



Ironville & Codnor Park Newsletter



Local news, events, articles and more. March 2022



Welcome to Issue Number Sixteen

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://unicorns.comli.com/Index.htm>

News From Ironville and
Codnor Park Primary School



☎ 01773 602936

Last term we were lucky enough to be able to hold events in school for parents and carers which many other schools around Ironville found too difficult. We held a creative Christmas afternoon, Christmas assembly, Pantomime and we had parents/carers in for Christmas lunch. Children in Key Stage Two welcomed parents/carers in to school to celebrate the end of their World War II topic and had a tea party. We were also delighted to welcome back parents/carers to a live performance of the EYFS and KS1 Christmas production! The children were magnificent and did us proud and the staff did a fabulous job. (Also see page 17).



Learning about Victorian school life!
www.ironvillecodnorpark.derbyshire.sch.uk



A special presentation to a local wild life group - turn to page 31



Three new heritage displays are creating quite a bit of local interest - see pages 18, 22 and 23.

Parish Council Update *with thanks to Kath, Teresa & Liz*

- The Parish Council has set up a Christmas working group to extend the range of decorations and look at Christmas activities.
- They have ordered “Tommies” for lampposts to put up for future Remembrance Days.
- The village has two new defibrillators, you will find them at the Crossings Club and the Post Office, in addition a new one will be positioned at the Community Centre in the next few weeks.
- Sadly there have been three councillors leave - Rob Tailby, Pete Clark & Paul Shipstone. The council is very sorry to see them go and would like to thank them for all their hard work. They will be missed. Anyone interested in becoming a parish councillor should get in touch with the clerk - contact details at the bottom of this page.

The Parish Council is organising a special event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the Cinderbank area on June 4th. They are looking for volunteers to help oversee various different things:

- Decorating,
- Catering,
- Baking,
- Serving tea and coffee,
- Litter patrol.

We are hoping that as a village celebration the community will pull together and volunteer to make a plate of sandwiches or bake some cakes, sausage rolls etc., the usual party food of Great Britain!

We are also hoping that some people can kindly loan some tables to put the food on.

Please contact Councillor Teresa Bowler by e-mail: teresabowler@ironvilleparishcouncil.co.uk
Look out for further updates as they are announced.

Councillor Teresa Bowler is looking for various stalls including a coconut shy. The event is on Saturday 4th June, 11-4pm, only outdoor stall space left, NO catering or drink stalls required thank you. £10 a table or 2 for £15. You will need to have your own tables, Gazebos welcome Please email: teresabowler@ironvilleparishcouncil.co.uk for booking or more information.

There will be commemorative medals for children under 16 who live in the village.

Children who attend Ironville school and nursery will automatically receive one, however those who attend out of area schools should register an interest for one either with Liz or Teresa (email addresses below) with child's name, address and DOB.

teresabowler@ironvilleparishcouncil.co.uk or lizholgate@ironvilleparishcouncil.co.uk

Further updates will be announced on the two main village Facebook pages. Please do check them out. **STOP PRESS:** “Drop the Beat” Dance Studios are doing a selection of dances for children.

Your Parish Councillors are pictured below:



L to R: Cllr E. Holgate (Vice Chair), Cllr T. Bowler, Cllr P. Cope (Chair), Cllr Y. Hutsby-Bird, Cllr R. Mitchell, Cllr C. Gent

Vacancies

Applications invited for the Co-Option of three new Parish Councillors

Please contact the parish Clerk by e-mail: clerk@ironvilleparishcouncil.co.uk

Other contact details are on the Parish Council website.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



The exciting news for this edition is that we welcome a new member of the team with PC Dan Wright joining the team, replacing Police Community Support Officer, Matt Thompson who has left to join the Fire Service.

The move shows the force are committed to our Safer Neighbourhood teams and we have also been busy recruiting more PCSOs to join teams across the county.

In the last edition we spoke about anti-social behaviour (ASB), what form this can take and how you can report it.

ASB is still a priority for us, as we understand how this can really have a detrimental effect on our community's quality of life.

Communication is really key towards us being able to deal with the issue, with us being able to listen to your concerns and you being able to tell us what you are worried about.

In this respect we would like to let you know about Derbyshire Alert a free, two-way community messaging service that allows us to send out messages on local crimes, good news, community events and crime prevention. It allows us and you to:

- *Choose the information you would like to receive*
- *Manage your own account on line*
- *Receive and reply to messages from your local Safer Neighbourhood policing team*

Work together with us to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in your area

Log on and sign up to create your profile at: www.derbyshirealert.co.uk to receive emails, and urgent messages by text and voice mail.

Remember to activate your account from your initial sign-up email.

“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 13th April 2022 and Wednesday 25th May 2022

To book an appointment please call 01773 766922

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



**TOOTSIES
FOOTCARE**
For all your foot care requirements

News from the Forge from Sally Fisher

By January 2021 it had become obvious that a more robust solution was needed for the footpath over the pipe bridge. Up cycling bricks, sand and cement which had been donated over the summer Mick and Deb volunteered to do some bricklaying which is something they have never done before.



The initial problem!



Mick digging out the foundation



Mick and Deb brick laying



Finished bridge and footpath

This has made for a very sturdy bridge supporting a much drier path which has stood up well to the rain this year.

We then turned our attention to the problem of getting some of our grassland areas cut.

It is important that this is done on a rotational basis in order to maintain habitat for ground nesting birds like skylarks, for wild flowers and butterflies and other pollinators. After trying several local sources we came to the conclusion, towards the end of a very dry September, that the grass would not be cut this year when eagle-eyed Deb spotted someone offering a day's work to do just what was needed on social media.

Sam came for a day and did a brilliant job and was extremely courteous to all who used the Forge that day. We were impressed.

Next came the raking, a huge job because there were several large areas which needed clearing. Poor soil is needed for wild flowers so if the vegetation is just allowed to die back this will enrich the soil.

Thank you to everyone who came along and helped, because how ever little you thought you did you made a difference. Many visitors as well as locals appreciated your efforts.



An area of sward needing clearing



Tractor at work



Deb and John raking



Sally raking

It was surprising too how many more mushrooms of different species we found whilst raking all through the autumn and into winter. We have not noticed them before on the grassland.



Pleated Inkcap



Slime mould in meadow



Birch bolete

At the same time we were gifted several lots of sand, stone and pebbles left over from home projects which Mick, Deb and John collected. With one of these donations we started to lay a path from the main gate to the canyons as this is a very popular walking route and we were conscious of how muddy this gets in winter.



John laying path

Then the bad weather hit showing us where drainage was most needed. Deb researched french drainage and found enough pipe for us to be able to trial this system.



"Where drainage was most needed."



Mick Biss digging the first trench



Deb and Mick Fox digging trench 4.



Deb and John preparing trench 3

So far so good, the drains are working and in time the path will be built up slightly too.

As well as all this we made well over £300 selling our jams, chutneys and marmalade's over Christmas. Thank you to everyone who supported us, it means that we can afford the farmer to come back next year and open up some more of the grassland, and hopefully bale it as well to save on raking. Finally, we have noticed an improvement in the amount of litter left, so thank you for taking your litter home with you. Thank you too for those of you who continue to pick up the litter left and dispose of it. It all helps to make this a truly magical place, please continue to enjoy it and respect it.



John tipping the stone in

THE IRONVILLE STROLLERS



It's great to report that 2022 has started well for our group. January began with a walk around Ironville reservoir, starting at the church. We returned for tea and biscuits. All precautions were in place with social distancing and mask wearing. This helped to keep us all safe. Our walks for the time being will start at Christ Church until we feel safe to travel further afield. It was wonderful to be able to meet up and catch up on what has been happening in each other's lives.

One of our favourite strolls is along the Cromford canal. We just stroll for about a mile after being dropped off from our mini bus then lunch at one of the cafés at the canal. Occasionally we meet at Jacksdale Garden Centre then go for a stroll around Erewash Nature Reserve back to the garden centre for a spot of lunch or tea and a scone. All our strolls are for anyone who wants a little gentle exercise - we walk as fast as the slowest person. *V.W.*

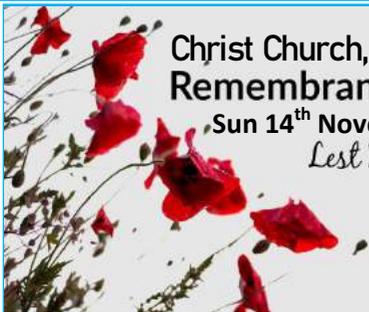
Anyone wishing to join our group or wants further information please contact our Strollers Co-ordinator - [please e-mail: emh60@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:emh60@hotmail.co.uk)



Christ Church, Ironville Remembrance Day

Sun 14th November 2021

Lest We Forget



10.15am – Service at the War Memorial – Including the Last Post, Reveille, Epitaphs and Laying of Wreaths

10.40am – Service in Church – Including the Reading of Names, the Laying of Wreaths and the Silence at 11.00am.

A visiting vicar from Derby - Rev Dwayne Engh lead both services.



Revealing Codnor Castle *by Rokia Brown*



Once the North Court and western wall of the South Court were consolidated by UK Coal in 2006, the CCHT set about clearing the south court and the eastern side of the North Court of years of growth revealing the best features of early medieval architecture which told us so much about the castle and exceeded our expectations.

The photographs below illustrate some of the Codnor Castle Heritage Trust grounds clearance between 2006-2009

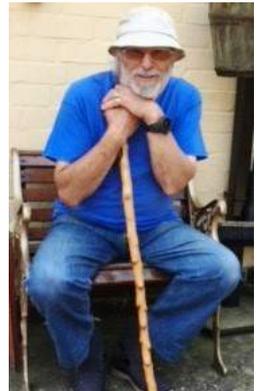


A SMALL TRIBUTE TO A BIG HEARTED MAN *by Pete Clark* 🙏

Last October we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of well-known village resident David Wootton.

I have the honour of being asked to pen something for this newsletter, so I would like to say these words:-

David was born in Spalding in 1946 and went to the Grammar School. Living near the railway station he spent many hours on the lovely iron bridges (similar to our characterful old Monkey Bridge) across the tracks of the Spalding Junction; hence his life-long love of steam trains. He had an enormous train set in his bedroom which he spent many hours extending and running. He also built model boats which were sailed on the boating lake at Skegness when on holiday, and model aeroplanes flown on the Grammar school playing field. Later on in his early 20's he got his solo glider pilots licence while living in Hampshire. In the early 1970's he also spent some months in Nicaragua where, being multi-skilled he was involved in designing irrigation systems. He has always been a keen gardener with a love of wildlife and the outdoors. He has two daughters who do not live locally. He moved to Derbyshire in 1995 and made his home in Codnor Park.



David lived in Station Road, and was always to be seen out walking his charming little dog, Tulip. David was a genuinely lovely man with a placid personality and a ready smile. He cared about the village and took many photographs over the years some of which are quite important as a historical record; for example as the Forge was being redeveloped 20 years ago.

