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## Feast and Fayre 2012—June 23rd

The 2012 Darrington Feast & Fayre takes place on Saturday 23rd June.

As ever we will have displays from local dancers Dance Fusion & Lynbar Majorettes.

This year we are hosting the Darrington Olympians. The idea is that you enter a team & choose 2 members to participate in a number of challenges: egg catching, ski slalom, stilt walking, sack race concluding with the tractor pull. Points will be rewarded for each event & a prize awarded to the winning team. We really hope you will get into the spirit of this by participating as it should prove very entertaining for both participants & onlookers alike. The teams will still be in 3 categories: Under 14's, 15-18 inclusive & adult.

The real ale bar proved to be a hit last year so its back again this year but with more ale! There is also the chance to win not only a prize but the admiration of your fellow bakers by en-

tering the cake baking competition. Entries to be taken to the catering tent by 12 noon Saturday please.

A new treat for the youngsters this year will be pony rides around the paddock to be undertaken by a fully qualified riding instructor.

After careful deliberation we are delighted to announce that the winner of this year's competition at Darrington School to design our programme cover is Anna Neilson. Well done Anna who wins a £10 WH Smith voucher.

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 stalls please contact Vera Stones - 794794

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

Please visit our new website at [www.darringtonvillagefield.org](http://www.darringtonvillagefield.org) for new updates.



## The Darrington 5 Mile Run

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

The recipients of this years 5 mile run proceeds will be Martin House Children's Hospice & C.R.Y (Cardiac Risk In The Young)

Take part in this years 5 mile run at the Feast and Fayre. This will start at 12:10 on the 23rd June and follows a route from Darrington towards Carleton, Wentbridge and then back to the village.

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

by request at [info@darringtonvillagefield.org](mailto:info@darringtonvillagefield.org) 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:

- *PC Chair Report*
- *Feast and Fayre 23rd June*
- *Fun Run 23rd June*
- *Scarecrow Competition*

## Parish Council Annual Report from the Chair 2011/12.

The Parish Council have achieved a good deal in the last financial year. At the outset we were aware that our finances in good order and this along with a carefully planned budget allowed us to release some capital for improvement schemes. Consequently it was felt that it would not be necessary to increase the precept above the current rate of inflation. The long term project to update the village planters was progressed by building new stone ones along the Western end of Estcourt Road. Though these were much more expensive than the previous ones the Council felt that a greater investment now would prove to be prudent in the long term. This project is ongoing and we hope to be able to build more planters in the coming year.

Closer ties with the Field Committee have seen the two groups working together to provide a much improved play area on the village field which will be an asset for years to come. It is anticipated that this closer relationship will continue to improve the village for all residents.

There are still groups working for the village and villagers who are reluctant to integrate with the Parish Council despite our best efforts to encourage a closer relationship, but I would take this opportunity to assure them that closer ties would benefit the village as a whole. The Parish Council is not a politically or religiously motivated organisation; it exists to facilitate improvements for everyone.

There have been a number of changes

on the council this year and we regret to have lost the services of Hazel Crabtree who has been a great asset. Her individual efforts to promote closer integration with the Church and School were very much appreciated by us all. Hazel will be a hard act to follow. However, we have had two new people join the Council this year, Jonathan Jackson and Denis MorrisseyNewton and I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome them both. I have no doubt that they will prove to be equally valuable to our group.

The forthcoming year is set to be a busy one, the Feast and Fayre will dominate the celebrations as usual but the Parish Council felt that it would be wrong not to mark the Diamond Jubilee of our Queen. We have commissioned a local craftsman to manufacture new notice boards out of solid oak which will be erected at either end of the village to commemorate the event.

