



Warninglid Residents' Society

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November Dates for your Diary

Friday 3rd – Coffee Morning & Pantry Donations 10-12 Seaforth Hall

Friday 3rd – Come meet your PCSO's at the Seaforth Hall 10am

Thursdays 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th – Yoga, 10.00 in Seaforth Hall

Tuesday 28th – Children's Xmas Movie Night at The Half Moon

December Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5th Dec – WRS Open Meeting, Seaforth Hall at 7.30pm

Thursday 7th Dec – Carols and Mulled Wine, Seaforth Hall 6pm

Friday 15th Dec – Christmas Party in the Seaforth Hall, 7.30pm

Thursday 21st Dec. – Village Christmas Dinner at The Half Moon

Save the Date - 23rd February 1950's American Diner Rock & Roll!

What Happened??!!

Thunder and Lightning, Gales and flying Gazebos, a Brilliant Bonfire and Delicious Bangers - and of course Fabulous Fireworks... Well done Team Bonfire!

It will be a night to remember. The day started fine and the marquee and several gazebos were erected and tied down and all preparations went ahead as planned. The beer was delivered from Kissinggate Brewery, the Bar and the BBQ were set up, Pavilion laid out for food serving and the bonfire was tidied and made secure. What could possibly go wrong?!



The torch procession took place from the Seaforth Hall to the Bonfire and the torches were set to the fire. A few false starts later, the bonfire was ablaze and was a sight to see. As people headed rapidly towards the pavilion and marquees the heavens opened. The thunder rolled, the lightning flashed and much drenching took place!



Bonfire all set to go and Bonfire Ablaze



Anthony and Rachel of Flashpoint Fireworks were particularly drenched having to replace all the fuses on the fireworks. This took about 20 minutes and their perseverance gave us an amazing fireworks display despite the awful weather. All kudos to them.

But there was more to come... Suddenly a gale gusted and we lost a gazebo that mounted the marquee and we saved a gazebo in front of the Pavilion! Those under it were grateful for the shelter. Food was served, drinks were poured, Oi Pizza was baked, and served courtesy of Louise Brown allowing access through her garden. Thank you Louise!



The crowd despite the weather!



Sheltering in the gazebos and warming up with sausages, hot chocolate and mulled wine!

Prior to the Big Day, thanks go to Ann Davies for holding the Guy Making event.





Rescuing one gazebo!

There are so many people to thank: Matt Greenwood for spearheading the event, Tricia Robinson for leading on food, Jeannette Ford for running the Bar, Ed Hadfield for supervising the Marquee erection and dismantling, Maral Keoshgerian and Martin Grimshaw all round but also for cash floats and for Sum-up card facility, to Tricia Robinson and Carol Pickering for cooking all the sausages, to Helen Greenwood, Jeannette & Michele Ryan for baking all the potatoes.

Huge thanks to Matt and Tony Ryan and all the bonfire builders and for wood donations over four weekends (especially mountains of pallets from Nigel Greenwood). Also for roping off the Rec, loans of gazebos, printing posters, ticket and torch and voucher sales in the Hall, Stuart Bean for providing the ice and finally Carl Xavier, Kirk and his security team.

The other incredible volunteers were (in no specific order) Anita Jensen, Claire Grimshaw, Clare and John Sergi, Jon Carter, Rita and Terry Jones, Alan Robinson, Louise Brown, Emma Hillary, Alan Currer, Murray Hartley, Yogi Turville, Chris Coe, Carl Peet, Ray Ford, Alison Livesley, Mariola Clark, Roger Noakes and please forgive me if I have missed anyone. You were all amazing!

And losing one to the wind! The gusted Gazebo on top of the marquee!



**Thank you
Team
Bonfire!**

Photo Credits to Matt Greenwood, Clare Sergi and Lou Carter.

Ray, Jeannette and Alison in the Bar

Anita and Carol serving Sausages



Quiz & Pizza Night

A very successful quiz night was held in the Seaforth Hall on Friday 20th October raising over £300 for the Hall. A picture round, a music round and a very challenging anagram round of British cities were the highlights of the evening, not forgetting the pizzas of course! Thanks again to Louise for setting the Quiz & Nick for the music round.



Halloween in Warninglid



Lots of spookiness was given the go-ahead at *The Half Moon* on Halloween Night with Trick or Treat, free hot dogs and a horror movie for the children of the village! The kids enjoyed it so much that another movie night is planned, with a Christmas theme. See details below...

Photo credit Penny Amico

What's Ahead?

Friday 3rd November - Village Coffee Morning, 10.00 to 12.00 - Seaforth Hall

Please join us on the 3rd November and meet friends and neighbours over coffee. The coffee morning is held in the Seaforth Hall on the first Friday of every month. Coffee is free but we welcome all and any cash donations, big or small as it all goes to the upkeep of the Seaforth Hall. Thank you to Alan and Tricia Robinson and Mark and Carol Pickering for organising this lovely event each month.

Friday 3rd November - Handcross/Parish Community Pantry

The Coffee Morning is an opportunity to bring food donations for **Handcross Pantry** which serves those in need in the Parish. This month the Pantry needs: **Long-life milk, tins of vegetables and fruit, tins or cartons of custard, rice pudding, tins of tuna or meat.** Thank you

Friday 3rd November – In the Seaforth Hall Meet your local PCSO's Sophie and Shannon

Do come and meet our local Police Community Support Officers, Sophie and Shannon, who will be attending the Coffee Morning once again. If you have questions or concerns or worries, they will be very happy to discuss any issue with you.