David enjoyed nature and often photographed the birds in his garden and things he found growing on his local walks. He also had quite an eclectic collection of unusual items including a large donkey in his front garden! So obviously he had a quirky sense of humour which seems to fit so well with his ever smiling face.

He was one of the Moderators on the popular "Friends of Ironville & Codnor Park" Facebook group. David contributed to the village recently by compiling many historical photos that were posted on that Facebook group into a system of albums which people can access easily. (Please do visit the Group and look at the historical photos).

David will be greatly missed by his friends, his faithful dog Tulip, and the village has lost a wonderful resident.

With Special thanks to Heather, his cousin, for some history of his early days.



Not forgetting "Tulip"

MANAGING THE HABITAT FOR A THRIVING LOCAL WATER VOLE POPULATION

By The Cromford Canal and Codnor Park Reservoir Group Volunteers



Did you know there is a thriving population of water vole at Cromford Canal in Jacksdale? They are listed as endangered throughout the UK, are on the red list for conservation concern in England and are Britain's fastest declining mammal, disappearing from 94% of their former sites. How special does that make it for us to be able to wander along our local canal and spot a water vole nibbling on the reeds or hear the heavy plop as one disappears under the water heading for its burrow or a safe hidey hole in the canal wall.

The water vole (*Arvicola amphibius*) is the largest of our British voles, field and bank voles are much smaller. They are rat sized but easily distinguishable from rats, with a round face, small round ears, black beads for eyes and dark chestnut brown fur. The tail is half covered in hair and much shorter than a rat's tail.

Water voles are semi aquatic, living alongside water courses. Loss of wetland habitat and water pollution are some of the factors indicated in their decline. They excavate small burrows in the soft bankside verge leading to a labyrinth of tunnels and chambers at different levels, including some under water entrances which provide a quick escape from predators. Evidence of their burrows can be seen along the canal path. They nibble the grass around the entrance creating a neat lawn at their front door and tunnels and runs are also visible within the reeds and on the water's edge. They live on average for just 5 to 12 months. The breeding season is between March and May but can extend to June depending on the weather. During this period, they are busy producing 3-4 litters of around 5 young each time. Climate change and warmer winters has seen earlier breeding behaviours, we think they may have started breeding in February this year. The young are born in underground nests and are blind and hairless, they soon grow and are weaned by 14 days old but are very vulnerable when they first venture out.

Water voles have many native predators, they are food for fox, otter, stoat, weasel, owls, herons, and pike, all species we celebrate and enjoy locally. This is the natural way of things, an ecosystem in balance and not a reason for dwindling populations around the country. The presence of non-native American mink, however, has seen localised extinctions. They are one of the only predators that can follow the water vole into its burrow and can wipe out a population in a matter of weeks. However, the good news is we often find fresh otter spraint and footprints at the canal and have even caught a pair of otters on our wildlife camera. Whilst a few water voles may be predated by an otter, their presence and the marking of their territory can deter mink from establishing in our neighbourhood.

Having this precious mammal on our patch influences the way we manage the area; we want to provide optimum habitat to support the population of water voles and enable them to flourish. Their protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) means we need to consider the impact of our interventions on the local water vole population and ensure we do not cause harm or disturbance. For this reason, we do much of our work along the canal during the winter season.

Prolonged periods of flooding and of drought can be problematic for water voles, they love areas of slow flowing water of different depths, so in the winter months you will see us pulling reeds, creating islands and rivulets to manage the water flow and create different habitats. This intervention also improves water quality and filtration and provides optimum conditions for fresh new reed growth and other emergent native vegetation such as water mint, rosebay willowherb and purple loosestrife, some of the water voles favourite food. They need to eat equivalent of 80% of their own body weight every day, a breeding female needs twice that amount, so we leave areas of bankside vegetation uncut, at least until the end of the breeding season. Lush edges of tussocky grasses, meadow sweet, nettles and horsetail provide further food options and vital protection from predators. Water voles tend to avoid areas overshadowed by trees, so we manage some of the trees on the bankside, but they will gnaw on the bark and roots of willow in and around the water's edge throughout the winter. They like to sit under the light shade of bramble, so we leave some bramble on the canal edge and let it creep into the water so they can eat the leaves and berries. They also love to nibble on apples that have fallen into the canal.

We often see water voles along the canal and many local photographers quietly and patiently wait for them to appear. However, to properly monitor the local population we need to conduct twice yearly surveys in April and September. Survey methodology includes recording actual sightings, if we are lucky, but we are looking for signs of water voles, including evidence of burrows, feeding stations and droppings. Feeding areas are identifiable from the tell-tale 45-degree angle on the reed or stem they have been nibbling on, with a neat pile of chewings nearby. Water vole poo is black and shiny, it is the shape and size of a tic tac. Surveys involve looking for latrines, which are small heaps of droppings often on a raised stone or muddy edge. They use these to mark their territories which range from 70-130m along the watercourse and they become very protective of their patch during the mating season. Counting and recording the number of latrines, burrows and feeding stations along the canal gives us some idea of the number of water voles present. Collecting this data twice yearly means we can check the effectiveness of our conservation work and monitor any local pressures on the water vole population. We regularly check water quality and keep a look out for evidence of American mink. We have found none so far so hopefully the otters are keeping them away.

The essential network of water corridors linking to the surrounding meadows, wet grassland and reservoir give our local water vole population opportunities to move around and expand into new territories and continue to thrive. Water voles are a flagship species, so providing and protecting habitat for them also benefits many other wetland species. The result is that our local area is teeming with rich and varied wildlife for us all to enjoy.

We are a group of dog lovers and know how much the area is valued for daily walks but please support our efforts to protect the water vole by preventing your dog entering the water or disturbing their burrows, particularly during the breeding season when the young water voles are vulnerable. A combined community effort will safeguard our water vole population and a stroll along the canal will continue to connect us with the wonderful nature on our doorstep for generations to come.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY *by Philip Rose with David Wilson*

As I write we are just into the new year and so far, the prophets of doom appear for the present at least, to be largely fading. Just maybe we can see a return to a pre-pandemic 'normal'. I am looking forward to a great year and wish everyone health, happiness and prosperity for 2022.

Over the last 6 months David and I have been responding to queries and requests from residents throughout the Alfreton and Somercotes division. Probably 85% relate to highways issues and I share the frustrations of many concerning the less than convincing reporting systems currently in place. The good news is (if all goes well) a new, far more user-friendly system will be introduced later this year. The new system will allow us to monitor the progress of each job and I have been promised it will be much more transparent.

With over 90,000 requests per annum throughout the County, staff shortages and understandably long timescales we have to be thankful for small wins, one of which is on South Street in Riddings; where, following years of resident's complaints to DCC and no action, I managed to get a small but significant length of double yellow lines put in opposite the bus-stop. Initially rejected, we persevered and managed to organise a site visit which made all the difference. Thanks must go to the DCC Highways Officer who went above and beyond to ensure the lines were added, resulting in improved traffic flows and avoiding the constant road blockages caused by the use of one parking bay. Residents may have noticed improved time-keeping on the bus services heading east through Ironville as a result.

Also, I have been told that following a request from a resident, spot filling of pot-holes on Market Street / Queen Street has been carried out - relatively quickly following the original request. I cannot spot the repairs myself and though I did ask for a total re-surface, again we can be thankful for small wins - resurfacing remains the longer-term objective!

Following investigations, I have asked for next year's highways plan to include two sections of bridleway having discovered that the previous application had stalled somewhere in the administration. I believe efforts to bring highway (roads, and paths) improvements to Ironville and Codnor Park may well be a priority for me over the next three years!

On the funding side, thanks to speedy action by the Parish Council, a grant was obtained for the Youth Club and I have been able to support the production of this newsletter and the efforts of Team Tree to help provide Christmas decorations for the village.

One of the wonderful aspects of Ironville and Codnor Park is the community spirit and the number of groups who strive to improve life for everyone. Most of us have an opinion on what we need and what we don't want and what changes might improve things. The Parish Council does a brilliant job of managing the village, however, I have been wondering if we have a long-term community goal and if not, should we?

What strikes me is that while none of us are sure what the future holds, with such strange times, I would really like us to think about how we might see Ironville and Codnor Park in the future. If we have agreed objectives for 2030 and beyond then everything we do today should be informed by and contribute to those objectives. As a starting point, in the new year I will be delivering a questionnaire to all households through which you can let me know your thoughts on a variety of issues, and any positive ideas for Ironville and Codnor Park.

Of course, David and I are also available to talk with by e-mail, telephone and in-person (contact details below). Also, residents can contact me through the Facebook page 'Alfreton & Somercotes: All about our villages'.

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SWAN RESCUE *by Katie Bonsall*

I went to feed the local ducks on the 20th January with my daughter. Whilst walking around the Res we noticed a juvenile swan stuck on the ice. After a few hours of trying to break the ice and with the help of other walkers we had no luck. We called a number of rescue places with no luck there either. The RSPCA said they would come out the following morning if the swan was still stuck as it was too dark. So Friday morning I went down to check on the swan and it was still stuck in the same place. A lady called Pam from the RSPCA came out and after a brief inspection decided to call the fire and rescue team from Alfreton who then came out. After putting on their waders, they attempted to rescue the swan. It was finally rescued from the other side of the Res and has been taken in to look at its injured foot. A few days later the swan was re-released safe and well - elsewhere as it's been pushed out by its parents. Initially the swan had been stuck for a total of two days. I'm so glad it's ok and now been rescued and re-released.

All involved did a fabulous job... with two of them up to their shoulders in icy water! Well done to the RSPCA and Fire & Rescue.



Crossings Club Monument Lane

☎ 01773 602346

Bingo (Various Saturdays);
Snooker & Pool; Snacks;
Licensed Bar; Games Ma-
chines; Live Acts & Groups;
Breakfasts (Saturday 9am);
*Free Function Room for
those special occasions;*
Live Sports on Big Screen;
Thurs - Food - 5.30pm -
9pm; Band Night (Fri. pm);
Sunday - meat and beer
draw and a Poker School .



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

☎ Pam 01773 689414 for further details



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



Most of the photographs on this page show a special Crafty Crafters meeting - making Christmas Wreaths. Thank you to Pauline, who with the help of her friend Brenda, acquired all of the fresh greenery along with many other bits & pieces with which to decorate our wreaths. *Bridget*

Julian's Column

Lent, as well as dieting, is also a traditional time for clear-outs and new beginnings and I wonder if you have thought about what changes you need to make in your life. Here is a story that may help.

