

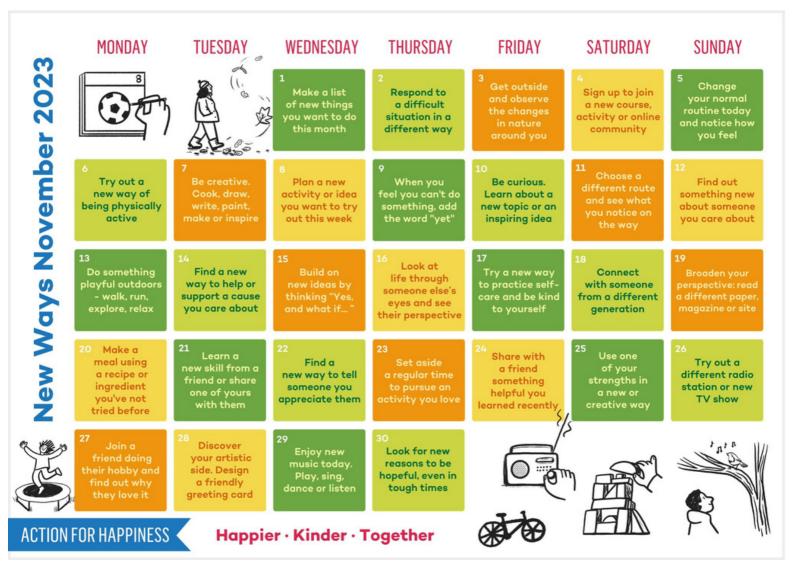
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## The Supporter Newsletter



### 03 November 2023





# A message

Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, we have brought The Supporter to you weekly. As we are a co-produced service and are constantly adapting to our local need and want, earlier this year we asked you to vote on whether you still wished to receive the newsletter weekly. The votes came through and, with 44% of the votes, the decision has been made to move the newsletter to monthly. But don't worry, for the 28% of you who voted to keep the newsletter weekly (the second highest voted option), we will still be sending out regular updates from the College in addition to the newsletter, such as our Post-It Note style list of upcoming courses, and a story or similar from the College team, students or volunteers.

From this November edition, The Supporter will now come out on the first Friday of every month. If you wish to have anything placed in the newsletter, you'll need to make sure it's with us by the Monday before this (at the latest!). The monthly edition will be a little longer than our previous standard of eight pages, and will still include information about the College and its courses, updates from partners, a "what's on" guide for the local area and some activities. We're also going to be having a theme for each month (with next month being the obvious one of Christmas, including topics around coping with Christmas, financial support, loneliness and isolation, as well as things to do). If you'd like to see anything specific in your next newsletter, please let us know.

As we do with everything, we will be reviewing the monthly newsletters regularly so would love for you to give us your feedback on how you think it's going. Please get in touch with the team through any of the communication methods on the front page of the newsletter.

I'd like to take this time to thank everyone who voted and to thank all of you out there who continue to support us at the College and in turn, those who we support.

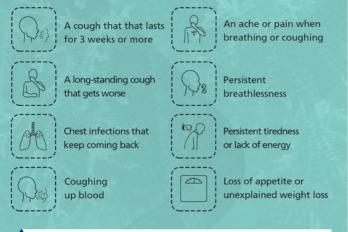
Lindsey, College Principal

Wakefield Recovery and Wellbeing College Home of the Discovery College



What are the signs and symptoms of lung cancer?





See a GP if you're experiencing any of these symptoms





Holding ice in Your hands

Using a pillow to vent your frustration



Listening to music you like or watching a film. Scribbling on a piece of paper

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here for you 24/7



Decluttering or tidying up

Struggling with thoughts of suicide? Call HOPELINE247 for free, confidential support.

PAPYRUS

Going for a

walk outside.

HOPELINE247 0800 068 41 41



OUTWOOD ACADEMY Family & Cammunity Support Hub Park Hill



Park Hill Community Hub are pleased to offer a FREE 6 WEEKS baby massage group. This group is a time to bond with your baby and meet other parents.

Sessions will take place at Outwood Academy Park Hill and start from 16th November, 2:00PM

This group is suitable for babies aged from 8 weeks to pre crawling. Siblings will not be able to attend these sessions.

