



Warninglid Residents' Society

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Dates for your Diary

Friday 1st September – Village Coffee Morning 10-12 Seaforth Hall
Friday 1st September – Handcross Pantry Donations Seaforth Hall
Tuesday 5th Sept. – Bonfire & Fireworks Meeting in Pavilion 5pm
Saturdays 2nd, 9th, September – Cricket, Recreation Ground
Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Sept. – Yoga, 10.00 in Seaforth Hall
Sunday 10th September – Shakespeare at Warninglid Grange
Friday 22nd September – The Big Speak Easy, Seaforth Hall
Tuesday 26th September – WRS Open Meeting - Pavilion 7.30pm
Saturday 28th October – Village Bonfire, Fireworks & Halloween

WHAT'S ON – The Big events!

Sunday 10th September – The Handlebards: A Midsummer Night's Dream



Once again, Hilary and Julian Wynter will be hosting the Handlebards at Warninglid Grange. This is a "Pay What You Can" performance, no tickets, with admission on a first-come first served basis. Donations will be accepted on the evening of the show. Join the Handlebards for a hilarious, high-octane production of Shake-

speare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Please bring your own (low level) chair or blanket to sit on, a picnic to dig into - and dress for the weather! Doors open at 4pm and the show starts at 5pm. Oi Pizza will be there for those that don't want to bring a picnic. In case of rain please don't bring an umbrella as they block the view for others. Ponchos and raincoats are just as fetching!

Friday 22nd September – A 1920's Night at the "Seaforth Hall Speakeasy"

Big Louis is getting the last minute details sorted for the 1920s evening on Friday 22nd September (7.00 – 10.30pm) and he's hoping they'll let him join the band. The band is tuning up, the roulette table is being oiled and polished, the food is being prepared, the raffle prizes have been secured and the illicit booze is being made ready for what will be a truly memorable event.

Join us for a night of live music as the *Seaforth Society Syncopators* fill the air with musical hits from the Roaring Twenties, learn some basic Charleston steps and dance the night away, try your luck on the roulette table (a prize for the most successful gambler of the evening) and partake of the house speciality "tea" and "coffee" that come in red, white, brown and fizzy varieties (courtesy of our suppliers across the border).

Some Like It Hot – do you? Your hot food is being served with a choice of spicy or mild. Oh, and there's also a great raffle with super prizes including Big Louis himself! To secure your tickets email warninglid.event@gmail.com – tickets cost £15 per person including your supper (all proceeds going directly to the Seaforth Hall). So, get your tickets soon but keep it under your hat just in case the Feds find out!

Big Louis says get yours now – or he'll send the boys round...



Big Louis photo from Mark Pickering

Saturday 28th October – Bonfire, Fireworks & Halloween Night – Pallets needed!

Planning has started for Bonfire Night! The date is set and Flashpoint Fireworks have been booked. We had a fabulous event last year and look forward to an equally sensational show this year. The first meeting for a working party will be on **Tuesday 5th September, 5pm in the Cricket Pavilion**. Please come along if you would like to be involved. We need as many volunteers as possible for marshalling, building the bonfire, helping on the day with bar and food and help on the next day for clearing up! And we need as many pallets as we can find! Please save your dry wood, old fencing, big branches etc. Dates for bringing these to the field will be given in the next newsletter. Please do **NOT** bring before.

What's On – The Usual Events!

Friday 1st September - Village Coffee Morning, 10.00 to 12.00 - Seaforth Hall

Please join us on the 4th August and meet friends and neighbours over coffee. The coffee morning is held in the **Seaforth Hall** the first Friday of every month. Coffee is free but all cash donations, big or small are welcome as it 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 1st September - Handcross Community Pantry in the Seaforth Hall

The Coffee Morning is also an opportunity to bring along food donations for **Handcross Pantry** which serves those in need in the Parish. This month the Pantry needs the following items: **Rice, Cereals, Long-life milk, tins of fruit, custard, rice pudding, tins of tuna or meat, tea coffee, sugar.**

Please see the attached letter from Barbara Butfoy from the Pantry team & photo from Kristy Adams:

"The Community Pantry has been in operation for 3 1/2 years and was set up in response to a highlighted need to support some families in the parish. We have been blessed by so many donations of food and money on a weekly basis with extra donations at harvest, Christmas and Easter, including collections from local schools and the churches of the parish in addition to regular donors.



We now have collection points in all the villages of the parish in addition to people being able to bring donations on Pantry mornings themselves. The Pantry is held on Saturdays at All Saints Church in Handcross between 10 and 11.30 and we run a café offering free tea/coffee/biscuits and an opportunity to chat.

