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REPORTS FROM THE LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN

QUARRYING.... IN DARLEY DALE

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**Year 3’s Trip to DEWA Roman Experience**

On Wednesday 8th February, Year 3 visited DEWA Roman Experience in Chester. We had a brilliant time.

In the morning, we all pretended to be legionaries. Bronze Beard (our Roman leader) gave us shields before we marched through Chester to the Roman gardens. In the Roman gardens, Bronze Beard tested the strength of the Roman helmet on Jackson’s head by pretending to hit it really hard but actually hitting it gently. It was very funny. We then made a tesudo which means tortoise in Latin. We put our shields above us, in front of the front row and behind the back row so that you could only see our eyes and the bottom of our legs. It was a defence that soldiers would use to make it harder for their enemies to attack them. After that, we went to the amphitheatre and watched Miss B and Mrs Arnold fight with pretend swords. Miss B won so Mrs Arnold pretended to have her head chopped off!

In the afternoon, we went to the DEWA centre to learn about what Roman life was like. Our guide brought us into the fort quickly because she said that the Roman punishment if soldiers were found outside was that they had to sleep outside with the bears and wild animals. We went into a room that was about medicine and learnt how Roman doctors treated broken bones. It would have really hurt and if it kept going wrong they chopped off your arm or leg! We also learnt about Roman baths where they went to wash and meet up with their friends. We also saw layers of earth from different history periods with some things from Roman times that had been dug up by archaeologists. After that there was a really good hands-on room where there was a jail we could play in. Finally we did a treasure hunt in the museum. It was a really exciting day so everyone was disappointed when it was time to leave.

**Darley Churchtown....**

**World Book Day!**

This world book day at Darley Churchtown Primary School, the students and teachers dressed up as one of their favourite characters for the day. As well as this, some children brought an old book with them to school for the lunchtime book exchange. The method meant that if you had already read a book, you could swap it with someone else for a new one. Even our lunch had the theme of World Book Day! We had stick man sausage rolls with a bread roll, Peter Pan’s potatoes, The Big Friendly Giant Beans, Percy peas and Peter Rabbit carrot cake. It was yummy! Every class also got the chance to decorate a shoe box and create a story setting of their own or of their favourite book using the paints and other things to decorate them with. All of the children that took part in the sponsored reading marathon got a certificate, and the person who read the most times and to the most number of people won a prize. We did this to raise some money to buy some new guided reading books. We are looking forward to next year already!

**2 VACANCIES**

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**WELCOME!**

**to the Spring issue of Community Voice!**

Here we are again bringing you updates and information from in and around your local area. We’ve got the latest update on the Bent Lane Quarry proposal as well as reports from our local Primary School children. As I said in the previous issue we’re also hoping to revive the Darley Dale Summer Fête this year and are looking for volunteers to form a committee which will organise and arrange the event. Let us know if you’re interested. We continue to endeavour to bring you a community magazine with news and features of interest to you all.

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Louise McKenzie - Editor

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**Did you know...**

There has been a Fly Fishing Club in existence in Darley Dale for the past 155 years. Members of the Darley Dale Fly Fishing Club have fished its waters on the River Derwent for many years.

DDFC as it is known is a members club that owns its own waters and fishing rights. This stretches from off Harrison Way right down to Abbey Farm. About a third of the water can be fished from both bank sides. The natural river fish are: brown trout, grayling and rainbow trout. Fly fishing is dry or wet fly patterns, and nymphs, with some bait fishing from December to February. A good hatch of mayfly and nymphs, with some bait fishing from December to February. A good hatch of mayfly and nymphs, with some bait fishing from December to February. A good hatch of mayfly and nymphs, with some bait fishing from December to February. A good hatch of mayfly and nymphs, with some bait fishing from December to February. A good hatch of mayfly and nymphs, with some bait fishing from December to February. A good hatch of mayfly and nymphs, with some bait fishing from December to February.

There are opportunities for new members, male or female to join our club, and anyone interested would be given a warm welcomed. We have a river keeper who is most knowledgeable about fishing and the wild life that you encounter on the river. Lessons on technique can be arranged privately for the novice. Or a refresher session if returning to the sport.

Anyone interested should look at our web site, [ddfc.org](http://ddfc.org) or contact The Club Secretary, [ddfchonsec@gmail.com](mailto:ddfchonsec@gmail.com)

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28th APRIL - SPOKEN WORD
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17th JUNE - ABSINTH AND LACE
AN EVENING OF BURLESQUE DANCING

22nd - 23rd JULY - DARLEY DALE VILLAGE FETE
A WEEKEND OF TRADITIONAL FAMILY FUN WITH STALLS AND ENTERTAINMENT

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9th - 10th DEC - CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK
A WEEKEND OF FESTIVE FUN!