#### To book your place, please contact the school admin office - 01924 303655







#### **Care to Talk** is a peer-to-peer support group for adults to interact with others who are experiencing

Contact Joanne on 07835 108239

poor mental health symptoms

Pontefract (Every Friday) @ 11:30am to 1:30pm St. Mary's Community Centre, The Circle, Chequerfield, Pontefract WF8 2AY

#### Hemsworth (Every other Wednesday starting October 18th) @ 5pm to 6:30pm Hemsworth Community Centre, Bullenshaw Road, Hemsworth WF9 4NE

# WAKEFIELD LIBRARIES WARM SPACES IS BACK!

- WE ARE PROVIDING HOT BEVERAGES FOR FREE!
- TEA & COFFEE... PLUS MILK & SUGAR!
- EXPECTED TO LAST UNTIL APRIL 2024



# CARE TO TALK

Care to Talk is about creating a safe and welcoming environment where people can participate in activities and engage with others. We don't sit in a circle or expect you to talk about your mental health (you can if you want) but do what makes you comfortable. We offer one-to-one support as well, if that's needed. We have trips away, visit local cafes and have regular speakers alongside our mini-workshops (everything from arts and crafts to mindfulness).



I would recommend Care to Talk to anyone as it's a great support group and makes the members feel wanted

Through this group, I managed to get part-time employment and keep it for two years. I have learnt coping strategies and really enjoy coming to the group

#### What people say about us

It helped me to forget all my stresses in my life by the amount of distraction and laughter there is there

It's not the sort of group where you have to sit in a circle and talk about your life, but rather you can sit and do relaxing activities whilst just conversing with members about anything you wish

I would definitely recommend this group to new starters. Joanne is very caring and understanding and always asks each one of us if we are okay



#### PAPYRUS Suicide Prevention Training Light Organ - Wakefield Residents Free Admission



HOPELINE247 0800 068 4141 07860 039 967 pat@papyrus-uk.org

Tuesday 16 January 9.30am – 1pm via Zoom (limited in person places: Featherstone Room, Wakefield One) SP-EAK (3.5 hours)

Suicide Prevention – Explore, Ask, Keep-Safe: An introduction to Suicide Prevention skills.

This covers the attitudes, myths and stigma surrounding suicide and explores the signs that may indicate someone is having thoughts of suicide. We will look at how to have open, safe and sensitive conversations about suicide with a person having thoughts of suicide and how we can support them through the use of a safety plan.

I need 35 participants in total to qualify for a funded session (free to you). Currently I have 9+ free places, available to anyone living/working/studying in West Yorkshire. Can you help to fill a place? Please contact Tracy Leach: <u>tleach@wakefield.gov.uk</u>



Fri 17 – Sun 19 Nov 2023 Chapel

To celebrate the Light Up Wakefield weekend, hundreds of free YSP entry tickets are available for residents of Wakefield Council districts between 17-19 November (inclusive). Proof of Wakefield address will need to be shown on entry. Book your entry tickets online or contact us for more information.

General admission tickets for non-Wakefield residents can be purchased online. https://ysp.org.uk/whats-on/events/light-organ-wakefield-residents-free-admission#datesand-times

Light Organ is the collaborative invention of local artists Akeelah Bertram, Adam Glatherine and creative technologist Simon Fletcher. Visit the beautiful Chapel to experience this joyful and interactive artwork that brings sound to life with mesmerising colours and patterns of light. Sing, talk and clap into the microphones to activate a series of 40 large pipes that will transform the noises you make into a sculptural display of colourful, glowing lights. Try different sounds, volumes and movements to create your own light and sound experience and light up those dark winter days.

wing for you

# SEND COFFEE MORNING WITH THE PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD TEAM

Open to parents and young people to come along and join us for an informal chat and the opportunity to share your personal experiences, concerns or struggles with all things SEND and PfA related, including:

- ·Health
- Employment
- ·Relationships and Community Inclusion
- Independent living

Monday 13th Nov 2023 Wakefield Trinity Rugby Ground 10am-12pm

With: Sammi Zafir: Supported Employment & Preparing for Adulthood Coordinator Annette Patrick: Post 16 Officer Tiarnan Farmer: Post 16 Officer For Further Information please contact SENDPFA@wakefield.gov.uk



# Celebrate Safely: Follow The Firework Code



- Plan your firework display; making it safe and enjoyable, and make sure it finishes before 11 pm.
- Only buy fireworks that are CE-marked. Keep them, in a closed box, and use one at a time.
- Always read and follow the instructions on each firework. (Use a torch if you need to).
- Keep an arms-length distance with a taper and stand well back when lighting fireworks.
- Keep naked flames like cigarettes, away from fireworks.
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Do not put fireworks in your pocket, and never throw them.
- Fire any 'rocket' type fireworks well away from spectators.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Make sure that any bonfires are out and the surroundings are made safe before leaving it unattended.

westyorksfire.gov.uk/bonfire-night-safety

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL 2023

We are delighted to announce we are embarking on our Family Christmas Hamper Appeal again this year.

