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## **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 Steve Willis who runs Crimple Valley Fresh in Pannal and have agreed heads of terms for a lease with the DPFA to run the shop. Many of you will already have met Steve at the open morning at CCCC or at the Auction of Promises. We really could not have found a better person to set up the shop in Darley and feel very lucky to have him on board!
- \* We have an application, in via Steve Willis, with the Post Office to establish a "PO Local" model for the shop (similar to Birstwith Shop).
- \* We have been successful in our bid for £10,000 to North Yorks County Council to upgrade the kitchen so that we can offer a hot luncheon service for the elderly and vulnerable to operate from an upgraded catering kitchen at the pavilion. The cafe will also be run from the new kitchen in part.
- \* 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
- \* The roof is now on the pavilion and looks great! We now have an additional planning application in with HBC to position a storage facility at the pavilion.
- \* We have a number of grant applications in to cover what we need, over and above our own fundraising, to set up the shop and improve the parking and access at the pavilion. We have just heard we have been successful in another bid to the Roger Stott Foundation for £1,400 to pay for some of the groundworks.
- \* Helen Flynn is the overall project manager who will programme and oversee the works on behalf of the steering group.
- \* Our appeal for donations (which can attract 25% Giftaid) is ongoing from residents and so far we have raised around £7,000. **Please get in touch with us if you would like to donate to this scheme.** Contact Nigel Nicholas: 781387 email: [nn520712@googlemail.com](mailto:nn520712@googlemail.com). **HUGE THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY DONATED!!!**

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP!**

1. We are now preparing the project plan. Please get in touch if you can offer any skills or know of good suppliers in the following areas: lino-fitters, decorators, builders, shutter suppliers, kitchen fitters.
2. If you can offer time, particularly to act as a "critical friend" to the steering group, do get in touch.
3. Our current plan is to have the shop opening some time in August and the groundworks take place in October.
4. Get in touch with Helen Flynn 07789 173011, [helenflynn@me.com](mailto:helenflynn@me.com) to find out more.

### **Auction of Promises**

**HUGE THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED, ALL WHO HELPED, AND ALL THOSE WHO SUPPLIED PROMISES OR MADE DONATIONS!**

**WE RAISED AROUND £3,500 ON THE NIGHT AND CAN CLAIM GIFTAID ON SOME OF THE MONEY RAISED TO INCREASE THE OVERALL AMOUNT. THIS IS GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE SHOP PROJECT!**

Special thanks go to Katie Reynolds-Jones and Angela Houseman who organised the event, to Pete Flynn, our auctioneer for the evening, and to the Wellington Pub for laying on such a marvellous pie and peas meal.

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

**A New Yoga Class** has started at Darley CC on Wednesday mornings 9.30 - 10.30 am, £25 for 4 weeks. Beginners welcome. For more information please call Phil Knight on 780013.

**A new Weightwatchers class** has started at Darley CC Tuesday evenings 6pm - 8 pm. For more information please contact Abi Ryder 07894 998605.

**Coffee morning on Saturday 11th June** 10am - 12 noon run by Darley Pre-School.

**Coffee morning on Saturday 9th July** 10am - 12 noon run by Dacre Braithwaite School.

**Darley Book Exchange and Coffee Morning** is held the first Friday of every month 10.30am -12 noon at CCCC. Why not get your holiday reading from us? Many authors to choose from and no time restrictions!

### **Darley in Bloom**

**Darley Open Gardens is back! Mark down Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July in your diaries.**

Darley will be full of visitors walking around looking at the village's beautiful gardens as Darley in Bloom is once again organising Open Gardens. There will be 10 gardens open. Darley Memorial Hall will be open for refreshments throughout the day (11 – 4p.m.) and there will also be a wide variety of craft stalls there to keep visitors occupied. Cost per adult to visit all the gardens is £5, payable in exchange for a map giving information about the gardens and showing where they are. The money raised will enable Darley in Bloom to continue buying and maintaining all the plants that you see around the village, making it look so impressive. If you would like to help with planting, or with any other aspect of Darley in Bloom work, the group would love to have you. Contact the new Chairman, Peter Dransfield on 780054 or e-mail him at [valdransfield@tesco.net](mailto:valdransfield@tesco.net)

