

# DARLEY ABBEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (DACA)

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## NEWSLETTER

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A new year has arrived and we sincerely hope that one of your New Year Resolutions was to take a more active part in village life (apart from stopping smoking, swearing and eating fewer calories). As usual there are plenty of activities in the Village Hall and the DACA Committee is working hard to ensure that there is something for everyone. A comment we hear frequently is "the rest of the village does not know what they have missed." So, don't miss out yet again!

### Forthcoming Events in the Village Hall (February 06 - June 06) :-

Friday	17 Feb	DA Historical Group - <b>The Story of Eyam</b> presented by Bruce Townsend	7.30 pm
Friday	25 Feb	DA Gardening Club - Gardeners' Question Time	8 pm
Sat/Sunday	18/19 March	<b>Arts &amp; Craft Fair</b> . See also enclosed flyer. Floral display by the DA Gardening Club Saturday 10-5, Sunday 11-4	
Friday	24 March	DA Gardening Club - Illustrated talk on <b>Daffodils</b> by Peter Cook with demonstration of varieties	8 pm
Saturday	25 March	Gresley Male Voice Choir. Tickets £5 including a glass of wine before the performance	8 pm
Friday	28 April	DA Gardening Club - Illustrated talk on <b>Gardening with Alpines</b> by John Saxton	8 pm
Sunday	7 May	DA Gardening Club - <b>Plant Fair</b>	10 till noon
Friday	19 May	<b>DACA AGM</b> in collaboration with the Historical Group Speaker: Maxell Craven	8 pm
Monday	19 June	<b>Piano recital</b> by Oliver Grant Brugada	8 pm
Friday	23 June	DA Gardening Club - Illustrated talk by Lucy Clemson on <b>Plants for small gardens</b>	8 pm

### *The Marlowe Players*

The first production of **The Marlowe Players** since they moved to Darley Abbey will take place between 28 February and 4 March. It will consist of two one-act plays: *Double Double*, a comedy by James Saunders, and *See the Pretty Lights*, a poignant drama by Alan Plater. Doors open at 7 pm and performances begin at 7.30. Licensed bar 1-4 March but not on 28 February due to licensing restrictions. Tickets available from John Freeman on 07792 46 09 67 priced at £5 (£4 cons.)

**Darley Abbey Web Site** Did you know that the village has its own web site? It is run by Colin. It can be found on [www.darleyabbey.com](http://www.darleyabbey.com) and Colin can be contacted at [colin@darleyabbey.com](mailto:colin@darleyabbey.com). You can help Colin by telling him what is going on in the village or anything else to make it even better and read this Newsletter on-line.

## *Darley Abbey Gardening Club*

Lots of new and interesting talks and events, see overleaf. Non-members who turn up at a talk will be charged £2. If you are interested in gardening it's a lot cheaper to become a member. Talk to **Sue** on **55 18 41**. For further information phone **Rosemary** on **55 83 19**.

### **Did you attend the Village School 50 years ago?**

If you attended the village school in the 1940s and 1950s and would be interested in attending a reunion, Carol Wheatcroft would be delighted to hear from you. You can ring her on 55 70 55 or send her an email on [carol.wheatcroft@ntlworld.com](mailto:carol.wheatcroft@ntlworld.com).

### **VILLAGE HALL**

Only two things to report: a new cooker has been installed and a very good one too, say the people who have used it. The other one is the perennial one - volunteers for the DACA Committee. We are always looking for new ideas and we know there are people out there who brim with them so why not join us. Come to the AGM and see what we do.

### ***SPONSOR A CHAIR***

At the time of writing this, sponsorships have almost reached £800. We were quite pleased with the response for sponsors, but this does not mean that we don't need more. There is still plenty of space on the ROLL OF HONOUR and we hope that we can add many more names to it. If you use the Hall, you know that we need new chairs. We have looked at a number of different designs and tested them on small and tall persons. We have yet to find the perfect one - if there is one. So keep the sponsorships coming in and we will redouble our efforts to find suitable chairs. Send your cheque for £25, £50 or more to our Treasurer, Sue Parker at 44 Darley Abbey Drive, DE22 1EF.

### ***What's on in the Village Hall???***

The Village Hall is not only used by DACA, the DA Gardening Club & the DA Historical Group, birthday parties and the like, but also by regular users whose groups you can join:

**Mondays:** 9.45 - 10.45 Exercise Group

8 - 10 pm The Marlowe Players rehearsals (also on Tuesdays same time)

**Tuesdays:** 6.40 - 7.25 Claire Rainbow's Exercise Group

**Wednesday:** 9.15 - 11.15 Mother & Toddler

5.45 - 7.15 pm Brownies

7.30 - 9 pm Guides

**Thursdays:** 10 - 12 Peter Woolley's art class

2 - 4 pm Artists group

7 - 9 pm Dog Training

**Fridays:** 10 - 11.30 Yoga Group

2 - 3.30 pm Thai Chi

**Sundays:** 1 - 6 pm once a month: Sifu Yeshe Gyatso. Phone Joy Pearson on 55 86 23 for information.