

Contact Corner

Local organisations (all telephone numbers are

01629 unless shown otherwise):

Benefit with Bingo.....	I Wagstaffe	733849
Church in the Peak	D.Harper.....	814813
Community Transport	E Edwards	814889
Derwent Bowmen	Ken Ness.....	581671
Derwent Hockey Club	M Unwin.....	57072
DD Association of Wrens.....	Mrs R.Sayers	584411
DD Badminton Club - Senior citizens	T.Glossop	732710
DD Beavers	Phil & Carol Hancock	732093
DD Brass Band	K.Sheldon.....	734641
DD Carnival Committee	Mrs M Williams.....	732291
DD Community Centre, Bakewell	Road Mrs Gray	56718
DD Cricket Club	C Sellors.....	733293
DD Dancing School	Claire Dobinson	56267
DD Fairtrade Steering Group	Paul Wilding	733545
DD Film Society	Ed Runham	732898
DD Forum Club	Mrs J. Rogers.....	734498
DD Guides	Jane Leech	580444
DD Homing Society	JS White.....	733290
DD Horticultural Society	Mrs M Hall	583956
DD Indoor Bowls Club	C Underwood.....	733448
DD Juniors FC	J.Marsden.....	733974
Darley Lions FC	B.Clarke.....	734213
DD Cubs	N Winter	732662
DD Table Tennis Club	Pat Thorley	01246 275869
DD Tennis Club	T Pilkington.....	733346
DD & District Twinning Ass.	Kevin Senior.....	733053
DD United FC	M.Allsop.....	733989
DD Women's Institute	Mrs L. McGlone	735080
DD Youth Club	Ms A Spencer	733220
Essential Fitness	Jan Handley	735150
First Act	Jim & Debbie Fearn.....	733862
First Taste	Mrs I Wagstaffe.....	733849
Joseph Whitworth Centre Office	Mrs S. Beastall.....	733678
Line Dancing	S Tompkins.....	636386
Seedlings parents & toddlers group	Tim Berry	581201
Matlock Derwent Valley Lions Club	Kevin Senior	733053
Methodist Churches (Dale Road, Hillside and Hackney).....		732228
NHS Direct.....		0845 4647
Orchard Cottage Assessment Unit	Ms A Young.....	733400
Rainbows	Mrs G . Senior.....	733053
St Helen's Ladies Club	Mrs B. Scargill.....	734339
St Helen's Parochial Church Council	P Church.....	732069
Two Dales Flying Club	Mrs B. Haymes.....	56912
The Dales Evangelical Church	Revd Richard Brooks	733744
Whitworth Park Bowls Club	Mick Hill, Marbury, Derby Road, Wirksworth DE4 AR	
Whitworth Snooker & Billiards Club	J McCann.....	734269

Let us know the details of your club or organisation

Other useful numbers:

Derbyshire County Councillor: Nigel Allwood (583152)
 Derbyshire Dales District Councillors - David Burton (734072), David Fearn (734145), Nigel Allwood (583152).
 Patrick McLoughlin, MP for West Derbyshire, House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA. Call 02072193511 or e-mail patrick.mcloughlin.mp@parliament.uk
For information and help on the following subjects, call the appropriate local authority: Building Regulations *DDDC*, Bus Shelters *DDTC*, Council Tax Collection *DDDC*, Concessionary Fares *DDDC*, Consumer Advice and Safety *DCC*, Dog Wardens *DDDC*, Environmental Health *DDDC*, Housing Benefit *DDDC*, Highways *DCC*, Housing *DDDC*, Libraries *DCC*, Public Footpaths & Bridleways -(Overgrown *DDTC*, Obstructions *DDDC*, Other matters *DCC*), Planning Permission *DDDC*, Recreation *DDDC*, Refuse Collection *DDDC*, Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages *DCC*, Registration of Electors *DDDC*, Street Cleaning *DDDC*, Street Lighting *DCC*, Trading Standards *DCC*.
 Key: *DDTC* - Darley Dale Town Council, Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale DE4 2EQ, tel: 01629 735248. Email: townclerk@darleydale.gov.uk
DDDC - Derbyshire Dales District Council, Town Hall, Bank Road, Matlock DE4 3NN - Tel: 01629 761100
DCC - Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock DE4 3AG - Tel: 01629 580000 - Call Centre 08456 058058

Your town councillors (all telephone numbers are 01629)

North Ward

SARAH ANNE BENNETT Oddford Cottage, Chesterfield Road, Two Dales, Matlock. DE4 2EZ Tel 733759
 ALAN TREVOR COX 12 Park Lane, Two Dales, Matlock. DE4 2FB Tel 734608
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South Ward

TONY BROOKES 296 Smedley Street, Matlock. DE4 3LH Tel 582360
 MARK HANDLEY Station House, Station Road, Darley Dale. DE4 2EQ Tel 735150
 MATTHEW WILLIAM HIBBS 2 Lime Avenue, Darley Dale. DE4 2GS Tel 734293
 RICHARD JOHNSON 38 Greenaway Lane, Hackney, Matlock. DE4 2QB Tel 734304
 INGRID HELEN PASTEUR Woodland House, 24 Greenaway Lane, Hackney, Matlock. DE 4 2QB Tel 735956
Town Clerk: Mrs Trish Ingham, (735248) email: townclerk@darleydale.gov.uk, website www.darleydale.gov.uk

Safer Neighbourhood team

DARLEY Dale Safer Neighbourhood Team has been working hard with partner agencies to try to resolve issues and problems in the locality and to make the neighbourhood a safer and more pleasant place to live, work and visit. The "Safer Neighbourhoods" programme is about providing local areas with dedicated teams of police officers, police community support officers, special constables, other agency partners and your own community representatives.

