**GET TO KNOW NORTH DUFFIELD**

**The purpose of this entry is to introduce new residents to the facilities and facts about the village to which you have just moved and, perhaps, to make the uninformed more informed of what is available in our lovely village.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT MANY OF THE VILLAGHE AMENITIES ARE SUSPENDED OR SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED DUE TO THE ONGOING PANDEMIC.**

ART CLUB

North Duffield Dabblers meet in the village hall 1:00pm to 3.30pm on Wednesdays. To join contact June Elsey 01757 288939. £20 pays for ten sessions and occasional demonstrations.

BIRD AUCTIONS

Are held in the village on two Sunday’s a month.

BOWLS

Both indoor and outdoor depending on the season with a green at the far end of the playing fields(with separate pavilion) and indoors in the village hall. Contact 01757 288356 or 288263 for more details.

BUS SERVICE

Buses run from Holme-on-Spalding to Merchantgate York calling at the North Duffield Post Office and near the King’s Arms daily. There is now no Sunday service.

A limited service also operates to Selby.

An Access bus for people wishing to travel to Selby for shopping is available

CHAPEL

The chapel is situated on the A163 almost opposite the end of Main Street and holds services most Sundays. For more details see Round Up Parish Magazine out bi-monthly and delivered to every household or see notice board outside Chapel.

CHURCH

St Helen’s Church is situated in Skipwith Village where regular services are held and there is a cemetery for burials. The nearest Crematorium is at Bishopthorpe on the South side of York. For more details contact Mary Ellwood 01757 288761 or Revd Kirkham on 01904 728406. The Parish magazine ‘Round Up’ is delivered to every house bi-monthly and has details of services and upcoming events etc.

There are also churches at Aughton, Bubwith, Escrick and Riccall

COFFEE/TEA AND CAKES

A stall has recently been visiting the car park of the Kings Arms on Wednesday mornings and afternoons. Tea and coffee plus a selection of home-made cakes and pastries can be purchased.

CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT

A team of willing volunteers are offering support such as shopping and collection of prescriptions in the current pandemic. Details can be found on the village Forum if you need to know more.

DEFIBRILLATOR

Is situated in the telephone kiosk on Main Street and an additional one on the playing fields.

EGGS

Free-range eggs are available from the bungalow on the right 100 yards along Menthorpe Lane, and on Main Street between the surgery and the pub where kindling and other things can be bought from Gary Dickinson.

FISH AND CHIPS

A fish van parks up on the car park of the Kings Arms on Tuesdays at teatime (4:30-7{30). Excellent fish and chips and the usual trimmings can be purchased.

FOOTBALL- NORTH DUFFIELD DRAGONS

North Duffield Dragons FC is a thriving Club playing matches, organising training and tournaments on the playing fields. For more information email Info@northduffielddragonsjfc.co.uk

FRESH FISH

P. Bunce of Bridlington visits the village on Wednesday afternoons with freshly caught fish and will call at your house on request. Contact her on 07976214023 or at tobba12@outlook.com( I think as her card is hard to read)!

KING’S ARMS

The village hostelry is situated on The Green and currently is closed but, is serving take-away meals. See their Facebook page for menu and serving times.

 NEWSPAPERS

Available from the Post Office. Selby Times and York Press cover the Selby area. You can have the Press delivered to your door six days a week by contacting the York Press Office in York. There are often introductory deals on for home delivery..

LUNCHEON CLUB

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. New members and volunteer helpers always welcome. Contact Josie Holman 01757 288458 or Margaret Clayton 01757 288828 for more details.

MOTHERS UNION

Meets at Escrick Church on second Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Luckily, crime is not a problem in the village, but a new Scheme will soon be in operation.

NORTH DUFFIELD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

A very successful school situated on Broadmanor. See their website for further details. Currently adequate spaces for children from the surrounding area.

NORTH DUFFIELD CONSERVATION AND LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY INCLUDING ARCHAEOLOGY NORTH DUFFIELD. Meetings on third Tuesday of every month in village hall at 7.30pm. Entry £2 and membership £5 per year. Speakers at every meeting. Very active archaeology group currently midway through a Heritage Lottery funded archaeology project investigating Iron Age settlement in the southern Vale of YORK. Active schools programme and reconstructed round house for visits by schools and adults. Secretary Joyce Baines-Holgate TN 01757 289317 email address nduffieldhistry@gmail.com website [www.ndchs.org.uk](http://www.ndchs.org.uk). ALL MEETINGS ARE CURRENTLY BEING HELD VIA ZOOM so see Village Forum if you wish to participate.

