

*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year
to all the residents of
Woodingdean!*



The Village Conference

The Tenants and Residents Association would like to thank the fifty residents who attended the Conference.

Speakers were well received, interesting and informative.

Emily Kenward spoke about her Time to Talk Befriending charity, its partners, and about its inception and how it operates, which includes to a great extent befriending elderly residents in Woodingdean.

The Chairman of Woodingdean's Neighbourhood Watch, JP Amos, followed with an explanation of the new 'No Cold Calling Zone' which has been organised for Woodingdean residents, and the progress and growth of membership achieved by the Neighbourhood Watch team since its inception in late 2014.

Eddie Cope then spoke about help to be given to Council Tenants.

After a break for complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits, our two Councillors, Dee Simson and Steve Bell, enlightened the audience with news and updates on the Vodafone mast and results of the traffic deputation to the various Council committees and subsequent communications with them.

The Conference ended at 1pm.

Traffic Deputations

Since the last newsletter, a deputation was made to a full Brighton & Hove City Council meeting in July, to ask the following question:

"Who, or which Councillor, or what Committee has changed the planning consent, made by the Council Planners in 2012, to give acceptance to Laing O'Rourke and 3TS development company to re-route commercial vehicles through Woodingdean, to and from the building hub at the old gas works, without any public knowledge or consultation, prior to April 2016, with Woodingdean residents or Councillors, when it clearly states in 2012 that the A23, A27 and A270 should be used, in the consent for the work to go ahead.

If nobody has changed the application, what 'rights to change planning decisions' have you given Laing O'Rourke and 3TS to route traffic through the already blocked roads of Woodingdean Village?

Also, if the Council only knew in April 2016, who gave permission to Laing O'Rourke to have a map agreed and published, clearly showing the traffic flow and vehicle numbers, already copy-written before our public meeting in June?"

'Answer came there none'.

So the question was asked again by JP Amos at the next meeting of the Transport and Sustainability Committee, which followed in early October.

'Answer came there none'.

So, in October the Committee then wrote to the Chairman of Brighton & Hove City Council to answer the question.

Answer: "The Council is not required to re-consult or advise planning application consultees, including the Police, of any changes, unless legislation or policy requires another planning application to be submitted."

Date for your diary...

The Tenants & Residents Association's

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 8th February 2017, 7.30pm

at the Community Centre

Hear more about the traffic problems through the village

Feedback from our Local Councillors

It is always a privilege for us to represent such a great place as Woodingdean, and support the residents on a day to day basis.

Since our last update to you all, we have wondered if you have noticed the resurfacing work carried out in Warren Road, pot holes repaired in Cowley Drive, Bexhill Road and Crescent Drive South?

Yes, still many more roads need attention, but we are working to have these repaired as well.

This is an area of great concern to us all and we will continue to ensure all potholes are brought to the Council's attention.

We are continuing to stand up to the Council to ensure the protection of the grass areas such as in front of the Lawn Memorial Park.

We have also been able to have maps made for the nature walks in Happy Valley.

We have been told that all the roads have been sprayed with weed killer during the past weeks and that we should have seen the difference. Neither of us believe this has been carried out effectively, and would really like to know your views on this by email please, so we can inform the Council.

We lobbied the Council at the last Full Council meeting to have free parking in the Council-owned car parks during December, so our residents could enjoy the City Centre Christmas shopping and attractions, but sadly the Council 'Grinches' wouldn't agree.

The two biggest issues for us all in Woodingdean at the moment are the serious increase in traffic from the new hospital development and the Vodafone mobile phone mast in Warren Road.

We have met many times with Council Officers on both issues, attended public meetings and taken part in a demonstration to ensure that the Council know the disgust that the residents feel about being treated in this way by the Council.

Both of these have become serious issues to us in the village, due to the poor administration of the Council. Members of the Tenants & Residents Association have made a deputation and representation at both Full Council and Environment Transport and Sustainability Committee meetings.

We will both continue to work with the residents, various committees and groups in Woodingdean to keep lobbying the Council on your behalf with these matters.

We hope that you found this small report helpful and informative and would ask you to contact us with any issues in relation to the Council on

dee.simson@brighton-hove.gov.uk or
steve.bell@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Which leaves us with one last thing, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



HOPE tea party

After the Village Conference came the highlight for many people – 'the tea party' organised by Time To Talk Befriending.