Since our last update we have been working on three main issues which were brought up by local residents and we are pleased to report that two of them are now closed. PC John Elliot is currently being trained to use Radar ready for use in the area in order to tackle problems with

has now been reduced from 40 to 30mph. Significant improvements have also been made towards the issues around parking and road safety outside schools and this is partly thanks to our partners who have been working with us to achieve this.

The Darley Dale Safer Neighbourhood Team is continuing to work on the priority of anti-social youngsters. The team is currently targeting the area around Broad Walk following a number of reports from residents. We are currently looking at setting up some sport and cinema activities for youngsters in the area, to provide them with a safe and dry place to meet and socialise. A tasking group has been set up by Rowsley Parish Council to look at long term solutions to congestion in the Chatsworth Road area: this

If you want to raise any issues affecting Darley Dale then contact one of the Town Councillors or the Town Clerk (see above).

Council meetings are normally held at the Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale, on the third Thursday in each month (except August) at 7pm.

If you wish to include a news item, advertisement or diary date in Update, contact John Winter on 01246 205723 at 35 Deerlands Road, Wingerworth, S42 6LN email:



UPDATE

Darley Dale Town Council - working for Darley Dale

DARLEY DALE

We Can Do It!

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Just a little of your time can make a big difference

Nature notes: A walk in the park

WELL, it's summer. In the park I have seen the wonders of nature and the park coming alive - birds busy nesting, people playing croquet, bowls, children playing, people walking and chatting - the park in its element, how it should be. Let's hope the bad weather is behind us now.

The nest boxes all appear to be occupied by blue tits, great tits and nuthatch. We have a good showing of mistle thrush, as many as eight seen feeding one morning. It's a beautiful - and a feisty - bird. I saw one mobbing a carrion crow which had strayed near its nest.

Fifty-two newts were rescued from the skate board bowl and placed in the pond or in adjacent vegetation. Although some looked to be dead, after being in the water for some minutes by what seemed a miracle they came back to life. I wonder how many there can be as I rescue so many. Most of the frogs have mated in the flooded dyke at the bottom of the football pitch and as I write a few froglets have started to appear. Thousands of them leave after the breeding season - it makes you wonder where they all go; you would think there would be a frog under every stone.

Jenny wrens have once again nested near the building although last year they were trashed by squirrels and only one nest survived. It is hoped they



Intricate long-tail tit's nest

do a little better this year. On that note, however, I saw a squirrel pull down a long-tailed tit's nest and left it empty on the driveway. I picked it up and was amazed how intricately the nest was lined with feathers, the outside interwoven with lichen and moss, blending the nest into its surroundings. I thought it was worth a photograph - I'm still trying you see! At least a nest doesn't move as you take the picture!

The kingfisher is still visiting the park, catching fish from the bountiful number in the bottom lake. It can be seen most morning and evenings when the park becomes quiet if you are prepared to sit and watch when the park becomes quiet. I have seen one grass snake to date but they are difficult to locate and I hope there are more of this fast disappearing species.

On May 30 the first blue damselfly was seen. The pond weed is coming into leaf and spreading, the water lilies

are up, and so is the reed mace. Iris are coming into flower despite a battering from recent gales - it looks as if it will be a good show and once again I thank the people who donated them. There are surprises around every corner - whilst litter picking in April a raven flew straight down the park towards Darley Bridge uttering a loud, deep croaking call as it passed by as though saying good morning. I wonder if it was just passing through or if ravens are to become residents.

On a sad note, at the end of February a pollution incident occurred - fuel oil entered the water course feeding the lakes, and although quite severe at first with the assistance of the Environment Agency soap pads were deployed which helped with alleviating catastrophic consequences. A slight film of oil continues but it is thought this will eventually disappear. The source of the pollution has not yet been discovered. There were two fatalities among the large goldfish in the bridge pool. Thanks to all who helped and my two fellow caretakers.

A this time of year numerous young birds are fledgling the nest and are seen at various places through the park - it is advised that these are left in situ, as normally their parents will know where they are.

Wishing you a great summer - call in and have a picnic!



TEAM mates from the Whitworth Billiards Club Jim McCann and Les Cooke pulled off an excellent double at the recent Derbyshire Billiards Championship at North East Derbyshire Snooker Centre, Clay Cross. McCann played consistently throughout

trophy. Cooke, who partners McCann in the Orme Billiards League, turned in a gritty performance by coming from behind to outpoint Belper's Mark Hird to win the Plate Final.

No mean achievement from the 79-year-old, oldest player in the Orme League.

**DARLEY DALE
FUN
Day
29TH JUNE
WHITWORTH PARK
10PM TO 2PM**

Update on Hooley's estate parking problems

AS the residents of Hooley's estate will know, the Town Council is trying to find two separate solutions to the parking problems on the estate.