NORTH DUFFIELD CRICKET CLUB

An active Club seeking new members and players is situated on the playing fields of Bubwith Sports Centre. See Notice Board by pavilion for further details.

NORTH DUFFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Meets at 7.0pm in the Chapel School Room on the A163 at the end of Main Street on the first Thursday of the month. There are elections from time to time and new Councillors are always welcome. For further details see the Parish Council website. The public are admitted at meetings and have an opportunity to raise matters of concern to them.

NORTH DUFFIELD UNDER FIVES

Is a registered charityand holds a nursery at the cricket pavilion on the playing fields, York Road. For more details see the website www.northduffieldunderfives.co.uk.

OVER 60 CLUB

Meets at the village hall on the third Thursday every month at 2.00pm. There is usually a speaker or entertainment. For further details contact 01757 288792

RUBBISH AND RE-CYCLING

Dustbins and re-cycling boxes are emptied on alternate Mondays. There is usually a label attached to your dustbin advising which collection will take place- recycling or rubbish.

HOWEVER, you might be interested to know that paper/card, glass, aluminium and steel cans and plastic bottles can be taken to the bins on the car park of the village hall for re-cycling which will generate an income for the village rather than Selby DC. You can also donate clothing for the Salvation Army at this site

SURGERY

The local practice is Escrick Surgery which, as well as having the main surgery behind the church at Escrick also has a small surgery on Main Street(near the notice board) which opens in the mornings Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. You can book on-line appointments and renew or repeat prescriptions once you have registered on their website. They offer a facility to either collect prescriptions from Escrick, North Duffield Surgery. Contact 01904 278243

VEGETABLES

A number of fresh fruit and vegetable sources have become available during lockdown. One is at Cliffe as you enter the village of Cliffe from South Duffield and on the righthand side.

VILLAGE FORUM

There is a dedicated Facebook Page- North Duffield Village Forum. You need to apply to the Administrator to join. Useful for announcements, buying and selling, seeking information or local services.

VILLAGE HALL

The village hall is situated on Back Lane and is the venue of many events and meetings and can be hired for such or personal celebrations by contacting Janet Clark on 01757 288356

VILLAGE PLAYERS

The Players hold a pantomime every January and are always looking for new members to take on the roles, make scenery or just help out during performances. Contact Mike Ward at elaine.ward66@hotmail.co.uk for further details.

VILLAGE ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

New members always welcome-contact John Ellwood 01757 288761

VILLAGE SHOP

Apart from Post Office Services and groceries, drinks and newspapers, the shop also operates a dry-cleaning service.

 WILD LIFE

There are two bird hides over-looking North Duffield Carrs(River Derwent) where wintering, passage-migrants and resident waders, barn owls, buzzards, egrets etc can be viewed at various times of the year. Blacktoft Sands(RSPB) and Wheldrake Ings(Natural England) Nature Reserves for birds and Skipwith Common for wildlife in general, rare plants, heather, longhorn cattle, Exmoor ponies and Hebridean sheep can be seen in season. There are a wide range of other nature reserves within easy reach of the village.

WOMEN’S INSTITUTE

Meets in the village hall on Tuesday at 7.15pm. For more details and to join contact Christine Kirby on 01757 288703

Finally there are many traders residing in or near the village who will be happy to assist you from pest control to building, gardening, decorating, plumbing, dog walking and electricians. There are joiners, a clock repairer, plasterers a number of other suppliers etc contactable on the Village Forum. If your central heating runs on oil there is a village oil club delivering at very good prices and a competitor called Boiler Juice making bulk deliveries by pre-ordering as well as many independent suppliers of both gas and oil.

This list has been created by Brian Elsey, North Duffield Conservation and Local History Society. If any village amenity is missing or the details are not correct, please let me know: ndchs@talktalk.net/ nduffieldhistory@gmail.com or 01757 288939

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