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Local organisations (all telephone numbers are 01629 unless shown otherwise):

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| Derwent Bowmen | Ken Ness..... | 581671 |
| Derwent Hockey Club | M Unwin..... | 57072 |
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| 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 |
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| DD Cricket Club | C Sellors..... | 733293 |
| DD Dancing School | Claire Dobinson | 56267 |
| DD Fairtrade Steering Group | Paul Wilding | 733545 |
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| DD Forum Club | Mrs J. Rogers..... | 734498 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 OAA. 01332 558125.
 email: mccloughlinp@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)

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Town Clerk: Mrs Trish Ingham, (735248) email: townclerk@darleydale.gov.uk, website www.darleydale.gov.uk

Community Notice Board

DARLEY Dale Safer Neighbourhood Team

identified three priorities during its last meeting and team members have been working together to find solutions.

These priorities were:

- * speeding vehicles
- * anti-social youngsters
- * parking problems during school start and finishing times.

We are pleased to report that speed sensors have been used in areas such as Station Road and we are now awaiting the results. We are also making arrangements to train team member PC John Elliott in the use of radar speed detection equipment so he can monitor the situation.

The team is monitoring the behaviour of young

looking at the situation and we are grateful for their help.

PC Elliott and Police Community Support Officer Granville Nixon have visited local schools during the morning and afternoon and have helped with traffic management where possible. Not only has this allowed them to solve parking problems, it has also given them the opportunity to meet local residents and discuss any concerns they have.

If readers would like to contact local police officers PC John Elliot and PCSO Granville Nixon, they can call 0845 123 3333.

Citizens Advice Bureau: There are now sessions held at the doctors surgery Darley Dale Medical Centre, Chesterfield Road, Two Dales.

These sessions are held on the 1st and 3rd

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

Keith hits the high notes

By John Winter



Keith Sheldon: Sixty years with the band

HIGH notes, low notes - Keith Sheldon remembers them all.

He's been a member of the Darley Dale Brass Band for over 60 years and is planning to carry on playing thanks to a recent surge in membership.

At the lowest point, there were just two stalwarts at Monday night band practice, Keith and Brian Ellis.

"For about six months we would turn up and have a blow. We would put 10 chairs out and if no-one turned up we would put them away again.

"Sometimes one or two youngsters would show up, sometimes they wouldn't," said Keith, who plays the baritone horn.

On the February night I turned up to meet the band at South Darley Village Hall it was cold and bleak. Keith was there half an hour before anyone else, practising.

- "I am playing better than ever, but you have to practise. I'm a single man, that's why I can practise so much," he explained.

He wasn't sure how many people would be there. The ten chairs were out. Recent members Joanne McVeigh and Steve Hutton - who have been a breath of fresh air for the band since they moved into the area - were next to arrive, followed by Brian, who first joined the band when he was 13 but left for some years.

"He's kept it going," said Brian, pointing at Keith, "he's been the driving force."

But Keith remains as modest as ever. "I'm just one of the players, not the leader. These three have been marvelous," he said.

The band arrived, one by one. Some new faces, some youngsters, some old friends who have returned. All but one seat was filled. Keith was delighted.

The local paper had published an article about Keith and the band, and a TV regional news programme was visiting the following week.

He has high hopes the band can regain the stature it once had as the village band, playing at functions, leading the Remembrance Day parade along the A6 to

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Rush order at



INSIDE



Allotments



At the allotments are Town Clerk Trish Ingham, Cllr Alan Cox, Peter Wilson and Mark Greatorex, allotment holder

Council has taken over Church Road allotments

ALLOTMENT holders at Church Road are delighted that Darley Dale Town Council is taking over the management of the allotments.

The allotments were first opened in the 1930s, used mainly by railway workers who lived nearby, and it was the custom for successive generations of the same family to use the same plot.

Today there are about 24 tenants, at

least two of whom inherited the plots from their fathers, railway workers, and there has been a revival of enthusiasm with the holding of annual shows of their produce at the nearby Church Inn in September.

Peter Wilson, chairman of the Church Road Allotment Society, said he hoped there would be a reduction in the waiting list for plots.

