



August/September 2016

## **DARLEY VILLAGE SHOP OPENING 8TH AUGUST**

**WE ARE FINALLY THERE, AFTER MONTHS OF WORK AND FUNDRAISING!** Steve Willis of Crimple Valley Fresh and Mark Heald-Smith will be opening the shop/cafe on 8th August, with the Post Office **now confirmed**, but opening later, in October. When the PO does open it will be open during shop hours: 8am-7pm on weekdays and 9am-5pm on Saturdays and shorter hours on Sundays. As Steve already runs a Post Office in Pannal, it will be possible to purchase stamps until the PO opens.

**A note about parking:** Please park at the pavilion and along the track at the playing fields, not on Station Road. We are improving the access in time for the opening, with the remaining groundworks to take place in early October. The groundworks in October will create a more spacious turning circle at the top of the track at the playing fields, meaning that customers can park on the left hand side of the track, then drive to the top of the track and easily turn round to head back down and exit.

**The playing fields site remains the playing fields for the community and children's playground, and safety is our first concern. So please drive slowly and park considerately.**

Thanks to all of you who contributed donations to the project and also to our grant funders—so far: North Yorkshire County Council Stronger Communities Programme; Roger Stott Community Grants Fund through the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust; Two Ridings Community Foundation and the Richard Weare Grassroots Endowment Fund; Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Fund; Charity of Isabel Day; and The Wakeham Trust.

### **A BIT MORE ABOUT STEVE AND MARK.....**

Steve's background is in farming. He switched to retailing around 9 years ago when he opened a small fruit and vegetable shop in Ripley and began a delivery service of fruit and veg boxes. He moved on to take over the village shop and PO in Pannal 5 years ago. Since he took over the business it has gone from strength to strength. He continues to offer a fruit and veg delivery service in the Harrogate area and also wholesales fruit and veg to larger businesses, such as Fodder, in the local area. He is up very early in the morning several days a week to go to the wholesale fruit and veg market in Leeds to ensure that his goods are of the highest quality and fresh! His business is called "Crimple Valley Fresh" and that will be the name of our shop here in Darley.

Mark will be the shop manager. His background is as a chocolatier and he has run a cafe. He owned the shop on Commercial Street in Harrogate, called "The Chocolate Tree". He has very exciting plans involving chocolate, amongst other things, for our shop and cafe here in Darley.....

## **Honour for local man**

Keith Hardcastle was awarded the British Empire Medal in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List, in recognition of his service to Farming in Nidderdale and the Community in Darley. He has been a Parish Councillor for 40 years, a member of Darley Memorial Hall Committee for over 50 years, as well as having over 40 years' involvement with Nidderdale Agricultural Society and local Young Farmers Clubs.

**Congratulations to Keith Hardcastle B.E.M.**

## **Events at Darley Christ Church Community Centre**

**No Library Coffee morning at CCCC in August, back again on September 10<sup>th</sup>.**

*New Class at CCCC in the autumn:*

### **Infinite Tai Chi and Chi Kung for Beginners**

Starts Tuesday 4 October, 9.30am

Cost £30 (per 6 weeks)

A slow, gentle and relaxing mind and body exercise that aids balance, strength and flexibility, whilst instilling calm and improving memory and outlook.

Classes held by Elizabeth, a certified Infinite Tai Chi instructor and practicing Chiropractor.

For further information please call or text Elizabeth on 07837 431683 or email [ea.yeadon@gmail.com](mailto:ea.yeadon@gmail.com)

**Look out for the annual CCCC Leaflet that will be distributed in August giving details of regular activities at CCCC.**

## **Darley Playing Fields Association (DPFA)**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 1st August at 7 pm in the Wellington Pub. We have several vacancies for trustees, and with the new role for the DPFA as landlord for the shop/PO/cafe, as well being responsible for the playing fields and children's playground, this is an exciting time for the DPFA.

If you would like to discuss the role, get in touch with the Chair, Andy Johnston 780644, or just pop along to the meeting on 1st August if you would like to volunteer.

## **Darley in Bloom (DiB)**

Many of you will have taken part in the recent Darley Open Gardens and visited some of the 10 local gardens that were open to view. You will also have seen the well-kept boxes and beds throughout the village, which are tended by a dwindling band of "Dibbers". If you would like to help the group on a regular or occasional basis, you would be welcomed with open arms. Please call Peter Dransfield on 780054 or speak to anyone you know in the group. Your village needs you!

## **Darley Memorial Hall 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Funding has now been obtained from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a project involving the production of information boards and a book chronicling the history of the Hall over its 70 years in Darley, to be launched at celebration events in November 2017. Darley Heritage Group will be helping with the research and is very keen to hear from anyone who used to attend the Darley dances; anyone involved in the bands or groups that played; anyone who helped with the teas or drove the buses; and anyone who has attended any events over the years. We have the minute books from the Hall and the Entertainments Committee which will provide a great deal of information, but as with the other Darley books, we need photographs, personal memories and newspaper cuttings. So, please ask all your relatives and friends, look through your cupboards, put your thinking hats on and contact Sue Welch if you come up with anything. Call 780970 or e-mail [sue@darleymemorialhall.com](mailto:sue@darleymemorialhall.com)

It is hoped that the Heritage Group will be meeting regularly on the first Thursday of each month at 10.30 in Darley Memorial Hall, starting on 4<sup>th</sup> August, so call in and bring your photos, memories, etc.

