

Responders wanted

Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust is calling for new volunteers to become community first responders (CFRs).

CFRs attend medical emergencies in their community, are trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and carry an automated external defibrillator (AED), oxygen and basic First Aid equipment. Previous medical experience is not required.

Patricia Kilner, community defibrillation trainer for YAS, said: 'CFRs make an extremely valuable contribution to their communities. We know that in many medical emergencies, such as a heart attack,

breathing difficulties or a collapse, the first few minutes are critical. CFRs come from all walks of life and volunteer for a variety of reasons. Many people find it rewarding to help people in need and give something back, while others benefit from learning new skills, meeting new people and becoming more connected with their local community.'

To apply you must be over 18 and have held a full driving licence for more than 12 months (with no more than three penalty points).

Call 0333 130 0516, email yas.responders@nhs.net or visit www.communityresponders.yas.nhs.uk



Colin Buckton decking the Wansford Church Christmas tree ready for the festive season.

Carol service

The Christmas carol service at St Mary's Church, Wansford, will be held at 4pm on Saturday December 14 when a small handful of village children have kindly agreed to take part and read a lesson.

Refreshments will be served after the service and all are welcome to attend.

There will be a communion service on Christmas Day at 10.45am.

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The Wanless Drain, between Wansford and Skerne, struggled to cope in recent periods of heavy rain.

Pumps available in event of flooding

Should flooding threaten residential property in either village the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council has two water pumps for public use.

At Skerne the pump is situated at Leylandii, Main Street, the home of Catherine Bristow, telephone 250190, and in Wansford it is at the home of parish council chairman Ian Lamble, 9 Nafferton Road, telephone 241134. The clerk can

be contacted on 254741.

Should flooding occur there is a parish emergency plan which will be triggered and emergency boxes containing high-vis jackets, foil blankets, waterproofs, etc are available.

The East Riding Council is able to supply sandbags and other support—the customer services number is 01482 393939. The Environment Agency

Floodline number is 0345 988 1188.

Meanwhile at the last parish council meeting farmers and landowners were urged to do everything possible to keep their dykes clear.

Before the meeting thanks were extended to parish councillor Neil Robson for his work in keeping the Wansford Lock and the adjacent by-wash free of debris during the recent periods of heavy rain.

Date set for defib training

There are places left on a free defibrillator training course to take place in Wansford Village Hall on Tuesday February 11 from 2pm to 4pm.

The training, which is in accordance with Resuscitation Council guidelines and covers the safe use and monitoring of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs), is being given by the Hull-based City Health Care Partnership and delivered by qualified First Aid instructors.

If anyone is interested in attending the session please contact the clerk, Jill Pick, on Sandwpclerk@yahoo.co.uk.

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Speeding prompts request

Amid fears of an accident the parish council has requested an East Riding of Yorkshire Council traffic survey on the B1249 between the Wansford roundabout and Whinhill.

Concerns about motorcyclists travelling towards Driffield, using the straight stretch of road for speeding, particularly on Sundays and Thursday evenings, prompted the request. One councillor described how some of the bikers were hardly past the Wansford roundabout when they were pulling 'wheelies'.

It is hoped that the survey and the presence of the Road Safety Unit may promote actions to curb the motorcyclists' enthusiasm.

Poppy day Wansford carol singing

A total of £165.63 was collected in Wansford in November for the Royal British Legion poppy appeal. Thanks go to all who contributed. The collectors were Margaret Buckton and Jill Pick.

Carol singing around Wansford will begin at 6pm in the hopes that the earlier start will enable more children to join in.

The singers will be gathering at St Mary's Church lychgate on Monday December 23 to start their tour of the village. Anyone is welcome to join the throng at any point. As always, the 'choir' will finish with singing to the diners at the Trout Inn before their own well-earned supper supplied by Keith Robinson and Marie.

Christmas wishes from Ian

As this is the last newsletter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all a Happy Christmas.

We have as a parish acquired or will acquire assets large and small during the year.

As most of you will know, we are in the process of taking possession of a parcel of land in Skerne, donated by Warrendale Farms. In time, this will become an area that all

will be able to use to sit, relax, play but most of all enjoy as a lasting legacy to Skerne.

On a smaller scale we have in Wansford acquired the iconic K6 red telephone kiosk.

Terry Jarvis has spent many hours refurbishing the kiosk, and will turn it into an information hub for the village. My thanks go out to Terry as we all look forward to the repurposing of this small and

unique building.

To all those who tirelessly tend to the needs of the parish and who may not get the thanks that they deserve, I thank you all.

Enjoy Christmas with family and friends, and let's move into 2020 making this parish a great place in which to live and visit.

Ian Lamble
Skerne and Wansford
Parish Council chairman

Skerne Church services

A Christingle service will be held at St Leonard's Church at 4pm on Sunday December 15 - any children wishing to take part should speak to Catherine Bristow.

Christmas carols in the church at 3pm on Christmas Eve will be accompanied by refreshments. All are welcome to attend both services.

Quiz night at the Trout

A quiz in aid of St Leonard's Church, Skerne, will take place at the Trout Inn by kind permission of Keith and Marie on January 16 at 7pm.

Teams of four are £20, which includes supper. To reserve a place for your team please speak to Margaret Brennand, tel 252157 or e-mail margaretbrennand@btinternet.com



Michael and Martyn John's sets were two of the many treats in store at a Skerne Church fundraiser. The others were the delectable puddings!

Please support the village green survey

The Skerne Village Green working committee is compiling a digital survey to gauge the villagers' exact thoughts on what they wish to see in that space on the corner of Church Lane and Main Street.

Please look out for this and complete it, including any children in your family, as this will be used to support any grants and funds applied for in the future.

Edie leads the way at shoebox service

Children were at the heart of the 13th annual Wansford shoebox service with Edie taking the first shoebox forward.

Altogether 65 boxes were presented for the Real Aid appeal to brighten the Christmas of children in Romania, and £31 was collected in donations.

Ivan Pick welcomed those present to the service which included songs, poetry and prayers, and Jackie Dobson received the boxes.

Children taking part



alongside Edie were Suki and Skyla and Sophie.



Edie, above, and left, Suki and Skyla.

After the service refreshments were served by the children.

Car parking problems

Residents of both villages have logged complaints to the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council regarding inconsiderate parking and parking on footpaths by a minority of their fellow residents.

However, the council is not an highways authority and is powerless to act.

But, the November meeting of the parish council was attended by the parish PCSO who pointed out that, while there are no parking restrictions in either Skerne or

Wansford, the Highway Code still applies. The Highway Code states categorically that you **must not park**:

- * opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- * on a bend
- * partially or wholly on the pavement unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.

Casual vacancy on the council

There is a casual vacancy on the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council which will be filled by co-option at the next meeting which takes place in Wansford Village Hall Tuesday, on January 14 at 7.30pm.

Should anyone be interested in the position, for which there is currently one candidate, please contact the clerk, by email on Sandwpcclerk@yahoo.co.uk

Terry's Christmas cracker

Terry Jarvis's annual festive concert will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday December 19 in Wansford Village Hall. As usual there will be a programme of Christmas songs, readings and special requests and all are welcome attend.

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