche family she was introduced into London society where she met Sir William Cavendish and the rest as they say is history.

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

Line dancing is officially back! The trend is now creeping back into popularity like the 90's. Now is the time to have a go yourselves in the most friendliest atmosphere! No strict teaching here, just me making mistakes as always! We've had free ice creams to cope with the heat, 100's of £s of free door prizes as always, and everyone contributed towards a great charity raising more than £250, plus the cash raffle every week that goes towards bigger events like artists and buffets!

It's been a hectic few months with some great new dances and more new starters that are really enjoying it. Don't forget, first session is free and everyone is always welcome. Go slow, go fast, take it at your own pace and just enjoy the dance, enjoy the music, enjoy a good chat!



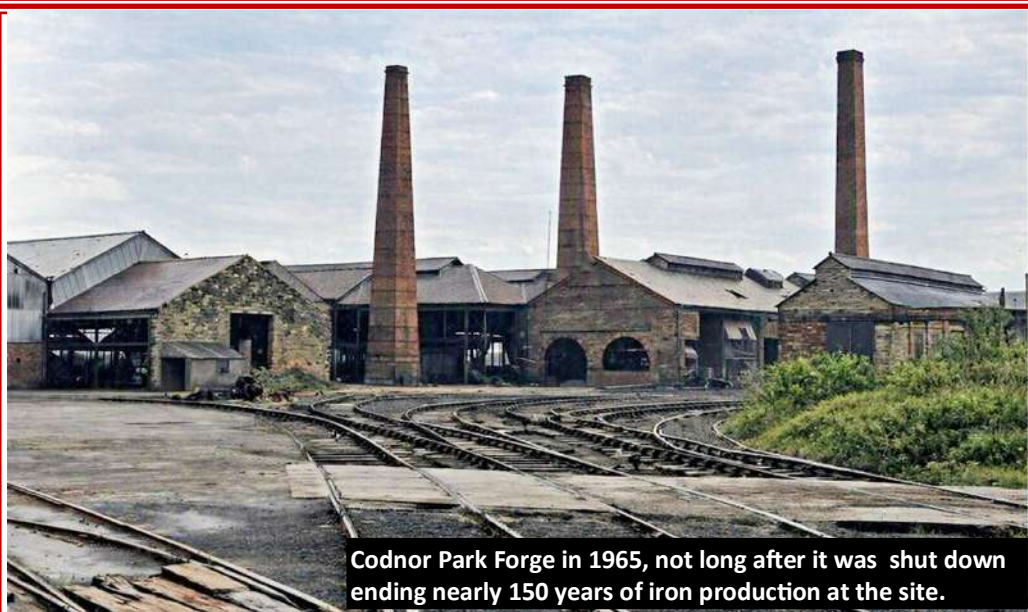
Remember: Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30. Free session, free door prizes, cash raffle. What are you waiting for? Join the family, you'll never look back. (Also see back page col.1)





Mac's Easter Party was an amazing day for all, the children decorated their Easter Bonnet's and biscuits which was so much fun, the messy slime was such a laugh, a special visit from Peter Rabbit giving out Easter Eggs really made their day, myself and Maria would like to thank everyone who came and supported our event, and a big thanks to all our helpers who made this happen, Ironville is an amazing community to work with. Many thanks,
Mandy.





Codnor Park Forge in 1965, not long after it was shut down ending nearly 150 years of iron production at the site.



Clowns Children's Centre

Our graduation was held to say good bye to the children who leave us this time to go to School in September, and that we wish them all well in their next learning journey chapter. We still have spaces for September in Nursery class for all sessions they may also be eligible for funding. (See below)



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 & Beer Draw - Sunday 3pm

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





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.



Codnor Park & Ironville Reservoir *by Alison Taylor*

A reservoir usually brings to mind a wide stretch of water quietly storing rainfall for local use, perhaps with a few fish beneath the surface and waterfowl passing overhead. In reality, it is far more than that. It is a thriving, natural haven supporting an extraordinary range of wildlife - much of it easily overlooked.

Birds are the most familiar residents, nesting, feeding and sheltering in the trees around the water. Yet countless smaller species depend on the reservoir too. The mayfly, for example, spends up to two years underwater as a nymph before breaking through the surface tension, drying its new wings on a leaf or bulrush, and living only two days as an adult. Out of the UK's 51 species, most follow this fleeting cycle of emergence, mating and dying in a matter of hours. The electric flash of blue or green that darts past is a damselfly, racing to find a mate and lay eggs. Ruddy Darters, Common Darters and chunky Black-tailed Skimmers patrol the margins. Bees - common, red-tailed, white-tailed, buff and leafcutters - visit the wild buddleia, birds-foot trefoil, red campion, lady's smock, nettles and native grasses. Butterflies not seen in such numbers since my childhood fifty years ago seem abundant here: Red Admirals, Commas, Green-veined Whites, Painted Ladies and Orange Tips drift from plant to plant.

Occasionally you may spot something far more unexpected: two yellow-bellied slider turtles, long-term residents since the late 1980s, with photographs of them dating back to 1984. Once popular pets, they often outgrow their tanks and are released into UK waterways, where they pose a threat to native terrapins. If one becomes trapped—for example in netting—you may free it, but it is illegal to remove it from the wild and then release it again. Any captured turtle must be passed to a licensed facility.

Sit on one of the benches and the bird song surrounds you. Robins boldly approach for seed, while blue tits, great tits and coal tits provide comic entertainment. Walking the footpath, you may hear the Chaffinch's descending warble ending in a quick flourish, or glimpse the gold and red flash of a Goldfinch zigzagging through the treetops. With luck and quiet patience, a kingfisher may reveal himself at the canal end near Golden Valley. Blackcaps, wrens, magpies, blackbirds, greenfinches, buzzards and even the recently sighted Red Kite add to the spectacle. Photographers love it here, and the mallards seem to know how to pose. The swans - our reservoir's regal pair - are watched over with fierce pride by their many admirers.

All of this is made possible by volunteers: the local gardening group, the fishermen's working party, those who transformed the wetland at the Forge, and the Canal & River Trust. Their freely given time and knowledge have created a place enjoyed by locals and visitors alike - a place rich in life, beauty and quiet wonder.



CHRIST CHURCH

EVENTS – Thank you to all those who came along and supported the **Cream/Strawberry Tea** on 6th June (also see page 38), and thank you also to those who organised the event and those who provided, prepared and served the food and drink. Over £300 was raised for Church funds, and this was increased by some sizeable and very generous donations. The **Christmas Fayre** will take place on Saturday 28th November from 11.00 – 2.00. If you would like a stall, please ring 07786 -581911. Items for the Raffle, Tombola and White Elephant stalls would be gratefully received. Other events this Autumn include the **Harvest Festival** (4th October), **Remembrance Sunday** (8th November) and the **Carol Service** (20th December).

SERVICES – At the beginning of the year, the decision was taken to continue with Sunday services every other week. Details of service dates and other events can be found on the Church Facebook page, (Also see page 20).

RENEWAL OF THE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION. – This project continues to be beset with problems, the latest being the need to appoint a new Church Architect to oversee the works. It seems likely that an Electrical Engineer will be invited to visit Church this September and make recommendations.

