



April/May 2016

DARLEY VILLAGE SHOP

INFO “DROP-IN” COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 2 APRIL
10.30-NOON, CCCC

ALL WELCOME!

DARLEY VILLAGE SHOP COMING THIS SUMMER (with your help!)

A lot has happened since the last edition of Focus on Darley and the Steering Group has been hard at work.

PROGRESS

- * We are working closely with a business person with an established village shop and PO elsewhere in the district (not the person we reported in the last edition who withdrew their expression of interest), who wants to make a go of this opportunity
- * We are in negotiations with the Post Office over establishing a “PO Local” model for the shop (similar to Birstwith Shop)
- * We have been working with North Yorks County Council on the provision of a hot luncheon service for the elderly and vulnerable to operate from an upgraded catering kitchen at the pavilion and our grant application for £10,000 is currently under review
- * We have mapped out a floor plan, incorporating a shop, PO and cafe, so that we can show residents what the eventual facility will look like
- * We have held a site meeting with Harrogate Borough Council Planning Officers to establish making a safe entrance to the playing field pavilion and better parking
- * **We are organising a fundraiser—An Auction of Promises—on 10th May at the Wellington Inn**
- * We have various grant applications in to pay for the equipment /infrastructure we need
- * We have launched an appeal for donations (which can attract 25% Giftaid) to all survey respondents who indicated that they would be willing to help. **Please get in touch with us if you missed this opportunity to donate to this scheme.** Contact Nigel Nicholas: 781387 email: nn520712@googlemail.com. **HUGE THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY DONATED!!!**
- * Get in touch with the Steering Group via Helen Flynn: 07789 173011; email: helenflynn@me.com

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP!

1. Attend the information event at CCCC on 2nd April—see the box to the right for details
2. Can you donate money, time or expertise to the project? All this counts enormously towards our grant applications and the Steering Group would appreciate any help, especially with grant applications!
3. If you work for a large company, does it offer a matched funding scheme for donations or money raised in communities?
4. **Can you offer a promise/prize/service for the auction of promises?** Any donation of time, goods or services will be appreciated. Contact Katie Reynolds-Jones: 781341; email: kreynoldsjones@gmail.com

VILLAGE SHOP INFO “DROP-IN” MORNING

SATURDAY 2 APRIL, 10.30-NOON
CHRIST CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE

- See the floor plan
- Meet the prospective shop leaseholder and sample his wares!
- Offer a prize for the auction of promises
- Hear more about what has been happening to make this project a reality
- Find out about how you can contribute to the project
- Find out about the fundraising target!

Tea/coffee and cakes will be available

Please do come if you can!!!

Events at Darley Christ Church Community Centre

A New **Yoga Class** has started at Darley Christ Church on Wednesday mornings 9.30 am - 10.30 am £25 for 4 weeks. Beginners welcome.

For more details please contact Phil Knight 01423 780013

A new **Weight Watchers** class has started at Darley Church Community Centre Tuesday evenings from 6 pm - 8 pm. For more information please contact Abi Ryder 07894 998605.

Library and **coffee morning** on Saturday 9th April 10 am - 12 noon and Saturday 14th May, also 10 am - 12 noon. All are welcome.

SPECIAL DARLEY SHOP INFO DROP IN EVENT ON 2ND APRIL, 10.30am-noon.

This will also be a coffee morning,

Darley in Bloom

Darley Open Gardens After a break of a few years, some of the village's beautiful gardens will again be on display for the **Darley Open Gardens Event on Sunday 17 July**. Darley Memorial Hall will be filled with a variety of craft stalls as well as a café where visitors can enjoy the famous Darley in Bloom cakes. The event will run from 11-4pm and the cost of a map to follow the garden trail is £5. There are already 8 gardens signed up, but if you are also interested in opening up your patch, please contact Reggie on reghaynes@me.com. She is also the person to contact if you would like to get involved with Darley in Bloom either for Open Gardens or for general help.

Clean for the Queen Darley Open Gardens won't be impressive unless the whole village looks clean and tidy so Darley in Bloom is joining in the Clean for the Queen initiative by organising a **Litter Pick on Saturday 9th April**. Bring a black sack and some old gloves and help us to tidy our village. We meet in the CCCC Car Park at 10.00a.m. on 8th April. See you there!

Darley Pre-School

Darley Pre-school are having a **stay and play open morning on Thursday 24th March, 9.15-11.45 am at CCCC**. There will be a cake stall, raffle and an Easter egg hunt for the children. Please come along and see what we do, and play with the children at the same time. Hope to see you there.

