MENWITH WITH DARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Items of interest have included:

- The Council discussed the issue of supplementing the road clearing services provided by NYCC with additional services provided by volunteers or by the Parish, during periods of severe weather. It was agreed that although a regular volunteer or Parish service was not possible, the provision of an emergency service during extreme conditions, using allocated emergency funds will be written into the Community Resilience Plan.

- The Council agreed to increase the precept by a sum of approximately £5 per household (Band D) in order to provide funding for celebration events for the whole community, to be organised by the Jubilee Committee during the period 2-5 June 2012.

- The Walled Garden Group have continued to work around the parish - painting, strimming, tidying footpaths and planting bulbs. The Parish continues to receive funding from the LEADER scheme to assist with this work.

- Waymarks have now been put up marking the 6 walks that are in the Darley Heritage Trail leaflet. These feature part of the village logo, are colour-coded, and are labelled as Darley Walk 1, Darley Walk 2 etc.

The next meeting will be on 30 January 2012. Contact the Clerk on 780970 with any comments on Council issues.

SCHOOL NEWS

From Foremost School, Forest Moor, Menwith Hill Rd…….

I am pleased to write what I hope will be the first of many articles which both welcomes you to, and informs you about, Foremost School. In this opening article I would like to give you a brief picture of Foremost.

Foremost is a special school, maintained by North Yorkshire County Council for children who have disabilities of an emotional and behavioural origin. For many of the children their disability has a clinically diagnosed description such as Autism or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, others may have experienced psychological trauma as a result of abuse or neglect, some children have conditions which have resulted from development problems prior to birth. Children only attend the school after a Statement of Special Educational Need has been issued by NYCC in partnership with the parent. What all the children have in common is the need to be provided with an educational environment which is specialist and sensitive to the children’s needs.

The move to Forest Moor in the New Year marks the end of a five year journey for the school, and we are really excited about joining the Nidderdale Community. We have been able to recruit some significant local community figures to our Governing Body: County Councillor John Fort, Sue Welch, the Clerk to the Parish Council of Menwith with Darley and David Tetley who has just retired as the Darley Community Police Officer. These members have a brief to develop community links. A link however, has two ends and although we will be coming out to offer services to the community I would really like the community to also come to us, to see if we can provide support to meet your ideas.

The buildings have been extensively refurbished and made fit for purpose for our School which will house up to 40 boys on a weekly boarding basis, with some day pupils. The precise opening date in the New Year is not yet decided as we wait for the preparations to be finished, but we will be planning an Open Day for the community prior to our opening which I will co-ordinate through Sue Welch. Let her know if you are interested in attending. I look forward to meeting you personally then.

Drew Anderson, Principal

From Darley School, Main Street…….

Darley Community Primary School continues to provide our local children with a happy, safe and engaging learning environment where the children are encouraged to meet their potential through a wide range of learning activities and opportunities. As a member of the only Rural Teaching School Alliance in the country we are at the forefront of educational advances and are always looking for ways in which our children’s learning can be developed and improved. Recently we have celebrated World Book Day, attended a Fair Trade Conference, held a school community open day and recently hosted a Darley X Factor to raise money for ‘Children in Need’.

Nick Coates, Headteacher

DON’T FORGET

Evening Buses are operating between Harrogate & Pateley Bridge on Fridays and Saturdays until 23rd December

Leaving Harrogate
18.30,20.30,22.40

and Pateley Bridge
18.30,19.30,21.30, 11.30

DITA helping Nidderdale
Darley Heritage Group
We are pleased to announce that the group has been granted some funding by the Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Fund, so preparations for the new book **Darley Celebrations Remembered** can start in earnest and the photos and events for inclusion will be selected over the next few months. This book aims to cover the whole of the 20th Century, so if you think some of your Darley photos are too recent, you are probably wrong. Gaps at present seem to be: the Coronation in 1953; the Silver Jubilee in 1977 (apart from the Carnival); football and snooker successes and special events such as the opening of Darley Playing Fields and of Darley Memorial Hall. If you have pictures of these or any other happenings in Darley, or of any private celebrations that you would like to share, please get in touch with Sue on 780970 as soon as possible. Look in that dusty drawer now!
The Heritage Group continues to meet on the first Thursday of each month (normally) from 11a.m. in CCCC, so bring your photos and come along for a coffee and a chat. Next meetings on 1st December, 12th January.