I recently read the story of Vera and Colin Lowther who had just taken delivery of a brand-new car in the summer of 1960. To celebrate, they packed up a picnic hamper and set off from their Sheffield home into the hills of Derbyshire. Tragically they just returned home that evening when Colin suddenly died of a massive heart attack. The car was left untouched in the garage for some 60 years. A couple of years ago Vera, who had become a recluse, died and the family, after hacking through the overgrown vegetation found the car just as Colin had left it, including the unpacked picnic hamper in the boot. It's understandable that we want to hold on to things from the past, but it isn't always helpful, particularly if emotions like hurt, resentment, anger or rejection are involved.

These things need to be addressed and cleared out otherwise we will become prisoners of the past, but often it's difficult to do, and pride stops us being the ones to make the first move. Usually, extra help is needed.

If you are serious about moving on try asking God to show you if there is any unfinished business in your life and ask for His help in putting things right. You never know, one day it may be too late.

I will leave you with part of a prayer that Jesus taught us "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

God bless, *Rev. Julian Penfold*



Clowns Children's Centre

Nursery Class

have really enjoyed this simple yet fun activity.

Free drawing on the floor was a brilliant opportunity to discuss and explore colours, further develop pencil control, copy shapes and patterns and promote working together cooperatively.



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 01773 540050.

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





Derbyshire Community Transport Bids for DFT Tackling Loneliness and Electric Car Club Funding *by Steve Burd - Project Manager*

Derbyshire Community Transport (DCT) has recently submitted a bid to the Department for Transport for Tackling Loneliness Funding, with the support of Derbyshire County Council and the assistance of a variety of organisations across the County, who already have initiatives in place to reduce isolation. If successful, DCT's bid would provide up to £500k to expand its services between April 2022 and the end of March 2023. This funding would provide DCT with additional resources to offer transport to events/activities organised by charities and other bodies, to help reduce social isolation and facilitate community participation. DCT's intends to discount its Tackling Loneliness Project prices during this period of DfT funding, but these discounts will be on a phased reducing basis, as the new services must be financially self-sustaining at the end of 12 months.

Clearly, there are no guarantees that DCT's bid will be successful, as there is a lot of competition for the available funding, but according to the transport consultancy, who reviewed DCT's proposal prior to submission, it is a good bid. A decision from the DfT is expected by the end of March.

Steve Burd, DCT's Project Manager, said "We want to help organizations working to reduce the issue of loneliness in our communities. If there are any charities or groups in the Ironville and Codnor Park area who need assistance with transport and who would like to work with DCT, please contact me at: s.burd@derbyshirect.org or on [01773 407504](tel:01773407504). We can assist even without DfT funding."

DCT is also working in partnership with other not-for-profit organisations in several locations to research interest in a community run electric car club. Liz Esnouf, DCT'S Managing Director said "The initiative started elsewhere, but we now have the opportunity to join the online survey. I am, therefore, asking anyone who is potentially interested in such a service to kindly complete the questionnaire below to help us develop the case for an electric car club in Amber Valley. While the survey was originally designed for rural areas, we are also interested in urban or semi-urban areas."

The online survey, which is currently live, should take less than five minute to complete and can be found at: <https://forms.gle/5gQ7snN254BaudvJ9>

Details of DCT's March and April programme of Day Trips from Amber Valley are currently available on its website - www.derbyshirect.org. Destinations include Bakewell, Buxton, Carsington Water, Chatsworth House and Garden Centre, Chesterfield, Crystal Peaks, Nottingham and the National Memorial Arboretum. All trips cost £10 - travel only and can be booked by telephoning 01773 746652. All DCT trips are run with fully accessible minibuses and provide a door- to - door service.





Digital hub
Let's get digital



Futures goes digital

A key part of our corporate plan at Futures is making sure that our customers can contact us in a way that suits them best.

We know that there are lots of pressures on our customers and their time, from work to family and everything in between, so we've implemented exciting new digital systems that make it easier for them to manage their home at a time and a place that works for them.

Here are some of the key ways we're using digital to give our customers the best experience possible:

The Help Hub

The Help Hub is a digital knowledge library full of information about all things Futures. Using their years of experience and expertise, our team members have created articles with pictures and how-to videos – so whether it's repressurising a boiler or adding a four-legged friend to your household, you'll be able to visit: thehelphub.futureshg.co.uk to get the information you need.

MyAccount

MyAccount is our one-stop shop. Our handy online portal allows customers to update their personal details, check their rent account and set up a Direct Debit, and book a repair appointment all from one easy-to-use platform.

Visit: futureshg.co.uk/myaccount to find out more.

Live chat

Speak to one of our customer services team instantly through the live chat function on our website. Available during office hours, our live chat can be used to get quick responses to questions without waiting on the phone, and can even be escalated to a voice or video call if we need a bit more information to answer a query.

For more information on how Futures is getting digital, visit: futureshg.co.uk/digital-hub

WALK ON WALKING GROUP

A message from Joan Colebrook

I can't believe it is February already.. Despite the frost and fog we have had a good turn out in the long and short walks.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas buffet. Thanks to the ladies at Jacksdale Dale Club. We are still meeting in Jacksdale Community Centre car park Tuesdays starting at 10am.

It was great to see the long awaited Interpretation Boards on the canal. They do look good. We have seen our first snowdrops so, Spring is just around the corner then, hopefully we can say goodbye to all the mud.

Keep safe.

Joan



The Anvil Club is open every evening between 5.00pm and Midnight (Tuesdays & Fridays 7.30pm to 12am - Saturday & Sunday 12pm - 12am)



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



A cosy place, to enjoy a pint of good bitter ale with a welcoming atmosphere. A great place for a game of Pool too. With Your host Maria serving ales clear and bright. Every Wednesday - Bingo plus Sticky 13



TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS FREE POOL

Contact Maria McCormack on 07816-439881

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



Ironville & Codnor Park Primary School

by Ella Tuxford EYFS Coordinator

Hello and a Happy New Year to you all!

The children as always have been such busy bees and are thoroughly enjoying their time being at school! Below are some of the fantastic activities they have been participating in and some of the fantastic things they have been learning about.

First, we had to share with you our incredible pantomime performance before Christmas. It was an amazing performance of Little Red Riding Hood which both children, parents and staff thoroughly enjoyed! The actors, costumes and set were fabulous and laughter was heard all the way through! We cannot wait to see what they will be performing this year.



We started our Spring term off with a big bang! The children became astronauts and astronomers and learnt all about the planets in our solar system, comets and rockets. We read the story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy and wrote a list of all the things that we would want to take if we went to visit the moon. Finally, the children created a 3D version of our solar system making each planet individually!



At the end of the first half of spring term came pancake day. We started by reading the story 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' and the children loved the ending of this book, if you have children and haven't read it then Wrens class highly recommend you do! We helped Mr Wolf to write his shopping list and follow the instructions in the right order to make his pancakes.

As a reward Mr Wolf sent all the ingredients for the children to make their own pancakes. After making them they chose which fruit topping they would like and sat down to eat them with their friends, yummy! Finally, we ended our pancake day celebrations with traditional pancake day racing. We talked about how this used to be carried out on the road outside and was an Ironville tradition. The children had a great time pancake racing!

I hope you enjoyed reading about all the activities Wrens class have been doing. I know they enjoy sharing them with you.

Take care and here's to some lighter and longer days ahead.



Above: the annual pancake race in Ironville (1971)

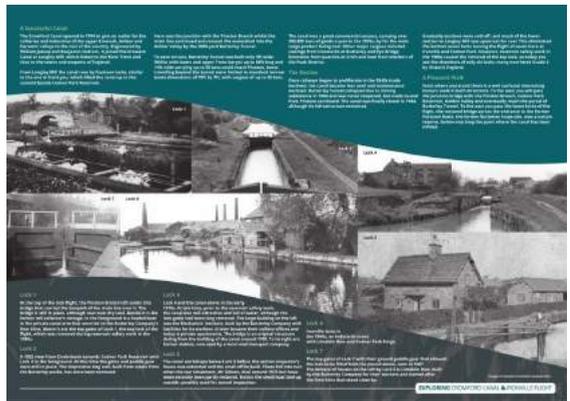
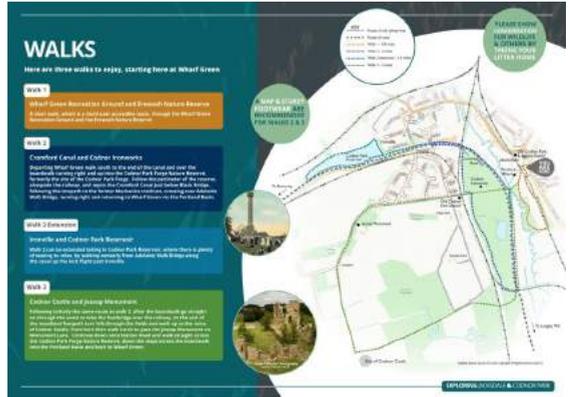
NEW LOCAL INFORMATION BOARDS by David Martin (F.C.C. chairman)

I have worked in partnership with several others over the last two years on three interpretation boards that were installed at Ironville, Codnor Park and Jacksdale in November 2021, giving visitors some of the local history of the area.

The project has been funded by Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme and FCC, along with a small grant from Selston Parish Council given to the local walking group "Walk On" run by Joan Colebrook.

The design work has been completed by Ashfield District Council, and I would like to thank their officers Theresa Dendy, and Alice Vigar-Ellis for all of their patience and great work on this project. I would also like to thank Andy Cadman, Martyn Taylor-Cockayne and of course Hugh Potter for all of their help with the project too.

The boards will be sited at Jacksdale Community Centre car park (above right), Portland Basin (see centre spread) and at Lock 4 (right). Do look out for them.



SHEILA CARLISLE (1942 - 2021)

It was with great sadness that we heard the news in mid-September of Sheila's passing. It seemed so recent that she had been at the Wednesday morning Crafty Crafters in the Hall and also supporting the Anvil Club's visiting food vans. Sheila was a great supporter of Christ Church and will be remembered as one of the "founding fathers" of the Christmas Tree Festival.....In 2014, together with neighbour Dawn, she put forward the idea of a Tree Festival which grew and grew over the following five years into a major event in the calendar. Sheila variously contacted people about providing a tree in Church or running a stall in the Hall as well as having her own craft stall. I shall treasure the memory of Sheila ringing me frequently to tell me to contact various people for grants and for other help, and suggesting that I do this and do that, and then - very wisely, of course - ringing me constantly to check that I had done exactly what she had told me to do! Our thoughts are with Ray, Gary and the family at this difficult time. Sheila's funeral service took place in Church on 5th October, and her Ashes were interred in the Garden of Remembrance in the Old Cemetery.....DF

A lot of people attended the funeral and made a donation, her family a thank all who attended and donated to the Air Ambulance, an amazing amount of £425.00 was raised





TEAM TREE SCARECROW CHALLENGE 2022

Team Trees scarecrow challenge this year is linking in with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee .

Anything Royal is the theme. This is a whole village challenge so please help us to achieve our aim.

Entries will have to be submitted by Monday 23rd May 2022.

