

# UPDATE

DARLEY DALE TOWN COUNCIL – WORKING FOR DARLEY DALE

## Back to the future

Everyone knows the Whitworth Centre. There can only be a very small minority of residents of Darley Dale who have not enjoyed the facilities, even if it is just been to walk in the park or exercise their right to vote there. It is a centre for sport and social and community gatherings, including weddings. It is undeniably a great asset to the community. But the Whitworth Centre continues to need the support of the community. Find out why on page 8.

**Help preserve your  
Whitworth Centre** see page 8

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# KEEP THE GREEN IN GREENAWAY!

## Help to protect our open spaces!

In July 2011 Derbyshire County Council passed plans to build housing on the Old Orchard, at Greenaway Lane, a piece of common ground which has been used by local residents for leisure activities for over half a century. Previously, in 2009, the Greenaway Lane Residents' Association had lodged an application with D.C.C. to register the land as a village green, under the 2006 Commons Act. The Council quickly responded by locking out the locals, and moves are now afoot to exclude the local population from the adjacent school playing fields. DCC, which is the registration authority and landowner, has accepted the application for full consideration, but has yet to indicate when it will decide on the application. If the green is registered, building on this land would be prevented, and the space saved for use by residents of the neighbourhood.

Local people may be able to have their say, if DCC decides that it needs to hold an enquiry. Proposed changes to legislation will sweep away the rights of small communities to protect their open spaces, and this will be the last chance for local people to save this valuable amenity from the bulldozer.

If you have any information about the use of this ground over the years, or would like to know how you



could help the local residents to save this green space, please contact :

Cliff Cartwright  
Secretary / Treasurer  
Greenaway Lane Residents Assn,  
Treetops, 16 Greenaway Lane, DE4 2QB

Barry Pearson  
Greenaway Lane Residents Assn,  
14 Greenaway Lane, DE4 2QB

Tel 01629 733679

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## Darley Dale Welcomes New Methodist Minister

We say goodbye to Revd. Alan Dawson and his wife Christine, who have moved to Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and thank them for all they did for people in the churches and in the wider community of Darley Dale.



In Alan's place we welcome the Revd. K. M. Jane Harris, BA, BMinTheol, PGCE.

*M. Jane Harris,*

Jane comes to us from Biddulph. She is married to Richard who is also a Methodist minister and they have four children, Tamsin aged 24 and triplets David, Lauren and Megan aged 22.

Jane has a PGCE in teaching French and Special Needs and she taught for a few years before having the children. She has kept in contact with education through being a school chaplain and governor and has welcomed opportunities to assist with RE, French and Collective Worship.

She trained for the ministry and was ordained in 2000. She has served as a Methodist minister in the South Normanton Circuit, Swaledale in the Yorkshire Dales and the Mow Cop, Biddulph and Congleton Circuit.

Her interests include film and theatre (possibly due to a family connection with Cary Grant!), genealogy, steam railways, reading, heritage site visits and watching cricket. So Darley Dale is definitely the right place for her!

Jane and Richard are living in the Bolsover Circuit, where Richard is the minister, but Jane will spend much of her time in Darley Dale at the three Methodist Churches (Dale Road, Darley Hillside and Hackney) and in the community.

Jane can be contacted on 01246 475262

## New Household Waste Recycling Centre Opens

Darley Dale residents can now recycle closer to home at Derbyshire County Council's new household waste recycling centre.

The new centre – which cost just over £1.1 million – is at Harrison Way, Northwood, near Darley Dale.

Around 5,000 tonnes of waste is expected to be taken to the new centre every year with more than 70 percent expected to be recycled.

Councillor George Wharmby, chairman of Derbyshire County Council, officially opened the centre. He was joined by youngsters from local schools who gave a musical performance led by music group Junk for Funk using musical instruments made out of rubbish.

The county council now has nine household waste recycling centres across Derbyshire.

Residents can take a range of household items to the new centre for free including furniture electrical items, wood and chipboard, green garden waste, old clothes and textiles, paper and cardboard, glass and plastic bottles, oil – automotive and cooking, excess bin waste, tyres – maximum of four from a domestic vehicle, soil or rubble – maximum of two 25kg sacks, small amounts of hazardous household waste such as fertilisers, pesticides and up to two sheets of asbestos (double wrapped in plastic), cartons and general household waste.

Residents can also continue using their doorstep



*Councillor George Wharmby, chairman of Derbyshire County*

recycling collection schemes provided by Derbyshire Dales District Council.

The new centre will be open seven days a week from 8.30am until 6pm – except on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

*\*You can now buy bags of garden soil improver at the centre. It's generated from green and kitchen waste collected in Derbyshire and meets The Publicly Available Specification 100 (BSI PAS 100) for composted materials. Each bag costs £2.00 including VAT.*

## All things Horticultural

For the very first time all the plots on the Church Road allotments were entered into an annual competition (judged by two members of the Darley Dale Horticultural Society) and the very first winner was Mr P Browne, plot 6. Very highly commended went to Mr G Williams, plot 98/1A, Mr P Wilson, Plot 98/2 and Mr & Mrs R Barber, plot 5. Mr Browne collected his shield at the Town Council meeting on 15th September. Many congratulations to him and to the winner of the shield for the best allotment on Oddford Lane Allotments which went to Mr Allwood for the eighth year running.

The Church Road Allotment Society held a small horticultural show on September 4th with profits from the fund raising auction going to provide fireworks for the annual community bonfire held at The Church Inn.

Many people get much pleasure from growing fruit and vegetables on these allotments so much so that the waiting list now stands at around 30 people!



*Mr P Browne receiving the award for best allotment with Ingrid Pasteur, Town Mayor*

# Darley Dale Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team News Update

The Darley Dale Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team (SNT) continues to work alongside other agencies to help keep the area safe and to resolve community issues with the county, district, town and parish councils, the youth service, housing associations and neighbourhood watch among many others.

PC Malcolm Spencer has recently retired from the force after more than 27 years service. We would like to thank him for his hard work on both the Darley Dale and Matlock Bath SNTs.

Police Community Support Officer Granville Nixon remains on the team and dedicated to the communities of Darley Dale, Rowsley, South Darley, Northwood and Tinkersley areas. Unfortunately, due to the current financial climate and budget restrictions PC Spencer's role will not be replaced but residents can be assured that PCSO Nixon will be supported by police officers from the Matlock area SNTs and by response officers whenever a police officer is required. The situation is likely to be reviewed when the financial situation improves.

If you have any concerns or issues about your community, please contact the Darley Dale SNT by calling 0345 123 33 33 or by emailing: [matlock.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:matlock.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk).

