

Winchelsea Beach Community Association

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NEWSLETTER March 2024

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Greetings to all from the committee. We would like to thank all those who have supported our events and hired the hall, and we wish a warm welcome to people who have recently moved into the village. We have a new programme of events and they are listed later. We welcomed 2 new members to the committee this year. If anyone else is interested in joining the committee or helping in any way please come to the AGM on Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at 7.30 pm in the community hall, or contact Geoff Foot as below. We would like to stress the importance including you email address on the membership application forms so that we can keep you informed of what is happening.

Winchelsea Beach Community Association was granted planning permission to extend the front of the village hall in October 2021 to provide a fully accessible disabled toilet and baby changing facilities. After putting the plans to tender it was found that due to increased costs the project was unaffordable. It has now been decided to have a smaller extension thus reducing the cost. There will still be a fully accessible disabled toilet and baby changing facilities and a wider front door with a ramp. This new front will make the hall look more modern and attractive.

During the year Janet Radford has resigned from the committee. We owe her much thanks for all her hard work over the years and hope she will still support us at our events. The committee have continued to ensure that the hall and grounds are well maintained. New fencing has been put up and trees and bushes pruned and removed where necessary to keep the area safe. The lady's toilet has been redecorated and the notice board tidied up and repainted.

Events

We have organised a number of events during the year:

1. The Coronation Picnic was a free event with a cream tea enjoyed by many residents and children enjoyed the bouncy castle.
2. A Barn dance in September was enjoyed by many people including a number of children,
3. A Halloween dance in November with Grundy was another fun occasion
4. A Craft Fayre in November was successful and well attended
5. The Christmas meal was enjoyed by many WBCA members.
6. The Christmas Carol sing-a-long was a free event also enjoyed by many local people.
7. The Childrens Christmas Party for all local children was very successful.

We have already organised a programme of events for this year which are listed below and there are also the regular hall bookings

Litter

Our thanks go to the few who regularly go round the village picking up litter trying to keep the place tidy. We also must thank the staff at the coop, particularly Judy and Debbie for their help and support to us and the village throughout the year.

Our events this past year have been supported by contributions from local businesses - thanks to Jamie's Butchers at The Ship, Coop Supermarket and the Kino Cinema.

Defibrillators

In addition to the one outside our hall the Parish Council has provided another located on the football pavilion in Harbour Field.

Flooding

The problem of flooding continues and is caused by surface rainwater getting into the sewer system. We have to thank our local Councillors and MP for keeping this item on their agendas.

Public toilets at Dogs Hill Road

These have been closed by Rother District Council as they are deemed to be dangerous. We still do not know what is going to happen about this.

Traffic Calming in Sea Road

We haven't forgotten this. We will publicise any developments.

Future events

AGM	Wednesday 3 rd April 7.30pm
Barn Dance	Saturday 4 th May 7pm with the Catsfield Steamers
Family Fun Day	Saturday 27 th July
Summer Dance	Saturday 3 rd August at 7.30 with fish and chips
Craft Fayre	Sunday 24 th November
Christmas Meal	Friday 13 th December 3.30 for 4 pm for WBCA members only
Christmas Carol sing-a-long	Wednesday 18 th December 6.30pm
Children's Christmas Party	Saturday 28 th December 4.30 – 56.30 pm

More details on all these events will be available nearer to the time. Watch out for posters around the village and on our notice board

AGM & SUBSCRIPTIONS

Our AGM is on Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at 7.30 pm at the Community Hall. All residents are welcome.

Subscriptions for membership of the WBCA are now due.

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 a lower fee of £6.00 per hour.

A membership form is attached, just enter your details and drop it in to Judy at the Post Office with your money or you can pay at the AGM. Please don't forget to include your email address so that we can keep you updated with our latest news. We don't share your details with anyone else and won't bombard you with unnecessary mails.

HALL BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION

Call Geoff on 07802 322315 or email wbcahall@gmail.com

WBCA members £6.00 per hour)

Non-members £7.50 per hour) minimum 2 hours

ST RICHARD'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

This is a social occasion sometimes with a speaker, run by Church Members on the last Friday of each month except for August and December at 12.30 for 1pm. All the food is donated by the cooks. There is no charge for the meal but donations are invited. All proceeds after expenses are given to various charities, usually local ones. Anyone can come but booking essential; so that numbers can be catered for. To book or for more information contact Mary Parker on 07927 107678

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE HALL

Monday

Zumba 3 – 5pm Details wbcahall@gmail.com

Tuesday

Baby Sensory 9.30am Ring Becky Vidler on 07968776195

Indoor bowls 2 – 5 pm Details wbcahall@gmail.com

Yoga 6.30 – 8.30 pm Details wbcahall@gmail.com

Thursday

Pilates 4.30 – 6 pm Ring Celia 01797227858

Friday

Pilates 9,30 am. Ring Celia as above.

Table Tennis 6 – 8 pm Details wbcahall@gmail.com