



Warninglid Residents' Society

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October Dates for your Diary

Friday 6th – Coffee Morning & Pantry Donations 10-12 Seaforth Hall
Tue & Wed 10th & 11th - Warninglid Road Closures. See page 6
Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th – Yoga, 10.00 in Seaforth Hall
Saturdays 7th, 14th, 21st – Bonfire Building on the REC. 9.30am
Friday 20th – Quiz and Pizza Night, Seaforth Hall at 6pm
Saturday 21st – Guy Making at the Cricket Pavilion 11am-1pm
Tuesday 24th – WRS Open Meeting, Seaforth Hall at 7.30pm
Saturday 28th – Bonfire & Fireworks! Meet at Seaforth Hall 5.30pm

WHAT'S ON? – The BIG events!

Quiz & Pizza Night

Bonfire & Fireworks



Quiz Night

Friday 20th October

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At the Seaforth Hall.
Doors and **Cash Bar** open at 6pm.
Quiz Starts at 6:30pm

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A fun and informal evening with profits donated to Seaforth Hall.

Tickets £10 per person
Includes a range of pizzas (including vegetarian options) served with salad.

Teams of four players. Individuals welcome - join a team on the night or come as a four.



For tickets please contact Alison Livesley via WhatsApp or e-mail: livesleyalison@gmail.com



Bonfire, fireworks, Halloween costume competition, food, alcohol and hot drinks!

Meet at Seaforth Hall (RH17 5UB) at 5:30pm
Candlelit procession to Warninglid Recreation Ground at 6:00pm
Bonfire lit 6:30pm

Adult: £8
Under 18: £5
Family tickets available
early bird discount if booked before 15 October!
SCAN TO BOOK

www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/46284



Another fun evening is on the horizon! The quiz evening is always very popular so make sure to book early. If you don't have a team of four, just turn up on the evening and you will be allocated to a team! The pizzas are delicious and there are at least 5 choices. If you need vegetarian or gluten free please let Alison know when you book your tickets.

We had a fabulous event with Flashpoint Fireworks last year and we look forward to a sensational show this year. **Book your early-bird tickets ASAP as we have already sold 127! Or it's £10 on the day. Get your wristbands and food & beverage vouchers at the Hall.** For those wanting to watch the Rugby, we are planning for that too... fingers crossed!

Bonfire Building 9.30am to midday on Saturday 7th, 14th, 21st – Bring dry wood!

Bonfire building with pallets will be on the 7th October and all other dry wood on the two following weekends. Please save any dry wood, old fencing, old sheds, big branches etc. No green or fresh-cut wood please. The building sessions start at 9.30am and finish by midday. Refreshments in the Pavilion.

Guy Making Session at the Pavilion with Ann Davies Sat. 21st October 11am to 1pm

Come along and make your own Guy Fawkes! Bring old clothes & hats – and your Mum and Dad!

Bonfire Volunteers - We need more volunteers for marshalling, building the bonfire, help on the day and help the next day for clearing up! Please join the Whatsapp group if you can help.

What's On? – The Usual Events!

Friday 6th October - Village Coffee Morning, 10.00 to 12.00 - Seaforth Hall

Please join us on the 6th October 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 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 6th October – Handcross/Parish 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: *Long-life milk, tins of vegetables and fruit, tins or cartons of custard, rice pudding, tins of tuna or meat.* Thank you

Yoga - Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th October - 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. Kate provides equipment or you can bring your own. Call 07786 980119 or email kate@kateandersonyoga.com

Next WRS Meeting, Tuesday 24th October - 7.30pm in Seaforth Hall

The next WRS Meeting will be held on 24th October 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.

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

Please put the date in your diary and further details will be in the next Newsletter.

What's been going on?

Cancer Research and Macmillan Coffee Morning At Diana Housego-Woolgar



A message of thanks from Diana who raised over £700 for both Cancer Research UK and MacMillan Cancer Support at her coffee morning. She was delighted with the response – and the weather too! She wants to thank her friends and her daughter Issy who helped to make it such a success and to everyone who came and who donated cakes and raffle prizes. Thank you all so much from Diana.

Connie Smith's Survey of William's Wood

A message of thanks from Connie Smith to everyone who responded to the William's Wood questionnaire via the link and also on paper copies at the coffee morning. She says thank you to all.