Cllr Alan Cox said the Town Council were pleased with the work Derbyshire Dales District Council had done to clean up the site prior to handing over control, including removing about 20ft of thick hedgerow. The council are delighted to be working closely with the Allotment Society to develop the allotments to the same standard and rents as the other allotments they manage in the town.

Online petition for Derwent Valley cycle route

THE Derwent Valley Cycleway Group (DVCG), which has now been in existence for nearly two years, is an informal group of local people campaigning for the provision of a safe, traffic-free cycle route (as an alternative to the A6) between Cromford and Bakewell - including Darley Dale - and for the eventual provision of a route from Derby to Monsal Head (with a link from Rowsley to Ladybower).

The DVCG recently set up an online

petition. In January, a written petition of over 200 signatures was presented to Derbyshire County Council. It is hoped that many more people will sign the online petition.

The route would have many benefits for the area and would enable traffic-free commuting as well as leisure cycling, walking including pushchairs and wheelchairs or horse riding. This would encourage healthier lifestyles and reduce traffic congestion and associated pollu-

With growing concerns about obesity and health in our society as well as issues relating to climate change and pollution, a safe traffic-free cycle route in the Derwent Valley would have a lot of obvious benefits.

To sign the petition, please go to <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/DVGreenway/> For further information about the DVCG, please visit the website at



2000: The band lead the Remembrance Day parade



1955: The band in Whitworth Park

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Whitworth Park for the Memorial Service, and playing carols around the village.

"We would play carols for residents on Christmas Eve and then spend the whole of Boxing Day out on the streets," he said. "On Remembrance Day we would play at Derby in the morning and then come back to lead the Darley Dale parade in the afternoon. But we stopped the parade a few years ago - it would have been an embarrassment with only four of us. We just played at the War Memorial."

He first joined the band when he was seven, accompanying his father to band practise in the loft at the former Blacksmiths Arms in Two Dales."There was no tuition, you just sat next to someone and picked it up" he said.

The greatest days were in the mid-60s, when the band reformed after years of absence, and won several top competitions. "I was full of enthusiasm," he said, "but we paid the price of success because it meant lots more commitment, more practice nights and travelling to contests, and it was too much for some members. You could miss one practice and no-body would notice, miss two and get away with it, but miss three and everyone knew it."

Now the band is content to perform on a non-competitive basis.

"We are a family band, we play because we love it," said Keith.

You can contact Keith on 734641 or see www.darleydale-brassband.webs.com

*** Pictured below, the band today.**



1989 Area finals: Keith centre top



THE band was originally formed in 1890, and rehearsed in Wensley. The band was a typical village brass band, taking part in local traditions and events such as fairs, church services, and other annual events entertaining the community.

However, come the early 1960's, the numbers in the band began to dwindle, and in 1965, the band admitted defeat and ceased to exist, selling all the instruments to the County Education Authority along with the music and all other equipment

Dale, and so funded the re-formation of the Darley Dale Brass Band, and on 14th October 1984, the band began playing once again.

For two or three years, the band continued as before – playing locally in Derbyshire, however, as time went on, the band gained a new Conductor – Roger Jepson in 1987. Roger had aspirations for the band to compete at the Regional Brass Band Championships, which they entered in the Fourth section for the very first time in 1989

Third section in 1991. Although the band did not manage to win this section, they accrued enough points to win them a second promotion in to the Second section in 1993, where they gained the winning prize two consecutive years leading to their final promotion in to the First section in 1995.

The band remained in the First section for seven years until 2002, when they were relegated in to the second section.

Due to once again dwindling numbers – the

Nature notes: A walk in the park

SPRING is approaching fast, the daffodils are in bud and its raining as I write. I can report that we had 100% occupancy of the nest boxes, being used by tits and nuthatch. Paul the new caretaker was of great assistance climbing up the ladder to the boxes whilst I held them steady. I had to smile when I said he was up to scratch with the job, especially as I got infested with fleas last year. Anyway they are all cleaned and ready for the new season. The blue tits have already been cleaning out the Nuthatch hole in a tree at the bottom of the park as they do every year. I watched as they went in and out dropping debris from the hole and as soon as it was all spick and span the nuthatches came and drove them away, taking charge of their hole again. The blue tits just don't seem to learn. Just before Christmas the holly was in full berry, there were thousands

