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Welcome to the Spring 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! Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Put the date in your diary: everyone is welcome. We'll be discussing the latest news on the closed surgery, and also the next two items...

OUR GREEN BELT'S SAFE!! LET'S PARTY!!

Thursday 21st February was the last date for comment on Local Development Plan proposals to use green belt land for housing. We've confirmed that **no new proposals have been submitted for Wrenthorpe!** That's wonderful news, and **it's time to party!!** So you're all invited to the Neighbourhood Forum in the Village Hall on Sunday 24th March, 1.30 to 4.30; but it will also be a Green (Belt) Party. Wear something Green! Bring your own drinks and nibbles: Celebrate Wrenthorpe's green fields!

HOW WOULD YOU SPEND £250,000?

Wakefield Council has money for infrastructure and youth projects in our ward. The Community Association, Wrenthorpe Environmental Society(WRENS) and the Wrenthorpe Neighbourhood Forum are discussing what projects to suggest to the Council. **We want to make sure your views are noted.** Tell us with a comment on our Wrenthorpe Community Association Facebook page, or post it at the Village Hall.

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Julie Baker, the Forum Chair, invites you to get the latest news at the next Forum open afternoon on Sunday 24th March 1.30pm - 4.30pm in Wrenthorpe Village Hall. Take a

look at the latest version of the boundary of Wrenthorpe Neighbourhood Area. Let us know what you like, dislike and would like to change about Wrenthorpe. Find out about the timescale for us to be designated officially by Wakefield Council. We want to make sure that your voice is heard, particularly from families, young people and children. Keep up to date with the Forum by following the Facebook page @WrenthorpeForum

WRENTHORPE ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY (WRENS)

We owe a great deal to WRENS: their volunteers do an amazing job! They provided the Christmas tree and lights (in collaboration with our local councillors). They organise litter-picking in the Park and various locations around the village (see the recent pictures on the WCA Facebook page), and have planted spring bulbs around the village. New litter bins have been installed, with more planned. They have planted 100 trees (including one donated by our MP Andrea Jenkyns in an initiative launched by Her Majesty The Queen). Finally, you'll soon see Adult Fitness Equipment in the park: WRENS were successful in obtaining a grant for this.

Check out their Facebook page or their website (www.wrensoc.co.uk). for when you can help them next; or please contact Margaret Smart Tel 368058.

The next WRENS' event will be the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 20th March in Wrenthorpe Village Hall. The formal meeting will start at 19:30, followed by a talk from David Leyshon about the life, career and achievements of John Harrison who solved the greatest scientific problem of his time by inventing the "marine chronometer". Tickets are on sale priced £2 for members and £4 for non-members, and are available from Margaret (01924 368058) and James (01924 375843).

BRASS ON THE GRASS

The WCA has organised a band concert by The Phoenix Brass Band on the Rec opposite the Village Hall from 2.30 - 4.30 on Sunday 23rd June. It's free (although donations requested for the band). Bring your own picnic and seat / rug to sit on. This is part of a national annual "Great Get Together" in memory of Jo Cox MP.

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!

YOGA

The new yoga term starts back after Easter on Tuesday 30th April, and Wednesday 1st May: daytime classes from 10-11.30am and Tuesday evening class is 7-8.30pm. Please get in touch to see if there is a space. There are definitely a few places in the Tuesday morning class. Contact Pamela on 07812943298 or pbuttle7@gmail.com

'THE MUMMY CIRCLE' BABY MASSAGE AND YOGA CLASSES

'The Mummy Circle' offers baby massage and yoga classes, as well as sessions for babies up to one year old. Held at Valley Crescent Centre in Wrenthorpe, a free trial is

available dependant on availability, though booking is essential. Find us on Facebook or phone Corinna on 07976 035219.

GOOD VIBE TRIBE

ZUMBA - PIYO - KONGA - Fitness classes for all. Offering a variety of classes, for all ages & abilities who want to get fit, have fun & meet new people. Classes are set to the hottest beats from around the world & are in a friendly, welcoming environment in the village hall Monday & Fridays 9.30am & Wednesdays 6pm. Your first class is free when mentioning this article. For more info visit; <https://www.goodvibetribefitnessuk.com/> or contact Sara Walker on 07740196915.

ART & CRAFT GROUP

This friendly group meets at St. Anne's Church Hall on Thursdays 2pm-4pm. (£2 includes tea and biscuits). Bring your own art or craft or try something new!

STAY ACTIVE FOR LIFE

Sessions to help you stay active for life are held in Wrenthorpe Methodist Hall every Tuesday 10.15am to 11.15am and every Thursday 10am to 11am. Gentle exercise to music for senior ladies. Contact Gloria on 377903 for more information.

NEW CIRCUIT TRAINING FOR ADULTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Join this new class on Fridays at 6.10pm - 7pm. Contact Helen on 0771 1045963.

WRENTHORPE VILLAGE SINGERS

The singers rehearse in the Wrenthorpe Village Hall every Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm. New members are always welcome, especially altos and gentlemen (no auditions needed). Music reading is not essential, just a love of singing. See more on the WrenthorpeVS Facebook page. They are rehearsing ready for the Rothwell Music Festival in March and a Summer Concert in July.

WAKEFIELD HOSPICE FUND RAISING GROUP

The local volunteer Fund Raising Group is holding its annual Fair in Wrenthorpe Methodist Church Hall on Sat 13th July from 10am - 12 noon. There will be craft stalls together with stalls selling cakes, plants, books, gifts, jigsaws, bric-a-brac, tombolas and a raffle. Refreshments (and bacon butties) will be on sale. Admission FREE but donations appreciated.

CARR GATE ASSOCIATION

The new association holds regular meetings at Carr Gate WMC: May 12th at 7.30pm, then the AGM at 7.30pm on the 9th June. To contact them about ideas and suggestions for the improvements to the village, email richarddaughtery@btinternet.com.

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 the Valley Crescent Centre. The next two meetings will be on Friday, 29th March and Tuesday 30th April, starting at 6pm.

WRENTHORPE GARDENING CLUB

SPRING FLOWER SHOW

Sunday 7th April 2019 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. 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 to 10.30 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, 6th March at 7.30pm.

WRENTHORPE COMMUNITY NEWS

We no longer have a regular weekly column in Wakefield Express. But Margaret Smart now posts a weekly Wrenthorpe news bulletin on the notice board outside the village hall, also at Valley Crescent Centre and at the Post Office on Wrenthorpe Road. It's also posted on our Facebook page. Please ring her on 368058 or email midtip.smart@gmail.com if you have an event you would like advertised.

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