

Chair's Report May 2024.

Once again the year is speeding by and very shortly it will be May Day. Already various groups are planning activities for the Summer:-

- The Feast and Fayre Committee are well on with their plans for this year's event.
- The Gardening Club have already had Paul Manby from First Impressions to speak at their February meeting.
- Due to the success of last year's Picnic on the field to Celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and the request to make the Picnic an annual event, The Parish Council are going to celebrate DDay with a Picnic on the Field. It will be on similar lines to last year but if all goes according to plan we hope to include a Hog Roast, however as I write the arrangements are not fully confirmed so watch the Noticeboards and Social Media sites for more information nearer the time.

This year the Church is planning to bring back to the Village a very old tradition on May the 6th as part of the celebrations for Rogationtide residents are invited to come along and Beat the Bounds of the Parish. 'The Beating of the Bounds' is a symbolic short walk and will be followed by tea and cake in the Reading Room. Unfortunately this will have happened before this Newsletter is posted but if it is successful I'm sure it will be repeated next year.

Other groups that meet in the Village at the Reading Room are :-

The Coffee morning a lively way to start the week - The Whist Drive Group - The Ladies Group. A warm welcome awaits anyone who comes along to any of these Groups. Details for these groups are included in this Newsletter.

Dog Poo Stations

I am pleased to report that the last 2 Dog Poo Stations are now in situ thanks to Pete Batty and his team. One is on Marlpit Lane by the Back Lane Footpath and the other is at the top of the little footpath opposite the Darrington. I would also like to thank the two Councillors Fiona Gray and Karina Whalley who empty the Dog Stations and replenish the bags. A job we had few volunteers for.

Post Office.

This morning at the Coffee morning I was informed that there are moves afoot to close the Monday morning Post Office in the Reading Room. I don't have any more information at the present but am very concerned about this and will be following it up. I think the excuse for closure is that it is no longer viable. It may not be viable from the Post Office point of view but it is an important facility for some residents in the village. Our bus service has already been reduced which means residents who don't have access to a car will not be able to get to another Post Office. When I have more information I will put it in the noticeboards and on the Parish website and Social media.

Linda Thompson

Chair Darrington Parish Council

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DARRINGTON AIR CRASH MEMORIAL- UPDATE

Further to our recent reports regarding the unfortunate weathering of the Memorial Plaque on site at Chapel Hill, the Parish Council are pleased to confirm that a permanent replacement Memorial Stone has been commissioned.

The new stone, honouring the 12 victims of the crash in September 1943, will be made from black marble, and will be inset into the wall at Chapel Hill. It has been financed by the generous donations of a number of Darrington residents, some with family connections to the incident, with the shortfall being made up from Parish Council funds.

It is our intention (subject to the completion of the engraving) to unveil the stone on the morning of Sunday 9th June, prior to the 'Picnic in the Field' which is being organized by the Parish Council to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day. More precise details will be confirmed nearer the time.

We very much hope that this initiative, following the earlier Parish Council's great efforts to mark the 75th anniversary of the crash, will provide a permanent and appropriate reminder of this momentous incident in the history of the village.

John Cox

Vice-chair, Darrington Parish Council

Darrington Feast and Fayre June 22nd 2024.

Feast & Fayre is set to return this year on Saturday 22nd June! Gates are open 11.30am until 17.30pm with a £2 entrance fee for those over 12 years old.

Our Royal Family from Darrington CE Primary School will kick the day off, followed by the Five Mile Run. Good luck to all of those running... see the Facebook page if you would like to sign up!

We have organised a great line up for the day including the popular 'Get Back Beats' & the local 'Liquorice Singers'.

'Fibre Dance & Acrobatics' will be performing in the arena as well as 'Phoenix Martial Arts Knottingley' who have prepared an exciting display for us!

The kids' race will be taking place (no fee, just turn up in the arena & have some fun!), the maypole & the infamous tractor pull. Please keep your eye on our social media for timings nearer to the date.

As usual we will be offering food and drink for sale from 12pm - there is our bar, bbq and Catering tent with sandwiches, cakes & hot drinks. Card & cash payments will be taken, however some guest stall holders may only accept cash.

The cake competition will be judged at 12.30pm so any aspiring bakers can get practising now! In addition, we do need as many cake donations as possible to sell... please bring them to the catering tent on Saturday morning.

Lastly, our raffle has some great prizes so be sure to pick up some tickets! If you able to donate a raffle prize please let Stella know on 07720 174358.

As always, all profits from our fun filled family day will go towards the upkeep & maintenance of the field. Whilst we are absolutely delighted to have been successful in gaining a £50k grant this year from Wakefield Council so we can replace a lot of the play equipment, it is still crucial we continue to raise money. Firstly, the field does require an annual expenditure even when nothing is happening (insurance, hedge cutting etc.) and secondly, there will still be bits of the play equipment which need to be replaced despite the generous grant & our own investment as it is so expensive. With the continuous need to fundraise in mind, we really want the day to be a success & do still need lots of volunteers to help out. Job roles include: serving on the bbq or in the catering tent, helping on the gates, setting up Friday night & clearing up Saturday night.

