



# Warninglid Residents' Society

## Founded in 1959

### to preserve & enhance the village

### Newsletter No. 638 – March 2024



#### Dates for your Diary

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Mar – Coffee Morning & Handcross Pantry Seaforth Hall 10 - 12**  
**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March – Joint AGM WRS & Seaforth Hall Trustees 7.30pm**  
**Thur 21<sup>st</sup> March – Coffee and Cake Morning at The Half Moon 10 - 12**  
**Thur Yoga Classes – 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> March Seaforth Hall 10 – 11am**  
**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March – Last call for Subscriptions**  
**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Egg Hunt on The Street – see Page 4.**

#### AGM - WRS & Seaforth Hall Trustees, 15<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm in the Seaforth Hall

The Annual General Meeting of the WRS with the Trustees of the Seaforth Hall will be held on the evening of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The two Committees are working towards greater co-operation and jointly invite you to the meeting. This will cover all current topics, achieved targets over the last year, the accounts for both committees as well as future intentions and objectives. Everyone is welcome. Please come and join us and get a full picture of what is happening in the village and with the Seaforth Hall. **There will be a drinks and nibbles social after the meeting.**

#### Any New Committee Members?

If you think you can give a couple of hours of your time each month we'd love to have you join the team. Come along to the AGM (March 15<sup>th</sup>) and see what we do for the village, meet the team and join us for a glass of wine and nibbles afterwards. The village is well represented by officers of both Committees - **WRS Chairman is Roger Noakes** who lives on Orchard Way, your **Treasurer for both WRS and Seaforth Hall is Maral Keoshgerian** who lives on Cuckfield Lane, your **Seaforth Hall Chair and WRS Vice Chair is Nick Barrie** and he and **Membership Secretary, Jeannette Ford** live on The Street, and your **secretaries, Michele Ryan and Judy Powell-Tuck** live on Warninglid Lane. Other Committee members live on Colwood Lane and Spronketts Lane. We have no Slaughtam Lane committee members.

#### Subscriptions

Yes it's that time of year again! If for some reason you have not received the form the link is: [WRS 2024 Membership Form \(google.com\)](#) Just click "open hyperlink". Thank you to those that have already paid. If you pay by cash or cheque, please drop your subscriptions to Jeannette Ford Gate House North, The Street - please add your name and address. And her email is [subs.warninglid.residents@gmail.com](mailto:subs.warninglid.residents@gmail.com)

#### What do my Subs Pay For?

Members of the WRS pay an annual subscription which is an amount of your choice. Subscriptions range from £5 to £50. The generosity of members allows us to function and to hold social events for the whole village. Past events include the Coronation party, an annual Christmas party in the Seaforth Hall, Halloween Fireworks & Bonfire Night, Sussex Day in June. What else do we do?

- We have to pay liability insurance to hold all the village events
- We have to pay for the hire of the recreation ground, for bar and music licences etc.
- We pay for ground rent & upkeep of the cricket pavilion, upkeep of the bus shelter & toilets.
- We pay the insurance for these buildings as well as the electricity, water and sewage bills.
- The WRS paid for 50% of the excellent village website as well as 50% of the ongoing costs.
- The WRS also donates 20% of any profit made, on any event, to the Seaforth Hall. This is because the WRS in its constitution is committed to "preserving and enhancing" the village of Warninglid and the Seaforth Hall is an important amenity, as well as a registered charity.
- In the last couple of years the WRS paid for: the new fingerpost signs, new Commemoration benches for the Pavilion, a new sound system, repairs to the Speedwatch gun, as well as many other minor outgoings.
- This year we will pay for a new path, with disabled access, to the cricket pavilion.

So yes, your subscription matters! The Committee would like to thank you for your trust in the WRS and for your subscription, however small or large.

## Village Coffee Morning – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March; 10am to 12.00 at the Seaforth Hall

Come and enjoy the company of friends and neighbours at the monthly coffee morning. The coffee mornings are held as a social event. The coffee is free but **donations are welcome as they go towards the maintenance of the Seaforth Hall**. The Seaforth Hall Trustees thank Alan and Tricia Robinson and Mark and Carol Pickering for arranging these delightful mornings.