We are collecting **Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers** again, and there is a collection box in the entrance at CCCC if anybody has any to give. Also we are still collecting for **Bags 2 school**, so if anybody is having a clear out, then black bags of unwanted clothes, bags and shoes will be gratefully received. Please leave next to the silver Astra in the carpark (Jo's car) when pre-school is open.

We still have places available at preschool if any parents, grandparents or carers would like to come and look round. Contact Jo: 07935058298, email: darleypreschool@yahoo.co.uk or look on our website for more information: www.darleypreschool.co.uk

Come and support your local primary school!

Darley Primary School continues to thrive despite the changing educational landscape and budgetary challenges that we face..... The school will be hosting a **Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th May from 10am - 12pm at Christ Church Community Centre** so please pop in for a cuppa and a cake!

To find out more about your local primary school please contact us on 780234 and we will happily arrange a visit!

Darley Community Library

There are now two extra sessions on Monday and Wednesday from 5.30 to 6.30 pm on an experimental basis. If these prove popular they will be maintained, but only if they are well attended. **The Thursday morning opening has been cancelled.**

Four volunteers came forward following the appeal in the last FOD and they are now being included in the rotas. Additional offers of help are always welcome.

A quarter of the book stock was changed recently. Come along and see what's new.....

Darley and Menwith Parish Council

Recent matters of interest include:

- New noticeboards have been installed on Main Street as the old ones were in a poor state. The purchase was aided by a donation from a local resident. Many thanks!
- The Council recently discussed whether it should purchase new dog dirt bag dispensers. It decided that new boxes were no substitute for individuals behaving responsibly and that the cost was not a good use of Council money. The current boxes will be removed as they become untidy. Meanwhile, the Council would like to encourage all dog owners to ensure that dirt is picked up.
- Potholes on Stumps Lane and other areas continue to be reported. They are repaired if and when they reach the 'intervention criteria' laid down by NYCC Highways.

Parish Assembly – Your chance to speak! Once a year, all electors are invited to attend a meeting where they can learn what has been happening in the parish, question the Council and raise issues. This year the Parish assembly will be held from 8 pm on Monday 25th April 2016 in Darley Memorial Hall. All village organisations have been asked to contribute to a report of what has been happening in Darley in the past year, which will be available at the meeting. The agenda will also include such issues as the Darley Village Shop and the proposed housing developments. This is your opportunity to have your say, so do come along and contribute.

Parish Councillors wanted The whole of the Parish Council stands down on 5th May, as this is the year of Parish Council elections. 7 Councillors are needed, and it is known that at least 3 Councillors will not be standing again. If you would like to be involved in your community and think you could be a Councillor, then please contact the Clerk for information and nomination papers (Tel 780970 or clerk@darleyparishcouncil.org.uk). They must be submitted to Harrogate Borough Council by 7th April. So don't delay - your village needs YOU! More than 7 nominations will lead to an election – the first since 2008. 7 or fewer nominations will mean all are unelected unopposed.

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be on Mondays April 25th and May 23rd. Please contact the Clerk on 780970 or clerk@darleyparishcouncil.org.uk if you have any matters to report or discuss.

VILLAGE SNIPPETS

.....**NEWS FROM CHRIST CHURCH** Our new Vicar, Reverend Alastair Ferneley, will be installed at Holy Trinity Church Dacre on Friday 22nd of April at 7pm. Alistair is a married man with two boys. His first service in Darley will be on the first Sunday in May at 9:30 am. On Easter day Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9:30 am. All are welcome. **There will be a quiz, with a strong English theme, in aid of church funds, on St George's Day, April 23rd, 7 for 7.30 pm in Christ Church Community Centre.** Tickets are going quickly but are available from Bryan on 781535.

.....**Daley Methodist Church Concert with The Highside Singers** on Friday 8th April at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church. Tickets £7 to include a buffet supper. All welcome.

.....**Post Box Latest News!** Just as we are awaiting sightings of specific birds and flowers to herald the arrival of Spring, Darley is also awaiting a sighting of the promised new post box in the middle of the village. It has been promised every month since last October and must surely be seen soon. Sightings can be reported to the Parish Clerk clerk@darleyparishcouncil.org.uk

.....**Antique Vintage Fair** will be held at Darley Memorial Hall on Sunday 10th April. It will feature a number of stalls selling a wide range of antique objects and curios. Refreshments will be on sale.

.....**Two Day Cycle Race** Ilkley Cycle Club will be holding their two-day four-stage cycle race on the weekend of 7th and 8th May. Based at Darley Memorial Hall. Keep watching as these top amateur cyclists make their way to and from the stages.

