

Wall Heath Community Association

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Wall Heath in Bloom

What a pleasure it has been to observe the plant beds at “the top o’ the road”. Congratulations and thank you to the group of volunteers who made this possible and also to the businesses of the village who have planted tubs outside their premises. It all helps to make “our” village look attractive and welcoming.



Do you recognise the view? - see page 6

Wall Heath Horticultural Guild and Flower Club 74th Annual Show

Saturday 10th September 2022
at Wall Heath Community Centre 2.15pm.

This year, the show is returning to its original, competitive format.

The competition schedule is available at the community centre or by contacting the guild in advance. As normal, all entries are to be staged before 12pm to allow judging to take place between 12 noon and 2pm.

The show will be open to the public at 2.15pm. Refreshments will be available along with a raffle, a tombola and a display by local artists.

Auction of produce at 3.45pm followed by the raffle draw.

Any enquiries ring **Amanda Ridney** - Chairman / Secretary on **01384 287480**

Adult Beginners Ballroom / Latin Classes

Wall Heath Community Centre

September 2022 New Absolute Beginners Dance Classes for Adults
(a partner is essential)

Why not challenge yourselves and do something as a couple for a change?

Monday Evening Classes 9.00pm - 10.00pm are designed for Absolute Beginners and the best way to get started. Maybe you are looking to learn dancing as a new hobby, for a cruise, wedding or would just like to meet and make new friends. Not only are Ballroom Dance Classes useful for Social Events and Special Occasions they are a very good form of exercise to keep Body and Mind active.

Tutors **Frank** and **Dawn** believe that you learn the most while you're having fun and will teach you from the very, very beginning at a relaxed pace that makes learning enjoyable as well as informative.

Most Beginners will not have dance shoes so it is advisable to wear a sensible comfortable firm shoe. No Trainers, Sandals, Flip Flops or Stilettos for the Ladies please. There is no strict dress code for lessons but it is advisable to wear something loose fitting that allows for movement.

Learn quicker by practising. Weekly Thursday evening practise sessions are from 7.00pm until 9.00pm An opportunity for everyone to come along and brush up their new dance steps in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

New Beginners Class (Partner is Essential) starting 9.00pm until 10.00pm on
Monday 5th September 2022.

For more details call Frank or Dawn on 01384 296924

Newsround

Easter Egg Hunt

A big thank you to the group who organised such a successful "Easter Egg Hunt". The village really came together to support this event with, once again, business owners committing financially to it. How wonderful it was to see so many families entering into the spirit of the occasion. We look forward to the Halloween Event!



KWHN (Kingswinford North and Wall Heath) AWARD for Heroes

Cllr Shaz Saleem has instituted a monthly Award for individuals who have made a significant contribution to our community. Congratulations to **Andy Vaughan**, **Terry Church** and **Michelle Preston** who have recently been recipients of the Award.

Newsletters

We are fortunate that several village residents deliver our twice yearly Newsletter. However we still have a few streets in the village where we are in need of a volunteer. It would only mean an hour or so to deliver approximately fifty newsletters. Please let us know if you can help. (PS sometimes there is a danger of finger amputation from a spring loaded letter box – dogs are less of a problem!)

Recipe Corner

Oat Cookies

makes 24

4oz/115g soft margarine
4oz/ 115g sugar
4oz/115g SR flour
3tbsp custard powder
1 1/2 oz/45g porridge oats
2 tsp treacle

Method

Gas Mk4 / 180C / 160 Fan/ 350F
Mix all ingredients to form a firm dough. Roll into sausage shape.
Cut into three - Divide each into eight pieces. Roll into 24 small balls.
Place onto greased tray. Flatten with a fork dipped into cold water.
Bake for 20 minutes.

NB Can be chocolate cookies:-
substitute oats and treacle for cocoa.

Supplied by **Pauline Heathcock**

*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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Wall Heath Horticultural Guild

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

September 6	A Career in Horticulture - Alan Grocott
October 4	The Gunpowder Plot - John Sparry
November 1	Show Awards: Christmas Decorations
December 6	Quiz Night and Pot Luck Supper

Wall Heath Flower Club

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

27th September	"Nature's Bounty" - Penelope Harrison
25th October	"All Tide up" - Carron White -
22nd November	"Myths, Mincets & Merriment" - Katherine Kear

Visitors are always welcome at £6 to include refreshments.

