

Winchelsea Beach Community Association

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Winchelsea Beach Community Hall

Another year has gone by almost without anyone noticing. Where does the time go? Last time we said that the kitchen would be finished early in the New Year, and so it was. Thanks are due to all our committee members and helpers who gave up their time and energy for the project. The official opening of the kitchen was held on Saturday 18th May, and two of our Custodial Trustees, Mrs Jenny Stapley and Mr Terry Myers, carried out the opening ceremony. They recounted how the hall came into existence over 40 years ago, and it is thanks to the hard work of all the band of residents who pitched in at that time that we have the hall today. Your present day committee continues to maintain and improve the hall for the benefit of all Winchelsea Beach residents. Everyone who has used the new kitchen is pleased with the facilities.

As we said last time the next project is to extend and refurbish the toilet facilities so that we can incorporate a toilet with fully disabled access. We will shortly have an outline plan, and then we will have to go through the process of applying for planning permission from Rother District Council - as many will know this may not be straightforward - before any real progress can be made.

During the year we were sad to learn that Mrs Sue Chetwood, one of our Custodial Trustees, had to resign because of ill health. We owe her a debt of gratitude for the work she did for the Association over many years.

We received a grant last year from the Parish Council to install a hearing loop. This enables those with suitable hearing aids to hear clearly any PA announcements etc.. This is now installed and is available to hirers by arrangement.

The "Coop Boat"

Mrs Debbie Ireland, who works at the Coop, had the idea of putting a boat planted with flowers and shrubs on the verge outside the store to stop vehicles parking there and turning it into a wasteland. With a grant from the Coop's community fund and a contribution from us she has worked a transformation and there is now an asset for the community. A big thank you to Debbie.

Flooding

This continues to be a problem, with the only solution so far being tankering. This causes disruption and considerable inconvenience to some of our residents, not to mention the damage to the road from the heavy tankers. Our previous MP, Amber Rudd, made some progress with Southern Water on our behalf, and we will be writing to her replacement, Sally Ann Hart, to take up this matter again.

Road Safety

We obtained some road safety posters from the Parish Council to attempt to curb the speed of a minority of drivers driving through the village. We put up a number, but some have disappeared, probably due to the high winds over the last few months.

Festive Events

We held our **Residents Christmas Meal** on Friday 13 December. Over 50 residents had a great time. Thanks to the committee members who cooked and served the food and wine, Dave Radford and the Rye Ukulele Experiment who entertained us all with well known oldies, and Jill Bruce for running the raffle, which raised over £100.

All members of WBCA are welcome at the meal. This year's event is in **December 2020**. Places are limited and it's a WBCA members only event. You **MUST** be a resident of Winchelsea Beach to be a member of WBCA (remember to pay your £1 subs before or at the AGM in April). **Subscriptions are due from 1 January 2020**. Tickets will only available from Judy at the Post Office. Ticket only - **NO TICKET, NO MEAL**.

Following the success of **Carols around the Christmas Tree** last year, we held it again on Tuesday 17th December and we had over 35 people of all ages at this free event. Thanks to Dave Radford for accompanying on his keyboard and Graham and Ian for running the kitchen, serving free mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies. Look out for the posters for the next time just before Christmas..

WBCA Posh Tea & Jazz afternoon Sunday 12 January 2020

We kicked off 2020 with over 70 people enjoying our Posh Tea & Jazz afternoon. Fantastic volunteers provided a variety of sandwiches and delicious cakes accompanied by tea elegantly served in lovely tea pots with vintage cups and saucers. Everyone had fun listening to the jazz band and the afternoon brightened up a gloomy January day. We're organising another jazz and tea afternoon to celebrate VE day on Friday 8 May 2020, and a disco for all those young at heart on Saturday 9 May 2020, so book your tickets now with Jill on 01797 224820 or Carol on 01797 226583. Book early to avoid disappointment.

AGM & Subscriptions

Our **AGM** is on **Wednesday 1 April 2020 at 7.30 pm at the Community Hall**. All residents welcome.

Subscriptions for WBCA membership are due now. Please pay your subscription of just £1.00 per person or £3.00 for a family, which entitles you to attend the Residents Christmas Meal and book the hall for the lower fee of £6.00 per hour.

We've attached a membership form, just fill it in and drop it into Judy at the Post Office with your money, or you can pay at the AGM.

Dances

We held 4 of our popular **Dances** last year raising over £850 for St Michael's Hospice. **Our next dance on Saturday 29th February 2020** starts at 7.30pm to 10.30pm, dancing to Something Else. The £10 ticket includes a fish & chip supper, bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets from Hugh at Suttons or Jill on 01797 224820.

More dance dates, further details to follow:
Saturday 20th June, Saturday 1st August, Saturday 3rd October

Table Sales

All start at 11am

Saturday 11th April, Saturday 23rd May,
Saturday 27th June Saturday 29th August

Craft Fayres

From 11am to 4pm

Sunday 15th March
Sunday 29th November

VE DAY EVENTS

Friday 8th May - Concert with Creole Jazz and Afternoon Tea - 2pm to 5pm. Our last Afternoon Tea with Jazz was a hit - don't miss this one

Saturday 9th May - Disco with fish and chip supper. Some of the music you may remember - if you 're old enough!

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Regular Events in the hall

Tuesday

Baby Sensory 9.30am—2pm Ring Becky Vidler
07968776195

Thursday

Pilates 6 - 7pm Ring Celia 01797 227858
Table Tennis for Adults 7.30 - 9.30pm. Ring Pat
Andrews 01797 226531

Friday

Pilates 9.30 - 10.30am. Ring Celia 01797 227858

The Fellowship Lunch is a social occasion with a speaker, run by Church members, on the last Friday of every month 12.00 for 12.30. All are welcome but booking is essential as numbers are limited. No charge, but a suggested donation of £5
Contact Mary Parker 01797 229798

Hall bookings ring Jacky 01797 229163 :
WBCA members £6 per hour,
Non-members £7.50 per hour