



WRENTHORPE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to the Spring Edition of Wrenthorpe Matters. This newsletter is produced by Wrenthorpe Community Association to keep you up-to-date with village news. It is delivered by our fantastic team of volunteers to every home in Wrenthorpe - over 3,000 copies! We'd particularly like to thank Wrenthorpe Scouts for starting to help with deliveries. If you would like to join the team to help in the area around your house, (particularly if you're in a newly built house) please let me know (my details are on the back page). Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 25 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Put the date in your diary: everyone is welcome. We'll be discussing the proposed closure to the Outwood Park Medical Centre, and also the next item...

HOW MANY MORE NEW HOUSES CAN WRENTHORPE TAKE??!!

We've been informed that Wakefield MDC are creating a new Local Development Plan, which will fix the areas where development can take place, and advertised for suggestions on where it might be suitable to build. The applications are all round the edge of the currently built up areas, from Junction 40 beside Silkwood industrial estate, 2 plots in Kirkhamgate increasing its area by 50%, Batley Road by the new Rhubarb Hill development, Lindale Lane out to Engine Fold, beside Jerry Clay Lane school, areas between Jerry Clay Lane and Bradford Road, a large area around Carr Gate, another at Lingwell Gate Lane, and behind the houses on the east side of Silcoates Lane.

Several of these sites were opposed in 2012 by a joint working group between WRENS and the Community Association which spent lots of time and effort to present our objections all the way up to the Government's Planning Inspector and were partially successful. The original members of the group aren't able to fight this time, so we need new warriors. If you don't like the idea of more new housing, be positive and put yourself forward to help the group. Please ring or text me on 07936-457730 or email me at jonr1.wca@btinternet.com for more details.

WRENTHORPE ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY (WRENS)

We owe a great deal to WRENS: they provided the Christmas tree and lights (in collaboration with our local councillors). If you've ever wondered about the litter-picking people you see in the Park from time to time, or the people who've planted spring bulbs around the village, they're all volunteers from WRENS, and they do an amazing job. Check out their Facebook page or their website (www.wrensoc.co.uk) for when you can help them next.

The next WRENS' event will be the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st March in Wrenthorpe Village Hall. The formal meeting will start at 19:15. Following the conclusion of business there will be a talk by Roger Parkinson, a Wakefield Tree Warden. Tickets are on sale priced £2 for members and £4 for non-members, and are available from Margaret (01924 368058) and James (01924 375843).

COMPUTER CLUB

Over the past 4 years the club has helped people of differing abilities with sound clear advice on lots of computing issues, from how to use mobile phones and windows 10 through to removing spyware and malware, often with handouts to take away, and question and answers sessions. They are always open to new members. So come along if you're having problems with using your phone, hardware or software.

Meetings are fortnightly on Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm at Valley Crescent Centre. Contact Darren Welldon on 07954 376256 for further details.

THE WREN CAFÉ

The WREN CAFÉ, which is run by a group of volunteers from the community under the umbrella of the Association, is held at the Valley Crescent Centre from 10am until noon every Wednesday serving popular coffees, speciality teas, cold drinks, crumpets, toasted teacakes, cakes and scones. Don't sit at home, all alone, come and join us!

INDOOR BOWLS

Join us for Indoor Bowling at the village hall Wednesdays 1pm-4pm, except for the fourth Wednesday each month when the meeting will be on the Monday of that week. £2 entrance fee includes refreshments.

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

A Community Coffee Morning is held on the second Saturday of every month at Wrenthorpe Methodist hall between 10am and noon. Books, unwanted presents and clean outgrown clothing are always required to raise additional income. All proceeds from the morning are donated to local groups.

LINDHILL NURSERIES

Horticare has recently received an award from the council's Local Capital Grant Fund in order to purchase a new polytunnel and horticultural display stands for its Lindhill Nurseries at Batley Road, Kirkhamgate. This beautiful garden centre, which is open to the public six days a week, provides horticultural training in a real working environment for people with learning disabilities.