and thousands on the two trees at the side of the Sports Hall, so when a member of staff asked if we had any holly with berries I said yes and took her to see the laden trees. That was on the Friday, on Saturday morning I went to cut a few sprigs to find that only a few berries were left, these near the ground and on Sunday morning there wasn't one berry left the fieldfare and redwing had eaten the lot, you just wouldn't believe it possible but there it is. On the 22nd February the first newts and frogs were rescued from the skateboard bowl so it will be from now that the migration to the ponds will take place. The ponds are doing well and a lot of Roach and Rudd fry have survived the winter, even though the ponds were well frozen during the past weeks. The kingfishers have visited the ponds all winter and have been seen by a record number of visitors to the park. One regular walker in the park said he came through at

different times and had never seen them and I said you have now, it is sat in that tree and we watched as the sun shone on its feathers which sparkled a brilliant electric blue. Duck numbers have been up and down all winter. When the weather was really wet we had none in the park, but as the days were better up to 35 have been counted. Most are now paired for the breeding season, just odd drakes still fighting. A pair of buzzards were seen circling the park in early February so it's hoped we will have a breeding pair in the area this year as we did last. There's a fair showing of song and mistle Thrushes in the park, more than I've seen for some years. Tree creepers can be seen together with goldcrest, finches and tits, a good selection to say the least. Looking forward to the frogs and tadpoles, just have a walk in the park and see the antics.

Tony

DON'T FORGET !

If you are over 65 years and need an odd job doing, call

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on 0845 850 8013

and get your job done free!

This service is available to residents of Darley Dale, Bakewell, South Darley, Cromford and Baslow and Bubnell Councils
also supported by Derbyshire



Benefit with Bingo Christmas Party

Uncovering the past at St Elphin's Park

SMALL pieces of history keep emerging from the busy construction site at Raven Audley Court's St Elphin's Park development. Work is progressing well to build the First Phase which includes both cottages and apartments in the grounds of the former Victorian Hydro and School. In the main house which is being lovingly and carefully refurbished to offer all the Club House facilities, the glorious past of the site keeps revealing itself!



AUDLEY

ST ELPHIN'S PARK

The Main House at Audley's St Elphin's Park was called "The Grove" and was built in the late 1880's. It was remodelled and opened as "Darley Dale Hydropathic Institute" in 1891 and then the buildings were taken over by St Elphin's School in 1904.

It is from its days as a school that the latest "treasure" to be uncovered was found. Baggaley Construction is carrying out the refurbishment and it was a member of

their team, David Boden who was removing part of the ceiling in the cellar when ...what should tumble out...?

Dave gathered up the items from the dust and uncovered an old exercise book and a rusty tin. The book revealed that in 1933 two pupils attending St Elphin's School, Miss Annette Harris and Miss Mabel Hand together with their friends Misses Hare, Fitch, Adams and Owen had hidden a few items in a tin under the floor boards of a classroom.

"I don't suppose the young ladies had very much that they could afford to hide

away in 1933," said Kevin Taylor, project team leader for Baggaley Construction. "So finding a bottle of ink and some blue tissue doesn't sound very exciting these days but to them it was probably quite daring to hide these things away." The book and the tin were rediscovered and hidden again three more times in 1943, 1946 and 1947.

Alison Davies, Community Relations Manager for Audley's St Elphin's Park, has managed to trace two of the young ladies who wrote their names in the book having found and then hidden the "treasure" again. Miss Helen Demaine, now Mrs Wallen and Miss Mollie Hancock, now Mrs McColgan who are both in their 70's have very fond memories of their time at the school.

"I can remember climbing out of the dormitory window and going off to play in the woods with friends. We had great fun in those days!" remembers Mollie. "Being contacted about something like this is fascinating and I can recall some of the girls whose names are in the book as if it were yesterday!"

If you would like to view the "Hidden Treasure" then it will be available at the Raven Audley Court Marketing Suite at St Elphin's Park. We hope that Helen and Mollie will visit us over the next few months and if any other former pupils would like to get in touch and share their memories of their time at St Elphin's School then we would be only too pleased to hear from them.


