

## **Chair's Report October 2024.**

Since my last report in May I can report that the New Aircraft Plaque was unveiled by Margaret Maw, who was a little girl at the time of the crash. The event was very well attended by people from the Village and by relatives of the victims. Later that day the Picnic on the Field, which was organised to Commemorate King Charles III coronation, went ahead. Unfortunately the weather was not kind to us, however those people who did turn out enjoyed a hog roast sandwich before deciding to call it a day and go home to a warm house. Many thanks to those who did support this event.

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I also reported that the Post Office was under threat of closure. I have spoken with the gentleman who runs the Post Office and he said the decision is imminent but he thinks that it will probably be closed.

The Parish Council have spent quite a lot of time in recent months trying to address the concerns residents have about speeding through the Village and the affect that the A1 Road works have on the Village. At present we are looking into purchasing something on the lines of a 'Smiley Sid' and trying to improve the signage around the Village. Before we can do anything we have to get permission to carry out some of the things we would like to do. There will also be a financial cost to things like 'Smiley Sid'. Although I think residents would feel it would be money well spent there are no guarantees it will reduce speeding. We will continue to engage with the various departments that deal with these matters in the hope a solution can be found.

In my last report I announced the installation of the last two dog poo stations. All stations are now up and running and I believe this is why we no longer have as big a problem. The bags that are in the stations are purchased by the Council from Wakefield so to keep the cost down we ask you not to take more bags than you need.

I hope you enjoy the Bonfire night and Santa's Sleigh events that are being planned by the Village Field Trust. Finally I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Linda Thompson Chair of Darrington Parish Council

## **Darrington Village Field**

The last few months have seen many changes at Darrington Village Field. The most obvious is the arrival of the new play equipment but also there has been some changes on the Village Field Trust Committee.

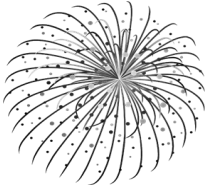
Firstly, we must thank the departing Chairperson of Darrington Village Field trust John Hoyle and his wife Stella. On behalf of all users of the Field and Darrington Village Field trust may I thank John & Stella for their years of dedication, helping to organise the Feast and Fayre and other events and especially all the things they have done to keep the Field maintained and tidy. Not many of us know that John & Stella would regularly litter pick the whole Field, check bins and keep up with the routine stuff that is so important.

Other changes are, myself Richard Hirst is now the Chairperson, Laurie Dale is the vice chairman & treasurer and new trustees are Peter Batty & Nick Storr.

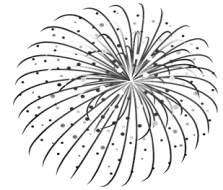
We are delighted with the positive feedback we have received regarding the new play equipment and must thank Jenna and the team that helped deliver the project.

Please support this years Bonfire / Firework event and watch out for Santa touring the village in December

We hope with your help & support we can continue to improve the Village Field amenity.



**DARRINGTON BONFIRE & FIREWORKS EVENT**



Darrington Bonfire & Fireworks event will take place on Saturday 9th November 2024 at 5pm to 8pm on the Darrington Village Field.

This is a ticket event. Pie & Peas, Burgers & Hot Dogs, Hot & Cold Drinks, Mulled Wine & a Bar with canned drinks will be on sale.

Tickets are available from the Darrington Hotel Bar, Darrington Village Shop & The Reading Room on a Monday Coffee Morning between 9:00am and 11:30am

Tickets are £5 each for over 12 years old. There might be limited tickets available on the gate at £8 per ticket for over 12 years old.

No matter what the weather the event will still go ahead  
There is no onsite parking

Tickets are non refundable  
No pets allowed

We are still looking for volunteers. This events would not be able to go ahead without the help from the volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer or need more information please contact  
Karina on Tel: 07789776383

**CHRISTMAS TREES ON LAMP POSTS**

On behalf of the Village, Darrington Parish Council would like to express their gratitude and thanks to everyone at Church Farm, Darrington for their very generous donation to help with the costs of the Christmas Trees on lamp posts.

Their gift of £500 per year for the next 10 years will help the Parish Council with the costs.

Without Church Farms help of equipment and labour, events in the village would not take place, this includes the Feast & Fayre, The Bonfire, the erection and decoration of the Village Christmas Tree outside the Darrington Hotel, removal of the lights and disposing of the tree. They always offer to help when jobs are needed to be done around the Village.

Thank you, your help and donation is very much appreciated.

