

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. Our usual programme of events is picking up speed and they are listed later on.

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 men's toilet, enlarge the ladies' toilet, and add a fully accessible disabled toilet with baby changing facilities. 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 Committee are seeking both national and local funding to help with the cost, and we have already secured some grants and are chasing more. As is the nature of these projects it is taking longer than we had hoped, but we are pressing on.

During the year Jill Bruce has resigned from the committee. We owe her much thanks for all her hard work over the past many years. We are grateful that she continues to support us at various events. We have welcomed Natalie Eldridge on to the committee and she has already run two children's events.

Thoughtless people continue to drop litter around our village. Our thanks go to the few who regularly go round trying to keep the place tidy. 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.

Our events this past year have been supported by contributions from local businesses - thanks to Jamie's Butchers at The Ship, Winchelsea Beach Cafe, Coop Supermarket, Massage at the Hive, Kino Cinema, The Studio (facials), The Shiny Zone. Thanks to them all.

Defibrillators

In addition to the one outside our hall the Parish Council has provided another located on the football pavilion in Harbour Field. They are designed to be used without special training, although we are looking into arranging a training session to include basic first aid.

Flooding

After many years Southern Water have at last moved the tanker loading point further along Sea Road. This may not have pleased some people but has come as a relief to many others. We all know that the problem is caused by surface rainwater getting into the sewer system, but SW seem to be unable to enforce compliance at one particular site. We do 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 await (still) any inkling of what RDC intends to do in the long term.

Traffic Calming in Sea Road

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

Can you help

If you would like to contribute to your local community then have you considered joining our Management Committee? Or you could just help out on one or two events. Our contact details are below.

CORONATION PICNIC

Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III

Monday May 8th 1.00 pm to 5 pm

Cream teas
Music
Children's entertainments
Ice Cream

Festive events

We held our **Residents Christmas Meal** on Friday 16th December. Numbers were down on last year, but we all had a good time thanks to our band of hard working volunteers. Dave Radford and the Rye Ukulele Experiment entertained us all once again with well known oldies.

This year's event is planned for **Friday 15th December 2023**. 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 2023**.

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

Carols Round The Tree will be on Wednesday 20th December. This was well supported this year and we hope you will come along and enjoy yourselves at this informal social event.

AGM & Subscriptions

Our **AGM** is on **Wednesday 29th 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 details and drop it into 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 address with anyone else, and won't bombard you with unnecessary mails.

Craft Fayres

Watch out for announcements for our next fayre.

Hall bookings or information call Geoff on 07802 322315 or email wbcahall@gmail.com
WBCA members £6 per hour,
Non-members £7.50 per hour

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.

Regular Events in the hall

Tuesday

Baby Sensory 9.30am Ring Becky Vidler 07968776195

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

Yoga - 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm. Details wbcahall@gmail.com

Thursday

Pilates 4.30 pm Ring Celia 01797 227858
6.00 pm

Friday

Pilates 9.30 am. Ring Celia 01797 227858