## **Vehicle crime – please be vigilant**

Police throughout the Derbyshire Dales have launched a new operation to combat a recent rise in thefts from cars in the area.

Patrols have been stepped up and officers are urging drivers to take measures to protect their property. During patrols, if officers find any vehicles that are unlocked, or if property has been left on display, officers will seek to find the owner and advise them.

Figures have revealed that there was a rise in thefts from vehicles across the Dales area in August, from 10 in July to 32 in August. However, in the Darley Dale SNT area, there were no vehicle thefts in July and one reported in August, but we would like to make sure that this figure does not increase.

Items which have been stolen include bags, wallets, cash, tools and other expensive items.

**You can help to prevent having your vehicle targeted by always making sure your vehicle is locked and windows are closed when you leave it, and never leaving anything on display. Take valuable items with you, or put them in the boot.**

**Anyone with information about car crime should call police on 0345 123 3333 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.**

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## The Home Library Service

I am writing to inform you about the Home Library Service, which is available for free to anyone who is unable to get to a library or mobile library, for example due to illness, disability, caring for someone full time, or limited mobility. It may be provided temporarily, for example if someone is recovering from an operation. Unfortunately, due to the nature of potential clients, we do struggle to raise awareness of the service among people that might really benefit from it, and this is why I am asking for your help.

We visit people in their own home, sheltered accommodation or residential home. We bring books that they will enjoy (based on what they tell us), in a format that is suitable for them (including Large Print and Audio Books). We will visit every 4 weeks to collect the books that they have finished with and bring a new selection. If anyone is interested, or would like more information, all they need to do is ring Matlock Library on 01629 582 480.

The regular visit can be really valuable to our clients. In many cases, they are very isolated, and may not see many other people. The chance to chat about the books they have read, among other things, is incredibly beneficial, and reading in itself can often be therapeutic.

I hope you don't mind my contacting you in this way; and that you can see why I have. If you would like any more leaflets, information, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at Matlock Library on 01629 582 480 or by email [carla.nitti@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:carla.nitti@derbyshire.gov.uk).

Carla Nitti.

Access and Inclusion Librarian for Derbyshire Dales and the High Peak.



## Hackney Well Dressing

Hackney well-dressing had a stained glass window theme, featuring St Helen's Church, Darley Dale. Lawrence and Eileen Paing and all the Hackney well dressing team thanked supporters who helped raised £514.54 for the Matlock Hospital League of Friends, Stancliffe Stone Co for providing a new well this year, Robert Young (Florist) and image Printers.



Sue Caunt blessing Hackney Brow's Well depicting the stained glass window of St Helen



Eileen Paing opening this year's Well Dressing

## WANTED

The Whitworth Centre is looking to employ a cleaner for our four star holiday let (The Lodge). Usually 3 hours on a Saturday morning (our changeover day) although may be needed during the week for cleaning after short lets. Pay is £7 per hour.

*If interested please apply to the Centre Manager on 01629 733678 or email: [enquiries@thewhitworthcentre.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thewhitworthcentre.co.uk)*



## Fairtrade

We are very happy that the Whitworth Tearooms are now using more and more Fairtrade items and Fairtrade stalls will occasionally be available there during the run up to Christmas, giving you a chance to buy cards, gifts and goodies for that great feast and helping poor people to a better life at the same time.

Work will start soon on renewing the town's Fairtrade status. We have to show that support is increasing and that a greater range of Fairtrade goods is now available both in the shops and eating places and in the community generally. The Fairtrade group will be approaching businesses to ascertain this and we hope for strong support.

If anyone would like to have a coffee morning or similar event to promote Fairtrade cards and gifts, please get in touch. Let us take this good work seriously and strive together to make the world a fairer place.

## Grant Aid

Do you know that the Town Council includes a sum of money in its 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 28th October 2011.

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 e mail [townclerk@darleydale.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@darleydale.gov.uk).

If you are a local club, society or organisation and you are trying to raise money for equipment, events or even projects (big or small) then grant aid through the Town Council may be able to help you achieve this.

# Modern Pilates Classes at the Whitworth Centre

## What is Modern Pilates?

Modern Pilates is an exercise class which will help improve both the function and appearance of the body. The exercises are controlled, progressive, and performed slowly with emphasis on good postural alignment throughout.

Modern Pilates is different from many traditional forms of exercise as it focuses on strengthening the stabilising muscles, which lie close to and support the spine, it also works on re-balancing the body, helping to maintain or restore natural, normal movement.

Regular Modern Pilates practice typically leads to a stronger, leaner body with improved posture. The slow controlled movements also help to create an overall de-stressing effect.

## Who is Modern Pilates for?

Everybody! Modern Pilates is recommended for those recovering from back problems, weak abdominals (core stability), stress incontinence and poor posture. Modern Pilates is also an ideal additional type of exercise for runners, advanced fitness enthusiasts and dancers who will benefit from increased flexibility and core stability. Beginners classes are suitable for post natal mums and will increase function and repair of the pelvic floor along with suitable exercise for the mid section.

## Who teaches Modern Pilates classes?

Sheila Wagstaffe (Cert Ed FE, CYQ Modern Pilates)  
Sheila has over 30 years experience in education and training within the



fitness industry. Her passion for making people more active coupled with her enthusiasm to teach classes with a down to earth approach makes these Modern Pilates classes both popular and fun.

For further information and bookings please contact Sheila Wagstaffe on 07971 566261

*“Pilates is designed to give you suppleness, natural grace, and skill that will be unmistakably reflected in the way you walk, in the way you play, and in the way you work” – Joseph Pilates*

## Where can I participate in a Modern Pilate class?

DAY	TIME	LEVEL	VENUE
Monday	6.00 pm	Beginner	Baslow Village Hall
Monday	7.15pm	Intermediate	Baslow Village Hall
Tuesday	9.15am	Intermediate	Baslow Village Hall
Tuesday	11.30am	Intermediate	Darley Dale - Whitworth Centre
Tuesday	5.45pm	Intermediate	Darley Dale – Whitworth Centre
Tuesday	7.45pm	Intermediate	Matlock – All Saints Church Hall
Wednesday	7.45pm	Improver	Great Longstone School Hall
Thursday	6.00pm	Beginner (new class)	Venue to be confirmed (starts Oct 5th)
Thursday	7.45pm	Beginner (new class)	Tansley Village Hall (starts Oct 5th)
Friday	9.30am	Intermediate	Calver Village Hall
Friday	10.45am	Older Adult	Calver Village Hall
Friday	12.00noon	Improver/Intermediate	Calver Village Hall

# Summer Activities for Children

For three weeks in August the Whitworth Park and Centre were host to Derby County in the Community who provided sports activities for primary school children. Football, multi skills, basketball, tri-golf and cheerleading were all on offer over these weeks. And for two afternoons Junky Monkey ran her very popular craft sessions.