THE SCARCROWS WILL NEED TO BE ON DISPLAY THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 30th MAY FOR JUDGING TO TAKE PLACE WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE WEEKEND 4th 5th JUNE 2022

Please enter by sending your name and address to our – Facebook page/messenger/inform a member of Team Tree/ 07976454682

or email your details to - teamtregroup@yahoo.com

We at Team Tree can't wait to see this year's creations and look forward to this year's Jubilee Scarecrow trail. Please let us know if you wish to enter early so that the scarecrow trail can be organised Team Trees scarecrow challenge this year is linking with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee .



Christ Church

Rev Mark Taylor ☎ 01773 833280

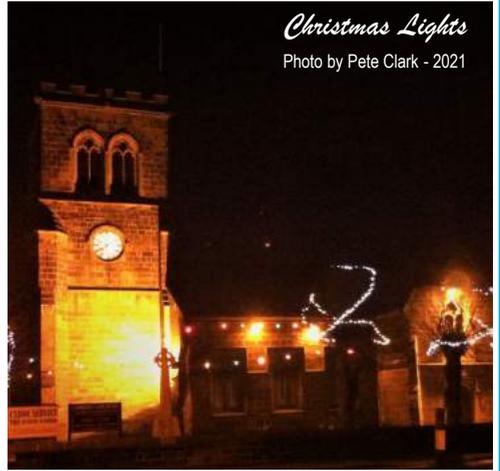
Rev Julian Penfold ☎ 07932 564888

Warden: David Fearn ☎ 01773 605447

Services: Sunday at 11.00am:

For more news and information -

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



Christmas Lights

Photo by Pete Clark - 2021

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.

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Drinks, hot and cold food available.

Open Wed - Sun
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CHRIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES 2022

This year, Christ Church will be marking the occasion of two significant anniversaries – the **Church at 170** and the **Church Hall at 60**. Commemorations of this kind provide an excuse to dash to the archives to look at how things began and to check on the changes which have taken place over the following decades.....

THE CHURCH – Christ Church Ironville was consecrated on Easter Monday, 12th April 1852 by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt. Rev. John Lonsdale. Also on the same day, the (Old) Cemetery was consecrated with the first burial taking place 10 days later. The new church had interesting origins. The large rectangular Nave had been built some years earlier - around 1840-41 - as the new village school complete with Headmaster's house next door. However, soon afterwards, plans were afoot to build a new school across the road and convert the original into a church with the addition of a tower, twin transepts and a sanctuary. Over the past 170 years, there have been a few changes outside and quite a few more inside. The church grounds (which have never been used for burials) gained nine lime trees in the late 1800s and a War Memorial in 1923. An underground boiler house and a chimney were added at the east end in the early 1900s but these were demolished in 2009. Otherwise, the basic external structure of the building, the grounds and the boundary walls have remained more or less the same. For some years now, the church frontage has been lit by six sodium floodlights – a spectacular sight. Inside the church, a few things *have* changed.....

1852 – Looking at the layout as it was at the time of the Consecration, the appearance of the central area of the Nave with its long rows of pews, including private, rented box pews, is something we would recognise today. However, the main church entrance was through the south doors in the south transept with its internal covered porch, an arrangement which was to last 100 years. At first, the Clergy Stall and Pulpit were positioned way up at the east end of the nave, probably close to the arch. At the opposite west end, and over 80 feet away, were the Organ and the Choir. The Organ was located just through the arch into the first floor room of the tower with the Choir on four rows of pews in front in the gallery. At the time, the accommodation of the building was advertised as 550-600 sittings. There was even a tiered gallery of seats over the south entrance porch (removed 1894).

1871 – Gas installed in Church..... **1922** - Electricity

1875 – There must have been a few problems with the extreme distance between clergy and organ/choir – in all probability, a logistical nightmare (Remember there were no electronics in those days!) The third Vicar of Ironville, the Revd Wm Edgar Bradstock, had been in post for just a short time before alterations were planned, and by early 1875.....

- The Clergy Stall and Pulpit were brought forward in a westerly direction, possibly to their positions as we know them today,
- The Organ and Choir were moved to the North Transept, the present Baptistery.

1887 – Only a few years later, and within months of the arrival of Revd Roland P Hills as the next Vicar of Ironville, a new organ had been bought and this prompted a major reordering and a new interior layout at the east end much as we know it today.....

- The organ was placed at the north east corner of the nave
- Five new rows of choir stalls were placed in the Choir/Chancel
- The Font was moved into the North Transept creating the Baptistery.

1917/28 Oak panelling – a reredos – was constructed around the Sanctuary wall, together with – eventually – a matching High Altar, and a Credence Table, this latter on the south side.

1947-52 – The appointment of the Revd John Francis in 1947 prompted a flurry of improvements/changes in the run up to the centenary celebrations in 1952.....

- A new *Memorial Chapel* was erected in the south east corner of the nave to honour those who gave their lives in WW2.
- A new *Children's Corner Chapel* was erected in the north east corner of the nave in front of the organ.
- The west arch was filled with a wood and glass screen.
- The west door at the base of the tower was opened up as the Church main entrance.
- The whole of the nave floor was re-laid with Granwood block clay tiles.
- The whole building was decorated.

In more recent times, some rows of pews have been removed from the west end of the nave and replaced with tables, chairs and catering facilities to provide a Social Area.

[In the next Newsletter - The Church Hall]

Codnor Park

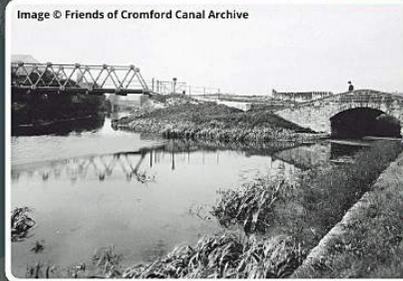
Codnor Park was once an ancient deer park surrounding Codnor Castle, but today it is an area steeped in medieval and industrial heritage. In modern times a reduced in size Codnor Park is part of the Parish of Ironville.

Codnor Castle

To the south-west are the fragile ruins of Codnor Castle, one of only two stone built medieval castles with remains above ground in Derbyshire. The Manor of Codnor was in existence before the Norman Conquest of 1066. Henry de Grey, who was part of the Lion Heart's personal bodyguard was given possession after the siege of Nottingham Castle in 1195. With his son Richard De Grey, he built the first stone castle on the site during the early 13th century. The site of the castle occupies a promontory dominating the Erewash Valley and was also a point where natural spring waters occurred. In the 19th century the castle and large portions of the estate were purchased by the Butterley company.

Portland Basin

Adjacent to the Wharf Green recreation ground was the former Portland Basin, an important arm of the Cromford Canal. Through the entrance bridge (restored in 2019) the canal passed over the river Erewash in an aqueduct and into the Portland Basin. On the wharf in the basin coal was transferred from railway wagons bringing coal from the Portland Collieries in Selston Parish and Kirkby-in-Ashfield. Either side of the canal are the abutments to the former Lawn Bridge. During WWII a wartime Butterley 'Standard' steel girder bridge was installed across the canal and that was eventually demolished in 1997.



Above: St. Pancras International Railway Station, London

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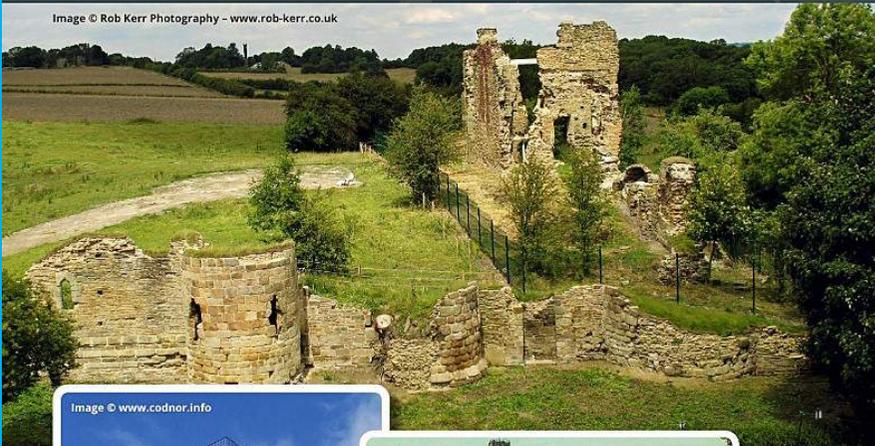
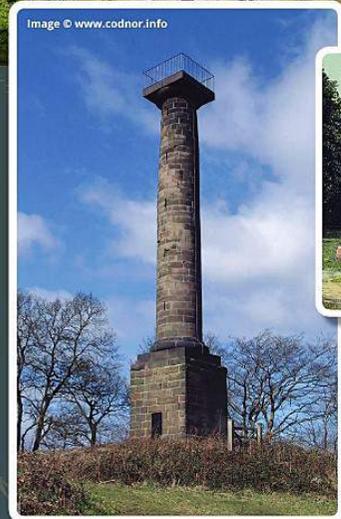


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Above: HMS Warrior



Jessop Memorial

The Codnor Park Monument was built in 1854 in honour of William Jessop Junior 1784-1852 by subscription from Butterley Company employees and the members of the public who lived in the Model Village of Ironville of which he was the architect. Behind the monument they built the Jessop Memorial Hall. It proved to be a popular attraction for galas, Sunday school outings, picnics and the village fête.

The Butterley Company

The Butterley Company* was formed in 1807 by William Jessop, and John Wright who began developing Ironville and the Codnor Park Ironworks. The construction of the Ironworks in 1809 and the model village in 1834 by William Jessop Junior was completed by 1860. The model village was built for the workers by the Butterley Company at Ironville and won much national acclaim at the time for its full range of public services with its own gas and water works too.

* The Butterley Company was originally founded as Benjamin Outram and Company in 1790.

Some of the more famous objects to be produced by the company are cannon balls for Waterloo, the roof of St Pancras Station in London, railway irons for some of the first railways in the world and subsequently all over it, and armour plate for the very first iron-hulled ships such as HMS Warrior and HMS Black Prince. During World War II they produced the sterns for 57 "Loch" class frigates, and 51 large bridges each with a 150 ft (45.72 m) span to cross the bombed-out river crossings in Germany and Italy. One last great item to be produced by the Butterley Company was the Falkirk wheel, joining the Forth & Clyde and Union canals in Scotland.

A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST



Ironville & Codnor Park Community Association & THE RAILWAY CARRIAGE YOUTH CLUB (THE TRAIN)



The Association is delighted to see that the youth club, under the leadership of its Youth Workers, Shane and Helen continues to flourish, and particularly so after being closed for such a long period of time last year due to the coronavirus pandemic restrictions. There are also many thanks due to the DCCT team for the support they continue to provide each week with regard to the sporting activity. It is therefore extremely disappointing to note the recent attempted break-in at the Carriage – pointless vandalism; this is costing money for repairs the Association did not expect to have to pay.