THE NEW CHURCHYARD - On and from Friday 10th July this year, the maintenance of Ironville New Churchyard was placed in the hands of HM Prison & Probation Service (HMPPS) East Midlands under its Community Payback scheme. We are most grateful for Ironville being included in its busy schedule. The arrangement should see people on site for much of the day on alternate Fridays and continuing throughout the whole year. For some years, the care of the Churchyard involving rising maintenance, water and refuse costs has become an ever-increasing financial burden for the Church and has reached the point now of being unsustainable. The agreement with HMPPS does not include the removal of waste from the site so we are hopeful that those visiting the Churchyard will take away their own dead flowers, plastic wrappings and other items and also be careful with the use of water. Please note: The water supply is metered and it is important that the tap is turned off securely. If there are any problems or concerns about any issue with the Churchyard, please let us know as soon as possible. We would like to thank Marcus Bethel for his role as groundsman over many years. We are sure that his hard work has been much appreciated by all those visiting the Churchyard.

THE CHURCH HALL

CLASSES – We are grateful to those who continue to use the Church Hall both on a regular basis and also occasionally for parties, wakes and the likes. It was unfortunate that, earlier in the year, the Boxing and Children's Dance Fit had to close although there are moves to find a new Boxing coach. We have been pleased to welcome Ashfield Ferret Club which is using the Hall three or four times a year. This coming Autumn looks as if it will be a very busy time with a number of extra activities already in the calendar (For more information, please see elsewhere in this Newsletter, especially the back page).

FIRE ALARM SYSTYEM RENEWAL - After some months of problems, the system was finally declared gremlin-free in mid-May. All the Emergency Lights and the Signage Boxes are being renewed this September with state-of-the-art LED fittings.



Myself, Maria and our members would like to thank you all who came and supported our summer fun day. Seeing the children's faces having a fantastic time that's what matters to us. Ironville you are an amazing community and you make this happen. Many thanks Mandy.

Waters Edge Burger Van *by Alison Taylor*

For several years, the Waters Edge Burger Van has been a familiar and much loved feature of Codnor Park & Ironville Reservoir. Known formally as *Waters Edge Burger Bar* - or simply *Waters Edge* to its loyal regulars—it sits beside the water from Wednesday to Sunday, opening at 7.15am and serving through to 1pm. It may not be the largest food van you'll ever see, but it is certainly one of the friendliest, and it enjoys one of the most devoted followings imaginable.

There is almost a sense of ritual about it. Regular customers gather for their morning teas, coffees, or a cold drink, chatting as they wait. The menu ranges from a simple slice of cake or a packet of biscuits to a full English breakfast featuring locally sourced bacon and sausages, fresh or tinned tomatoes, mushrooms, hash browns, fried eggs, black pudding, baked beans—and, for the brave, a wonderfully nostalgic slice of proper fried bread. If that feels a little indulgent, you might choose a beef burger topped with grated cheddar and a generous helping of golden fried onions. Their gentle caramelised aroma drifts across the water, evoking memories of bonfires, summer fetes, and long warm evenings.

For many, the favourite choice is a bacon cob - though depending on where you come from, you might call it a bap, roll, or even a stottie. Steph knows every regional variation and serves each one with a smile. The bread is golden on top and soft inside, filled with freshly grilled bacon and, if you wish, a local fried egg with a yolk so bright and orange it could pass for a miniature mandarin. Mushrooms or a hash brown can be added without fuss; Tara is always happy to fry or grill whatever you fancy while you sit at the table and enjoy your drink.

Fresh salads are made to order, with crisp lettuce, locally grown tomatoes, cucumber, spring onions, radishes, and your choice of grated or sliced cheese. These are topped with ham or tuna and a boiled egg, finished with either mayo or salad cream and served with a cob or bread and butter.

Whether you choose to sit and chat with the friendly locals, wander to a bench overlooking the reservoir, feed the ducks and swans for 50p a bag, or take your food away to enjoy later, one thing is certain: at Waters Edge, you will always be warmly welcomed by staff and patrons alike.



MOMENTS FROM OUR VILLAGE PAST



Ironville Maypole Dancers

(Photo taken in 1971 by George Eyre)

"I remember this well—Sid Newham did this for many years from early sixties with his white cricket trousers and shirt with white cap and painted white stick. Local people made up a funny band with George banging a huge base drum."

"I remember Sid doing the Spanish Fly dance in the King Billy."

"He did the Sheik of Araby too with a tea towel on his head"



Monkey Bridge - 1930s

by the late Eddie Wilbraham of Jacksdale

(With thanks to Martyn Taylor-Cockayne)

"Going on the Monkey run involved meeting girls in the remote location of the Monkey Bridge, out of sight of our parents."

Many people have fond memories of playing on the bridge, walking across it, waiting for a steam train to come and enjoying the smell of the smoke."

"Met my first gal."

Back: Alan North, Bill Plant, Dick Dooley; Middle: Tom Gibson, Hubert Lancaster, Reg Carthdge, Harry Thysley; Front: Erib Chamberlain .



Ironville Christmas Party

(1971 - Photo by George Eyre)



Ironville Fun Day

(1971 style)

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 -

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NEWS FROM PHILIP ROSE

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I hope everyone is making the most of what a has become a glorious summer. We are all lucky to live in a place with such natural beauty in which to enjoy the sun and soak up the vitamin D!

A couple of months ago at the Ironville Parish Council AGM I was asked to put my name forward to be Chair and I was subsequently chosen by my fellow Councillors. to fill the role.

I would like to thank Liz for all her hard work as Chair over the last couple of years and know she will continue her sterling work for the Council as vice-Chair.

As budgets and priorities are set for the financial year in February there will be no significant changes at this time. A slightly different Christmas event has been planned for this year that I sincerely hope will work for everyone.

However, I will be very pleased to speak with local voluntary groups and individuals about how the Council can support our community more effectively in the future.

Just a reminder that meetings are every two months and members of the public are welcome to attend and contribute at Public Speaking.

As a part of the Council activities we liaise with Futures Housing, the Police and both AVBC and DCC. We also manage the allotments.

I believe the most valuable member of our 'team' is John our Village warden. He keeps the village tidy and is generally on top of any issues. He is, literally 'on the ground' so, if you see him in the village say hello!

With the new system of (not so) local government being introduced in the next two years or so, it is clear that the role of the Parish Council will change. I expect responsibilities and budgets to increase and it is important to me that the Parish Council acts as a facilitator for local initiatives rather than merely a conduit for dictates' from regional or central government and their agencies. What that actually means depends on how we move forward over the next year – I am looking for a more vibrant and cohesive Council to represent and support our Villages of Codnor Park and Ironville. Watch this space!

Feel free to call or e-mail me: Let me know what you think. I want your input!

Philip



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The Life of A Parish Warden *by John Watson*

ROAD SURFACES

In my last report I mentioned the poor road conditions on Vicarage Lane, Arthur's View and Forge Row, and the hope that they might be resurfaced. Although full resurfacing was not possible, large areas have now been repaired. The edges of these repairs have been properly sealed to prevent damp from getting in, and the result is a much better driving surface. Thank you to Derbyshire County Council Highways for carrying out this work.