This was the first year that Darley Dale Town Council has subsidised activities for full days for three weeks and also

provided lunch time supervision (including packed lunch) and 70 children enjoyed one or more of the activities (including the football).

We hope to repeat this next summer. If any parents have got suggestions for next year or comments on this summer's activities the Town Council would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact Trish Ingham on 01629 735248 or email: [townclerk@darleydale.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@darleydale.gov.uk)

# Arc Leisure Centre Opens

A DARLEY DALE mum and daughter were first in the queue for the opening of the Arc, the £12m new leisure centre between Darley Dale and Matlock.

Deborah and Emily Hurst (9), of Grove Lane in Darley Dale, are pictured with Bethany Fennah (10) preparing to enjoy the facilities at the Arc, including an eight-lane swimming pool, which features a moveable floor that meets regional competition standards, as well as a large full height sports hall that accommodates regional standard badminton courts, indoor hockey, basketball, volleyball, five a side football, cricket practice and netball.

It is the biggest single development ever undertaken by Derbyshire Dales District Council and visitors will enjoy extended opening hours compared with the Matlock Lido facility it replaces – 6.30am to 10pm on weekdays and weekends from 8am.

The exciting scheme on a reclaimed site between Matlock and Darley Dale is already an award winner after Arc was named the Most Sustainable Remediation Project at the Brownfield Briefing Remediation Innovation Awards last October.

The development incorporates significant renewable energy features to minimise the new building's carbon footprint. These include solar panels, rainwater recovery and Combined Heating and Power (CHP).

The great news for existing Matlock Lido members is that their membership automatically transfers to Arc Leisure Matlock.

In addition to the main pool and sports hall, Arc features a learner pool, wet play area, Café space, spectator seating for the pool, and a 50-station fitness suite.

There is also a second sports hall, known as the 'Studio' that accommodates gymnastics, martial arts, aerobics, dance classes and parties.



There is a community facility for residents of Darley Dale – a main community room and adjoining smaller room, plus toilet facilities, accessed by a door close to the main entrance to Arc. This is likely to be a popular meeting place for Darley Dale residents.

The scheme includes the permanent protection of wooded ecological areas to each side of the site, the remediation of the existing sports pitches that will complement the new indoor facilities and improved footway links to the surrounding residential areas. In effect the development will provide a mini-country park for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike.

Arc Leisure Matlock is being funded by the District Council, with much welcome and significant financial support from the East Midlands Development Agency, Sport England, the Amateur Swimming Association and the Matlock and Area Sports and Recreation Group (MARS).

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## Whitworth Park Croquet Club

**The club's fourth season has, in terms of its league fixtures, proved to be its best yet. The previous three years had seen the club come frustratingly close to winning a number of competitive games in the Federation of East Midlands Croquet Clubs only to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.**

Signs of this breakthrough were first seen in the match played against North Hykeham, Lincs in 2010. The game ended in a draw – the first time in the club's brief history that it had not been beaten.

The club went on to enjoy a run of successful games this

season in league fixtures emerging victorious against long established clubs such as North Hykeham, Long Eaton and Nottingham B Team. July was a glorious month for croquet players in Darley Dale! A spokesman for the club said that its new found success was based on the standard of play being raised by all of its members.

The club meets regularly in Whitworth Park. The season runs from April until September/October (weather permitting). Anyone who would like to know more about the game and how it is played should ring David Gregory (01629 732455) or Ed Runham (01629 732898) for details.

# The Whitworth Centre – Your Whitworth Centre

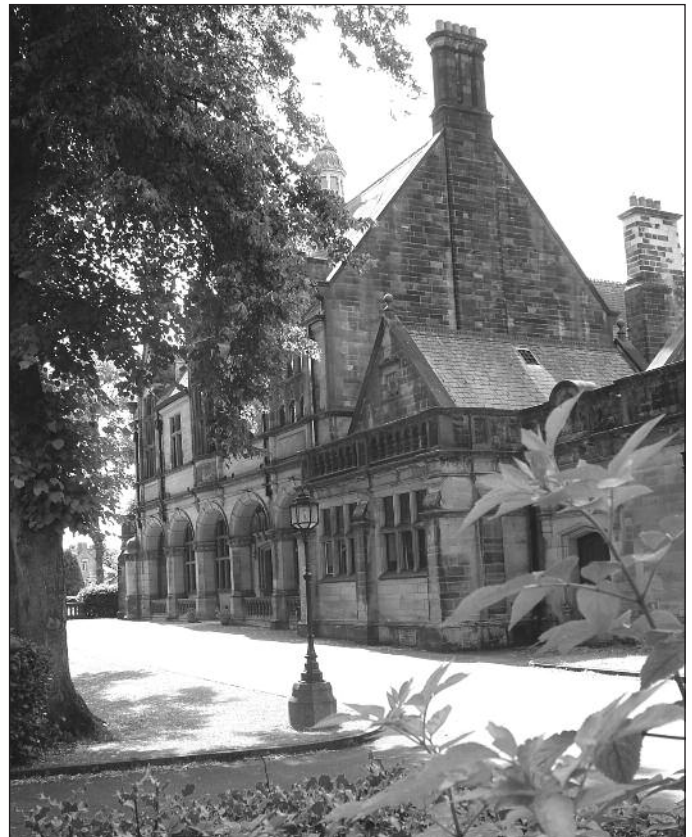
The Whitworth Centre is now up and running after its major refurbishment, with just a few contract odds and ends to tidy up. The Town Council feels this is a good time to bring the residents of Darley Dale up to date with what has been done, what has been spent, and where we go from here.

People often say to us when, for example, the Centre has to increase its room hire rates, that the Centre was left to the residents of Darley Dale by Lady Whitworth, and it should cost next to nothing to use. This would have been true in the early years of the Trust's life, because in addition to leaving the Centre itself, Lady Whitworth also left several parcels of land and other property. So, although she did not leave any money to pay caretakers and admin staff, the electricity and heating bills, and the repair bills, it was fairly common for previous trustees to sell off pieces of land as and when the trust bank balance was reducing, and thus provide more funds for maintaining and staffing the building.

After the Second World War, when the Centre had been sequestered by the Ministry of Defence for a training facility, it was a struggle for the Trustees to make the books balance, and maintain a useable facility. Ageing pre-war heating and lighting, together with new legislation and health and safety regulations, added to the increasing cost of running the Centre, and the decision was taken to sell land to the District Council to extend the Darley Dale public cemetery. The money accruing from that sale kept the place going, but by the 1990s both the park and the building were in need of expensive restoration work.

