



## WINCHELSEA BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 287165

### NEWSLETTER 2026

Greetings from the WBCA committee and welcome to our first newsletter for 2026. We would like to thank all those of you who have supported us over the past year by using the hall, attending the events and for all your donations.

The main event last year was the completion of the extension to the hall with accessible toilet and baby changing facilities and new entrance ramp and handrail. This was made possible by fundraising and donations from Rother District Council, Icklesham Parish Council and St. Thomas' PCC.

We have helped to maintain the two boats situated in front of the Co-op which have been refurbished and replanted. This helps to enhance the general appearance of the village.

#### WEBSITE

We now have a new website [www.winchelseabeach.org.uk](http://www.winchelseabeach.org.uk). This was set up by our newest committee member, Kathy who has helped with publicising our events and activities.

We are also in the process of having WiFi installed.

#### EVENTS HELD LAST YEAR

These included 2 Craft Fairs, a disco and a dance in October with Something Else. There was also a celebration event to open the new extension which was opened by our local M.P. Helena Dollimore. There were free teas and coffee and cakes available, a band, a bouncy castle, kids tombola, and burgers and ice creams. The weather was fine and many people from the village and surround areas attended. We would like to thank Helena for coming and the band who entertained us, and all who donated towards the event.

In June we were happy to welcome FAiR (Friends Altogether in Rother) to have a regular coffee morning on the last Wednesday of each month. This is a free event open to all and includes coffee and tea and a selection of cakes and pastries. There are information stands and speakers with lots of interesting and helpful information and advice.

In December there was our usual Christmas carol singing in the hall accompanied by Dave on his keyboard and ukelele and refreshments were served. This was a free event open to all and was well attended. We also had the Members Christmas meal with a quiz and an entertainer plus a children's Christmas party after Christmas. We would like to thank Jo for doing the quiz, all the people who worked in the kitchen and for those who donated raffle prizes.

#### PLANNED FUTURE EVENTS

A Valentine's Quiz and Curry night on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Our AGM on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm

A Craft Fair on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30 to 3 pm and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November



Afternoon tea and Prize Bingo on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday afternoons from 3 – 5.30pm

Halloween Dance with *Something Else* 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30 pm

There will be other events yet to be announced. Members will be informed on line and posters will be displayed.

### HALL BOOKINGS

Monday	Young people's table tennis	4 – 6 pm	
Tuesday	Baby Sensory	9.30 am	Call Claire Reed 07955 950449
	Indoor bowls	2 – 5 pm	Details from <a href="mailto:wbcahall@gmail.com">wbcahall@gmail.com</a>
Wednesday	FAiR Coffee morning	10 – 12 pm	Last Wednesday in the month
	Afternoon tea and Bingo	3 – 5.30 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in the month starting in April
Thursday	Pilates	4.30 and 6pm	Call Celia 01797 227858
	Table tennis	6 - 8pm	Details <a href="mailto:wbcahall@gmail.com">wbcahall@gmail.com</a>
	Fellowship Lunch	12 for 1pm	Last Friday in the month except August and December, contact Mary 07927 107678 for more information and to book

### TO BOOK THE HALL

Rates for non- members £10 per hour

Rates for members £8.00 per hour.

All bookings are for a minimum of 2 hours

Rates for weddings and private functions are available on request. Email [wbcahall@gmail.com](mailto:wbcahall@gmail.com) or contact Jacky 07947 618989.

### MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription forms are now available from the Hall. Post office in the Co-op or from Mary 07927107678 or [parkermary848@gmail.com](mailto:parkermary848@gmail.com), or at the AGM. Membership is open to anyone over 18 who is a resident of Winchelsea Beach. The fee is £2.00 per person and membership will be valid until 31st March 2027. Members are entitled to hire the hall at the reduced rate and to come to the WBCA Christmas Party.

The WBCA would like to invite existing members to consider joining the committee. We are all volunteers, who are dedicated to the community hall functioning as a social centre for the village, and for the wellbeing of all residents.



All comments and suggestions are welcome.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be served.