Good news. The Association has applied for and been successful in being awarded a grant by the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner to help meet the cost of certain essential expenses during the current year. The Commissioner, Angelique Foster, has subsequently paid a visit to the Carriage (18/02/22,) meeting members of the Association, hearing the history to the Carriage and its functioning, and was particularly interested to learn of its use as a youth club premises. The Commissioner not only asked questions about the utilising of the grant but also offered valuable advice relating to future such occasions. The interesting and encouraging part of the visit was the Commissioner's wish to have the opportunity to visit the Carriage again in the not too distant future, this time with the youth club in session.



*The Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner (centre above) on her visit to the Railway Carriage
Left to right : Andy Cadman, Yvonne Hutsby - Bird, Angelique Foster, Michael Blount, George Jones*



Friends of Cromford Canal (FCC) Update

Registered Charity number 1164608

Work Party Report by John Guylor



A few weeks ago, at High Peak Junction, several of us were told very firmly by a man walking his dog, that volunteering was a “mugs game”. Never volunteer for anything was his message, always make sure you get paid for what you do. He didn't get an argument in reply, but he continued to walk his dog where all the litter had been picked up, the vegetation on the towpath wall had been cut back, the bridge he had crossed had just had a repair project managed by a voluntary organisation. Apart from that, it's a “mugs game”.

It's surprising, (well it's not really surprising because the enthusiasm of the people involved is great), how many volunteers come back week after week to work hard and feel satisfied at the end of what is sometimes a difficult or heavy day. They are not mugs in any sense of the word, but a group of folks, who have very high values and who like to contribute so that others can enjoy their surroundings. I don't suppose the gentleman with his dog will read this article, certainly the dog won't, but if he does and recognises himself, think on.

The total direct FCC volunteer hours for 2021, was **10,116.5** with **979** travel hours.

The total including travel hours was **11,095.5 volunteer hours**

If calculated, using the DerwentWISE cost structure of a 7hour day, the value of Friends of Cromford Canal volunteer hours for 2021, is **£101,917.5**

On the **Canal & River Trust** section at Ironville & Codnor Park Reservoir, the Friends of Cromford Canal volunteers gave **1074** hours + **146** travel hours,
Total including travel =1,220 hours.

Plus, **Lock keepers Garden, Lock 4, Ironville, 95.5** hours with **5** hours travel. Shirley and Steve Bullock together with Carole Hartley have worked the Lock keepers garden all year and the produce was donated to Age Concern.

The FCC work parties have worked on the following projects at Ironville in 2021, the year started off with the FCC repairing damage to the edging stones at Lock 5, It necessitated removing the stones using a fork lift truck, repairing the support brickwork underneath, replacing the edging stones and replacing the fencing.

Work has now been completed, replacing and repairing the fencing all the way from Lock 3 to Codnor Park Reservoir. The original job started Feb 2021, repairing the fencing near Pinxton Arm Bridge, which had been damaged by the contractors working on the trees near the Reservoir overspill. Guess what, I am told the contractors have done it again around the same area. More unnecessary work. Lime mortar repairs to the inside walls of the Pinxton Arm Bridge. In the abandoned canal section at the Reservoir, work has gone on to remove trees uprooted by high winds, which had fallen across or near the footpath. Installing three memorial seats around the Reservoir, one result of the seats being put in around the Reservoir, is that visitors can now have a rest part way around and then continue all the way, instead of going so far and then going back to the car park. Clearing vegetation and Himalayan Balsam from the channel at Pinxton Arm Bridge to Lock 2.



Work will be starting soon to repair the little bridge on the far side of the Reservoir.



Repairing the fence around Pinxton Arm Bridge

It is worth noting that the certification of the Lime Mortaring volunteers, draws a much higher costing on the calculated daily rate, as does Masters on Birdswood the FCC narrowboat at Cromford, chain sawing, strimming, driving our dumper truck and any other jobs which requires certificated training.

Civil engineer volunteers working on the Restoration projects, can qualify for a much higher daily rate, which can increase the calculated yearly value in £, quite significantly.

It has been proven that by being able to produce volunteer figures the FCC can negotiate certain projects for a reduced amount or free, against paying a large amount of money.

At Pinxton wharf the work parties over several work days, cleared the opposite bank to towpath with a strimmer and hard hand work.

There have been several work parties at Sawmills, the Gauging Narrows have been cleared and the channel up to the bridge is now very accessible. One job, that took a lot of hours was clearing around the four arched bridge, originally, we were looking for the coping stones off the bridge. Several are missing off the bridge and we wondered if they had been pushed into the canal channel. It finished up with the whole area being cleared, but no edging stones were found. I suppose the next step is to dig out the pile of rubble piled up underneath the bridge.



Clearing work at Sawmills on a very frosty morning!

Jobs for the future; replace the towpath surface up to Lock 2 from King William Bridge. Repair fencing and remove fallen trees going towards Golden Valley

A request is being put out from the work party group, for a person who is familiar with preparing Job Risk Assessments. This position will be a voluntary role, if any-one can help, please contact the FCC on the Email below.

John Guyler

If you feel you would like to join the work parties, please contact John Barker - Email: work@cromfordcanal.org.uk

Below right: Stonemason markings at Ironville, Lock 2. It was their way of getting payment for work done, by putting their mark on the stonework.



Work at Sawmills on the bridge area, clearing to find the edging stones.



CHRISTMAS FAIR
IRONVILLE CHURCH HALL
NOV. 20TH & DEC. 4TH 2021



... & at the Anvil Club ...



© Sue Pettifer



Charity Coffee Morning on St David's Close

It was difficult to consider the Macmillan Coffee Morning in 2021 but with some opportune relaxing of the lockdowns Ann Bilson decided that it was possible in a controlled way. So along with usual massive help from all our friends and neighbours it went ahead. The support was amazing and the total raised was £430.00. The photo (left) shows three husbands as usual in fancy dress, this year French waiters. Twenty-three cakes plus scones, mini pasties & sausage rolls where consumed.

NEWS FROM TEAM TREE



Teamtreegroup@yahoo.com



To all of our supporters within the village of Ironville and Codnor Park and beyond, we would like to take this opportunity to say a huge Thankyou from all of us at Team Tree. With your continued support and generosity throughout the coronavirus pandemic we have continued to light up our village. 2021 has been very challenging however, your small group of Team Tree members have continued to fundraise and were able to provide five lamppost silhouettes and this year we have added a further silhouette making six in total.

The Team Tree twinkling tree situated at the Crossings Club also continues to lighten up the garden.

Our hard-working group have ensured that the funds this year raised covered the costings for the 5 silhouettes and the purchase of the 6th silhouette totalling a huge £1706.

Team Tree silhouettes are positioned as follows one on Victoria Street at the bottom of Riddings Hill, four on Cinder Bank to Light up the Avenue and the new addition this year on Monument Hill outside of Beauty Gems.

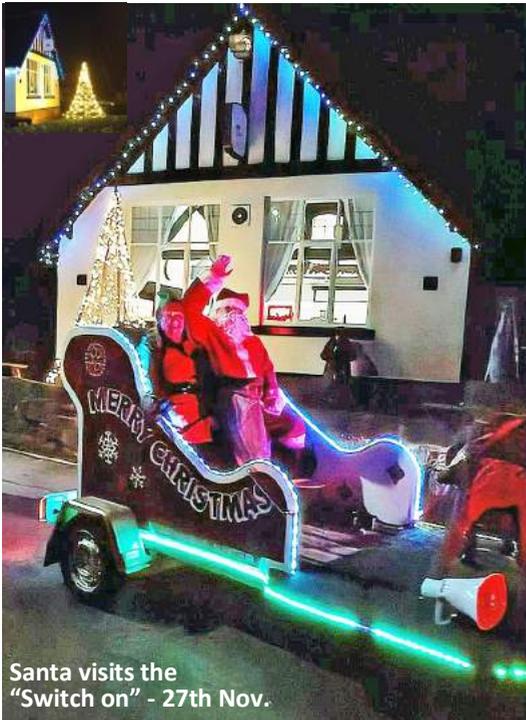
We are pleased to have had lots of positive feedback, pictures and comments which have been lovely to hear and see.

From us all at Team Tree we would like to say a huge Thankyou as we move into the new year of 2022. We will continue to work hard to light up our village working towards adding to our collection of village Christmas lights. We hope you will all continue to support our cause and that you enjoyed this year's lamppost silhouettes.

From us all at Team Tree we would like to wish you a Happy New Year and once again Thankyou for your continued support.

Team Tree Members:

Kath Brailsford Martin – Chairperson; Pauline Griffiths – Treasurer; Diane Lehane – Secretary
Cathy Hughes, Emma Clarke, Rachel Mitchell, Kim Bligh, Christine Doring.



Santa visits the
"Switch on" - 27th Nov.



© David Leighton

Dec. 11th
2021

SANTA

Visits our village
With his helpers



It was a brilliant turn out and it was lovely to see all the happy children.

We would like to thank Jack Brown for organising / pulling the sleigh, Ironville Parish Council for the money donation to buy sweets, two ladies who live in the village who donated sweets.

On behalf of Liz, Paul and myself, Teresa, thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you all again next year!



THE YARN BOMB CHRISTMAS TREE *by Sue Cameron*

In July 2021 my friend confirmed that the Christmas Tree Festival in the church was postponed again due to uncertain times with covid. I suggested we make a yarn bomb tree and put it on display outside the Crossings Club so everyone can see it.

By November, eight of us had knitted and crocheted 700 squares, they literally covered my dining table - some squares even came from friends in Canada and New Zealand! I was also given a bag full of knitted toys and crochet baubles to decorate the tree with and my dad, who lives in Aberdeen bought us some lights.

It was a bit stressful at times as it was very difficult to find how to build one. The gentleman who was going to make a frame for us unfortunately caught covid so was unable to help. It was disappointing but obviously couldn't be helped and we all hope he feels better now.

Instead we cobbled together a garden obelisk and used that as a base and it actually turned out very well as a frame.

It took 3 days of solid sewing by 2 of us to make the tree, sew the squares on and add the toys and lights.

To say I'm pleased with how it came out is an understatement - I'm so happy with it.

I'd really like to thank all the ladies that helped me with my vision, who believed in me and supported me all the way.

We hope everyone enjoyed looking at it and hopefully we can use it again this year.



The Cromford Canal & Codnor Park Reservoir Group are presented with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service on 3rd Dec. 2021



Left to right: Marie Brown, Julie Sheldon, Mike Sheard, Liz Holgate, Angie Sheard, HM Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire, Andy Moon, David Wilson

The CC&CPR Group turned an unloved area into a place for people & wildlife again. Reeds have been cleared that were blocking light & eroding the canal, years of litter has been removed, pathways laid to provide access for all & so much more! The result from all the volunteers' hard work has seen a decline in litter, a wildlife friendly environment & an increase in visitor attraction. One of the great success stories from their work has been the increase in water vole population, one of the UK's declining mammals. Andy Moon, Chair of The Cromford Canal & Codnor Park Reservoir Group, received the award on behalf of the group. The award was presented by Mrs. Elizabeth Fothergill, CBE HM Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire on behalf of HM The Queen.