### **Queen's Birthday Celebrations!**

**Darley - Queen's Birthday Tea Party at Memorial Hall Sunday 12th June 3-5pm**

Everybody is invited to help celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at Darley Memorial Hall between 3pm – 5pm. Afternoon tea will be provided (with a celebratory glass of Bucks Fizz), and there will be some cinema-style film of the Queen's early life and a quiz to see how much you remember about her. The event is free to citizens of Darley and friends! For more information contact Keith & Audrey 780258, Mel & Sue 780970, Judy 781512 or Jane 781057.

**Dacre Banks—a day of events will be held to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday on Sunday 12th June**

- Special church service at Holy Trinity at 9.30am
- Picnic on village green 11am-2pm
- Sports, games and coaching at Max Pullan playing field 2-5.30pm
- Treasure hunt through the village
- BBQ and live bank at Royal Oak 6pm onwards

**Dacre Top- Queen's Tea Party on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 5-8pm in the school room at Dacre Top**

It will be a "bring and share" party. Please bring a plate of either sweet or savoury finger foods and whatever you prefer to drink. There will be juice for young children.

We do hope most people are around to come along. To help us make sure we have enough glasses, napkins etc, It will be helpful if you can let one of the following know that you will be joining the party. Jenny 780985, Lucy 781226, or Angela [angela@ehouseman.co.uk](mailto:angela@ehouseman.co.uk).

### **Darley Pre-School**

We are having a coffee morning on Saturday 11th June at CCCC. There will be a cake stall, tombola and hopefully a big raffle like we did last year. Please come along and support us.

We are still collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers, and there is a collection box in the entrance at CCCC if anybody has any. 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 preschool 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](tel:07935058298), email: [darleypreschool@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:darleypreschool@yahoo.co.uk) or look on our website for

## Darley and Menwith Parish Council

You have a new Parish Council! (or at least part of one!) The recent elections saw only four people putting themselves forward so there was no election, and the four people were therefore declared Councillors in an uncontested election. Welcome back to Keith Hardcastle, Dave Dickinson and Suzanne Truman Davies, and welcome to Dave McQueen.

That leaves 3 vacancies on the Council, which need filling as soon as possible to ensure that the work of the Council continues smoothly. If you are interested in becoming involved and helping steer your community for the next 2 years, please contact the Clerk, either with a letter explaining your interest and why you feel you could help, or a request for further information and an informal chat about what you might be taking on. Call 780970 or e-mail [clerk@darleyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@darleyparishcouncil.org.uk)

Your village needs YOU – why not take up the challenge?

**Parish Assembly:** This meeting was the annual opportunity to hear about what has been going on in the Parish and beyond and to discuss local issues. The Clerk has copies of the complete report from all village organisations, so contact her if you would like a copy. Main issues at the meeting were the Village Shop, Café and Post Office Project, and the various housing development proposals.

**Long Service:** A presentation was made at the Assembly to Keith Hardcastle, marking his completion of 40 years' service as a Parish Councillor. Keith started in his 30s as a youngster on the Council, and is still going strong. Perhaps there are some 30 year-olds who could start now?

**Housing Development Proposals:** There are now 4 possible housing developments in the village. Silverdale (4 houses) is due to be decided soon, and the Stumps Lane development (10 houses) has just been submitted as a planning application. The Sheepecote Lane development (29) is still being refined, and there is now also a proposal for 15 dwellings in and around Darley Mill Centre. There are also planning applications in for 37 houses at Dacre.

**Roadworks:** As you read this you will know that the road from Darley to Birstwith is closed. It is likely to remain closed for 7 or 8 weeks while the erosion at the edge near the river is repaired, and a kerb put in to prevent future problems. The 24 bus will be re-routed during these works.

AND – the roadworks are to resume at Hardgroves Hill on the B6451, meaning that road will also be completely closed from 31 May for 5 weeks.

