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## Feast and Fayre 2011—June 18th

The 2011 Darrington Feast & Fayre takes place on Saturday 18th June and after last year's cold wind we are keeping everything crossed for a hot, hot, hot day.

As ever we will have displays from local dancers Dance Fusion & Lynbar Majorettes along with music from The Cellars. New for this year we are hoping to have a drill display from Castleford Air Cadets.

The bouncy bungee run last year proved popular so we have tried to follow a similar line but also a new twist with a bouncy bowling alley - you have to see it to believe it !! There will be the usual roundabouts and regular round inflatables for the younger visitors.

Refreshments will be on offer and reasonably priced with the BBQ a firm favourite. In an attempt to try and avoid people feeling

the need to supply their own alcohol (which our insurance does not cover us for) we are offering a wider range of drinks, including draft real ales, this year so there should be plenty to cater for all tastes.

We are keen to seek out new blood so if you feel you want to get involved please come forward and contact one of the team. We are particularly interested in people who can offer their time on Friday afternoon/evening & Saturday after the event please.

For general enquiries please contact Sam Wood - 706479

If you can offer your time please contact Vicky Marks - 793990

For enquiries regarding

DARRINGTON  
VILLAGE FEAST+  
FAYRE  
£1 18th June 2011



stalls please contact Vera Stones - 794794

If you can help with catering please contact Trish Hill - 705140

Programme cover by Louise Stainer. Aged 10



## The Darrington Fun Run

If running is your thing then why not raise some much needed funds for charity while having fun.

Proceeds from the run this year will be shared between the Laila Milly Foundation, The Bluebell Wood Hospice and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Take part in this years 5 mile run at the Feast and Fayre. This will start at 12:10 on the 18th June and follows a route from Darrington towards Carleton, Wentbridge and then back to the village.

Entry forms are available to download from our web site [www.darrington.org.uk](http://www.darrington.org.uk)

or by request at [darrington-villagefield@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:darrington-villagefield@hotmail.co.uk) or from John O'Gara on 780659.

Pre registry entry £8 for adults and £4 for juniors (12-17 yrs) or on the day at £10 and £5.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Feast and Fayre 18th June*
- *Fun Run 18th June*
- *Community Sentence presentation. Darrington Hotel 26th May. 7:30.*
- *PACT meeting dates*
- *Free Hospital shuttle bus*

## The Parish of Darrington

The Parish of Darrington is situated on the southern edge of the Vale of York where it meets the Went Valley. The area has been occupied and farmed since pre-history. Earliest records of the village show it lying in the Wapentake of Osgoldcross. The Domesday book of 1086 shows that Darrington was the largest parish in the area. It was twice the value of Castleford and Pontefract is not even mentioned.

Nowadays the Parish boundaries exceed the village and include West Park, Grove Hall, Jacksons Hill, and the part of Wentbridge that lies north of the river Went. There are approximately 700 dwellings in the parish with around 1230 residents on the electoral register.

The Parish boast three hotels / restaurants, one pub and a golf club.

The pride of Darrington village is the 12th century Parish church of St Luke's and All Saints. Evidence suggests that there has been worship on this site since 675 with just a simple cross. Subsequently the church has seen many changes over the years with the additions of a Norman tower, north and south aisles and the Stapleton Chapel on the north east side.

The 16<sup>th</sup> century reformation and Cromwell's puritanical crusade of the following century had their impact, but St Luke's seems to have escaped comparatively lightly. It is one of the few churches in the area which retains

some medieval glass.

In the 18<sup>th</sup> century the villagers are said to have been the best informed in the area due to the proliferation of coaches passing through on the Great North Road, many stopping off for refreshments at either the Crown or Ship inns at the Darrington crossroads.

A detailed history of the parish can be found by reading Memorials of a Yorkshire Parish. An historical sketch of the parish of Darrington. (J.S Fletcher)

## Garden Club and Competition

Darrington Garden Club goes from strength to strength. We're very informal and don't have subs (although a modest contribution towards Tea or Coffee is welcomed!) We meet as a club but anyone attending is automatically a 'member'.

We meet for about an hour - 6pm to 7pm - on the second Wednesday of the month at The Kyte Hotel and Restaurant in Darrington.

Our 'big project' this year has become our application for a significant amount of money to support the devel-

opment of the club by enabling us to book some guest speakers as well as - hopefully - one or two trips to 'Great Gardens' (or simply lovely gardens that are worth a visit!).