Puttin' on the Ritz in Warninglid – 1920's Speakeasy Night



Huge thanks to Mark and Carol Pickering for organising such a brilliant event. It was wonderful having live music – and a first showing of Mark's new Soprano Saxophone! There was even a waiting list for cancelled tickets which only goes to show what an appealing event it was. It seems a trend is developing in that the people of Warninglid like dressing up! The Hall looked great and from the entrance through to the main hall and stage and bar, one entered into a speakeasy décor. The roulette table was a big success too! Mark and Carol write the following:

The evening of Friday 22nd September saw the Seaforth Hall transformed into the Seaforth Speakeasy for our 1920s Night. Glitz, glamour, flapper dresses and tuxedos were the order of the day as the hall was full of revellers enjoying the period music provided by the specially formed Seaforth Society Syncopators as well as trying their luck at the roulette table. The evening was briefly interrupted by the Feds who raided the event but were soon bought off! All in all, a great evening was had by all and so much in the way of thanks go to the great people who helped to make the event such a success.



Thank you to Tricia, Kristy and Michele for the excellent food, to Katherine Collett for her guest appearance with the band and her Charleston tuition as well as to the helpers on the bar and all the folk who cleared up at the end.

The raffle was well supported by numerous individuals and companies. Our thanks go to Eskimo Ice, Alexander King Photography of Horsham, Glassfollies and Columbines Health and Beauty both of Hurstpierpoint, all the cast of The Repair Shop as well as Heritage Restaurant in

Slaugham for their great prizes. The event helped us raise £791 for the upkeep of the Seaforth Hall.
Let's see which decade will be next!

Mark and Carol.



The Roulette Table



The Grange Gang

Photo credits: Carol and Michele



The Feds (aka Tony and Mariola) raid the Speakeasy!

The Seaforth Hall

Trustee of the Seaforth Hall, Mariola McDougall-Clark writes:

"Work on the Seaforth Hall carries on apace. The Trustees have been busy inside refurbishing the stage and side rooms and externally they have embarked on a project to level the space on the eastern border to allow decorative gravel and a flower planter to replace the border - reducing the need for regular maintenance and improving the frontage of the hall.

Our efforts have been given a considerable boost by the input of Matthew Greenwood who with his agricultural tractor scooped out four buckets of the excess soil - thereby saving the Trustees many hours of hard digging. Heartfelt thanks Matt!

The Trustees have engaged on a number of social events recently to raise funds in support of the Seaforth Hall - regular quiz nights, entertainment, support for the NGS open day at Colwood House and we are keenly aware of the need to enhance and preserve the hall which is a valuable asset to our local community. We value your recent support and look forward to continuing our relationship in future." Mariola



Photo Credit: Mariola Clark

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.

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 also collect from your own front door, provided it is visible to him. For more info phone Customer Service on 03456 011399.

Speedwatch – Life in the Slow Lane

Last week David Cherry handed over his leadership of the Speedwatch team, and metaphorically the speed-gun, to Ed Hadfield. The WRS and, I am sure, the larger community as well, extends thanks to David for his constant work in trying to lower the speeds of incoming traffic to the village. Luckily David will remain on the team and we wish Ed well in his leadership role. David has written the following:

After over 16 years as Warninglid Speedwatch Co-ordinator, I have decided the time is ripe for me to step down. For the future, the Team is going to be in the capable hands of Ed Hadfield who has been my deputy for many years and a volunteer since 2009. At present we have a band of 17 volunteers with another, I believe, about to join us. I suspect we are the envy of many of the 300+ groups in Sussex & Surrey, many of whom have difficulty in keeping up their volunteer strength to operate at all. I believe that a good part of our success has been due to the splendid camaraderie and friendship that has been created by our "social secretary" Louise Brown who organises jolly events for us. A big thankyou to her.



David hands over the files to Ed

The beginning of Speedwatch was, to a significant degree, the brain child of the late Geoffrey Coe, a Warninglid resident for many years. He was a major player in Mid Sussex Neighbourhood Watch and he, in conjunction with local police, believed that it should be possible for village groups to be set up to try to deter speeding motorists. At the AGM of the WRS in February 2007, Geoffrey asked for volunteers to set up our own group and Warninglid became the second group to be established in Sussex. I must have put my head too high above the parapet as the then WRS Chairman, Nigel Tarr 'kindly' asked me to run the group. In those days, we had to pick-up the speed-gun from Burgess Hill for every session and then fax the results to the Police for them to issue the letters to the offenders. Nowadays the Police Speedwatch system is based on a sophisticated computer programme into which we input our session results. Some change!

