

## A Note From The Editor

Our first 'LotsOn in Lockdown', which was distributed to eagerly expectant residents ☺ in long-ago May was well-received, but we didn't think it likely that there would be enough material to justify another one for quite a while.

Well, it turns out there is. Quite a bit has changed since May – we do at least have a sense of things easing up a little, and here in Derwenthorpe there have been quite a lot of small socially-distanced gatherings involving friends or family in back gardens etc – and a sense that these have meant a lot to those involved,

after all the Zooming etc.

So, while this is still a LotsOn with mostly on-line things, there are one or two 'real' events in the pipeline, and maybe more to come before too long. If there are things – real or virtual – that you think your neighbours ought to know about, please send the information to the usual email address [lotson@derwenthorpe.co.uk](mailto:lotson@derwenthorpe.co.uk). At the very least, we will aim to make relevant information available on the DRA website at [www.derwenthorpe.co.uk](http://www.derwenthorpe.co.uk)

Thank you -- and stay well.

## Derwenthorpe Dates

**Bistro Guy – Takeaway Sourdough pizza night:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 5pm – 8.30pm. Parked close to the visitor carpark in Stephenson (Phase 1). Pre-orders only by calling Guy on: 07946 224960. For menu visit [www.bistroguy.co.uk](http://www.bistroguy.co.uk) and select pick up menu.

**Derwenthorpe's Got Talent! August 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>:** Missing the Big Picnic? Wondering what people in Derwenthorpe are up to? Why not join in with our informal at-home family event on August 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>? Please display any of your family's recent or lockdown art or craft in a front window all weekend, for others to enjoy. Then on Sunday afternoon (anytime between 2 and 4) bring out your instruments and play on your doorstep or balcony - OR - take a socially distanced walk around and look and listen! You can just join in, but if you want to tell us what you are going to do or ask us anything please contact [neighbours@derwenthorpe.co.uk](mailto:neighbours@derwenthorpe.co.uk)



## Derwenthorpe Groups and Initiatives

**Solar panels:** A project to get sun-powered electricity for Derwenthorpe. If you want to know more, please email [climateaction@derwenthorpe.co.uk](mailto:climateaction@derwenthorpe.co.uk). If you had a questionnaire but didn't respond it's still not too late - please return it to 38 Derwent Mews, York YO10 3DN. (It's in the Stephenson quarter, Phase 1); or via email. Otherwise look at the DRA website for updates: [www.derwenthorpe.co.uk](http://www.derwenthorpe.co.uk)

**History Pamphlet:** Some of you might recall the 'Hidden History of Osbaldwick' walk developed and led by a group of Derwenthorpe residents. Owing to demand, these ran on several occasions (and they might run again, when we're allowed, if there is sufficient demand). Meanwhile, a pamphlet based on the walk, including a helpful map, will soon be distributed for free to all homes in Derwenthorpe and as many as possible in Osbaldwick.

**Derwenthorpe Art Group** are art enthusiasts who meet via Zoom at 11.00 every Monday to chat about their art work. Each week we agree a theme to work on then share our drawings, paintings and even digital pictures through a Facebook group. If you'd like to join in please contact [johnpughjp@gmail.com](mailto:johnpughjp@gmail.com) to get the Zoom access codes.

**Derwenthorpe Craft Group** meets (currently online) once a month, on a Sunday afternoon, to chat and knit, sew, crochet or do other crafts. The next session is on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm. If you'd like to take part, email [neighbours@derwenthorpe.co.uk](mailto:neighbours@derwenthorpe.co.uk)

**All New Friday Coffee Meet-Up:** Join us between 11 and 12 on Friday mornings in August (beginning Friday 7<sup>th</sup>) for a socially distanced chat on the grassy area between Osbaldwick Beck and the small pond on Lotherington quarter. Bring a chair or rug and a cup of coffee and meet your neighbours. For further information contact [neighbours@derwenthorpe.co.uk](mailto:neighbours@derwenthorpe.co.uk)

**Derwenthorpe QUIZ BINGO!** Join us on Friday night 21<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30 – 8.30pm for a quiz with a difference. Anyone can be a winner in this fun game of knowledge and chance. You'll answer questions from some of your favourite categories and, when the answers are randomly revealed, you could score four corners, a straight line or even full house! To play you'll need pen and paper and access to the internet and Zoom. (If you haven't used Zoom before please check out [tinyurl.com/sn38bto](http://tinyurl.com/sn38bto) or phone 0771 287 2343 for advice). The Zoom details will be advertised on DRA website at [www.derwenthorpe.co.uk](http://www.derwenthorpe.co.uk) on the day of the quiz. 'Doors will open' at 7.15pm. We look forward to seeing you.

**Derwenthorpe Chatter WhatsApp Group:** Want to find out what's happening in and around Derwenthorpe or get recommendations for a local garage / good food / what it's like driving long distance following lockdown? Residents are using this new WhatsApp group to share information, ask and reply to these questions and many more. To join, contact us on [neighbours@derwenthorpe.co.uk](mailto:neighbours@derwenthorpe.co.uk) and we'll send you further details, including information for those who have not used WhatsApp before.

**Derwenthorpe Neighbour Support Network** is still running. Many neighbours have offered help, we've put people in touch and signposted people to other sources of help where needed. If you can offer, or would like, help call 0771 287 2343 or email [neighbours@derwenthorpe.co.uk](mailto:neighbours@derwenthorpe.co.uk).

