



May/June 2021

Welcome back to village life!

Darley is getting back into the swing of things again – carefully – after a year of lockdowns.

Book Exchange and Coffee Morning

We are hoping to restart this popular event on Friday 2nd July at the usual time of 10.30 am to 12.00 noon at Christ Church Community Centre. This monthly 'get together' gives the villagers the opportunity to choose from a large selection of books at no cost, fuss, or recording.

We also have a number of videos which can be borrowed and we also hope to offer jigsaws shortly. Coffee and biscuits will be available at a nominal cost.

We look forward to greeting old and new friends

Ken Rowsell 01423 780008; Derek Howard 01423 780043; Theresa Watts 01423780359

Volunteer drivers needed

Nidderdale Plus Community Hub is in need of volunteer drivers to join the team owing to the expansion of our Community Transport service. In addition to our community car, we are adding a new minibus from the autumn. The minibus will be offering day trips for seniors and will also be available for group hire across all villages and communities in Nidderdale.

The service has operated throughout the COVID crisis, providing essential journeys for those who do not have access to transport for essential trips to the hospital, doctors surgery and vaccination centre, so it will be good to get back to providing journeys to a greater variety of destinations! Volunteer driving is a great way to help the community and fun with free training provided.

Contact Helen Flynn at helen@nidderdaleplus.org.uk for more info.



Paddleboarding, a day at the races, a day out to Whitby taking the steam train, abseiling, gorge walking, pudding club, walks, cycling, chocolate making, environmental issues if any of these activities interest you, then why not join Darley WI?

Membership fees are just £44 for the year, the equivalent of a cup of coffee and a cake each month.

Email Joanne Hayes, secretary, at darleysangelswi@gmail.com for further information



Hookstone Memorial Hall

www.h-m-h.co.uk

This unique small venue will re-open for hire from 21st June 2021.

If you are planning a function and wish to see what is on offer, please contact:

**Alastair on 10423 780115 or
email him at**

aprocter321@btinternet.com

Back to life after COVID for Christ Church Community Centre (CCCC)

Fortunately, CCCC did have reserves in the bank to help us through the last year where our income has taken a huge reduction. We have been fortunate to receive two grants. One from The Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Fund and the other from The National Lottery Community Fund. These have helped fund some of the continuing overheads, install a ventilation system, update our refrigeration and fund some training courses. The ventilation will help to ensure that CCCC is a safe environment going forward, as fresh air will continually be brought into the main hall and small library/meeting room.

CCCC is gradually coming back to life. For those who are new to the village you may be surprised to find that a huge range of activities take place on your doorstep. The CCCC page on the village website will give you a flavour of what was available prior to this awful year we have all experienced. We envisage that not all regular groups and activities will be back until September.

The Community Library is open again on Saturday mornings from 10 am to noon, thanks to volunteers who give time to a rota. It is open to everyone, there are a good selection of books and no fines if your books are overdue!

Harrogate District Dance Company are now back on Wednesday and Thursday with a variety of dance classes for children and adults. To find out if there is something that would suit someone in your family contact: hddanceco@outlok.com or telephone 07712 280038.

Other groups that are returning soon are:

Happy Dancing from Monday May 17th 9.30am - 10.30am

We will do stretching, balancing, limbering, co-ordination, and obviously plenty of happy dancing to a variety of pop-songs, rock n roll, musical theatre and disco. The classes are fun, steps are easy, routines are simple to remember, and after 45/50 minutes of raising our heartbeat, working our minds and body; literally from head to toe.

Payment at first session: 4 weeks £25.00; 5 weeks £30.00; Taster session £5.00

NOTE Happy Dancing also available in Ripley Tue and Thur. at 9.30 am

Discount if you do more than 2 classes per week. Further details from Jane, 07900 430448
janewaring@hotmail.co.uk

Art Group returns Tuesday May 18th from 1pm - 3pm.

A fortnightly group that costs £5 per session. This is a very friendly art group led by a tutor whose motto is "Anyone can paint, they just don't know it!" Class is aimed complete beginners or those who already enjoy painting. Tuition will be given using all mediums especially oils.