Please write to Alison Davies, Community Relations Manager, The Marketing Suite, St Elphin's Park, Darley Dale, Matlock. DE4 2RH There are several other events planned over the coming months at Audley's St Elphin's Park so if you would like more information please



The book of St Elphin's memories

St Elphin's Park, Darley Dale

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Rush order keeps everyone busy at Greenaway Workshops



Working on assembling the information packs



WORKERS at the Greenaway Workshop are used to rush orders, weaving Dutch freshwater rush as part of their service of repairing cane, rush and seagrass chairs for customers across the country.

But this year they have had a rush order with a difference - assembling 16,500 information packs, each containing 26 leaflets describing places of interest, that will be available to guests at hotels and guest houses across the Peak District.

And it was all hands to the work, with even friends and members of the management committee joining the disabled workers to make sure they completed the order on time. "It's worth £2,500, which is a huge amount to us, as we are non-profit making and have to cover a lot of running costs" said manager Biddy Halse.

"We get grants for machinery but no-one helps with running costs so it is very valuable to us. It's a huge job and we are determined to finish on time in the hope that we get the same contract next year. It's back-breaking and repetitive, but it means a lot to us."

Such contracts are particularly important in the light of the fact that the workshop lost a good source of orders when they were priced out of renting a site to exhibit at the Chatsworth Show, and then the Ashover Show.

Greenaway Workshops was created in 1981 and opened by Princess Anne on a site next to Darley Dale Primary School on Greenaway Lane, Hackney, the following year, fulfilling the need for the provision of useful work for up to 20 disabled people, including seat repairs, printing leaflets, business cards and parish council magazines.

Each person receives payment for the hours worked, subject to the state benefit regulations and limits in force.

"It's not about the money they earn it's about building self-esteem, the feeling of doing something worthwhile and the companionship they get here," said Biddy.

At the moment there is a waiting list for chair repairs, but that should ease by May, and Biddy and her team would be interested to discuss any more ideas for work.

And they also have room for one or two more workers - "Anyone can refer someone here, and most people join us through word of mouth. We had one young man who had

Services at the Whitworth Hospital

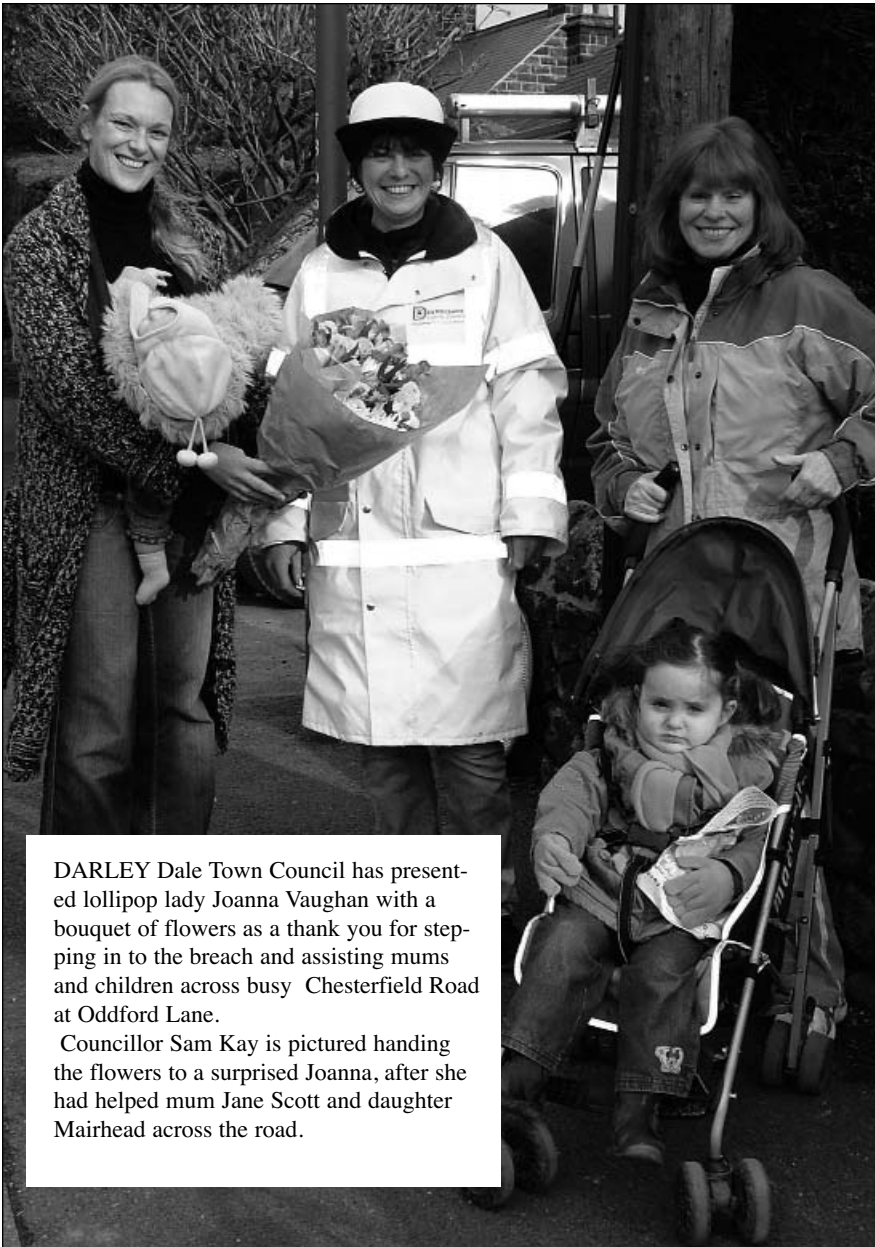
WHITWORTH Hospital is now managed by Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust (PCT). The PCT serves 712,000 people across Derbyshire and is responsible for buying most the health services you receive on the NHS, with a total budget of nearly £1 billion per annum.