21 DEC - THE WHITWORTH PANTOMIME
THE FAMILY EVENT OF THE YEAR - ALWAYS A MUST AT CHRISTMAS

THIS IS JUST A TASTER OF WHAT’S TO COME - FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK OR CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS OF OTHER EVENTS

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DISCOUNTED DATES IN 2017 STILL AVAILABLE CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION
Recently the Fairtrade Group has been very busy organising activities for Fairtrade Fortnight from February 27th to March 12th. There were several aspects to the campaign this year. One was to encourage people to use Fairtrade snacks in their workplace. We decided to go with Traidcraft’s BIG BREW and encouraged coffee mornings at the Burton Institute in Winster, Greenaway Workshop, Wensley Reading Room, Dale Road Methodist Church Hall, run by St Helen’s Ladies group, St. Helen’s Church Hall and on March 16th at St. John’s Church in Winster. Darley Dale, Churchtown and South Darley Primary Schools all had tea parties after school. All these included tea, including different ones to taste, coffee, hot chocolate, cakes and biscuits and a stall with food and some craft items for sale.

St. Elphin’s had a stall on their residents’ coffee morning, while the Whitworth Terrace served Fairtrade coffee and teas and some other items throughout the fortnight.

Another theme is ‘Don’t Feed Exploitation’ as the Fairtrade criteria for certification ensure that workers are properly looked after and their communities benefit.

There are grave concerns about how Brexit will affect trade and we are all asked to encourage our MP Sir Patrick McLoughlin to vote for certification ensure that workers are properly looked after and their communities benefit. Please contact him with this request: Patrick.mcloughlin.mp@parliament.uk

To consolidate our gold award of 2016 and to ensure an even better performance, the spring sees a number of fund-raising activities for which we really seek your generous support. Last year’s fund-raising permitted the purchase of the stone truck at the crossroads in Darley Dale as well as the six barrier box planters previously located on Hooley’s Estate and a variety of new wooden planters at the Whitworth and the southern entrance to Darley Dale by the Arc; the priorities for use of funds for 2017 are currently being defined.

In a major coup for Darley Dale, the “Blues Princess” Elles Bailey, 28, opened her UK tour at the Tipsy Toad on January 19th 2017. The singer songwriter played to a packed house, including visitors from Weston-Super-Mare, Buxton, Chesterfield in addition to a large local audience to support our In Bloom activities, raising £300!! The Toad made a fabulous informal yet intimate venue for this night of music with its comfortable leather chesterfield sofas and chairs. The staff, led by Ben, was absolutely brilliant in making the evening such a great success!

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Our designs for the flower beds have been consolidated and the plants ordered at the end of 2016. They should be delivered in May this year to allow them to grown on for a fantastic display for the judges in early July.

Details for all of these events can be found through our website www.darleydaleinbloom.co.uk or our Facebook page. If you have any questions or if you want to help and support us then please get in touch through these links; we are a very friendly, sociable group of people!!

Since the success of their Grand Opening in 2016 Ashton & Coleman has grown from strength to growth. Alongside a growing list of regular customers they are now seeing a large increase in new customers, either coming from personal recommendations or through their website. In 2017 they have already added new products to the showroom and website, ranging from Bespoke sofa's and chairs, new plank and reclaimed wood furniture through to pottery, basketware and home accessories. Their unique oak furniture range is in the making and will be on sale soon. In order for them to keep up with high demand they are now looking to expand their workforce, starting first with an apprentice. As local people who are passionate about where they live they would really like to offer this opportunity to a young person from the surrounding area who shares their passion for making quality handmade furniture.

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A proposal has been made to Derbyshire County Council to create New Parish Quarry, including a stone processing plant, covering some 39 acres in the area of Bent Lane. It would be active for some 20 years to remove 800,000 tonnes of building stone. Apart from destroying beautiful natural countryside it would be necessary to widen Bent Lane to accommodate HGV traffic for the removal and processing of the stone, as well as the proposed route via Chesterfield Road Beeley Moor.

There are many reasons to reject this proposal:
- No economic case for the proposal
- Impact on the natural beauty and amenity of this green field area
- Totally unacceptable highways impacts
- Serious wildlife impacts including to European/UK protected sites
- Serious potential health risks from the dust particles produced by quarries
- Potential of flooding
- The main water supply, built in Victorian times, to Derby and Leicester goes straight through the proposed quarry, a failure caused by the quarrying activity would be catastrophic!