STRIMMING AND PRUNING

Because of the recent heatwave, no strimming has been carried out since early June. Most of the work was completed in April and May, including the allotments, the Nottingham Lane triangle, and the front of the Post Office.

Pruning has taken place on Nottingham Lane, both under and around the two bridges, and further up the lane where high vehicles damaged trees while using the route during the closure of Victoria Street.

Work has also been done at the rear of Ironville House along the pathway next to the park.

BUS SHELTERS

Graffiti that appeared on the rear of one of the shelters has now been removed.

The shelter on the King William Street side is scheduled for painting in September.

The shelter at Queen Elizabeth Park has already been painted, and is also due for repair as one of the panels has been damaged.

FLY TIPPING

We are pleased to report that there has been no fly tipping on Nottingham Lane for several months. Regular visits and CCTV monitoring have made a real difference, helping to keep the area pleasant for residents and walkers.

PLANTERS

The village planters are looking good despite the heatwave. Daily watering and feeding have been essential.

During the winter, three planters were dug out and refilled with fresh soil and compost - those on Nottingham Lane, King William Street and Parkside. These are now doing particularly well.

The plan is to refresh the remaining two in late winter 2027: the Post Office planter and the Nottingham Lane roadside planter.

This year's planting includes petunias, begonias, geraniums, lobelia, impatiens (Beacon mixed), and pansies—a varied mix to provide colour and good leaf growth.

LITTER PICKING

Litter picking is carried out throughout the week, alongside the daily care of the planters—watering, weeding and general upkeep have become a regular routine.

Kind regards,

John Parish Warden



Planters looking good in spite of the heat this year.



Planter to be dug out next winter.

CROSSINGS CLUB SUMMER FUN DAY – 11TH JULY 2026

A narrative by John Palmer

It has been quite some time since the Crossings Club last held a Summer Fun Day, but we felt 2026 was the right moment to revive the tradition. The Committee settled on an American theme, originally planning the event for 4 July to mark the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. With the USA also co-hosting this year's FIFA World Cup, the idea seemed even more fitting. However, circumstances forced a change of date, and the Fun Day was moved to 11 July.

We arranged for a road closure outside the Club and booked a Bucking Bronco ride for entertainment, along with a Bouncy Castle for our younger visitors—plus a few enthusiastic adults. To add further American flavour, an American-style pop-up barbecue was hired. Unfortunately, illness meant they had to withdraw, though thankfully with enough notice for us to act calmly. Within an hour, several Committee members had sourced food and equipment, reorganised the catering, and persuaded our chairman, Stew Cameron, to take charge of the cooking, supported by a willing team. The Committee operates as a remarkably well-oiled machine, and I doubt anyone realised the BBQ was not the one originally booked. I certainly heard no complaints.

We had hoped that some of our regular breakfast customers—proud owners of American-built motorcycles, trucks and cars—might display their vehicles in the car park. In the end none were able to attend, but as it had never been advertised, no one seemed disappointed. As always, a raffle was held, and I would like to thank all Club members and customers who generously donated prizes. In fact, contributions were so plentiful that we already have items set aside for future raffles.

The day was very well supported and seemed thoroughly enjoyed. My sincere thanks go to everyone who came along. To add extra atmosphere, live music played outside from 5.30pm, and later we screened the England v Norway World Cup match on the big screen from its 10pm kick-off. I suspect many people went home in the early hours of Sunday morning - tired, but delighted with England's win.

I also want to express my gratitude to the Committee members who gave their time to ensure our customers had a wonderful day. I will not list names - they know who they are - but I must specifically thank Stew Cameron for bravely taking on the cooking duties on what proved to be a baking-hot day, and Kim Bligh for her excellent work designing the advertising poster.

Now the question is: What shall we do next year?





Many local residents will know of the old "Lock House," which once stood on the north side of the humped-back bridge crossing the Pinxton Canal at the Cromford and Pinxton junction, below Cinder Bank at the reservoir's eastern end. Built for Mr and Mrs Barlow on land acquired from Lancelot Rolleston of Watnall, the stone cottage has long since disappeared. The Barlows were remembered fondly for educating local people. Their lessons in reading, writing, arithmetic and general studies ran Monday to Friday from 6-7pm, and on Saturdays from 10.30-11.30am, costing just a penny an hour. After their deaths, the Cromford Canal Company purchased the property, though the name "Lock House" remained. The building was never formally demolished. Instead, it slowly fell into ruin. Stone and timber were taken for repairs by the Canal Company, more by Butterley Estates, and the remaining pieces found their way into local hands. Ironville Christ Church records note: John Barlow, Lock House, Codnor Park. Born 1848, buried 27 February 1908, aged 60.

TEAM IRONVILLE - *A day in the life*

We (Carol, Nigel, Pete, Shirley) meet at 10am by the entrance to the Crossings Club Car Park, exchange greetings and walk to our lock-up. This is nearby at Jack Brown's building over the canal bridge. Having briefly decided what we are going to do we load our wheelbarrow with suitable tools.

We always take two litter pickers and a black bag in a plastic trug. For pruning or cutting back we take garden shears, secateurs, and a nice new pair of loppers. For groundwork we take a garden fork, a spade, trowels, a hand-fork, a rake, maybe a hoe, but definitely a brush (also known down south as a broom!)

We generally set off on a circuit, litter picking as we go along, up Waterside, across Cinder Bank (The Avenue), past the Post Office, round past the playground between Casson St and Queen St. We tend the flower beds and the Big Laurel Bush in there.

Then on by the garages to The Green, still litter-picking as we go, and tend four flowerbeds that we have created. One at either end of The Green and 2 half way along. The flower bed halfway along behind the garages nearest the canal grows the best and looks great! - but it's a pity it's rather hidden. The flower bed at the front of The Green nearest the canal is always a problem for us as it seems to have a mind of its own! We generally stop to admire the flower bed under the trees near the Post Office that Mim has fantastically created!

Then it is on over the canal bridge to Parkside. Before the bridge there is a sweet little flower bed under the trees that has lots of snowdrops on it in February and March, we hope you enjoy them! We take a look at the two verges along Parkside; one is south facing and suffers every summer, particularly this year, but looks fantastic in the spring. The other side is shady and also has a lot of Snowdrops. By now we have perhaps got to 11:30 or 12 noon and decide it's time for a well-earned cuppa with a Kit Kat or jam tart etc.

Shirley nips across to her house and makes the tea, whilst we appreciate the Crossings Club for letting us sit at their benches; and have a friendly natter with any passers-by. We do a bit more weeding and tidying afterwards, but we're all getting older and it's soon time to go home for lunch! There you have it - a typical morning with team Ironville!

Written by Pete Clark on behalf of Team Ironville which is in its 10th year!



Founding Members—Pete & Shirley



Carol, Shirley & Nigel work on a Flower bed Near Casson St.



Carol & Shirley Decorate a Xmas Tree on Parkside



Our Wheelbarrow - In use!



