



WRENTHORPE MATTERS

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Welcome to the Winter 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.

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(will include progress on Green Belt protests)

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NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM OPEN MEETING

Sunday 25th November 13.30pm - 17.30pm

Julie Baker, Chair of the Forum, writes: Thank you to everyone who attended our open day on Sunday 29th July. Since then a group of residents have been busy preparing our application to the Council to establish a Neighbourhood Forum and define a boundary for Wrenthorpe. We can then write a Neighbourhood plan which defines planning policy to guide future development in the village.

We submitted the application in August to the Council. They have been helpful, suggesting a few amendments to the Forum constitution and clarifying the boundary in line with legislation. They also want us to confirm that our membership is representative of the community, so a new membership form with more details will be available at the meeting. New members are also welcome to join at any time. We now have a facebook page and Twitter handle so follow us on @wrenthorpeforum or come to the next open day on Sunday 25th November 13.30pm - 17.30pm.

GREEN BELT ACTION GROUP

At the Forum open day on Sunday 25th November 13.30pm - 17.30pm, you will also get the chance to hear the Green Belt Action Group give the latest news on the Council's (very slow) progress towards announcing the results of its decision on development sites including those on our green belt. The Action Group is certain that one of the sites (Brandy Carr Farm with 180 houses) has now been officially removed from the LDF process and is very hopeful that more will be announced.

Also, if you haven't yet signed, you'll have an opportunity at the meeting to sign the "Save Our Green Belt" petition on the 38 Degrees website <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/save-our-green-belt-4> which currently stands at 1016 signatures.

DEFIBRILLATOR FOR WRENTHORPE

Following a successful bid for a One Stop Grant by Oliver Newman, Wrenthorpe Rangers Club Development Officer, Wrenthorpe Community Association Ltd and Wrenthorpe Methodist Church have all come together to obtain Wrenthorpe's first community defibrillator / AED (Automated External Defibrillator) from the Community Heartbeat Trust. This emergency life saving device can be used by anyone to help restart the heart following a sudden cardiac arrest. It will be installed on the front of the Methodist Hall on Wrenthorpe Road. As part of the system, the Volunteer Emergency Telephone System (VETS) enables up to 10 "good neighbours" to assist a lone rescuer and give a level of reassurance to the elderly and those living alone that help is always on hand. At least one training session will be held on how to use the AED. If you are interested in attending please email Mark Honeyman: bm.honeyman@blueyonder.co.uk. Please look out for posters.

SANTA IN WRENTHORPE - SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER

Doors to Wrenthorpe Village Hall will open at 3.30pm. The Christmas lights will be switched on at 4.25pm then **Santa will arrive on his sleigh at 4.30pm** and will be in his grotto for an hour to give local kids a free photo op and a free gift.

Local charities may like to take up one of a limited number of **free** table tops to raise funds. Contact Cllr Charlie Keith to book or for details on 01924 299699. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The lunch for Wrenthorpe seniors this year will be held on Sunday 9th December at 12.30pm in the village hall. Tickets £6.50 are now being distributed. Please ring Stuart & Jenny (375996) or Margaret & Roy (379541) to reserve your ticket. Transport is available if you need it.

WAKEFIELD HOSPICE CONCERT

Wrenthorpe St Johns Fund Raising Group are holding their annual Sounds of Christmas concert at St. Paul's Church, Alverthorpe, in aid of Wakefield Hospice featuring Wakefield Metropolitan Band and Alverthorpe St Paul's School Choir on Saturday 1st December starting at 7pm. Tickets are Adults £6 and Children (5-15) £2 (under 5's free). For further details and tickets please contact Ian on 01924 364868.

WRENTHORPE POST OFFICE

We are so fortunate to have a Post Office in Wrenthorpe. Let's make sure we keep it by using it regularly! The Post Office is open Monday to Friday from 9am until 5.30pm and 9am until 12.30pm on Saturdays. San tells me that you can now use the Post Office counter for transactions with your own bank. The general store, with newspapers and fresh bread and cakes from a specialist baker in Horbury, is open seven days a week from 5am until 8.30pm. San also helps the community by litter picking and contributed to the new chairs in the village hall.

