

Community Voice

SPRING 2022

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UKRAINE**

Spring is here! Let's all get involved in some planting >>>



Darley Dale Town Council
Serving the people of Darley Dale

Mayor's Column:

Once again, our area is hit by floods, with traditional flood plains being turned over to housing adding to the issue. Late February saw more bridge and road closures with Town Councillors getting actively involved and working with DDDC, DCC and the Environment Agency to manage the issue and keep people informed. I share your frustrations too over the delays on the A6 and have been pressing the County Council and the contractors daily to try and improve the situation. January saw us launch a number of environment initiatives with a tree planting at the Whitworth and the first in a series of organised litter picks. We're also creating a wildlife area and a fantastic educational space at our Community Garden on Church Lane.



You can read more about our plans to help everyone reduce carbon emissions and promote biodiversity across the town in the following pages but if you want to get involved we'd love to hear from you. Lastly, we are firming up our plans for a free event in the Whitworth Park over the Jubilee weekend in June. They'll be lots to see and do for all ages so look out for more information in our May issue and on our social media over the next few months.

David Oakley - Mayor

Darley Dale Town Council and The Whitworth are striving to do all they can to support the people of Ukraine.

Europe is believed to be facing the biggest refugee crisis of the century.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our appeal for Ukraine. The response has been unbelievable. Due to the amount donated we have had to close our collection at The Whitworth but if you still want to help you can donate money via the government appeal at

www.dec.org.uk

Once again THANK YOU!!

Your Town Councillors are:

Dave Oakley (Chair/Mayor)
Alan Long (Whitworth Chair)
Jason Farmer (Vice Chair)

Ann Elliott
Carolyn Curtis
Dawn Ward
James Dowling

Jason Atkin
John Mordue
Sarah Halliwell
Sean Taylor

Town Clerk Team: Ian Adkin & Jason Hedley
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Meet Your Councillors

Alan Long has lived in Two Dales for almost the past five years having moved across from the other side of the Pennines. A big reason why he moved was the fantastic community hub that is the Whitworth. Alan joined the Town Council not long after moving to Two Dales and then soon became Chair of the Whitworth. He is also on the Finance committee for the Council and has recently set up an Environment Group, which includes some fantastic people from the area, who like Alan are concerned both about climate change and the impact of rising energy costs on local people.



"Being a Councillor has given me better insight into our community and I have been so impressed by the number of clubs and charities that work hard to make a difference to people here" says Alan.

Alan's day job involves the management of affordable housing and care services and in his free time he loves playing football and running and is a keen guitarist. His love of history is another attraction of the Whitworth, which itself has a great story to tell. Alan is married with three grown up children as well as a beautiful two month old granddaughter to keep him young at heart. He is very much looking forward to taking her to the Whitworth and treating her to ice creams in the park!

Come and join us to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in style!



Our town has changed a lot over the last 70 years but the Whitworth building and park have remained a lovely and peaceful constant throughout. Why not join us then on Sunday the 5th of June, in the beautiful surroundings of the Whitworth Park, for a (hopefully sunny) day out celebrating the Jubilee?

There'll be something for everyone with lots of activities for families and children and a whole host of local groups and organisations offering goods and activities. If you prefer a more leisurely approach, you can enjoy a picnic featuring a hand-picked selection of goodies from the Whitworth café, kick-back and relax enjoying the entertainment, including a 50 piece orchestra playing classics from Gilbert and Sullivan to James Bond.

There will be food and drink available throughout the day and at the end you can wave your flag and join everyone in rousing renditions of "Jerusalem" and "Land of Hope and Glory".

Please check our website and Facebook page for ticket information nearer the time.



Boundary Review Changes



The Local Government Boundary Commission released their final recommendations in January and they include an important change to the Darley Dale District Council Boundary. From the local elections in 2023 Morledge will be represented at District level by the DDDC Councillor for Matlock West and become a new ward at Town Council level with a dedicated Councillor on Darley Dale Town council. If you want to know more you can read about the changes at Local Government Boundary Commission for England Consultation Portal (lgbce.org.uk)

OKER ESTATE ASSOCIATION

Notice of AGM

The annual general meeting of the Association will take place on Monday 4th April 2022. The Old Library, The Whitworth at 7:30pm. All residents are welcome to attend. Nominations are invited for the positions of:

- Association Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Treasurer
- Committee member (3 places)

If you wish to be nominated or nominate someone please contact John on 01629 734931

Helping Tackle Climate Change

and the impact of rising fuel costs

We are pleased to announce that Darley Dale Town Council has agreed to make carbon reduction, the number one priority for this year.