For further information please telephone Steph on 07849 860260

Tai Chi welcomes old and new members from Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 9.30am – 10.45am.

A class for beginners and continuers. Join our friendly group and experience this gentle form of standing movement which helps balance, strength, flexibility, concentration and creates stillness at the start of the day. Classes held by Elizabeth, a certified Infinite Tai Chi instructor and practising Chiropractor.

For further information please contact Elizabeth Yeadon: 07837 431683 or email:

Seated Pilates commences again on Thursday 24th June 2021

Seated Pilates is back at a **new time** on Thursday mornings at 11 am, (plus the possibility of an extra class at 10 am). This is a gentle exercise class for those who find floor exercise too difficult.

A friendly class that aims to improve posture, mobility, flexibility, balance, circulation and co-ordination.

For further information please contact: Sally Trask 07931 567566 or email: sally@sallytrask.com

Dance Your Pants Off from Wednesday June 23rd 9.15 am – 10.15 am

A fun Zumba inspired dance fitness class to music from the musicals and the pop charts as well as some Latin flavoured songs. Great fun you do not even realise you are exercising as you are too busy singing along to your favourite songs !

Further details from Michelle 07769 252737

Table Tennis Club from Wednesday June 23rd 3.30pm - 5pm

This club is aimed at people lucky enough to be retired. Just come along, have some fun and exercise.

For further information contact Chris Balmforth 770183 or chris@held.co.uk

Darley & Menwith Parish Council

The Parish Council has been holding its meetings on-line, via Zoom and has welcomed several local people to meetings. The Parish Assembly took place on 26th April, with several parishioners attending. Thanks were expressed to all those involved in the Community Covid Support Group, which has done such marvellous work over the past year. The Parish Council has agreed to install a new bench on Stocks Green, with a plaque marking the thanks of the village to all those who helped during the pandemic.

Another issue discussed was the on-going issue of dog fouling in the village, but no real solution was suggested. It is hoped that the promised visit by the HBC dog warden can soon take place once restrictions are lifted and perhaps the presence of a marked van will make a difference. Once again, the Parish Council asks all dog owners to be responsible in clearing dog dirt and disposing of bags in the bins, so that the village is kept clean and tidy and safe.

Darley's Angels WI group have proposed that Darley should consider becoming a wildflower-friendly village and have suggested that as well as encouraging individual homeowners to plant areas of wildflowers in their gardens, a small area of Stocks Green or Low Green or an alternative area be left unmown and turned over to wildflowers. This is to be discussed by Darley in Bloom, but the Parish Council would be pleased to hear any comments from people in the village, so that a decision can be made that reflects the wishes of those living here. Please e-mail clerk@darleyparishcouncil.org.uk with your views.

The legislation which has allowed on-line meetings over the past year ends on 7th May and is currently not expected to be renewed, so all meetings of the Council will revert to in-person meetings from that date. Covid protocols will need to be observed, so it has been necessary to change the venue for the monthly meetings to ensure social distancing etc. Meetings will now be held in Hookstone Memorial Hall, Low Lane and will still normally be on the last Monday of each month. The next meetings will be the Annual Meeting of the Council and an Ordinary Meeting both on 24th May from 7.30p.m., and an Ordinary Meeting on 28th June. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Agendas are published on the website and noticeboards, or contact the Parish Clerk via clerk@darleyparishcouncil.org.uk for further information or to make comments.

Darley In Bloom has a big winner!

The flowerboxes have looked good over the winter, and it will soon be time to plant them with summer bedding plants. Fundraising events are still not possible, so your help is needed to ensure that funds are available to keep the village blooming. Donations direct to the Treasurer, Sue Welch, are always welcome, but there are now two other ways of supporting the group.

You can buy a weekly in The Local Lotto for £1 per week, and 50p goes straight to Darley in Bloom. You might also win money, with one lucky Darley in Bloom supporter recently winning £2,000. As the winner said, *'We are very happy to take part in the Local Lotto especially as it benefits our chosen cause of Darley in Bloom, it is a great way to raise extra funds for the group which helps to keep our village looking beautiful especially in the spring and summer months. Winning was a wonderful surprise and I would encourage the people of Darley to support the Local Lotto, for just a small amount you too could be a winner!'* Just look online for www.thelocalotto.co.uk and then search for Darley in Bloom as your 'good cause'.

