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## Scarecrow Festival 25th—30th June

This years Scarecrow Festival will be from the **25th—30th June** to coincide with the Darrington Feast and Fayre weekend.

The theme for this year is **Book Characters** and we are again requesting Darrington residents choose their character and register their name, address and scarecrow at The Village Store by the 13th June. This helps us to make the scarecrow trail map as accurate as possible so others can enjoy your efforts.

Prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd best scarecrows as voted by you.

Maps of the scarecrow trail will be available in the Village Store for £1.

If you require further information contact:

Gail Jenkins in the Village Store.

Vera Stones 794794



## Darrington Scarecrow Festival 2015

### Book Characters

25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June



Register your Scarecrow character & pick up a map at Darrington Village Store!

Have your Scarecrow ready and visible from the street by the 24<sup>th</sup> June, ready to be judged!

Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> best scarecrows in the village will be announced shortly after the closing date.

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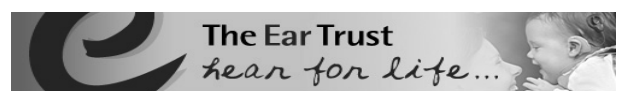
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## The Darrington 5 Mile Run 27th June

This years run is already fully subscribed with 200 runners!

Come along and cheer for your favorites.

This years charities are the Laila Milly Foundation and The Ear Trust.



## Parish Council Annual Report from the Chair 2014/15.

The past year has seen the Parish Council continue to work with other village organisations for the benefit of residents. I should like to express particular thanks to our Vicar Adrian Judd and Church Warden Carole Morrell for their cooperation in this endeavour.

With the Tythe Barn and stone planter projects completed, we turned our attention to tidying up some areas which had been allowed to deteriorate. We recently formed a working group to trim the trees on Philips lane and we have rebuilt a couple of walls which had fallen down. Though the walls were really the responsibility of WMDC, they told us that they would have to wait until funds became available. Rather than leave the mess we decided to do the work ourselves; WMDC agreed to pay for the materials, and Parish Councillors provided the labour. To my mind this is what localism is really all about. Our council strives to be more than just a talking shop, we believe that if something needs doing and it is in our power to do it, we should roll up our sleeves and get it done.

Regular annual events were not neglected, the Scarecrow Competition continues to be popular with more people joining in each year and the Christmas Carol service was a great success. Moving the venue seems to have been a popular decision and I should like to thank the staff at the school for their input, especially for the post event refreshments. The donation of the main village Christmas tree by the Brotherhood Church was very much appreciated and the re-sighting was a great improvement. Unfortunately in moving the tree to a safer position we were unable to use the mains electrical supply for lighting and the battery lights that we tried instead were not a great success. We will have to reconsider our options for this year. Decorating the Reading Rooms for Christmas also proved to be popular and one Christmas event alone produced a profit of over £400.

Recently one item caught the parish council by surprise. In the seven years that I have served we have constantly struggled to attract people to join us.

We were quite aware that the council was not representative, being made up entirely of gentlemen of a similar age. Our efforts to attract a broader cross section of councillors have in the past come to nothing, so we were somewhat surprised to find that three ladies stood for election this year. While it was encouraging to find that so many people wanted to work for the community, unfortunately this necessitated an election, which is expensive. We have been informed by WMDC that we will be receiving a bill for around £2500 for this service. As our only income is our £11,000 precept, it is evident that the election expenses will take around 22% of that. Fortunately, our financial situation remains stable, thanks to the foresight of our RFO Cllr' Stainer, we retain a contingency fund of around £7000 which will easily cover the election expenses, but we would have much rather spent the money on something for the village; however, the matter is out of our hands.

One disappointing aspect of the last few months has been a number of acts of vandalism. The new bushes which we planted on Philips Lane were uprooted, the swag ropes in the Tythe Barn have been broken three times in the last few weeks; when we recently planted a substantial shrub by the side of the Dove Cote; (which had been donated by a resident); that too was ripped out shortly afterwards. The same group of children have been observed committing these acts and they were caught on CCTV tipping up a garden waste bin, but the image was not good enough to use against them. There have been other acts of vandalism which may also be attributable to the same group, however unlike the items mentioned no one witnessed them. Clearly we are aware who the children are and the information has been passed on to our PCSO. It is sad that such a small group can cause such mayhem, but without evidence not much can be done to stop them.

Finally I can-not allow the loss of two councillors to pass without comment. Ian Thompson had only been a councillor for a short period, but prior to joining us he attended almost all our meetings. He also acted as internal auditor for a number of years for which he made no charge. He was in short someone who showed interest in

the activities of the council and as soon as he discovered that he could be of use to the community he volunteered his services; to my mind an ideal councillor. Though we did not always agree, I found his arguments to be well judged and well presented. I shall miss his level headed thinking in our future meetings.

The other councillor who lost his place at the recent election was Jonathan Jackson. Jonathan is a quiet man who though eloquent tends to put deeds before talk. On the day of the election Jonathan was with me rebuilding the churchyard wall. I find it somewhat ironic the number of people who must have walked past him quietly getting on with his job, as they went off to vote for someone else. I frequently receive the credit for work in our village which in truth has been the efforts equally of other councillors, particularly Jonathan Jackson my almost constant companion. I will miss his efforts especially.

The council have plenty of ongoing work and have ideas for future projects. The old orchard between Phillips Lane and Church lane is something that we are looking at. We have had a number of suggestions for developing this land into a quiet seating area, a car park, allotments or even a bowling green. We would of course require the permission of the church authorities, but with the Vicar and Churchwarden working with us anything is possible.

