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Scarecrow Festival 17th—27th June

This years Scarecrow Festival will be from the **17th—27th June** to coincide with the Darrington Feast and Fayre weekend.

The theme for this year is **Film people or characters**

Free entry forms are available from the Village Store. This helps us to make the scarecrow trail map as accurate as possible so others can enjoy your efforts.

Maps of the scarecrow trail will be available in the Village Store or at the Parish

Council stall at the Feast and Fayre for £1.

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

A Scarecrow workshop will be held in the reading rooms on June 4th 11:00—3:00

Scarecrow stands will be available to purchase.

Free straw will be available in the Spread Eagle car park from 28th May.

If you require further

information contact:

Gail Jenkins in the Village Store or Vera on 794794



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Darrington 2016 OPEN GARDEN Celebration 19th - 26th June

This year, Darrington Garden Club and Darrington Parish Council are backing a change to our Annual Garden Competition.

There are lots of lovely gardens in and around Darrington!

Some of you garden-owners have been rather too modest to enter a competition. However, there's a lot of support for the idea of having a **non-competitive** Open Garden Celebration, perhaps to support a local Darrington Project.

Please accept this invitation to take part in our 2016 Open Garden Celebration.

It's FREE to take part!

We're not talking 'Stately Home Gardens'! This is all about the many gardens that are just nice places to relax and potter. This year is NOT a com-

petition- just a chance to share!

YOU choose the day(s) and time(s) when you are willing to welcome visitors into your garden.

It could anything for just one hour on, say, Sunday 19th or it could be something like 2pm to 4pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. **YOU decide.**

WE (The Open Garden Organisers) will meet with you beforehand to give you an official 'Open Garden' notice that will be placed at your gate on the day/time when you are welcoming visitors.

WE and YOU will chat about any concerns you may have. Rest assured, as you probably know,

MANY villages and towns organize hugely successful and trouble free Open Garden events.

This is our first time, though, so we'll make sure everything is done to guarantee a successful event.

WE will include your address and your day(s) and time(s) in the Darrington Open Garden leaflet and plan as well as with Gail on the 'central' information board at Darrington Stores and on the Village Noticeboards.

The 'Open Garden' notice by your gate will make it clear when visitors will be welcome.

We'll invite **visitors** to contribute towards the

'Open Garden Leaflet'. Any funds will be used to support the 'Old Orchard' Project in Darrington.

Questions? Andy Tagger (Chair Darrington Garden Club, Parish Councillor) 01977704681

Interested in taking part? Please contact Andy or leave your name and details at Darrington Stores.



Parish Council Annual Report from the Chair 2015/16.

Once again I am pleased to report that the Parish Council have had a productive year. Established events such as the Scarecrow Competition, the Feast and Fayre stall and The Christmas Carol service went well again. The new tree lights were a great success, even if the tree was not entirely straight. Thanks to the Brotherhood Church for donating the tree and to all the local businesses who donated to the lights.

The new councillors have proved their worth by not only helping with projects but leading them. The Feast and Fayre stall and Scarecrow Competition were both organised by the new team. Thanks also to the people at the Village Store for their input.

One new event was organised by Councillor Hoyle. A litter picking day was held and the village received a good clean up.

We have had a number of problems to deal with recently, the Golf Club driving range project caused some concern, but after organising escorted tours around the site everyone seemed to be content. As the people at the Golf Club pointed out, they did nothing more than agreed in their planning application. They went through due process with their application; they consulted local residents and posted notices as required detailing what they were going to do. I can't emphasize enough that it is important to look at planning applications and make an objection at the time if you feel that a proposal will adversely affect you. To wait until the project is half built before registering an objection is unfair and not very likely to succeed. We

look at every planning application in our parish at our meetings and give everyone an opportunity to comment.

Complaints were made about parking at Ripon Farm Services. The grassed areas were in a very poor state, and off loading of heavy machinery was causing inconvenience to residents. After expressing our concerns to the management they seem to be attempting to improve things however, no long term resolution has been found yet.

There was some concern at the smell emanating from the pig farm, but after inviting the owner Peter Batty to address the meeting he assured residents that he would do everything in his power to alleviate the problem. It was suggested that a log be kept of bad smell days and this was duly organised. Judging by the low number of reports to the log it would appear that the situation is much improved.

Our two perennial problems persist; overhanging vegetation throughout the village and inconsiderate parking, particularly on Sotheron Croft. We have no power to control parking, but have asked the PCSOs to keep an eye on it. As for the overhanging trees etc, we do have the right to have them trimmed and pass on the cost on to residents, but we really don't want to do that, so once again I make the appeal to all residents to keep their vegetation in order.

