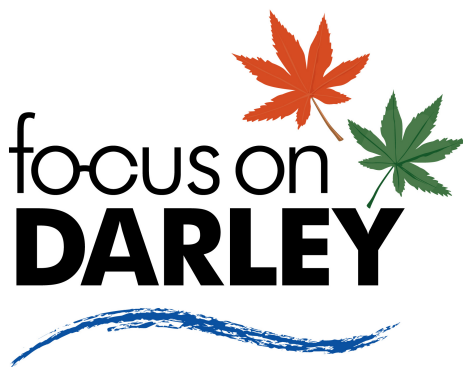


CALLING ALL FACEBOOK FANS!

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



February/March 2017

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

DARLEY MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE LAUNCHES

Darley shop will be launching its own Meals on Wheels service to elderly and vulnerable members of our community on 13th February. Please see the leaflet enclosed with this edition of Focus on Darley for more info and how to sign up. You can also sign up a friend or relative if they are unable to fill in the form.

North Yorks County Council has provided us with start-up funding in order for us to deliver the service and we hope that there will be a good take up. Payment for the service will be via purchase of vouchers, which can be brought individually or in books of 10. These must be purchased directly from the shop and staff members at the shop will liaise with service users over the days they want to receive meals and their menu choices. Some sample menus are provided on the back of the leaflet, but the menu will vary from week to week. **The shop telephone number is: 01423 781396.** (This can be used for all shop enquiries)

The meals will be delivered by volunteers with cars in our community. **If you would like to offer some time as a volunteer driver, please contact Katie Reynolds Jones on 01423 781341 or by email: kreynoldsjones@gmail.com.** Darley Playing Fields Association is the organisation that will be responsible for the recruitment and training of volunteers and we have received some grant funding from NYCC to assist us with training.

Helen Flynn, Trustee DPFA and Project Manager for Darley Shop/PO/Cafe

**For all the latest news from Darley Shop—follow and like
“Darley Shop and Cafe” on Facebook! Reviews are appreciated**

A Treasure Trove in the Attic?

On the evening of Thursday 23rd March, Darley in Bloom have secured the services of Gary Don – a well-known Leeds Antiques dealer and valuer who has made several TV and radio appearances. Full details of the evening in Darley Memorial Hall have yet to be decided, but why not bring along an item from **your** attic and perhaps hear what Gary has to say about that along with other items. It is sure to be a fascinating evening, so mark the date on your calendar now and watch out for the posters.

DARLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

This is **your** Library, opened in 2012 to serve both Darley and surrounding villages

- There is a wide variety of books for ALL ages (from babies upwards) and something to excite every taste.
- Topics include Thrillers, Crime, Romance, Mysteries etc. in the fiction section; and in non-fiction we have many interests including Biographies, Hobbies, Travel, Gardening, Regional subjects etc. Your suggestions are invited.
- December 2016 saw a new delivery of books; and further replacements are due in the Spring of 2017. Just call in to see for yourself.
- Our opening hours are shown on the door inside CCCC and are : Mon 5.30 - 6.30pm; Tues: 11.30-12.30; 1.30-2.30; and 5.30-7 pm; Thurs: 7-8 pm; Sat:10-11am.

Please raise any queries with Richard Vaughan Tel 780130 Email: rvaughan04@btinternet.com.

Events at Darley Christ Church Community Centre

2 week course on using the iPad to communicate and enjoy media £24

2nd Feb Email, Contacts and FaceTime – using these apps

9th Feb iPads and Media – TV, Radio and ebooks (bring your library card)

2 week course using the Camera and Photos apps £24

16th Feb How to take and organise photos and videos

23rd Feb More things to do with your photos and videos e.g. edit (crop, rotate, straighten etc), email, add to contacts

To book courses please email angela@ehouseman.co.uk

Infinite Tai Chi and Chi Kung for Beginners at Christ Church Community centre

Day: Tuesday Time 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 07837431683 or email ea.yeadon@gmail.com

Please support the coffee morning at CCCC on February 11th , we will be raising funds to improve the access to the centre from the west side.

Darley Memorial Hall 70th Birthday

We are now in 2017, so we are in the 70th anniversary year of the Memorial Hall in Darley. Celebrations are planned around the actual date of 15th November, so watch the Newsletter and other sources for information. Anecdotes and photos are still being collected for use in the book, so please share them with Darley Heritage Group. **The Group meets normally on the first TUESDAY of each month at 10.30 in Darley Memorial Hall, and 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.

NIDD ART-2017

A new year and it is time to fill the diary with activities, new endeavours and achievements. Why not indulge your artistic traits?

The organisers of this year's 'Niddart Trail' wish to invite all artists to partake in the 2017 year's artistic event-19th-28th August. As Pateley Bridge is entering the 'Britain in Bloom' competitions you may wish to adopt this as your theme. If you are interested in exhibiting, hosting an exhibition or workshop please contact Lynn Cook on lynncook@tiscali.co.uk or 01423714865, ideally before the end of March because of brochure deadlines.

We also are pleased to announce that Niddart has taken over the organization of the Arts Bus. Look out for new visits to galleries during the coming year-the UK city of culture-Hull— will be on the list. Information on 'where and when' will be posted shortly.

Darley Debs WI

Darley Debs WI meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm, usually at CCCC. If you are interested in joining, contact Tracey Dawson on 712656, email: traceydawson62@gmail.com . Future events as follows:

February 16th: Card Making with Kim Pollard and Christine Merrick (small fee for materials), CCCC

March 16th: Hats through the Ages with Claire Spooner at CCCC

The future programme of events is available on www.darleyvillage.info.