Yoga - Thursdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th November - Seaforth Hall

Kate Anderson's Hatha Yoga classes continue at Seaforth Hall, **10 - 11am** on the above Thursdays. Prices have increased slightly as follows: £11 to drop in or £70 for 7 classes or £64 for 6 classes. Kate has equipment or bring your own. Call 07786 980119 or email kate@kateandersonyoga.com

Children's Christmas Movie Night - 28th November in The Half Moon at 5.30pm

There will be a Christmas Movie Night for the children of the village in the lower bar in the Half Moon on the 28th November. Space is limited so please call Penny and Jamie on 01444 461227 to book your child/ren for the event. **Parents or responsible adults must be present please** as the pub cannot take responsibility. The event is **free** for the kids and will include a hot dog, chips and ice-cream. Wow! Arrive at 5.30pm with the Christmas themed movie to start at 5.45pm.

Next WRS Meeting, Tuesday 5th December - 7.30pm in Seaforth Hall

There will be no WRS meeting in November therefore the next meeting will be held on 5th December at 7.30pm. It is open to all so please feel free to come and meet the team, have your say and enjoy a glass of wine. We will also be planning the Christmas party and will need volunteers on the day of the party (15th December) to help decorate the Seaforth Hall prior to the event. Please come and join us!

Christmas Carols - Thursday 7th December in the Seaforth Hall 6pm

Rev. Carl Smith is hosting a Carol Service at the Seaforth Hall on Thursday 7th December. There will be no charge and more details will be in the December newsletter. Save the date!

WRS Christmas Party – Friday 15th December in the Seaforth Hall

The annual Christmas party once again will be held in the Seaforth Hall. It is free for WRS Members and everyone else is welcome for £5 a ticket which will include the next 13 months membership subscription. Every household brings a dish, and enjoys a great evening! Drinks will be at the bar as usual. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received and a Raffle will be held mid-evening. Dishes to bring will be listed according to which road you live on and those details will be in the next Newsletter. It's not a cook-off competition and store-bought items are totally fine!! Save the date!

Village Christmas Dinner at the Half Moon – Thursday 21st December 6.30pm

The Half Moon is hosting its festive Christmas Dinner for the village on Thursday 21st December and will offer a turkey roast or vegetarian roast, followed by Christmas pudding. The price is £19.95. Do book in advance as this is a popular event! Call Penny and Jamie on 01444 461227 to book now. Arrive at 6.30pm and dinner will be served at 7pm. Bon Appetit and Merry Christmas! Save the date!

Village Information

Seaforth Hall Bookings

Want 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 your meetings, social groups, children's parties etc. and you can use the village website to book. Alternatively book the hall with Alison Livesley, Bookings Secretary. Her email: seaforthhallbookings@gmail.com.

Warninglid Village Web Site - www.warninglidvillage.co.uk

All the above events, future and past, are on the village website. Do check it out and 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 by the **Warninglid Residents' Society and the Seaforth Hall** set up by Nick Barrie and Mariola Clark. We hope everyone will engage with it and please send in articles, photos, information etc on upcoming events in the area.

WRS News

Recreation Ground: Further to the Slaugham Parish Council recreational assets meeting, our request for the SPC acquisition of the Rec went to full Parish Council. The proposal was approved and we now have to submit a formal request in order for SPC to move forward. Once owned by the parish council, recreation grounds are managed by the parish council.

Coronation Grant & Memorial Bench: A Coronation Bench has been purchased for the village! It is engraved with the royal cipher, date of the coronation and "Warninglid" and made of sustainable teak. Delivery will be in the New Year.

Allotments: Slaugham Parish Council is working on upgrading the appearance of the Allotments and making a 24th plot. There is a parish waiting list but if you would like an allotment you, in Warninglid, will get precedence. Email Sally at clerk@slaughtampc.co.uk



Slaugham Lane:

The WRS sent multiple emails and called MSDC several times requesting footpath clearing on Slaugham Lane.

They came, they cut hedges and finally, hooray – they cleaned the footpath!

Left photo before cleaning;
right photo after cleaning.

Photo credit Clare Sergi.



Cricket Pavilion: Following an application in 2021 for a concrete footpath to the Cricket Pavilion, we have finally got approval to go ahead. However it is unlikely to be a winter project and at the same time we await the future of the Recreation Ground in terms of a transfer from MSDC to Slaugham Parish Council as mentioned above. Many thanks to Ken Boyle who has been negotiating this.

Tommy Memorial for Warninglid:

Slaugham Parish Council has bought an "Unknown Tommy Statue" memorial for each of the four villages in Slaugham Parish. All are really excited with this. Eric Prescott and Sally McLean, Clerk to the Council, attended the last WRS Meeting and informed us of this, for which they were thanked. The Tommy should be sited in a prominent position, as it is in other villages, generally on the approach to the village. The area discussed at the meeting was directly in front of the village "Wernagelad" sign, which is the most obvious location although other sites have been mooted. SPC has checked with Highways, whose land the village sign is on, and checked sightlines; it would not be a visual obstruction. Tommy will serve as a permanent reminder of Warninglid's fallen soldiers. He is 4 feet 10" tall aka 1.47m tall and designed and made by veterans at the Royal British Legion's social enterprise, "Britain's Bravest Manufacturing Company". Every purchase provides employment for veterans.



And next year: Save the Date, 23rd February 2024, a 1950's American Diner Disco

Next February Mark and Carol Pickering will be transforming the Seaforth Hall into an American Diner with all the necessary trimmings! For those that attended their last two events, you know this will be a special evening. Put the date in your diary and look for further information in the next newsletters and for when the tickets go on sale. The event is a fund-raiser for Seaforth Hall.



Next Newsletter: Please send any articles for inclusion by **26th November**. Thank you.