The first has been reached following discussion with Derbyshire County Council (the Highways Department) and involves eliminating the pavement around the turning circle at the top of Holt Drive, and providing each resident in that circle with individual parking spaces in front of their houses. The status on this one is that we have written to Derbyshire Dales District Council, who are the planning authority, asking if they will support this proposal from a planning point of view. They may require some breaks for landscaping, such as hedges between the parking spaces, but until we have seen their reply it is too early to guess what their conditions might be.

Once we have these conditions (and assuming they agree in principle to the proposal) we intend to hold another meeting with all the residents and the County Council to discuss how we can take this proposal forward.

The second proposal is for the provision of a parking area for something like 10 to 15 vehicles on the piece of land opposite the entrance to Holt Drive. This land is currently owned by William Davis (the builders of Morledge Estate) and is being used by Severn Trent Water for disposal of surface water. We have been in touch with Severn Trent, and we are awaiting their comments on our proposals.

Once again, when we have something more positive to say, we will arrange a public meeting for the residents of the estate to discuss exactly where we are and where we should go from there.

In the meantime, we believe that there is some misunderstanding about the rights of access for people who already have dropped kerbs and park in front of their own houses. Our understanding is that unless there are double yellow lines in front of these accesses, that area of roadway is available for anyone to park. There is a requirement, of course, that they should be prepared to remove their vehicles immediately in order to allow those residents who park on their own grounds to get in or out. In these difficult and congested circumstances we do hope that all residents will co-operate and try to ensure that as little inconvenience as possible is caused to neighbours.

Support child 'walking buses'

DRIVING to school is often convenient for parents with hectic lives, and indeed in many cases it is their only option. However as a consequence, Britain has a growing generation of 'backseat' children, who have never been able to develop the essential road safety skills that will protect them on our increasingly busy roads. Thus in our desire to protect our children we are actually leaving them very vulnerable. Child pedestrian accidents in the UK are 20% higher than in most other European countries. In addition to these vital road safety skills, recent research has shown four key reasons why children should walk to school where possible: environmental concerns, health/fitness, sociability / meeting friends, independence

The Town Council would like to help to support and encourage any parents of children that would like to see their children walking to school. We are in the process of trying to get local pathways improved and renovated so that they provide safe walkways to school away from major roads. We will make greater progress with such initiatives if you register your support with us.. Additionally we would also like to try and start co-ordinated 'walking to school' or 'walking buses / trains' as they are called in other parts of

Town Warden required

THE Town Council, in conjunction with Bakewell Town Council, is seeking a town warden to work in both towns.

The job entails keeping footpath in Darley Dale and Bakewell in good order, collecting litter, and generally helping to keep the towns tidy. Tools and uniforms will be provided. An attractive hourly rate will be paid, and we anticipate that an average of six to eight hours a week throughout the year would be required.

Please apply to the Darley Dale Town Clerk on 735248 for an application form. The closing date for submission of applications is 15 July 2008



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understand that they will be able to resume the well-loved march in this year. So get your marching boots out.

Community Centre

The Town Council maintains its relationship with the management committee of the Community Centre by virtue of its two representatives on that committee.

Residents of the town will be aware of the fact that the land upon which the centre stands is owned by the District Council. This has now been sold to a public house chain, who will commence work on the site in September 2008.

Until the Leisure Centre is built, we have jointly settled on a site near the allotments in Megdale, above the existing site. Although this is nowhere near as accessible as the existing site, it was generally accepted by the users that it was the only solution that could be implemented in time for the closure in September.

When the Leisure Centre at Matlock is opened, it is intended that the Darley Dale Community will have a room of their own, for local community use, administered by the Community Centre Management Committee. The District Council has offered to arrange for their architects to come and discuss the best arrangements with the Management Committee and the Town Council.

The Town Council is the owner of the existing building. The District Council has advised us that it is unlikely that the building would survive a dismantling and re-erection, but we are not convinced of this. We invite interest from groups in the town who feel that they could put the building to good use. Please phone the Town Clerk (735248) and we will be pleased to discuss the matter.

Town Plan

The Town Council decided last year to start work on a Town Plan for Darley Dale. The main objective of this Plan is to find out how the residents would like to see the town developing over the next few years, but it also has the important side benefit of ensuring that

take due account of the town's wishes when drawing up their policies.

A very lively Steering Group has been set up composed of representatives of the community and a grant of £3,000 has been received for the costs of undertaking the questionnaire and producing the report.

The Steering Group will be sending out a questionnaire to all residents of the town, seeking their views on future developments. They are aiming to produce the Town Plan by the end of 2008.

Representatives on outside Bodies During the year Town Councillors and representatives served on several outside Bodies.

Financial Situation

The Town Council's income is obtained from Darley Dale council taxpayers, collected via a precept on the District Council. For four years running the Town Council has held the council tax precept at £75,000. This year we decided to increase the precept by inflation only. The payment for this year equates to approximately £38 for the year for each family living in an average tax band household, i.e. Band D, compared with £37 per family last year.

Breakdowns of both the income and expenditure for 2007/2008, and the budget for 2008/2009 are attached to the full report.

People

There have been several changes in staffing since my last report.

Marion Braddow resigned as Town Clerk in November 2007, and we thank her for her contribution to Darley Dale over the last six years and we wish her well in her career.

Marion was employed on a full-time basis but seconded for 50 per cent of that time as Administrator to the Whitworth Trust. The Town Council took the decision to split the two posts, since the future development of the Whitworth Centre would require a full-time Centre Manager.

