

Wall Heath Community Association

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Waiting for the sales rush, and yes, it did happen!

Christmas Craft Fair

Our first Christmas Craft Fair was deemed to be a success, borne out by the fact that a conservative estimate put the attendance at over six hundred people.

The opportunity to purchase quality items, not cheap but not overpriced, was an opportunity too good to miss.

As one long time resident of the village said "it was a lovely and satisfying day with people realising both what the Community Association does and what impressive facilities we have at the Community Centre providing so many activities, clubs and societies for the village".

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 29 th February	Skittles Evening	7pm
Tuesday 17 th March	Annual General Meeting	11am
Saturday 28 th March	Heritage Day	11am - 4pm
Saturday 25 th April	Quiz Evening	7pm
Thursday 28 th May	A Walk Around The Village, Part 2	2pm
Saturday 12 th September	Horticultural Guild Show	2pm

All events take place at the Community Centre -
details from Karen Page Tel; 01384 273744

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Wall Heath Horticultural Guild

Meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

February 4 th	Alpines in the wild and Cultivation
March 3 rd	Annual General Meeting
April 7 th	Native Owls - Gillian Hayles
May 5 th	Plant sale / Horticultural Quiz / Fish and Chip Supper
June 2 nd	Malvern's Memories and Marvels - Ray Sturdy
July 7 th	Plants with a Story – Samantha Hopes
September 1 st	Heavenly Beauty, Eastly Delight – Garden of Paradise Adrian James
September 12 th	Annual Horticultural Show

Wall Heath Flower Club

Meets every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

January 28 th	“It Takes Two” - Louisa Rigden
February 25 th	AGM
March 24 th	“Any Old Iron” - Yvonne Berry
April 28 th	“All Tide Up” - Carron White
June 22 nd	“Make Do and Mend” - Brigitte Manton
July 28 th	“Woodstock” - Alison Suffolk
August 25 th	Social Event
September 22 nd	“Women who changed the World” - Jo Davis

Visitors are always welcome at £6 to include refreshments.

Light Hearted Quiz

at the Community Centre, Enville Road, Wall Heath

Saturday 25th April 2020 at 7pm

Tickets £4 each - strictly teams of four

Contact Karen Page 01384 273744

Bring your own drinks, glasses and food

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Thursday Afternoon Club

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 2pm.

January 16 th	An afternoon of song and music - Alan Westwood
February 6 th	Sew, sew, quick, quick sew - Pat Fullwood
February 20 th	Emile Doo – Chemists - Richard Jones
March 5 th	Jennie's Kitchen, with a Bring and Buy
March 19 th	Odes of Life and Laughter - Ken Gilkes
April 2 nd	Wrens Nest. 'The Jewel in Dudley's Crown' - Rob Broadbent
April 16 th	Easter with Hot Cross Buns and Hanging Baskets demonstration - Ken & Tony Whittaker
May 7 th	Outing to Harvington Hall
May 21 st	Highs and Lows of Fostering 101 Children - Meg Farmer
June 4 th	A cake with a view - Peter Green
June 18 th	The Englishman's Castle is his home - Keith Cattell
July 2 nd	Strawberry Tea - Singer Holly Reynolds

50 Plus Club

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 2pm.

January 22 nd	Do you remember When? (1950s) - John Mobberley
February 12 th	Autograph Collecting - Terry Church
March 11 th	The Spy Express - Neil Brazier History and Passengers of the Orient Express
March 25 th	Diamond Jubilees - Queen Victoria & Queen Elizabeth II - Patricia Boyd
April 8 th	Light-hearted Quiz
April 22 nd	Oh! I do like to be beside the seaside - Roger Edwards
May 13 th	Nursery Rhymes- not for children - Keith Cattell
May 27 th	Black Country Life - John Homer
June 10 th	Off the beaten track - John Butterworth
June 24 th	Himley Hall- past and present - Alan Peace
July 8 th	Strawberry Tea - Entertainment Beryl Briscoe

Newsround

In November 2018 there was a magnificent display of home made poppies outside the Community Centre. These poppies were stored and many people enquired if they could obtain one to wear in November 2019. News spread and although we did not keep a total of the numbers donations received amounted to £121.72 and this amount was forwarded to **Kingswinford Royal British Legion 2019/20 Appeal Fund** and at the time of writing the total amount raised was approaching **£47000**.

We have a Defibrillator installed at the Community Centre and it is pleasing to know that there is now also a unit on the outside wall of the **Wall Heath Tavern**. The cost of the Defibrillator was covered by fund raising events organised by the **Wall Heath Tavern** and **Tea4Two** with a significant amount also being donated by **Helping Hands**, the **Community Charity Shop** in High Street.

During the Christmas period the inside of the Community Centre has had a “make over”, (No! not like the one on the Telly) with the main hall being repainted and the stage curtains cleaned. This all helps to keep us at the forefront as one of the most impressive Community Centre’s within the Borough of Dudley.