Thursday at 2 Club

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 2pm.

1 September	Helping the environment - Tim Weller
15 September	The Air Ambulance - Kay Starkey
6 October	A lace makers journey - Rosemary Green
20 October	Victorian Spiritualism - Careen Fenton
3 November	Intro to needle felting - Natalie Brooks
17 November	Never work with children or animals - Alan Peace
1 December	Burcot Woodturners demonstration - Mike Delves <i>(Buy some lovely gifts for Christmas)</i>
15 December	K.I.S Duo Christmas party (Music food and Raffle) <i>(Please book in advance £5)</i>

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50 Plus Club

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 2pm.

14 September **Kingswinford B.C. (Before Covid)** - Paul Butcher

The stories behind the photographs. Local born Paul, photographer and teacher, will be sharing his stories of the wonderful people he met during his nostalgic journey, capturing the essence of the diversity of people who inhabit this part of the West Midlands.

28th September **The world of TV game shows** - Roger Edwards

Roger will be giving us a fascinating insight into the world of the TV game show. Starting out as a Red Coat, Roger has enjoyed many years working in the entertainment industry, including time setting questions for Family Fortunes.

12 October **My life in the square ring by the third man** - John Coyle

Prepare for a knockout afternoon with renowned former international boxing referee and local resident, John Coyle. John spent nearly 40 years as a professional referee, officiating in over 1700 fights including more than 120 world titles in over 30 different countries. He has shared the ring with Lennox Lewis, Evander Holyfield, Nigel Benn, Chris Eubank and many more.

26 October **The Craft of the Silversmith** - Penny Wheat

An illustrated, lively and amusing talk by a practising silversmith and lecturer with many photographs and examples of work.

9 November **Teddy Gray's Sweet Factory** - Colin Knipe

Who hasn't visited Teddy Gray's sweet shop? Here's your chance to find out the history of this Dudley based business; family run since 1826.

23 November **Comedy Afternoon** - Doug Parker

*Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter with legendary comedian Doug Parker. Doug is, without doubt, one of the most entertaining comedians to be found anywhere. He has entertained at a wide range of venues including theatres and the studios of ITV and the BBC. **Admission by ticket - available now - cost £4***

14 December **Christmas Party/Quiz**

Come and celebrate the Festive Season and enjoy an afternoon of quizzing with friends.



Exercise classes for older adults

Friendly classes, experienced and qualified instructors.

New members welcome

Improve your

- Strength
- Mobility and Flexibility
- Balance

Strength and balance classes

(for reasonably active people)

Wall Heath Community Centre

9.45am-10.45am and 11.15am-12.15pm Thursday mornings

Also Tai chi 11am-12noon Wednesday mornings. Instructor **Angela**

NEW class at Wall Heath Evangelical Church

11am-12noon Mondays (for less active older adults) Instructor **Liz**

Ring Angela on 07512 546480 for more details.

Or email: activeseniorsclass@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/activeseniorsclass/>



We need you!

Treasurer & a Board Games Leader

At the AGM in March our Treasurer, **Terry Church**, will be standing down from the post after twelve years and we will be needing a replacement for Terry, ideally someone with accounting experience.

We will be relaunching the Board Games Group in September. Both the day of the week and time can be tailored, subject to availability of the Hall, to fit in with the availability of the Leader.

Don't be shy – if you are interested please contact

Karen Page Tel 01384 273744



Mystery View - see page 1

As an example of how “our” village has changed the “old” photograph was taken about fifty years ago, before the two mini islands were installed, and two way traffic had access to Albion Street. Does anyone recognise the two people chatting?

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR



Variety of Stalls • Free Admission
Refreshments Available

Wall Heath Community Centre
Envile Road
Saturday 3rd December 2022
11.00am till 4.00pm

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

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
Monday	10.00am	Monday Morning Kurling (Fortnightly)
	2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls Club
	5.00pm	Taekwon-do
	9.00pm	Beginners Ballroom/Latin Dance Classes (Adult)
Tuesday	10.30am	Sgt. 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	11.00am	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 & 11.15am	Active Seniors
	2.00pm	Thursday at 2 Club (1 st & 3 rd Thursday)
Friday	10.30am	Crafty Chatters
	5.00pm	Taekwon-do
	7.30pm	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**

Wall Heath Community Centre, Enville Road, Wall Heath DY6 0JT.

Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday 10.30am until 12noon

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