We were very pleased that the Town Council's Responsible Finance Officer and assistant to Marion, Trish Ingham, accepted the new part-time post of Town Clerk and RFO.

After an advertising exercise that attracted a lot of interest, we were very pleased to appoint Samantha Beasall as full-time Centre Manager with effect from April 2008. Sam has a lot of experience in running facilities such as the Whitworth Centre, and we are all looking forward to working with her in the future.

Anthony Crowder is still fulfilling his role as Village Warden. He works an average of 10 hours a month on helping to keep Darley Dale neat and tidy. I would like to thank all of our staff for their work during the past year, and I would also like to extend my own personal thanks to all those councillors who have served on the Town Council over the past year. They give of their time freely, all with the single objective of keeping Darley Dale the pleasant place that it is.

John Evans , Town Mayor



Contractor for St Elphins Park appointed

LEADING Mansfield based Construction Company Baggaley Construction is the contractor given the task of turning the impressive plans for the beautiful retirement village into reality on behalf of Audley.

The family business, which began trading in Mansfield in 1908, is now into its fourth generation. The company comprises three specialist divisions – Baggaley Construct, Baggaley Maintain and HB Traditional Joinery. It has expanded to become a £50m turnover business and employs 180 people, whilst still maintaining its strong local roots and heritage. Baggaley Construction has launched a year long programme of celebrations to mark the company's centenary. Howard Baggaley, executive chairman of the company and grandson of the founder Herbert Baggaley, announced that two charities, one national and one local, had been unanimously chosen by staff to benefit from the year long programme of centenary events: Macmillan Cancer Support and Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance Service.

Alison Davies, Community Relations Manager for Audley St Elphin's Park said: "Everyone at Audley would like to congratulate Baggaley Construction for reaching this impressive milestone in their company's history and we hope that they continue to grow from strength to strength. There are many dedicated and hard-working staff contributing to the successes at St Elphin's Park and we thank Baggaleys for their continuing efforts whilst they construct our wonderful retirement village."

Ian Baggaley, Managing Director at Baggaley Construction, said "we are delighted to be involved with this prestigious development during our Centenary year and wish Audley every success at St Elphins Park."

"If you would like to see the development at St Elphin's Park,

please get in touch with the Marketing Suite on 01629 733337 and the Audley Staff there will be only too pleased to show you the impressive plans and the progress so far."



So what would you hide in a time capsule?

Regular UPDATE readers will remember that a time capsule was found at St Elphin's Park, the contents pictured left.

Audley Staff at St Elphin's Park are going to hide another time capsule and put back all the things that were hidden by Annette Harris and Mabel Hands at St Elphin's School back in 1933. But what else should we choose to go in the Time

Capsule? The list of ideas we have had is endless, how do we decide what to include? Perhaps this time the capsule will stay hidden for even longer than 75 years!

Your Challenge

Tell us what you would put in the new time capsule for Audley's St Elphin's Park.

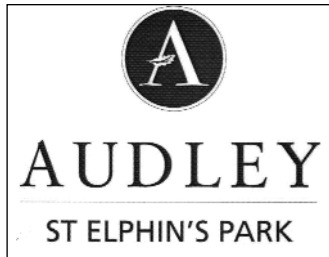
There will be a £25 M&S gift voucher for the Winner and a £10 M&S gift voucher for the 2 runners up. We have enlisted the help of Ann Hodgson who was the archivist at St Elphin's School and is ideally placed to assist Audley in deciding what should be included.

The winner and runners up will be invited to the development later in the year to hand over the Time Capsule to Baggaley Construction for them to hide away.

Please send your entries before the 30th June

2008 to: Alison Davies, Community Relations Manager. The Marketing Suite, St Elphin's Park, Darley Dale. DE4 2RH

If you would like to visit the Marketing Suite to have a look at the items we found then please do call in. Open Daily from 10am to 5pm or telephone 01629 733337.



Ad to come

Darley Dale Town Council

The Joseph Whitworth Trust

I reported last year that the Whitworth Trust had been awarded a Heritage Lottery Fund Grant of £1.4 million to help with extending and renovating the Whitworth Centre.

The Trust is obliged to obtain "match funding" to add to this grant, equal to 25% of the total project value (project value = £1.7 million). This amounts to a total match funding requirement of around £400,000. Taking into account grants and donations already received (including very generous donations from local residents) we still need to find around £150,000.

The Whitworth Trust Management Committee are working hard on finding this money from charitable organisations and local businesses. Local groups are holding fund-raising events at the Whitworth centre to help with this exercise.

Road Safety Issues

The Town Council's Road Safety Working Party has made proposals to the County Council in regard to several road safety matters. Regrettably the County Council appears unsupportive of our concern over the lack of traffic lights on the A6 at Chesterfield Road/Station Road, but we will continue to push for this as one of our requirements in the future. We are currently in discussion with them on methods of improving conditions for pedestrians along Chesterfield Road and for children walking to school.

We were delighted to see the appointment of a Crossing Patrol Warden at Chesterfield Road/Oddford Lane.

