

# Derwenthorpe Residents' Association

## Newsletter July 2018

**Welcome to our newsletter.** If you would like to contact us about any item in the newsletter or any other issue, details are at the end, along with the agenda for the next all residents' meeting which is on Wednesday 18 July at 7.30 pm in the SSC.

We hope to see some of you there.

### What has the core team been up to?



At our recent AGM, Chris Abberton stood down as our treasurer. Chris was one of the founder members of the DRA in 2013 and had served on the core team since then. We say a big "thank you" to him for all his hard work. We also welcome David Casswell who has recently joined us on the core team. The current team members, with their main areas of activity, are ~

**Sam Borman** ~ parking; IT (webmaster and Dropbox)

**Wendy Borman**, Secretary ~ newsletter; recycling; IT (Dropbox)

**David Casswell** ~ liaison/strategy meetings with JRHT; CAG (community activity group)

**Ian Croston**, Chairman ~ liaison/strategy meetings with JRHT; estate management; MVHR/MEV; DGG (future governance); energy; communications (Pure Fibre)

**Ian Eiloart** ~ MVHR/MEV; DGG (future governance); Lotherington lake; energy; communications (Pure Fibre)

**Matt Gardner** ~ ASB; DRA Facebook; community pot

**Nicky Helliwell**, Vice Chairman ~ liaison/strategy meetings with JRHT and DWH; estate management; MVHR/MEV; DGG (future governance issues)

**Sheri Kinbrum** ~ DGG (future governance; CAG (community activity group)

**Gerry Mountfort**, Treasurer ~ community pot; parking; printing

**Dave Munley** ~ estate management; liaison/strategy meetings with JRHT; Lotherington garden

It has been a great summer so far and at Derwenthorpe we have achieved a significant first. The Derwenthorpe Open Garden event was held on Sunday 17 June and the community raised £390 which is to be donated to a very worthy cause, the York Food Bank. It is our first major event that has raised such a significant sum that can be donated to such a worthy local charity. We live in a lovely place, Derwenthorpe, and it is heartening that we can all come together for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Congratulations and well done to all who helped organise the event, and to those who visited the gardens.

### Derwenthorpe author releases new novel!

Derwenthorpe author Katrina Mountfort's latest novel has been published by Elsewhen Press. "The Ghost in You" is a first-hand account from beyond the grave, by an innocent girl who dies before her time and tries to make sense of what's happening to her, while helping her friends and discovering her purpose. This is Katrina's fifth published novel, but she didn't start writing until her fortieth birthday, when the death of a close friend made her realise that she couldn't put off her dreams forever. Her most popular novels to date have been the Blueprint trilogy: "Future Perfect", "Forbidden Alliance" and "Freedom's Prisoners", which tell of a dystopian future in which conformity is enforced through fear, and distorted and damaging attitudes are fostered towards forbidden love, manipulation of appearance and even the definition of beauty. Her books appeal to both young adults and adults. You can find out more about her work here [www.elsewhen.press/index.php/catalogue/author/katrina-mountfort/](http://www.elsewhen.press/index.php/catalogue/author/katrina-mountfort/)



## Community Activity Group



This is a network of Derwenthorpe residents who encourage and support community activities in and around Derwenthorpe. The group meets monthly every third Friday at 10.00 am at the SSC. Everyone is welcome. There is a plan to sometimes meet at other times as not everyone is available during the day. Community activities that have been successful include family events for children at Christmas, Easter and Halloween, quiz nights, an annual picnic and an open garden event, "Discovering Derwenthorpe". There is also a regular coffee morning on the first Sunday in the month at the SSC. If you're interested in getting involved, or have ideas for future events, please phone Sheri Kinbrum on 01904 500394 or by contacting the secretary. **Stop press! Don't miss the Big Picnic on Sunday 15 July, from midday to 2.00 pm, by the SSC. Bring your own picnic and meet your neighbours.**

## Un Cercle Francophone

Saviez-vous qu'il y a un Cercle Francophone ici à Derwenthorpe depuis cinq mois? En effet entre cinq et onze habitants qui parlent français se sont retrouvés chez John Pugh, ancien prof de français, pour bavarder en français encouragés par un verre de vin et un bout de fromage pour donner de l'ambiance. Il n'y a aucun sujet fixe et aucune pression à parler. On s'entraide à trouver le bon mot ou la meilleure phrase et on s'amuse beaucoup. Nos soirées ont lieu toutes les deux ou trois semaines et nous voudrions bien faire la connaissance de nouveau participants d'entre nos voisins.



Si ça vous tente contactez la secrétaire de la DRA, Wendy Borman qui me transmettra vos co-ordinées. Au plaisir de vous voir parmi nous bientôt!

## Community Pot



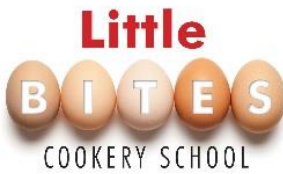
Since our last newsletter in March 2018, we have supported several community events, "Discovering Derwenthorpe" and the forthcoming Big Picnic. If you have an idea for a community event, please remember that the DRA may be able to help you make it happen, with funding and the provision of public liability insurance cover if the event is being held anywhere in the open spaces, subject to JRHT giving their permission. Advice on how to organise and budget for an event, how to access our insurance cover, and how to apply for a grant can all be found on our website, or by contacting the secretary in the first instance.

