

Winchelsea Beach Community Association

Registered Charity No. 278165

Newsletter February 2015

**Hello Winchelsea Beach Residents
Welcome to your annual Newsletter**

A bit of History

On 6th March 1979 a local resident called a meeting to raise money to build the Community Hall on land sold to Trustees for £150 in July 1970. After a grant and much fundraising £10,000 was raised - the groundwork was done for free by a local resident and a builder was employed for the erection of the Hall with lots of help from volunteers. Extensions were added to the Hall in 1982 and 1984. For two years the Community Association ran alongside the Winchelsea Beach Residents Assoc. At a special meeting in November 1981 the Residents Assoc disbanded, transferring its property, assets and liabilities to the Community Assoc. There you go folks that is how it all began - interested or not!!!!

A lot has been done over the years but there is still loads to do. The Hall needs decorating - kitchen needs new worktops and flooring - is there a resident out there with time to spare who would be happy to do any of these jobs. If so ring **01797 224820** or **01797 226614**. We are also looking to change the heaters which have been in the Hall since the beginning. The Hall is there for you all and without your support it would not survive.

The Committee have worked hard this year we had a successful Christmas with Children's Party Disco, Carol Concert and Over 60's Dinner. The Over 60's Dinner is free to all residents who have paid their subscription by the 1st April - a form is attached for £1 per person please give to Judy at the Post Office. This also enables you to vote at the Annual General Meeting which is on **Wednesday 1st April 2015 at 7.30pm**. You can also pay your subscription at this event.

In February last year we planted a flowering cherry tree by the notice board at the front of the Hall and now have a plaque beside it commemorating the centenary of the Great War 1914-1918.

Bingo goes from strength to strength and donated £2,000 to Demelza Childrens Hospice from their raffles.

We had five **Table Sales** this year all made money but for this year 2015 we need Tombola prizes and cakes on the day. The Tables are only £6.

Dances are going well and we raised over £1000 which was shared between ourselves and St Michael's Hospice.

Wednesday Arts and Crafts group have got off to a good start and welcome new members - just turn up on the day.

First Responders - there are villages around us that do have these volunteers but there are none in Winchelsea Beach - these volunteers are able to get to you maybe quicker than the ambulance or paramedic because they are nearby. Please refer to www.rothercfr.co.uk for more information and let us know if you are interested.

Sewage Meeting - well!!!! what makes the people of Winchelsea Beach turn out? There were over 90 people at the meeting in the village Hall on Sat 31st January which was chaired by Amber Rudd MP she did a brilliant job and we look to see what happens in the future.

Our functions are advertised on the board at the front of the Hall and our website is www.winchelseabeach.net Thank you Elizabeth for updating this for us.

Dates & Events for your diaries:

Table Sales 2015

Easter Sat 4^h April 11 am
Sat 2nd May 11 am
Sat 23rd May 11 am
Sat 1st August 11 am
Sat 29th August 11 am

Over 60s Christmas Meal

To be arranged

Free to paid subscription members who pay before 1st April 2015.

Carol Concert

Monday 14th December 7 for 7.30 pm

Children's Christmas Party

To be arranged

Dances

Saturday 14th February

Saturday 18th July

Saturday 25th October

All tickets £10 incl. Fish & chip supper

No tickets sold on the door, ring 01797 224 820

Regular events in the hall:

MONDAY

Pilates 6 – 7 pm

Ring Celia 01797 227 858

TUESDAY

Short mat bowls 2 - 4pm

Ring Chris Waters 01797 222 379

£3 per person

C.M.A Marshall Arts 5.30 pm

Ring 01323 638 943

WEDNESDAY

Arts & Crafts for Fun 1.30 - 3.30 pm

£3each

Contact Maureen or Stuart

01424 813 928

Yoga class starting Wed 25th March

11.30 to 1 pm .

£10 per session relaxation and repairing muscles.

Ring Laura 01797 227564

Bingo fortnightly at 7.15 pm

See board outside Hall for details

THURSDAY

Table Tennis for Adults 7.30 - 9.30 pm

FRIDAY

Pilates 9.30 - 10.30 am

Ring Celia 01797 227 858

Fellowship lunch is on the last Friday of the month.

For Hall bookings ring Chris Waters on 01797 222 379