Not only is carbon reduction important for climate change but with the huge increase in electricity and gas bills this year, we must do everything we can to address this issue. While many changes in this area require Central Government, County Council or District Council interventions, there are things that we can support and do as a Town Council.

Ahead of the COP26 Climate Conference last year, some delegates used an app that allowed them to make pledges as to what they would do in their personal lives to reduce carbon emissions. We have managed to secure this app for Darley Dale and will be doing everything we can to get this to as many residents as possible, to enable them to make pledges and to see what we collectively can do as a town. We will publish the progress made on reducing carbon, on our website and physically in places like the Whitworth. We will target getting over 500 individual pledges this year, which will make a massive difference.

We have already started with some additional tree planting and will do more as the year goes on. We also plan to hold climate events at the Whitworth, for people to get ideas as to what they can do in their own lives to make their home more carbon efficient and thereby reduce energy costs. We will also provide information and activity to help people make a difference in their own gardens around bio diversity. We are even looking into the possibility of running a repairs café, which will be a bit like the Repairs Shop TV programme you might have seen. There is lots to do to get this together and we will update you as we go along.

We have formed an Environmental group linking the Town Council with other parties and people who want to contribute to this agenda.



Community Tree Planting Day



(Above) Headteacher Sarah Hudson and (right) Darley Dale Mayor Dave Oakley get stuck in!



“It’s all part of our wish to extend our woodland areas, increase habitat for wildlife and leave a personal legacy!”

Darley Dale Primary School have secured 420 trees from the Woodland Trust for planting in the wonderful and extensive school grounds and every child and member of staff will be invited to plant one. In February they held a special tree planting day where parents, old pupils, staff and the wider community joined in to plant a tree. The school wanted to give everyone the chance to leave their own lasting legacy and build community spirit. Head Teacher

The Woodland Trust said “We want to make sure everybody in the UK has the chance to plant a tree. So we’re giving away hundreds of trees to schools and communities.”

Sarah Hudson and all the staff and pupils are keen to promote the importance of protecting and improving the environment for both people and for wildlife. The school want to work together with the community to help reach the UK’s target of carbon net-zero 2050. Darley Dale Primary School is a caring, vibrant and forward-thinking school with fantastic pupils, parents, staff and governors who all work closely together to make this happen. ODSTED recognised in their 2020 report that “Pupils leave Darley Dale Primary School as young people who are knowledgeable, but also resilient and confident. They embrace challenge.



Our Co-op Member Pioneer Laura...

Laura works with Store Managers and their teams to support the local causes (chosen by Co-op members), local community groups and other charities to make our community a better place to work, live and learn.

It’s been a busy few months of activity at Darley Dale Co-op. One of the highlights was presenting cheques to 2 worthwhile causes in Darley Dale. It is an absolute pleasure for the Co-op to be able to support such fantastic causes in our community.

First to receive a grant was Darley Dale in Bloom who received £200 for perennial plants for the Sensory Garden in the Whitworth Park. The second was Darley Dale Pre-School, who received a cheque for £182.00 to go towards purchasing craft supplies for the children. They are a charity run Pre-School for children aged 2-5 years whose aim is to provide an exciting, safe learning environment for children to develop and grow.



If you are a local community group in who may benefit from Laura’s support, please get in touch with her by email at laura.pepper@coop.co.uk



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or email **Karen.Bacon@bect.org.uk**

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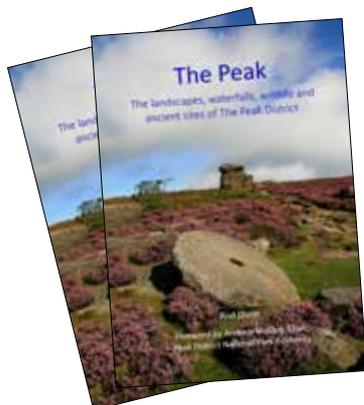
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OUT NOW! 'The Peak' by Rod Dunn

It took ten years to compile but it's finally here! A photographic journey from north to south through the Peak District through the lens of talented local photographer Rod Dunn. It has been endorsed by the National Park Authority whose Chair calls it "*a knowledgeable and beautifully illustrated book that is a fitting tribute to all that is special about the Peak District*".