**Christ Church Community Centre**
Christ Church Community Centre Darley has recently improved its facilities for groups using the centre with the help of a grant from The Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Fund. CCCC used the £1300 grant and its own additional match funding to purchase three space heaters, two hot cupboards and an evaporative air cooler. CCCC uses a very efficient ground source heat pump for the main heating system but to be effective the heating needs to be on continuously. The space heaters will enable CCCC to reduce its expenses and carbon footprint by reducing the period when the full heating system needs to run ie the space heaters will be used at short intervals in spring and autumn.

Christ Church Lunch Club members have increased in numbers over recent months, so the warming cupboards will be a wonderful benefit for the volunteers who prepare and serve the lunches once a fortnight.

In addition an evaporative air cooler has been purchased to make the summer environment more comfortable for the variety of exercise classes that are based at CCCC. For more information on activities available at CCCC visit [www.darleyvillage.org](http://www.darleyvillage.org)

**Darley to Appletreewick Community Broadband Scheme**
We know that you are all eagerly awaiting the news about when this project will be starting. Unfortunately, we have to report that we are also waiting for that news. Following the announcement of the ‘approval in principle’ of the Darley to Appletreewick scheme two months ago, we know that there has been a great deal of activity in the background between NYCC, NYnet and the proposed supplier, LN Communications, to sort out the financial details, technical issues and timetable. Negotiating with public money is never easy, but we are told that the project is still very much ‘on track’ and is still expected to be put in place in the next 6 months. The project will benefit not only Darley but other neighbouring communities such as Thorntonwaite and Padside, Blubberhouses and Appletreewick and Skyreholme. Rest assured that we will let you know as soon as there is any definite news about activities, timings and costs as we do understand that some of you will need as much notice as possible if you are to consider switching supplier.

If you have not been receiving the regular e-mail updates and are therefore not on our e-mail list, please contact Sue at clerk@darleyparishcouncil.org.uk so that your name can be added. And of course, keep checking the website for updates. David Holland & Sue Welch

**Christ Church Community Centre New Regular Activities**

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<th>New Yoga Stretch Class on Fridays 10.15 - 11.15am</th>
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<td>If there is sufficient interest Zara would like to bring street dancing classes to CCCC on Wednesday evenings. Classes commence Wednesday 12th January 2012. 8-11 yrs Wednesday from 6 - 6.45pm for 6 weeks £24 12 yrs upwards Wednesday from 7 - 7.45pm for 6 weeks £24</td>
<td>For more details contact Michelle on 01423 526175</td>
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<td>Please contact Zara on 07905913181 to book a place or email <a href="mailto:zara@defydance.com">zara@defydance.com</a></td>
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<td>We are looking into the possibility of running a yoga class in the evening. If you would be interested in an evening yoga class please contact Christine on 01423 780789</td>
<td>Don’t forget folks - get your Christmas reading from the Darley Book Exchange at CCCC! Over 300 books are stacked, all in good condition and by popular authors. No fuss, no cost and only a nominal charge if you want to join us for fresh delicious coffee and biscuits. The Book Exchange operates on the first Friday of each month from 10.30 to midday, so put 2nd December, 6th January and 3rd February in your diary. See you there!!</td>
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**THANKYOUS**
The MacMillan Coffee Day
Judy Barker would like to thank everyone who helped raise an amazing £1565.00 at The Macmillan Coffee Day on 1st October at CCCC. This included £660.00 Door & Donations; £238.00 Raffle; £265.00 Cake Stall; £250.00 Matched funding for cakes from Barclays Bank; £ 91.00 Donated from craft Stalls; £ 61.00 Guess the Weight of the Cake. The sun shone and everyone seemed to enjoy a chat, coffee & cakes.
Also a Big thank you for all my wonderful helpers doing work in the kitchen, serving, cake stall, raffle and the many craft stalls and all the people who baked the lovely food. Without you it would not happen.
The Donkey Derby
Focus on Darley would like to thank everyone who supported the Darley Donkey Derby in October. Special thanks go to all the businesses who were owners and the three main race sponsors, G H Brookes Builders’ Merchant, Summerbridge, Abbott’s Garage, Dacre Banks and David Jubb of the Heating Company, West End. £1300 was raised that will be shared between Christ Church Community Centre to set up a small library to replace the mobile library, Darley Playing Fields Association to manage that facility and FOD to contribute towards the new canopy lining that has been purchased by the Memorial Hall.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas Flower Demonstration by NAFAS area demonstrator Susan Fairhurst - 30th November
The friends of Kettlesing Fellisciffe CP school are hosting a Christmas Flower Demonstration on Wednesday 30th November at 7.30pm at Kettlesing Village Hall. Tickets for the event are £5 each, to include a glass of mulled wine on arrival, available from Jane Carter on 07734 023 826 or jc@macallam.com.

