



WRENTHORPE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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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.

In this section of our newsletter we appeal every time for volunteers to help with activities such as the Wren Café at Valley Crescent. We really do need some more volunteers, especially at the café. We are getting so short of volunteers that in the New Year we may have to start opening every other week! Please contact Margaret Mitchell (Chairperson) on 01924 379541 for a chat if you think you can help for 3 hours, once a month (Wednesday mornings).

SANTA IN WRENTHORPE - SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Doors to Wrenthorpe Village Hall will open at 3pm. The Christmas lights will be switched on at 4.20pm then **Santa will arrive on his sleigh at 4.30pm.**

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.

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 2nd 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 METHODIST CHURCH : CHRISTMAS SERVICES

17th December - Carol Service 6.00 pm

24th December - Christmas Eve at 10.00 am Nativity Service

25th December - Christmas Day at 10.00 am Christmas Family Celebration

CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERT

The annual Christmas Band Concert at St Anne's Church featuring Tingley Brass Band is on Sunday 10th December at 7pm. Tickets £5 (available from Jean on 211818) Children free.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friends of Wrenthorpe Academy are having a Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 25th November, 11.00am - 2.00pm at Wrenthorpe Academy, Imperial Avenue, Wrenthorpe. Everyone welcome.

WRENTHORPE WAR MEMORIAL

The new war memorial, which Wrenthorpe Community Association, several private donors, both the Anglican and Methodist churches and Kirkhamgate Community Association have contributed towards, will be dedicated and unveiled in a service to be held on Saturday 11th November at 10.30 am. in and outside St. Anne's church. The service and unveiling will be led by the former Archbishop of York David Hope whose uncle Ernest is one of the new names to be commemorated on the memorial. All are warmly welcomed to the service. The memorial will be a lasting testament to all those associated with the villages of Wrenthorpe and Kirkhamgate who gave their lives in the service of their country.

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 he will be opening the Post Office for an extra hour each day from 4th December for the three weeks leading up to Christmas. 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 delivering this newsletter.

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 Thursday, 21st December at 7pm.

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. You can email info@horticarewakefield.org.uk Tel: 01924 372433.

WRENTHORPE SCOUT GROUP JUMBLE SALE

The Local Scout Group is having a Jumble Sale on Saturday, November 4, 1.30 - 3.30pm at St Anne's Church Hall.

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

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 Margaret Mitchell on 01924 379541 for more details.

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 will be celebrating its 50th birthday in February 2018! It is now located at Wrenthorpe Academy, Imperial Avenue after starting its life in the old Village Hall before the present Village Hall was built. Thousands of children must have joined in the fun over that time! Nowadays Pre-school sessions for children aged 2 to 5 years are 9am to 12 noon; supervised lunch from 11.30am to 12.15pm and 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. There is an Open Morning on Saturday 11th November 10am-12noon when parents, grandparents, etc. are welcome to come and see what we do. 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 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 we start back on 9th 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 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 16th and 30th November and 14th December. 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 continue running the café each week. Please contact Margaret on 379541 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.

MODERN AND SEQUENCE DANCE

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

WRENTHORPE VILLAGE SINGERS

This year our Christmas Concert will be held in Wrenthorpe Village Hall on Sunday, 10th December at 7.30pm. For tickets and more information please 01924 368058. Earlier this year this group of local singers won first prize in one of the classes at Rothwell Music Festival.

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

A Community Coffee Morning is held on the second Saturday of every month at Wrenthorpe Methodist hall between 10am and noon. All proceeds from the morning are donated to local groups.

WRENTHORPE GARDENING CLUB

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

EXERCISE CLASS

Christine, who currently holds a very successful keep fit class at Wrenthorpe Methodist Hall on Tuesday mornings, has started a new class at the same hall on Thursday afternoons from 2pm-3pm. This new class, keeping fit with gentle exercise to music, is for senior ladies. Contact Gloria on 377903 for more information.

GOOD VIBE TRIBE

Community fitness classes for all based 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

For more information contact Sara Walker 07740196916 zumbaqueen@btinternet.com

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.

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The lunch for seniors this year will be held on Sunday 10th December at 12.30pm in the village hall. Tickets are now being distributed. Please ring Stuart 375996 or Margaret 379541 to reserve your ticket.

**TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL OR VALLEY CRESCENT CENTRE
PLEASE RING MOBILE 07507 625047 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

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