The trustees at that time recognised that in the mid-long term selling off more land wasn't a viable option and that to limit that need something significant was required to improve the ability of the Centre to pay its own way. Consequently, they made two attempts at obtaining large grants of money from the Heritage Lottery Fund to refurbish the Centre and the Park, the result of which would have been to put the Centre into a position where it could hold its own in terms of income and costs.

The Whitworth Trust applied for one of the first grants from the newly-formed Heritage Lottery Fund. Having engaged professional consultants, the Trust put together a very ambitious bid for lottery funding covering arts, sports and heritage totalling around £8.5 million. This would have made the Whitworth Centre the major leisure facility in the Derbyshire Dales but unfortunately the bid failed. However, this failure in turn led to a revised, successful £850,000 bid to the



*The Whitworth Centre*

Heritage Lottery Fund's Urban Parks Fund to finance major restoration work to the Park, but the building itself would have to wait a few more years.

The award of this grant to upgrade the Park was very welcome, but the refusal of a grant to refurbish the Centre meant that the trustees needed to take urgent action to safeguard the continued future of the Centre by selling more land. The last two major injections of money from the sale of land and property were the land for the Willow Way Estate and the Whitworth Hotel.

To appreciate the current position, we need to start about 10 years ago. At that time the Centre was controlled by a board of private Trustees, a situation that began in 1908 following the death of the last of the three legatees of Sir Joseph Whitworth's will. Before the park restoration, the Trustees had begun the moves that would result in the trusteeship being passed to Darley Dale Town Council. The then Town Council ran a questionnaire in Update asking if the people of the parish wanted to see the Whitworth handed over to the Town Council, and the answer was 'yes'. A formal Parish Poll of Darley Dale residents was subsequently held and it overwhelmingly confirmed that this was what they wanted. In 2005 the Town

Council took over as Trustee of the Centre.

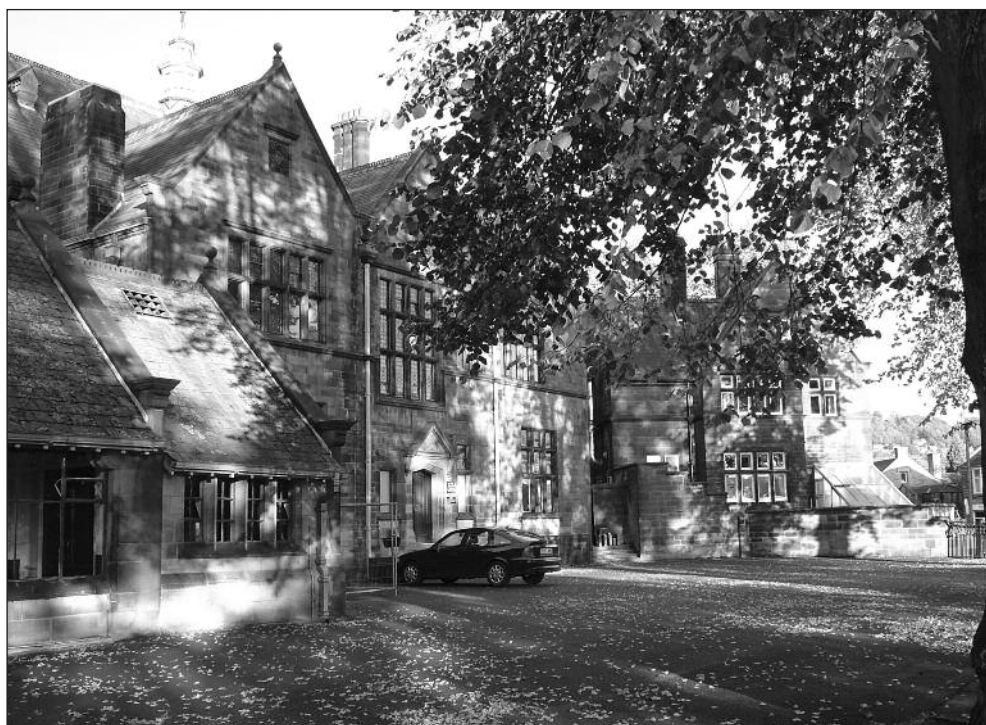
When the new Town Council became Trustee in 2005, it did not have the route of land and property sale open to it. It was fortunate to still have a large portion of the profit from the sale of the Whitworth hotel available to it, to deal with annual losses and provide some match funding for any further grants they may be able to obtain. The Town Council was reluctant to sell the last piece of agricultural land next to the cemetery, nor the Lodge, and was determined that the Centre had to become more or less self-sufficient. The Council decided to ask the residents of Darley Dale how they felt, and what they

wanted, so it set about a public consultation giving residents several options. These ranged from conversion of the building into upmarket flats for sale and building a community centre in the park out of the proceeds, to a minor refurbishment of the existing building, or a major refurbishment of the existing building. The last option of course required funding from somewhere.

The overwhelming preference from the survey was for a major refurbishment. So the Trust appointed an architect with instructions to help them win a lottery grant. After a lot of detailed design work, for which the Trust had to find some of the money (the lottery fund paid the rest), a major grant of up to £1.3 million was awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund in 2008, with the requirement that the Trust had to match that with another £400,000 from its own pocket, and fund any lost revenue when the building was closed for the project work.

To assist with this match funding, we were fortunate in obtaining grants from a variety of people and organisations, of which the major ones were Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership, Derbyshire Dales District Council, Derbyshire County Council, Darley Dale Town Council, and the Garfield Weston Trust. And the people of Darley Dale had also generously donated £6000. We also received a generous legacy of £110,000 in the will of a local resident, but this was not specified as being for the refurbishment.

The project work commenced in February 2009, and reached practical completion in March 2010.



*The Whitworth Centre (rear view)*

All the while the Trust had to carry the losses each year of keeping the Centre open for the residents of Darley Dale. Although these losses had reduced over the years since 2004, they still amounted to an average of £30,000 a year from 2005.

Since the Town Council became the Trustee in 2005, the income received has increased significantly, and it has increased even more in the year since the Centre has been fully reopened. Figure 1 below gives you an idea of how the income and the corresponding losses have changed over the last 10 years.

At the time the Town Council took over the Trust it produced a Business Plan in which it aimed to reach almost a breakeven (in fact a loss of £10,000 a year) by the second year after refurbishment. This loss of £10,000 a year would be covered by an annual grant from the Town Council towards operating costs.

So what did we do in the refurbishment, how much did it cost, and where did the money come from?

The building is more than 100 years old. Although various additions and improvements have been made over the years to the heating and lighting systems, they were both in need of a serious upgrade/ replacement.

