

Darrington Parish Council Newsletter

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After a very thwart few months, through the summer Darrington Parish Council was final quorate at our July meeting, thanks to Wakefield Mayor David Jones and Councillors George Ayers and Tony Hames joining our council.

We were then able co-opt 2 of the people, who came forward in April, to be new councillors and make our council quorate, enabling the Council to call the Annual Village Meeting and the A.G.M. in September.

At this meeting Wakefield Mayor David Jones Councillors George Ayers and Tony Hames

stepped down from our Council. I am now pleased to announce that we have a full council of 9 councillors five of which are women and four are men and we are spread across the Parish from North Lodge Lane to Wentbridge.

At the A.G.M. I was elected Chairman and am looking forward to working with all the councillors they are enthusiastic keen and looking forward to playing their part in continuing to improve our village. At this point I would like to thank the Councillors who retired from the Council at the beginning of the year. I know over the years they worked tirelessly to improve our village and will be a hard act to follow.

As with the previous council our meetings will be in the Reading Room on Philips Lane and we have decided to keep to the same day for meetings that is second Thursday in the month starting at 7p.m. There will be time set aside at the beginning of the meeting for Public Forum when any member of the Parish can come to discuss issues that maybe concerning them. Because so many of our councillors are new to this type of work we are going to enlist with Yorkshire Local Council Association for training to help us fully understand our role as councillors. Our website and Facebook are managed by our excellent admin support clerk and are fully of information about the Parish and the working of the Parish Council.

If you have concerns about anything within the Parish between our monthly meetings please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of the Parish Councillors and we will try to do our best to help.

Darrington Parish Council Members

Linda Thompson (Chair) John Cox (Vice Chair) Fiona Gray (Responsible Finance Officer)

Vera Stones (Proper Officer) Pete Batty Rob Finn

Trish Hirst Sophie Morgan Martin Whiteley

Darrington Village Field

Looking back over 2022, most people would not have predicted the way it turned out. At the beginning of the year our Christmas celebrations resulted in covid infections rising dramatically, putting further pressure on the NHS, businesses and local services.

The break out of war in the Ukraine in February destabilised the world economy and energy prices, and it is still threatening to escalate into a larger conflict. Plus infighting within the government brought about a rash of new Prime Ministers each with their own agenda. So as the year ends with some residents worried about heating their homes, where the next meal will be coming from, or can they afford the mortgage payments everyone will be looking forward to better times in 2023.

Despite all the gloom that surrounded us during the year the folk of Darrington showed once again that great community spirit still exists within the village. There was great support for the Feast & Fayre organised by Jenna in June. A large contingent of runners joined in the five mile run organised by Nick and a large crowd attended our Autumn event to eat drink and enjoy a magnificent display of fireworks organised by Karina.

All these events have helped to raise money for the maintenance and improvement of the field after a couple of years of no funding.

Currently we are developing a longer term strategy to replace and refurbish and enhance parts of the play equipment that is now getting to the end of its usable life.

2023 will bring many challenges to those on the world stage but we too will have our own challenges.

Some will want to get fitter and perhaps take part in the next five mile run, while others may want to become more involved in helping out and being community spirited.

In January Jenna will be starting to organise the 2023 Feast & Fayre which will take place on 24th June 2023.

She will want as much support as possible, people with ideas, organising skills, or people who are just prepared to give an hour of their time. Support is also welcome from local businesses. So watch out on our social media sites for more detail in January.

John Hoyle. Chairman Darrington Field Trust
 contact email john.hoyle@hotmail.co.uk or Jenna at feastandfayre@gmail.com
 Facebook & Instagram @darringtonvillagefield

CHURCH SERVICES

Normal service times:

- Thursdays 11am Darrington
- Sundays 10.45am Darrington
- The first Sunday of the month 4pm Wentbridge Church (Traditional evening prayer)

Special services over Christmas:

- 4th Dec 4pm Carol service Wentbridge
- 11th December 6pm Carol Service Darrington
- 19th December 6pm Carol Service Smeaton
- 24th December Christmas Eve 2pm All Age Worship Darrington Church
- 25th December Christmas Day 9.15am Kirk Smeaton Church First Communion of Christmas
- 25th December 10.45am Toy Service Darrington Church (bring a toy or present to be blessed)

No midweek service on Thursday 29th December

DARRINGTON GARDEN CLUB

Darrington Garden has just turned the page and started a new chapter in its story!
(Or should that be, 'as we replant ourselves in a lovely new plot?' ... perhaps 'turning the page...' sounds better!)

We now meet in Darrington Reading Room, second Wednesday of each month from 6pm to 7pm.

Same day, same time, just a different place!

Sincere thanks to Nigel and team at The Kyte.

The Kyte's generosity and hospitality enabled Darrington Club to meet there for over a decade!

Unfortunately, circumstances are very challenging in Hospitality and Business Venues and it just wasn't possible to guarantee a room will be available each month for future meetings.

It's with regret but sincere thanks to The Kyte that we've made the move.

However, every cloud!

The Reading Room is central and WARM.

Previously, our Club didn't charge 'subs' but we always contributed at least £1 towards the T&C at the Kyte even though the room was free.

We now have to pay a modest amount for the use of the Reading Room.

£1 per person with a cuppa, great company, amazingly varied chat and discussion on everything from Gardening to Global Warming with a generous sprinkling of local news and updates and an occasional watering of 'setting the world to rights'; What more could you ask for - and what amazing value - and a lovely warm room!!

We call ourselves a club - but absolutely everyone who receives the Darrington Parish

Newsletter is welcome to attend.

Whether you can manage every month or every so often, you'll be made VERY WELCOME and will probably wonder why you never came along before!

If you are still undecided, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward to seeing new and familiar faces.

November: 9th, December 14th (always special Festive Fun - free Raffle + quiz),

2023 January 11th, February 8th, March 8th, April 12th, May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, September 13th, October 11th

Andy Tagger 01977 704681

The Parish Council would like to thank

The Brotherhood for kindly donating the Christmas trees to Darrington.

Stuart Oakes from kbscleaning.co.uk for keeping the benches and telephone kiosk clean.

Fiona Smith and Hayley Butts-Rouso for maintaining the dog poo stations.

Ian Smith for grass cutting on Valley Road.

Mick Britton and Philip Morrell for grass cutting in the Orchard.

Not forgetting all the people who do their bit to keep the Village looking good

Thank You

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Darrington Parish Council are working on your behalf to improve and maintain the atmosphere and facilities of Darrington and Wentbridge.

If you have any issues that you wish to raise or ideas to help the community please contact one of the Councillors above.

Keep up to date with
Darrington events at
www.darrington.org.uk and
www.darringtonvillagefield.org

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Santa's coming...



DARRINGTON
Golf Club

PRESENTS

An evening with Santa and his helpers

Letters to Santa

Visit Santa's grotto

Arts and Crafts

Gingerbread decorating

Christmas cinema

Festive food

All included in the price

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DARRINGTON GOLF CLUB

WF8 3BP

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16:00-19:00

CHILDREN £18 | ADULTS £14



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