

# Darrington Parish Council Newsletter

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## Firework & Bonfire Night Saturday 9th November

Autumn is now upon us and plans are in place to make our village bonfire every bit as successful as previous years. The event will start at 5.30pm on the village field opposite the school. Competition has been stiff for the best Guy Fawkes and carved pumpkins, there are prizes on offer so start thinking about your designs now. The Pumpkins and Guy Fawkes will be judged at 5.45pm shortly followed by the lighting of the fire. Thanks to your generous donations this year's firework display should be bigger and better than previous years and will start at 7.00pm.



Please hand your entries in to the Village Store or to Mrs Hill at Darrington School by Wednesday 23rd October and don't forget to write your Name and Age on the back.

On sale we will have Burgers, Hot Dogs, Cakes, Soup and Jacket Potatoes, together with a selection of hot and cold drinks, beer, wine and mulled wine. Please do not bring your own drinks.

The gate to the field will be open from Saturday 26th October for you to bring your garden rubbish and wood. For safety reasons strictly no Glass, Soil, Mattresses, Suites or Rubble. Note, we may need to close the gates early to keep the bonfire to a reasonable size.

Although we have a willing team of helpers we always welcome people that want to join in and become part of this community event.

We also need your generous donations of We also need your generous donations of parking, buns and cakes and would be grateful if you could bring these to the field at 5pm on the day.

If you would like some more information, would like to join the committee or help out with the event please contact Simon on 01977 705140, Andrew on 01977 796133, Kenny on 01977 704208 or Paul on 01977 705373.

Children, do you want to see your name in lights? Then get drawing, painting or using your computer skills to create a scene from the Darrington Bonfire and Firework display. All entries will be projected in lights at the Village store and the winners will receive a Chocolate Bar.

## Clocks Go Back 27th October

As the clocks change and the nights draw in this can herald the arrival of some unwelcome visitors to the area.

It is often around this time that burglaries are at their height so we ask everyone to be vigilant with their security arrangements and most of all KEEP SAFE.

The darker mornings and evenings also make it more hazardous for the school run so again please slow down and keep a look out for the children going back and forth to school.

The clocks go back **Sunday 27th October**.



## Reading Rooms Restoration

By the time that you read this the first stage of the Reading Room Restoration project should be completed.

The building has undergone a major overhaul, the old false ceiling has been removed, all the windows and doors have been replaced, a new modern kitchen and toilets have been installed, central heating has been put in and the building has been rewired and fully insulated. Internal doors have been widened to accommodate disabled access and the front steps have been made much safer.

The project will have cost about £65,000, most of which came from donations. Our main sponsor has been WREN who gave £50,000. Our local

councillors supported an appeal to the Community Chest which brought in another £1000, the Parochial Church Council gave £6000, the Parish Council chipped in with £500, our local Police gave £1000 from the proceeds of crime funds and a number of private individuals gave smaller donations. The rest has been raised by the Reading Rooms Restoration Working Group under the leadership of Rev Adrian Judd.

Local people have given their time to decorate the place and it's now almost ready to open for business again.

The Post Office will re-open on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and the Monday Coffee Morning will re commence on

the same day. There will be an official opening to thank all the contributors on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

You will see that this project has cost the Rate payers of Darrington very little thanks to the kind donations of money and time of many organisations and individuals. To all those who helped may I take this opportunity to say thanks on behalf of everyone who can now enjoy the facility once again.

The hall will be available for hire from the end of September. To make a booking please contact Michael Britton on 07899 815855. Email Britton1955@btinternet.com. Tel 01977 708205. 4 New Row. Darrington.

## Darrington In Bloom

We hope you enjoyed the floral display this year. Understandably due to harsh Spring the plants took a little time to establish but have since made a beautiful showing.

The Parish Council pays for a Summer display and this, like all councils around us, gets planted in early June to avoid any frost. Some residents have asked why we have little showing in Spring. We have investigated

the costs of having a Spring planting and have taken the decision that, to avoid adding 18% to our precept to pay for this, we have instead bought more bulbs that will be deep planted in the planters to create some Spring colour.

This may take a little time to establish but we are working on an improved Spring offering. Should anyone have

any suggestions regarding this we would be happy to receive them.



## Community Police Liaison

Do you want to meet our local Neighbourhood Police Officers for Darrington, or have you got any concerns that you want to raise with them.