YOGA

Yoga classes resume in the village hall on 17th April. Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 10-11.30am and Tuesday evening 7-8.30pm. If you want to join one of these friendly

groups and improve your strength, flexibility and manage stress please get in touch with Pamela on 07812943298 or email pbuttle7@gmail.com

ZUMBA

ZUMBA fitness every Wednesday 6pm and Friday 9.30am fun dance fitness for all £4 per class. PIYO Mondays 9.30am (term time only) strength and flexibility focused, mat based £5 per class. For all enquiries contact Sara Walker on 07740 196915 or zumbaqueen@btinternet.com

"RELAX & SING", BABY MASSAGE, YOGA AND TODDLER SIGNING CLASSES

Classes are held in Valley Crescent Centre on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays and all are welcome to come for a free trial class before joining a course. The sessions include baby massage, singing, useful acupuncture points for relieving common baby ailments, relaxation and yoga. There is always tea/coffee and cake and a chance to chat to other parents. The course costs £40 for a block of five sessions.

Baby signing classes are designed to get babies and toddlers communicating before they can talk. using singing, instruments and puppets. The cost is £40 for a block of six sessions and free trials are always available.

Ring Corinna on 07976035219 or search Relax & Sing Wakefield on Facebook. Her website is www.babymassagewakefieldleeds.com

WAKEFIELD HOSPICE FUND RAISING GROUP

The local volunteer Fund Raising Group is holding its annual Spring Fair in Wrenthorpe Village Hall on Sat 17 March from 10am - 1pm. There will be craft stalls together with stalls selling cakes, plants, books, gifts, jigsaws, bric-a-brac, tombolas and a raffle.

Refreshments will be on sale. Admission FREE but donations appreciated.

SCOUT GROUP QUIZ NIGHT IN ST ANNE'S CHURCH HALL

On Saturday 10th March the Scouts are holding a Fun Family Quiz night. Tickets include food: £5 for adults, £2.50 for children/seniors. Make sure you buy in advance from Sally (sallyedwards1970@googlemail.com).

The Explorer Scout Group is for boys and girls aged 14-18 and is designed to develop independence and leadership. Recent events include cooking, first aid tuition, global and digital issues, swimming, kayaking and hiking. They meet on Mondays 7.30-9.30 in St Anne's Church Hall. Email landvaettir_exp@hotmail.com or alternatively call in on a Monday night to speak to the leaders.

YOUR LOCAL POLICING TEAM

A great opportunity to find out how the police team are dealing with crime in this area and to tell them your concerns is to come to the PACT meetings, which are held at Valley Crescent Centre every six weeks on a Tuesday starting at 7pm. A list of all meetings throughout 2015 will be posted at the village hall and at Valley Crescent Centre.

WRENTHORPE GARDENING CLUB

SPRING FLOWER SHOW

Sunday 1st April 2018 in Wrenthorpe Village Hall

Schedules for Wrenthorpe's prestigious annual Spring Show are now available. Everyone, whether an expert or an amateur, is eligible to enter. There are classes for daffodils, tulips, cacti and all sorts of plants.

There are special classes for club members, novices and children.

There are also plenty of non-horticultural classes - the Home Produce Section includes a loaf of white bread, a savoury flan, scones, jam, wine and lots more.

We are particularly looking for lots of entries from all the new families that have moved into Wrenthorpe over the past few years. This newsletter now reaches out to every house in Wrenthorpe so we are hopeful that we will be seeing lots of new faces in the village hall on Sunday 1st April. Even if you don't wish to enter, do come along to admire the amazing diversity of the daffodils and plants on show.

In addition to the Show items there will be a plant stall, a cake stall, a raffle and refreshments. If you wish to donate to any of these please let us know.

You can enter your exhibits from 6pm on Saturday evening and from 8.30am on Sunday. The Show is open to the public on Sunday from 2.45pm onwards.

Admission is Free

Please contact the **Show Secretary Peter Trickett on 01924 373829** for a Show Schedule or come along to the next meeting of the Gardening Club in the village hall on Wednesday, 7th March at 7.30pm.

LOCAL COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

Councillors Martyn Johnson and Charlie Keith hold their surgeries at the Community Coffee Mornings in the Methodist Hall, Wrenthorpe, on the second Saturday of alternate months from 11am - noon.

Councillor David Dews holds his surgeries on the last Wednesday of each month 10.30am - 11.30am at the Wren Café, Valley Crescent Centre. Private room available if required.

Wrenthorpe Community Association is a charitable company (no 1130464) run entirely by volunteers. You can read more on our website: www.wrenthorpecommunity.org.uk or on our Facebook page.

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