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Derbyshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/derbyshire> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Derbyshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!





SLOW WAYS



Slow Ways is an initiative to create a national network of walking routes connecting all of Great Britain's towns and cities as well as thousands of villages. Using existing paths, ways, trails and roads, people can use Slow Ways routes to walk or wheel between neighbouring settlements, and combine them to create longer distance trips. It's designed to make it easier for people to imagine, plan and go on walking journeys.

There are currently over 7,000 Slow Ways stretching for over 100,000km. This network of routes was created by 700 volunteers during the Spring 2020 lockdown, creating a unique Slow Ways map in the process.



Haymaking in Ereshaw Meadow from SlowWay (Ripley to Selston)

You can get involved by simply walking a Slow Ways route. Log into the Slow Ways website, and leave a review. To help, sign-up, then, choose a Slow Ways route, walk it, review it. Go to the Home Page at <https://beta.slowways.org/> then type in Ironville to see the Ripley to Selston Slow Way that passes through Ironville.

The screenshot shows the Slow Ways website's Journey Planner. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, About, Get Involved, Journey Planner, My Waylists, and Stories. Below the navigation is a map of the Ironville area with several green routes highlighted. The text on the left side of the screenshot reads: "Journey Planner Plan long distance walks, wheels and runs by adding routes to Waylists. Waylists are saved in: [your profile here](#). Click on a route to get started."

Food Nights Around The Anvil *(Also see pages 16 & 44)*

19th March, - **Fiery dough Wood Fired Pizzas** (4 -8) and L &K Sweet Treats (1 - 6)

8th April & 21st April, - **Tikka Junction** (5- 9)

12th March, 9th April, 23rd, April 7th May, 21st May - **Nang Thai Burger Bar** (12 - 10)

25th March, 22nd April **La Pitta** (4-8)

27th March, **Blondie Brownie Bakes** (1 -5) (Then every last Sunday of the month)

18th March, **Project D Doughnuts** (4-7)



1538

What's the '1538' all about?

*Promoting Equality amongst Equals.
Community Partnership for
Neighbourhood Integration & Inclusion.*

The group are continuing to do much good work around the village, especially by supporting people who are in need. The photographs below are taken from the organisation's Facebook page and reflect just a few of their many achievements



Photo left above: At the end of last year 1538 established an incredible partnership with Shoe Aid, this resulted in over £1000 worth of School shoes & Trainers being distributed in our community! We can now move on into 2022 with yet another partnership that will result in less pressure and more support!! Photo right above: A massive thank-you to Sharon Allsopp the Community Champion from ASDA Langley Mill! She has kindly provided fresh Chickens, Stuffing Mixes, Gravy, Veg, a sweet and more for those who would like an amazing New Years day dinner!



Photo left above: Guess who? Of course it's the amazing Julie from Morrisons Eastwood! Thank you again Julie, you are a real community champion! (Julie is on the right, in green). Photo right: Free Christmas Toys giveaway at the Crossings Club, £2500 worth of children's presents were given away at Christmas 2021. For Christmas 2022 1538 are planning to give away a whopping £5000 worth.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS:

Well, as they say in reality TV shows *'That was a roller coaster, a journey!'*



Marie and Pete Brown caused quite a stir in the last newsletter after it was revealed that despite assurances to the contrary earlier in the year, that they would need full planning permission to site the new fish and chip shop on the Crossings Club Car Park. Then, following a three month delay The Canalside Fish Bar finally opened their doors on the 8th of January this year.

Marie; We cant thank our lovely local community enough for what they did to support us during the planning process and since we have opened. The advice, counsel and moral support has been extremely heart warming for us. It was a very nervous time but as most people in the village know us, it also felt like we had a great deal of friends behind us too.

The opening night was sheer chaos and it felt like the queue of customers would never stop ... not that I am complaining of course as it showed us that our fellow villagers were behind us and had wanted to turn out in force to welcome us. We finally collapsed into bed, exhausted and overwhelmed in the early hours of Sunday morning. We had run out of over 96 sausages, 380 fish, 105 fishcakes and what felt like millions of our chicken breast nuggets. There were tears!

A few weeks later and we have met some amazing, incredibly supportive customers, the reviews have been out of this world and, dare I say it, we are really enjoying being at the heart of our community and serving great food.



It would be remiss of me not to mention a few people that helped us along the way and continue to support us: Bali at the Post Office who never faltered from the vision and encouraged us to fight & Angie at the Water's Edge Café at the reservoir who has been an inspiration and has helped us with advice and support. The Crossings Club Management and Trustees, especially Stewart Cameron, who, despite the mountain of extra paperwork that we helped to create for them, have supported us and driven things forward. JB Haulage were instantly also ready to step in and save us from the embarrassment of sending the unit back to our designer whilst we waited for the planning permission. I can't thank

Jake, Jack and Paul enough for their kindness and assistance – without them it would never had happened for us..... and finally, you.....our wonderful customers. Your amazing reviews, your friendliness, banter and chatter ... you have all made our first few months so special and myself and Pete look forward to serving you for a long time to come.

We will also be raising money for a local cause or charity each season of the year and 2022 causes are as follows; 1538, Team Tree, Codnor Park & Ironville Reservoir Group and the Train Youth Club. All the tips and the 'keep the change' bits will be donated at the end of each season. We are also looking forward to supporting the Queens Jubilee celebrations this year in the village and being a part of our community celebrations.

PS As I organise the litter picks, it's likely that I will know of any increases and be the one picking it up, but, if you do spot our rather distinctive branding I would be grateful if yes, you would pop it in a bin for us, but also alert us to it as we can then ensure that we keep our lovely village clean and tidy for everyone.

The Canalside Fish Bar

The Coach Road, Ironville, Nottinghamshire, NG16 5PJ

Quality food, cooked fresh to order

Chips Regular	£2.50	Fish Mix**	£9.50
Chips Large	£4.00	Kebab Meat & Chips*	£6.00
Chips Cone	£2.00	Chicken Tikka & Chips*	£6.00
Chip Cob	£2.50	Sausage Mix**	£5.00
Potato Fritter	£1.00	Fishcake Mix**	£5.00

Fish Cod	£6.50	Make it Cheesy	70p
Fishcake	£1.50	Hot Dog	£3.00
Sausage	£1.50	Lge Peas, Gravy, Curry	£1.30
Nuggets (6)	£3.75	Sml Pea, Gravy, Curry	80p
Nuggets (12)	£6.00	Batter Bits	Free

Cans	£1.00
Tea/Coffee	£1.00
Hot Chocolate	£1.00
Water	80p
Kids Drinks	80p

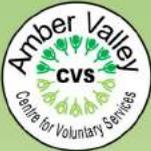
***All mixes served with chips and your choice of peas, gravy or curry sauce*

** Sauces available; hot chilli, mint yogurt, sweet chilli and garlic mayo*



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Telephone orders welcome



Amber Valley CVS

We can offer you help and support with the following services:

Home from Hospital

Free short term befriending service to those over 50, who have just been discharged from hospital.

Community Group Support

Advice support and guidance on funding, constitution, H&S and HR.

Befriending

A support service for the elderly and isolated people of Amber Valley using trained volunteers.

Membership Services

Support for community groups requiring membership services, i.e. equipment hire, administration assistance, advertising.

Help at Home

A domestic and gardening service for those that are elderly or disabled, helping to maintain their independence in their homes.

Funding

Guidance, support and information on funding and funding applications.

Volunteering

Information and guidance for individuals looking to volunteer in the Amber Valley area.

DBS Disclosures

Groups or individuals requiring a DBS Check.

Training

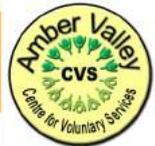
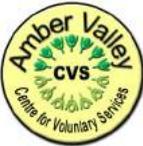
Free training opportunities and courses for community groups and volunteers.

Administration

Full Colour Copies & laminating services. Modern window display. Discounted stationary. Meeting room hire.

Signposting and Support

We offer an extensive signposting service as a result of our excellent community contacts who can offer support for parents, families, and individuals.



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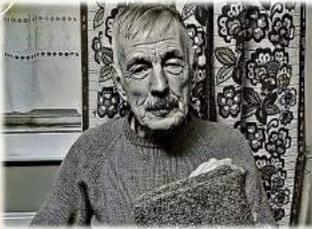


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Two New Local Publications

UNCLE BILLY'S NOTE BOOK



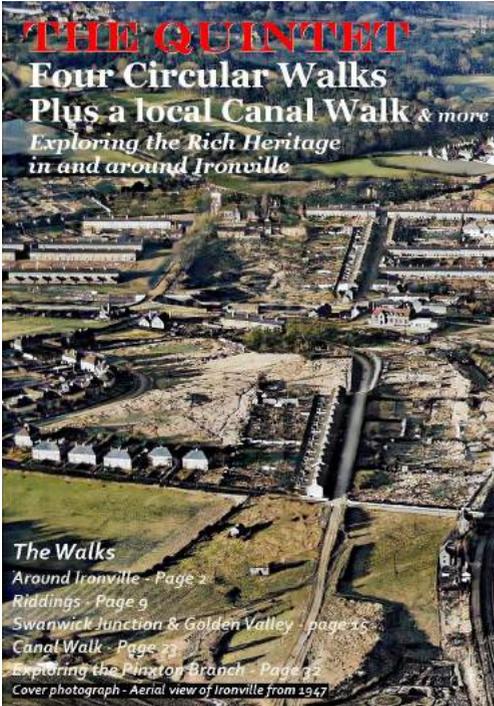
**William Brailsford (born 1902)
worked at Codnor Park Forge
for much of his working life.
He lived for a time on Station
Road and later at Victoria
Crescent where he died in 1989.**

A local music teacher had an uncle who once worked at the Codnor park Forge. She had his Forge notebook on temporary loan. The editor asked if he could borrow it to scan, which he did. As a result "Uncle Billy's Notebook" was created. It provides a fascinating insight into the workings at the local Forge in the mid twentieth century.

An Explosion at Codnor Park Forge in 1938
Don't worry! The furnace was completely destroyed and much of the roof fell down – luckily no one was injured. Here is just one example of what can be found in the notebook:

*Middle Forge Ball Furnace
Explosion occurred at this furnace
on the 24/11/38 at 11-25 a.m.
with the result the furnace was
completely destroyed, and roof was
considerably damaged, no one was
injured.*

THE QUINTET Four Circular Walks Plus a local Canal Walk & more Exploring the Rich Heritage in and around Ironville



The Walks

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Exploring the Plaxton Branch - Page 32
Cover photograph - Aerial view of Ironville from 1947

Quintet is booklet of five walks exploring our rich local heritage. Each walk is well documented in the booklet, complete with a guided map showing the route to be followed. Each walk is accompanied by full local history notes.