No doubt our new councillors will step in to fill the void left by the outgoing gentlemen, Fiona Smith has already started, she helped rebuild part of the stone wall on Church lane before she joined the council and I am sure that Councillors Johnson and Stones can't wait to roll their sleeves up and get stuck in.

During my tenure as chairman Darrington Parish Council has always been proactive, with all councillors working together for the good of the community and I very much hope that this will continue in the coming year.

Michael Britton MA  
Chairman Darrington Parish Council.

## Garden Club and Competitions

### The 8<sup>th</sup> Darrington Garden Competition – 2015

**Free to enter!**

Competition Rose Bowl + category awards and certificates to be won!

Judging will take place on  
Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup>

If this newsletter was delivered to your address, then you're eligible to enter!

We're not sure what the 'perfect garden' looks like **so we're not** looking for perfection. Whether you have lots of containers or mainly bushes and shrubs; whether you have loads of scented, colourful borders or just a lovely mix of everything, please enter. If you're not in, you can't win!

The judges need to walk around your garden on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**. Andy Tagger – Garden Club Chairman – will ring you a couple of days before to let you know the time we'll be judging your garden. It will take about 15 minutes.

If you have a pet dog, we'd prefer for it not to be in the garden during the

visit!

Presentations: July 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm at The Kyte

Need more information? Please contact Andy on 01977704681 or pop in to see Gail in Darrington Village Stores.

### Garden Club Meetings

We meet on the second Wednesday of the Month so the next meetings for 2015 are:

June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th, November 11th, December 9th. 6pm to 7pm at The Kyte. No subs but we ask that people attending buy a £1 Tea or Coffee (or other drink) because the Kyte generously allows us to use the room without charge.

We have between 15 and 20 regular attendees and you will be made very welcome if you want to pop-down to a meeting. Please ring Andy Tagger if you want any further info. Briefly, we discuss *anything* connected with gardens and flowers (and believe me, that covers lots!!!) and there's usually

someone with an answer to almost any gardening question.

More Info? Andy Tagger: 01977 704681



## Feast and Fayre 2015—June 27th

The 2015 Darrington Feast & Fayre takes place on Saturday 27th June .

Confirmed acts for this year already include Knottingley Concert Brass, Joseph O'Brien and Dance Fusion and this year's special guest is Gareth Carvelle from Featherstone Rovers.

There will be the ever popular Cake Baking competition and this year there are two categories: Best Tasting Cake and Best Cake Design .Entries to be taken to the catering tent by 12.30 Saturday please.

Don't forget to get your program for the event as this year they are numbered for a draw and the holder of the winning number will received a bottle of champagne.

As there are so many runners this year we would be grateful if the roads on the course could be as open as possible during the race so please park thoughtfully.

We have provided limited parking within the Tythe Barn but this is strictly for the disabled only.

The Feast & Fayre really does unite the village and the key to its future success is encouraging new faces to come forward. As ever we are particularly in need of helpers to set up Friday evening & Saturday morning as well as people who can stay behind after the event to assist the clear up operation.

We are also asking for raffle prizes and contributions for the food hamper- please contact Stella on 704619 with any donation offers.

If you are interested in hiring a stall please contact Vera on 794794.

For offers of helping out on the day please contact Kate on 07590 230486.

General enquiries & offers of help in the catering tent should be directed to

Sam 706479.

We look forward to another enjoyable afternoon of entertainment.

Visit our website at [www.darringtonvillagefield.org](http://www.darringtonvillagefield.org) for new updates or like our facebook page.



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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 Reading Rooms.

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)

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

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Newsletter created and edited by Kelvin Wilkins.

## Keep Darrington Tidy

### Trees ,Shrubs and Hedges.

Our village is blessed with a verdant hue created by the many trees, bushes and shrubs within the gardens of residents. It is one of the features of the village that goes towards making the picturesque views throughout.

However nature cannot be left to itself for too long and so we would ask that if there is foliage from within your property that is overhanging paths and roads that this is closely maintained. WMDC do have the powers to trim foliage if they see fit but will invoice the resident accordingly so we would advise keeping matters in your own hands.

### Dog Fouling.

This problem is now being monitored by our local PCSO Officer. He has already started to challenge dog walk-

ers to prove they have the appropriate equipment to clear up after their dog. Age is no excuse as he has advised us that this responsibility belongs to anyone over the age of 10.

We know the vast majority of dog owners in the village do clear up after their pets and we would ask that some vigilance is maintained to apprehend those who are less so inclined.

### Parking on Sotheron Croft.

We would again appeal to residents of Sotheron Croft to be considerate when parking. There have been a number of recent occasions where larger vehicles have struggled to pass. These circumstances could lead to a tragedy in the event of an emergency, if access cannot be made.



## MID YORKSHIRE GOLF CLUB DARRINGTON

Your parish golf club is opening 7 days a week, whether this be for a game of golf or a bite to eat. Why not try some of our mouth-watering dishes served daily in the recently refurbished bar lounge overlooking panoramic views of the course and woodland.

Sunday Lunches are available to the public served between 12noon and 4pm. Our Sunday lunches are served with a twist, offering a range of meats with all the trimmings served as a banquet for you and your guests to enjoy.

Only £7.95 for one course, £10.95 for two courses or £12.95 for three courses. We also specialise in making Christening parties days to truly remember.

Social membership is now available for the entire parish 'Free of Charge'. Offering the village of Darrington and Wentbridge a special 10% discount card for all our products served in the club house.

Visit us today or call for more information

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