Sixty guests who had answered the invitation in the Autumn Newsletter arrived by buses provided by the charity, by car and on foot to enjoy an afternoon of good company, live music, and tea and cakes. There was helpful information – to keep us all secure in our homes – good conversation, with tea served from tea pots into cups and saucers and cakes by the plate-load.

Everybody had a lovely afternoon, and thanks go to Emily Kenward and her team for putting on such a good spread.

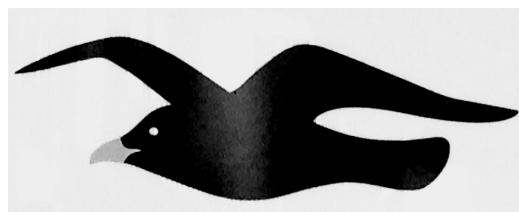
A further invitation will be going out for some lucky elderly residents to attend the pantomime matinee in December.

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Peter Barnard, the organiser of the Woodingdean Carnival, is unable to continue, due to health problems. If you feel able to take over the reins of this Woodingdean annual event, in its 50th year, or have a team of like-minded neighbours and friends to help you, please contact the Editor of the Newsletter, on

woodingdean.newsletter@gmail.com for further information.

Pete would like to thank all sponsors, advertisers, local businesses, stall holders and the general public for their continued support, and mostly the Carnival Committee members who have worked so hard to keep it going.

Woodingdean's new defibrillator

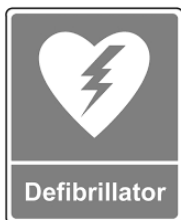
Our Village now has the benefit of three defibrillators.

One is in the Methodist Church, the second at the Bowls Club and now the third, for everybody's use and which is available 24/7, is installed outside the entrance of the Community Centre, to the right hand side.

Instructions are inside the machine, which starts immediately when the front is opened. No specific training is needed as a voice will take you through the stages. It tells you how to put the two pads on, and how to operate it.

The machine will be an excellent addition to help anyone in need of it, and will help greatly in the vital few minutes before a paramedic team arrives.

The Tenants and Residents Association are indebted to Tim Fellows, Unit Operating Manager of South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, for organising the unit.



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Neighbourhood Watch Scheme



Woodingdean has seen many "No Cold Calling Zone" signs put up recently, financed by the Neighbourhood Watch team.

There are window stickers available from Neighbourhood Watch Street Contacts,

for a donation of £1, that give telephone numbers to report callers, who either have no intention of acknowledging the window stickers, or return after being asked not to, or callers who will just not go away.

Giving information to the Police about unwanted rogue traders will help us all and build up a good picture of unscrupulous selling, so that resources can be directed to Woodingdean by the Police and Trading Standards, when needed.

We all know now that Police cover is limited, with cost-cutting and fewer officers on the beat, so we must help the Police – to help ourselves.

It is not an offence to call at a house in the first place, but how the call is made, persistence in pushing a product or scheme to the resident, can create the offence.

Equally it may help to stop the bus loads of cold calling charity 'persuaders' who are dropped off in the morning and collected at night, who aren't selling anything, but just asking for a monthly standing order from which they get their commission, which are equally as bad.

Now that Winter is coming, with its dark nights, ensure you lock back doors and windows and if two people call and only one is in your eyesight you may become subject to a distraction burglary if you don't have your wits about you.



Woodingdean NWS Membership Subscription form

Please fill out and return this form to the address given below.

Your £1 payment can either be sent by BACS, or enclosed and delivered along with this form.

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Tel: 01273 303322 / 07920 401018

Please telephone the above numbers for any further clarification needed.

1) Resident name:

2) Telephone / mobile:

3) House number:

4) Street name:

Woodingdean Post code: BN2

5) Your email address (or a friend's email address, if you don't have one) Please write CLEARLY:

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6) Are you prepared to look after residents in your road who do not have an email address, by becoming a NHW Street Contact?

(Please circle answer)

Yes / No

LifeLines: groups & activities for people 50+

By the time you read this we will be up and running in Woodingdean!

We're pleased that Lifelines volunteers will be running some new free groups and activities in the local area for people aged 50+.

Coming soon are games afternoons, mindfulness, life writing and 1-1 computer sessions.

We hope to have even more!

The groups will run from several venues in Woodingdean and Rottingdean, so if you would like to find out more details or book a place, please contact Jo or Joanna.