The next Annual Darrington Garden Competition will take place on Sunday 26th June 2011. Free entries and the prospect of some lovely prizes thanks to the generosity of some super local sponsors in previous years including The Spread Eagle, Willow Nurseries, Baghill, Mid-Yorkshire Golf Club and The Kyte. Entry details from Andy

Tagger (or at the meetings and on the notice boards).

Why not come along? No commitment at all. Bring yourself and perhaps a cutting or two (not essential). If you're not keen simply to turn up, please ring me in advance for a chat. All Ages. No experience or lots. You'll be made very welcome!

Next Wednesday Meetings: 13th April, 11th May, 8th June (Competition 26th June) 13th July.  
Andy Tagger - Chairman - 704681



## Local Crime Community Sentence Project Presentation

### What is the Local Crime Community Sentence Project?

This is a joint venture by magistrates and probation officers to increase the knowledge and understanding of community sentences. It is an opportunity for you to be the judge, sentencing a serious crime and deciding whether the offender goes to prison or is given a community sentence.

### What is a community sentence?

A community sentence is a form of punishment in the community which is supervised by the probation service.

The Parish Council have arranged a presentation by the project for the benefit of the residents.

This will take place in the meeting room at the **Darrington Hotel on the Thursday 26th May, starting at 7:30.** All are welcome.



## Community Police Liaison

Currently we have a number of Neighbourhood Watch schemes operating within the village, however this does not cover the entire area of Darrington.

The scheme is an active partnership with the Police, the community and other agencies working to reduce crime, disorder and the fear of crime. The aim is to improve the quality of life and make communities safer

If you would like any further information about how to establish such a group please contact Karen Vezina on 01977 601164



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 below.

16th May  
27th June  
8th August  
19th September  
31st October  
12th December

## Spring Flowers

Spring flowers blooming all around,  
Shoots start to grow right up through  
the ground.

Flowers pink, yellow and red.  
Standing tall on the flower bed.

The children are playing they are  
running all over,  
Stamping on the green grass and on  
the clover.

“Slowdown!” said the adults, “You’re  
squishing the flowers!”

“We have just planted those, it took us  
2 hours.

Now the feeling of Spring has begun  
Now it is here let’s have some fun,  
Now the feeling of Spring is here,  
Winter’s over so give a cheer

Freya Marks—Aged 10

## Free Hospital Shuttle Bus Service

NHS Wakefield and NHS Kirklees are providing a free shuttle bus service for the use of those visiting, as patients or visitors, Pontefract, Pinderfields or Dewsbury Hospitals. The service covers patient visiting times of 2:30-4:30 and 6:30- 8:00 and will run every hour between the main hospital sites. The service will run 7 days per week.

The bus picks up in Pontefract at the Metro Bus stop opposite the new

hospital main entrance every hour  
from 13:15 to 19:15.

This service is in the pilot stage and will initially operate until June where-upon it will be reviewed.



## Darrington Charity Ball

On a cold November night a group of hardy souls dressed up in their finery and made their way to the Wentbridge House Hotel for the annual Darrington Charity Ball.

With the champagne flowing and the canapés living up to expectations the evening got underway as the Jazz band played.

This was followed by an excellent meal of locally sourced produce with all the trimmings.

After a quick cash raffle, dancing commenced and continued until the end at half past midnight.

The purpose of having all this fun was the serious business of raising money for Children in Need and also various local charities and good causes.

In the final count over £1800 was raised through this event and the money shared between: Children in Need; The Darrington Village Field Trust; The Darrington Mothers and Toddlers;

The Darrington School PTFA; Ackworth Riding for the Disabled and Martins House Hospice for sick children.

Organiser Kelvin Wilkins said he was delighted with the event and with the excellent sum raised for good causes. He would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed to the evening’s success.

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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 Councilors 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 Tuesday in the month in the meeting room of the Spread Eagle.

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

Our thanks to the Kyte Hotel and Mid Yorkshire Golf Club for sponsoring the production of this newsletter.

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Newsletter created and edited by Kelvin Wilkins.

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**You don't need to be a member to enjoy our facilities  
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**Visit our web site for details of upcoming events:  
 Murder Mystery, Live Bands and Themed Menu Nights.**

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