

Wall Heath Community Association

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A walk around the Village

A "Walk around Wall Heath" was well received with tickets limited to twenty five to ensure that the walkers gained maximum input from the walk leader, John Sparry.

Commencing at the Community Centre John outlined the progress made by the Community Centre since its initial life in a couple of huts which had also provided accommodation for the Land Army Girls.

Proceeding across the playing field the walkers paused to cross High Street by the Wall Heath Inn, difficult to believe that less than sixty years ago steam trains passed over the A449 on their way to delivering coal to Ashwood Basin.

The basic history of St Andrew's Church was imparted before proceeding to the junction of The Parade with Foundry Road where we learned that Yew Tree Cottage was the first village school.

Along Foundry Road several landmarks of relevance were pointed out before turning into Dudley Road where John told us about the building of Grove Park and the village schools.

Walking down Enville Road we learned of the building of the Shopping Precinct and reaching Chapel Street the building used as a Chapel over a hundred years ago is still standing.

The many and varied attractions available at the long demolished Yew Tree were a source of amazement.

Our walk concluded with tea and home made cakes, provided by members of the Community Association committee.



John Sparry pauses during the walk on the spot where the village slaughterhouse once stood.

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Wall Heath Horticultural Guild

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

October 1st Tea Bags, Bras and Tights - Darren Rudge

November 5th Show Awards: Christmas Decorations

December 3rd Quiz Night plus Pot Luck Supper

Wall Heath Flower Club

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

Sept 24th "One Step Through the Glass" - Julie Pearce

October 22nd "Oh What a Find" - Jane Pugh

November 26th "Accent of Christmas" - Sionedd Hughes

Visitors are always welcome at £6 to include refreshments.

Recipe Corner

Sultana and Almond Loaf

8oz Sultanas
4oz Butter
6oz Caster Sugar
2 Eggs
Pinch of Salt
1 tsp Almond Essence
1oz Ground Almonds
1 Level tsp Baking Powder
6oz Plain Flower

Put sultanas in saucepan, cover with water, bring to boil and boil for eight minutes.

Remove from heat. Drain off and reserve water.

Add butter, stir into fruit. Add other ingredients and small amount of water.

Place into 2lb loaf tin. Sprinkle with caster sugar and bake for 1.1/4 to 1.1/2 hours on 150° fan assisted oven.

*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*

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50 Plus Club

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 2pm.

September 11 th	"How I Helped Defend Queen and Country; the joys of square bashing in the RAF" - Ken Gilks
September 25 th	"They Don't Make 'Em Like That Anymore" - Patricia Boyd
October 9 th	Fish and Chip Lunch
October 23 rd	"Geology of the Black Country" - Graham Worton
November 13 th	"From Russia with Luck" - Sue Clegg
November 27 th	"Dudley's Own Dambuster" - Rob Broadbent
December 11 th	"An Afternoon of Comedy" with Black Country Comedy Poet Dave

Thursday Afternoon Club

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 2pm.

September 19 th	AGM
October 3 rd	Bring and Buy
October 17 th	"Ghouls and Ghosts" - Alan Tumber
November 7 th	"Brazil" - Edgar Green
November 21 st	"Kinver Rock Houses" - Julia Savage
December 5 th	Christmas Party - Ian Casey
December 16 th	Christmas meal with entertainment at The Down Inn

Light Hearted Quiz & Ploughman's Supper with John Mobberley

at The Community Centre, Envile Road, Wall Heath

Saturday 19th October 2019 at 7.00pm

Tickets £6.00 each - Strictly teams of 4

Contact Karen Page on 01384 273744

Bring your own Drinks / Glasses

Have you recently moved to our village?

Villages can be welcoming and pretty but can also be lonely places. You may be surprised as to how busy our village is. Think “Village Notice Board” as a starter to give you an idea as to the number of events taking place. Notice Boards are sited in Envile Road and also outside the Community Centre.



The Notice Board in Envile Road, opposite the Shopping Precinct, remains in position thanks to the permission of **HK** who own the land and we much appreciate their offer to maintain the garden started by the Village People.

All Change

At the Community Association AGM in March **John Massey** stood down as President after a three year tenure. We thank John for the support and commitment he brought to the office. During his time with us John and his team at Ashwood Nurseries continued to win Gold Medals at the Chelsea Flower Show!

We welcome as our new President, **Dave Tyler**, who has represented the Ward of Wall Heath and Kingswinford North on Dudley Council for many years and served as Mayor in 2017-18. He has also represented the Council on our committee for several years so he is very familiar with the work that we do.