PACT MEETINGS

PACT MEETINGS: Regular meetings with the police are back at Valley Crescent Centre, Wrenthorpe. Great opportunities to discuss any concerns you may have regarding speeding traffic and parking with representatives of West Yorkshire Police. The next meeting is on Friday, 14th December at 6pm to 7pm.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Horticare at Lindhill Nurseries, Batley Road, Kirkhamgate will hold a Christmas Fair and coffee morning on Saturday 24th 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. You can email info@horticarewakefield.org.uk Tel: 01924 372433.

WRENTHORPE'S SCOUT GROUP, THE 31ST (ST ANNE'S) NEEDS YOU!!

Our village Scout Group gives fantastic scouting experiences to lots of local boys and girls. The kids have great fun at weekly meetings, learning new skills and making new friends, and often go hiking, camping, canal boating, swimming etc etc. They have a amazing group of leaders but desperately need a few more to ensure they can continue to have so many children in the Group. You don't need Scouting experience, just be keen to work with kids and to learn. If you are interested in becoming a leader (with Beavers (6-8 years), Cubs (8-11 years), Scouts (11 to 14 years) or Explorers(14 to 18 years)) or would like to find out more about what is involved please contact Colin Harrison, Group Scout Leader (01924 829889 / CHa_31stscoutgroup@sky.com). They look forward to hearing from you!

UKULELE CLASSES

Wrenthorpe Ukulele Players rehearse every Thursday evening in Wrenthorpe Village Hall from 7.15pm until 9pm. Old and new players welcome. A Beginners class is held at Valley Crescent Centre every Monday, 6pm - 7pm. Tuition £5 per week. Contact Fel Richardson on 01977 558609 for more details.

YOGA CLASSES

The yoga classes in the Village Hall continue during term time. If you would like to join a friendly group and improve your strength and flexibility do give one of these sessions a try. Yoga is also fantastic for relaxing the mind and body. After Christmas the group starts back on 8th January. The classes run on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and Tuesday evenings. Get in touch with Pamela on pbuttle7@gmail.com or 07812 943 298.

COMPUTER CLUB

The club has been running for over 4 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 29th November and 6th December. Contact Darren Welldon on 07783 171248 for further details.

WREN CAFÉ

The highly successful WREN CAFÉ is held at the Valley Crescent Centre from 10am until 11.30am 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! All proceeds go towards the maintenance and upkeep of Wrenthorpe Village Hall and Valley Crescent Centre. Occasional special events support various local charities.

MODERN AND SEQUENCE DANCE

Every Monday evening, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All ages and abilities welcome.

WRENTHORPE VILLAGE SINGERS

The singers continue to thrive! This year the Christmas Concert will be held in St John's Church on Sunday, 16th December at 7pm. For tickets and more information please ring Margaret on 01924 368058.

WRENTHORPE GARDENING CLUB

First Wednesday of every month in the Village Hall. For more info ring Margaret 368058.

GOOD VIBE TRIBE

Community fitness classes for all, set to the hottest beats from around the world, in a friendly, welcoming environment in the village hall.

ZUMBA® A Latin inspired dance fitness class suitable for ALL levels and ages, a friendly and fun class every Wednesday @ 6pm & Friday @ 9.30am £4 per class.

PIYO® Pilates meets Yoga, with a difference. A total body workout (not for the faint hearted) that builds strength and flexibility with non-stop fluid movement. Term time classes on Mondays at 9.30am £5 per class.

Your first class is free when mentioning this article. For more info visit:

<https://www.goodvibetribefitnessuk.com/> or contact Sara Walker on 07740196916. zumbaqueen@btinternet.com

WRENTHORPE ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY (WRENS)

Wrenthorpe Environmental Society (WRENS) is a voluntary group set up to conserve and improve the environment of Wrenthorpe. Ongoing projects include the lovely flower tubs around the village, regular litter picks, maintaining flower beds in the park, Christmas lights, spring bulb planting and regular events. Next year look out for new fitness equipment in the park and increased numbers of litter/ dog bins. They are also actively involved in defending our greenbelt from development and working on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan for our village. All new members are very welcome. Please contact via e mail at secretary@wrensoc.co.uk or via their Facebook page using 'Message'. Note that their AGM will be on March 20th 2019.

AND FINALLY ...

We wish you a happy time over the winter and Christmas period!



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