I was recently asked to think about how much it costs to make up one bag of shopping for a family... Well that sadly has been an increasing amount over the past few months as prices rise, but I always try and buy additional items we need at low price supermarkets or when they are on offer, to ensure money donated is spent carefully. Each week families receive a basic bag including any fresh bread, fruit and vegetables donated by Tesco. In addition over the course of a month they also receive a £5 meat voucher from Handcross Butchers, as well as tea, coffee, sugar, washing detergent and toiletries. Larger families receive a little extra when we have it. Averaged out per week (including monthly extras and based on prices in late June) the total cost of providing support to a family each week is £20. We are currently supporting 25 families (34 adults and 24 children) so weekly our costs are currently £500!

Over the lifetime of the pantry the total is an amazing £91000 ! It is a testament to each person who has supported us that we have always had enough to give to those most in need in our community and we continue to thank God for blessing our work in His name. It has been lovely to come and meet some of you at the Warninglid monthly coffee morning. We have been so touched by your generosity and willingness to donate each month, as well welcoming us into your community. If you would like to know more about the pantry, would like to join our team or know anyone who may be in need of the pantry's support, please contact me on 07853228605.

Thank you, Barbara Butfoy, Handcross Community Pantry Team"

Cricket - Saturdays 2nd and 9th September – Recreation Ground

The Haywards Heath cricket teams are continuing to book the recreation ground pitch for their matches. Matches are booked for the above dates at the moment.

Yoga - Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th September - Seaforth Hall

Kate Anderson's Hatha Yoga classes will continue at Seaforth Hall, **10 - 11am** on the above Thursdays. Kate has had to increase her prices slightly and from September the revised costs will be as follows: £11 to drop in (she will have plenty of change), or £70 for 7 classes or £64 for 6 classes if you need to miss one week. Kate can provide equipment or you are welcome to bring your own. Call her on 07786 980119 or email kate@kateandersonyoga.com

What's been going on?

NGS Open Garden at Colwood House

Mariola Clark writes: On Sunday 13 August Colwood House garden was opened to the public by Rosy Brenan under the aegis of the National Garden Scheme. The opening was a huge success raising over £2000 for the charities supported by the scheme. It was a lovely day attracting over 350 visitors who appreciated the beautiful garden which was immaculately presented. The visitors came from far and wide - including a lady from Vancouver Island and a horticulturist from Wales.

The all-important refreshments were organised by the Seaforth Hall Trustees and the 'Tea and Cakes Team' delivering on the day was made up from WRS members and willing volunteers from the village. See the photo below with Claire, Carol, Liz, Maral, Sally, Gill and Sarah.

Over £1000 was raised for the Seaforth Hall. Many thanks to everyone who contributed by donating home-made cakes for the event. Many thanks also to Hedley and Bob on the parking and to Peter Benner on the east gate. Thanks also on the entrance to volunteers Beryl, Richard and Linda. Thank you Mariola for the photos.



Visitors on the terrace enjoying the views



The assistant gardeners at Colwood House.



The Tea and Cakes Team



Michele Ryan was contacted by two old boys, from Hollingbury Court School, as Colwood used to be until 1982. David Chadwick (who came last year) and Paul David, (accompanied by his wife; see David's photo on left) Paul was a pupil 20 years earlier than David. They wanted to thank all the volunteers for making the day possible, and very special to them. Many thanks to Rosy Brenan for putting on a wonderful day and for her continued support of the Seaforth Hall. Donations are still coming in from the sales of the book "Colwood A House Through Time" and if you would like to buy a copy please call Rosy on 01444 461352.

My Runaway Dogs in William's Wood

A letter of thanks from Diana Housgo-Woolgar:

"I would like to say how much I appreciated the stunning response from the village to the loss of George and Alisa in William's Wood. I felt quite overwhelmed by the caring response from everyone. David Brewerton kept a running tab on WhatsApp and many suggestions were made as well as physical searching. This is a tale with a happy ending as George and Alisa were retrieved down Spronketts Lane



near Barlands. We still do not know the name of the gentleman who alerted Emma Hillary to the dogs but kind thanks to him and to Emma. George was put in a car and driven home to me.

My daughter Issy was alerted and drove back from her 'camp' in the woods, picked me up and we drove down Spronketts Lane. The ever-faithful Alisa was trotting up to follow the car that her fellow mate George had gone in! We stopped, jumped out and took her home. Thank you to David for the photo.

Thank you all so much, Diana and Issy. And of course thanks from George and Alisa!"

Survey of William's Wood, a request from a local student, Connie Smith

Dear Warninglid Resident,

I am asking whether anyone in the village would be able to assist me with a research project that I am working on as part of my geography A Level.