Darley Birth Centre

I am pleased to report that the very strong campaign led by the Town Council and the MOMS group resulted in a change of mind by the Royal Hospital over the closure of this much thought of service in Darley Dale. The Hospital Trust and the Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust have now undertaken a full refurbishment for the

Summary of the work of the Town Council during 2007/8

A full report of the work of the Town Council was distributed at the Annual Town Meeting held on XXX May 2008. The following is a summary of the major items, but residents are invited to pick up a copy of the full report from the Town Council offices at the Whitworth Centre.

Handyvan Service

I am delighted to report on the success of an initiative by this Council in establishing a group of Town and Parish Councils to introduce a free Handyvan Service for pensioners. Bakewell Town Council, South Darley Parish Council, Baslow and Bubnell Parish Council, Cromford Parish Council and Calver Parish Council (with other Parish Councils waiting to join) joined with us to get the scheme off the ground.

The scheme has proved so successful that Derbyshire county council has decided to introduce it across the whole of the county. A management committee will be formed from representatives of Town and Parish Councils to assist in the running of the scheme.

Policing in Darley Dale

I am pleased to report that we still have the services and support of PC John Elliott and PCSO Granville Nixon who are providing superb neighbourhood

policing in Darley Dale.

Grant Aid

The Town Council has continued its policy of providing financial assistance to local clubs and organisations. If you are a member of a club or organisation and feel you need help to get a particular project off the ground, please talk to the town clerk about how you can apply for a town council grant.

The Town Council is continuing its policy with respect to arts support by providing interactive arts sessions at the two local primary schools. This year we also supported a similar arts initiative for Mencap, which was very well received.

Twinning

The twinning link with Onzain continues. The association is a Town Council initiative, and was formed in 1989, but it is now being successfully run by a totally independent management committee.

Pantomime

The Town Council repeated a venture run for the last two years by putting on a pantomime during the Christmas period. This event was also extremely successful, and will be repeated this year.

Footpath and Highway Matters

The Town Council again arranged for



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Play area: A new combination unit for under 5s has been provided

extra grass cuts during the year. Residents will have seen the effect of flowerbeds and properly tended lawns at the Whitworth Road, Parkway, and Greenaway Lane junctions with the A6. The Town Council believes that these have been a good investment, and are very keen for their continued upkeep. We are also looking at other areas in the town where such facilities would be attractive, and suggestions would be very welcome. The Town Council employs a Village Warden, whose duties include maintenance of footpaths and supplementing the litter collections that are the responsibility of the District Council.

The Public Toilets in Station Road

Following a fire at these toilets in May last year the District Council suggested that they would remain closed, on the grounds of a potential saving in running costs and because they felt the toilets were under-used.

The Town Council were not prepared to accept this proposition, and persuaded the District Council to refurbish the toilet block and re-commission it. The toilets were brought back into use soon after Christmas.

In order to make it more difficult for a similar proposal to surface in the future, the Town Council offered to take over the cleaning and stocking of the toilets from the District Council. This was agreed, and we now sub-contract

Allotments in Church Road

These allotments were under the management of the District Council. The Town Council, following representation from several allotment-holders, asked the District Council if they would pass the management over to the Town Council.

This was agreed, and over the last month we have taken over the management of these allotments.

Youth provision

1 New Play Equipment (under 5s)

The Town Council has for a long time been concerned about the lack of facilities for both young children and teenagers.

During the year, we obtained a grant of £3,000 from the District Council and we put to that a further £3,000. With this money we bought a new combination unit for under-5s. The additional piece of play equipment has been warmly welcomed by all under-5s in the area (and their mums).

2 Catalyst Programme

I am pleased to report that following the actions of a very keen community volunteer mum we have been very successful in obtaining grants for out teenagers. We were awarded around £11,000, and a group of teenagers, led by our volunteer, have decided on what they want (a shelter and some pieces of skateboard equipment). These will be erected on the old tennis court area of the Whitworth Centre in the near

duced travelling centres, in the hope that taking the facilities to the younger members of our community might fill the gap.

In Darley Dale we were allocated one visit a week of this bus (Monday evenings at the Tippin). We have never been convinced that this was the answer, but in the absence of more money to start a Youth Club, we had no alternative but to go along with it. We have recently met with the relevant officers from the County Council, and they have agreed that the number of teenagers using the "bus" is disappointingly low. We have agreed to move it from the Tippin to the Whitworth Park from 9 June 2008 where we believe more youngsters will become aware of it. In addition, provided we can find some volunteers to man it, we may be able to have it there for two evenings a week.

4 Willow Way

The Town Council is in discussion with the District Council with a view to identifying some money to pay for additional play equipment at Willow Way, and to provide facilities for teenagers also.

5 Future Plans

Our main objective is to provide somewhere the teenagers of Darley Dale can go any evening of the week (and weekends) to mix with their friends in safety and comfort.

We have started discussions with Rowsley Parish Council and Bakewell Town Council about the possibility of combining together to provide facilities for the youngsters of our three areas. We have quite a way to go on this; it will require transport arrangements, staffing, premises etc, but we are convinced that it is better to work together to solve the need than to work on our own.

Remembrance Day

A Remembrance Day service was held at the war memorial in the grounds of the Whitworth Park. Unfortunately, due to the inability of the Darley Dale brass band to muster a sufficient numbers of players, it was not possible to hold the traditional march from Broad Walk to the Whitworth Park.