This event would not happen without volunteers from our community and will not happen in the future if we don't get more people on board! For an hour (or more!!) of your time, you'll receive free entry, a burger/hot dog & a free drink. Please text Jenna on 07362644122 or get in touch using the details below if you can help us.

Lastly, we look forward to seeing you there on the day and hope that you have a great time...

please tag us on social media so we can see what you got up to at Feast & Fayre 2024!

Jenna Pinto – Chair, Darrington Feast & Fayre

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Instagram: @darringtonvillagefieldtrust

The Village Field is 50

In 1974 all the village organisations worked together to acquire the village field for the residents in Darrington to use and enjoy. Their original vision was to have both a community centre and playing field. To buy the land the Parish Council provided a loan at an interest rate of 13.25%, a rate that was normal at the time, and a piece of land was sold, the area that is now Thorntree Close, as this was not really suitable for a football pitch.

In the early days there was no play equipment just a grassy area.

Groups of volunteers would meet up on the weekend to dig out a large patch of nettles in the area where there is now the roundabout. Gradually, the area was enhanced by their hard work and dedication. Over the years there must have been hundreds of people who have in their own small way played their part in developing the field to what it is today.

Funding has not always been raised by big events such as the Feast and Fayre , 5 mile run and Fireworks. There has been picnics and games in the park, auctions, village dances, black tie dinners, casino and race nights plus the occasional bequest.

Who knows what the next 50 years will bring, that all depends on the willingness of residents to get involved and develop new ideas

DARRINGTON ALERT - WHATS APP GROUP

Hi my name is Karina I am one of the Darrington Parish Councillors, I am going to be setting up a Darrington WhatsApp group. It will be called Darrington Alert.

It will be for the residents of Darrington to put any suspicious behaviour or crime seen in Darrington on this WhatsApp chat group. This group is not to scare anyone but to make everyone aware of the different crime/suspicious behaviour that is happening around Darrington, so we as Darrington residents are aware of what is happening.

Any crime or suspicious behaviour must still be reported to the police through 999 or 101 or online and please make sure you get a crime number which then could also be added to this group chat. The more phone calls/online reports the police get then we will get police patrolling around Darrington, which should then help us to keep the crime down in the Village. The phone number of anyone joining this WhatsApp group will be seen by everyone who is in the group. I am sorry we can't do anything about this.

This is a free group there are no charges for being part of this group. If you would like to be added to this group or would like any more information please feel free to send me a message on Tel: 07789776383

I will also be in another WhatsApp group that is organised and run by an ex police officer and has two police officers on the group chat.

This what's app group is linked to the villages around us:

Wentbridge Womersley Thorpe Audlin Kirk Smeaton Little Smeaton East Hardwick

If any crime or suspicious behaviour is happening in the above villages I will find out and be able to put it on Darrington Alert group to make the Darrington residents aware of what is going on around us.

Fingers crossed working together will help to keep the crime down in Darrington.

Darrington Garden Club

Hello,

By the time you read this, you may well have missed the visit on May 8th to our May Garden Club Meeting by Moira Mattingley Nunn from Wakefield Council waste management facility. If you did attend, then hopefully - after hearing some of the feedback from Club members who've helped organise Moira's visit - you'll agree that it was a very informative, entertaining and useful talk and Q&A.

If you didn't attend well, perhaps it was because you didn't think that it'd be an interesting talk - or perhaps you simply didn't know about the event.

We always publicise forthcoming talks/presentations on posters outside the shop, on the village noticeboards and also to those on the email club list. We often also publicise it on the Pontefract Community and Parish Council web pages.

If you'd like to be 'kept in the loop' and up to date, please either let our amazing Garden Club secretary, Linda, have your email, pop into the Monday Coffee Morning to see her or one of the other garden club members or keep an eye on the notices.

Linda's email: linda.quesera@btinternet.com

I've mentioned many times in every Newsletter just how warm a welcome you'll receive if you come to one of our meetings.

Every second Wednesday for an hour in the Reading Room up Philip's Lane from 6pm.

Currently, following some very well attended talks in the last few months, we're also able to offer you a cuppa (and sometimes even a biscuit!) - but with no subs (for now!) How's that for great value!

A chance to chat with great people about all things connected (not always too closely!) with gardening - and a warm drink as well!

You're guaranteed to leave at 7pm with a smile on your face - or your money back!

Our next meetings: June 12th, July 10th, August 14th.

Andy Tagger

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With your email and home address

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Thursday, Friday
9am-12pm



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Village Group meetings in the Reading Room

Monday Coffee Mornings 9:30am to 11:30am except Bank Holidays
Contact Ruth 07951230334 or Vera 01977 794794

Garden Club 2nd Wednesday of the month 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Contact Andy 01977 704681

Ladies Groups 3rd Thursday of the month 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Contact Edith 0197773189

Whist Wednesday afternoon
Contact Peter 01977 791384

Darrington Parish Council 2nd Thursday of the month
7:00pm to 9:00pm

If any groups have more information they would like to be included in the
Newsletters please contact Vera Stones 01977 794794

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. edited by Vera Stones

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,