Limited hard copies of the booklets will shortly be available to residents on request.

**PLEASE E-MAIL THE EDITOR:
ACADMAN175@YAHOO.COM
IF YOU WOULD LIKE DIGITAL
COPIES OF EITHER OR BOTH
OF THESE TWO NEW TITLES.**

SURPRISING LOCAL DISCOVERY AT BUTTERLEY COURT

The editor was walking past Butterley Court a while ago when one of the two Hutchinson Brothers, who are the owners invited him to have a look around the cellar.

Down in the cellar and built into the foundations was a cast iron fish belly edge rail, Picture "A" below, one of the earliest iron railway lines manufactured at the local Codnor Park Iron Works. It was really well preserved. Not the sort of place that you would expect to find one of these! You do not often find these railway lines intact in the present day – you occasionally find well rusted bits and pieces when you are wandering locally along with the pad stones that were used instead of sleepers at the time.

One other interesting factor that the editor discovered is that the foundations of the building are self-draining Picture "B" below. Pretty advanced for the time that the building was built.



SARAH MORELAND AND THE CAST IRON PLATE

If you remember in Newsletter 13 on page 32 there was an article relating to the discovery of a corroded metal plate on Vicarage Lane. Sarah Moreland lived on Railway Row circa 1870. A Dealer in small wares was a haberdasher. The metal plate has now been restored. The question is: Where should this important piece of local history be displayed now?



LOST WHARVES OF THE CROMFORD CANAL

THE LOST WHARVES OF THE CODNOR PARK LIME KILNS

By *Martyn Taylor Cockayne* (Adapted from an article that first appeared in the FCC journal "The Portal" (No. 40)

Canal Wharves are an often neglected part of a Canal's History. All too often we are wrapped up in our fervor of the Canal itself, whether it is maintaining, restoration or researching its history. All too easily we forget the wharves which were an intrinsic part of the Canal and many of which have an interesting life and history of their own. Many will be thinking a wharf is a wharf, load on, load off, simple, but I think wharves are more deserving of a closer look. I think it would be interesting to look at who operated the wharf, when did it first open, how long was it in use, what was it used for, are there any photos, what size and shape was it and so on.

The Cromford Canal has had some very unusual wharves in its past and I think its time we had a closer look at them and so I would like to tell the story of the wharves that served the Lime Kilns of Codnor Park.

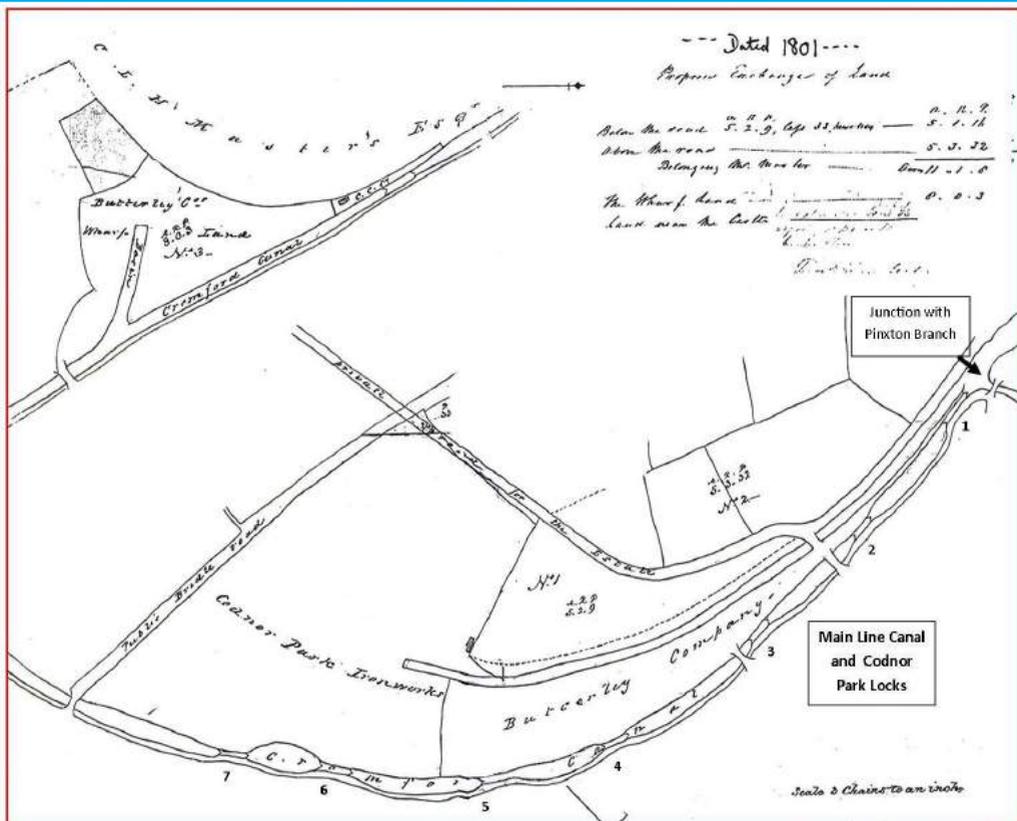
Soon after the Cromford Canal opened, an advert placed by the Reverend Legh Hoskins Master (then owner of the Codnor Castle, Park and estate) appeared in the Derby Mercury on April 10th 1794. It offered for sale, or lease, a prime location for an Ironworks in the lower part of Codnor Park, in an area called the Hermitage and Far Lawn, situated close by the newly opened Cromford Canal. This offer was taken up by Benjamin Outram and Company who signed a lease on the 24th June 1796 for term of 63 years at £10.00 per annum, 'to erect Furnaces etc. thereon....'

Outram did not build his Furnaces straight away, instead concentrating on the mining possibilities that Codnor Park offered. By the end of 1797 he had erected an Atmospheric Engine called the Hermitage Engine, to drain the Coal seams he wished to work, the water from which was put into the Canal via a 'Sough'. This engine was the first of a series of 'Fire' engines that were to be erected along the eastern section of the canal over the next 20 years. Mineral accounts from the Reverend Legh Hoskins Master's records in Surrey show that Outram was operating several Coal and Ironstone mines in Codnor Park by 1799 and that by 1801 he intended to start making Lime.

On the 23rd of April 1801, Outram wrote to the Reverend L. H. Master asking to purchase 36 acres of land at a fair value to be fixed by a Mr. Wyatt. This area of land was to be the future site of the Codnor Park Ironworks and also included the area known as Codnor Park Wharf at the southern edge of the estate and which wharf Outram used to send coal etc. down water to Langley Basin. He further requested 'to lease the minerals in Codnor Park for 42 years at £600 for the first year and to advance £50 a year till the rent shall account to £800 at which it shall continue to the end of the term'. He also requested 'to be accommodated with lands surrounding the works when such shall become entenanted at fair annual rents'.

A map accompanying this letter (**see top of next page**) shows the 'side cut' as it was known, from the summit into the area known as Far Lawn was already constructed, but does not appear to have the strange shaped wharf that served the Lime Kilns that were built in 1802.

The lease signed in 1802 gave Outram and Company access to 'all the mines, rakes, veins, or seams of coal and ironstone, quarries of stone, beds of clay under all'. Further he was given liberty to build **lime kilns**, coke hearths and brick kilns.

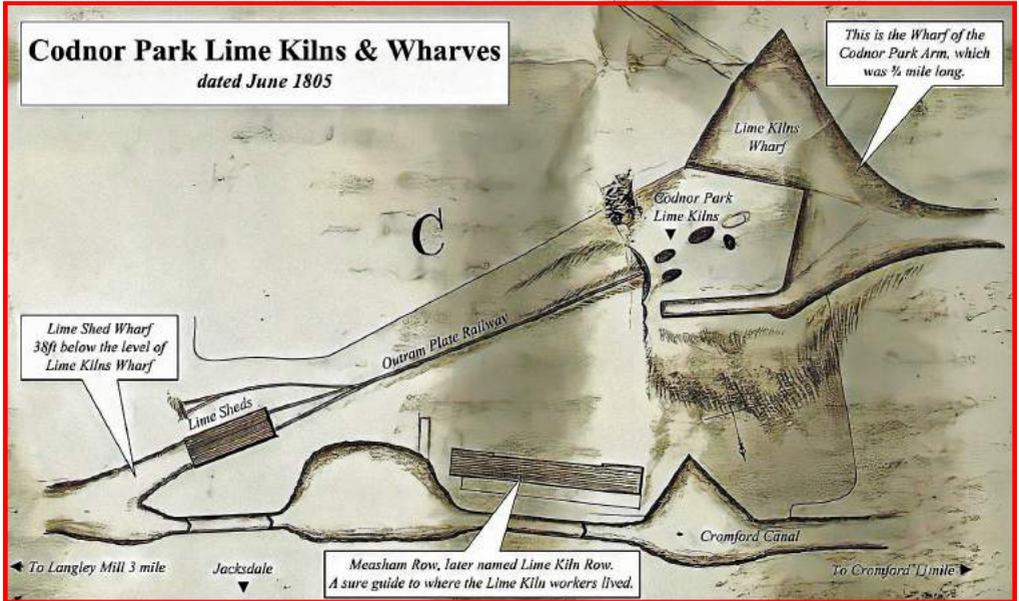


So in 1802 Outram built the Lime Kilns in Codnor Park. They were situated at the southern end of the Canal side cut that ran from the Summit, opposite the Pinxton arm of the Cromford Canal, through the Codnor Park Estate for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. This side cut had no locks. The Limestone was brought down this canal side cut from the Quarries at Crich. There it was unloaded directly into the Lime Kilns for processing by heat. The main body of the Cromford Canal continued from the summit plunging downwards some 38 feet over a series of seven locks until it reached the area known as the Long Pond near to Lawn Bridge at Jacksdale. Here a wharf called the Lime Shed wharf was cut at an angle of about 45 degrees, situated on the Codnor Park side of the Canal just below lock 7. This was where the finished Lime product was dispatched from. An Outram Plate Railway served as a connection between the Lime Works and the Lime Shed.

Outram also had houses built at the site for his workers, but not without difficulty. Again in a letter to the Reverend L. H. Master, dated 7th April 1803, he complains bitterly about not being given certain buildings called Holbrooks Farm, as he was 'promised' and that this meant his workers had to be housed at the late Widow Berry's homestead over a mile away (this was at the far end of Golden Valley). His letter must have worked as a row of houses was built at the site and was originally named 'Measham Row' (see the map on the top of next page and page 42) which is a sure indication of just where Outram's workers originated from. This name didn't last and the cottages were soon re-christened Lime Kiln Row.