The Whitworth Centre

If you would like to join any of the clubs, Societies or activities at THE WHITWORTH CENTRE, here is a list of contact names and telephone numbers:

ARKWRIGHT LODGE

Mr F Forsyth 01629 583589

BADMINTON

Courts to hire 01629 733678

BENE-FIT WITH BINGO

Mrs I Wagstaffe 01629 732785

BILLIARD & SNOOKER CLUB

Mr J McCann 01629 734269

BOWLS CLUB (CROWN GREEN)

Mr P Whitehouse 01629 734043

BOWLS CLUB (INDOOR)

Mr C Underwood 01629 733448

DERBYSHIRE DALES ASSOCIATION OF WRENS

Mrs R. Sayers 01629 584411

FILM SOCIETY

Mr E Runham 01629 732898

DARLEY DALE JUNIORS (soccer)

John Marsden 01629 733974

DARLEY DALE LIONS FOOTBALL CLUB

Bill Clark 01629 734213

FRIENDLY GROUP

Mrs K Haywood 01629 734550

JUMBLE SALES/BAZAARS

See Notice Board

KIDZONE (FOR CHILDREN 5-11)

Mr D Harper 01629 814813

LINE DANCING (TIMBERLINE STEVE)

Steve Tompkins 01629 636386

MATLOCK SPEAKERS CLUB

Mr A Forsyth 01629 583589

MEMORY LANE

734944

SCHOOL OF DANCING

Ms C Dobinson 01629 56267

ST HELEN'S LADIES GROUP

Mrs B Scargill 01629 734339

TABLE TENNIS

Mrs P. Thornley 01246 275869

TOWN COUNCIL

Whitworth Restoration latest

FOR the past year the Management Committee have been working with our consultants and the Heritage Lottery Fund's Monitoring Officer on the detailed plans for the restoration and improvement of the centre and these have now been submitted for final approval, which unlock the £1.33 million ring fenced for our project.. This process is expected to take three to four months.

Fundraising

Over £5,000 pounds has been raised by public donations for our match funding appeal ranging from £5 to a very generous three figure sum. In addition to this fundraising events such as a comedy night (organised Mark and Jan Handley and Samantha Kay), a lecture on building a research station in Antarctica (from the staff of Morrisons Construction) and a

Kids and Parents Fun Dance Show (organised by The Clare Dobinson Dance School) have also contributed handsomely. I would like to thank each and every one of the donors and organisers of events for their effort and support. It has given the committee and me personally, a great deal of encouragement to know that so many people have demonstrated their support with hard work and hard cash. In addition to this we have received £20,500 from major funding foundations with many other funding bids still under consideration.

H. & J Enthoven and Sons Ltd have very generously offered to supply lead, free of charge, when the building work commences and we look forward to hearing from other local businesses to whom we have appealed. - **Alan Cox, Chairman**

Meet on 3rd Thursday of the month in the Old Library, 7pm

Mrs T. Ingham (Town Clerk) 01629 735248

TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Pat Hancock 01629 732629

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Andrea Myers 01246 278623

WHITWORTH TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Mrs S. Beastall 733678 01629 735248

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Fourth season for Film Society

THE Darley Dale Film Society will be screening its fourth season of films at the Whitworth Centre from 11th September 2009. Films are shown on the second Thursday of each month from September through to May. Doors open at 7.00 p.m. when tea and coffee are served. Films are screened at 7.45 p.m. This season's programme will offer a wide range of films from British classics to a recently released film from Lebanon. Membership of the Darley Dale Film Society costs £28.00 which gives you free admission to all the films being screened. Alternatively, guest tickets are available

at £4.00 per film. The films to be screened are:

11th September 2008: The Last King of Scotland dir. Kevin MacDonald (2007)

9th October 2008: Manon des Sources dir. Claude Berri (1998)

13th November 2008: Life Is Beautiful dir. Robert Benigni (1997)

11th December 2008: Ratatouille dir. Brad Bird (2007)

8th January 2009: Volver dir. Pedro Almodovar (2006)

12th February 2009: This Sporting Life dir. Lindsay Anderson (1963)

12th March 2009: Venus dir. Robert

Michell (2006)

9th April 2009: Last Orders dir. Fred Schepisi (2001)

14th May 2009: Caramel dir. Nadine Labaki (2007)

11th June 2009: A.G.M. + East Is East dir. Damien O'Donnell (1999)

An additional programme of French films will be screened in January, February and March next year, details announced later. nFor further information about the film society (including a full programme) please contact Ed Runham (01629 732898) or Chris Strawford (01629 735883).



Pupils win Climate Change award

CHURCHTOWN Primary School Year Four students Emma Beigg and Matthew Wright proudly hold a letter from the Local Authorities Energy Partnership announcing that they had submitted the winning entry in the Everybody's Talking About Climate Change competition.

The competition was open to all schools across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire and Matthew and Emma were awarded £500 for Churchtown School to spend on enhancing teaching about climate change issues or reducing the school's carbon footprint.

"I'm very proud of them both" said Mr Heynes, the class three teacher, "the class decided themselves they would rather learn about environmental issues than what was on the geography curriculum and the whole class has been enthused, shocked, saddened but eventually determined to do something positive about climate change and their own personal carbon footprint."

