



WRENTHORPE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

WRENTHORPE MATTERS



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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! 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 below).

WE'RE ALL VOLUNTEERS

The Community Association depends on volunteers, who run sessions such as the Indoor Bowling Club at the Village Hall, the Wren Café at Valley Crescent (see the separate articles), and organise the maintenance. At our recent AGM, Margaret Mitchell (our Chairperson) asked people to think about whether they could help us in any way- a session now and again at the café, help to print and bundle the newsletters and get them out to the delivery team, an extra pair of hands to set up at events, occasional help with the lettings, perhaps some fundraising or partaking in the monthly board meetings. Or join our Social Activities Group, which last year organised a ceilidh and a quiz, as well as the senior citizens' Christmas lunch. Other ways you can support us include delivering this newsletter - only three times a year, and most rounds are designed to be delivered within an hour.

Please ring me on 01924-386657 or Margaret Mitchell (Chairperson) on 01924 379541 for a chat or email me at jonr1.wca@btinternet.com for more details.

PROTECTING THE REC FROM ANY FUTURE TRAVELLER VISITS!

Wrenthorpe Environmental Society, Wrenthorpe Community Association, Wrenthorpe Community Orchard, and our two councillors have just had a site meeting with Streetscene who will be responsible for doing the protection work, starting in March. All options have been explored and the only one that works is a mound of earth, called a bund, about 3 ft high with a flat top, that goes down the entire street side of the Rec. WRENS will plant it with bulbs and there will still be pedestrian and pram access to the Rec. The earth will be seeded so eventually covered in grass and flowers.

WRENTHORPE ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY (WRENS)

We owe a great deals to Wrens volunteers: the Christmas tree and lights this year were really good (in collaboration with our local councillors) - they'll get better as the tree grows! 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.

The next WRENS' event will be the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 22 March in Wrenthorpe Village Hall. The formal meeting will start at 19:15.

Following the conclusion of the business there will be several short films about Wrenthorpe past and present, by Outwood Community Video Society. Tickets are on sale priced £2 for members and £4 for non-members, and are available from Margaret (01924 368058) and James (01924 375843).

You don't have to be a WRENS member to join the next Litter Pick in Wrenthorpe Park on **Saturday 25th March** starting in the car park at 10am and finishing at noon (or sooner if you cannot spare the full two hours). The more people who attend the neater and tidier we can make the park. The dress code for this activity is "tramp casual" and all equipment will be provided.

Keep up to date with WRENS events during the summer by checking their Facebook page or their website (www.wrensoc.co.uk) - it's in the process of being updated, but there's lots of information and pictures of past events.

SPRING FLOWER SHOW

Wrenthorpe Gardening Club's Annual Spring Show will take place on Sunday 2nd April in the Village Hall. Entries can be made from 6pm to 8pm on Saturday 1st April and from 8.30am to 12am on the day of the show. The show will open to the public at 2.45 and admission is free, so come along and see the wonderful wide range of classes including specialist daffodils, tulips, alpines, flower arrangements and home produce. Better still, why not enter one of the classes? Although the show attracts professional growers from as far afield as Nottinghamshire, Lancashire and Northumberland there are also classes for novice and children's classes. There will be the usual plant and cake stalls, refreshments and raffle. Show schedules can be picked up from the Village Hall or from Peter Trickett, the Show Secretary, on 373829.

The Gardening Club meets in the village hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, and organises trips to horticultural locations.

DODGEBALL

This is a lively game for children of all abilities age 5 to 12 years played in Wrenthorpe Village Hall every Monday 5pm-6pm. Organised by Active Kids' Sports. All coaches are fully qualified. Contact Kevin Hall on 07872 943 319 for more details.

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. They offer sound clear advice on anything computer related, and often have handouts to give at each session for you to take away. They are always open to new members and suggestions of what would be good topics for people to learn, so please feel free to suggest any or just simply drop along.

At the end of every meeting they have a question and answers section. So no matter what your computer ability, if you're having problems with your hardware or software, or if you want a one-to-one after the meeting they can usually offer sound advice on most IT issues.

Meetings are 7pm to 9pm at Valley Crescent Centre, on 11th & 25th May, 8th & 22nd June, 6th & 27th July, 10th & 24th August. Contact Darren Welldon on 07581 789135 for further details.

THE WREN CAFÉ

The WREN CAFÉ, which is now 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!

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.

WRENTHORPE AGED WELFARE ASSOCIATION(WAWA) CHIROPODY

For at least 53 years, WAWA has provided a chiropody service for the senior citizens of Wrenthorpe. A qualified chiropodist currently holds sessions at the Wrenthorpe Methodist Church Hall on Wrenthorpe Road. This service, only available to eligible senior citizens from the Wrenthorpe area, is £5 per session. Sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month between 9am and 11am. For further information please ring Emma Carter on 01924 219574

YOGA

Yoga classes are held in the Village Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10 - 11.30am, and Tuesday evenings from 7 - 8.30pm. The Summer Term starts on the 2nd and 3rd May. These classes are suitable for everyone. If you would like to join or find out more please get in touch with Pamela on 07812943298 or pbuttle7@gmail.com

INDOOR BOWLS

Join us 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.

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

NEWS ABOUT WRENTHORPE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wrenthorpe Primary School will be converting to an academy joining the Waterton Academy Trust. From 1st April, 2017 the school will be known as Wrenthorpe Academy.

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 each month 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 ORCHARD

Apple Day in the Village Hall last October was such a huge success last year that the Community Orchard have had to look for a larger venue! They are delighted to report that they are not moving very far, just down the road, and have been invited by Mrs Swinburne and her staff to hold the next Apple Day in Jerry Clay Academy. They look forward to seeing you then. Until then, why not check out their Facebook page? Maybe you have an apple tree you would like to be identified? A fruit expert, Steve Bracher, will be happy to help with this and any other fruit problems.

AND FINALLY

I've had a great time editing this newsletter over the last few years. But I've now taken over as treasurer of the Association, and Margaret Smart will be taking over as editor for the Autumn and future newsletters. She can be contacted on 01924 368058 or midtip.smart@gmail.com

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