Another option is to make a one-off donation on-line via Just Giving. Go to www.justgiving.com and search for Darley in Bloom. A photo of the flowerboxes appears under the crowdfunding heading and you can click on that to reach our page to make a donation. We do hope that you will want the group to keep planting and tending the flowers, so we thank you in advance for any help you can give. Hopefully events can start again later this year.

VILLAGE SNIPPETS

.....**Darley Playing Fields** Sports are returning to the playing field now, especially football. There is a continual problem with people exercising their dogs on the field and leaving dog poo there. The trustees would respectfully ask if people could not exercise their dogs on the playing field as dog poo is extremely unpleasant and dangerous for children and adults who play football on the field. Thank you.

.....For the **Parish Assembly**, all village organisations were asked to submit a short report on 2020, and these have been put into one document by the Parish Clerk, forming 'A Year in the Life of Darley'. This is on the village website, together with the reports from County, Borough and Parish Councils, or you can receive copies via e-mail by contacting the Clerk.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For 19 years there has been a successful lunch club for senior citizens in Darley in CCCC. Our guests enjoy a simple two-course hot meal, plenty chit chat and socialising. The volunteers unfortunately only get a cuppa but lots of socialising as well!

After Covid we are looking to changing the profile of lunch club. Our regular members will still be most welcome, but we hope to “transform” into a café that will be open for villagers to drop into on Tuesdays once a fortnight. There is lots of brain storming and planning still to do, but look out for more news of our progress.

Please consider joining our group volunteers as some of our stalwarts are retiring. We are a very friendly group of volunteers who manage to have a lot of laughs as we work together.

We need people to cook (lots of help and guidance given) serve meals, wash up and to give some of our guests a lift to and from lunch club.

We aim to have a big pool of volunteers so that if you are suddenly offered lunch out etc. etc., there will always be someone you can swap rotas with.

Please contact Paula 07899 947957 paula@paulabeaumontphotography.co.uk or Angela 780056 angela@ehouseman.co.uk

Christ Church Darley

Throughout the various lockdowns Rev Alastair has been live streaming services from Christ Church and these will continue each Sunday at 10 a.m. for the next month at least. Throughout May there will also be a live service which can be attended in one of the other churches in the parish at 11 a.m. We hope to be able to return to something like the normal service pattern during the summer, as the restrictions are eased. Full up to date information and service links are here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1384504615160118>

Hard copies of the Church Magazine, the Link, are now available again. Since the first lockdown we have been e-mailing electronic versions of the Link, for free, which has worked well for some, though has not been ideal for others. But if you would prefer to receive electronic versions of the Link instead of (or as well as) hard copies please let us know. Also, if you have been receiving copies by e-mail and would like to continue receiving them – physically or by e-mail - let us know by ringing 01423 780262 or e-mailing irreverend@btinternet.com.



**Nidderdale
Gymnastics**
DARLEY MEMORIAL HALL
Summer 2021
from 12th April
Every Saturday 9.30 – 1.30
Monday and Tuesday
4.30 pm – 8.00 pm
AGES 5 -15
niddgym@btinternet.com Tel: 01765 677 420
or find Nidderdale Gymnastics Club on Facebook



Darley Memorial Hall
Friday 28th May 2021
Main Film starts at 7.30 pm
Doors Open and supporting programme from 6.45 pm
BAR OPEN AND REFRESHMENTS ON SALE

FILM NIGHT

EMILY BLUNT LIN-MANUEL MICHAELE BESSIE WHISTLER EMILY MORTIMER JULIE WALTERS DYCK VAN DYKE ANGELA LANSBURY COLIN FIRTH MERYL STREEP

Disney
MARY POPPINS RETURNS

Darley Film Night Returns
Admission £5 (juniors £2)
Pay at the Door or reserve tickets in advance at email:
boxoffice@darleymemorialhall.com or text 07740 951046
PLEASE WEAR FACE MASK WHEN MOVING ABOUT IN THE HALL