I live in Bolney and am carrying out some coursework research about woodland in Warninglid and Slaugham. Part of the research involves consulting the local community about the use they make of William's Wood. The Woodland Trust has given me permission to carry out the research. I am hoping to gain local opinion by asking visitors to the woodland to complete a short questionnaire. I'm wondering if you would be able to help. I'd be really grateful for any replies you might be able to give me. Questionnaires need to be returned by the 8th September and the link is below. There will be paper copies in the Seaforth Hall at the Coffee Morning on the 1st September for those that prefer.

With thanks and best wishes, Connie Smith.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2Qa0F6YdoIiyWvDOhudv7JcAP_ZhytAbxg6ANqCsTm1kD5g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

William's Wood – a little history

Williams's Wood in Warninglid is a small 4 hectare area of semi-natural Ancient Woodland in a wooded area owned by the Woodland Trust and situated in the High Weald AONB. It is half a mile from the village crossroads and the surrounding areas consist of mixed farming and parkland. The land was left to the Woodland Trust in 1993 in the will of Jane Louisa Knapman of Stonewick, now Belle Vue nursing home. The wood was named after her husband William. At that time the voluntary warden for the wood was his daughter Doreen who lived at Stonewick Lodge. The wood was previously part of Harvey's Wood. Although small, the site is diverse containing ghyll woodland around two deeply incised streams, which is a typical feature of the High Weald, and with two species-rich meadows, some tall character trees and a network of paths. The storm of 1987 damaged a lot of the wood and although some was cleared, there are still large rotting trunks about. The Trust has cleared most of the rhododendrons and the meadows have been regularly mowed.

William Knapman's grandson still lives in the village and is an avid woodworker. He is happy to make wood carvings, tables and benches. You can contact him on 07929 000714



Adrian's "Owl and Pussycat" Bench in William's Wood

Coffee Morning with PCSO's and the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership

A very well attended coffee morning was much appreciated by our two local PCSO's Sophie and Shannon who were there to answer any questions. Also attending was Sgt. James Arrol-Barker and Ellen Higgins from Sussex Safer Roads Partnership. They had been invited to join us by our own village Speedwatch team.

It was great to see so many people asking questions and interacting with them. Sophie has asked if she and Shannon can come again on the 4th October. Pictured here is James Arrol-Barker, Tony Ryan, Kristy Adams, Shannon and Sophie, with thanks to Ellen Higgins for the photo.



Next WRS Meeting, Tuesday 26th September - Cricket Pavilion, 7.30pm

The next WRS Meeting will be held at the Cricket Pavilion on 26th September 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.

Cricket Pavilion

The Pavilion is a lovely village asset and is available to hire on weekdays and most Sundays in summer for your tea parties or other gatherings. The kitchen is equipped with a fridge and urn and has crockery, cutlery, glasses and seating for 24. Please email Warninglid.residents@gmail.com for details.

Postal Collections in the village.

There is no longer an afternoon collection. Colin, the village postman will collect mail from the village letter box once he has finished his delivery round, around 11am. Colin can collect from your own front door, provided it is visible to him. For more information phone Customer Service on 03456 011399.

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.

Seaforth Hall Bookings - You can also use the village website to book the Seaforth Hall for your meetings, social groups, children's parties etc.. Alternatively book the hall directly with Alison Livesley, Bookings Secretary. The email to contact her: seaforthhallbookings@gmail.com.

WRS News

- **Drain covers:** We have emailed South East Water twice, about the paper-thin man-hole covers on Cuckfield Lane, near the crossroads. One of the covers is so worn it has a large hole in it. We have not had a response although they have been at the site. West Sussex Fire Service came to check it wasn't the Hydrant and then repainted the hydrant adjacent to Rose Cottage.
- **Dog-poo Bins:** We emailed Mid Sussex District Council's Waste, Leisure and Landscaping Division requesting two more dog-poo bins to be installed in the village, on Cuckfield Lane. We have been added to a "Suggested Locations" list for when their next contract is drawn up. At Tuesdays WRS meeting resident Colin Ham suggested they should be put at the entrance to the allotments from The Street and at the driveway entrance to the Rec from Cuckfield Lane.
- **Recreation Ground:** Further to a Slaugham Parish Council recreation assets meeting, it was proposed to put our request for the SPC acquisition of the Rec to full Parish Council meeting on 31st August. If approved the SPC could approach Mid Sussex District Council. If this went ahead it would bring Warninglid in line with Handcross and Pease Pottage recreation grounds and pavilions and allotments all of which the parish council manages.
- **PA System:** A portable Yamaha PA system has been purchased (in conjunction with the Seaforth Hall) which can be used indoors or outdoors on the Recreation ground with a wireless microphone. It had a successful debut at the recent quiz night!
- **Coronation Grant/Bench:** The WRS received a £480 Coronation Grant from Mid-Sussex District Council and a Coronation Bench will be purchased for the village in due course.

