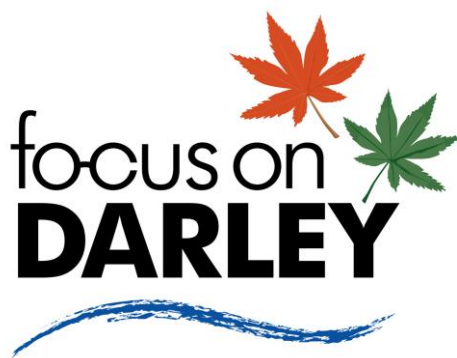


CALLING ALL FACEBOOK FANS!

DARLEY HAS A NEW FACEBOOK PAGE SET UP BY LOCAL RESIDENTS. PLEASE LIKE "DARLEY COMMUNITY GROUP" AND JOIN THE CONVERSATION!



April/May 2017

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION in the Focus on Darley, PLEASE SEND BY 15th MAY TO THE EDITOR, HELEN FLYNN, at email: helenflynn@me.com or drop off at Carr Farm, Low Lane, Darley

Darley Five a Side Summer Event

Darley Playing Fields Association are holding a five a side football tournament on 1st July at the Playing Field, Station Road, Darley. The competition is open to teams of children, both boys and girls. Two age groups: U10's and U12's. The fun will start from 12.00 pm with finals scheduled for 6.00 pm

Entrance fee is £30 per team with a maximum squad of 10 players per team. Spectators are welcome: £2 adults; £1 Child; U 5's free. There will be BBQ and an opportunity to buy food from the Darley Shop or please feel free to picnic.

Medals will be awarded to Winning Team and Finalists in each age group. **To enter your team, please contact Andy Johnston: andyj2859@gmail.com.** Places are limited to 6 teams per age group so book now to avoid disappointment.

All proceeds to Darley Playing Fields Association, who are aiming to upgrade the changing room facilities at the pavilion and sort out pitch drainage over the next 12 months. So, we need your support!

Also a plea to all in the village for volunteers to help cut the football pitch this spring and summer—mower provided, we just need people to help mow the pitch!! Get in touch with Andy at the contact details above.

Darley Shop Update by Mel Browne

Darley shop continues to go from strength to strength. The new Darley Good Neighbours Lunch Service is a great success. **We are still looking for volunteer drivers so if you are sometimes available on a Monday or Thursday lunchtime and would like to get involved, please get in touch with Helen Flynn (helenflynn@me.com).** If you know anyone elderly or vulnerable living in and around Darley who would benefit from a hot lunch twice a week, get in touch for more details. The first customers are very happy with the service, and we are making extras to sell in the shop for people who have busy days!

Did you know that Darley Shop can deliver to your home? If you would like a weekly fruit or veg box, or something more bespoke, do come down and talk to us about it.

Now that the sun has come out once or twice, we have started serving teas and cakes outside and have some new outdoor furniture coming soon.

To contact us at the shop, message Mel on the Facebook page (search Darley Shop) or ring us on 01423 781396

DARLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Library continues to be busy, and a new intake of stock has arrived at CCCC on the 16th March. The Library has support from NYCC, but is run entirely by hard-working, dedicated volunteers from the village. It is open regularly at times intended to be most convenient for our Community. Anyone interested in joining as a volunteer or as a user can call in whenever the Library is open for more information, or contact our local co-ordinator Richard Vaughan 780130 – email rvaughan04@btinternet.com

Coffee Mornings at CCCC

Saturday 8th April 10-12 noon Raising funds for Darley in Bloom ready to purchase the village's summer bedding plants.

Come along and enjoy coffee and cake, while doing your bit to make Darley look good. Extra cake donations very welcome.