Diversions will be in place for both these sets of roadworks. These have to be via roads of similar standing, so they may involve a very long detour for drivers, who will naturally try to find shorter local options. This means that the lanes around Darley will be very busy over the next few weeks

**New mobile phone mast:** A new phone mast is proposed at Fairfield Farm. This would give much better coverage to the parish, and also introduce 4G coverage.

**New Ward Councillor :** Helen Flynn is taking a break from Harrogate Borough Council and did not stand in the recent election. Your newly elected ward Councillor is Tom Watson, who lives in Dacre Banks.

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## VILLAGE SNIPPETS

.....**Strictly Ballroom** has returned to Darley Memorial Hall this summer. The Hall was the 'Mecca' for ballroom dancing in the 1950s and 1960s, with hundreds flocking there every Saturday night from far and wide. Now there is a chance this summer for you to experience the thrill of the ballroom. The sessions are on Wednesday 8th and 29th June, 13th July & 3rd August from 7.30 – 9.00 pm. Each session will feature a different dance, starting with the basic moves. There will be lots of video tuition for those who need it, plenty of chance to practice the steps you have learnt, or brush up on your technique, and refreshments are provided. Everybody is welcome. The cost is £5 per couple. For details call Mel & Sue on 780970.

.....**Needle Felt workshop** Thursday 16th June at Hookstone Hall, 10am - 2.45pm. Includes kit for making a lovely hare; coffee; light lunch & glass of wine. Cost £45. Booking essential Elizabeth Ritchie 780115

.....**Post Box Latest News!** It has arrived! Alan Cotrill won the prize for being the first to report a sighting in early May. Now we all need to use it!

.....**Have You Left Your Jacket at CCCC?** Two adult winter jackets have been left in CCCC, one is a black and grey North Face, the other dark green, North by North. They are on the hooks near kitchen door.

.....**Ideas for Activities at CCCC** We usually try to introduce a new short course or regular activity at CCCC each autumn, we need help with ideas please. If there is a new skill/activity you would like to learn please email your ideas to [angela@ehouseman.co.uk](mailto:angela@ehouseman.co.uk).

.....**Late Auction of Promise Lot** We have received a ticket for 4 people to visit Ripley Castle as a donation towards the Auction of Promises. Unfortunately it has arrived too late for the auction. If you would like the ticket please email me with your "bid" before June 15th. I will then deliver the ticket to the successful family. email [angela@ehouseman.co.uk](mailto:angela@ehouseman.co.uk)

## **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>
June 3	Fri	Darley Book Exchange and Coffee Morning	CCCC	10.30am-noon
June 4	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
June 11	Sat	CCCC Coffee Morning in aid of Darley Pre School	CCCC	10am-noon
		Dacre Top Queen's Birthday Party at Dacre School Room	Dacre Sch room	5-8pm
June 12	Sun	Queen's Birthday Tea Party at Memorial Hall, Darley	MH	3-5pm
		Dacre Banks Village Queen's Birthday Celebrations	Various	All day
June 16	Thurs	Darley Debs WI: Japan Crafts: Origami. Non-members £4 + £1 materials	CCCC	7.30pm
June 27	Mon	Darley Parish Council Meeting	MH	7.30pm
July 1	Fri	Darley Book Exchange and Coffee Morning	CCCC	10.30am-noon
July 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
		Hookstone Hall Brunch, Lunch and Teas	HH	9.30am-4.30pm
July 9	Sat	CCCC Coffee Morning in aid of Dacre Braithwaite School	CCCC	10am-noon
July 10	Sun	Big Breakfast for PPR Foundation	MH	Breakfast
July 17	Sun	<b>DARLEY IN BLOOM OPEN GARDENS</b>	DARLEY	ALL DAY
		Methodist Chapel Anniversary Service followed by lunch	MC	10.30am
July 21	Thurs	Darley Debs WI: "The Oldest Sweetshop in England" Talk. Non-members £4	CCCC	7.30pm
July 25	Mon	Darley Parish Council Meeting	MH	7.30pm