.....**The Tour de Yorkshire** is coming through Nidderdale this year. On the first day of the race, Friday 29th April, the riders start in Beverley, and ride to Knaresborough before heading towards Ripley. From Ripley they take the B6165 through Bedlam and Burnt Yates, then turn up towards Brimham Rocks. They pass the top of Hartwith Bank, go through Smelthouses and re-join the B6165 at Wilsill. From there it's down Pateley Bridge High Street, over the River and then UP Greenhow Hill (the 'Cote de Greenhow Hill'). From Greenhow they ride on through Grassington and Gargrave to the finish at Settle. 18 teams of eight riders will compete in this three day race. Welcome to Yorkshire will post the expected times that the peloton will be passing through Nidderdale at <http://letour.yorkshire.com/timings>. **St Cuthbert's School will close at noon and Nidd High will close at 12.30pm on the 29th April to accommodate the race schedule.**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS IN DARLEY

Location Key: CCCC-Christ Church Community Centre; CC- Christ Church;
HH-Hookstone Hall; MH-Memorial Hall; MC-Methodist Church ; PFP-Playing Fields Pavilion

Regular Weekly Activities Open to All

Mon: Yoga with Claire, 7.30pm. Enquiries 780227. CCCC

Tues: ZUMBA classes with Michelle, 9.15-10.15am. Enquiries 526175 MH
AVA Dance Classes for children with Ann, 2-6.30pm. Enquiries 07719 624993. CCCC
Karate for All Ages with Damien, 6.30-8pm. Enquiries 07596 475956. CCCC
Pilates with Ian Sinclair, 6.15-7.15pm. Enqs 07977 190268; phone to book a place. CCCC

Weds: Pilates with Ian Sinclair, 11.15am-12.15pm. Enqs 07977 190268; phone to book a place. CCCC
Table Tennis, 3.30-5 pm. Enquiries Terry 781349. CCCC
Street Dancing for Children: 5.30-6.15 pm: Years 4,5 & 6; 6.15-7 pm: Years 7 up. Enqs 07719 624993
Indoor Bowls, 7.30 pm. Enquiries Keith 780258 MH
Quad C's Dancercise for Adults with Chloe, 7.30-8.15pm. Enquiries 07712 280038. CCCC

Thurs: AVA Dance Classes, parents/children with Ann, 9.15-10.50am. Enq 07719 624993. CCCC
Zen Yoga, 6.45 pm. Enquiries Phil Knight 780018, CCCC

Fri: Moan & Tone Exercise Class with Michelle, 9.15-10.15am. Enquiries 526175. CCCC
The Art of Kata, 3.30pm. Enquiries John 07725 752278. CCCC
Karate for All Ages with Damien, 6.30-8pm. Enquiries 07596 475956. CCCC
Crossfire Youth Club, 7-8.30pm, 5 years up. Enquiries James Gurney 772239. PFP

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>When</u>
Mar 24	Thurs	Darley Pre-School stay and play open morning, inc Easter egg hunt	CCCC	9.15-11.45 am
Apr 1	Fri	Darley Book Exchange and Coffee Morning	CCCC	10.30am-noon
Apr 2	Sat	Paper Collection. Brownies, cubs and Scouts will be collecting. Please leave your papers, magazines + flattened brown cardboard out	Darley/ Dacre Top	By 10 am
		<u>DARLEY VILLAGE SHOP INFO DROP-IN MORNING</u>	CCCC	10.30am-noon
		Hookstone Hall Brunch, Lunch and Teas	HH	9.30am-4.30pm
Apr 8	Fri	Concert - The Highside Singers, tickets £7 including buffet supper	MC	7.30pm
Apr 9	Sat	CCCC Coffee Morning	CCCC	10am-noon
		VILLAGE LITTER PICK organised by Darley in Bloom	CCCC	10am
Apr 21	Thurs	Darley Debs WI: "Aromatherapy" Speaker Gillian Lishman, non-members £4.	CCCC	7.30pm
Apr 23	Sat	St George's Day Quiz in aid of church funds	CCCC	7 for 7.30pm
Apr 25	Mon	Darley Parish Assembly (starts at 8pm) and Parish Council Meeting	MH	7.30pm
Apr 29	Fri	Tour de Yorkshire comes through Nidderdale		
May 5	Thurs	Borough and District Council Elections	MH	7am-10pm
May 6	Fri	Darley Book Exchange and Coffee Morning	CCCC	10.30am-noon
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May 10	Tues	<u>DARLEY SHOP PROJECT: AUCTION OF PROMISES</u>	Wellington Inn	7pm
May 14	Sat	CCCC Coffee Morning in aid of Darley Primary School	CCCC	10am-noon
		Methodist Church Coffee Morning, cakes & produce	MC	10.30-noon
May 19	Thurs	Darley Debs WI: Oriental Egyptian Belly Dancing with Dance Kiya, non-members £4	CCCC	7.30pm
May 23	Mon	Darley Parish Council Meeting	MH	7.30pm