



WRENTHORPE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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Welcome to the Summer Edition of Wrenthorpe Matters. 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! If you would like to join the team to help deliver in the area around your house, (**particularly if you're in a newly built house**) please let us know.

The Community Association depends on volunteers to run activities such as the Indoor Bowling at the Village Hall and the Wren Café at Valley Crescent. Volunteers are also responsible for the maintenance of both venues. We really need some more volunteers, including someone to help with the bookings. It is very fulfilling! If you want to give it a try please ring Margaret Mitchell (Chairperson) on 01924 379541 for a chat or email me at midtipsmart@gmail.com for more details.

WRENTHORPE SHOW

WRENTHORPE VILLAGE HALL - SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2017

A Schedule for the Wrenthorpe Show is delivered with this edition of *Wrenthorpe Matters*. Anyone can enter but everyone is invited come along to look, admire and buy. Admission is free for children and 25p for adults.

MURDER MYSTERY AND CURRY EVENING

A murder most foul has taken place and the investigation as to "who done it" will take place in the Wrenthorpe Village Hall on the evening of Saturday 21st October. All the suspects will be present and those who come along will try to determine which one is guilty of the crime. Sustenance during the evening's investigation will be in the form of a curry meal. Arrangements for the evening are in hand. Volunteer actors are asked to contact John Rigby as soon as possible by text on 07936 457730 or by email on jonr1.wca@btinternet.com Tickets for the evening are £10.00 and will be available from 21st August from Stuart and Jenny (Tel: 01924 375996) and Roy (Tel: 379541)

ACADEMY OPEN MORNINGS

Jerry Clay Academy, Jerry Clay Lane, will hold an Open Morning for prospective parents on Saturday, 11 November, from 10am until 12pm.

Wrenthorpe Academy, Imperial Avenue, will hold an Open Morning on Saturday, 18 November 10 a.m. - 12 noon for children due to start school in September 2018 to give parents and children the opportunity to look around the Reception Classes and meet with the headteacher, governors and staff.

WRENTHORPE PRE-SCHOOL

Wrenthorpe Pre-School is located at Wrenthorpe Academy, Imperial Avenue and is Ofsted registered for day care for children from 2 to 5 years.

Pre-school morning sessions for children aged 2 to 5 years are 9am to 12 noon; supervised lunch from 11.30am to 12.15pm; afternoon sessions are from 12.15 to 3.15pm. Each child has a key worker who plans activities for that child's development. All staff are qualified in Early Years Education, Child Protection, and First Aid.

Please be aware that Pre-school require application forms by the end of January 2018 for admissions in September 2018. Application forms can be accessed from our website www.wrenthorpepreschool.co.uk. For more information please ring Vickey Bruce on 01924 370770.

YOGA CLASSES

The autumn term begins in Wrenthorpe Village Hall on September 12th and 13th.

The morning classes are on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and are from 10am-11.30am and the evening class is on Tuesday from 7pm-8.30pm.

These classes are suitable for everyone and if you are interested in joining do get in touch with Pamela on 07812943298 or pbuttle7@gmail.com

I would also like to thank the meditation group for raising £100 which has been donated to help the people of East Africa where drought and conflict has caused a grave food shortage.

COMMUNITY FITNESS CLASSES

GOOD VIBE TRIBE - Community Fitness Classes for All - Wrenthorpe Village Hall

Mondays 9.30am - PIYO - Combining the strength moves of Pilates and the flexibility of Yoga.

Wednesdays 6pm and Fridays 9.30am ZUMBA

Contact Sara Walker 07740196915 - zumbaqueen@btinternet.com for more information.

WAKEFIELD HOSPICE - AUTUMN FAIR

The local volunteer fund raising group will be holding an Autumn Fair in Wrenthorpe Village Hall on Saturday, 21 October 2017, between 10am and 1pm. There will be a variety of stalls, including several craft stalls, and refreshments will be on sale. Admission is free but donations would be welcomed.

NEW BOUTIQUE

Did you wonder what was going to replace the barber's shop in the New Wheel car park? It's all good news - "Urban Boutique" will sell ladies' clothes, shoes and handbags. The new owner, Jenny, would love you to pop in and see her range of goods.