Saturday 13th May 10-12 noon
in aid of

Multiple Sclerosis Society Please come and support this worthwhile cause. Cakes, cards and raffle. For more info, contact Kim Pollard 781154

FILM NIGHT

“ACROSS THE LAKE”

Starring Anthony Hopkins and Donald Campbell Commemorating the 50th anniversary of Donald Campbell's attempt to become the first person to achieve 300 mph on water

£5 per person, includes popcorn and pizza (bring your own tipples)

Friday 21st April at 7.30 pm
Hookstone Memorial Hall **Places limited**

Darley Memorial Hall 70th Birthday

The 70th Birthday of the Hall in Darley is fast approaching, which means the book has to be written very soon. So please don't delay any longer and let Darley Heritage Group have your memories and photos of events at the Hall. The Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10.30 in Darley Memorial Hall, (although the April meeting will be 11 April), and we would love to hear from you. Please come along or contact Sue Welch on 780970 or via sue@darleymemorialhall.com and she will be delighted to talk to you or someone you know and jot down the memories or scan the photos. But it needs to be SOON!

Save the Date!

Darley Memorial Hall Celebration Week, 11-17th November

A whole week of activities to celebrate the Hall's 70th Birthday is being organised and everyone is welcome. Exact details are being finalised but there will be an exhibition and book launch, an Anniversary Sequence Dance, a Remembrance Day Concert and Service, sessions for snooker and bowls so that newcomers and old-stagers can take part and a Country and Western night.

The celebrations will culminate in a Dance through the Decades with The Chequers Band on Friday 17th November.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE DETAILS!

THE GATHERING COFFEE MORNING – THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way by baking, attending, providing tombola prizes and donating towards 'The Gathering' coffee morning held at Dacre Top on the 25 February. The final total raised was a fabulous £700 which has been divided between three wonderful charities: Macmillan Cancer Support, The British Heart Foundation and Mind.

The date of the next 'Gathering' coffee morning is Saturday 20 May from 10.00 am – 12.30 pm in the School Room at Dacre Top. So get this date in your diary and we hope to see you there.

Need funding for your community project?

The latest round of the Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund is now open. Grants are available from £500-£2,500 for voluntary organisations and small charities serving Felliscliffe, Hampsthwaite, Birstwith, Norwood, Darley, Haverah Park, Beckwithshaw and Fewston. Assistance in putting together an application is also available from Two Ridings Community Foundation.

Closing date: 8th May. For more info or to apply go to www.trcf.org.uk, 01904 435277

Darley and Menwith Parish Council

Items from recent meetings include:

- Following representation from the Council, North Yorkshire County Council have agreed to surface the muddy fenced pathway leading down from Stocks Green.
- Cllr Johnston reported that he was now a Community First Responder and was hoping to set up a training course to attract more volunteers
- The defibrillator has recently been serviced and is confirmed as being in good working order. It has still to be used in earnest, although it has been removed and taken to patients several times

The next full meetings of the Council will be on Monday 24 April at 7p.m. (followed by the Parish Assembly) and 22 May at 8.00p.m. (preceded by the Annual Meeting). Contact the Clerk on 01423 780970 or clerk@darleyparishcouncil.org.uk if you have any comments or issues to put to the Council.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Monday 24 April from 8 pm in the Memorial Hall. This is your opportunity to hear about what has been happening in the parish and to ask questions. All village organisations have been asked to contribute a report on their activities. Everyone welcome!

Update on Proposed Local Housing Developments

Current status (as at mid March 2017) of the various major housing developments proposed within the parish:

Stumps Lane (now 9 houses)	planning application in the HBC system
Darley Mill Centre (13 houses)	planning application in the HBC system The shop is now closed Possibility of apartments being included in revised plans
Sheepcote Lane (29 houses)	planning application in the HBC system
Silverdale Farm (4 houses)	Work has now started

The applications will be noted on agendas and discussed at Parish Council meetings when they are available, and public meetings may also be arranged. Links to the applications on the Harrogate Borough Council website are on the village website.

Local roadworks

The recent patching work along Main Street was preparation for surface re-dressing of the whole stretch
No date as yet.