In 1969 American astronauts landed on the moon. In that year, and much more important to our Community, **Jan Brockhouse** and her family came to live in Wall Heath. Jan soon involved herself in village life and became a member of the committee of our Thursday Club, serving for over thirty years. In addition Jan joined the Community Association Committee and is approaching her twenty fifth year as a member. Jan continues to be a supporter of our Association, her contributions often unknown and unheralded as Jan prefers to shun the limelight. However we did “persuade” her to make the Draw this year for our annual Christmas Draw, one of our major fund raising activities.

Thank you, Jan, for your support over so many years.

Congratulations to **Roy Fisher**, a sprightly eighty eight years old who has been a member of the Horticultural Guild for sixty years and for the whole of that time has been an Allotment Holder at Richmond Park, having cultivated the same plot for all of those years.

Card Club

New Year - New You!

Do you fancy trying something new for the new year or revisiting a craft you have left? Why not come and join our open, friendly group, who love new friends joining them.

The evening is relaxed and suitable for all.

The Instructor is **Leighsa Allport** who lives in Wall Heath. Leighsa has been running classes for several years and enjoys helping others to share her passion for papercraft. You will be supplied with full tuition and supplies in a kit form, to make beautiful cards. You can follow the examples or use your supplies to make your own design. Leighsa would love to see what others come up with and take some of the ideas into her other makes.

The evening runs on the last Monday of each month, 7pm - 9pm and costs £10 per person. Booking is essential by prior Friday.

Light refreshments are supplied.

Please bring scissors and glue, Leighsa's adhesive shop will be open.

Leighsa's Loft: 07587 000 886



Break up bread.

Soak in milk for thirty minutes.

Add margarine or butter, sugar, spice, fruit and egg.

Put mixture into dish.

Cook for one and a quarter hours at 180 degrees C / 160 degrees Fan

Supplied by
Glenice Chapman

*Have you got a favourite recipe you would like to share? Please give it to **Karen Page** at the Community Centre or email it to wallheathcommunityassoc@gmail.com*

Dancers ready to whirl!

Adult Ballroom & Latin Class

Are you looking for a new hobby in 2020?

Learn to dance

Monday evenings at 8pm
at Wall Heath Community Centre, Enville Road.

Adult Beginners Ballroom and Latin Class:
Suitable for absolute beginners. No exams or medal tests involved.

Recommended footwear:

Comfortable shoes - no trainers or stilettos.

Although not essential it is preferable to have a partner.

Ballroom Dancing is a popular pastime and can help improve fitness.

Classes taught by Frank and Dawn are fun, friendly and a perfect opportunity to meet and make new friends.

New Term starts on Monday 3rd February.

Help Helping Hands to help your Community

It is through the generosity of your donations and the dedicated team of volunteers in the shop that **Helping Hands** are able to support Wall Heath village and the wider community.

Donations are always welcome – please bring along good quality donations to the shop in High Street which is open Tuesday to Saturday each week.

Donations have been made by **Helping Hands** during 2019 to:
Sgt Pepper's Group • Wall Heath Tennis Club • Wall Heath Community Centre
Wall Heath Scout Group • Wall Heath Evangelical Free Church
Defibrillator (outside the Wall Heath Tavern)

YOUR support can make a difference!

Picture Gallery



Community Association Quiz Winners



Jan Brockhouse makes the Christmas Draw watched by Pam Horwill and Colin Smith, Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of Wall Heath Community Association.



Tom Evans, Manager of the Wall Heath Tavern, with his team of volunteers at the Defibrillator Training Day.



Winners and runners up of Age UK, Kurling Christmas competition.

Wall Heath Heritage Day

This year we plan to display any pictures or articles from the past of Wall Heath for all to see.

If you wish to display items please contact:

Terry Church: 07974 428261 Email: terrychurch6@gmail.com

The Heritage Day is on

Saturday 28 March 11am - 4pm.

Admission free. Tea and home made cakes will be available.

Come along and "chew the cud" with friends from the past and present.

Be there!

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What's happening in your Community Centre, at a glance!

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
Monday	10.00am	Age UK Short Mat Bowls (1 st & 3 rd Monday)
	10.00am	Age UK Kurling (2 nd & 4 th Monday)
	10.30am	Crafty Chatters
	2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls Club
	5.00pm	Taekwon-do
	7.00pm	Card Making Workshop (Last Monday)
	8.00pm	Ballroom/Latin Dance Classes (Adult)
Tuesday	10.30am	Sergeant Pepper's Friendship Club
	2.00pm	Kurling
	7.30pm	Horticultural Guild (1 st Tuesday)
	7.30pm	Musicians Club (2 nd Tuesday)
	7.30pm	Flower Club (4 th Tuesday)
Wednesday	10.15am	Tai Chi - Active Seniors
	2.00pm	Fifty Plus Club (2 nd & 4 th Wednesday)
	5.00pm	Contemporary Dance (Ages 3-16 yrs)
Thursday	9.45am & 11.00am	Active Seniors
	2.00pm	Thursday Afternoon Club (1 st & 3 rd Thursday)
	7.30pm	Flower Arranging
Friday	5.00pm	Taekwon-do
	7.30pm	Line Dancing
Saturday	8.30am	Slimming World

To enquire about booking the hall or for further information regarding any of the groups please contact:
Karen Page Tel: **01384 273744** E-mail: **wallheathcommunityassoc@gmail.com**

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 Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 11.00 am - 12.30 pm

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