One item which we decided not to pursue was the setting up of a "No Cold Calling Zone". We did look into the possibility, but it was complex and had cost implications which we believe would not have been justified.

The precept was raised by 5% for the forthcoming year, which will bring in an extra £600 or so. We will use this along with some of our reserves, to pay off part of the PWLB loan that we took out a few years ago for the street lighting scheme.

An "Open Garden celebration" event will take place in the summer which we hope will be a popular event.

Our main project this year is the regeneration of the Church Orchard. Working with Rev Judd and the people at the Church, the land has been cleared and wall rebuilding and landscaping are ongoing. This should bring a valuable asset back into public use and I would like to thank everyone who has worked to make this happen, particularly Peter Batty and his lads and Philip Morrell for their heavy equipment and labour.

The saddest news this year is the resignation of Roger Farrell who was one of our longest serving councillors. Roger was chairman when I joined and he taught me all about parish council ways. I will miss Roger's level headedness, but understand his need for more time to travel. He has certainly done his bit for the community and I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks on behalf of the parish council and the whole community.

To conclude, the coming year sees the Parish Council in a sound financial state and councillors maintain a resolve to work towards improving benefits for all residents.

Michael Britton ` Chairman DPC.

The Darrington 5 Mile Run 18th June

This years run is already fully subscribed although 25 places are available for entry on the day

Come along and cheer for your favourites.

This years charities are the Laila Milly Foundation, CRY and a local Breast Cancer Support Group.



Laila Milly 
FOUNDATION



Cardiac Risk in the Young
Tel: 01737 363222 e-mail: cry@c-r-y.org.uk

Darrington Village Field

Many residents of Darrington and particularly those new to the area are unaware of who owns and maintains the village field. It is not as many think owned and funded by Wakefield MDC, the Parish Council or the church. In the 1970's the field was acquired for the community and set up as a charitable trust for all the residents to use and enjoy.

There are three trustees and the day to day management is organised by a committee made up of representatives of various village organisations and members of the public. It is funded from the profit made at the Feast and Fayre and the bonfire. However, grass cutting is paid for from the Parish Council precept.

Two major projects are now underway: the provision of a concrete hard standing area in front of the basket ball hoop and the provision of some

“adult” fitness equipment probably sited near the existing roundabout. This will be free of charge with no monthly gym fees and available for all to use. These additions will cost about £10,000. Over a longer term there will be the need to replace some of the existing play equipment and this could cost in the order of £50, 000.

We are aware of many generous donations that have been made to other projects in the village that have helped to enhance the local environment and would naturally welcome any financial assistance towards our plans. Alternatively, you may wish to consider leaving a bequest in a will that could help the field continue to thrive in years to come.

Visit the Village Field web site for more details of events and how to get involved.

Christmas lights

Hopefully you all enjoyed the much improved Christmas lights this year both by the Darrington Hotel and in the Tithe Barn.

The large tree by the Darrington Hotel was donated by the Brotherhood Church for which we thank them.

We are very grateful to those who bought raffle tickets, donated prizes and who made personal or company donations. In total £750 was raised.

Donors include:

Ms Colleen Robinson—Darrington Hall

Gail Jenkins—Darrington Village Store

Mick Majors—Majors Carpets

Mid Yorkshire Golf Club

Ripon Farm Services

Knivesmire Building Contractors

Mrs. Wilson—Maurice Wilson (Farming) Ltd

Feast and Fayre 2016—June 18th

The 2016 Darrington Feast & Fayre takes place on Saturday 18th June .

Confirmed acts for this year already include Knottingley Concert Brass, Yorkshire band DB3 performing Rock and Country covers along with Dance Fusion . This year's special guest is Rob Burrow from Leeds Rhinos Super League.

Reptile Rangers will also be there with a variety of bugs and reptiles to handle.

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.

This years King will be Ben Page attended by Max Oakley, Queen is Jessica Fulcher attended by Charlie Johnson and Angel Davey.

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.

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 drop these off at the Village Store.

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 and 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 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 and
www.darringtonvillagefield.org

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**Our Sunday roast can be enjoyed from 12pm to 4pm,
 and booking in advance is advised due to its understandable
 popularity! Telephone 01977 704522**



“Sunday Lunch”

5 of 5 stars

This is our first visit and would certainly recommend. Delighted with the quality and quantity of a Sunday Lunch. Food was served hot by very polite and enthusiastic waitresses. The selection of meat (very tender) was excellent. The dining room was well laid out and inviting. Good value for the money.

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