

Derwenthorpe Residents' Association

Newsletter November 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 21 November at 7.30 pm in the energy centre (SSC). We hope to see some of you there.

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; community pot; recycling; IT (Dropbox)

David Casswell ~ liaison/strategy meetings with JRHT; CAN (community activity network); ASB

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)

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

Sheri Kinbrum ~ DGG (future governance; CAN (community activity network)

Gerry Mountfort, Treasurer ~ community pot; parking; printing

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



Your DRA Needs You!

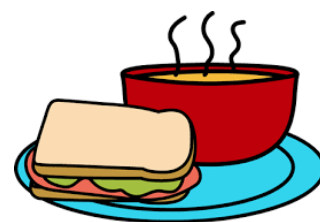
We Need Your Help



We've said goodbye to Matt Gardener who's recently stood down and say a big "thank you" to him for his contribution and hard work during his time on the core team. Two more are doing so at the end of the year, and at least one will be doing so at the next AGM. Unless some volunteers step forward to join the core team, it's difficult to know how your residents' association will be able to survive and carry on. So, if you can spare a few hours and are interested in helping us help everyone who lives on Derwenthorpe, or if you just want to find out more information, then please contact the secretary. We can't do what we do without your help! We represent all residents, and everyone is welcome to join. To be truly representative of our community, we need volunteers from all tenures, younger people, and parents with families. We appreciate how busy you are, but it's not all about going to endless meetings ~ we do a lot of our business by email. We all have the opportunity to stand down each year at the AGM, and anyone can do so at any time during the year if they feel they need to. We're supported by JRHT, and work in partnership with them to resolve ongoing issues and build a strong community.

Soup and Sandwich Lunch

"That was great!" said a satisfied customer, "Good food and a good natter!" A mix of Derwenthorpe residents and local folk enjoyed the choice of homemade soups and sandwiches - and getting to know each other. There are a growing number of things organised by the Derwenthorpe Community Action Network (CAN) and they are aimed at everyone! These are advertised on the DRA website, Facebook and leaflets. Get on board!



Derwenthorpe Phase 5 Planning Application



JRHT have put in an application to develop 40 houses on the former National Grid site. They are calling it Derwenthorpe Phase 5. The key issue is access - for the construction traffic and for the new residents of Phase 5. JRHT intend to route all construction traffic along Derwent Way/Fifth Avenue. Should the council approve this application, residents in Fifth Avenue will see construction traffic continuing until 2021. Since the Phase 5 site comprises a massive concrete base with contaminated land beneath, there will be a disproportionate number of very heavy lorries going through our streets. The DRA will be consulting with residents ahead of the council planning review on 19 December 2018.



Photovoltaic Panels



Good news if you're thinking of installing these. JRHT have relaxed their view on this, and whilst there is still a restriction written into our covenant, it's much easier to get approval. Just notify JRHT via Joanne Lofthouse, Derwenthorpe Manager, so that your proposed installation can be approved in terms of the aesthetic change to your home. For more information, contact Ian Eiloart at ian@eiloart.com or phone 078 7612 3969.

Derwenthorpe Nature Group

There is an opportunity for residents to volunteer to help develop a small nature reserve on the land adjacent to the tarmac path that connects the cycle path to Meadlands Mews on Rowntree quarter. It's hoped to get an ecological survey completed in Spring 2019, and then to use that to work with JRHT's management plan and help manage and maintain the site, with the help, advice and possibly training from St Nicks. The land is currently the responsibility of David Wilson Homes. JRHT, although very supportive of this initiative, will not be responsible for the site until January 2020, so nothing will happen quickly. But this may be a benefit ~ lots of time to think, plan and get organised! So, if you're interested, or want more information please contact Wendy at naturereserve@derwenthorpe.co.uk or phone 01904 500462.



Second star on the right and straight on 'til morning



St Aelreds Players, your community based amateur group, are proud to present as their panto for this year "Peter Pan" at 7.30 pm on Thursday 31 January, 7.30 pm on Friday 1 February, and at 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm on Saturday 2 February 2019. Rehearsals are going well with lots of new members. Ticket sales have been going up for the last few years, and this year we are aiming for a sell-out! For tickets, please contact Ann Rochester at darochester@hotmail.co.uk or 01904 410226, or Stewart Gray at stewartg@vikingcad.co.uk or 077 1289 1244. We can also be contacted on Facebook St Aelreds Players (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/5552797434>).