Darrington is not a large parish and the precept is still one of the lowest in the county, the Parish Council does not spend large amounts of public money. We rely upon residents to contribute in other ways, many already do by organising events like the Feast and Fayre and using the proceeds to help the community. The village is not self cleaning, a number of residents take it upon themselves to pick up litter, and we are not exempt from graffiti, but as soon as any appears someone cleans it off. None of these services are paid for out of the precept, it's just the community looking after its self and long may

it continue. To the people who provide these services freely and unquestioningly I should like to take this opportunity to say thank you on behalf of the Parish Council.

Finally, I should like to mention that we are trying to promote a Scarecrow Festival this year which is to be held in the week following the Feast and Fayre. As with any new venture it is not guaranteed to succeed, once again the Parish Council are hoping that residents will make the effort and with any luck it may become an annual event.

Michael Britton Chairman DPC.

## 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  
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fract@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Emergency always dial 999  
Non Emergencies 0845 6060606  
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)

## Garden Club and Competition

We're approaching a key time in our annual Darrington Garden Club calendar: On July 1st, we'll be judging the entrants for this year's Darrington Parish Garden Competition.

All residents within our Parish (and that means all the households who have this Newsletter delivered!) are eligible to enter. It's free, it's fun and it's a chance to have a natter with others in our area.

If that wasn't enough of an incentive, there are some sponsored prizes as well as the chance to be the holder for a year of the Darrington Garden Competition Rose Bowl!!

Our club meets every second Wednesday of the Month from 6pm to 7pm at The Kyte Hotel.

Jessica and her colleagues at The Kyte have very generously welcomed us for

a couple of years now. We planned and planted a Herb Garden for use by their Chefs and it's been a tremendous success and very well used.

Our meetings are very informal, loads of fun (usually) and with a cuppa in hand, the time flies as we share our knowledge (or lack of it sometimes!!) about gardens, best places to buy gardening bargains and also generally put the world to rights! We also swap plants, cuttings and seeds - once again, all for free

We always welcome anyone who's got an hour to spare. Attend as often as you want (although I'm pretty sure you'll want to be a 'regular' after you've been to your first meeting.) Oh, and did I mention it's free? There's no club membership fee - and the refreshments are only £1 if required (Thanks again Jess + The Kyte!)

Please contact me if you want any info about the Garden Club or about the Competition

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## Scarecrow Competition

Many of you have already expressed your support for the Scarecrow Festival this year.

In case you missed the earlier publicity, the plan is to 'kick-start' the Festival Week at The Feast and Fayre on June 23rd. There will be a Scarecrow building area where young and old will be welcome to help make either whole Scarecrows or scarecrow spare parts!

Most Materials will be provided although we'll welcome any suitable scarecrow-type clothes (You'll know what I mean by that, I'm sure in this Jubilee and Olympic year!)

Several very kind residents on Estcourt and Valley Roads have offered to host a scarecrow in their garden so that we can have a Scarecrow trail through the village between June 23rd and July 1st

On Sunday July 1st we've managed to acquire the services of a small group of Scarecrow Trained and Recognised Accredited Workers (Trained at the Nationally accredited STRAW Institute) to award some very special certificates and one or two quite remarkably appropriate prizes.

Oh, and did I mention, it's free to enter?

If you are able to HOST a scarecrow and you live on or very close to Estcourt or Valley Roads, please let me have your details. Your garden or drive must be easily visible from the pavement or road - we don't want anyone traipsing through your garden or on to your property!!

If you are able to MAKE a scarecrow - and you live ANYWHERE in our Parish, please let me know ASAP. The Festival starts on June 23rd but Scarecrows will need to be ready in advance, of course. I can provide advice, notes and websites that will help if you're a novice scarecrow builder.

If you can make a scarecrow, we'll let you know where your Scarecrow will be living during Festival week nearer to the date.

We're delighted that many Darrington School pupils will be getting involved in Scarecrow activities and Debbie Hunter, Richard Guest and Celia Loughran amongst the Head teacher, staff and several others are helping to coordinate this first for Darrington

Please contact me, Debbie, Richard or Celia if you can make or Host a Scarecrow.

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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 meeting room of the Spread Eagle.

**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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