Hookstone Hall

No brunches in January or February. But we shall be re-opening on Saturday 4th March at 9.30am by which time the hall should have been fitted with new doors and some windows, decorated throughout and the floor re-oiled!! Our AGM is going to be held at the hall on Monday 20 February at 7.30pm and all are welcome to join us.

Darley and Menwith Parish Council

Items from recent meetings include:

- The Council agreed its budget for 2017/2018 and set a precept of £13000. This is less than 50% of the 2016/17 precept which had been increased to allow support to be given for the replacement of the pavilion roof
- The Council agreed grants of £500 to Darley Cricket Cub, £500 to Hookstone Memorial Hall and £400 to Darley Memorial Hall to assist with projects in 2017/18
- A public meeting was held to allow residents to voice their concerns over the allocation of 97 houses to Darley in the Harrogate Borough Council Draft Local Plan. The overall feeling was that this was far too many houses for a village of our size.

The next full meetings of the Council will be on Monday 30 January, 27 February and 27 March. Contact the Clerk on 01423 780970 or clerk@darleyparishcouncil.org.uk if you have any comments or issues to put to the Council.

Update on Proposed Local Housing Developments

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

Stumps Lane (now 9 houses)	planning application in the HBC system
Southfield Farm (now 2 houses)	planning application in the HBC system
Darley Mill Centre (13 houses)	planning application in the HBC system
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)	it is expected that work will start soon on this small development
Applications are now also with HBC for 2 eco-houses set into the hill below the farm	

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. Also check noticeboards and the village website for updates and details of any public meetings

Harrogate Borough Council Draft Local Plan

The plan was open for consultation from 11th November to 23rd December and several villagers braved the website to submit comments, or sent them in via post or e-mail. The Planning Policy team will now read all these comments and adjust the plan as they see necessary. The revised plan will be available in approx. 6 months and will then go forward to be inspected by a National Inspector. The Council will keep the parish updated as and when information is available.

Local roadworks

More investigative work is planned for the A59 at Hex Gill. This is scheduled to last 4 weeks from 23 January and will mean that traffic will be controlled by traffic lights, so delays are likely. Further information will be posted on the

Darley Ladies Group

Meetings are usually held at Hookstone Memorial Hall, Low Lane, Darley at 7.30 pm on the last Thursday of each month. New members are very welcome to join in.

The February meeting is an icing demonstration by Ann Kent.

The March meeting is a [National Garden Scheme](#) talk with slides.

For more details please contact Margaret 01423 780861 or Ingrid 01943 880337

VILLAGE SNIPPETS

..... **STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS** comes to the Big Screen at Darley Memorial Hall on Friday 24th February at 7.30pm. Admission is £4 (adult) and £2 (children), pay at the door. BE THERE! Further details from (01423) 780970 or email boxoffice@darleymemorialhall.com

.....**Darley Preschool** Due to a change in circumstances Darley Preschool will no longer be collecting bags2school. Therefore, no bags should be left at Preschool or at the garage at Dacre top. Thank you for all your support over the years.

.....Thank you to everyone that helped to ensure that the village **New Year's Eve Celebration** was a great success, 143 guests enjoyed the evening and helped the village raise £2890 that will help Darley Memorial Hall, Darley Playing Field Assoc., Christ Church and Christ Church Community Centre meet their overheads. Many thanks if you decorated, set tables, prepared food, prepared the bar, served food, washed up or cleared away on Monday, many hands definitely made "light work". All the expenses are not in yet but I think we will have raised just under £3000.

.....Thank you to everyone that supported the **community Christmas card**, we raised £268 that will be donated to St Michael's Hospice. Special thanks to Matthew Bottomley who always designs the card at very short notice and Mel Welch for the photograph.

.....**Come to Christ Church for a Quiz Night on Sat March 4th** in CCCC. All proceeds to support Christ Church.

.....**Darley in Bloom** The group is currently resting as the weather is not good for gardening, but it will rise again in the Spring. Watch out for information about new working parties and other ways you can help in the next few months. Call Richard or Margaret on 780130 if you want to get involved

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: 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
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>
Feb 3	Fri	Darley Book Exchange and Coffee Morning	CCCC	10.30am-noon
Feb 7	Tues	Darley Heritage Group	MH	10.30 am
Feb 11	Sat	CCCC Coffee Morning	CCCC	10am-noon
Feb 13	Mon	Darley Meals on Wheels Service starts	Darley shop	
Feb 16	Thurs	Darley Debs WI: Card Making	CCCC	7.30pm
Feb 20	Mon	Hookstone Hall AGM	HH	7.30pm
Feb 23	Thurs	Darley Ladies Group: Icing Demonstartion	HH	7.30pm
Feb 24	Fri	Film Night: Star Wars The Force Awakens	MH	7.30pm
Feb 27	Mon	Darley Parish Council Meeting	MH	7.30pm
Mar 3	Fri	Darley Book Exchange and Coffee Morning	CCCC	10.30am-noon
Mar 4	Sat	Hookstone Hall Brunch, Lunch and Teas	HH	9.30am-4.30pm
		Christ Church Quiz Night	CCCC	7pm
Mar 7	Tues	Darley Heritage Group	MH	10.30 am
Mar 16	Thurs	Darley Debs WI: Hats through the Ages	CCCC	7.30pm
Mar 23	Thurs	A Treasure Trove in the Attic: details tbc	MH	7pm
		Darley Ladies Group: National Garden Scheme Talk with slides	HH	7.30pm
Mar 27	Mon	Darley Parish Council Meeting	MH	7.30pm