Brass bands at pub

BRASS bands will be playing at the 'Three Stags Heads' Darley Bridge every Sunday, with a barbecue and bouncy castle, from 7-7.30pm. Programme: 15th June Kirkby brass band

22nd June Shirland tranning band
29th June Newsted brass band
6th July Shirebrook brass band
13th July Blidwoth brass band
20th July Holymore side brass band
27th July Bakewell brass band
3rd August Killamarsh brass band
10th August Matlock brass band

Twinning news

THE AGM of the Darley Dale & District Twinning Association takes place on 26th June in the Whitworth Institute at 8.00 p.m. Members will have received their statutory notification but attendance is not restricted to just those who have "joined up". Chairman of the association, Kevin Senior, said "We are very happy to see new faces and the more people that join in with twinning activities, the easier it is to organise events. Any non-members will receive a warm welcome to our AGM and I hope to see more of them on the night."

Our immediate efforts are finalising the greeting for a group of folk dancers that we are hosting and who arrive early evening on the Friday 27th June. As this is a very short visit we have organised a quite busy weekend for them. As part of the Darley Dale Fun Day on Sunday 29th June, our visitors from Onzain – "Le Valcissienne" - will be giving a display of folk dances at 12.50 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. This is just one example of the different exchanges that we enjoy as we stay in each other's homes in either country. In Bakewell, the day before, there is a dance festival taking place and we have



been able to arrange for the dancing group to perform in Bath Gardens at 12.30 p.m. So, there are two opportunities for them to be seen over their brief stay with us. They will then be taken to sample the delights of a Derbyshire Cream Tea and during the evening going to a ceilidh

Don't forget to look out for us at the Darley Dale Fun Day - our stand is easy to find. Just to tempt you - anyone who joins the Twinning Association on the day

will receive a free tasting of Loire wine from our twin town of Onzain.

Very shortly, we shall be starting to put together the initial ideas for how we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of twinning, which takes place next year. Already, we have received a provisional invitation to visit Onzain over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend in 2009, when they will be marking this milestone in France. If anyone would like to submit their ideas for our own celebrations, whether that is for activities, offers of funding or facilities – we would be very grateful for suggestions. Please contact our Secretary, Pat Hancocks (01629 732629).

Please support Fairtrade in Darley Dale


FAIRTRADE Fortnight in the town was not as big an event as we would have liked but we invested a lot of time and effort in the Fair Trade Fair at County Hall working with the Matlock Fair Trade group.

In Darley Dale we restricted ourselves to getting the schools to take part in the area poster competition and putting on a display at the Whitworth Centre. We hope that you enjoyed both. Some of the children's posters were displayed locally but the largest display was at Sainsbury's where they were judged by the public. Did you take part?

We have probably almost done enough now to think of applying for Fairtrade status for Darley Dale.

In the meantime, the steering group wanted to try to gain more local support and also to do something for the local community. So on the Fun Day on 29 June the Fairtrade Group is organising a raffle purely to raise money for the Whitworth refurbishment. Tickets will be on sale on the day for a good selection of prizes - including some Fairtrade ones - generously provided by local businesses

you would like to buy regularly and fill in a card to send to the manager of your preferred shop, asking the manager to stock that item. This would be particularly good for the Darley Dale shops.



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Towards a Town Plan for Darley Dale: The 2008 Household

This edition of Update contains within it a Household Questionnaire. A steering group has been working since November 2007 on the development of a Town Plan for Darley Dale. This initiative was announced in the winter edition of Update.

The answers to this questionnaire will be of crucial importance in developing a vision of the future for our town that will reflect the views of its residents. So PLEASE fill it in!

We could not send a questionnaire to every individual resident; and anyway we felt that it would be useful for members of a household to discuss together the future for their community and how it can be moulded. Where there are differing views, please write them in where you can. We appreciate that the space is not large and the questions are not comprehensive, but we did not want the questionnaire to be too long.

We look forward to receiving your responses, either in the Freepost envelope provided or by hand into any of the boxes that we shall position around the town, for example in the post offices, shops and pubs. If you want to add additional comments, you could attach another page of comments or by Email to: townplan@w3z.co.uk

There is a Fun Day in Whitworth Park on Sunday June 29th. There will be a stall for the Town Plan, where members of the steering group will be available to discuss it. So if you are uncertain about your answers, you could complete the questionnaire and return it at the time.

We look forward to hearing from you.

The Darley Dale Town Plan
Steering Group



Join the Darley Dale Croquet Club

THE newly formed Darley Dale Croquet Club meets on Fridays and Saturdays of each week and has become a regular feature in Whitworth Park. The club already has twenty members and hopes to recruit more members as we move towards the summer months and (hopefully) long, hot sunny days.

The club played its first competitive game against Bakewell Croquet Club B Team in May. The game was played in a true spirit of sportsmanship and comradeship with the Darley Dale team scoring two hoops in answer to Bakewell's ten hoops. The next match is at home and the team play Ashby de la Zouch. Enjoyment and fun is the main reason for playing and Golf Croquet is just that. Anyone interested in playing can just call by and have a go. Croquet can be played at all levels by old and young alike.

The annual membership of the Club will cost £25.00. This will entitle members to play on both Fridays and Saturdays throughout the season – April to September (£2.50 for one session for visitors). Playing sessions are 10.00 am to 12.00 noon – 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm to 8.00pm on both days. All of the equipment necessary has been kindly donated by the East Midlands Croquet Association. If you would like to know more about the Club please contact Chris Strawford (01629 735883) or Ed Runham (01629 732898)

Design the new Town Council logo

DARLEY Dale Town Council would like to have a logo that reflects the town's heritage and/or environment. They especially want to have this logo on all the new notice boards that will shortly be erected around the town.