We are as usual teamed up with the wonderful people at Wakefield Chantry Rotary Club, Wakefield Express and of



course the Children First Hubs to bring light into the darkness this year. The Hubs, now working closely with teams from Social Care in our communities are in close contact with our families and support them in every way that they can, and this effort is a key part of that during the festive season. We are glad to be able to do this, but it is as always only possible with your help and generosity.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

There are several ways you or your organisation can help the Appeal:

- Make finished Hampers (preferred option this year)
- · Donate the contents (as the list below)
- Simply make a financial donation

The DEADLINE for food or completed hampers to Market Street is **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**. Please contact Kevin on <u>capoffice@btinternet.com</u> or 01924 381119 for more details and to let us know what you're able to do. **Advance notice of your intentions will be especially helpful, thank you.** 

# WE ARE SO APPRECIATIVE OF ALL THE FABULOUS SUPPORT WE RECEIVE, SO THANKS TO YOU ALL!

### Basic Hamper Contents:

Tea or coffee Sugar Long life milk Breakfast cereal Tinned potatoes or Smash Tinned vegetables Stuffing Tinned ham or corned beef Tinned fruit Evaporated milk Fruit juice or dilute juice Chocolate biscuits Chocolate or sweets

### Suggested Extras:

Tinned ham/corned beef Meat paste Pasta / Rice Pot noodles / Cup-a-soup Pasta in sauce Gravy <u>mix</u> Jam or marmalade Angel Delight Children's sweets Christmas chocolates

Additional Christmas novelties welcome!

### (Please NO fresh food or alcohol)



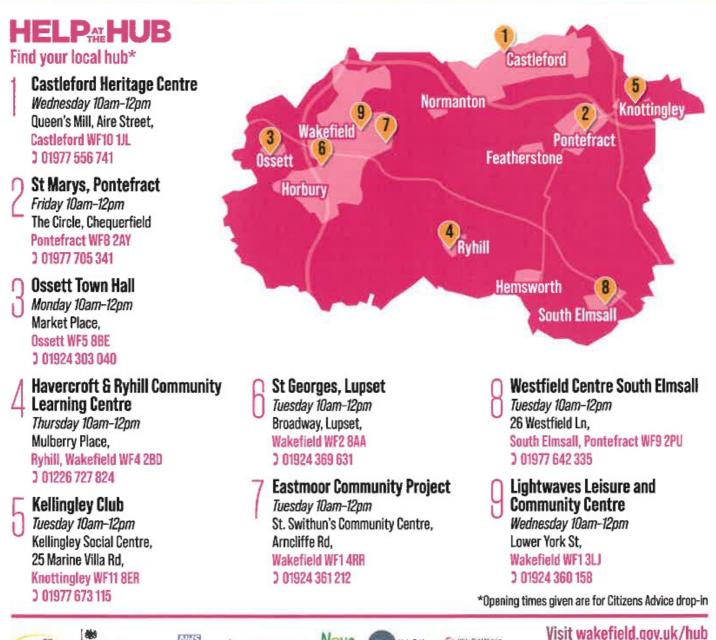
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## Our door is open... Organisations in your local area are here to help you.

Help at the Hub has been created to help people deal with the impact of coronavirus.

Your local community hub can provide help with **money**, **debt problems** (including bills, rent, or mortgage payments), **mental health** and **wellbeing services**, and more.



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for further information



#### Can you help us "be the best we can be" We would like to invite you to join our NHS Equality Event

You are invited to join our stakeholder panel to review evidence that we will share from NHS services for submission and grading for the annual Equality Delivery System. This year we will be focussing on maternity services.

This event will be hosted by local NHS organisations

- West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
- Calderdale and Huddersfield Foundation Trust
- Mid-Yorkshire Teaching Hospitals Trust
- Yorkshire Ambulance Service
- Locala

We are taking a hybrid approach by hosting this event both online and at White Rose House, Wakefield, WF1 1LT.