We re-wired the whole building, introduced modern lighting, introduced data circuits (so that wi-fi could be used in most of the rooms).

We put new quick-response fan assisted radiators in every room, installed a complete new heating system, with modern controls to assist economic operation.

We insulated the roof space of the top floor.

We refurbished every room, stripping off wallpaper (and in several cases the plaster as well). This refurbishment included reviving the beautiful old ceilings, and the beautiful parquet flooring in several rooms. The ballroom in particular (now renamed the Banqueting Hall) was turned from a dreary large open space into a beautiful new multipurpose room with dimmable lights, a new stage, new curtains and a revitalised bar.

We totally refurbished the sports hall (now renamed the Brunel Room). This involved stripping out the old floor; incidentally this revealed the original tiling of the old heated swimming pool, which was found to be in a beautiful condition. This room was given a modern sprung floor, new lighting, and of course it benefitted from the new heating installation. It also

has new curtains, mainly to keep out the cold and noise from the very large windows at each end.

We refurbished all of the toilets, introducing new ladies toilets on the first and ground floors, and we refurbished the beautiful terrazzo flooring.

Two new lifts were installed, thereby enabling access to and from all levels of the building.

And finally, we filled in what had previously been an old courtyard at the northern end of the building, and turned this into two beautiful new rooms, the Community Room at the basement level and the Gallery at the ground floor level.

We built a brand new car park on the site of the old tennis courts

This has all cost approximately £1.6 million of capital and £80,000 of revenue (when the Centre was partially



*Brunel Room set out for a conference*



*Gallery as conference room*

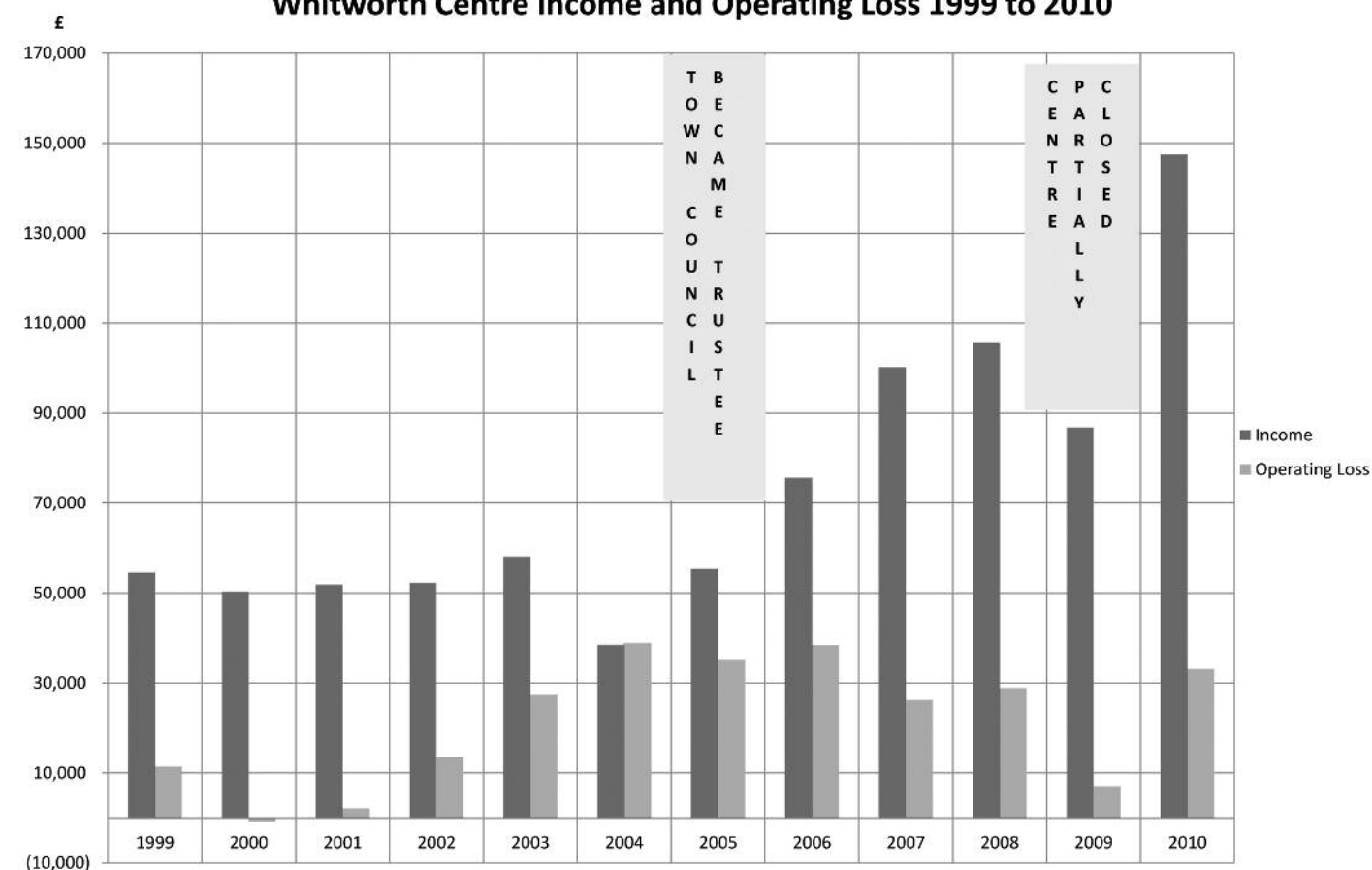


*The Lady Whitworth Room*



*Outside of gallery and community room*

## Whitworth Centre Income and Operating Loss 1999 to 2010



closed we budgeted this amount to cover running costs). As stated above, the final contractual situation has not yet been resolved, so that figure has to remain approximate. Of the £1.6 million capital, £1.2 million came from the Heritage Lottery Fund, for which we are very grateful, and the remainder, including the revenue portion, was provided as follows:

	£
Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership	100,000
Derbyshire Dales District Council	83,000
Derbyshire County Council	50,000
Darley dale Town Council	25,000
Garfield Weston Trust	20,000
Duke of Devonshire	4,000
Other donations (including £6000 from residents)	8,000
The Whitworth Centre funds	190,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>480,000</b>

We are very grateful to all those who assisted us with funds.

So where are we now? In the last full financial year

(November 2009 to October 2010) the Trust lost £33,000, of which £20,000 was made up by a grant from the Town Council. We must reduce that £33,000 loss to £10,000 for next year and the succeeding years.

At the end of last financial year we had about £120,000 in cash and investments, and some of this is still required to finish the payments for the refurbishment. This is just about where we anticipated we would be now when we commenced the project in 2005, but we recognise that this is not a great cushion, so we are all concentrating on turning the Centre into a financially viable business as quickly as possible.