## Handcross Community Pantry

Any donations for the Handcross Community Pantry are gratefully received. They can be brought to the coffee morning (see above) or there are two donation bins in the village, one at Seaforth Hall and another at Jachin Barn, Colwood Lane. This month, there are no specific food requests but **all donations of food items** will be very welcome as will any **Easter Eggs** for the children of the families currently supported. The Pantry is currently supporting 26 families in the parish. Rev. Carl Smith has particularly thanked Warninglid residents for their support and generosity.

## Service of Reconciliation

Reverend Carl Smith held a service of Reconciliation in Seaforth Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> February. It was well attended by people from the Parish, of which half were Warninglid residents including Dave Kirby playing the guitar. It was a lovely service with four hymns sung and Rev. Carl thanked everyone for their attendance. The Bell of the former St Andrews church was on display having been expertly cleaned and burnished by Jon Carter. Thanks were extended to David Cherry for storing it for 17 years and to Jon for its new glory! The bell is to go on display at St Mary's until a final decision is made as to its final home. Refreshments were served afterwards and many thanks to Caroline Curren and Lou Carter for their help in the kitchen!



## Update From Sussex Police

Sussex Police has welcomed 67 new officers to the force. The police constables were attested during a ceremony held at East Sussex National Hotel in Uckfield on Thursday 18 January. Of the 67 new recruits, 26 of those are joining the Initial Police Learning Development Programme, a non-degree route now offered alongside other entry routes, providing a greater choice to aspiring police officers. Twenty two are joining the Detective Constable Degree Holder Entry Programme and 19 are taking the Degree Apprenticeship route, which results in a degree while learning and earning. Meanwhile our two local PCSO's, Sophie and Shannon, will be holding another Beat Surgery in Warninglid the first Friday in June. Further details will be in the May Newsletter.

## 1950's American Diner Night in the Seaforth Hall

What a night! Many thanks to Mark and Carol Pickering (and daughter Vicky) and their helpers for such a successful event. Mark writes the following:

"What a night!! The Seaforth Hall (aka the Warninglid Tardis) made a quick jump back to the 1950s on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and transformed itself into an American-style diner for an evening of rock'n'roll, doo-wop and cheesy crooner ballads from the resident jukebox DJ as well as having burgers, "chips" and ice cream delights to keep the energy levels up! The tendency for Warninglid residents to dress up was confirmed with some excellent polka dot dresses, leather jackets and other assorted 50's fashions being on parade – quite a sight on the dance floor as we were transported back to party time "at the hop". Well done to Jo and Stuart Bean for winning the "best dressed" prizes. Many thanks to all those folks who helped with set-up, clearing up and everything in between. Your efforts helped make it such a great night.



The really good news is that the evening raised £576 for the Seaforth Hall and this goes some way to ensure that we continue to benefit from this amazing community resource. Where will the Warninglid Tardis take to us to next? Let's wait and see....."



(Photo credits: Anita Jensen, Lou Carter, Linda Maitland, Carol Pickering)  
A great Night – from the Dance Floor to the Bar to the Kitchen to the DJ !!



## **Warninglid Website** [www.warninglidvillage.co.uk](http://www.warninglidvillage.co.uk)

Have you seen the latest additions to the village website? Do check it out and also see what is going on, not just in the village, but in the surrounding area. You will find links to places to visit, where to eat etc. The website is for the whole village and is a joint venture of the **WRS and the Seaforth Hall**.

## **Seaforth Hall – Your Warninglid Village Hall**

Would you like to book the hall for something serious or just to have a party? It's a great facility with everything you need from cutlery to cooker, drop down screen to WiFi. The Seaforth Hall is perfect for meetings, social groups, children's parties etc. and you can use the village website to book. Alternatively book the hall with Alison Livesley, Bookings Admin. Her email is [seaforthhallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:seaforthhallbookings@gmail.com).

## **Yoga Classes - Seaforth Hall on Thursday mornings from 10.00 – 11am**

Kate Anderson holds gentle Hatha yoga classes at Seaforth Hall, 10 - 11am every Thursday this month except the 21<sup>st</sup>. The classes are 60 minutes long and you can drop in or pre-book several classes. The current sessions will be on a drop in basis unless you have prepaid. It is £11 for a single session.