The Action Group fighting the proposal has involved our local MP Sir Patrick McLoughlin, District and Town Councillors, printed and distributed 2,000 leaflets to raise awareness, a petition has now over 600 signatures, all major organisations with an interest have been contacted with excellent objection letters being sent in, articles have been in the local press and the BBC is now taking an interest, for more information go to Facebook New Parish Quarry. The public response against this proposal has been brilliant and at the end of January the County Council had already received over 300 letters of objection but its vital that everyone has their say.

Derbyshire County Council have been running a consultation about this proposal which was extended to 28 February under public pressure. Its in your hands - make your feelings known and stop this Quarry proposal!

Dont worry if you have missed the formal deadline, the County Council say that they will still take notice of letters after the date - email ETC. Wastemin@derbyshire.gov.uk, and Chief Executive of Derbyshire County Council at lan.stephenson@derbyshire.gov.uk and your local MP at Patrick.mcloughlin.mp@parliament.uk

If it’s Monday it’s Ancient Greek History!

My involvement with the WEA began in 2001. I had recently moved to Two Dales; most of the work on my new home had been completed and I was looking for something to keep my few remaining brain cells active. The WEA seemed to be tailor made for the purpose. It offered a wide range of courses, at varying times of day and evening, in a number of locations within a thirty minute drive of Two Dales.

Thus it was that I found myself on a damp September evening sitting in the Unitarian Chapel at Belper attending a course on Church Architecture. I have been interested in old churches for many years and the chapel that I now found myself sitting in, was a lovely old building with many fascinating features. Sadly, the seating arrangements weren’t among them. Narrow pews were laid out along a steeply raked floor. This ensured a certain level of discomfort which, in turn, meant that no member of the congregation or class would nod off. It is measure of the quality of the lectures that my attendance rate was 100%. The course was both in instructive and entertaining and I was hooked.

The following year was one of contrast in both venue and subject matter. Monday mornings were spent in the bar of Holbrook’s Miners Welfare Club with Arthur Billington relating the History of the Blues.

The atmosphere in the bar, with its heady smell of stale beer, seemed very suited to the course material at the time. Arthur had his own blues band and had met a number of the Blues’ legends such as Muddy Waters and John Lee Hooker, when they toured the UK in the 50’s and 60’s. Arthur had a wealth of stories and anecdotes that he readily shared with us.
are pleased to announce that Stephen Bailey will give an illustrated talk on:

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I don’t know if you’ve ever noticed that although children can argue and be opinionated they don’t often suffer from prejudice like we adults do. Children often do not notice, the difference in people or language or maybe they notice but simply don’t care. Children don’t get caught up in politics or discrimination - you may be thinking, well, that’s obvious, it’s because they are children!! But that’s the point, in the Bible we often talk about humanity being the ‘children of God’. The Children of God should not be judged nor show discrimination to other people. The children of God are called to build bridges, raise up the poor, reverence the sick and dying etc. These must be the values of any healthy faith community. Rooted in the Christian past of so many countries aren’t these also the values of healthy citizens? At this time in our world we see two distinct problems: terrorists who are totally disenfranchised from civil society and commit inhuman atrocities in the name of a false religion and the other being politicians who want to draw up the bridges and ‘preach’ fear and intolerance, often making people simple commodities. These politicians seem to commit the sin which has been seen throughout history. They objectify people. They take away peoples’ humanity and replace them with labels and titles. We may seem to be a world away in this idyllic part of Derbyshire but The Jewish philosophy rings true here “if you save one person then you save the world”. BUT equally if we destroy a person’s humanity because of their religion, political views or even their birthplace we are truly diminishing our world. You may think I am being terribly naïve but we need to be like the children of our schools, we need to not be weighed down by prejudice or fear. We are the children of God. We have a dignity and a value which is immeasurable. But God calls us also to treat other people with the same respect that God treats us. May our minds not be closed to learning from our children nor remembering that we are the children of the Father who created all peoples; all the nations, religions and creeds. I’d like to finish with four quite different quotations for us to think about but before that please be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.


WHO TO CONTACT:

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

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Derwent Bowmen
DD Association of Wrens
DD Brass Band
DD Community Centre at the ARC
DD Cricket Club
DD Cubs
DD Croquet Club - Secretary
DD Dancing School
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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 Permissions; Recreation; Refuse Collection; Registration of Elections; Street Cleaning.

Darley Dale Town Council (735248; email: town clerk@darleydale.gov.uk):
Bus Shelters, Grit Bins, Public Footpaths.

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE:

We will have another edition in the Summer which will include all the latest community news and events in and around Darley Dale as well as several pages dedicated to local advertising. This will be with you in June 2017. Email any contributions to the Editor by Friday 5th May 2017.

The next Town Council meetings will be held in The Old Library, The Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale on Thursday 16th March, 20th April starting at 7pm and 18th May starting at 6pm. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend. Any changes to these dates will be posted on the Town Council Website.

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