

Winchelsea Beach Community Association

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NEWSLETTER

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Winchelsea Beach Community Hall

Chairs

We now have a complete set of new colour coordinated chairs which brighten up the hall. We first replaced our reserve set which beginning to fall apart, and then because everyone liked them and they were comfortable and easier to move we decided to replace our "best" set, which were getting a bit tired in any case.

This still leaves the kitchen as our next big job to do - we're working on it, so watch this space.

Public Address

A public address system has now been installed. This is the first step in getting a hearing loop system to help those who have to rely on hearing aids. We hope that this will materialise in the coming year.

Open Gardens

Run by and for St. Michael's Hospice, this took place at the beginning of June. We had spruced up the hall, which was the operations centre for the day, with some hanging baskets, and we were lucky to have good weather. Eleven of our residents' gardens, whose owners must have worked extremely hard to get them ready, were on display to the large numbers of visitors. A total of £3600 was raised. A big thank you to all who took part.

Defibrillator

Some of you may have noticed a new box which appeared in March on the front of the hall next to the door. This is a defibrillator provided by the parish council for use on heart attack victims. It gives voice instructions and is automatic. It instructs the user on what to do, and once applied to a casualty it monitors the heart rhythms, restarting the heart if needed or telling the user what else to do. Fortunately for one lucky person it was there when they collapsed at the Winchelsea Sands club one evening. One of their employees had noticed it previously, and it was used successfully. Remember where it is - it might just be needed some day.

Maintenance

The garage has been tidied up and the door repaired so that we can at last open and close it single handed, and there is now some space inside.

The cedar cladding on the hall needs regular maintenance every few years: this year it was treated with the special oil - it took nearly 40 litres!

As we mentioned last time, Bob has retired from maintaining the grounds, and this has now been taken over by Dan Bransby.

Flooding

This problem has been with us for years now, and sewer overflows are still a problem for some residents along Sea Road and particularly in the roads round Victoria Way. There was a public meeting at the hall chaired by local MP Amber Rudd on Nov 4th at which Southern Water listed the work they had done. Amber reminded them that she was still on the case and would follow things up. Subsequent events have shown that there is still some way to go before things are put right, although it has to be said that tankering now starts as soon as needed.

It is important that anyone who is affected by these problems reports it at the time, using the contact number 0330 303 0368, so that we can keep up the pressure on Southern Water. It can be a pain to have to call up every time your manhole overflows or you can't flush the loo properly, but the more reports that SW get keeps them on their toes. All the reports from SW are published on our website.

One of the actions resulting from the flooding meeting in 2016 was to clear the ditch which runs between our field and the Winchelsea Sands site. We are responsible for the half on our side, but thanks to an agreement with Winchelsea Sands we paid only a proportion of the bill. Fortunately for us the Internal Drainage Board have now adopted the ditch, which relieves us of a potentially expensive maintenance burden.



Planning & Facilities

Works on the site of Kennell Cottage have commenced, this building work imposes the biggest change we have seen to the Beach front for many years, some will welcome this change but others may not!

Please note that we keep you informed on the website of any planning notices in our area, if you are unhappy with a development you are free to pass your comments onto the council.

The toilet block is as we understand it still under threat of closure, this will not only affect the many visitors that come to the beach but may impact on all of us when we want to spend family days on the beach but have no facilities to use, please keep an eye on the website for news on this and please lend your support if you feel that these conveniences should be saved from re-development.

Craft Fayres

At Christmas we re- introduced a Craft Fayre to the Beach,

This was a great success with just under 250 visitors. The aim of this Fayre was to offer a wide variety of handmade/crafted items for you all to see and purchase if liked.

Please note that we will still be running table sales with the Tombola and cake sales that you all so enjoy but as these are not specifically for craftsmen they will be run separately from the Craft Fayres.

The Community Hall is meant for the good of all of the residents in WB, if you have any suggestions of things that you would like to see/do please contact us via the website.

AGM & Subscriptions

The AGM is on Wednesday 23rd March at 7:30pm. We would love to see as many people there as possible. Subscriptions are now due and are £1.00 per person or £3.00 per Family. Either pay Judy at the Post Office or at the AGM. **If you wish to be eligible for the Christmas Meal, your Subscription needs to be paid by the AGM Latest!!!!!!**

Christmas Meal

50 Residents enjoyed the Community Dinner - all cooked and organised by committee and helpers - **do make sure you pay your membership fee before or at the Annual General Meeting in March – THIS YEARS EVENT WILL BE TICKET ONLY!!! AVAILABLE FROM JILL BRUCE OR JUDY AT THE POST OFFICE ~ NO TICKET ~ NO MEAL!!**

Carol Concert

We had a happy evening at the beginning of December with Rye Methodist Choir - this was their 35th visit to our village hall (not all the same members!!!) carols were sung -tea, coffee, mince pies and Christmas cake were enjoyed by all present, sadly few residents attended - a good evening pop in your diary for 3rd December 2018.

Dances

Always a popular event, our next dance is on **Sat 3rd March** 7:30 'til 10:30. £10 ticket includes a Fish & Chip supper - bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets available from Hugh at Suttons shop in Sea Road or Jill on 01797 224820.

Table Sales

Sat 31st March

Sat 26th May Bank Holiday

Sat 25th August Bank Holiday

Regular events in the Hall

Tuesday

Baby Sensory 9.30am - 2pm Ring Becky 07968776195
CMA Martial Arts 5:30pm - 8pm Ring Anne 07902529205

Wednesday

Short Mat Bowls 2pm – 4pm Ring Chris Waters 01797 222379 £3.00 per person

Thursday

Pilates 6pm – 7pm Ring Celia 01797 227858 £5.00 per person

Table Tennis for Adults 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Friday

Pilates 9:30am – 10:30am Ring Celia 01797 227858 £5.00 per person

Fellowship Lunch

Fellowship Lunch - a social occasion with a speaker, run by Church members, usually on the last Friday of every month, 12 for 12:30.

No charge, but a donation (for charity) of £5 is suggested. All are welcome, but booking is essential as numbers are limited. Contact Joyce Davidson 01797 227168

For Hall Booking ring Jacky on 01797 229163

Operation Crackdown

If you are concerned about speeding traffic through Winchelsea Beach. You are asked to report any anti-social drivers on **www.operationcrackdown.org** Only if Operation Crackdown receives lots of reports are we likely to ever get anything done.

Website

The website has changed slightly since it was first created, we now have an Events Calendar which makes it easier to see what is going on at the hall. **www.winchelseabeachcommunityassociation.co.uk**