Did you know that Whitworth Hospital has:

- a minor injuries unit open 24 hours a day that can treat a range of conditions including simple fractures, lacerations (cuts), soft tissue injuries (sprains, traumatic bruising), simple burns etc, and a range of minor ailments?
- 40 beds to treat urgent care patients in two wards?
- a range of outpatient services provided by the PCT and Chesterfield Royal Hospital, including a paediatric clinic, podiatry, gynaecology, audiology and family planning, as well as the Darley Birth Centre?
- X-ray services open every weekday morning from 9am-12.30pm and on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30-4.30pm.
- In patient and outpatient physical and occupational therapy services?

Update readers will see more information about the PCT and services in the Dales in future editions. The PCT is developing an information pack that provides details of all the services available on the local NHS.

For more information in the meantime, please visit www.derbyshirecountypct.nhs.uk or contact Dales Matron Wilma Hulland or Urgent Care Matron Melissa Dalton on 01629 580211.



DARLEY Dale Town Council has presented lollipop lady Joanna Vaughan with a bouquet of flowers as a thank you for stepping in to the breach and assisting mums and children across busy Chesterfield Road at Oddford Lane.

Councillor Sam Kay is pictured handing the flowers to a surprised Joanna, after she had helped mum Jane Scott and daughter Mairhead across the road.

Willow Way Playing Field update

THANK you to the residents of Willow Way, Yew Tree Close, Rowan Close and Laburnam Close for all your help, patience and cooperation in helping the Town Council collate information on your area with regard to your adjacent playing field.

We have found the exercise very rewarding in getting your feedback not only from the questionnaires but also from just having a chat on the doorstep. All the information collected is treated in the strictest confidence and only relevant data will be used in ideas for updating your playing field and your area in gener-

ward, please call the Town Clerk on 01629 735248.

Ideas coming forward are that the small play area for children from 1-10 years could do with a general revamp - new equipment, a repaint and general tidy. A kicking wall could be built for a game of "footie". This could be situated on hard-standing and could be well lit. We also want to prevent children from playing football in the roads as it is dangerous, and to stop foot balls being kicked against neighbours fencing or walls (damaging other people's property is not acceptable).

Town Council will arrange for more bins in that area and a general clean up.

These are just some of the ideas and there are many more. At the Whitworth Park there will also be improvements made to the skateboard area and a shelter for the older children with the aid of a Catalyst European Union grant.

Information and ideas are still coming in and we are hoping that by the middle of March 2008, we will be able to take the next steps. Please don't think that our involvement will stop there as we will want to be involved in all the decisions, including the creative ones that are

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

Entertainment for all ages

ACTIVITIES and Events for children are now happening on a regular basis at the Whitworth Centre in Darley Dale.

Just recently there has been a family interactive science show on forces and pressure and a puppet show by the Babbling Vagabonds, both really enjoyed by children and parents alike.