## A New Garden

Plans have just been approved by City of York Council for a new garden on the grass verge where Lotherington Mews and Avenue meet, next to the Kidzone. It will comprise a semi-mature deciduous tree (*Catalpa bignonioides*) commonly known as a cigartree or Indian-bean-tree. This has large heart shaped leaves and blossoms with clusters of yellow and white flowers in June and July. A circular paved area will surround the tree, enclosed on one side by an S-shaped Ashlar Yorkstone wall with a graded embankment and ornamental shrubs. While the tree and wall will be illuminated by embedded LED lanterns and lights, the remainder of the area will be turfed. Two additional paths will cross the verge to allow access from Lotherington Mews to the path adjacent to the Kidzone fence. There is no published start date for this garden, however the ideal time to plant trees and shrubs is between September and December.



## Little Bites Cookery



Little Bites Cookery is a social enterprise that runs cookery classes for 2½ years and upwards, mainly in the east area of York. Its founder Penelope Henderson set it up because there was nothing in York that teaches children to cook nutritious food from a young age. Penelope, an Award Winner of UnLtd the foundation of social entrepreneurs, started the venture over two years ago. As a parent and qualified nutritionist, she has become particularly concerned with an increasing trend of childhood obesity and poor dietary

habits and therefore has set out the vision of "making nutrition fun" through teaching vital cookery skills in a fun way. "I am really passionate about making a difference to young people's diets and believe it is so important to capture them at an early age, whilst learning about new tastes and textures it can really make a difference to their dietary habits long term". The social aims of Little Bites are to increase confidence and ability in cookery skills whilst improving nutrition and wellbeing. Classes run for pre-schoolers (2½-4 years) during term time in Derwenthorpe (special offer of first three classes for £15). There are also themed weekend classes for school age children (4-11 years), and classes in various nurseries and out of school clubs throughout York.

For more information, visit the website [www.littlebitescookery.com](http://www.littlebitescookery.com) or email [info@littlebitescookery.com](mailto:info@littlebitescookery.com). or on Facebook @caterpillarclubyork.

## Osballdwick Community Choir

We are a friendly community choir of mixed voices and meet on Thursdays at 7.00 pm until 8.30 pm in the SSC. We sing all kinds of music from classical to contemporary. We hold two concerts each year at the SSC, one in December and the other in June, and also take part in other events in and around York. Since we started five years ago we have grown to nearly thirty members and are keen to continue expanding... do get in touch if you are interested! We enjoy good links with the University of York, from where we have appointed our directors, both past and present. We are excited to be welcoming Clark Brydon in September who, as well as studying music at the University, is also organist and master of the choir at St Lawrence Parish Church.



For more information please contact Nicky Helliwell (secretary) on 07714953315, [nickyostwald@clara.co.uk](mailto:nickyostwald@clara.co.uk) or Patrick Reedy (treasurer) on 07415459234, [patrickreedy999@gmail.com](mailto:patrickreedy999@gmail.com).

## Badger Hill School Governance

Could you be an effective governor? Badger Hill Primary Academy is seeing new community representatives to join the Local Governing Committee. Please do get in touch if you are community minded, interested in education and can spare some time. We are especially keen to hear from individuals with a background in education, finance, communication or health and safety. You don't need to be a parent of a child at the school. For more information, please phone 01904 555225 or email [office@badgerhill.pmat.adacemy](mailto:office@badgerhill.pmat.adacemy).

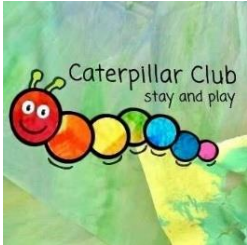


## The Community Gardening Group

Great news! The community gardening group has a new co-ordinator. If you're interested in getting involved or just want to find out more, please email Cathy at [derwenthorpe.gardening@gmail.com](mailto:derwenthorpe.gardening@gmail.com).



## Caterpillar Club



It's been a fantastically creative term at Caterpillar Club, we've done so many brilliant crafts! We also took part in "The Giant Wriggle", following a wiggly path through the park, stopping off to feed the ducks and plant sunflowers before returning to the SSC for caterpillar cake decorating and our very own wiggly disco!

Our wonderful bunch raised £90 to donate to Action for Children. For those who don't know us we are resident-led stay and play group and run from the SSC 9.30 am to 11.00 am every Wednesday during term time. £2 for a child plus an adult (50p for each additional child) which includes all snacks and crafts.

For us to continue into our third year we need a new volunteer, so if you have time to spare (even just 15 minutes to help set up!) we would love to hear from you! For this, or just for more information please email us at [Caterpillarclubbyork@gmail.com](mailto:Caterpillarclubbyork@gmail.com)



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## Agenda for All Residents' Meeting at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 18 July 2018 in SSC

1. Welcome, apologies and thanks
2. Review of minutes from All Residents' Meeting held on 20 March 2018
3. Treasurer's report
4. Community activity group (CAG) update
5. Status report
- 6.. Any other business

For more information on any item on the agenda, or if you want to raise any issue, please contact the secretary by ~

✉ emailing [secretary@derwenthorpe.co.uk](mailto:secretary@derwenthorpe.co.uk), or

✉ phoning 01904 500462, or

✉ completing the "contact us" form found on our website [www.derwenthorpe.co.uk](http://www.derwenthorpe.co.uk)

by 7.30 pm Friday 13 July 2018. You can of course raise any issue at the meeting, but it would be helpful to know beforehand.