Pete & Shirley work on Flower Bed



We are Team Ironville—Nigel, Pete, Carol & Shirley



Friends of Cromford Canal (FCC) Update

Registered Charity number 1164608

Work Party Report by John Guyler - Summer 2026



In August, Shirley Bullock has again sent produce from the Lock Keepers Garden at Lock 4 at Ironville to Age Concern at the Dyson Centre, Eastwood. John Barker who delivers the produce, has received a very nice thank you Email from Joanna Parsons the Centre Co-ordinator. The produce goes towards providing healthy meals to their members and it also helps their funds as a charity. I can't remember how many years Shirley has been doing this with the produce but it must be a good number. She is helped in the garden by her husband Steve and her sister Carol and her husband come on a regular basis, with their pump to fill the water tank from the canal.

In April, Chris Martin & John Barker went to the youth coach at the request of Andy Cadman to start weed clearing; they spent four hours spraying the weed treatment. Four weeks later, Chris accompanied by Malc Chisnall, again sprayed the weeds, very successfully. We are very fortunate to have the ability to spray weeds with commercial weedkiller, Chris is certified to use this weedkiller. In August, using our wheeled strimmer, we started to clear the area behind the youth coach of the thick vegetation, but after a short time it became very obvious that clearance of the vegetation by hand before strimming was needed.

This work isn't technically a canal side job, but we in the FCC work parties feel it is important to support the local community in Ironville.

At Casson Street in the middle of May, the FCC volunteer Chris Martin, was working behind the Church, he re-filled the sand pit and cleared vegetation around the car park and in the field behind the Church. There is a policy in place within the FCC work parties, that there is no lone working, but on this occasion, Chris said he was working within the rules, because there was a funeral taking place adjacent to where he was working and there were plenty of people around all the time he was working. Also, at Ironville, again on the same day, three volunteers spent the day repairing the vandalised fence and replaced some rotten posts in the fence near lock two.

In late May, behind the Church, FCC volunteers prepared the site for the stalls for the village get-together and worked in the field, they picked five full bags of litter and cleared a lot of brush from the road bridge brickwork, the grass had been cut by DCC tractor, but strimming was needed where the tractor couldn't get. They cleared the car park original canal wall of the bushes which were coming across on to the parking area, about two metres.



The car park also had many branches from the lime trees which were hanging down to within three feet of the ground, which prevented vehicles from parking close to the wall, so there was some serious cutting back to do. They also continued to clear the footpath from the Church car park towards Pinxton Arm Bridge. One big problem was about two ton of scrap, thirty tons of bricks, stone and reinforced concrete and four builder's bags of waste plastic and general rubbish, plus loads of wood which our work party control burned, which had been dumped making access to the car park difficult.

A day earlier, four FCC work party volunteers did some remedial to the fence near Lock four, they also inspected the damaged wall the Lock Keepers Garden, caused by a wind-blown tree. A long section will have to be rebuilt.

In August, behind the Church, the FCC work party again cleared the car park of all vegetation for the Ironville Gala weekend, so that stalls or parking is up to the old canal wall. The field behind the Church, had the attention of our wheeled trimmer, John Barker was the pilot. John Dyson was litter picking, he walked the entire area up to the reservoir, managed to get a full black bin bag. Malc & Ian had the hand-held trimmers and cleared the footpath and some of the feeder footpaths to the reservoir. Carol and her team did the clearance of the wall in the car park, in remarkably quick time. John Sparam cleared the road wall near the far entrance to the car park. Baz filled a deep pothole in the car park far entrance, covering our cars parked nearby in horrible grey dust. The weather was extremely hot so the work party finished at 1.00pm. Three volunteers then went off to inspect some trees that had reportedly partially fallen at Codnor Park Reservoir. At the reservoir overspill, over two months, we have had a number of work parties led by Carol, pulling Himalayan Balsam, but a fair number of these work parties had to be abandoned or shortened because of heavy rain or high temperatures.

Near the burger van, the fence repair team, worked on repairing the fencing at the notice boards. On the car park, the fencing had been damaged by a vehicle, this repair took two days. Putting in new posts and the relevant rails and was completed successfully, despite a complaint from some fishermen that they were causing vibration and too much noise, some people are never satisfied.

In August at Ironville, five volunteers worked in the canal channel underneath King William Bridge, clearing Himalayan Balsam and other weeds which were completely covering the water flowing to Lock 4. Working slowly down towards Lock four, some of the balsam was extremely tall and the diameter of the stalks was two inches or more. They cleared about thirty metres of the channel, there was a



surprising amount of water flowing considering how dry it has been. They also, were able to do an amount of balsam clearing in the chamber of Lock three, (Pottery Lock).



In May, towards Golden Valley, three volunteers worked on the section of the abandoned Cromford Canal, where the old original houses are, to repair the wooden fence. They dug out and replaced four rotting wooden fence posts which necessitated removal of all the top and middle rails, along with some tree roots. At the end of July on the Codnor Park Reservoir to Golden Valley section Malc Chisnall walked this section and noted that Canal & River Trust had repaired the footpath up near the steel bridge. This was a section which had been very difficult to walk because the tree roots were lifting the tarmac. This is now level and new tarmac laid. Malc also noticed that towards Golden Valley, the stone wall was being rebuilt. This wall has been in a bad state of repair for several years.

The FCC work parties were at Pinxton Wharf, twice. The first visit in late June was to clear the thick vegetation and Himalayan Balsam near the weir, This work party was concluded at the Boat Inn, for chip butties. Thanks go to the Landlord at the Boat Inn. On the second visit in August, two members of the work party, removed a willow tree on the opposite bank to the pub, near the bridge and then moved on to removing another willow tree which a couple of years ago was just a sapling in the bank, but now, was two thirds of the width of the in-water channel. I say in-water, the water level when I went down to the weir was about fifteen inches below the top of the weir. At the weir, the ladies in the group were pulling balsam from the water's edge, that's a loose term for half way across what is normally the channel. Three of us, worked in the sump against the wood yard to remove a very heavy piece of tree trunk about six feet long which was floating and potentially could cause a blockage when we do get some rain. We got that one out, the smell of the water was terrible. A second log then surfaced and looked very much like a crocodile waiting for prey. That had to be removed. When we had finished, two rather large tree trunks and loads of blanket weed were on the bank, where John Barker had earlier used the strimmer.

At our site at Beggarlee, Langley Mill, through March, in front of the centre arch of the A610 road bridge, over a number of days several FCC digger operatives cleared all the top soil dumped there when the flood plain extension was created in 2024. This was to allow inspection of the bridge by the DCC. In June, there was a work party pulling a very large amount of Himalayan Balsam from the edge of the river Erewash. On the same day using our digger, Malc's group levelled the ground for a drilling rig, which necessitated removing scrub and roots in the area that the drill for the bore holes would be. On thirtieth of June, a drilling rig was operating on the line of the next proposed thirty metre section to be built, drilling four test bore holes and at the same time our digger was used to dig the 3m deep trial holes at various places along the proposed new stretch, whilst under the supervision of a surveyor, various thickness of clay, were found. These holes were back filled straight after the surveyor had seen whatever he was looking for.