Since November, we have had part-time office space in the Woodingdean Youth Centre on Warren Road, so if you'd like to drop by, please call first to check we're in!

We're always looking to put on more activities so if you're 50+ and would like to get involved and help run an activity (for instance, providing 1-1 support to show someone the computer basics, accompanying an older person to a health appointment, organising an art group – or something else entirely), please get in touch and find out how we can support you to do this!

For more details about the activities, or to find out more about becoming a volunteer with us, please get in touch with **Jo Eve** or **Joanna Harper** on

0300 303 3224 (same cost as a local call) or **01273 688117**



Woodingdean Winter Resilience

The Resilience Team has written a Winter plan for Woodingdean, to help residents if Woodingdean becomes snowbound and life as we know it is put on hold temporarily.

There is also a website for residents of all the Deans to help in emergency situations.

The address of the site is **www.thedeansresilience.co.uk**

Our advice would be the best way to weather any storm is to be prepared, so we would ask residents to help themselves by ensuring they have at least enough food and water for seventy-two hours put aside, as soon as any bad weather is forecast.



Winter Warmers Exhibition

The Winter Warmers Older People's Reminiscence Group held their first public exhibition of the group's memories and they were on display on Saturday the 15th October 2016 in our local Woodingdean library for all to see!

Over the years and over lots of hours we have heard some amazing memories from the older people of Woodingdean, and we have kept a record of everything.

Our display consisted of pictures, writing, and posters advertising our many and varied sessions.

Also, we were able to offer recordings for people to listen to and enjoy. It was lovely to see the amusement on faces as well as recognition of similar experiences.



One of the most interesting activities on offer was that anybody who wanted, and who had been encouraged by members of the group, could write about their own childhood and it was fascinating to see people sit and recall a memory then write about it.

One of our future activities will be a drama about some part of our lives, which will then be shown to an audience so that everybody will be able to see some more stories.

Our thanks go to our funders, The Woodingdean Healthy Neighbourhood Scheme, The Hedgecock Bequest, Rottingdean and Saltdean Lions and special thanks to the Woodingdean Community Association.

Millie, Adele, Gloria, Ruth and Peggy

Please contact **Millie** for any further information on **01273 697835**

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Woodingdean & The Deans Spring Term 2017

The new year is coming and it's time for fresh starts and new beginnings. Varndean College have a great programme of new classes this spring – *all* local and *all* subsidised. Classes range from 6 to 9 weeks and take place in community venues in and around Woodingdean. On offer this term we have Coaching for Life, Singing, Drawing and Painting, Mosaics, Gentle Yoga, Tai Chi, Move n Groove (dance and exercise) and Digital Photography. Course prices start as low as £12 to those on means tested benefits and for those aged over 65.

To get a brochure or to be added to the termly mailing list, get in touch via the contact details below. We will also be holding an enrolment morning at **The Java Café on Thursday 12th January 10.30am to 12 noon**, so pop along to find out more. Our Learning & Participation Adviser is available for one-to-one advice around education, training, volunteering and employment so please get in touch if this is something that would be useful to you.

For further information contact Debra at Varndean College, Adult Education 01273 546602 / 07790 290026 / dem@varndean.ac.uk



Woodingdean Social History

The Downs and Wicks Estates were built after the Great War to offer families a home on the Downs near the cosmopolitan town of Brighton. The history of our Woodingdean Village is well known, but the social history through the eyes and memories of the residents, not so.

John Homewood, David Cuthbertson and Peter Mercer are now embarking on this new project to record the social history by inviting residents to write their own memories and recollections of growing up, living and working in the Village.

All entries (which can be any length) will become part of the Holland-Mercer Photographic Collection of over 500 images over time, and will eventually be donated to The Keep, in Moulsecoomb, for posterity and future generations to research and enjoy.

If you would like to help with the project by providing family memories of schooling, friends, play and social activities, please send in your entries and any family photographs to: **John Homewood** at

jhhomewood@gmail.com or 01273 684139

David Cuthbertson at **scienceinthegreen@gmail.com**

Peter Mercer at **prm442@hotmail.co.uk or 01323 492309**

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Joanne Smith – Headteacher

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We meet at St Patricks Church Hall in Broad Green on most Fridays from 10.30am to 3.30pm, going out once a month for a pub lunch.

