



Chair's Introductory Report From: Cllr. Dennis Burns, Chair

Firstly, I'm sure that you will all join me in welcoming our new councillor, Wayne Pickup, to the Parish Council. Wayne has a wealth of transferable experience in both business and sport, which I am sure will be valuable to us in the future.

I'm sure we all welcome the re-opening of our village shop which has been enlarged and re-fitted to a very high standard by the new owners. I encourage you all to support them with your patronage, where possible.

Looking back to summer, we had very successful VE and VJ Day celebrations with good attendance from our villagers. The warm and dry weather I am sure was a factor in the strong turnout. The villages hanging baskets and stone planters looked stunning this year and your council received a number of compliments about these excellent floral displays. However sadly, the council has been informed by our supplier and local nursery First Impressions, that due to staff shortages, they will not be able to support us any longer with winter or summer planting. As a result, the council has urgently started discussions with potential alternative suppliers.

On the topic of road safety:

- Your council have further escalated the unacceptable delay in (the already agreed) re-laying of the Havercroft Lane/ Valley Road/ Bankwood Road junction with WDC (Wakefield District Council). We have recently received a formal response (following an independent investigation commissioned by WDC Chief Executive) apologising for the delay and a committing to completing the works as soon the weather allows. Whether the re-layout will make a significant improvement will need to be seen, and if not, WDC will be pushed to move or lower the Welcome to Darrington sign to provide adequate visibility when exiting Havercroft Lane.
- We held our latest Traffic Working Group meeting with WDC in September, to further reinforce our previous requests for improved signage in the village (e.g. road painted 30mph repeater signs, clearer HGV restriction signage, etc.). Site visits are being arranged to decide on the location of the 30mph signs and the HGV signage. Further updates will be provided in the next newsletter.

As always, your council are open to suggestions or questions from our villagers. You are welcome to attend the monthly Parish Council meetings, where there is a 15-minute open floor section at the beginning of the meeting for villagers and guest to raise questions or concerns.

Finally, by the time you read this newsletter, the festive season will almost be upon us. So on behalf of your Parish Council, I'd like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas (or Happy Holidays).

Cllr. Dennis Burns

Chair, Darrington Parish Council.

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Darrington Garden Club

In the last Newsletter I explained how our Garden Club started in 2006 and has been going strong ever since.

Well, at the start of our September meeting (2nd Wednesday of each month, 6pm to 7pm, in the Reading Rooms up Philips Lane), Hazel, one of the very few members who've been members from the very start in 2006!, reminded us all that next year will be our 'China' 20th Anniversary!

We need to think of an appropriate way to mark the occasion for our Anniversary year and perhaps 'number 45 with chips, fried rice and noodles' may be amongst the suggestions!

We had a super visit to Pontefract Castle in August where we were given an excellent, very informative tour of the historic herb garden. Well worth a visit, especially if you manage to catch a blistering hot day like us!

Next month we're looking forward to a guest speaker, Jenny Sergant, who is a mycophile - a fungi enthusiast!

It's likely that you'll receive this notification after the event - October 8th - but I'm sure it will be well-attended and Jenny will give us all food for thought - but hopefully not a slice of Aussie Beef Wellington! (Google it if you can!)

Talking of the newsletter, another very longstanding and valued member is Vera Stones. She's been a member through thick and thin for ages so it was a shock to hear that she recently became very poorly. We continue to send all our best wishes, thoughts and prayers and sincerely hope that all this positivity will be some help and bring her some comfort at this very tricky and challenging time. Vera has been my 'Newsletter item' contact for a long time and thanks to Karina for 'stepping-up' in the meantime!

Once again, let me remind everyone, 'newbies' will be very welcome. No pressure! Just an hour of your time, a cuppa (OK, that'll be £1 but you may also get a biscuit!) and chances are you find you want to become a familiar face in future!

2nd Wednesday each month. 6pm to 7pm. Reading Room, Philips Lane, Darrington.