Darley in Bloom

As the weather improves, so you will see Darley in Bloom folk (Dibbers) out and about clearing and re-filling the boxes, tidying the village and picking up litter. You too could be one of this group. You don't need to be an expert gardener as an extra pair of hands, even without greenfingers, can always be put to use, and there are also social and fundraising events that involve everybody.

We need your help either regularly or occasionally to keep the village looking beautiful.

Come and join us! Call Richard or Margaret on 780130 NOW and get yourself involved.

VILLAGE SNIPPETS

.....**ARE YOU A GOOD DRIVER?** Harrogate charity HELP is looking for volunteer drivers in our area. Can you HELP? Driving Force is a voluntary car driver service providing door-to-door transport for non-urgent trips. We help local people without access to their own transport and unable to use public transport due to mobility, disability or location to make journeys to:

- Appointments – hospital, GP, dental, optical and podiatry
- Day centres and lunch clubs
- Shops, bank, post office and other essential trips
- Social visits to relatives, hairdressers etc.

A mileage allowance is payable. Further information on www.helpharrogate.org.uk or by ringing 813090

.....**Many thanks to all who supported the recent quiz for Christ Church which raised £700** . For the benefit of our regulars, the next one is scheduled for Saturday Nov 11th.

.....**Darley Heritage Trail** As part of the 70th Anniversary Project, it has been possible to update and reprint the Darley Heritage Trail, so that we now have a good supply. **Copies will be available in CCCC and Darley Memorial Hall as well as in the box attached to the map on Stocks Green.** If you would like a stock for your holiday cottages or business, please contact Sue Welch on 780970.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS IN DARLEY

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

Regular Weekly Activities Open to All

- Mon:** Yoga with Claire, 7.30pm. Enquiries 780227. CCCC
Karate for All Ages with Damian, 6.15-7.15pm. Enquiries John 07725 752278. CCCC
- Tues:** AVA Dance Classes for children with Ann, 2-6.30pm. Enquiries 07719 624993. CCCC
Pilates with Ian Sinclair, 6.15-7.15pm. Enqs 07977 190268; phone to book a place. CCCC.
Weight Watchers, 6.30-7.30pm. All welcome. Enqs Abi Ryder 07894 998605. 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 John 780317. 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 Damian, 6-7pm. Enquiries John 07725 752278. CCCC
Crossfire Youth Club, 7-8.30pm, Years 5-9, Darley Primary School. Enquiries Matthew Day 500733

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>When</u>
April 1	Sat	Hookstone Hall Brunch, Lunch and Teas	HH	9.30am-4.30pm
April 7	Fri	Darley Book Exchange and Coffee Morning	CCCC	10.30am-noon
April 8	Sat	CCCC Coffee Morning Darley in Bloom	CCCC	10am-noon
April 11	Tues	Darley Heritage Group	MH	10.30am
April 20	Thurs	Darley Debs WI: The Day the Queen Came to Emmerdale	CCCC	7.30pm
April 21	Fri	Film Night: Across the Lake	HH	7.30pm
April 24	Mon	<u>Darley Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Assembly</u>	MH	7.30pm
May 2	Tues	Darley Heritage Group	MH	10.30 am
May 4	Thurs	COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS	MH	7am-10pm
May 5	Fri	Darley Book Exchange and Coffee Morning	CCCC	10.30am-noon
May 6	Sat	Hookstone Hall Brunch, Lunch and Teas	HH	9.30am-4.30pm
May 13	Sat	CCCC Coffee Morning	CCCC	10am-noon
May 18	Thurs	Darley Debs WI: Getting Down Dirty—Photography	CCCC	7.30pm
May 20	Sat	Methodist Church Coffee Morning, cakes and Produce. ALL PROCEEDS TO ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE.	MC	10.30-noon
May 22	Mon	Darley Parish Council Meeting and Annual Meeting	MH	7.30pm