



NEWSLETTER

August 2020

A message from our Chairperson

As Chairperson of the WMRA I would like to take this opportunity to thank every resident who joined our Helpful Neighbour Scheme and Baking Group. Thank you for all your total dedication and commitment to our fantastic community. Without your help, our elderly and vulnerable residents who either live alone or have family, who do not live locally, have been extremely grateful for the help you have given them during these very difficult months. I know they would like me to thank you on their behalf.

I would also like to thank all the neighbours who looked out for one another making sure that we were all staying safe.

Margaret Hind – Chairperson of West Moor Residents Association

Centre Re-Opening!!

We are so happy to announce that the Community Centre is due to re-open on Tuesday 1st September 2020 at 9am. It has been a long 5 months since we closed and at times, we wondered if we would ever be allowed to open our doors again but thankfully, here we are.

We want to assure you that we are following Government guidelines that are currently in place. Hand sanitising stations are positioned around the building and site. One-way systems are in place where applicable. The whole building had been thoroughly cleaned and enhanced cleaning procedure will be in place.

We ask that all those coming to the centre practice social distancing, hand washing and refrain from coming to the centre if they feel unwell or display any COVID-19 symptoms. When entering the building, please wear face coverings when moving around the communal areas.

We are trying to bring back as many of the community activities that we can safely do so, but some may take a couple of weeks to put in place and some will take a little longer. Dates for your diary will be 4/09 for bowls, 11/09 for Zumba and 14/09 for Yoga. Some start times may alter so that we are able to clean in between classes. Due to restricted numbers, we will be initially operating a booking in system which will be available from 01/09. And until we get an idea of numbers returning, we are asking that all those attending community activities are paid up members of the Association.

We will pop weekly schedules on the notice board outside the centre, on our website and our face book page. Alternatively, you can always just give us a call. We are taking everything in baby steps so please bear with us. We will try to bring everything back and things may change on the way. **Thinking ahead to later in the year (or whats left of it!) we will be celebrating the festive season in every way we can safely think of. If you have any ideas or have been to an activity elsewhere please let us know.**

SUBs

We are now collecting SUBs for the 2020/21 year. The cost is £4 full price and £3 concessions, a cost which has remained the same for some years and the cost covers the whole household.

SUBs collected go towards the running of the Community Centre and the activities that take place there as well as in the wider community. You may not visit the Centre too often or take part in the activities but maybe your neighbour or relative does? Every pound we receive has a huge effect on what we can do in the village.

Some of the activities we put on last year were so popular, tickets were sold out within the hour so the Association has decided that this year, these tickets will be **initially sold to fully paid up members of the Association prior to being put out for general sale.**

As we no longer have enough people to collect SUBs door to door, please pop into the Centre (we're open 7 days a week from 1st September) to drop off your SUBs or you can even pay them online. Our details are as follows.

Account No; 60913839

Sort Code; 20-59-61

Account Name; West Moor Residents Association

Can we please ask that you pop your house number and street name into the reference box, so that we know who has paid what!!

Can we also ask that if you haven't signed up for Gift Aid already, could you call into the centre for a form or contact us and we will email one out to you? If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim 25p/£1 from HMRC with no cost to you!

The centre will be open at the following times for SUB's payment.

Wednesday 26th August 3 – 5pm

Membership Cards

Everyone joining the WMRA will be issued with a membership card with a unique membership number. This number will allow us to quickly identify you and will help with our track and trace system. If you have already paid your subs via our BACS system this year your card will be available from the centre from 1st September or at the subs payment times above.



Local Garden Theft

We have been contacted by a local resident who recently had a garden ornament taken from their garden. She wanted to know if something like this has happened to any other residents recently. If something like this has happened to you, please report it to the police as this is the only way that this crime can be tackled by the police.

Walking in West Moor

If you have enjoyed getting out for your daily exercise during lockdown, or would like to walk more but are not sure how you would cope, why don't you come along and join our Walking the Field sessions at the Community Centre. We will be meeting weekly for a socially distanced walk around the community field and when you feel confident, or up to it, you may like to join us on our short walks around West Moor or our further afield walks with the Walking Group. If you are interested in coming to the field walk it starts on Wednesday 9th September meeting at 10am. For more information contact Gordon Hawkins on 0191 2682999

Ways to pay

We have now moved into the 21st century. We take contactless payments at the Centre! (cold hard cash is still accepted)

Gardening Group

This year as you all be aware the Gardening Group were unable to have their usual Plant Sale or fill the barrier baskets in the village, we are however pleased to say no plants went unused and most were sold and delivered to peoples doors (this proved very popular and something that may be repeated next year). Despite the sale not going ahead the Gardening Group have been really busy keeping the flower beds in the village and flowers at the Community Centre looking fab!! Lots of produce has been sold from the community garden and there will be more to come. Anyone keen to get involved with the Gardening Group please contact Joan on 0191 2688035.

Panto 2020 Update

There is still no information from the Theatre Royal on whether this year's Panto will go ahead – we will let you know as soon as we hear anything as we know lots of you are keen to purchase tickets.

Vintage Beauty

Along with the centre, Vintage Beauty, based at the centre is back to take care of all your beauty needs. We all need a little self-care from time to time and after the past few months we've had, now is the perfect opportunity for a pamper!! Welcoming back loyal and new clients into a COVID safe environment, call Jess on 07960961858 to arrange your appointment.

Monday Lunch Club

The Lunch Club that runs every Monday in term time will be returning on Monday 7th September 2020. We have had to make a few changes to ensure that we keep everyone safe and are COVID secure. The following are the main changes people need to be aware of.

- 1 – If you intend coming along you need to **book in advance by calling the centre on 01912161005.**
- 2 – If you want to sit with friends you all need to book together up to 6 per table and state you are a group when booking.
- 3 – There will be allocated seating and we ask that you do not move tables or chairs,
- 4 – If you attend on your own, no problem. There will be no more than 3 people on a table and if you are a pair, then up to 2 couples will be seated on a table.
- 5 – We ask everyone to arrive **NO MORE** than 5 mins before the start time – **PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY.**
- 6 – Coats and bags need to be placed under the table you are sat at or the back of your chair without blocking walkways.
- 7 – Please ensure you use hand sanitising stations at the entrance of the centre on arrival.
- 8 – Please **DO NOT** attend if you have any COVID symptoms or a high temperature.
- 9 – The cost of the Lunch Club remains at £3, could we ask that you have the correct money

McMillan Fundraiser – Saturday Sept 26th

Just because we have to socially distance, it does not mean we cannot raise money for our annual McMillan fundraising day, but this year it will be slightly different. High Tea Boxes containing a scone (fruit or cheese), sandwiches, cake and a sausage roll all presented in a box and delivered to your house for a minimum donation of £4 per box. Boxes **MUST** be ordered in advance and orders will be taken by Janet Barry on 0191 2684190 or Joan Thompson on 0191 2688035. Where allowed, why not get together with friends to have your High Tea and we would love to see your fundraising photos.

Plea for Paint

If anyone has any leftover white matt emulsion paint in their garage which you don't want, we are taking in any donations to mark up the pitches.