We have three or four years to ensure that this business becomes viable. We need your help to do that. We can provide excellent facilities, refreshments and service for your christenings, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and funerals. If you use the Whitworth Centre you will help ensure we are still here in five years' time. If not – who knows?

Why not write to us and let us know your views on anything contained in this article, the refurbishment, the past, the future, how well (or how badly) you think we are operating the business, and so on. We will publish a representative sample of your letters in the next edition of Update. Please say if you are happy for us to publish your letter.

# Sport at the Whitworth Centre



## Darley Dale Juniors FC

**Darley Dale Juniors Football Club is continuing to work hard to try and improve and increase the facilities locally to provide more local children with the chance to learn and enjoy playing football.**

Secretary Rob Wilson said that whilst the club is grateful for the continued and valuable support of the Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale Town Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council in helping to provide facilities for training and matches, it was regrettable that many football pitches at local schools remain unused and unavailable for the juniors teams to make use of.

“This really is a sad state of affairs for local children many of whom attend these schools and what kind of message does it send out to them when local politics, policies or religion stand in the way of those children using those areas for exactly what they were intended to be used for. They should be filled with the sound of children having fun and enjoying playing football and not standing empty and unused and unavailable to the local community” said club secretary Rob Wilson.

“Living in an area of such beauty surrounded on all sides by green fields we should not be short of land for sports fields that are available to local community sports groups. In an era when obesity in children is such a

problem we should be putting politics, policies, religion and red tape aside and striving to provide more green areas for local youngsters to use and enjoy by working together to help the future of our community, that future is local children!”

September 2011 saw the beginning of the new football season and the start of the club's 37th consecutive season in the Rowsley and District League. This year the club is represented by 11 teams from Under 7's through to Under 16's and they will all be looking to build on the success of last season when five teams won trophies.

Since the club was established in 1974 it has provided the opportunity for local youngsters to learn, play, and enjoy football and over the last 37 years hundreds of local children have and a number of those children have gone on to play football professionally. That tradition of producing talented young footballers has in recent years really reached a new level following the club's formation of mini soccer teams for children from 5-10 years old. Some of these youngsters have progressed on to the football academies at Sheffield United, Chesterfield and Derby County after being spotted by talent scouts.

It's been another successful summer for the Saturday club and as a result



*Darley Dale Panthers Under 11s with David Lane of Hydro-X sponsors of the teams new away kit.*

another 20 local children have joined existing teams or the newly formed Hurricanes Under 7's team. But there are still opportunities for local children to join, with spaces currently available in the following age groups: Under 6's, under 7's, Under 9's, Under 11's and Under 13's. The under 16's team is on the lookout for a goalkeeper and striker.

The Darley Dale Junior Coaches v Parents Fancy Dress football match. was a hard fought and entertaining game but the younger parents team eventually got the upper hand and ran out 1-0 winners.

If you are interested in joining the Juniors football teams, interested in sponsoring a Juniors football team or feel you could help improve local facilities, then give me a call anytime Rob Wilson 01629 733773 / 07850 319789.



*Darley Dale Under 14s in their new home kit sponsored by Firth Rixson Forgings*



*Darley Dale Juniors Coaches V Parents team line ups for the Fancy dress challenge match*

# Twinning update



The Twinning Association held its AGM on 21 June when the following people were elected for another year:-

Chair: Kevin Senior, Vice-chair: Sandy Doyles, Secretary: Bill Jameson, Treasurer: Rachel Pearce.

Four other members were elected to serve on the Committee – Mags Robinson, Rob & Tracy Annable and Ruth Shooter

At the start of the meeting all those present stood in silence as a mark of respect for Maggie Cole and Pat Hancock, two loyal members, who had very recently passed away. Our friends in Onzain sent some very nice tributes about both ladies and it was much appreciated that they share in this loss.

As part of his Chairman's report, Kevin mentioned the hard work done by the committee members and in particular Secretary Bill, Vice-chair Sandy and Treasurer Rachel and thanked all members for their support throughout the last 12 months.

Unfortunately, the football exchanges between Darley Dale Junior Football club and Chouzy-Onzain FC have come to an end. The Twinning Association will be looking at renewing this link with another team or club.

The Twinning Association's website has been launched. You can find it at [www.darleydaletwinning.org.uk](http://www.darleydaletwinning.org.uk) anyone can view the open pages but there will be a security password for members only to gain access to that part of the site. Anybody who would like more information should contact our Secretary, Bill Jameson – Tel. 01629 733454 or e-mail: [wejameson@gmail.com](mailto:wejameson@gmail.com).

If you wish to join, then the subscriptions have been held at the same cost as last year – Individual membership £3, Family membership £5 and Organisation membership £10. To current members, please remember that subs were due from 1 July and should be sent to Bill Jameson.

Following the success of the "Allo Allo" night last November, some time in the autumn we hope to organise another themed evening.

Finally, during the weekend of the Darley Dale Fun Day we hosted 50 people from Onzain. Amongst them were a group of teenagers who enjoyed a variety of activities, including playing table tennis with the local club members. Also, their traditional folk dancers, La Valcissienne performed in Bakewell on the Saturday and then on Sunday in Whitworth Park. On Sunday afternoon, the Mayor of Darley Dale, Cllr Ingrid Pasteur, received a gift from the Deputy Mayor on Onzain, Madame Therese Buisson, of a metal sculpted sign, pointing in the direction of our twin town and situated near the main entrance to Whitworth Park. The sign was made by Patric Meriguet, who specialises in metal art work and he has made a similar one sited in Onzain, which points to Darley Dale.