Wee Meg Barnileg was a charming folk tale suggested from a tale in the book 'The Way of the Storyteller' by Ruth Sawyer.

It told of Meg, a tiny tearaway whose temper is terrifying. She stormed through her young life with the force of a tornado until one mischievous day she met her match.

The touring show is suitable for spaces indoor or out, from village halls and studio spaces. Live performers performed

effortlessly with puppets to specially created music. This show was totally self contained.

Coming soon - Interactive Art day for parents and children and more shows especially for children.

Also if you are looking for a venue for your children's birthday party, look no further than the Whitworth Centre. The Terrace room is an ideal party venue. Telephone the Centre manager on 01629 733678.

* THE next Memory Lane event, after Mrs Henshaw's Silver Toast Rack on 16th February, is 22nd March, Tom Pilkington local entertainer has volunteered to come and do and afternoon of Easter music, entitled Music!Music!Music!, at the Terrace Room, 2pm to 4pm, admission £1.75.

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

WAYFINDERS (CHRISTIAN YOUTH CLUB)

Mr G Briddon 01629 734620

WEA - Various Courses

Penny Billington 01332 224259

WHITWORTH TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meets on 1st Thursday of the month in the Old Library, 7pm

Mrs S. Beastall 733678 01629 735248

The Whitworth Centre can offer

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for a reservation.

An update on the Whitworth Centre appeal

A SPECIAL edition of UPDATE was recently circulated to ask for the help of the local community in raising some of the funds we need to ensure that the planned major improvements to the Whitworth Centre can go ahead.

We need to be able to show other funding organisations that the local community is prepared to help with a contribution.

The response to that appeal has been encouraging but there is still a long way to go. We are getting 75per cent of the project cost from the Heritage Lottery Fund. However, there are some things, such as the access off the A6 and a new

kitchen, which are not grant aided.

We will have to meet all of the cost of these items. Taking account of the money we can afford to put into the scheme and other funds promised, we still have to find in the region of £300,000 of match funding.

We are hoping that the majority of this can be raised from a variety of funding bodies. We are working hard to put together grant applications to a wide range of organisations and this is ongoing.

If we can't find this money then we may lose the grant. This will mean that we

cannot upgrade the existing facilities with a lift, new heating, lighting, additional car parking, sports changing rooms and a new upper terrace room.

We will not then be able to guarantee the future of the building beyond about 10 years.

We are doing our very best to ensure that the project goes ahead. Any support that the local community and local businesses can give us will be much appreciated and will demonstrate to the Heritage Lottery Fund that the local community is keen to secure the long term future of its Community Centre.

An update on Fairtrade

DARLEY Dale is gradually moving towards achieving Fairtrade Town status, with a fair amount going on during Fairtrade Fortnight. Both town primary schools took part in a poster competition together with Matlock schools.

Their work has been displayed at the Whitworth Centre as well as at Sainsbury's in Matlock were judging the winning entry had not taken place at the time of going to press.

The Fairtrade display at the Whitworth Centre suffered a little from the gale-force winds which swept by whenever the doors were opened, but we hope it will have inspired more people to support Fairtrade.

Our shops are rather reluctant to stock Fairtrade as they say that they are not asked for it. That is something that only YOU can do and the display informed about what is available and why you should buy it.

We are pleased that Two Dales News Plus is now stocking chocolate and fruit bars and we welcome Gorgeous Things, a Fairtrade Jewellery party plan company. Audley St. Elphin's Park are very supportive of Fairtrade and had a successful Fairtrade coffee tasting day to which they invited many of their neighbours - a very pleasant occasion for neighbours to meet and get to know each other.

All the churches in Darley Dale are already Fairtrade churches. St. Helen's have had regular stalls for years. Hackney Methodists had a very successful one during Fairtrade fortnight and hope to continue on a monthly basis.

The schools are making an effort too. Darley Dale have a stall at many of their functions and we hope that both schools will soon work towards their own Fairtrade status.

An increasing number of people are buying Fairtrade from the town's Traidcraft Fair Trader. Please join us in this work for greater justice in the world and a reduction in world poverty. It requires relatively little effort from us and makes a huge difference

Twinning Update

THREE visits to Onzain by Darley Dale & District Twinning Association - all our "twinners" had a wonderful time and enjoyed the amazing hospitality we always receive whenever we go over to France.