The competition is open to all ages and the best design, in the opinion of the judges, will be used on any literature from the Town Council as well as all the notice boards.

If you would like to submit a design please send it to the Town Clerk at the Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale, DE4 2EQ or bring it into the office.

There will be two prizes, a prize of £50 for children under 14 years of age and a prize of £100 for adults.

* THE Town Council includes a sum of money in the budget for grant aid to clubs and organisations in the area.

Applications for grant aid are now being invited and should be submitted to the Town Clerk by July 31, 2008.

The application must be submitted on an application form, which can be obtained from the Town Clerk, Trish Ingham, at the Town Council office at the Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale. Telephone 01629 735248 or email townclerk@darleydale.gov.uk

Saturday Community Waste Collection Service

Darley Dale: June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27 - Holt Drive 07.45-08.15, Black Rocks Avenue 08.20-08.45, Bottom of Oker Drive 09.00-09.45, Broadwalk Garages opp Southpark Avenue 09.55-10.45.



Sam and Trish in their office at the Whitworth Centre

We're delighted to see you!

THEY are the two of the most well-known faces in Darley Dale, sharing the same office at the Whitworth Centre...introducing Town Clerk Trish Ingham and Centre Manager Sam Beasall.

And the other thing they have in common is that they are delighted to see members of the public call in for advice or even just a quick chat!

Trish has worked for Darley Dale Town Council for three years since moving into the town, first as administrative assistant, then finance officer for both the council and the Whitworth Trust, duties she continued when she took over as Town Clerk two months (?) ago. With a background as a Business Link support centre manager and as a teacher in adult learning, she combines her love of meeting people with a great deal of experience in administrative affairs.

"I enjoy the work because I try and do as much as I can for the community while helping the council carry out their responsibilities to their best of their ability" said Trish.

Her duties are too extensive to cover completely, but they include making sure the finances are accurate and up to date, paying bills, answering correspondence, running the allotments, taking the minutes at committee and full council meetings, organising the agenda, advising the council on good practice, replying to emails, and liaising with auditors.

Sam is the Whitworth Centre's first manager, a new role created both to reflect the increasing amount of work involved in running such a busy community centre and

because it was part of the conditions of being awarded a £1.5m Lottery grant to renovate the historic building.

Her job is not only to make sure all the events and activities taking place operate successfully, but to attract new business because only through increased letting income can the Whitworth Trust hope to raise the £300,000 it will need to put into the restoration project, which is another condition of the Lottery award.

And Sam has made an immediate impact, starting to market the Whitworth Centre as a venue for weddings - which is why one day last month you might have seen a bride and groom arrive in the park by horse and carriage, for a publicity shoot.

In such beautiful surroundings, the atmospheric Victorian building creates a perfect ambiance for a wedding ceremony and reception, and when the it has been solemnised for civil ceremonies and restoration has been completed in about two years time - false ceilings removed, central heating pipes hidden, a lift installed, rooms restored to their former glory, a new spacious extension and top-class kitchen facilities - it should prove a popular venue for weddings, parties, christenings, conferences and even wakes!

Sam has a background in marketing and was general manager at Riber Hall for four years, where she organised 42 weddings in 2006 - so when she says she believes the Whitworth Centre has a great future as a wedding venue she knows what she is talking about! You can contact her on 01629 733678

Summer in Whitworth Park for families

THE Whitworth Park is one of Darley Dale's best kept secrets. Once you've visited you'll realise what a hidden gem it is. Apart from the delightful landscaped grounds, abundant wildlife and sculptures by Andrew Frost, there is a whole host of things to do and see.

There are lots of activities planned for children and teenagers in the Whitworth Park throughout the summer, alongside the existing family activities of croquet, football and crazy golf and youth facilities (skate bowl, wooden play equipment, over 5's play park and toddler area). So don't forget about us when you fancy getting out from the house for a few hours.

The mobile youth unit is now operating from the park (former tennis courts) on a Monday evening and we are potentially going to be operating on another weekday evening also. Give us a bell if you fancy volunteering for a few hours a month with this. On the 12th August there will be a climbing wall and mobile skate park on the park, alongside the mobile youth unit and BBQ. New permanent skate facilities and a youth shelter will be going on to the old tennis courts within the next few months.

We are delighted to be able to announce that Peak Dairy have recently joined us on the Park to sell drinks and their award winning scrumptious ice cream throughout the Summer.

Darley Brass Band will be playing on the park on 10th August and 7th September 2-4pm. Throughout the summer a face painter will be making frequent visits to the Park, and Redhouse Stables will be taking visitors round the park in their horse drawn coaches.

Jazz in the Park, late Autumn, promises to be a truly fabulous afternoon and evening, look out for more information in the coming months.

Handy Van scheme is going county wide!

WE are delighted to say that a Handy Van scheme operating in exactly the same way as the scheme initiated by Darley Dale Town Council is now going to be rolled out

the Dales area by Spirit Care and Repair who are in the process of recruiting a handyperson.

When the new service gets underway we

initially contact Darley Dale Town Clerk, Trish Ingham, on 01629 735248

In the meantime the UPLIFT scheme will continue to operate in exactly the same