WRENTHORPE SCOUT GROUP

Do you have a child aged between 6 and 18? Do they enjoy outdoor activities, learning new skills, arts and crafts, camping, climbing, canal boat trips, games, but most of all...FUN? Wrenthorpe's Scout Group, the 31st Wakefield, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers meet at St Anne's Church Hall and welcome boys and girls of any faith or background. To find out more or if you would like to join as an adult volunteer, please contact Colin Harrison, Group Scout Leader on 01924 829889 or CHa_31stscoutgroup@sky.com

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Horticare at Lindhill Nurseries, Batley Road, Kirkhamgate will hold a Christmas Fair and coffee morning on Saturday 25th November 10am - 12 noon. There will be tombola and home produce stalls, a raffle for Christmas hampers and many more prizes. Christmas plants and holly wreaths will also be available. Horticare is a charity based in the village of Kirkhamgate on the outskirts of Wakefield in West Yorkshire. You can email info@horticarewakefield.org.uk or telephone 01924 372433.

PACT MEETINGS

PACT MEETINGS: Regular meetings with the police are back at Valley Crescent Centre, Wrenthorpe. The next two will be on Thursday, August 10, 5.45pm - 6.45pm and Thursday, October 12, 7pm - 8pm. Great opportunities to discuss any concerns you may have regarding speeding traffic and parking with representatives of West Yorkshire Police.

COMPUTER CLUB

The club has been running for over 3 years now and has, over that time, helped people of differing abilities with varying computing issues, from how to use windows 10 through to removing spyware and malware. Meetings are 7pm to 9pm at Valley Crescent Centre, on 3rd and 24th August, two dates in October, 5th and 19th and three in November, 2nd, 16th and 30th. Contact Darren Welldon on 07581 789135 for further details.

WREN CAFÉ

The highly successful WREN CAFÉ 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! We are so successful that we urgently need more volunteers to help run the café each week. Please contact Margaret on 379541 or Margaret on 368058 if you would like to help. All proceeds go towards the maintenance and upkeep of Wrenthorpe Village Hall and Valley Crescent Centre. Occasional special events support various local charities.

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. This year the coffee morning has been running for 10 years, which means that most local groups have benefited by hundreds of pounds as all groups receive at least one donation a year.

UKULELE WORKSHOP AND CONCERT

Peter Moss, The Ukulele Man, is visiting Wrenthorpe Village Hall on Thursday, August 24, at 7.30pm. Everyone, with or without ukulele, is welcome to come along and play or just listen. £6 entry charge.

WRENTHORPE ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY (WRENS)

WRENS annual Treasure Hunt, which was postponed in July, will now be held on Sunday, 1st October. Details will be advertised soon. For more information please contact me or see our website www.wrensoc.co.uk

NEW EXERCISE CLASS

Christine, who currently holds a very successful keep fit class at Wrenthorpe Methodist Hall on Tuesday mornings, is going to start a new class at the same hall on Thursday afternoons from 2pm-3pm. The classes will start on Thursday, 21st September. This new class, keeping fit with gentle exercise to music, is for senior ladies and gentlemen. Contact Gloria on 377903 for more information.

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 - August, October and December - 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.

ARE YOU SITTING COMFORTABLY?

The board of the Community Association have been looking at the chairs in the Village Hall. As many will know they are showing their age and not very comfortable for long sessions. Already 36 new folding chairs with padded seats have been bought for our small community room in Valley Crescent, along with a trolley for their storage. These have been very well received.

The plan now is to replace the chairs in the Village Hall with the same type as those in Valley Crescent, plus storage trolleys. We need at least 100 and, not surprisingly, they do not come cheap, costing about £40 each. So, the appeal is to all local people asking if they would be willing to make a donation towards the cost of the new chairs.

How about it? Would you consider making a donation? Any amount would be most welcome and will help keep the many regular and occasional users of the Village Hall more comfortable as well as helping to smarten up the premises.

If you would like to donate please send a cheque made out to **WCA Ltd** and addressed to **Jon Rigby, Wrenthorpe Village Hall, Wrenthorpe Lane, Wakefield WF2 ONE**. Please put a note in saying it is for the chairs' fund and include your name and address. Your donation can then be acknowledged. As it is intended to display a list of donors in the Village Hall please indicate if you **do not** wish your name to be included on it. Thank you!

Once we get the new chairs the old ones will be given away, although a donation for each - say £4 or £5 - towards the new ones would be gratefully received. If you wish to reserve one or more of the old chairs please email margaretmitchell1@talktalk.net

LASTLY

I would like to welcome all newcomers to Wrenthorpe. We are a happy community with lots going on for everyone. The notice boards outside the village hall keep you well informed and you can always contact me or any WCA member via the website for more information.

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

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