Codnor Park Lime Kilns & Wharves

dated June 1805



Strangely, by early 1805 Outram had entered into negotiations with Edward Banks, who came to dominate the trade in Lime in Derbyshire. Outram was to allow him to lease the Lime Works for a 14 year period. The lease represented very good business for the Company, but it may also be an indication of Outram's financial difficulties he was experiencing at this time. There are notes in Outram's own hand at the Derbyshire Records Office that show what he was intending to do, giving details of money and terms he was seeking. Unfortunately, in May of that year, Outram was travelling to London when he had a brain seizure and died a few days later, on 23rd May 1805. Two weeks after his death the lease was officially agreed upon and signed by Outram's widow Margaret, along with Beresford, Jessop and Wright. It was in this lease document that three small, but significant maps were drawn, one of which was the area of the Codnor Park Lime Kilns. So without this lease being entered into, we may never have known what this area would have looked like or how it was laid out.

Another map showing the Lime Works and wharves dated the 8th May 1808, can be found in the Nottingham Records Office and after consulting the Cromford Canal minutes from that date, Hugh Potter and I have confirmed that it was in fact drawn by Mr. William Jessop junior.

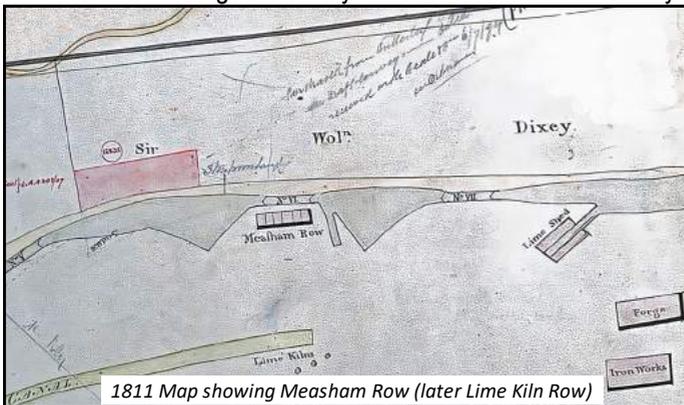
Furthermore, this map shows the only known representation of the Lime Works and a very curious looking thing it is too. The map accompanied a letter submitted by William Jessop junior to the Cromford Canal Company, in which he wished to make certain improvements to the Bridle path over Lawn Bridge. His drawing shows he wanted to replace the Bridle Path with a Carriageway, straightening a length of the River Erewash in the process. His Carriageway was to enable the passage of Lime into the Nottinghamshire district and for other goods vice versa. The Carriageway is shown connecting up to the Outram Plate Railway near the Lime Shed and this is very suggestive that the Railway may have been extended over Lawn Bridge and the River Erewash into Jacksdale Common. As far as we know this may be the earliest known work of William Jessop junior.

A wonderful description of what went on at these Lime Works and how they worked has been gifted down to us, courtesy of John Farey and his 'General View of the Agriculture of Derbyshire, volume 2, published in 1813. In it, Farey writes the following....

"Codnor Park, Lower Park Wharf, on the Cromford Canal. Here, Messrs. Edward Banks and Co. have extensive kilns for burning the Crich limestone, brought hither in boats; and a dock roofed over, enables four or five boats to load lime at once, under cover from rain. They sell it at 2s. 9d. per quarter of eight bushels and limestone at 3s. per ton. Advantage has been taken of the locks on the canal, to unload the stone and coals at the tops of the kilns and load the lime at their bottoms, as I shall further particularize in describing Marple - Bridge limeworks". Farey then goes on to describe the Marple-Bridge limeworks in great detail and in doing so gives us amazing detail of the Limeworks at Codnor Park.

"Where four locks occur (seven at Codnor Park) near together on the canal, a branch has been taken out of the upper pound to a dock, where the stone and coal boats lie to unload, level with the tops of the kilns, which are 12 (four at Codnor Park) in number and can burn 2,500 (about 800 at Codnor Park) bushels of lime daily. From the bottoms of the kilns, railways are laid and conducted, some into a boat-house over two boats that can lay in a dock connecting with the lower pound of the canal and have their lading of lime tipped or turned over into them from the trams on the railway, under cover from rain. Others of the railways are conducted into a lime-house over four or five carts or waggons that can stand at the same time and have the lime tipped into them, secure from the weather. The Kilns are egg shaped, 36ft deep, 13¹/₂ ft diameter at top and 14¹/₂ ft in the belly or widest place at nine feet down, diminishing thence to 3¹/₂ ft diameter at the bottom. Iron shovels are used to draw the lime at 20 inches above the floors on which the Railways are laid. Between the bottoms of the kilns, roomy arched stables are constructed, in some of which the farmers feed and rest their horses, while their carts and waggons are loading and others are let to the boatmen for their towing horses. The high wall in front of the kilns, being strengthened and its line broken by some circular buttresses, faced so as to imitate an ancient castle, has a good effect, from its commanding situation.....".

The Codnor Park lime kilns reverted back to the Butterley Company after the 1805 lease ended in 1819. They continued in operation until the arrival of the Midland Railway in 1846. No doubt they would have been in decline after the vast lime works of Ambergate were built after the arrival of the Ambergate Railway in 1840. The Midland Railway route cut straight through the



1811 Map showing Measham Row (later Lime Kiln Row)

Codnor Park lime kilns rendering the side cutting from the summit redundant. A greater portion of it was filled in, as were the lime shed and Lime Kiln Row wharves. Thus ended a large and complex industrialised wharf, whose construction and operation involved some of the great engineering names of their day.

A RARE PHOTOGRAPH (BELOW) SHOWING MUCH OF LIME KILN ROW INTACT BEHIND LOCK 7

(Colourised version of a Photograph taken February 1907—with thanks to Hugh Potter & the FCC Archives)



In the early 20th century the row was demolished, with the exception of the northernmost building. The building at the northern end of the Codnor Park Forge, adjoining Limekiln Row was used as a water-powered corn mill serving the Butterley Company farms at Codnor Park. The mill ceased to operate in 1966, when the forge closed down. The photograph below shows the last house standing in the mid 1950's, (left) with the Lock House on the middle right.



Pete's Page by *Pete Clark* February '22

TEAM IRONVILLE has been going for 7 years now, which I find hard to believe. How did it start? Well, in 2015 it occurred to me that efforts were being made to clean up the Canal but the village itself was being ignored.

The horrendous amount of junk in the canal was being tackled by Friends of Cromford Canal with support from local volunteers including me. We would stack the junk outside Jack Brown's gate every week and Jack got it disposed of.

This was great, but I wanted to widen the scope of work to cover the whole village, and so **TEAM IRONVILLE** was born. To this day we operate out of a dry secure outbuilding that Jack kindly lets us use for storing our tools etc....

One of our first tasks was to clean up the mess along parts of Parkside Drive. When you consider the old TOLL GATE, CODNOR PARK POTTERY, and BUTTERLEY MECHANICS INSTITUTE are merely yards away, this is a historical part of the village.



Since then we have improved many village features. Our policy is to get in there and worry about the red-tape after. We believe people, owners, whoever shouldn't let things get in a deplorable state in the first place. We prefer to ask for forgiveness afterwards rather than laboriously seek formal permission first! We are of course most respectful of everything, and only do common sense jobs that no one else wants to take on.

JOBS DONE *Several flower beds Ironville end of Coach Rd. *Annual Litter-pick days *Initiating the Lock Keepers Garden *Red Phone Box restoration *Ornate Victorian grave restoration *Church funds appeal *School vegetable garden *Butterley Toll Gate pillar conservation *Flower beds on Cinder Bank Green *Major Clear up of Fly tipping near the Res *Dog poo patrol *Graffiti removal under bridges *Instrumental in bringing wildlife potential of the Forge to everyone's attention *1000's of Daffodils *Wildflower Meadow areas.

We enjoy the help and support of so many in and around the village, which we are hugely grateful for. Occasionally we have to deal with the odd 'jobsworth' organisation, or the odd Luddite person. But that's life.

Currently we are focussing on assisting Futures with planting 100's of lavenders and creating more areas to help the UK's diminishing wildlife, especially bees and butterflies. We are active every Tuesday, occasionally weekends too.

(You are most welcome to contact me, if you would like to join in.)

What's on at the Church Hall?

Mon - Nic's Fitness Crew ☎ 07810898868

Beatz Fitness 5.45pm - 6.45

Mon-Lauren Monks School of Dance

Inter. Ballroom & Latin 7pm—8 Adults

Latin in line class 8.15pm—9



Tues - Nic's Fitness Crew ☎ 07810898868

Rockbox Workout 5.45pm—6.45pm

Tues - Crooked Line Club - 7.30-10.00pm

Dancing with Daz just for fun - free door prizes

☎ Daz 07967760065 or Steve 07419323705



Wed am - Crafty Crafters

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

Wed - Nicks Fitness Crew ☎ 07810898868

Pound Fitness 5.45 - 6.45

Wed pm - Lauren Monks School of Dance

Adult Advanced Ballroom & Latin 8pm - 9

Beginners Ballroom & Latin 8pm - 9



Thurs - Lauren Monks School of Dance

Under 10's Ballroom & Latin 5.30pm - 6

Over 10 Ballroom & Latin 6.15pm - 6.45

Thurs - Taekwondo - 7 to 8.00 pm

For all the family - adults and children.

☎ Dave Gregory 01773 609626



The Friends of the Cromford Canal Talks:

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

**FCC Annual General Meeting
Monday 25th April**

☎ **MARIA MCCORMACK**

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(FOR THE CHURCH HALL & THE ANVIL CLUB)

FOR BOOKINGS

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 Participa-
tion at which local residents are invited to attend - a
time allocation of 15 minutes at the beginning of the
meeting.

Next Meeting : Monday 21st March 2022

We look forward to seeing you there.



Cllr Pam Cope (Chair)

Special Events At The Anvil

Sunday April 17th - Easter Party - 5.30 - 7.30

with Musical Mascots Peter Rabbit &
Alice in Wonderland-Every child will
receive a hot dog, unlimited popcorn,
sweet cone plus an Easter Egg. Lots
of prizes to be won. £4 per child.



**Sunday 29th May - Teddy Bears Picnic with
Musical Mascots 4.30 - 6.30 - All will receive a
picnic box and Sweet Cone - £3 per child**

**Saturday 4th June—The Bubbling Kettle
PLUS Cadillac Beach a female guitar duo
60s/70s /80s**

Saturday 30th July - Summer Fayre (Church Hall)

Saturday 27th August - Craft Fayre (Church Hall)

OAP Community Centre Activities

Victoria Crescent- Bookings ☎ Pam Cope 01773 606454

Mon: Gentle Movement - 10am - 11am

Mon: Coffee Morning & Bingo - 11am - 12pm

Mon: Tai Chi classes 2pm - 3pm

Tues: Money Bingo 7.30pm - 9pm

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

**Do come along and join in with these
community events**

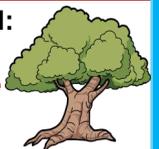


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