

Wall Heath Community Association

Registered Charity No. 522810

Newsletter - Autumn 2023

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Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter- since our last edition there have been a number of changes to the team who manage the Association.

At the Annual General Meeting **Colin Smith** stood down as Chair and we welcome **Linda Hickman** who will now be at the helm! Treasurer **Terry Church** also decided to retire and is succeeded by **Neil Ridney**. **Ann Webster** has stood down as a Trustee. We have three new Trustees in **Esther Coles**, **Amanda Ridney** and **Barry Slack**. Our Minutes Secretary, **Kate Taylor** has also relinquished her position.

Having completed his term of office **Dave Tyler** is succeeded as president by **Pam Horwill**. We express our appreciation to all for their contribution to the life of our Association.

Our main priority is to future proof the Community Centre building by updating facilities for the disabled and baby changing and to improve accessibility for all. Of course this is the beginning of trying to secure funding for this project but the Committee is confident that it will achieve its objective.

We recently received a visit from our local MP, **Mike Wood**, who commented favourably on the Centre's wide range of activities and groups and to say a big thank you to all the local people who give their time to make our Community Centres such valuable assets "in the heart of our communities".

At Wall Heath we are fortunate that we have so many willing volunteers who give of their time so freely to ensure that we are so successful. Having said that we are always looking to add to our team – don't be shy in coming forward! If you are able to help in any way whether it be with the Bowls Club on Monday afternoons or 50 Plus Club on Wednesday afternoons please have a chat with **Karen Page** either in person or telephone 01384 273744.

Congratulations, and thanks, to all the volunteers who make our village look so welcoming with the provision and maintaining of the raised flower beds by The Wall Heath in Bloom Team.

Also how innovative is the "house" round the foot of the tree at the "top o' the road", provided by the Village People, as shown in the photo.



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Coronation Celebration



What a wonderful day it turned out to be on Sunday 7th May when “our” village turned out in force to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. As one resident remarked “there seems to be as many people here as there would be at a seaside resort on a Bank Holiday!”. Congratulations particularly to the Village People and all those volunteers who made this such an enjoyable and successful occasion. Thank you ALL.

Here are a few reminders of that memorable day.



Jeanette Powell

We are saddened to report the death of Mrs Jeanette Powell. Jeanette was for many years Secretary to Wall Heath Community Association until she was struck down with encephalitis from which she never fully recovered. She spent the last seven years of her life in a Care Home.

Jeanette was enthusiastic and hard working. Her particular love at the Community Centre was the weekly Thursday Afternoon Club for which she was Social Secretary, arranging the weekly speakers, organising coach trips and theatre visits. So popular did this club become that it was decided to close the membership at 100 and a waiting list started!

We also have Jeanette to thank for the Newsletter which was a suggestion from Dudley Council for Voluntary Service who worked with us to produce the original. From that simple black and white fact sheet we have the colourful, informative Newsletter that we all enjoy today.

On retirement Jeanette was made an Honorary Life Member of Wall Heath Community Association.

We remember Jeanette with affection and gratitude for the valuable contribution she made to our village life here at the Community Centre. We offer our condolences to husband, Trevor, daughters Lisa and Hayley and their extended families.

Wall Heath Horticultural Guild

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

September 5th	Paul Wilkinson our Waterways
September 9th	Annual Show
October 3rd	Hedgehogs Terry Green
November 7	Presentation of Annual show Awards
December 5th	Quiz Night and Pot Luck Supper

Wall Heath Flower Club

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm

September 26th	Flight of Fancy	Jackie Page
October 24th	East Meets West	Minh Lanh
November 28th	Festive Floral Fancy	Arnaud Metaine

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50 Plus Club

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 2pm.

- 13th September** **“Adventures of a photographer”** **Paul Butcher**
Some close shaves, happy chances, near misses and being in the right place at the right time.
- 27th September** **“Black Country Comedy Hour”** **Ron Popple**
Join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter with the ever-popular Ron
- 11th October** **“Laurel and Hardy in Birmingham and The Black Country”**
John Ullah
Join us for a fascinating talk about one of the great comedy double acts of all time.
- 25th October** **“Seconds out, round two”** **John Coyle**
Prepare for another knockout afternoon with renowned former international boxing referee and local resident, John Coyle.
- 8th November** **“Life and Times of Tony Hancock”** **Andy French**
A talk covering the rise to fame and fortune of the BBC’s first “MegaSuperstar”
- 22nd November** **“Songs and Entertainment”** **Roger Edwards**
Popular entertainer, Roger, joins us for an afternoon of laughter and song.
- 13th December** **“Christmas Party Afternoon”** **Joyce Daniels Jamsters**
Come and join us as we celebrate the Festive Season and enjoy an afternoon of fun and musical entertainment. **Cost £5**

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Thursday at 2 Club

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday at 2pm.