After five years as vice chairman **Joan Boughey** decided to stand down. Joan has been a member of our committee for “more years than she cares to remember” but happily will continue to be a member of our “User Group” (formerly known as the Committee) and is also one of our Trustees.

Our new vice chairman is **Colin Smith** having joined the Bowls Section when it was reformed in 2012. Never one for half measures Colin was a founder member of the Kurling Club which he is now in charge of and has seen its membership double in the last two years. Colin is also one of our Trustees.

Book Club

We are considering forming a group to meet on a monthly basis. Are you a reader who would like to meet and discuss the enjoyment (or not!) that you have experienced in reading a book that has been chosen by the group? Details from **Karen Page** on **01384 273744**.

Newsletter Distribution

We aim to deliver a copy of our Newsletter to every household in the village. To achieve that aim our User Group members valiantly walk the streets avoiding dangerous looking dogs and encountering some letterboxes that are capable of snapping off fingers. Only joking!

Are you able to spare an hour or so twice a year, in January and September, to deliver our Newsletters in your road, street or apartment block? Encouragingly, we already have some non-members of the Association who have volunteered to help us with this task. **Karen Page** is waiting for your call on **01384 273744**.

People

Linda Hickman, Treasurer of the Horticultural Guild has had a very successful year with her exhibits at shows throughout the Midlands. At RHS Malvern she came away with 2 Firsts, 4 Seconds and 3 Thirds. At Lilleshall she was rewarded with 5 “Best Exhibits” plus “Best in Show in all Classes” for her entry of a Bowl of Muscari (Grape Hyacinths) White Siberian Tiger which was marked as “Stunning”!

Eric Horwill, a member of our Bowls Club recently represented Worcestershire in the ECF (English Chess Federation) County Championships Under 140 Grade Final 2019. Worcestershire, 6.5points, were defeated by Yorkshire, 9.5 points Worcestershire were outgraded 123/132. Eric did his “bit” by drawing his game.

John Massey, our past President, recently featured in the Channel 5 programme “Great British Gardens: Season by Season” with Carol Klein.

Malcolm North, a Bowls Club member, was recently profiled in The Black Country Bugle in respect of a competition that he won back in 1951! He won first prize as “the bonniest boy over 2 and under 5 years”, as part of the Festival of Britain. He then (in 1951 not now!) became the face of a campaign by the Ministry of Food to promote its orange juice and cod liver oil supplements for children, with his photo appearing on posters and leaflets throughout the area.

Kate Taylor, our Minutes Secretary, acted as a steward at both the Aegon Open Tennis Tournament at Nottingham and the Cricket World Cup match between England and India at Edgbaston. It really seems like a labour of love, unpaid too, as at Nottingham the competitors only played properly on grass on the last day with everything else played indoors although the stewards were still out in the wet trying to help spectators. The Edgbaston experience meant reporting at 5.45am with not even a car parking space supplied.



If you fancy a bit of company on a Tuesday morning then pop into **Sgt. Pepper's Friendship Club** at Wall Heath Community Centre.

We've been getting together for almost a year now and meet every Tuesday from 10.30-12.30. It's a club full of lovely people with a warm and friendly environment. We welcome anyone and everyone. The only criteria is that you feel your life would be a little bit better with a few more friends in it.

We'd love to welcome new members. There's no set agenda but we can definitely promise plenty of tea, coffee and cakes, as well as the occasional hot treat. Most weeks we host a guest speaker or an entertainer to add to the fun. This year we've had visits from acrobats, owls and geologists and we've a great programme lined up for the autumn.

So if you fancy coming along, we'd be delighted to see you.

We know that walking through the door for the first time can sometimes be a bit daunting but we promise a warm welcome and a lot of fun. That's what friends are for!

If you want to find out more, you can take a look at our website. Alternatively, if you fancy a quick chat then call **Roger** on **075123 38594**.

www.sgtpeppersfriends.co.uk



2019 Spring Fayre

We again held our Spring Fayre at the beginning of May. This year we reverted to an afternoon slot which proved popular with villagers, although it may have been the free admission that attracted them! We adopted a slightly different approach with some of the “tired” stalls put out to graze and replaced by some with a “fresher” look. We also introduced Kurling, a family fun activity, and a face painter was also much in evidence. Afternoon tea being available was very popular, £1.50 for a cup of tea and a home made cake can't be bad!



Queuing up to buy a raffle ticket for the luxury hamper. Was it the winning ticket?

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR



Variety of Stalls • Free Admission
Refreshments Available
Children's Entertainer
Fun for all the family

Wall Heath Community Centre
Enville Road
Saturday 16th November 2019
1.00pm till 4.00pm

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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:

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 11.00 am - 12.30 pm

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