



WRENTHORPE MATTERS

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Welcome to the Latest 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.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

SANTA CLAUS will be arriving on his sleigh at Wrenthorpe Village Hall on Saturday 7th December at 4:30 pm and will be in his Grotto until 5:30 pm. We invite all you children out there to come and get a **FREE PHOTO** with **SANTA** and also a **FREE GIFT**. Local charities are invited to contact Councillor Charlie Keith on 01924 299699 if you would like to have a stall at this event. Carols and Christmas Music will accompany the switching on of the Christmas Lights.

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Once again the Seniors' Christmas Lunch will be held in the Wrenthorpe Village Hall on Sunday 8th December starting at 12:30pm. Tickets for this event are now on sale from Margaret and Roy Mitchell (tel: 01924 379541) or Jenny and Stuart Millington (tel: 01924 375996). We would especially like to welcome any elderly folk in the village who are living alone and invite them to come along and enjoy a lovely meal with good company in a very welcoming atmosphere. Transport will be readily available if required.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wrenthorpe Village Singers' Christmas Concert will be held in Wrenthorpe Village Hall on Saturday, 14th December @ 7pm. Tickets from Margaret on 01924 368058.

WAKEFIELD HOSPICE

The local Fund Raising Group are having their annual Christmas Concert at St Paul's Church, Alverthorpe on Saturday, 7th December at 7pm. It features Wakefield Metropolitan Band and Alverthorpe St Paul's School Choir. For tickets (Adults £6, Children (5-12) £2 (under 5's free) & further details please contact Ian on 01924 364868.

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Why not get into the spirit of Christmas and come and join us for 'Carols on the Green' at the bottom of Silcoates Lane on Wednesday, 18th December @ 7pm? Organised jointly by the Well Church and the Community Association, there will be refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall.

WAKEFIELD PARKINSONS SUPPORT GROUP

Their Charity **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** will be held in Wrenthorpe Village Hall on November 24th from 11am until 3:30pm.

WRENTHORPE ACADEMY

Wrenthorpe Academy Friends Association will be holding a XMAS FAYRE on Saturday, 30th November, 2019.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Horticare at Lindhill Nurseries, Batley Road, Kirkhamgate will be holding their annual CHRISTMAS FAIR AND COFFEE MORNING on Saturday 30th 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 for more information.

GREEN BELT ACTION GROUP

By the time you read this, the Wakefield Council Cabinet meeting should have taken place on the 8th October where Members should have approved the publication of draft Wakefield District Local Plan 2036 for submitting to the Secretary of State with an aim to publish in early 2020. None of the sites around Wrenthorpe look to have been added and site LP48 which is the land at Paragon Business Park that is leased to Outwood Grange Academy is to be removed. Therefore, we believe no Green Belt sites around Wrenthorpe will be included in the 2036 Plan, which is better than anyone could have hoped. **Well Done everyone in Wrenthorpe!!**

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

We have some exciting news!!!! The Wrenthorpe Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Area applications have been approved and designated by Wakefield Council in September. The first Forum AGM will have been held on the 30th October and we currently have 62 Full Members. There is also a Forum Notice Board at the Village Hall. The Forum is the first of its kind in the Wakefield Council area, and every person in the village has the opportunity for their ideas and comments to be heard and considered. Why not come to one of the Forum meetings which are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Valley Crescent Centre. Alternatively, you can contact us by e-mail @ WrenForum18@gmail.com or peter.bennett24@btinternet.com. **YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FORUM NEEDS YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

BEETLE DRIVE

"It's Our Day", a newly establishing charity, is holding a Beetle Drive event for all ages at the Methodist Church Hall on Friday, 22 November. Doors open at 6.30pm and the Drive will commence at 7pm until 9pm. Entry Fee is £2. Hot food will be available at a cost of £3 per person. Come along and have fun at this new and exciting social event!

YOUR LOCAL POLICING TEAM

The next meeting at Valley Crescent Center will be on Tuesday, 26th November from 6pm-6:45pm. A great opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have regarding crime in this area and how they are dealing with it, with representatives of West Yorkshire Police.

COMMUNITY FITNESS CLASSES

GOOD VIBE TRIBE - Fitness Classes for All - **ZUMBA** every Wednesday 6pm and Friday 9.30am in the Village Hall. All ages and abilities welcome! Your first class is free when mentioning this article and £4.50 per class thereafter. For more info; contact Sara Walker on 0774 0196915 or e-mail zumbaqueen@btinternet.com for more information.

UKULELE GROUP

Wrenthorpe Ukulele Players rehearse every Thursday evening in Wrenthorpe Village Hall from 7.15pm until 9pm. Old and new players are welcome.

STAY ACTIVE FOR LIFE

Keep fit classes with gentle exercise to music every Tuesday morning, 10.15am - 11.15am and every Thursday morning, 10am - 11am in Wrenthorpe Methodist Hall. Contact 01924 217915 for more information.

COFFEE MORNING

Join us at Wrenthorpe Methodist Hall on the second Saturday of every month from 10am until noon. All proceeds go to support local Charities. Various stalls including cakes, bric-a-brac, cards and face painting.