2008 Events and trips in Darley Dale June 27th/28th/29th

The Twinning Committee has invited a group to visit over the weekend when the Darley Dale Fun Day takes place in the Whitworth Park. We know already that a dance group "la Valcissienne" will be coming and the organisers of the Fun Day are going to give them the opportunity to dance during the event on the Sunday.

We have been told that the Onzain Twinning Committee is hoping to bring another group as well. During their stay, there will be a number of activities for hosts and guests to get involved and once an itinerary is finalised we will let everybody know.

Darley Dale Juniors Football Club

Its our turn to host the international matches this year. Rob Annable is working very hard to get enough host families from the football club to offer an invitation to the Chouzy-Onzain junior footballers for them to visit early summer. It may even be part of the Darley Dale Fun Day weekend.

Some suggestions for fund raising are being put together and if anybody else has any bright ideas please get in touch with the Secretary - Pat Hancocks - Tel: 732629 or E-mail: pathancocks@f2s.com

Join the association!

Just to remind all readers that joining the Association and taking advantage of the twinning experience is not expensive - annual subscriptions are - individuals £2 - families £3 and groups/organisations £5. Contact our Membership Officer, Caroline Jameson, for more information - Tel 733454 or E-mail caz-jameson@gmail.com

2009

You will be hearing more about this year in future editions of UPDATE. The Twinning Associations in Darley Dale and Onzain will

Onzain Twinning Committee, is organising his own personal contribution by WALKING from Onzain to Darley Dale. He told Kevin "I'm not being sponsored or anything like that, I just want to do it because the twinning with Darley Dale is very important to me".

More of this to come but we hope to arrange for his arrival to coincide with the Fun Day in 2009. It would be a most wonderful welcome if everybody in Darley Dale were to greet him when he finishes this mammoth journey walking into Whitworth Park.



DARLEY DALE FUN DAY
29TH JUNE
12.30PM TILL 8.00PM
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Let us know your views on the future of Darley Dale

DARLEY Dale's Town Plan Group has now met in committee three times and in smaller groups, or with other local people, on many other occasions. We have seven theme groups:

- 1 Education (all ages)
- 2 Social & Health Framework (just about everyone)
- 3 Towards a Safer Built Environment (roads, crossings, lighting etc)
- 4 Prospects for Commerce (there are 90 businesses in the district)
5. A Sustainable Darley Dale (re-cycling and environmental improvement)
- 6 The Future for Youth in Darley Dale (children and young people)
- 7 Faith groups for Darley Dale (the several churches, and also people of no established church)

Obviously, these themes interconnect. Improved public lighting, for example, is important for young and old alike. We are looking forward to receiving ideas and suggestions from the people living, studying and working here as to how they would like to see the future for Darley Dale. We shall be talking to a range of individuals and groups to learn their views. But we also hope that people will contact us directly. There are two main ways to do that:

1. By Email to: townplan@w3z.co.uk
2. By post to: The Town Plan Steering Group c/o The Town Clerk, The Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale, DE4 2EQ

We shall also be holding a Consultation Day in May.

We must be practical. We want ideas that will benefit most people in most places across our district.

We have a tight timetable. The Plan will be published in February 2009. It will be put together and drafted in the autumn. The summer holidays offer little opportunity for consultation, so we have to do our consulting over these next three months.

So please will everyone put their thinking caps on and shower us with suggestions.

Michael Snaith, on behalf of the
steering group

Essential Fitness course

ESSENTIAL Fitness is a Darley Dale based high energy, body & fitness improvement business run for the past 10 years by Jan Handley.

Jan who started teaching over 20 years ago is used to helping all kinds of people who want to improve their "Essential Fitness" All age ranges and abilities are welcome with classes being tailored to individual needs.

Making sure that exercise is fun as well as being good for your mind and body is the proven reasoning behind Essential Fitness.

The popular class is "Step" - a low impact and high energy form of exercise to music suitable for everyone. Body conditioning and circuit training are available together or as separate classes as the circuits tend to be for those people who have already attained a certain level of fitness.

