

DARLEY ABBEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (DACA)

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NEWSLETTER

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Some of you noticed that the Editor forgot to change the issue No, so we had two issues No 38 dated October 2006. As you can see, we are now back on track. The Editor has no chance of finding out everything that's happening in and around Darley Abbey so he has to rely on the people in the know. If you want anything published, please contact me on thorsten.sjolin@btinternet.com or give me a call. The next issue is planned for June.

Forthcoming Events in the Village Hall and Darley Abbey

Friday	27 April	Irene Binks (aka the Herbwitch!) will talk about <i>Growing and using herbs</i> (Gardening Club)	8 pm
Saturday	12 May	Annual Plant Fair and Coffee Morning Gardening Club and DACA. Your opportunity to stock up on plants	10-12 am
Friday	18 May	DACA AGM , Village Hall. Joan D'Arcy will give a talk on <i>Mediæval Darley Abbey</i> . This event is in cooperation with the Historical Group	7.30 pm
Saturday	9 June	Darley Abbey Day . See editorial	all day
Tuesday	12 June	Historical Group visit to Tutbury. Non-members are welcome. Meet in car park on Duke Street, Tutbury	7.30 pm
Friday	22 June	Gardening Club . Visit to Broomfield Hall. Meet at BH car park at 7 pm	
Saturday	14 July	Historical Group visit to the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway. Meet at the Railway Station in Wirksworth.	10 am
Saturday	18 Aug	DACA . Jumble sale.	
Friday	27 July	Gardening Club . Visit to <i>The Burrows</i> . Meet at the Burrows Farm House, Brailsford	7 pm

GRANNY'S ATTIC SALE

THE ANNUAL EVENT TO GET RID OF UNWANTED ITEMS AND ACQUIRE NEW ONES

SUNDAY 13 MAY

FROM 10.30 TO 12.30 AM

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

AND ADMISSION IS FREE

TO BOOK A TABLE PLEASE PHONE 55 18 41

**COST: £8 FOR INDIVIDUALS AND £6 FOR REGISTERED CHARITIES
IN AID OF THE DARLEY ABBEY HISTORICAL GROUP**

DARLEY ABBEY DAY

Here is a date for your diary:

SATURDAY 9 JUNE

because that is **DARLEY ABBEY DAY**, when we are going to show the world at large what the village has to offer. Planning has been going on for some time and several Darley Abbey organisations are involved. You can expect the following and lots more:

Morris dancers

Art & Crafts display

Open gardens

Historical display

Guided walks

Raffle

Refreshments

Cream teas

Lunches

Clivo the Clown

Marlowe Players

And lots and lots more

There will be events throughout the day and all over the village including the Village Hall, St Matthews church & Walter Evans School. This is a day not to be missed and the Committee has asked for nice weather to make it as enjoyable as possible.

Money raised will benefit local organisations and charities including St Matthews Church, the Darley Abbey Community Association and Derbyshire Association for the Blind.

Co-ordinator for this event is Anthony Attwood and if you have any ideas or would like to help or

need more information, contact him at anthony.attwood@ntl.com.

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DA HISTORICAL GROUP

Did Roy Hartle envisage that so much would be revealed about Darley Abbey's past in such a short time when he started the HISTORICAL GROUP a couple of years back ? He could not have wished for a better start. But a lot more needs to be done and the Group needs the support of the people of Darley Abbey. David Parker is the man who will relieve you of £5 and he is on david.parker50@ntlworld.com.

So, slowly, slowly Darley Abbey's past is being revealed. Alan Bradwell has produced a number of reports on various aspects of village history, which are circulating among the members of the HISTORICAL GROUP. He has tracked down a number of culverts, for instance, which are highly likely to be part of the Abbey complex and he has a pretty good idea of the location of the Abbey itself.

We have heard from various experts that they are also keen to dig trenches in a number of places, but it is a matter of finding the finance and that could take 3 to 5 years. According to Alan we could get a certain amount of money more or less straight away and there is no shortage of willing volunteer diggers in the village so we only have to pay

for an archaeologist. What are we waiting for? Let Alan have his way!

And please join the HISTORICAL GROUP.

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BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

Sylvia Roberts writes: "Do you like reading and do you enjoy discussing books ? If the answer is YES, are you interested in helping to form a monthly-meeting Book Group in Darley Abbey ?"

This is a new initiative, as we know that a lot of you are avid readers. And you are also very generous, as we can see when we ask for unwanted books for jumble sales and other events. We actually had so many books at one point that we took three boxes full to the DRI where there is a constant need for books.

Sylvia will be very happy to hear from you on 36 06 90 so please give her a call if you are interested.

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BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Emma Roe writes: I am the treasurer for the Darley Abbey Baby & Toddler Group and we meet in the Village Hall every Wednesday (including most school holidays) from 9.15 to 11.15. Any pre-school aged child is welcome along with parent, carer, grandparent etc.

We have a specific baby area, lots of toys for all ages (does that include parents etc? Ed) and a craft table for slightly older children to dabble with works of art.

The cost is only £1.20 for the first child in the family and 30p for subsequent children and this covers a drink and snack (for grown-ups too!).

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THE GARDENING CLUB

How many gardens are there in Darley Abbey ? Around 1000 ? Possibly more. However nice your garden is, some new ideas would not come amiss. And the place to get them is at the Gardening Club. Look at the front page for dates of the many enlightening talks and outings arranged by the Club. Come and meet like-minded people who are happy to talk about plants and gardens and also happy to show you round their own. All this for £5 a year must be a bargain. Contact Sue Parker to join at david.parker50@ntlworld.com.

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THE DARLEY ABBEY SOCIETY

The DAS AGM took place on 19 March and started with three illustrated talks by three archaeologists who in one way or another had been involved in the recent dig by the old barn. It was clear from the talks that we have only just scratched the surface if you excuse the phrase.

Joan Travis was elected to the Committee (as you probably know,

she is resigning as city councillor). A change to the Constitution was approved which means that the DAS can now form a sub-group to manage the new Nature Reserve. This is of course of immense importance to the whole village. If you want to know more or to join, please contact David Ling at david_ling@tiscali.co.uk.

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THE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is an important part of the village and needs your support as a visitor and user. Can you imagine the village without it? It was touch and go at one point but, thanks to the hard work of some volunteers it is now flourishing. To book the Hall ring Joy on 55 86 23. **Very** competitive rates.

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DACA

Which is the Darley Abbey Community Association, the one that sends this Newsletter to every household in Darley Abbey free of charge four times a year.

DACA's main function is to run the Village Hall. This means that the members of the Committee are kept busy, making sure that the Hall is up to the standards required (a new boiler was installed only a couple of weeks ago), that the equipment is adequate for the functions that take place there and, most importantly,

arranging events to raise funds for the upkeep of the Hall. This takes quite a lot of time and effort, not least coming up with new ideas, but the support of the villagers in all this is essential

If you have any ideas about events that you think would appeal to a number of villagers, please let us know.

And the editor is always interested in snippets of village life for the Newsletter, not to mention events arranged by the various organisations in Darley Abbey. Make sure that your event is advertised to everyone in the village.

The DACA AGM is on 18 May in the Village Hall and there is the usual need for new Committee members with fresh ideas. Please join if you can.

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THE OLD BARN

is gone and probably not missed by many. It was frankly an eyesore, but the new version is progressing and will soon be ready for use. This is a nice addition to the village, but we'll have to keep an eye on the traffic it could generate.

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www.darleyabbey.com

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