On several days during July, the "Beggarlee Boys", using the digger and dumper, a number of tree roots were removed. The "Boys" also spent some time one week, locating a manhole cover in the area that the winding hole will be created. When eventually located, the manhole was found to have water in it, with no signs of where the pipes came from or went to. Eventually, on investigation, the pipe inlet was found to be in the corner of the present in- water section. But, with it being well blocked, it wasn't working as efficiently as it should be, or even at all, but it was also found that any high water ran through the gap in the bank and possibly made the pipe redundant.

If you fancy joining our regular Work

Parties, we'd love to hear from you — just drop us a line at: work@cromfordcanal.org.uk

Our volunteer team is growing, with many people now trained to use specialist machinery and take on skilled tasks within the restoration programme. There's always something new to learn, and you might be surprised where it leads. Why not come along, train up, and be part of bringing the Canal back to life?



ACCIDENTAL POET by Julie Sheldon

I think of myself as an “accidental poet” because I never intended to write a single poem, let alone publish four books of them. My unexpected journey began in April 2020 during the first lockdown. I was chatting to my neighbour Ann over the garden wall, as many of us were doing at the time, discussing what was happening, why it was happening, and whether the virus came from bats in China or was manmade. Ann simply said she thought it was “Nature telling us to slow down.” For some reason, that comment stayed with me, and immediately after our conversation I wrote my first poem, *What If It's Just Nature*.



From that moment, it felt as though Ann had unlocked a hidden room in my mind, one filled with words. I couldn't stop writing. I wrote about anything and everything—from sausage dogs to sunsets—drawing inspiration from nature and my walks around Codnor Park Reservoir. Some of you may have seen my early poems on the Friends of Ironville and Codnor Park Facebook page, and several have even been used in lessons at the local primary school.

Over the following eighteen months, I published three books of rhyming verse, followed by a fourth in October 2024. Sadly, in June 2022, Ann was diagnosed with a brain tumour. The news was devastating for her and for everyone who knew her. She was a lovely, lively, fun person, and watching her decline from such a cruel illness was heart-breaking. Ann passed away in November 2024. It is frightening to think this could happen to any one of us.



During her illness, The Brain Tumour Charity provided vital support and became very important to Ann. She wanted to raise money for them, so I offered to donate all profits from my book sales. So far, I have raised just over £3,000, and I hope to raise much more.

You can help by buying a book. Each contains different poems—some humorous, some inspired by nature, others reflecting my personal experiences and thoughts on life. There is something for everyone. The books cost £5 each, with £3 going directly to The Brain Tumour Charity. They make thoughtful gifts for anyone who enjoys light reading, all written here in Golden Valley, just across “The Res”. I can deliver locally, so perhaps you could even begin your Christmas shopping.

I have also given several talks about my poetry journey to local groups such as WI meetings. If your group needs a speaker, please consider me. For books or further information, please contact me on **07890 989868** or juliesheldon50@gmail.com

Walking back from Codnor Castle, I saw a sign on a gate somewhere in Codnor Park, which inspired me to write this....

Apple Pie

"Don't take life too seriously....
No one gets out alive"
I saw this sign upon a gate....
It's true!.... No one survives!
So, what's the point of living....
If all you do is die?
Well, if you really want to know....
I think it's apple pie....
With lots of cream or custard....
And then there's treacle sponge
And what about a spotted dick?
Go on now take the plunge
You could have sticky toffee....
Or crumble made with plums....
Or cornflake tart with creme
anglaise
To fatten tums and bums
You might prefer a cheese-
cake....
Or strawberries and cream....
Or maybe a profiterole
Is more your dessert dream
Then there's the sherry trifle....
Or maybe Bakewell Tart....
And don't forget the chocolate
mousse
Where does a person start?
So, seeing as we're living....
We should just heed the sign....
As you can see life can be
'sweet'
So, bitterness decline
For if you think about it....
Feel stressed and you'll be
fraught
But turn it 'round.... it spells des-
serts
Now that's a better thought!

*I'd just been a walk on a
perfect September evening
after a lovely sunny warm
day.....*

September Evening

On this September
evening
I walk amidst the trees
The weather is just
perfect
With just a breath of
breeze

The greens are fading
fast now
As Autumn does unfold
And waiting quietly in the
wings
Are orange, red, and gold

They'll gently make their
entrance
Enveloping the green
The trees with their new
outfits
Will brighten up the scene

The show will soon be
over
So take the time to see
The picture all around you
The world in true beauty

I thank my lucky stars
now
That I can be a part
Of this evolving season
That nourishes my heart

*A walk around 'The Res' in-
spired me to write this....*

Thankful

I'm sitting by the reservoir
The sun is shining down
I must have come at 'bath
time'....as
There's splashing all around

The mallards in particular
Are causing quite a scene
And in between her fishing
trips
The grebe is keeping clean

Is anything much noisier
Than hungry baby grebes?
Demanding to be fed 'right
now!'
Persistent in their greed

The growing cygnets on the
bank
All preening in a row
I swear that they are chat-
ting....as
They watch the scene below

I'm sitting really close to
them
They've grown so proud and
bold
I've known these five all of
their lives
They're less than five
months old

I feel so very thankful
For this, my neighbourhood
The res, canal and wildlife
They make me feel so good!

Free Friendly Support, Advice & Health Checks in Ironville

Come along on Tuesday 29 September, 9.30am to 11.30am, at Ironville Church Hall

Pop in for a free blood pressure check, a cuppa and friendly advice from local services – all in one place.

You do not need an appointment. You do not need to have a health problem to come along and everyone is welcome.

ARCH Primary Care Network working with Jacksdale Medical Practice is bringing a free health and wellbeing drop-in to Ironville. It is for local people from Ironville, Codnor Park and nearby areas.

There will be free refreshments. You can get a free one-day leisure pass to use at Ripley or Alfreton Leisure Centres

Jodie Cook Primary Care Network Development Lead who is organising the event says " I live in a small village myself, so I know how important it is to get help close to home. We hope lots of people from Ironville and Codnor Park will pop in and see what support is available."

There will be lots of local services in one place, ready to help. You can get support with:

- money worries and benefits
- support for older people
- support for carers
- mental health and wellbeing
- local groups and activities
- getting more active and moving more
- stopping smoking
- managing your weight

We have held similar drop-ins in Heanor, Somercotes and Ripley. People tell us it is really useful to speak to different services in one visit, close to home.

More than 16 stalls are already booked for the morning. You can stay for 10 minutes or for the full two hours. It is up to you.

Whether you have a question, need a bit of advice, or just want to see what help is out there, we would love to welcome you. Bring a friend, neighbour or family member if you would like. Pop in anytime between 9.30am and 11.15am.

You are guaranteed a friendly welcome by Jodie and the team.



Nightingale Unit Fundraiser April 11th 2026 - A narrative by John Palmer

When I wrote the notes about the Crossings Club's MacMillan Coffee Morning in September 2025, I mentioned that we would probably run another fundraiser in early 2026. We eventually settled on 11 April, which happened to be Grand National day, and chose to use the Club's small room. This time, the charity was the Nightingale Unit at Derby Royal Hospital, a cause very personal to one of the team. As with the September event, we opted for a 10.00am start to coincide with Saturday breakfast, and this again proved a wise choice.