WRENTHORPE LADIES GROUP

We meet in the Wrenthorpe Village Hall on the second Wednesday of every month @ 7:30pm for interesting talks, outings and activities. Friendly group of all ages. Come and meet us.

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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; it closes while Christmas decorations are up and starts again on 6th January. Organised by Active Kids' Sports. All coaches are fully qualified. Contact Kevin Hall on 07808 202417 for more details.

'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, a free trial is available, though booking is essential. Find them on Facebook or contact Corinna on 07976 035219.

WREN CAFÉ

Don't stay home alone! Come and join us at the highly successful WREN CAFÉ to experience a warm, welcoming atmosphere, friendly conversation and the opportunity to savour a variety of hot or cold drinks accompanied by crumpets, toasted teacakes, cakes and scones. It is run solely by volunteers from the community under the umbrella of the association and is open at the Valley Crescent Centre from 10AM until 11:30AM every Wednesday Morning. SEE YOU THERE !!!

WRENTHORPE POST OFFICE

We are fortunate to have a Post Office in Wrenthorpe, and with so many village Post Offices closing down, we need to make sure we keep it running by using it regularly! It is open Monday to Friday from 9am until 5.30pm and 9am until 12.30pm on Saturdays. You can now use the Post Office counter for transactions with your own bank and there is also a Dry Cleaning Service. 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.

ART & CRAFT GROUP

This friendly group meets at St. Anne's Church Hall on Thursdays from 2pm-4pm. Cost £2 including tea and biscuits. Bring your own art or craft or be inspired to start something new.

'STRICTLY WRENTHORPE'

A Tea Dance is held every Friday from 12:50pm to 2:50pm in the Village Hall. Ballroom and Latin, with a dash of sequence. Friendly and informal. New faces always welcome! Cost £4 including refreshments.

YOGA

Classes start again in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th January 10-11.30am and 7-8.30pm and Wednesday 8th January from 10-11.30am. Pamela is a British Wheel of Yoga teacher, the governing body of yoga recognised by Sport England. Contact her on 07812 943298 or pbuttle7@gmail.com . The mindfulness meditation group raised £50 which went to WaterAid and Spana, a charity caring for working animals. Fantastic!

WRENTHORPE SHOW

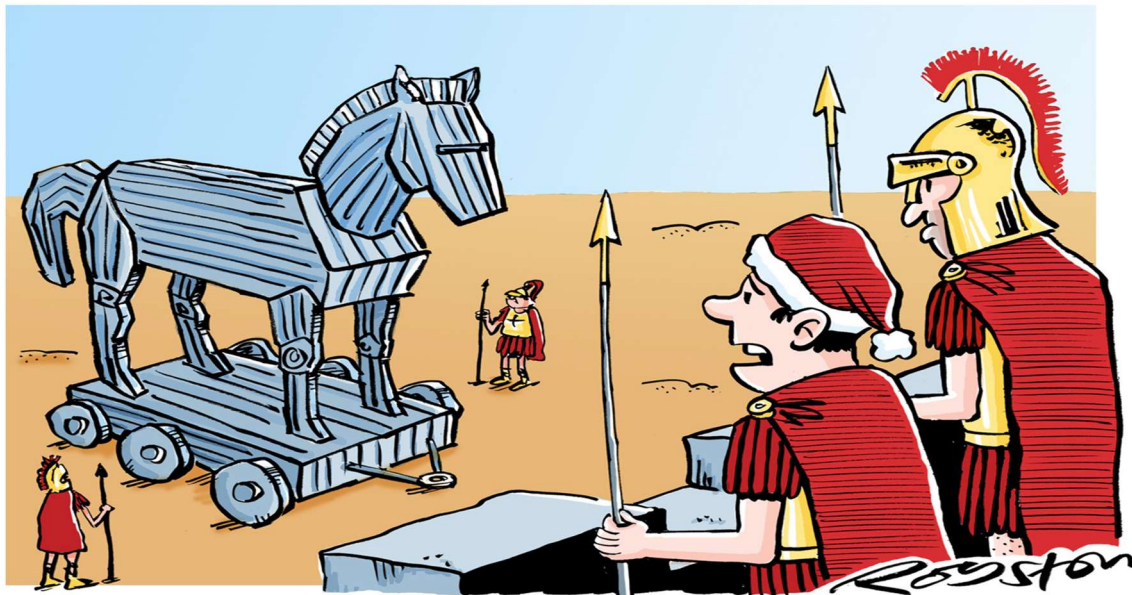
The 40th Anniversary Wrenthorpe Show, held on Saturday 14th September was another success. The Show Committee would like to thank all entrants, volunteers, sponsors and prize donators. This year we have made donations of £350 each to Wakefield Hospice and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

LOCAL COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

Councillor Nic Stansby holds a monthly surgery at The Wren Café at Valley Crescent Centre on the last Wednesday of each month at 11am. Councillors Martyn Johnson and Charlie Keith hold a surgery at Kirkhamgate Village Hall on the first Saturday of alternate months (December and February) at 11am, and on the second Saturday of the same months at Wrenthorpe Methodist Hall.

AND FINALLY ...

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



“I feel awful – we only got them socks.”

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