- **Allotments:** Our request for new post and rail fencing and gates to be installed on the recreation ground side of the allotments was approved by Slaugham Parish Council and quotations are being sought. The work will include clearing overgrown plots and the compost area, which will be turned into another allotment, making 24 in total. There is a waiting list but if you would like an allotment you will get precedence. Call Sally on clerk@slaughampc.co.uk
- **Slaugham Lane:** Residents Clare and John Sergi requested that the footpath be cleared as it is very slippery. It has not been done since the school closed. WRS will email MSDC to request it.

Recommended Services 2023 – with new additions *

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| Agas and Boilers | Martin Wood | 07946 271937 01444 455951 | Based in Haywards Heath |
| Antique Furniture Restoration | Carlos Lopez & Son | 01444 243176 07841 465242 | c.lopezandson@gmail.com |
| Auto Electrician | Philip Smith | 01293 400597 07766 657180 | www.autoelectrical-crawley.co.uk |
| Skin Treatment Specialist | Maria Winslow Beauty | 07974 427750 | maria@winslowskincare.co.uk www.winslowskincare.co.uk |
| Bookkeeping | Marianne Butler | 07827 913362 | thepineloft@hotmail.com |
| Builder | Craig Woolsey | 07956 993122 | craigmw123@hotmail.co.uk |
| A C Cars – Mechanic * | Andy | 07881 806773 01444 881622 | Unit 4, London Rd, Bolney RH17 5PY |
| Chimney Sweep | Graham Wick | 07773 849520 014444 414920 | grahamthechimneysweep@gmail.com grahamwick70@gmail.com |
| Chimney Sweep | Jason Snead A1 Sweeps | 01273 298528 07759/202864 | dysondisco@ntlworld.com |
| Dial Services Machinery Repairs * | Richard Chandler | 01444 461823 07778 031006 | Paternosters Farm, Slough Green Lane Warninglid RH17 5SL |
| Doggie Daycare Home Boarding | Marianne Butler | 07827 913362 | thepineloft@hotmail.com |
| Electrician | David Bushby | 01444 221496 07704852877 | dbushbyltd@hotmail.co.uk |
| Electrician | Phil Lucas | 01403 733288 07885 081588 | info@thepowerman.co.uk |
| Financial Servs: Wills, Mortgage, Pensions * | Ellen Wells | 07767 881250 | ellen@meekins.co.uk |
| Flatpack Assembly | Graham Copley | 07595 622108 | fpack@turbomachinerycontrols.com |
| Fresh Fish | Catch of the Day | 07974 464724 01273 582637 | timwoodward@live.co.uk |
| Gardens | Dave Frewer | 01444 416560 07984 164534 | d7sgs@aol.com |
| General Handyman & Wood-Work | Mike Billing | 01444 461225 07790 392410 | mbilling@btinternet.com |
| Gas Heat & Plumbing | Mike Robinson | 07723 607241 | mike@robinsonheatingandplumbing.co.uk |
| Home Improvements | Sam | 07548 749467 | sam@sehomeimprovements.co.uk |
| Landscapes | Tom Cork | 07776 176495 | thomas@tcork4.wanadoo.co.uk |
| Landscaping | Mike Blake | 07957 989570 | m.blaketreeandlandscaping@gmail.com |
| Milk Delivery | | 0345 6063606 | www.milkandmore.co.uk |
| Oven Cleaning | Sussex Oven Cleaning | 07961 845999 01273 964550 | www.sussexovencleaning.co.uk/ |
| PAT Testing and Flat-pack Assembly | Graham Copley | 01444 811117 07595 622108 | pat@turbomachinerycontrols.com |
| Piano Tuning | Cadwein Bacon | 07306 617320 | www.resonancepianotuning.co.uk |
| Plasterer | Lee Minter | 07876 213650 | leeminter06@aol.com |
| Plumbing/heating | Adam Hollingdale | 07458185168 | www.hollingdaleheat.co.uk |
| Seaforth Hall | Alison Livesley | 07799 838135 | seaforthhallbookings@gmail.com |
| Swimming Lessons | Linda Lowe | 01444 461051 | Linda.lowe.1965@gmail.com |
| Taxi - local | Andy Houlder | 01444 461237 | Taxi & minibus, airport & local |
| Vehicle Transport | Aaron Pullen | 07739 212888 | Aaronvt247@gmail.com |
| Window Cleaner | Jeremy Stoner | 07769 110757 01903/743086 | jemstoner57@hotmail.co.uk |
| Woodland, Garden & Greenwood Crafts | Jake Whitcroft | 07592 353845 | jawhitcroft@hotmail.com |

Next Newsletter: Please send articles by **26th September**. Thank you.

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