We decided the fundraiser would be mainly a bake sale, but unlike last time we chose not to offer drinks. Instead, anyone wanting a drink with their cake could buy one in the main room and, hopefully, add a contribution to a collecting pot.

The event was advertised across several Facebook groups and, as always, the village responded wonderfully. Many people baked and donated cakes, others brought bought in cakes—which are just as valuable for charity fundraising—and plenty simply came along to buy the goods on offer.

We also ran a raffle with sixteen prizes, and a Grand National Sweepstake. The sweepstake proved so popular that we ran a second one alongside it. As many will know, the Grand National field is capped at 34 horses for safety reasons. Entry to each sweepstake was £5 per horse, with £60 going to the ticket holder of the winning horse, £40 to second place, and £20 to third. The remaining £50 from each sweepstake went to the charity, giving a total of £100.

Combining the sweepstake proceeds, the raffle takings, and the bake sale income, we raised almost £400. A further donation was later added from a separate collection at a subsequent funeral, bringing the final total to over £500.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who joined us, baked, donated, or contributed in any way. I must specifically thank Dawn Vasey, Pauline Griffiths, Jean Lane, Sally Fisher, and several Club Committee members for their help in staging the event, with apologies to anyone I have inadvertently omitted—I should have written this up sooner. As always, Kim Bligh produced an excellent advertising poster for the occasion.



Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts - Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner

As Derbyshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, one of my priorities is ensuring every victim of crime or anti-social behaviour receives the support, guidance and reassurance they deserve. Too often, people affected by crime feel unsure where to turn or overwhelmed by the number of agencies involved. This is why I fund Derbyshire Victim Services (DVS), a dedicated and easy-to-use online resource providing a single, reliable place for help, information and reporting.

The DVS website brings together local and national organisations offering practical assistance, emotional support and specialist guidance. Whether someone has experienced burglary, fraud, domestic abuse, hate crime or anti-social behaviour, the site provides clear routes to support. It also enables people to report a crime directly to Derbyshire Constabulary, Crimestoppers or Fearless, allowing them to choose the option that feels safest and most comfortable.

This service, delivered by Remedi, is available to anyone who has been a victim of crime or anti-social behaviour in Derbyshire. Over the past two years, more than 35,000 victims have been supported across our city and county. That figure reflects both the scale of need and the commitment of partners across policing, local authorities, health, fire and rescue, voluntary organisations and specialist support groups. Together, we have worked hard to ensure help is accessible, timely and tailored to individual circumstances.

Raising awareness is just as important as providing support. Last year, we launched a DVS campaign with local providers to highlight the trauma-informed services available to victims and survivors. We also ran a countywide campaign on 999 silent calls, ensuring people know how to signal for help when speaking is not possible.

I am proud to have secured £1.1 million through the Government's Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) funding for 2026–27. This investment will allow us to continue delivering specialist support and preventative measures for victims and survivors across Derbyshire, with funding set to continue into 2027–28. Alongside this, more than £2.2 million has been successfully recovered and returned to victims of fraud, a vital step in helping people rebuild confidence and financial security after being targeted.

I also worked closely with Consent in Notts to launch the Your Journey booklet, a comprehensive guide for victims and survivors of sexual violence in Derbyshire. To ensure it is accessible to all communities, it is now available in seven languages on the DVS website, ensuring no one is excluded from understanding their rights or the support available.

My commitment is simple: every victim in Derbyshire should feel heard, supported and informed. Derbyshire Victim Services is a key part of delivering that promise, and I encourage anyone affected by crime to reach out and access the help they deserve.



TRANQUIL AREA AT THE RAILWAY CARRIAGE YOUTH CLUB

Recently a local company, (R Bonsall Resin Driveways & Outdoor Surfaces) stepped in to complete the Tranquil Area within a very limited budget. They installed an area of astro turf behind the Carriage, ensuring that the space can be used throughout the year. This will provide a quiet, private area where young people can talk with youth practitioners about any concerns they may have or somewhere to go for peace and quiet.

The photographs below illustrate this newly created area and how it was created:



Youth leader Jon in conversation with two of the members in the new tranquil area.

ROOF REPAIRS

Lance & Aaron of Seven Roofing Solutions stepped in to repair the carriage roof both inside and out within our very limited budget. The Carriage is now watertight.



OUTSIDE

Huge thanks are also due to the Friends of the Cromford Canal. In the past year they have helped to control the weeds especially in the difficult areas. They have also cut the grass at the back of the Carriage where we are hoping to create a wild meadow area, critical to sustaining bio diversity.



Strawberry Cream Teas at Christ Church



Local residents enjoyed a delicious strawberry cream tea on June 6th inside the beautiful Christ Church. A delightful afternoon of tea, treats and good company.

News from The Railway Carriage Youth Club

by David Walsh, Director of Operations, Supporting Communities



Over the past year, we've made some fantastic improvements to the Ironville Railway Carriage Youth Club, creating a safer, more welcoming space where local young people can enjoy positive activities, build confidence, and access support. But this is just the beginning. We have exciting plans to continue improving the building, expand the activities on offer, and grow our services so we can support even more young people and families across the local community. We can't achieve this without the support of our residents, local businesses, and partners. Every donation, no matter how big or small, helps us invest back into the club and create more opportunities for local young people - Follow QR code bottom right to discover more. The photograph right shows a typical session at the club.

Second right shows the Virtual Reality Centre at the Club - Using immersive VR technology as part of Knife Crime Awareness Week - "*Operation SCEPTRE*".

Supporting Communities is proud to be working alongside Derbyshire Constabulary to raise awareness of knife crime and serious youth violence through the delivery of the Virtual Decisions Programme.

Using immersive VR technology, young people can experience realistic scenarios and explore the consequences of their choices in a safe and engaging learning environment. During the sessions, young people have been encouraged to:

- * Understand the risks and consequences of carrying a knife
- * Recognise the impact of serious youth violence on individuals, families, and communities
- * Build confidence to make positive choices and resist peer pressure
- * Learn where to access support and advice when needed
- * Strengthen relationships with local police officers and community organisations

By working together, we can help keep young people safe, reduce violence, and create stronger communities.

At Supporting Communities we believe that "*Early Intervention is Prevention.*"

Follow the QR code (right) to find out more about the Club.



A MESSAGE FROM LINSEY FARNSWORTH OUR LOCAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



Recently I was out door-knocking across Ironville and Codnor with local volunteers to speak directly with you about what matters most.

While we discussed key local priorities – from parking issues to protecting the Miners' Pension Scheme (MPS) – one issue came up constantly: The state of our roads.

DELIVERING RECORD FUNDING TO FIX DERBYSHIRE'S ROADS

Potholes and crumbling surfaces are a daily headache for local drivers.