It would be nice to say that speeding has significantly diminished along Cuckfield Lane since we were established – and the data generated by the SID would suggest a small drop. However, we still get many cases of motorists exceeding the 30mph limit by extraordinary speeds. In May we had a Mini recorded at 67mph and in June a Ford van at 66mph. Speeds in the high 50's are regularly recorded. In signing off, I would like to thank all of our wonderful band of volunteers for their dedication and support – it hasn't been a job – it's been a pleasure!

David Cherry

Midsummer Night's Dream at Warninglid Grange

The Handlebards celebrated their 10th anniversary at The Grange. Lovely sunny weather and a huge turnout, along with the option of picnic or Oi Pizza (or both!) made for a great afternoon in Warninglid. Thanks go to Hilary & Julian Wynter for hosting the Handlebards each year. Hilary would love to hear from you if you have any feedback about the event, the timing, or option of pizza. Please email her on:

hilarywynter@yahoo.co.uk



Healthy Walks Programme – Local and beyond.

Thank you to **Alan Currer** for the following information:

Since moving here 6 months ago, Caroline and I have been enjoying walking locally on guided walks with the healthy walks programmes of both Horsham and Mid-Sussex District Councils. There is no cost or ongoing commitment and 'approved' volunteer leaders offer a wide variety of levels of walk and locations. It's a good way to get out, see and discover new corners of the glorious countryside and meet some other folk. The programmes were well advertised by leaflets in GP surgeries and elsewhere pre-pandemic, but awareness of the programmes may have dropped off since. I would be happy to drop details to anyone in the village who is interested but not online. These are the links:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/walking/wellbeing-walks>

<https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/leisure-sport/walking-in-mid-sussex/>

Alan Currer

Paternalists Fruit Farm

Pick Your Own Apples! Paternalists Farm is open on Thursdays to Sundays 10am-5pm, weather permitting. The apples ready now are Cox, Russet, Idared and Bramley. All are great for storing, juicing or cooking. Please call 01444 461474 for picking info. Take cash and a bag.

Neighbourhood Watch

Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne has given the Sussex Neighbourhood Watch **£25,962** to help further their work in keeping Sussex safe. Neighbourhood Watch is an independent crime-fighting charity with over 2.3 million members across England & Wales. The schemes are run by thousands of volunteers who work together building safer and inclusive communities, helping to prevent crime and make a positive difference. For new residents in the village, membership can give you a discount on your household insurance. Our scheme number is 000171711. And speaking of new residents...

Welcome to our New Members

We wish a very warm welcome to **Carl and Natalie** on Spronketts Lane! We hope your move has gone well and that you are now settling in. We look forward to welcoming you to village events and please don't hesitate to ask questions or to contact us. And congratulations for choosing to live in Warninglid!!

Cricket Pavilion bookings

The Pavilion is a lovely village asset and is available to hire on weekdays and most Sundays in summer for your parties or 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.

Cricket in Warninglid?

The cricket season is over but planning can start for next year. We have a new resident in the village who would like to play for a Warninglid Cricket eleven and is wondering who else in the village would be interested. Please contact the WRS and we can progress from there...

Warninglid Road Closures 10th and 11th October

Warninglid Lane will be closed on Tuesday 10th October from 9.30 to 15.30 for resurfacing.

Cuckfield Lane will be closed on Wednesday 11th October from 9.30 to 15.00 for resurfacing.

WRS News

Drain covers: Mission Accomplished! Finally South East Water responded to our request to replace the worn away drain covers on Cuckfield Lane. The work has now been completed.

Dog-poo Bins: MSDC Waste, Leisure and Landscaping Division have added us to a "Suggested Locations" list for when their next contract is drawn. We requested 2 more dog-poo bins to be installed in the village, on Cuckfield Lane and near the Allotments. Watch this space!

Recreation Ground: Further to a Slaugham Parish Council recreation assets meeting, our request for the SPC acquisition of the Rec went to full Parish Council. I await more news but this would bring Warninglid in line with Handcross and Pease Pottage whose assets are managed by the parish council.

Coronation Grant & Memorial Bench: The WRS received a £480 Coronation Grant from Mid-Sussex District Council and a Coronation Bench is to be purchased for the village. At the WRS open meeting last week it was approved that a further £200 could be spent for an appropriate bench.

Allotments: Slaugham Parish Council has received one quotation for new fencing but two more are being sought. The work will also include clearing overgrown plots and the compost area, which will be turned into another allotment, making 24 in total. There is a parish waiting list but if you would like an allotment you, in Warninglid, will get precedence. Call Sally on clerk@slaughtampc.co.uk

Slaugham Lane: WRS emailed MSDC to request footpath clearing - they came and cut the hedges but the footpath was not cleared! Another email will be sent.

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

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