Jan has now started a new fit ball class as a course of 10 sessions. However if you are still unsure of joining in a class Jan also provides a personal fitness service to allow confidence to grow whilst having fun and getting fitter

Darley Dale Community Centre - Bakewell Road

| Day | Time | Class |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| Monday | 9.15am – 10.15am | Step Aerobics – Crèche |
| Tuesday | 6.30pm – 7.00pm 7.00pm – 7.30pm | Body Conditioning Aerobics |
| Tuesday classes are at All Saints School Hall Matlock | | |
| Wednesday | 9.15am – 10.15am | Fitball – Crèche Available |
| Thursday | 9.15am – 10.15am 7.00pm – 8.00pm | Step Aerobics – Crèche Step Aerobics |
| Friday | 6.00pm – 6.30pm 6.30pm – 7.00pm | Step Aerobics Body Conditioning |

Call Jan to Book on 07816 754574 or 01629 735150
PLEASE NOTE UNLESS 24 HRS NOTICE IS GIVEN FOR CANCELLATION OF A CLASS THE FULL AMOUNT IS PAYABLE

Free Samba drumming lessons

DARLEY Dale Town Council recently organised daytime samba drumming sessions at Darley Dale Primary School and an evening session at the Mencap Centre in Greenaway Lane.

The Council is pleased to offer these sessions free of charge within the remit of the Council's arts provision for Darley Dale.

Samba drumming is the most popular event, as it requires no particular expertise to have a go and it is great fun and when the whole group gets going it can get very loud!

Mitch Oldham, who will be leading the workshop, is a percussionist who was born in Nottingham and who specialises in World percussion from countries such as Brazil, Cuba, Africa, Turkey, Spain and Japan. He also tours regularly with showbiz veterans PJ Proby and Gerry and the Pacemakers.

DDTC aims to promote arts in Darley Dale by holding a succession of single events throughout the year. If you have any suggestions for future events or projects, or if you would like to pro-

Croquet returns to Park

THE Darley Dale Croquet Club will open the new croquet season in Whitworth Park on Friday 4 April. Games will be played on Fridays and Saturdays from April through to the end of September. Membership will cost £25 per year and members will be able to play on both days throughout the season.

Croquet is a game of skill that can be enjoyed at all levels. It is a social game that can be played by everyone regardless of age or sex. Equipment will be provided – though if players want to bring their own mallets they will be welcome to use them.

Anyone interested in playing croquet in Whitworth Park should contact the club members below. For further information please contact either Chris Strawford (01629 735883) or Ed Runham (01629 732898)

Sports award for Churchtown school

CHURCHTOWN Primary School was this week proud to receive its 'Activemark 2007' from the government for its 'exceptional delivery within the National School Sports Strategy' following its receipt of the award for 2006.

"What it means in practice," said Mr Heynes, Sports Coordinator at the school, "is that all the staff and children at the school place a high value and emphasis on physical education and physical activity."

"This half term staff will be going over and above to provide extra curricular clubs for children and parents" said Mrs Watson, Year 6 teacher. "For example we will be providing a rugby club, and aerobics club, a running club and a line dancing club, which is a good achievement for a small school with a small staff."

Each morning in Churchtown begins with ten minutes of aerobics, and each teacher makes sure they deliver their two hours of PE lessons each week as a priority. The clubs are always well attended after school by the children and quite a few parents have also started to join in, giving it a real community feel.

The benefits of our approach to PE, school sport and links with clubs has been that the children see the school as playing a wider, more holistic part in their lives, have a sense of ownership of the school and of having fun within it. This knocks on to their approach to

Toilets saved - what a relief!

We are delighted to report that, following negotiations with the District Council, the toilets in Station Road have now been refurbished and re-opened.

The Chairman of the Town Council, John Evans, performed a short re-opening ceremony last month in front of a massive invited audience of five (three of whom were councillors and the other two had been passers-by until they were roped in to join in the ceremony and the photograph for the local newspaper).

The Town Council will in future be responsible for cleaning the toilets and for locking them at night and re-opening them each morning. These tasks have been contracted by the Town Council to the Whitworth Centre and will be undertaken by the Centre's caretakers.

WHITWORTH CENTRE - DARLEY DALE
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MIKE WILKINSON

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BAR TIL 11PM
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8TH APRIL

8:15PM

The Squirrels' Nuts Club