While Derbyshire County Council carries out road repairs, the Labour Government has delivered record funding to get our roads fixed:

- Over £55 million in direct funding for Derbyshire this year (rising to £58 million for 2026/27).
- Guaranteed three-year funding, ending temporary "patchwork" fixes in favour of proper resurfacing.
- £700 million allocated across the East Midlands over the next four years.

HAVE YOUR SAY: REPORT LOCAL POTHOLES

To ensure Derbyshire County Council spends this money where it is needed most, feel free to complete my survey. Every single pothole reported to me is being officially logged onto the Council's system.

I am using this exact data in meetings with County Council leaders and in Parliament to keep up the pressure for road repairs in Ironville and Codnor, and the rest of Amber Valley.

If you have a problem road or severe pothole to report, please take two minutes to complete the Amber Valley Pothole Survey 2026.

If you have a local issue to raise, please contact me using the details here:



POTHOLE SURVEY



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The Wrens have been busy bees this term!

by Karl Judge (Ironville and Codnor Park primary School)

What a fantastic summer term it has been for our Reception children.

We were delighted to celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, using it as an opportunity to spend even more time outdoors appreciating the world around us. The children took part in a range of nature-based activities, exploring our environment and learning about the importance of caring for wildlife and protecting our planet.

One of the highlights of the term was meeting Paralympian Hope Gordon, who inspired us all with her determination, resilience and sporting achievements. The children loved hearing about her experiences, and it was a wonderful opportunity to learn about perseverance and believing in ourselves.

Our young scientists have also been busy investigating the world around them. During our seaside topic, the children carried out a floating and sinking experiment, making predictions and testing a variety of objects to discover which would float and which would sink. They thoroughly enjoyed investigating, sharing their ideas and talking about their findings.

Our Little Chefs sessions have also been a great success. The children learned about healthy eating, explored foods that help keep our bodies strong and healthy, and enjoyed making simple, nutritious breakfasts. They were incredibly proud of their culinary creations!

As summer approached, we took a trip to the seaside through our learning. We explored seaside holidays past and present, discussed water and sun safety.

To round off the term, we celebrated Wonderful World Week by learning all about Spain. The children explored Spanish culture, learned some Spanish words, listened to flamenco music, created colourful mosaics inspired by Antoni Gaudí, and made their own carnival masks, fans and maracas.



Ironville and Codnor Park are places with a lot to be proud of. From the friendships, green spaces, local groups and clubs to the area's rich history, there is a real sense of community here.

The Public Health team in Derbyshire County Council wanted to better understand what life is like in Ironville. We wanted to find out what is good and what could be better to help people live happier and healthier lives. This is because transport, local services, green spaces and opportunities to connect with others all have a real impact on someone's physical and mental health. By listening to residents and learning what matters most to them, we can better understand where support is needed and build on the strengths that already exist in Ironville and Codnor Park.

Over the past few months, local people have been helping to explore these questions. Rather than bringing in outside researchers, we wanted the community itself to lead the conversation. Twenty fantastic residents stepped forward to take part as researchers, including eight young people from the Railway Carriage Youth Group, alongside local parents, retirees and business owners. Each brought their own experiences and perspectives.

These researchers have been busy gathering views from across the community. They spoke with local leaders, chatted with residents at the Crossing Club and the reservoir, visited craft groups and took part in community conversations. Together, they have collected a wealth of insight about life in Ironville and Codnor Park.

At the time of writing, we are still analysing what we've heard, so the final report is not yet ready. However, some clear themes already stand out: people care deeply about their community. Residents spoke warmly about the reservoir and the Forge nature reserve, while younger people highlighted how much they value the Railway Carriage Youth Group.

Of course, residents also shared areas where they would like to see improvements. People told us they sometimes struggle to access healthcare. We also heard about issues with public transport, alongside other topics that influence how connected and involved people feel in community life.

We hope to share the full findings in the next edition of the newsletter. We're also planning a community event in Ironville in the coming months to share what we've learned and discuss ideas for the future of Ironville and Codnor Park. We'd love to see you there.



Gathering views from a member of the community - down at the Railway Carriage



The adults discussing and being trained up to gather data.



*By Paul Cannon & Shaun Woodcock,
Road Safety Managers,
Derbyshire Constabulary*

If you have driven anywhere around Derbyshire or within the city of Derby, you are likely to have seen some form of speed enforcement. Many motorists ask why the police focus on speed monitoring when there appear to be so many other priorities. We understand these concerns and felt it would be helpful to explain what we do and why we do it.

From early in their careers, police officers are taught that protecting life is a core part of the role. Sadly, last year 542 people were killed or seriously injured on our roads, and almost a third of these incidents were linked to excess speed. These collisions are not random events; they are often the result of behaviours known as the “fatal four”:

- Inappropriate or excessive speed, which was the second highest cause of serious collisions in Derbyshire
- Failure to wear a seat belt
- Driver distractions, including using mobile phones
- Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs



Speed enforcement plays a vital role in reducing these risks. When asked, Derbyshire residents consistently raise speeding as one of their top concerns. It is clear that many of our communities wish for the Police to take this matter seriously and reduce incidents of speeding.

In Derbyshire, we operate around 70 static speed camera sites, recognisable as yellow boxes. Cameras are not present at all sites all the time; instead, they are rotated to areas of highest risk. In addition, there are three average speed camera schemes and three sets of motorway cameras on the Derbyshire stretch.

We also deploy mobile enforcement officers. These officers may operate from parked vans or by standing roadside, allowing for a more flexible approach. Mobile enforcement is used in areas where collisions are more likely to occur or where we receive specific concerns and complaints from the public.



If you are recorded exceeding the speed limit, the outcome depends on the circumstances. Provided you have not attended a course in the previous three years, and the speed was not excessive, you are likely to be offered a speed awareness course. This is our preferred option, as 92% of attendees report changing their driving behaviour afterwards. Half of the course fee is reinvested locally to fund enforcement, with any surplus supporting wider road safety education across the county and city.

Drivers who are not eligible for a course may receive a fixed penalty notice with three points, or be required to attend court, depending on the offence. Fines are collected by central government.

Ultimately, we would welcome a time when speed enforcement is no longer necessary. Until then, we remain committed to making the roads of Derby and Derbyshire safer and reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured in road collisions.

X @DerbysPolice **f Derbyshireconstabulary**

☎ 101 Non-emergency in an emergency always call 999

Making Derbyshire Safer Together

www.derbyshire.police.uk





It's been a busy few months for us in Ironville, and we're pleased to finally say the new communal bin stores have been installed in Openacre – something we've been mentioning in our last few updates!

We've also put up new signs in the bin stores and we joined Amber Valley Borough Council to knock on residents' doors to explain the changes and how the new bin stores should be used, or post a leaflet through their door if nobody was home!

Back in March, Futures were among the more than half a million litter heroes taking part in the Great British Spring Clean – a national campaign organised by Keep Britain Tidy.

We decided to hold one of the litter picks in Ironville due to the ongoing issue with fly-tipping in the village, which we're continuing to tackle with Ironville Parish Council and Amber Valley Borough Council.

Among the more unusual items collected on the day were a mound of firework remnants, one baby doll's leg and plenty of empty crisp packets! Our grounds maintenance team also supported the day by mowing the large green spaces on King William Street, cutting back overgrown branches and removing the bags of rubbish collected during the clean-up!

