

Darrington Parish Council Newsletter

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Darrington Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report for 2022-2023.

Due to circumstances regarding co-option procedures between May to July, Darrington Council was not quorate and therefore unable to function as a Parish Council, however that is all water under the bridge so I am going to start my report from September 2022.

I would like to begin by recording our thanks to the previous councillors, who for many years did a sterling job of looking after our village and residents.

Our first Council meeting was on 9th September 2022 the council consisted of 2 councillors from the previous council, 7 new councillors and 1 admin support assistant. Due to the number of new councillors it was decided to get the Yorkshire Local Council Association to deliver training which happened in December.

In November last year we received the Community Governance Report in which it stated that the part of Wentbridge and a small part of Carleton would be taken away from Darrington Parish Council. The Parish Council objected to this but unfortunately our objection was over ruled.

For the first few months our focus was on getting the Council's governance and banking mandates etc. in order, boring but had to be done. I can now confirm this has been done and can be found on our updated website.

We are now able to start focusing on other activities for the residents of the village:-

- Our first event was the Presentation about farming presented by Alister Wilson and Richard Hirst. It was very well attended, obviously an interest shared by many residents.
- This was followed by The Forties Night to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III. The event took place at Darrington Golf Club and the evening started with our entertainer Catherine Dryden singing songs from the forties, followed by a supper of pie and peas, then more songs from Catherine and dancing. The feedback we received about this event was very positive, everyone saying how much they enjoyed the evening. Certainly worth considering similar events in the future.
- A Picnic and Games afternoon on the Playing Field, this time mainly for the Children and also to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III. The attendance at this was well past my expectations and it was lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow councillors for their support, enthusiasm and hard work over the past 9 months, and also the lady who keeps us all on the right path, Jo.

In the recent round of local elections I am pleased to announce those councillors who stood were all elected, however 2 councillors felt unable to continue due to family and work commitments.

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We have now managed to persuade two residents to join the council. Karina Whalley joined at our last meeting and Laurance Dale will join the council at the next. This will mean thanks to Katrina and Laurie the council is once again at it's full compliment.

Our council meetings are the second Thursday in the month starting at 7pm in the Reading Room, Philips Lane. The council meetings are open to everyone so please come along and help us to continue improving our Parish.

Linda Thompson Chair Darrington Parish Council.

Darrington Village Field

Darrington Feast and Fayre Saturday 24th June 2023.

Spring has arrived, the days are getting longer, the trees are all in leaf, and the lawn seems to need constantly cutting. This can only mean one thing, that its Feast and Fayre time once again. This must visit event again being the premier attraction on the Darrington social scene.

This will start with the five mile run, and finish for those of you who think you are man enough to take on the challenge, with pulling one the Ripon Farm Services latest tractors. In between there will be a mixture of games, maypole dancing, competitions, theoretical performances and **four** local bands.

Don't forget that it is called the Feast and Fayre for a very good reason. There will be plenty of food available all day from our catering tent and the barbecue, plus a wide range of drinks available that will range from Tea to G & T.

To try and ease the traffic management issues please note that the run will be starting at 11.45 followed shortly after with the King and Queen opening the show.

Once again there will be a £2 entry fee for the over 12's with a wristband system in place on the day. Contactless payment will also be available for most of the transactions.

The Feast and Fayre isn't possible without the help of many people and organisations and there are far too many to thank here, but you all know who you are. However, we could always do with more help so please help us to make this a day to remember by doing your bit and contact Karina Whalley on 07789 776383 to offer some assistance.

If you would like to donate a raffle prize, or donate to a food hamper raffle prize please contact Stella Hoyle on 07720 174358.

For all the latest news views and gossip about the day please visit us on
Facebook: @darringtonvillagefield
Instagram: @darringtonvillagefieldtrust
or contact us via email: feastandfayre@gmail.com

John Hoyle

Chairman Darrington Village Field

Darrington Garden Club + OPEN GARDEN WEEK June 25th to July 2nd

Hello.

Well, what a wonderfully busy start to 2023!

We now meet regularly in the Reading Room, Philips Lane - Always '2nd Wednesday of the month' and 6pm to 7pm. We now have to pay room hire so we ask for £1 subs each meeting. (This does, though, include a cuppa, biscuits (sometimes cake!) and some amazingly interesting garden/plants/general chat!)

In March we were treated to an excellent demonstration of flower arranging. This was a 2 hour meeting but everyone who attended (and we had a room full!) thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be shown how to exploit the potential of previously ordinary items for flower displays.

In May we were then treated to an amazing talk on Rhododendrons and Azaleas by Darrington resident, Malcom Bennett. He described just how it's unexpectedly possible to grow these impressive plants in Darrington despite our gardens generally having non-acidic soil! He referenced a wonderful garden in Matlock - Lea Gardens - that's well worth a visit around May when it's at it's best. He also invited members to visit his garden mid-May. What a stunning display of Rhododendrons and Azaleas!

Whilst we can't guarantee a speaker/presentation at each Garden Club meeting, we can guarantee you'll receive a very warm welcome and an entertaining and informative hour each month!

Talking of **Open Gardens**.... We're planning to have our first post-Covid Darrington Open Garden week.

From 25th June to 2nd July, we're hoping several people will be opening their gardens at times that will be advertised on the notice boards around Darrington.

If you're interested, please let me know. You could 'open' your garden for an hour on one of the days or an afternoon on 4 of the days - you decide what's best for you!

Don't think you have to have a 'show garden'!

You don't!

However, there are loads of lovely gardens around Darrington and it's just an opportunity for us all to meet friends or new people with something in common - an interest in or love of gardens (even if we don't all love gardening!)

Don't think you have to provide refreshments!

You don't!

PLEASE consider opening your garden since 'the more the merrier'!

Please contact me either to take part or to ask any questions.

Many Thanks

Andy Tagger

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www.darringtonvillagefield.org

Our thanks to Darrington Golf Club for sponsoring the production of this newsletter.



Thursday 21st September 2023

GREEN KEEPERS REVENGE

Shotgun at midday

Members - £40 per team  Non Members - £130 per team

followed by

an evening with...
THOMAS BJORN
 £65 pp
 or
 Table of 10
 £600
 includes
 Fish and Chip dinner & Afternoon tea style desserts
BOOK NOW




Darrington Golf Club, Havercroft Lane, Darrington, WF8 3BP
 Club House: 01977 704522

Darrington Parish Council Members

Linda Thompson - Chair	01977 700059
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Pete Batty	01977 706538
Trish Hirst	01977 707332
Martin Whiteley	07921 581698
Karina Whalley	07789 776383

VILLAGE GROUP MEETINGS IN THE READING ROOM

- Coffee Mornings = Monday mornings 9:30am to 11:30am
- Garden Club = 2nd Wednesday of the month 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- Ladies Groups = 3rd Thursday of the month 2:00pm to 4:00pm
- Whist = Wednesday afternoon 1:30pm to 3:30pm
- Parish Council = 2nd Thursday of the month 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Finding a resting place for your loved one

Following on from enquiries to the Parish Council, you can find some useful information into local facilities for burials & cremations on the Darrington Parish Council website. www.darrington.org.uk.

All the information given in this newsletter is provided in good faith. As such the Parish Council disclaim all responsibility for any inaccuracies irrespective of the reason or cause.

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Darrington Parish Council are working on your behalf to improve and maintain the atmosphere and facilities of Darrington. If you have any issues that you wish to raise or ideas to help the community please contact one of the Councillors above. If you are interested in getting more involved contact the Chair or come to the next Parish Council meeting which is usually held on the second Thursday in the month at 7:00pm in the Reading Room, on Philips Lane,