If you do why not attend the next PACT meeting in the Reading Rooms on Philips Lane, Darrington, WF8 3BH.

All meetings commence from 10.00am and future meeting dates are listed on the Police website address [www.westyorkshire.police.uk](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk)

### Essential Contacts for your local Neighbourhood Police Team.

Inspector Richard Sullivan  
ponte-  
fract@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Emergency always dial 999  
Non Emergencies new number 101  
Pontefract Police 01977 601045

Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111  
Neighbourhood Watch Co ordination  
run by the PCSO Offices 01924  
294668.

Text the Team at 07950 080240 starting with ponte followed by your message (leave a space after ponte)

## Darrington Garden Club



Another very successful year for the Darrington Garden Club.

We regularly have a good turn-out to our meetings (**Every second Wednesday of the Month at The Kyte - 6pm to 7pm**) with an extra-special attendance at the 2013 Garden Competition Awards evening in August when Pat and John Harrison (Park Close) - were awarded the Darrington GC Rose Bowl as well-deserved winners.

Earlier in the year the club worked closely with Gail Jenkins from Darrington Village Store to run the first Young Gardeners competition. Over 30 Darrington Youngsters entered to design one of the 4 Flower Boxes outside Darrington Village

Store. The 4 youngsters – Ava Hewson and Reuben Batty – both 2yrs old and George Marks (7yrs old) and Lily Fitzgerald (11yrs old) planted out their terrific designs with plants generously provided by The Willows Garden Nursery. They've been a terrific display outside the shop all summer

By the time you read this we will hopefully have had a presentation by the son of one of our club regulars. Phil Hirst won a Gold Award at the RHS 2013 Flower Show in the large Garden Category. His garden 'A Stainless Century' celebrated the invention of stainless steel in Sheffield by Harry Brearley 100 years ago.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. You really don't need to be a gardening expert. We talk about gardens, plants, the best places for gardening bargains as well as occasionally rambling off into natters about Darrington generally and any items of interesting news that may affect us. The tea & coffee we contribute towards is in lieu of 'subs'.

We end our meetings with a very informal plant-swap - people often bring along a plant or packet of seeds or cuttings and you'd be amazed at some of the bargains that can be swapped! Please contact Andy Tagger (01977704681) for further details

## Christmas Tree Lights Switch on, 2nd December 6pm

To get into the festive spirit why not come along to the official switching on of the Darrington Christmas tree lights.

The switch will be thrown at 6pm on the 2nd December near the Darrington Hotel.

With carol singing from the Darrington School choir what better start could you have to the festive season.



## Scarecrow Competition Result

A big thanks goes to everyone who got involved with this years Scarecrow competition.

Following the theme of Nursery Rhymes over 30 scarecrows appeared throughout the village for everyone to enjoy.

Everyone had the opportunity to vote for their favourite, which turned out to be "Three Blind Mice" by Mick and Cath Britton.

Look out for news of next years event!



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Darrington Parish Council are working on your behalf to improve and maintain the atmosphere and facilities of Darrington and Wentbridge.

If you have any issues that you wish to raise or ideas to help the community please contact one of the Councillors above.

If you are interested in getting more involved contact the Chair , Michael Britton or come to the next Parish Council meeting which is usually held on the second Thursday in the month in the newly refurbished Reading Rooms, Philips Lane.

**Keep up to date with  
Darrington events at  
[www.darrington.org.uk](http://www.darrington.org.uk) and  
[www.darringtonvillagefield.org](http://www.darringtonvillagefield.org)**

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Join us for some spine-tingling, hair-raising fun at our **Halloween Murder Mystery** on the 1st November great value £20.00 per ticket

### **Christmas Lunch Party Sunday 22nd December from 13.00**

Watch Santa arrive on his sleigh loaded with gifts for the children  
3 Course Christmas meal with a selection of buffet starters and desserts and a selection of 3 meats for main course with all the trimmings  
Adults £20.00 Children under 14 £10.00 and Children under 7 free

### **New Year's Eve Gala Dinner 31st December**

Richard Daniels entertains you (winner of come dine with me)  
Beautiful voice and a great choice of easy listening tunes  
Disco , 5 course Dinner, Tickets £50.  
Arrival 19:00 , Carriages 01:00 , Dress code Black Tie

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