Available online and instore at many nearby bookstores including Scarthin Books, Cromford, Two Dales Post Office and the Visitor Centre & Gallery Cafe in Bakewell.

Price £25

Darley Dale Croquet Club

Croquet Club Season to Start

Darley Dale Croquet Club will be starting the season late in March or early April when the weather allows. Visit the club in the Whitworth Park any Friday, Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Everyone will be welcomed and members will guide visitors through the basics of the game to see if they like the feel before joining.

We are primarily a social club that plays a form of croquet known as Golf Croquet which is more social than Association Croquet and often leads to many laughs and conversations on the courts.

Never played before?

Don't worry; most members of the club had not played before joining so it is not a difficult game to get to know the basics and to start stopping your opponent getting their ball through the hoops. The club has five members who have been on coaching courses so is well equipped to advance players through to the more developed skills.

We offer social events throughout the year at local pubs, members' homes and on the courts. Some are linked to small tournaments and to raise money for charity.

We have two teams in the East Midlands league playing and in 2021 were in the second and third divisions finishing in both cases mid table. Friendly matches are also played with other local croquet groups. All these are opportunities to meet like minded people and learn from them and to play in different settings.

Membership subscriptions for 2022 are, full members £42.50pa and for non-playing social members £10pa. For more information please contact the Club chair, Ann Bradley (735776 - ann@annbradley.me.uk) or the secretary, David Gregory (732455 - secretary@darleydalecroquetclub.org.uk).



The Whitworth
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What's On?

	20TH MARCH	DERBYSHIRE MAKERS SPRING ARTISAN FAIR
	21ST MARCH	HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM JOBS FAIR
	27TH MARCH	SELF-CARE SUNDAY
	21ST APRIL	RAPUNZEL PANTOMIME
	8TH MAY	DERBYSHIRE MAKERS SUMMER ARTISAN FAIR
	21ST MAY	PARANORMAL NIGHT



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Darley Dale Scout Group



Easter Services

Palm Sunday 10th April - 10am

United Benefice Service at St. Mary's Church South Darley

Maundy Thursday 14th April - 7pm

Service at St. Helen's Church Darley

Good Friday 15th April - 10am

Family Service at St. Mary's Church South Darley

Good Friday - 3pm

Meditation at St. Helen's Church Darley

Good Friday - 7pm

Night Prayer at St. John's Church Winsters

Saturday 16th April - 10am

Tenebrae Service at St. Helen's Church Darley

Easter Sunday 17th April - 10am

Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church South Darley

Easter Sunday 17th April - 11am

Holy Communion at St. Helen's Church Darley

What a busy few months we've had!

Our Beaver Colony meet early on a Monday night, the Leaders have been with us for 32 years and are very experienced at running an excellent program for the girls and boys who attend. Recently they've visited church, been on a torch-lit walk (with chips!) and done some amazing model building. The Scout Troop meet later on a Monday and have been learning a lot about safely cooking on open fires. They also took part in a Chilly Challenge January Camp and have done Tomahawk throwing. A visit from a community kitchen gave them food for thought about those who may be struggling.

Darley Dale Cub Pack have also visited the church where they built a manger for a baby. They have also learned about the men mentioned on the War Memorial and been on a walk around the Illuminations in Matlock Bath. They meet on a Wednesday evening.

The Scout Hut has been improved over recent years with new roofing, windows and cladding. We've recently replaced the old heaters and the new, energy efficient lighting is being installed soon.

If you'd like to know more about our group, then please email - 6thmatlock@gmail.com

Debbie Steeples – Group Scout Leader – Darley Dale Scouts

FAIRTRADE

By the time you see this, Fairtrade Fortnight will be over and we hope all our events will have been as successful as our activities and stall at the Whitworth Centre. We are certainly being kept very busy.

The emphasis this year has been on environmental justice as much as on trade justice, with changes to more ethical packaging and encouragement to bulk buying which needs less packing and is therefore cheaper. This is what we try to achieve on our stalls. This has not been easy with blips in the supply chain at every level and goods often unavailable for months. In spite of this, sales are growing and people have been generous with donations.