(All events £3 unless otherwise stated)

- 7th September Exotic Zoo (Special event £5.00)**
Come and be amazed and educated with this hands-on experience, getting close to nature with some of the world's most exotic animals
- 21st September John Butterworth MBE**
A talk full of laughs and drama about seven friends travelling 8,500-miles across Europe in a Land Rover to a Nepalese leprosy hospital
- 5th October Alison Simons**
Alison will be demonstrating her unique art skills and displaying some of her very colourful and attractive dragon art paintings.
- 19th October Rolo and Philip Griffin.**
Philip and 'Rolo' will be introducing us to a very special world of silence that many people live with. This educational talk is to raise awareness of 'Hearing dogs for deaf people'.
- 2nd November Ian Bott**
Ian is a very established public speaker and he will be giving us an insight into 'The gruesome Black Country' of blood sports, body snatching and crime and punishment in the 18th and 19th Century.
- 16th November Bryan Harris**
Bryan is a professional domestic and commercial photographer; he will be sharing with us some of his amusing tales on his journey. Also experience for yourself the 'Green Screen' illusion but do not wear anything green because parts of your body will disappear.
- 7th December Karen Evans**
Karen invites us into her lovely world of Ballroom tunes, dance steps and etiquette in the time of Jane Austen. You are invited to join in the demonstration if you are able.
- 14th December Lynne DCruz.**
It's Christmas party time with entertainment from Lynne (A professional vocalist) and a buffet.
(Special event Tickets £10.00 per head).

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Village Heritage Day Wall Heath Community centre

Saturday December 2nd

11am – 4pm

Following the success of our Heritage Day in 2021 we have been able to put together more material ie photographs and articles to display items covering the last one hundred years of life in “our” village.

If you have items that you would like to display please contact Karen Page at the Community Centre Tel 01384 273744. Email: wallheathcommunityassoc@gmail.com

Entry is FREE

Coffee/ Tea will be available

We are indebted to;

Aico Limited: Hayden Kilkelly and Midcounties Co-op Wall Heath
who have kindly agreed to sponsor this event.

Recipe Corner Courgette Soup

Ingredients

4 Courgettes- chopped

1 Onion- chopped

Vegetable stock cube

Tablespoon of veg oil / olive oil

Method

Saute onions and courgettes lightly in a small amount of oil

Add approximately one pint of water

Simmer until vegetables are cooked

Leave to cool for a while, then with a hand blender blitz until smooth

Just before serving add seasoning to taste and some freshly chopped mint

Linda Hickman

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ADULT BALLROOM DANCE CLASS FOR COUPLES

NEW Autumn complete beginners -

Modern Ballroom and Latin American evening class for couples.

One of the great things about adult dance classes is the social aspect.

It's a great opportunity to meet people, make new friends, stay fit and active.

The best part is there's no pressure to perform or compete.

You can just enjoy the class for what it is ... a fun, relaxing way, to stay in shape.

So if you are looking for a new hobby or activity why not give adult dance classes a try ?

You might just surprise yourself at how much you enjoy it.

The first step you take through the door, will be the hardest !

Please Note: Sorry no singles - couples only.

To register your interest for the new evening class please telephone: 01384 296924.



Exercise classes for reasonably active older adults at the Community Centre.

If you are thinking of starting some exercise in the New Year but not sure where to start then give **Angela** a call on **07512 546480**. Angela has years of experience and can help you get underway. Classes are friendly and varied and a warm welcome awaits you.

Thursday morning strength and balance classes - two classes 9.45 and 11.15 limited places available. Wednesday morning Tai chi and Qigong - 11 am - A great way to improve balance and strength, improve co-ordination and focus on your health. Relaxing and great for your well-being.

All classes £6 per session payable in short terms of around 6 weeks. All participants pre-booked and spaced, all equipment cleaned and centre ventilated.

For more details call Angela on 07512 546480

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

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
Monday	10.00am 2.00pm 5.00pm 8.00pm	Kurling Short Mat Bowls Club Taekwon-do Adult Beginners Ballroom Class for Couples
Tuesday	10.30am 2.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Sgt. Pepper's Friendship Club Kurling Horticultural Guild (1 st Tuesday) Musicians Club (2 nd Tuesday) Flower Club (4 th Tuesday)
Wednesday	11.00am 2.00pm 5.00pm	Tai Chi - Active Seniors 50 Plus Club (2 nd & 4 th Wednesday) Contemporary Dance (Ages 3-16 yrs)
Thursday	9.45am & 11.15am 2.00pm	Active Seniors Thursday at 2 Club (1 st & 3 rd Thursday)
Friday	10.30am 5.00pm 7.30pm	Crafty Chatters Taekwon-do Line Dancing

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: Monday and Tuesday 10.30am until 12noon

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