**Derwenthorpe Nature Group:** Some of you may have seen us out and about, continuing to care for our trees by maintaining mulching rings. We're pleased to see Adam back and welcomed Simon, from the JRHT gardening team. They're both keen to help residents volunteer with them, with easing of current restrictions. We also hope to have a meeting with JRHT in September, by which time we should have the results of the ecology survey on Field 9. So if you're interested in joining us, have any ideas to share, send us an email at [naturereserve@derwenthorpe.co.uk](mailto:naturereserve@derwenthorpe.co.uk)



**Derwenthorpe Yoga** Jean Lavers writes: *I hope all Derwenthorpe yogis are keeping well and practising Yoga. I hope you're finding my practise recordings useful and enjoyable. If you didn't receive them please let me know, [jflavers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jflavers@hotmail.co.uk). I'm considering ways of keeping social distancing like holding smaller classes. Keep well. Om Shanti.*

**Derwenthorpe Book Groups** have moved their discussions on to Zoom for the foreseeable future. If you'd like to know how to set up a new book group, and run it online, email [chapter2@derwenthorpe.co.uk](mailto:chapter2@derwenthorpe.co.uk)

**DPAC** [the Derwenthorpe Partnership Advisory Committee which met via Zoom on 22nd July]

**Service delivery** DWH grounds maintenance contractors have furloughed their workers. JRHT have been doing grounds maintenance work for DWH on phases three and four, at DWH's expense. And we think that's worked out better for wildlife, and for estate management charges, without compromising appearances. Eventually, JRHT will take over completely, but the timetable for that is uncertain because of COVID-19.

**Development Activity** has slowed down a lot during lockdown, but it beginning to pick up now. For example, DWH have resumed snagging works on homes. They've also been working on finishing

**DGG** [the Derwenthorpe Governance Group which met via Zoom on 22nd July - see more at [www.derwenthorpe.co.uk/dgg](http://www.derwenthorpe.co.uk/dgg)]

### Building real community in Derwenthorpe

A group of residents has continued to meet (virtually) to explore ways in which community activity and involvement can be supported and encouraged. This has involved several strands:



- The recent survey residents were asked to complete
- Meetings with JRHT to agree the vision and explore the possibility of improving and developing the Energy Centre as a community hub
- Finding a resident with the necessary skills to project manage future action

## News from JRHT

Joel Owen writes: *Stuart Hall, Chargehand Gardener, has left JRHT this month. Many residents would recognise Stuart who has worked on Derwenthorpe since JRHT first took handover of phase one. Recruitment plans are in place - we hope to fill the vacancy*

## Local News

**Have you recently become unemployed as a result of Covid 19?** Then you probably already know this but just in case – there's a very useful source of information at [www.york.gov.uk/BenefitsAdvice](http://www.york.gov.uk/BenefitsAdvice)

**Tang Hall Explore** The library is now open for pre-booked appointments only, to collect and return books, and to use the public computers and printers. To book your visit, call (01904) 552655 or email [tanghall@explore.york.org.uk](mailto:tanghall@explore.york.org.uk)

**Tang Hall Community Centre Isolation Grub Club** Volunteers who work with Tang Hall Community Centre deliver two meals, twice a week on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. This is a free service for isolated vulnerable people struggling to access food during the coronavirus outbreak. For more information call 01904 431492 or email [info@thccentre.co.uk](mailto:info@thccentre.co.uk) (A meal costs approx. £2.50 – if you'd like to donate to the Club, go to [tinyurl.com/ya7dbbgs](http://tinyurl.com/ya7dbbgs))

**The new DRA website** at [www.derwenthorpe.co.uk](http://www.derwenthorpe.co.uk) has lots of useful information – including new house guides covering things like Doors and Windows; Insulation and Heating; Putting up pictures and shelves; Thermostat panel instructions; Toilets; and Water meters. And new this month is a guide to birds that you might see on our lakes. There are quite a few different diving ducks, for example. The guide is at [www.derwenthorpe.co.uk/galleries/birds-on-the-lake](http://www.derwenthorpe.co.uk/galleries/birds-on-the-lake)



street lighting. Please let us know if there are lights not working in your area.

**Community fund grants** In July, we approved grants to install an outdoor table tennis table in the play park, and a new noticeboard on Rowntree quarter.

**Representation** DPAC has a resident representative from each of Stephenson, Lothington, and Seebohm quarters. If you'd like to represent Rowntree quarter, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact [secretary@derwenthorpe.co.uk](mailto:secretary@derwenthorpe.co.uk)

**Estate Management Charge** JRHT apologised for the poor communications with residents about the charge. A complete spreadsheet with breakdown of spending will be sent out again.

**Covenant regarding solar panels:** JRHT would support any resident wishing to purchase solar panels, but are not in a position to blanket waive this covenant

**Derwenthorpe home user guide:** The Community Action Network has drafted a user guide for all residents, currently available through the DRA website. JRHT agreed to fund the printing of hard copies for all current and new households.

*by the end of July. Until then Adam Warren (who has been working with Stuart for over a year) and Simon Brearley will be the main gardeners working at Derwenthorpe.*



**Joe Fennerty and Food Circle** Many residents are familiar with Joe's Sunday morning pop-up veg (and other nice things) stall. During lockdown Joe is providing the same service, via click 'n collect from Tang Hall Community Centre. At time of writing, Joe emails a product list twice a week - Tuesday for Thursday collection; Thursday for Saturday collection. On Saturdays between 12 and 2pm, this is part of a small food market. Everyone gets an individual time slot for collection to avoid crowding. More information from Joe at [food.circle.york@gmail.com](mailto:food.circle.york@gmail.com)

**Pilates** Lou Cooper runs a friendly, mixed ability class, and beginners are welcome. Pilates can improve strength, flexibility and posture. Regular practice can alleviate back pain and other musculoskeletal problems. Classes have been at the SSC but they're online for now. To join email [fitness@loucooper.co.uk](mailto:fitness@loucooper.co.uk) or call 075 8718 2683. More information at [www.fitnessloucooper.co.uk](http://www.fitnessloucooper.co.uk)