We had hoped that our Darley Dale Fairtrade tote bags would be ready in time for our various stalls, but they have not yet arrived. Look out for them soon. Our planned list of local Fairtrade availability is also awaiting completion, but should be available soon.

Do try to get hold of the latest Traidcraft catalogue full of interesting information and Easter eggs and cards and don't forget the regular stalls at the Methodist Hall every Thursday morning and at St. Elphin's on the first Thursday from 10.30 -12pm. You can also give orders to Ingrid at any time. We look forward to your support.

For further information about getting involved:
Monica (01629 732935) Ingrid (01629 735956)



The Thread is a monthly timed 5km run around the Whitworth Park in Darley Dale. It's been running for 8 years and after a halt during lockdowns, we are now holding events again and really keen for new runners to take part. It's run by volunteers from Sole Mates running group, based in Darley Dale, with support from Matlock Athletics Club and of course The Whitworth very much support what we do too.

The run is up to 3 laps of the park but those new to running can do 1 or 2 laps - the park lends itself to this really well. Although it's timed, every participant is supported and the age range of participants is from about 5 to 80! It's £1 to register and then free to run every time.

Personally speaking the event gave me something really positive to look forward to every few weeks during my chemo treatment in 2019 for breast cancer, so I am thrilled to be able to help it continue now by recently becoming one of the organisers. There is loads more info on our website and facebook (details below).

www.5kparkrun Derbyshire.co.uk
Facebook - WhitworthThread5k

Safer Neighbourhoods

NEWS



Darley Dale Neighbourhood Team

PCSO Spencer Nixon
PCSO Carly Mattison
PC Steven Fraser
PC Nick Saunders

We are currently experiencing an increase in calls for service around Anti Social Behaviour around Columbell Way, Two Dales and the Whitworth Park. This involves youths knocking on doors and running away. We will be paying particular attention to these areas to help identify the offenders and take positive action. We are advising people not to go out and confront these youths but instead to call the incident in via the following methods:

- **Call 101 or 999 for an emergency**
- **Tweet @derpolcontact**
- **Message the main Derbyshire Police Facebook Pg**
- **Click on the REPORT tab www.derbyshire.police.**

We have conducted speed checks on the main roads between Wensley and Darley Bridge and along Hackney Road. These areas are also enforced and monitored by our Crest colleagues and the local community speed watch groups. If you have any other areas of concern, please fill out a Derbyshire talking survey at www.derbyshirealert.co.uk/derbyshiretalking

CHECK THE TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE & THE NOTICE BOARD OUTSIDE THE CO-OP FOR UPDATES.

Other useful numbers:

Your District Councillors:

Jason Atkin **07866 742146**
Mark Salt **761100**
Andrew Statham **581014**

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

County Council

Tel: 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

Tel: 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

Tel: 735248:

email: townclerk@darleydale.gov.uk
Bus Shelters, Grit Bins, Public Footpaths.

Our next issue...

We intend to publish quarterly issues with the next one in the summer, if you wish to send in any articles, photographs or information please do so to one of the email addresses below.

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Darley Dale Community garden

by Victoria Austin

Meet others...

Sundays between 2-3pm come along and join in with some of the locals. Biscuits welcome!



Sit a while & enjoy the garden.



We have a wonderful group of people who come and go. These groups include Forest School Teachers from the local Primary Schools, Outdoor Adventure Leaders, Scouts, allotment holders and local people who have a passion for getting together and mucking in!

We have had some beautiful vegetables and fruit signs created for Darley Dale Community garden by Lawrence, Henry and Harriet. I had a good bash at making the frames and ran out of screws and the will to live in my arm putting them together. Thank you to Simon from Ashton and Coleman for helping me finish what we started. The garden is coming together nicely so far. If you or your children want to make any signs for plants feel free to join in. I'm all out of wood for frames now so post how you get on if you want to get involved.

This group is all about the community garden based in Darley Dale.

It's just over the road from the Church Inn pub in Darley Dale next to the allotments.

The address of the pub is:-
Church Road Darley Dale, Matlock DE4 2GG

If you want to join in we would love to have you all involved.

Find us on Facebook