## **DARLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

**NEW STOCK** has arrived recently in all sections of the library; 25% of the fiction, non-fiction, adult and children's books has been changed.

**SUMMER READING SCHEME:** Don't let your primary school child fall behind with their reading over the holidays. Sign them up for **FREE** for **THE BIG FRIENDLY READ** based on the children's favourite author Roald Dahl. Lots of goodies and medals to be won for taking part.

### **OPENING HOURS**

Monday	5.30 – 6.30pm [ especially for beavers and cubs]
Tuesday	11.30 – 12.30 & 1.30 – 2.30pm [especially for Lunch Club]
Tuesday	5.30 -6.30pm
Thursday	7-8pm [ especially for brownies]
Saturday	10-11am

## Darley and Menwith Parish Council

Items from recent meetings include:

- The co-option of Helen Flynn, Andy Johnston and Alan Cottrill as Councillors, to join Dave Dickinson, Keith Hardcastle, Dave McQueen and Suzanne Truman Davies who were elected unopposed following the election in May 2016.
- The election of Suzanne Truman Davies as Chairman of the Council for 2016 /2017
- Decision to investigate the possible installation of a bus shelter on Stocks Green
- Update on progress regarding the Village Shop and Post Office

The next meeting of the Council will be on 25 July. A provisional date of 31 August has been set for a possible planning meeting if one is needed. Contact the Clerk on 780970 or [clerk@darleyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@darleyparishcouncil.org.uk) if you have any comments or issues to put to the Council.

## Proposed Local Housing Developments

Current status (as at 15 July) of the various major housing developments proposed within the parish:

<b>Silverdale Crescent (4 houses)</b>	-awaiting final approval
<b>Stumps Lane (10 houses)</b>	-in the planning system, since 9 May
<b>Southfield Farm (5 houses)</b>	-outline planning application submitted to HBC -available for comment from 6 July
<b>Darley Mill Centre (13 houses)</b>	-planning application submitted to HBC -available for comment from 11 July
<b>Sheepcote Lane (29 houses)</b>	-planning application submitted to HBC -awaiting validation

**A public meeting has been arranged where the public can view the plans and make comments to parish councillors at the start of the next parish council meeting on Monday 25th July at 7 pm.**

## Local Roadworks

Work on the Darley to Birstwith Rd and the B6451 at Hardgroves Hill was completed within the expected timeframes and the roads are open. NYCC Highways will be carrying out some repair work on the local roads that have suffered during those closures, and there is also a scheduled closure of Menwith Hill Rd from the main gates of RAF Menwith Hill east to the turning for Kettlesing for resurfacing. This is likely to be for 6-8 days in early August. Check noticeboards and the website for updates.

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## VILLAGE SNIPPETS

.....**Proms on the Hill** RAF Menwith Hill has decided that it will not be organising a Proms event this September. It knows that this will be disappointing for many of the base and local communities, but hopes that you will understand that financial constraints affect both UK and US organisations.

..... **Come to the Ceilidh** Everybody is invited to come to the Ceilidh on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 7pm – 11pm at Darley Memorial Hall. The event is being organised by Focus on Darley to support the village communities, and you are certain to have a great time. It's an evening that both adults and children will enjoy. Tickets are priced at £12.50 (£5 for children). You will get a pie and peas supper and something sweet and scrumptious to follow. Further details phone (01423) 780970 (during August), or (01423) 780056 in September. To book tickets email: [boxoffice@darleymemorialhall.com](mailto:boxoffice@darleymemorialhall.com) or [angela@houseman.co.uk](mailto:angela@houseman.co.uk) .Put the date in your diary and look out for posters and information on the village website [www.darleyvillage.info](http://www.darleyvillage.info) nearer the date.

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

## 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  
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 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>
Aug 1	Mon	Darley Playing Fields Association AGM	Wellington	7pm
Aug 5	Fri	Darley Book Exchange and Coffee Morning	CCCC	10.30am-noon
Aug 6	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
		Hookstone Hall Brunch, Lunch and Teas	HH	9.30am-4.30pm
Aug 8	Mon	<b>DARLEY SHOP/CAFE OPENS!</b>	PFP	
Aug 18	Thurs	Darley Debs WI: Murder Mystery Treasure Hunt in Harrogate. Non-members £4	Harrogate	7.30pm
Aug 31	Wed	Provisional date of Darley Parish Council Meeting	MH	7.30pm
Sept 2	Fri	Darley Book Exchange and Coffee Morning	CCCC	10.30am-noon
Sept 3	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
		Hookstone Hall Brunch, Lunch and Teas	HH	9.30am-4.30pm
Sept 10	Sat	CCCC Coffee Morning	CCCC	10am-noon
Sept 15	Thurs	Darley Debs WI: Visit to Menwith Hill. Non-members £4	Menwith Hill	7.30pm
Sept 25	Sun	Methodist Church Harvest Supper inc. hot meal	MC	7.30pm
Sept 26	Mon	Darley Parish Council Meeting	MH	7.30pm
Oct 22	Sat	Ceilidh in support of local groups.	MH	7 pm