Weekend Book Club

Although we already have two thriving book groups, they both meet during the week which may not suit everybody. If there is any interest, I would like to set up a third group, meeting at the weekend ~ Friday, Saturday or Sunday, whichever suits. If you're interested, please contact Katie by emailing weekendbookclub@derwenthorpe.co.uk



MVHR & MEV Update



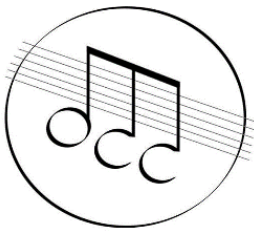
Members of the core team have been meeting regularly with both JRHT and DWH to try and get matters concerning MVHR and MEV resolved. Despite best efforts of DRA and JRHT it has been a very slow and painful process. We are waiting confirmation that work will resume on properties in Stephenson Quarter in January 2019, and that all properties in Seebohm and Lotherington will be issued with user guides.

Tang Hall Explore Library and Reading Café

Visit your new Tang Hall Explore Library and Reading Cafe at TheCentre@Burnholme, open seven days a week. Enjoy our new, vibrant space for reading, and our mouth-watering cafe menu! We have lots of activities and events, including story time, craft club, board games club, The Summer Reading Challenge, The Big City Read, and much, much more. We also have a range of fully accessible meeting and activity rooms available for hire, including our spacious main hall and a learning kitchen. Prices start from just £13 an hour, with discounts for regular repeat bookings. With free parking, cycle racks, free Wi-Fi, accessible toilets with hoists and baby changing facilities, we aim to be as accessible as possible to everyone in the community. See you soon! Find out more about our events and facilities at www.exploreyork.org.uk/tang-hall-explore/ or email tanghall@exploreyork.org.uk.



Osbaldwick Community Choir



We are a friendly community choir of mixed voices and meet on Thursdays 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm in the energy centre (SSC). We sing all kinds of music from classical to contemporary. Since we started nearly six years ago we have grown to nearly thirty members and are keen to continue growing. Our Christmas concert will take place in St Thomas' Church, Osbaldwick on Thursday 13 December at 7.30 pm, with carols, a raffle and refreshments (£3 entry). We will also be carol singing around Osbaldwick and Derwenthorpe accompanied by brass band players during the early evening on Monday 17 December. Look out for our posters and flyers. For further information please contact Nicky Helliwell, nickyostwald@clara.co.uk 07714953315 or Patrick Reedy, patrickreedy999@gmail.com

Community Activity Network

The Derwenthorpe Community Activity Network is a group of residents who meet once a month to actively support a range of community events on Derwenthorpe. There have been a range of events which have been initiated and supported by CAN members. These include the Soup and Sandwich lunch which was part of the York Over 50s festival, and regular coffee mornings on the first Sunday of every month. Future activities coming up are a children's Christmas party on Saturday 8 December, and a quiz night in the New Year. The group has recently launched "Lotson in Derwenthorpe", a list of all activities in Derwenthorpe. It's hoped this will be delivered every month to everyone in and around our community. More recently the network is building a skills registry and also looking at developing on-line tools and checklists to help with the organising of events.



Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30 pm at the energy centre (SSC). The next meeting is Tuesday 13 November. Residents do not have to attend meetings to be part of the network. If you are interested in helping or have ideas for future activities do please contact Sheri Kinbrum at sheri.kinbrum111@btinternet.com or phone 01904 500394.

diddi dance



diddi dance is a fun and funky dance class ideal for energetic pre-schoolers! The classes are for children aged 18 months (younger if steady on their feet) to four years. We cover a variety of dance themes each half term including Jive, Bollywood, and Salsa to name a few. Each 45 minute class is packed with dance games, action themed dances, ribbons, hula hoops and

more! If you would like to book a free trial, then please contact Hayley at hayley.evans@diddidance.com or phone 07825 139457.

Community Pot

Since our last newsletter in July 2018, we have supported several community events, the Big Picnic, Soup and Sandwich event, and the first edition of the Lotson leaflet. 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.



Stop Press! Christmas is Coming!



Family Christmas party ~ on Saturday 8 December - in the energy centre (SSC) ~ from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm ~ including craft activities, decorating the Christmas tree, singing, buffet food and drink ~ tickets £2 per person ~ contact Chiarina for tickets (01904 500271 or chiarinafriend@icloud.com).



Agenda for All Residents' Meeting at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 21 November 2018

1. Welcome, apologies and thanks
2. Review of minutes from All Residents' Meeting held on 18 July 2018
3. Enterprise car club ~ Storm Baines
4. Treasurer's report
5. Community activity network (CAN) update
6. Derwenthorpe Governance Group (DGG) update
7. Core team vacancies and future of DRA
8. Status report
9. 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, or

✉ phoning 01904 500462, or

✉ completing the "contact us" form found on our website www.derwenthorpe.co.uk

by 7.30 pm Friday 16 November 2018. You can of course raise any issue at the meeting, but it would be helpful to know beforehand.