## Dear Councillors

A small group of us have recently been discussing Yorkshire Days past and present, and would like to submit the following suggestions and offers of support for future occasions, for Councillors' consideration. These are made in the spirit of wishing to make Yorkshire Day as inclusive, well supported and successful as possible.

- 1) Offer of support: We would like to offer our services to assist with future Yorkshire Days, and other village events. With regard to Yorkshire Day, specifically an offer to assist with the Betty Clarke tea which we felt would benefit greatly from extra 'hands on' help on the day and additional organization beforehand to co-ordinate who might contribute what.
- 2) A suggestion regarding the date: We would like to submit a suggestion for Councillors` consideration that the Yorkshire Day date is agreed, put out and circulated as a `save the date` as early in the year as possible; giving people the chance to put this in their diaries and potentially avoid being away on holiday. This may also be an opportune time for the Parish Council to ask residents for any ideas and additions to the forthcoming Day's events. The programme of events which goes out a month or two beforehand would then act as a reminder, rather than first notice.
- 3) An offer of support regarding Community involvement: We would like to offer our services to personally visit residents after the programme of events has gone out, to ask who is able to contribute to the village tea etc; and to attempt to raise enthusiasm for the various events of the day. This would pro-actively involve as many people as possible.
- 4) Other ideas for Councillors' consideration are: Asking for monetary donations to the village tea, from people who are `passing through` the village and are not involved in the Day's activities in any other way. These donations could go to the Church and Village Hall.

Inviting the oldest resident of the village to be involved in the Day by for example, inviting them to judge the fancy dress.

We would also like to suggest that an event may be held annually; whether this is Yorkshire Day or an event which alternates with Yorkshire Day. And that a welcome letter is sent out to people moving into the the Parish, which would be an opportunity to introduce this as a `not to miss` event.

Yours sincerely

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