Christmas Lunch - 13th December
Christ Church Lunch Club invites anyone who is retired to join them for Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 13th December at 12.30 in Darley Memorial Hall. We are delighted again to welcome the children from Darley School who will entertain us. If you would like to join us contact Audrey 780258 or Judy 781512. We are happy to arrange a lift for anyone who needs one.

Coffee Morning - 2nd December
Coffee Morning with cake stall at Darley Methodist Church, 10.30 – 12 noon.

Winter Festive Fayre at Hookstone Hall - 3rd December
Winter Festive Fayre with seasonal stalls selling gifts, crafts, homemade Xmas cakes/puddings, mince pies, homemade chocolates and fresh door garlands. This will be alongside the usual brunch (which is the last one until March 2012) - 9.30 until 4 For more info, contact Suzie on 01934 880907

Carols by Torchlight - 18th December
Carols by Torchlight on Low Green will be Sunday 18th December at 5pm this year. Bring your torch, your singing voice and your enthusiasm and join in the fun. For more info, contact Mel on 781041

Darley School Fayre & Christmas Concert 19th December in Darley Memorial Hall. Stalls open from 6.00p.m. Contact the School on 780234

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN LOCAL CHURCHES

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Everyone is warmly invited to attend all these services and will be very welcome

Whisky, Wellies & Whips 3rd February 2012
There's Murder afoot in Darley when the Ripon Rowel Players visit Darley Memorial Hall on 3rd February 2012. Their set of improbable characters will bring to life a gruesome Murder Mystery involving Whisky, Wellies and Whips for you to investigate. All you have to do is listen, ask questions and use your skill to decide ‘Whodunnit?’, expose the guilty party and win the prize. Along the way, there will be a hot supper and dessert for you to enjoy, and of course the bar will be open. So for all of you amateur detectives out there – make sure you gather your fellow sleuths together and buy your tickets very soon. They are in high demand and you mustn't miss out on what promises to be an exciting, amusing and thoroughly entertaining evening. The event is being organised by Darley in Bloom and tickets cost just £12 (including the cost of the supper), available from Karen on 781861 or Sue on 780970.

VILLAGE SNIPPETS

Strictly Come Darley  Ballroom dancing classes have again swung into action on Tuesday evenings, with a Beginners session from 7.15-8.15 and Improvers from 8.15 – 9.15. Contact Sue on 780970 if you are interested

Diamond Jubilee
The Council has agreed to raise money via the precept to assist with funding events for the whole community. Volunteers are still needed to join a Jubilee Committee to bring ideas and to help organise the celebrations. Don’t let the Diamond Jubilee go unmarked in Darley in 2012. Contact the Clerk now, to make your suggestions about how the village can celebrate, and to offer your help. Call 780970 or e-mail clerk@darleyparishcouncil.org.uk

Darley Post Office
The Village Store and Post Office continues to play an important part in village life. It now has the Christmas stamps in stock, so call in and buy your stamps for all your Christmas cards.

Next newsletter deadline: 15th January 2012. Please email information to Helen Flynn at helenflynn@me.com and copy to Angela Houseman at angela@hit.gb.net. Alternatively drop hard copy to Helen Hemingway at Meadow View, Main St, Darley. Remember, if you are planning an event, to avoid clashes, look at the village website: www.darleyvillage.org, or the claiming sheet in the Post Office.