

Winchelsea Beach Community Association

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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025

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Happy New Year and best wishes for 2025 from the Winchelsea Beach Community Association Committee. We would like to thank all who have supported us over the last year by using the hall, attending our events and for your donations. Special thanks to Jamie Wickens for supplying 2 beautiful turkey crowns for our Christmas meal, the Co-op for their mince pie donation, the £150 cheque and also to Judy and the rest of the staff for their help.

Jumbo has made a generous donation which paid for the disco at the Children's Christmas party as he has done for any years and we are extremely grateful. Cassey Simpson also gave money raised from the kids camel

Ride at Sea spray caravan park.

We received lots of lovely donations for our Christmas raffle, including gift vouchers from Sweet Dreams and Ice creams, Frankie's on the beach, The Beauty Lounge, Pampered Paws, The Kind Table, Ben's Fish and Chips and Sweet Tooth Cakes, Hampers from Suttons, The Little Shop in Winchelsea and a generous selection of wines from Pat Eldridge.

We have had a busy year, much of the work has been carried out behind the scenes.

The hall land is now registered with the land registry and the WBCA is now registered to claim gift aid on donations from UK taxpayers. Forms for this are available on request. We have received an annual grant from Icklesham Parish Council of £1,750 which has been put towards the cost of insurance for the hall. New LED lights have been installed paid for by a grant from Rother District Council. This makes the hall a lot brighter and is more energy efficient.

As you can see work has already started on the new extension. Once finished there will be a new ramp into the building, a fully accessible disabled toilet with baby changing facilities, some much needed storage space and a modern glass entrance hall. This is due to be completed by the end of March. All activities will continue as normal, and the hall can still be booked but hall users will have to use a side door.

A replacement boat has kindly been gifted to us for the area in front of the co-op by Adrian Howard which will be filled with beautiful plants and flowers.

A new bus shelter provided by Icklesham Parish Council has been erected and is in use.

In addition to the regular activities that are listed below we have held 3 dances, 2 barn dances, a table sale, a craft fayre, a Christmas meal for WBCA members, communal carol singing and a children's party. A regular coffee morning that takes place on the first Wednesday of each month is now up and running and it would be lovely to see lots of new faces;

Litter

Our thanks go to the few who regularly go round the village picking up litter trying to keep the place tidy.

Defibrillators

In addition to the one outside our hall the Icklesham Parish Council has provided another unit located on the football pavilion in Harbour Field and there is one in Sutton's Industrial Park provided by Rother Responders. We are hoping to organise a training session at some point to instruct people how to use the equipment.

Public toilets at Dogs Hill Road

These have been closed by Rother District Council as the building is unsafe. The building is now up for lease with the stipulation that public toilets must be available for public to use 7 days a week

Future events

AGM	Wednesday 2 nd April at 7.30 pm
Craft Fayre	Saturday 12 th April from 10.30 - 3
60s Disco	Saturday 17 th May 7.30 – 10.30
Official Opening of the extension And a Summer party for All	Saturday 21 st June
Autumn Dance with fish and chip Supper	Saturday 4 th October 7.30 – 10.30
Christmas Craft Fayre	Sunday 30 th November 10.30 - 3
Christmas Meal	Friday 12 th December 3.30 for 4 pm for WBCA members only
Christmas Carol sing-a- long	Wednesday 17 th December 6.30pm
Children's Christmas Party	Sunday 28 th December 4.30 – 6.30 pm

It is likely that there will be other events yet to be arranged. More details on all these events will be available nearer to the time on our notice board outside the hall and on our website.

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

All bookings are a minimum of 2 hours

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE HALL

Tuesday

Baby Sensory 9.30am Ring Claire Reed on 07955 950449

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

Yoga 6.30 – 8.30 pm Details wbcahall@gmail.com

Wednesday

Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12 First Wednesday in the month

Thursday

Pilates 4.30 and 6 pm Ring Celia 017972278 58

Friday

Pilates 9.30 am. Ring Celia as above.

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

Fellowship Lunch 12.30 for 1pm Last Friday every month except August and December. Details from Mary 07927 107678

We are in the process of setting up a kids club on Mondays from 4 – 6m which will include table tennis, football skills training and sports activities. Please will anyone interested contact Natalie on 07817 962680

AGM & SUBSCRIPTIONS

Our AGM is on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 7.30 pm at the Community Hall. All residents are welcome. We would especially welcome new members on the committee.

Subscriptions for membership of the WBCA are due from the 1st January each year.

Subscription is £1 per person. This may will be increased next year to £2 because of increasing costs

Those who subscribe are invited to the Residents Christmas Meal and to book the hall for a reduced rate of £6.00 per hour.

You can pay your subscription at the post office in the Co-op, or you can pay at the AGM.

There are also forms available in the hall. Please don't forget to include your email address which is necessary as we are now doing everything digitally. We don't share your details with anyone else and won't bombard you with unnecessary mails. If this is not possible, please contact one of the committee.