We want to make sure that that our services meet the needs of all our local communities. At our event, we want to tell you what we have done to support our patients and the public and get your feedback and views on local health services in relation to maternity services. We would like you to grade us on our approaches, this will help make sure our services are more accessible and meet the needs of local groups and our communities.

If you would like more information or would like to talk to someone about the event, please email wyicb-cal.equalityckw@nhs.net

If you would like to attend either in person or online, please complete the attached and send it to Sophia.Rafiq1@nhs.net before Tuesday 21 November 2023.

Once you have emailed us, we will send you a confirmation email with a Microsoft Teams invite or the venue details depending on how you have chosen to participate in the events.

Please complete the form below and return to Sophia.Rafiq1@nhs.net before Tuesday 21 November 2023.

Name:

Email address:

Group/s you represent:

I would prefer to attend: In person/online (please delete as appropriate)

Any additional support required:

Lunch will be provided, please let us know if you have any dietary requirements:

If you need help to understand how to use Microsoft Teams, please let us know and we will help you ahead of the event. You can download Teams as an app on your phone, tablet or just click the emailed confirmation invite that will be sent once you let us know you would like to attend.

### NHS

# Poorly child?

If your child is unwell and you need advice when your GP surgery is closed, talk to GP Care Wakefield.

Why wait or walk when you can call up and talk to local GPs and nurses on evenings and weekends? Our team is here to reassure you and offer your child a same-day appointment if they need one.



Call your GP surgery number as usual. When your practice is closed, your call goes straight through to GP Care Wakefield.

A clinical advisor will answer your call, assess what help or treatment your child needs and arrange a same-day appointment if they need one.

If we think your child could benefit from extra support to manage their symptoms, your child may be referred to the GP Care Children's Observation Hub for the rest of the day.

#### GP Care is open:

Monday to Friday: 5pm to 9.30pm Saturday: 9am to 5pm Sunday: 9am to 1pm Bank holiday: 9am to 3pm

\* Wakefield-registered patients only. \*\*Grown-ups can use GP Care Wakefield too!

#### (i) GP Care Children's Observation Hub

Staffed by local GPs and nurses, this virtual hub helps parents and carers to monitor and manage their child's symptoms safely at home by phone, video and face-toface when needed.

If your child is eligible for extra care from the children's observation hub this winter, your GP or nurse will give you further information at your appointment.

This includes a direct telephone number to contact the hub team for advice, reassurance and further care if you have any more concerns about your child, saving unnecessary hospital trips and worries.

#### i Local children's health advice you can trust

Nobody knows your child as well as you do. For advice on hundreds of health conditions, together with videos and tips to help you take care of your child's health 24/7, visit West Yorkshire Healthier Together online.







GP Care Wakefield and the GP Ca Children's Observation Hub is run by Conexus Healthcare CIC, a GP-led, not-for-profit group made up of all GP practices in Wakefield.

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## **Understanding your child:** from toddler to teenager

#### Free online course for all parents, carers, and grandparents.

- Reading your child's behaviour and understanding their feelings
- Effective communication techniques
- Reflecting on your relationship and how to nurture your child's emotional health
- · A transformative journey that can strengthen your bond with your child at every age

Designed by clinical psychologists in partnership with practitioners and parents



#### **Residents of WAKEFIELD**







# **Accepting change**

Change is a necessary and inevitable part of our daily lives. How we view and respond to these changes has a direct link to our emotional resilience. The way we deal with each change we face will be different, dependent on size, frequency and impact with lots of factors, including our health and wellbeing influencing how we approach it.

Join us on this short course as we explore change, how we respond to it, the reasons why we can resist it and what makes change easier and more positive.

Online

18+

### 23rd of November 2023- 10.00am-12.00pm





Contact the college to enrol www.wakefieldrecoverycollege.nhs.uk wakefieldrecoverycollege@swyt.nhs.uk 01924 316946

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South West Yorkshire Partnership

# **Understanding hearing voices**

This introductory workshop could be for you if you are interested in developing an awareness of what the experience of hearing voices may mean to you or someone you care about.