Onzain and Darley Dale table tennis group

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

**BABY CLINIC**  
Pauline Neap 01629 734705

**BADMINTON**  
Courts to hire 01629 733678

**BILLIARD & SNOOKER CLUB**  
Mr J McCann 01629 734269

**BOWLS CLUB (CROWN GREEN)**  
Mr T Lane 01629 733300

**BOWLS CLUB (INDOOR)**  
Mr P Whitehouse 01629 734043

**DERBYSHIRE DALES ASSOCIATION OF WRENS**  
Mrs R. Sayers 01629 584411

**DARLEY DALE JUNIORS (soccer)**  
John Marsden 01629 733974

**DARLEY DALE LIONS FOOTBALL CLUB**  
Bill Clark 01629 734213

**ESSENTIAL FITNESS**  
Jan Handley 01629 735150

**FILM SOCIETY**  
Mr E Runham 01629 732898

**FRIENDLY GROUP**  
Mrs K Haywood 01629 734550

**JUMBLE SALES/BAZAARS**  
See Notice Board

**KARATE**  
John Redfern 01246 520677

**MATLOCK SPEAKERS CLUB**  
Mr A Forsyth 01629 583589

**MEMORY LANE**  
Dave Oakley 01629 733239

**PILATES**  
Sheila Wagstaffe 07971 566261

**SCHOOL OF DANCING**  
Ms C Dobinson 01629 56267

**SEEDLINGS PLAY GROUP**  
Tim Berry 01629 581201

**ST HELEN'S LADIES GROUP**  
Mrs B Scargill 01629 734339

**STITCH, KNIT and NATTER**  
Marilyn Swanell 01629 733246

**TABLE TENNIS**  
Dave Oakley 01629 733239

**THE SHACK YOUTH CLUB**  
Dave Oakley 01629 733239

**TOWN COUNCIL**  
Meet on 3rd Thursday of the month in the Old Library, 7pm. Mrs T. Ingham (Town Clerk) 01629 735248

**TWINNING ASSOCIATION**  
Kevin Senior 01629 733053

**WAYFINDERS (CHRISTIAN YOUTH CLUB)**  
Mr G Briddon 01629 734620

**WEA – Various Courses**  
Andrea Myers 01246 278623

**WHITWORTH CENTRE BOARD**  
Meets on 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Old Library, 7pm. Trish Ingham 01629 733678



## What's on at the Whitworth

### DALEDIVA

**Friday, 21st Oct 2011**

This fabulous and famous local group are coming to the Whitworth!

DaleDiva was started by its musical director Ally Law in Cromford and now has 72 members including ladies from Darley Dale.

The group made it through the regional rounds of last year's BBC Radio 3 'Choir of the Year' competition, were invited to perform at one of the 'Last Choir Standing' big screen events organised to accompany the BBC 1 series – and of course found national TV success winning the final of Channel Five's new all-singing and all-dancing talent show 'Don't Stop Believing' last August.

The prize was to record an album and the girls had a fabulous time in London in October putting the 10 tracks together. They have had a fantastic response to their 'Don't Stop Believing' success from all over the world and we hope you will join us to enjoy the experience that is DaleDiva.

[www.dalediva.co.uk](http://www.dalediva.co.uk)

The Ballroom, The Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale, DE4 2EQ

**Doors open: 7.00pm Show starts: 7.30pm**

**Tickets: £7.50 / £6.00 concs**

Free Parking Licensed bar Disabled access

**Enquiries and tickets:** Trish Ingham, Centre Manager, 01629 733678

[enquiries@thewhitworthcentre.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thewhitworthcentre.co.uk) or

Sarah Bennett: 01629 733759

[sarah@sarahbennettjazz.com](mailto:sarah@sarahbennettjazz.com)



### SARAH BENNETT/CURT SHAW

#### QUARTET

**Friday, 2nd December 2011**

A relaxed evening of cool jazz and beautiful songs!

Sarah's band has performed at jazz festivals and venues both locally and nationally, including the Brecon, Manchester, Cheltenham, Southport and Marlborough festivals, and has also appeared at John Dankworth and Cleo Laine's venue, The Stables, in Wavendon, Hertfordshire, the National Portrait Gallery and the National Theatre in London, as well as for staff parties at Chatsworth and Haddon Hall!

Sarah is joined by three outstanding musicians, Curt Shaw (ex-Leeds College of Music and Guildhall School of Music) on guitar, ace Sheffield bassist Rich Keates on bass and John Watterson (Grimethorpe Colliery Band resident percussionist) on drums/percussion.

Expect a repertoire consisting of Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra standards, the "jazz standards" from the American songbook and bossa nova tunes sung in Brazilian Portuguese and French and more! You can look forward to a relaxed evening of music in the beautiful surroundings of the Banqueting Hall in the Whitworth Centre.

Sarah will be donating her portion of the profits to the Whitworth Centre. I hope you can join us!

The Ballroom, The Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale, DE4 2EQ

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**Enquiries and tickets:** Sarah Bennett: 01629 733759 [sarah@sarahbennettjazz.com](mailto:sarah@sarahbennettjazz.com)

### JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

**Friday, 23rd December 2011**

Annual Pantomime

The Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale, DE4 2EQ

**Show starts: 1.30pm**

**Tickets: £3 / £2**

Refreshments available

Free Parking Licensed bar Disabled access

**Enquiries and tickets:** 01629 735248

## “Fresh Start” in Darley Dale

Darley Dale residents have been invited to join a singles club. Formed in January 2010, Fresh Start is a friendship club in North Derbyshire for single people predominately in the age range 40 to 70, who have found themselves at a crossroads in their life either through divorce, bereavement, separation or life changes.

Their range of events include meals out, country walks, theatre trips, stately home and garden visits, ten pin bowling, badminton, pitch and putt, crown green bowling, cinema, folk club sessions, pub quizzes and various forms of dancing. Members also have informal social bridge and chess groups, where lessons in how to play are given and have social evenings at members houses, known as bottle and plate parties. There are many other occasional events, which are too numerous to mention here.

The club meet at the White Lion in Starkholmes at 8pm on alternate Wednesday, attracting about 14 to 18 people, of which three are from Darley Dale.

### Whitworth Billiards and Snooker Club

Come and try a brand new activity - Table Bowls. These are scaled sets of bowls and jack from a leading bowls manufacturer, fully approved and with a real bias.

This is open to both male and female players.

Reduced introductory membership fee.

**Ring Jim McCann on 734269 for a free trial.**

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# Retirement Exchange

## Audley St Elphin's Park residents take part in exchange programme for a taste of retirement living stateside

Tony and Carol Gregory who live at Audley St Elphin's Park retirement village in Darley Dale, have travelled to America to take part in an exchange programme where they have swapped lifestyles with a couple from Senior Resource Group Maravilla Senior Living Community, in Santa Barbara, California.

Tony said: "We're delighted to have taken part in the first ever exchange and have enjoyed seeing how the US village operates. We decided to move to St Elphin's Park just before I turned 70 so we could be settled and enjoy our retirement. Our daughters both live abroad, so they feel happy we've got people around us and we can lock up and visit them without worrying about leaving the house."

"We met with Lou and Muriel Schloss, (our exchange partners) in London before we flew to California. They are a great couple and we really enjoyed their company over a lovely lunch. The meeting was too brief but we hope to keep in touch long after the exchange. The staff at Maravilla in Santa Barbara were excellent and could not do enough for us. All the residents were very friendly and spoke very highly of the village and staff."