Thank you to everyone who continues to take pride in the village. By working together with residents and local partners, we can continue making positive changes across the community.

If you'd like to speak to us in person, we often carry out estate walkabouts in the village. Estate walkabouts are a chance for our customers and neighbours to give us feedback about where they live and let us know what more we can do to help. We have our own checks to complete on the walks too, but we're really keen to hear from everyone who lives in the communities around our homes. Keep an eye on our website for future dates or to give us feedback online instead: www.futuresh.co.uk/walkabouts.



Schooldays in Ironville by Gillian Wilding

Although I now live in Bristol, my memories often wander back almost 78 years to when, at the age of five, I began school in Ironville. The school was already a familiar sight, as I had lived opposite it—next to the church—since birth. My father, Leslie Hardwick, was headmaster of the Junior School, and Miss Warr was head teacher of the Infants. I used to listen enviously to the children playing in the yard, eager for the day I could join them. I also knew Mr and Mrs Riley, who lived on the school premises with their dog, Kim. Mr Riley was the caretaker and Mrs Riley the school cook, and both were part of the comforting landscape of my early years.



Above: Gillian photographed in 1954 with her parents, by the front door of the School House / The Poplars - today known as the "Parsons Cottage."

My first classroom was in what had once been the Mission Room—a large, high space decorated with pictures from the Janet and John reading scheme. We learned to write by shaping letters out of plasticine or chalking them onto our own little blackboards. I can't recall exactly when pencils arrived, but I do remember chanting the 2-times table together in our first year. By the time we reached the top class of the Juniors, we were confidently chanting right up to the 12-times table.

Every week we queued for spoonful's of cod liver oil, orange juice, and—worst of all to my young taste buds—malt. These were meant to build us up after the hardships and rationing of the Second World War. Each day we also drank a small bottle of milk through a straw at playtime. In winter, the milk often froze solid, pushing the foil tops upwards like little icy mushrooms.

English quickly became my favourite subject. In the Junior School we wrote with dip pens, which meant exactly that—dipping the nib into an ink well set into the right-hand side of each desk. As a left-hander, I found this a messy business, often leaving a trail of ink blots across my stories. Reading books were supplied by Alfreton Library, but there were never enough to go around, so we shared during silent reading. Fortunately, my friend Sheila and I liked the same books and read at the same pace. We especially loved the Twins series by Lucy Fitch Perkins, which whisked us away to far-off countries.

Craft was never my strong point, though I do remember enjoying weaving a red, white, and blue beret to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's coronation in 1953. All the girls wore theirs on a school trip to London that year. Sadly, the wind caught my friend Eileen's beret and whisked it straight out of the train window.

There were no electronic devices in classrooms then, but we did have the radio. Classes gathered in the hall for the Music and Movement programme, following the presenter's instructions to run, skip or stretch. We also joined in with the BBC's Singing Together, having practised the words beforehand. Many of us puzzled over the line in *The Drummer and the Cook*: "With her one eye on the pot and the other up the chimney." The school also had a record player, and classical music accompanied us as we filed into assembly.

The school buildings looked quite different in those days. There were no indoor cloak-rooms, and the toilets were in a separate block in the yard—bucket toilets with wooden seats, much like those in many Ironville homes. Bowls of water for handwashing stood on tables outside. Two classrooms had open coal fires, which were very welcome in winter. Power cuts were common, and when the lights went out it was often too dark to work. Teachers—perhaps Mr Henderson or Miss Lomas—would light a candle and read to us. I still remember hearing Heidi for the first time this way. Some boys brought "winter warmers"—tin cans filled with glowing embers from their home fires, swung on string handles to keep their hands warm on the walk to school. They were strictly banned from bringing them inside, of course.



Summer brought more time outdoors. We played skipping games, hopscotch, jacks (or "snobs" as we called them), and chasing games like *What's the Time, Mr Wolf?* The boys played football, conkers in autumn, or a chasing game accompanied by the chant "All up the cowboys!"

Junior classes also enjoyed nature walks. I particularly remember the long walks to Codnor Castle, where we looked at wildflowers with Miss Lomas or listened to Mr Henderson sharing the castle's history.

These memories have stayed with me all my life. Recently, I had the pleasure of being shown around the school by current staff and pupils. We had plenty of questions for each other, and I was fascinated to see how the buildings have been modernised. Yet I was delighted to find that the headmaster's study—where my father worked when not teaching—still remains. I know he would be proud to see today's pupils and staff carrying the story of Ironville School forward.

Photographs from Gillian

The photograph below (AI enhanced) was probably taken in the local school hall and had written on the back '1st Codnor Park Guides 21st birthday party 6th March 1958'

Gillian can recognise some of the faces but is unable put names to them all. Perhaps someone out there can help?

The adults sitting at the table from L to R are Mrs Carrington,[Brown Owl], Kath Chamberlain, Guide Captain, Peggy Jackson District Leader and Judith Hanson who was very involved.



Below: The Coronation pageant we had at Ironville Junior School in June 1953

First photograph: Back row L to R [and I only know maiden names of the girls] Betty Carlin, Janet Balmer, Dennis Knowles?, Audrey Carrington, Sheila Peach, [?] , Gillian Hardwick,[mel] Judy Brookes. 2nd row Pat [Huskinson?] June Hodges[?] Front row Betty Brookes Maureen Hutchinson, Celia? Kirby, June??, Yvonne Allen[?], Irene Downing, The Second Photograph: Back row Sheila Peach, Judy Brookes, Betty Carlin, Janet Balmer, Keith [Wood?], Gillian Hardwick, Eileen Brown, Queen and Pat Kirby and Ann Huskinson, queen's attendants. 2nd row Audrey Carrington, Pat Huskinson, Jean [Hodges?] Front row Betty Brookes, Maureen Hutchinson ,Celia [Kirby?], June/Carol Hodges? Yvonne Allen, Irene Downing.



What's on at the Church Hall?

Monday

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.

What's on at the Anvil Club? (See page 6)

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

Sept 21st - Cuba & Panama, Pirates and more . . .

Oct 19th - The Great War - Remembrance . .

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

Special event in the Hall on 29th Sept 9.30am to 11.30

Support, Advice & Health Checks (See page 34).

There will be free refreshments and much more.

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FOR BOOKINGS



IRONVILLE CHURCH HALL

IRONVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: kathgruber@icloud.com ☎ 07595515154

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

(See website: ironvilleparishcouncil.co.uk)

Every meeting includes a period for Public Participation at which local residents are invited to attend - a time allocation of 15 minutes at the beginning of the meeting. (Also see page 2 & 3)



Cllr. Philip Rose (Chair)

Next Meeting : Monday 21st Sept. 2026

We look forward to seeing you there.

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 6.00 to 8.00 pm

To find out more why not "pop" in and have a chat with the youth workers. (See page 39)

OAP Community Centre Activities

Victoria Crescent- Bookings ☎ Pam Cope 01773 606454

Mon: Coffee Morning & Bingo 10am - 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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