

Winchelsea Beach Community Association

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Greetings to all, both long established residents and a particularly warm welcome to those who have moved down here over the past year or two. Now we hope that we can see the way forward out of the pandemic, but it looks likely that things will take a long time to return to what we used to consider normal. We are certainly planning to hold our usual programme of events which are listed later on.

Meanwhile we have been active in keeping the hall open and running. Most of our regular events are now up and running, and although there are some recommended actions in place - these are what we have got used to over the past year - it doesn't now really impact most events.

Winchelsea Beach Community Association were granted planning permission to extend the front of the village hall in October 2021. This will enable us to relocate the mens toilet, enlarge the ladies toilet, and add a fully accessible disabled toilet with baby changing facilities. We intend to convert the existing mens toilet into a storage space for our tables and chairs etc., and this will clear the main hall which up to now we have had to use to store the tables and some of the chairs. We are also going to widen the entrance and make the approach a ramp, which will provide easier access for wheelchair users and pushchairs.

The plans are available to view on a notice board within the hall and on Rother District Council's website ref no RR/2021/1723/P

The Management Committee are seeking both national and local funding to help with the cost.

We would welcome any donations that residents feel able to make towards this project and we hope for your continued support of our fund raising events throughout the coming year.

We are sad to record that Sue Chetwood passed away during the year, after being unwell for some time. Sue has contributed much to WBCA, and will be missed..

We have to thank those members of our community who support us and quietly help to keep our village tidy and looking good. Their contribution does not go unnoticed. We also have to thank the staff at the coop, particularly Judy and Debbie for their help and support to us and the village throughout the year. Also thanks to our secretary Lynne for finally getting RDC to put a litter bin next to the village sign.

You can make a difference - if you want to see any particular activity at the hall or would like to volunteer to run an event then please do get in touch.

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. At the time of writing there is a meeting with Southern Water and all the involved parties planned for Friday 4th March starting at approx 11.30 am at the hall. Watch our notice board and website for more information.

Public toilets at Dogs Hill Road

These have been closed by Rother District Council as they are deemed to be dangerous. The estimated replacement bill is around £200k and we can't see any prospect of this happening. We have written to RDC complaining of the nuisance this causes to nearby residents (you can guess why) and what RDC intends to do.

Traffic Calming in Sea Road

This is a perennial problem. We are still working on it and could be looking for volunteers - if you have complained it will be your chance to do something about it.

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating the accession of Queen Elizabeth II to the throne on 6th February 1952

Friday June 3rd 2 pm to 5 pm

Creole Jazz Concert with Afternoon Tea

Prizes for best costume (50's or red white and blue)

Tickets £10 from Jill 07732 723096 or Carol 01797 226583

Saturday June 4th 7.30 pm to 10.30 pm

Dance to the Bellhouse Band

Fish and chip supper included

Tickets £15 from Jill 07732 723096 or Carol 01797 226583

Supported by  Rother District Council

Festive events

We held our **Residents Christmas Meal** on Friday 17th December. Despite the restrictions due to the pandemic which meant that everyone was a bit spaced out (really? - not like that, it was not that kind of event!) we all had a good time thanks to our band of hard working volunteers. Dave Radford and the Rye Ukulele Experiment, who have now gone electric (well, -ish) entertained us all with well known oldies.

This year's event is planned for **December 2022**. 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. All members of WBCA are welcome at the meal, but spaces are limited. (remember to pay your £1 subs before or at the AGM in March). **Subscriptions are due from 1 January 2022**.

Tickets will only available from Judy at the Post Office. Ticket only - **NO TICKET, NO MEAL**.

Coffee Morning and Table Sale

Easter Monday April 18th 10.30 to 12.30

Info: Jacky on 07947 618989

Spring Craft Fayre

From 11 am to 4 pm

Sunday March 20th

Christmas Craft Fayre

From 11am to 4pm

Sunday 20th November

The Fellowship Lunch is a social occasion with a speaker, run by Church members, on the last Friday of every month 12.30 for 1 pm. There is no charge for the meal but donations are invited. Anyone can come but it is essential to book in advance so that the numbers can be catered for.

Please ring Mary Parker on 07927 107678 or 01797 229798 to book your place.

Hall bookings ring Geoff on 07802 322315

WBCA members £6 per hour,

Non-members £7.50 per hour

AGM & Subscriptions

Our **AGM** is on **Wednesday 30th March at 7.30 pm at the Community Hall**. All residents are welcome.

Subscriptions for membership of 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 the lower fee of £6.00 per hour.

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

Regular Events in the hall

Tuesday

Baby Sensory 9.30am Ring Becky Vidler
07968776195

Thursday

Pilates 4.30 pm Ring Celia 01797 227858
6.00 pm

Friday

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