Kate: 07786 980119, email: [kate@kateandesonyoga.com](mailto:kate@kateandesonyoga.com) website: [www.kateandesonyoga.com](http://www.kateandesonyoga.com)

## **Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March – The Street**

Emilie Webber is organizing an Easter Egg Hunt for the village children on Easter Sunday. It will be on the Street. Emilie writes the following:

*"Hi everyone,*

*I thought it would be nice to organise an Easter Egg hunt around the village for the children, I was thinking it could be a bit like Halloween but with the eggs hidden around front gardens, quite obviously visible though as we don't want to spoil peoples gardens with little feet! If you'd like to take part on Easter Sunday and hide eggs in your front garden could you please let me have your address so I can make a list of houses for the children taking part. Also if you don't live on The Street but would like your children to take part in the Easter Egg Hunt, please let me know so we can know numbers.*

*Thank you, Emilie."*



If you want to take part, please call Emilie on her mobile: 07875143337

## **Traffic Calming on Cuckfield Lane – Questionnaire Responses**

Thank you for responding to the Questionnaire. So far we have had 30 responses, 21 voting for traffic calming and 9 against. There is still time to respond as this will not be raised until the April meeting.

## **Last Month's Coffee Morning**

The February coffee morning in the Seaforth Hall was very well attended and Handcross Pantry thanks everyone for their generous food donations. This month, as well as basic food donations, any Easter Eggs will be gratefully received to distribute to the Parish children in need.



## The Half Moon Coffee & Cake Morning – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 10am – 12 midday.

Jamie and Penny at The Half Moon are starting a “coffee and cake morning” once a month at the pub. It will offer a bit of a network for residents to meet up and give them another chance to socialize.

The cost would be a nominal amount of £4 for coffee and cake, of which £1 will be donated to the WRS as fundraising. It will be held on the third Thursday of the month so people would have the chance to go to two coffee mornings which would not be too close together in the month.



## Mid Sussex District Plan – Bolney housing development Consultation 2<sup>nd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> March

The Mid Sussex District Plan has been under review and amendments proposed, specifically in planning and housing allocations. Although Warninglid is unaffected in terms of new housing, there is a substantial number of new houses proposed for Bolney. For those interested, the latest residential development proposal is Glebelands to the north-west of Bolney near Cross Colwood Lane. It is a development of 75 houses in a beautiful, unspoiled and rural location which will have a disastrous impact on the village of Bolney and, in traffic terms, may impact on Warninglid. See [glebelands.squiresplanning.co.uk](http://glebelands.squiresplanning.co.uk). Although the proposal is allegedly “community-led” the landowners do not reside in Bolney. There will be two “Consultations” at which the landowners will be present along with the architect and planning department. It will be held at The Rawson on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9.30am to 12.30pm and also Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> - 5.30pm to 8.30pm.

## Cuckfield Lane - Goods Vehicle Operator’s Licence Application

The WRS was made aware of the above application to operate at the A23 end of Cuckfield Lane. Cuckfield Lane is a 7.5 tonne restricted road in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the proposed site is surrounded by residential houses. Access is onto a blind bend near the slip-road to the A23 and would create a hazard and although neither the WRS nor the Parish Council were permitted to respond, the surrounding neighbours sent their objections to the Traffic Commissioners Office. Watch this space...!

## PLANT SALE on 4<sup>th</sup> May - A DATE FOR ALL GARDENERS

A message from Sue Ball:

*I know that I said ‘not next year’, but due to some fantastic offers of support, I am now organising another Plant Sale in the Seaforth Hall, in aid of St Catherines Hospice.*

The hall is booked, so ‘save the date’ for all your gardening needs:

## PLANT SALE

**SATURDAY 4TH MAY 10am - 12noon at SEAFORTH HALL**

There are already lots of plants being propagated in readiness, but to make it an even bigger success, we do need your help, please, because this year sees the return of our (*infamous*)



## GARDENALIA STALL!

What is ‘Gardenalia?’, you may well ask. It is our ‘umbrella term’ for anything that enhances your garden and is NOT a plant!

e.g. ceramic pots, planters, ornaments, useable garden tools or furniture, even garden umbrellas!

Please, make March the time to sort out your shed, greenhouse or garage and donate any suitable items to our fundraiser, Sue Ball.

Contact her on 07849 405778 or Alison Livesley on 07799 838135

**Happy Easter!** We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Joint Annual General Meeting but if we don’t see you, the Chairman and Committee wishes everyone a very Happy Easter!

**Next Newsletter:** Articles for the next newsletter by 26<sup>th</sup> March, to [Montryan@aol.com](mailto:Montryan@aol.com) or to [warninglid.residents@gmail.com](mailto:warninglid.residents@gmail.com) Thank you.