We will be talking about:-

- How common hearing voices is
- Different ways of understanding hearing voices
- Some useful ways that people have found to help with hearing voices

### 23rd of November 2023- 1.00pm-3.00pm

Prosper House, 59 Upper Warrengate, Wakefield, WF1 4JZ

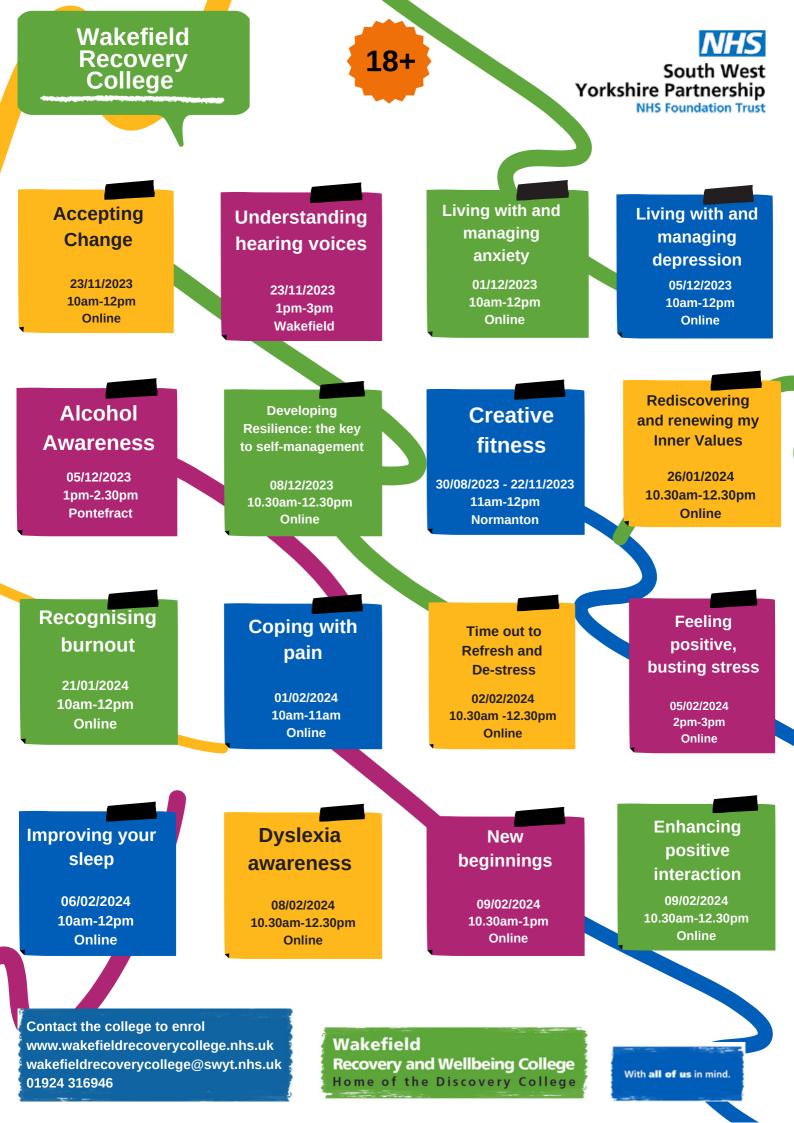
> Face to face 18+



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With **all of us** in mind.

NOVEMBER

Dark nights fall quickly Ushering in November The first snap of winter grabs and chills our fingers In the morning Autumn leaves still show their display Reds and gold's brilliant A sudden gust of wind blows them down To ripple over our feet The children chase them down the street Or amuse them by kicking a carefully placed heap.

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As evening draws to a close The final fingers of light Point across the sky In shafts of glorious red The sun remains hidden behind the clouds But reflects on an early full moon With a glorious halo of light

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November is a time for reflection And remembrance Let us not repeat the errors of the past But seek peace in these troubled times.

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#### **BONFIRE NIGHT RAP**

Rap up warm Mind that storm Fetch that guy Dump on high **Bonfire not lit Time to quit** Far too wet That's a bet At last a flame **Back in game** Give it a poke **Clouds of smoke** Flames sky high Soon recompense **Neighbour's fence Sparks now fly Fireworks dry** Now a blaze **Upward gaze** 

Many bangs Upward sang Oohs and aahs Disappears afar Rockets bright Into the night

Catherine wheels Spin and reel Sparks glower Sparklers shower Fireworks bright Colours light

Soon to end No rockets send Happy faces Cheerful spaces Spuds in embers Everyone remembers It's the fifth of November.