Andy Tagger

Grand Christmas Tree Switch On - Sunday 30th Nov

5:00pm	Carols and a professional singer
5:45pm	Santa will arrive
6:00pm	Christmas tree lights switched on
7:00pm	Finish

Featuring...

- Photo opportunities with Santa.
- Children can post their letters in a special Santa Post Box - replies will be available in the Darrington Hotel from Saturday 6th December.
- Hot and Cold Drinks, BBQ & mince pies.

Thanks to Pete Batty & Church Farm for the collection and decoration of the tree + Pete for decorating. Also many thanks to the Darrington Hotel for supporting this event.

All proceeds will go to MacMillan.



Litter Pick-up in the Village

A Litter Pick has been organised for **Sunday 16th Nov** meeting at 9.30am in the Darrington Hotel Car Park.
ALL VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE MORE THAN WELCOME!
 Just bring your gloves and energy.
 W.M.D.C. are providing litter picking grabbers and plastic bags
 Hope to see you all there



Darrington Village Field

We are extremely busy in advance planning for our Firework and Bonfire event which this year is on Saturday 8 th November. We want to ensure that Darrington residents and their families get first chance at tickets, and details of how to get tickets and prices will

be released shortly. One of our group will be coming up to the Coffee morning in the Reading room to ensure people who attend that get chance to purchase tickets.

Please note that this year entry to the event will be by advance Ticket only. We will not be selling any tickets on the day. This year as well as the Fire & fireworks, we are planning to have some live music as well as kids rides the BBQ and other catering.

It is very important to us that the event is run safely and in compliance with all the guidelines for an event of this nature. Please remember we do not require any materials bringing onto the Field for the Fire, we have to manage carefully the materials being burnt and the size of the fire. If people want to volunteer to help set up, on the day, or post the event that would be brilliant please speak to Richard on 07825 676174

Thank you to everyone who came along to make this year's Feast & Fayre such a memorable event. Whilst there are always lessons to learn as the event evolves, it's really satisfying to get loads of positive feedback from people who make this a most special day in the village calendar. This column is not big enough to recognise all the people who put hours of effort to make the Feast & Fayre happen however we must mention Olivia Dale who stepped up this year to take the lead role in organising the event in parallel with completing her university degree. Thank you, Olivia!

The date for the Feast & Fayre next year is Saturday 20th June with planning meetings starting in January 2026. We will let you know on notice boards and our social media the details of these meetings and please come along if you have any ideas regarding how we can take the Feast & Fayre into the future.

As always we extend our grateful thanks to Peter, Kate & the rest of the team at Church Farm who do so much to help us both at our events and the day to day running of the Field.

Our Monthly internal inspections of all equipment on the Field are on-going with no major issues found and our annual play equipment check by a competent inspector is scheduled to take place in October. We will also be giving our hedges an autumn trim in October.

Thank you to all the people who use the Field in a responsible and respectful way, we believe it is such a great asset for the village, if you do have any issue or concerns please contact Richard on 07825 676174

Richard Hirst, Chair

Volunteers Needed

The Parish Council is hoping to set up a Volunteers Register and are looking for people to help with delivering Newsletters, flyers and with other tasks in and around the Village, we have a few volunteers already, but more would be better,

If you can help or would like more information please contact
 Vera 01977 794794 or Karina 07789776383

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

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




DARRINGTON
 Golf Club

Christmas Party Nights

Friday 5th & Saturday 13th December
 7pm - Late
 3 Course Meal · Bar & Disco
 £36pp

Drink packages available.

Email
events@darringtongolfclub.com
 and book your place today!

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WhatsApp Groups

There are two WhatsApp groups now for Darrington.

There is a **Darrington Alert** group which is for any crime or suspicious behaviour in Darrington. Then there is another what's app group called **Darrington** which is for any other things related to Darrington, but not crime or suspicious behaviour.

Please can I ask that everyone respect each other when putting posts on either of the groups or responding to posts, thank you.

If you would like to be added to both or any of the what's app groups please can you send me a message with your full name to Tel: 07789776383

Karina

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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,