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**Darrington Hotel Hungry Horse**

Every Tuesday morning, we will be hosting our very own Communi-teas Cuppa Morning from 9:00am to 11:00 am

We believe that nothing beats a good cuppa tea especially when it's enjoyed in great company.

It's a great opportunity to warm up and combat loneliness with a free cuppa for you, a friend or maybe a new friend.

Lets fill this year with warmth, conversations, community spirit and a delightful cuppa

See you all there

## Santa to Darrington 2024

Santa will be visiting Darrington on Saturday 21 December 2024.

Arriving at Beach crescent at approx. 5pm then travelling through the Village with his merry helpers, down the Main Street (Estcourt Road/Valley Road) and returning back through the Village.

Santa's Elves will be happy to receive any donations in their buckets which will be going to the Prince of Wales Hospice



### DARRINGTON GARDEN CLUB

By now, hopefully most Darrington residents will know that our amazing Darrington Garden Club has met EVERY 2nd Wednesday of EVERY Month, either in person (most recently at our Darrington Reading Room) or virtually, via newsletters during Covid and is fast approaching its 20th Anniversary!!

However, if you've recently moved into the village, here's some hopefully helpful info about a great opportunity to meet some super folk.

So why not take an hour and join us?

No, you don't have to be a super experienced gardener!

No, you don't need to know the Latin names for plants - or even know that plants have latin names!

You just have to make the effort to leave your (hopefully!) warm home, bob on a warm coat and receive an even warmer welcome as you join us for an hour of really friendly chat, meet some lovely people as we not only put the world, Darrington - but also our gardens - 'right'!

Oh, and currently, NO SUBS!!

....AND there's a hot cuppa (and sometimes a biscuit!) 'thrown in' for free (It's not really 'thrown in'!).

Hopefully, you'll receive this newsletter before our December meeting. That's when we have our World Famous (Yes, well spotted, yet another joke!) Free Xmas raffle and Festive Fayre!

Hope to see you soon 6pm to 7pm Every 2nd Wednesday Reading Room Philips Lane

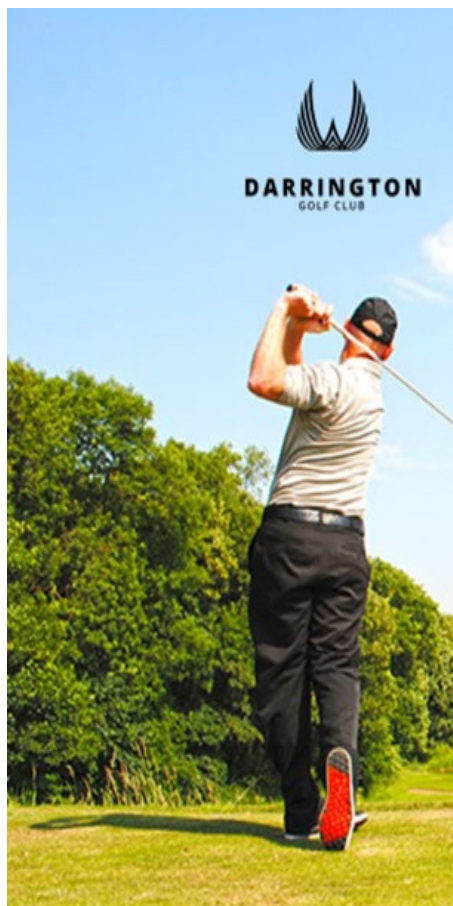
November 13th, December 11th, January 8th, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th

### NEWSLETTERS

If you would like to receive your Parish Council Newsletter by e mail please contact [clerk@darrington.org.uk](mailto:clerk@darrington.org.uk) With your email and home address

Keep up to date with Darrington events at [www.darrington.org.uk](http://www.darrington.org.uk) and [www.darringtonvillagefield.org](http://www.darringtonvillagefield.org)

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



  
**DARRINGTON**  
 Golf Club

# Christmas Party Nights

Friday 6th & Saturday 14th  
 December  
 7pm - 1am  
**3 Course Meal • Bar & Disco**  
**£35pp**

Email [events@darringtongolfclub.com](mailto:events@darringtongolfclub.com) to book!

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

**Darrington Parish Councillors**

Linda Thompson Chair	01977 700059
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Karina Whalley	07789 776383
Laurie Dale	07753 926 419
Dennis Burns	07701 289675

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 01977 793189

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

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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,