

NEWSLETTER

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In the May issue I wrote about the grey weather. Unfortunately not much has changed although it is warm when I write this. The days are growing shorter and the village's social side is swinging back into action. Some of the things worth waiting for are listed below. Please come and listen or take part. They are there for the people of the village and if we face declining memberships and visitors we run the risk of losing an important part of the village tapestry.

WHAT'S ON? WHAT'S ON? WHAT'S ON? Forthcoming events (Village Hall unless otherwise stated):

SEPTEMBER

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| Saturday 6 | Historical Group: Guided tour around Melbourne .
Meet at 1.30 pm in Castle Square. | |
| Friday 19 | Historical Group: Alan Gifford will give a talk
entitled "Sorocold the Engineer" | 7.30 pm |
| Thursday 25 | Darley Abbey Society: Open meeting. Talk on Flood
Prevention. Councillors might turn up | 7.30 pm |
| Friday 26 | Gardening Club: Linda Smith will give an illustrated
talk entitled "Pond plants and wildlife through the year". | 8.00 pm |

OCTOBER

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| Friday 17 | Historical Group: All you want and need to know about
The Manchester Ship Canal . | 7.30 |
| Friday 24 | Gardening Club: Dr S B Furness will give an illustrated and
unmissable talk on "Sex among the flowers". | 8.00 pm |

NOVEMBER

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| Friday 21 | Historical Group: Adrian Earp will tell you of his
discoveries about his family including transportation | 7.30 pm |
| Friday 28 | Gardening Club: "The history and natural history of Elvaston
Castle", an illustrated talk by Andrew Laxton ,
chief executive of Elvaston Castle Country Park. | 8.00 pm |

DECEMBER

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| Friday 19 | Joint Historical Group/Gardening Club Christmas meeting
surprises promised | 7.30 pm |
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DARLEY ABBEY FILM CLUB

It is my pleasure to report a new initiative to brighten up the dark winter afternoons. The films are screened in the Methodist Church starting at 2.00 pm and the season kicks off with the evergreen **OKLAHOMA!** on 20 September. You can then enjoy **The Dam Busters** (to coincide with War Memorial Week) on 1 November and ending the year with **It's a Wonderful Life** on 13 December. Admission: Whatever you feel it is worth!

DARLEY WARD SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD

Report from our Beat PC Leanne Croft:

Darley Abbey (Part of Beat 511)

A total of 19 reported crimes, increase from 11 in June 2008.

- The Darley Abbey Mills area alone was heavily targeted this month. There were seven reports of theft from motor vehicles. One theft of pedal cycle. One report of criminal damage to a vehicle and one theft of lead from Patterns Ltd.
- Four burglaries were reported this month and one theft in dwelling, both Weirfield Road and Church Lane are hotspot areas.
- One report of damage to motor vehicle, two reports of theft from motor vehicles and one other crime.

DARLEY ABBEY HISTORICAL GROUP

Is it time to call in the **Time Team** to find our 12th century abbey? Perhaps not yet. The Derbyshire Archeological Society held a weekend course in the Village Hall in August where we were trained in geophysics, surveying and mapping. Funds are being applied for and the dig would be carried out by professionals helped by keen villagers.

From Monks to Mills is a DVD tracing the history of Darley Abbey. This excellent DVD is for sale from Roy Hartle (557597) or Helen McCoy (551436) for an astonishing £2.50. Great value if there ever was one.

WATERCOLOUR PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS

Here is your chance to learn to master this the most British way of painting. Peter Woolley will be your instructor and the first of 12 sessions will start in the Village Hall on Thursday September 11 at 10 am and last for two hours. Phone Peter on 01969 650878 or 07968 965130 or visit www.peterwolley.co.uk/beginners to book a place. Cost for the 12 sessions is £79.

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