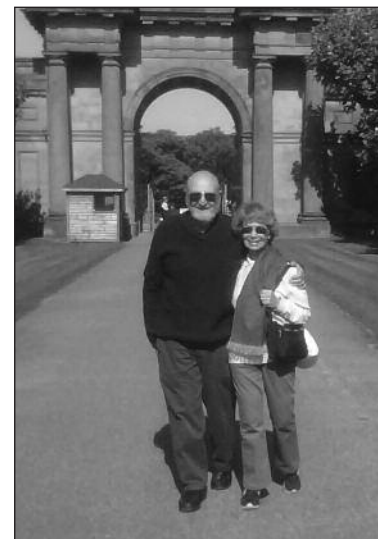
"We enjoyed the busy schedule of events and activities at the village. When Carol and I dined at Maravilla, we were hosted by a couple of residents. We sat at a table laid for four and enjoyed swapping views and stories over lovely meals."

Whilst in California, Mr and Mrs Gregory were able to visit the world famous Monterey Bay Aquarium, the impressive Vandenberg Air Force Base, Santa Barbara and the harbour area and took part in many of the activities and evening entertainment provided at the retirement village.

Lou and Muriel Schloss who are 86 and 84 years old, were delighted to stay at both Audley Clevedon, in Ilkley and at Audley St Elphin's Park, in Darley Dale. Muriel said "It was all very cosy and the people we met were all very friendly and had been expecting us, we knew the villages would be smaller than Maravilla, but they also have a hairdresser, pool, and exercise room." Whilst in Yorkshire, Lou and Muriel took part in Bridge clubs and Archery clubs at Audley Clevedon and visited the famous Betty's tea room in Ilkley and York for sightseeing and shopping. Whilst staying at St Elphin's Park they dined at the Peacock Hotel in Rowsley, visited Chatsworth House,



*Carol and Tony Gregory at Maravilla Senior living community in Santa Barbara California*



*Lou and Muriel Schloss visiting Chatsworth House*

and did some shopping in Bakewell. They took a tour to view the stunning Dales scenery and St Elphin's Park residents hosted a buffet supper to welcome for their stay in Derbyshire.

Audley initiated the exchange to gain further insight into retirement living, dispel myths and challenge stereotypes of 'old folks' homes.

Nick Sanderson, Audley CEO said: "For too long there have been negative stereotypes attached to retirement living and we're hoping to address these with the exchange programme. At Audley, we have pioneered a new UK concept, a village environment which offers a chance to downsize and maintain independence, but with the security and peace of mind that when extra help is needed, it's readily available without having to move again.

"Retirement villages are already well established and accepted in America and we're keen to share knowledge with SRG and look at ways we can learn from each other, challenge perceptions and develop our offerings."

Both couples kept a record of their trip via social media channels with Twitter and Facebook updates, in addition to keeping a written diary.

Please visit [www.audleyretirement.co.uk](http://www.audleyretirement.co.uk), see the Audley Retirement Village Facebook page or follow @AudleyAdviser on Twitter

# Contact Corner

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

Art Class - life drawing with a model	Sarah Bennett	733759
Benefit with Bingo	I Wagstaffe	733849
Church in the Peak	D.Harper	814813
Churchtown Out of School Club	Mrs S Wood	735851
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 Beavers	Phil & Carol Hancock	732093
DD Brass Band	K.Sheldon	734641
DD Community Centre, Bakewell Road	Mrs Gray	56718
DD Cricket Club	C Sellors	733293
DD Cubs	N Winter	732662
DD Croquet Club – Secretary	David Gregory	732455
DD Dancing School	Claire Dobinson	56267
DD Fairtrade Group	Monica Render	732935
DD Film Society – Chairman	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	P. Whitehouse	734043
DD Juniors FC	Rob Wilson	733773
Darley Lions FC	B.Clarke	734213
DD Table Tennis Club	Dave Oakley	733239
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
Essential Fitness	Jan Handley	735150
First Act	Jim & Debbie Fearn	733862
First Taste	Mrs I Wagstaffe	733849
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)	Alan Dawson	732228
Mother and Baby Clinic		734705
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
Stitch, Knit and Natter	Marilyn Swannell	733246
Two Dales Flying Club	Mrs B. Haymes	56912
The Dales Evangelical Church	Revd Richard Brooks	733744
The Shack Youth Club	Dave Oakley	733239
Whitworth Centre Office	Trish Ingham	733678
Whitworth Park Bowls Club	Terry Lane	733300
Whitworth Snooker & Billiards Club	J McCann	734269

*Let us know the details of your club or organisation!*

## Other useful numbers (all telephone numbers are 01629 unless shown otherwise):

**Your MP:** Patrick McLoughlin, House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA  
Telephone: 0207 219 3511  
e-mail: Patrick.mcloughlin.mp@parliament.uk

**Your County Councillor:** Mike Longden (536006)

**Your District Councillors:** David Burton (734072), David Fearn (734145), Andrew Statham

## Your town councillors (all telephone numbers are 01629): North Ward

SAMUEL BETTANY Netherford, Warney Road, Two Dales, Matlock DE4 2EW

DI CLIFF 26 Wheatley gardens, Two Dales, Matlock DE4 2FE

PAUL DIGGLE Rose Cottage, Sydnope Hill, Two Dales, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5LN

KATHLEEN DYSON 17 Hall Rise, Darley Dale Tel 732782

DAVE OAKLEY, 19 Sir Joseph Lane, Darley Dale. Tel 733239

## South Ward

TONY BROOKES 296 Smedley Street, Matlock. DE4 3LH Tel 582360

ANDREW BULLOCK Tel 735942

RHIANNON KENNION Glebe Hyrst, 22 Greenaway Lane, Hackney, Matlock DE4 2QB

INGRID PASTEUR 24 Greenaway Lane, Hackney, Matlock.

DE4 2QB Tel 735956

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

## For information and help on the following subjects please call the appropriate local authority:

### County Council (580000 or Call Centre 508058):

Consumer Advice and Safety; Education; Highways; Libraries; Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths; Street Lighting; Trading Standards.

### Derbyshire Dales District Council (761100):

Building Regulations; Council Tax; Concessionary Fares; Dog Wardens; Environmental Health; Housing Benefit; Housing; Planning Permission; Recreation; Refuse collection; Registration of Electors; Street Cleaning.

### Darley Dale Town Council (735248, e-mail: townclerk@darleydale.gov.uk)

Bus shelters; Grit Bins; Public Footpaths.

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## The Whitworth Centre can offer

A full range of facilities for conferencing, corporate events, weddings, parties and functions, with full bar and catering service. The Banqueting Hall will hold around 180 people and can host 150 people for dinner and a disco or live band, and is licensed from 11am until midnight.

**Book early to avoid disappointment  
Contact the Centre Manager  
on 01629 733678**

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 6UN, email: mjohnwinter@yahoo.co.uk  
Deadline for next issue is the 16th of November 2011.