We have our own minibuss and can provide transport to and from the club and for our outings.

The weekly meetings at Woodingdean include a simple lunch, gentle exercise to music, and a raffle, plus either a talk, quiz, craftwork, games or entertainment.

There are many opportunities for people who can volunteer with a variety of skills and any help, however small, would ease the burden that is carried by our volunteers.

We are also in need of an overall 'organiser' who could take responsibility for arranging the programme of activities at our weekly get-togethers.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact **David Hunt** on **01273 303236**.

Woodingdean Craft Fair Report

The recent Craft Fair, the second to be held in the Woodingdean Community Centre, was a great success.

The rooms were all full-up with over 20 stalls, and there was a good turn-out of people attending.

The money raised went towards the improvements to the Community Centre, and some went to Help for Heroes.

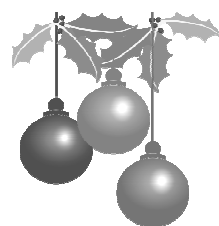
The Committee wish to thank everyone for their support of this event, and it was agreed that another Craft Fair would be held next year, on Saturday 28th October 2017, 10am–2pm.

Having a Christmas party?

Did you know you can book Woodingdean Community Centre for parties and receptions?

The Letting Officer is available to give details and take bookings Mondays and Thursdays, 10am–12 noon.

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Patient Participation Group

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Why not come along to our next informal get-together on

Wednesday, 14th December
6.30–7.30pm
at 130 The Ridgeway

and find out more about being a member of your PPG and how your ideas and input can help us to help you.

Refreshments provided.

Christmas Hamper Draw will also take place.

Have you got your ticket yet? Tickets available from the surgery at £1 each.

All proceeds to go towards purchase of a blood pressure monitor for the waiting room. Donations also welcome!

Please be reassured that you will not be put under any pressure to be more actively involved than you choose!

Healthy Neighbourhood Grants

The recipients of the Woodingdean Healthy Neighbourhood Fund grants this year were:

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- Winter Warmers
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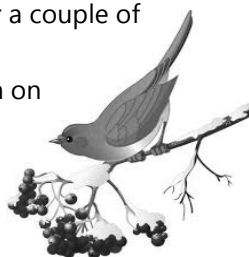
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Penmo Film Club

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19th December:

"Me before you" –

Charles Dance, Jenna Coleman

16th January:

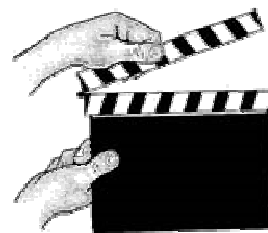
"Florence Foster Jenkins" –

Meryl Streep, Hugh Grant

20th February:

"Eddie the Eagle" – Hugh Jackman, Christopher Walken

Cost: £3 for film, tea, cake (ice-creams are extra).



Woodingdean Horticultural Society

This thriving horticultural society provides great social and practical links for anyone in Woodingdean who would like to know more about gardening or to share their skill or love of this interesting topic.

Talks, activities, competitions and outings provide a lively forum for members. Visitors, or those wishing to become members, will be warmly welcomed.

Meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm at the Community Centre.

10th January – Registration & quiz

14th February – Sussex Heart Charity, Defibrillator demonstration, Terry Ayres

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CAMEO

Come and meet each other at: METHODIST CHURCH, THE RIDGWAY, WOODINGDEAN, BRIGHTON, BN2 6PA

We are a friendly group who meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm to share tips, chat, and listen to speakers on a wide range of subjects.

Annual subscription £14 or come when you like for £1.50

Contact Kathleen on **01273 301449** or **01273 390773**

PCSOs

Following the loss of our own village PCSO, and recent announcements by the Police, we will not be publishing the contact details for PCSOs in the Newsletter, as there is a team of nine working in the East of Brighton and any one or all of them could be sent to Woodingdean when necessary.

Please do not report any crime on social media sites.

All crime must be reported via the **101** number, or **01273 470101** or **101@sussex.pnn.police.uk** so that it is included in Police statistics for Woodingdean, thus ensuring we have the necessary help when needed.

IN AN EMERGENCY, ALWAYS CALL 999

Carol Singing:



Woodingdean Churches Together will be singing Christmas carols from 10am to around noon this year outside the shops in Warren Way, on the morning of **Saturday 10th of December**. We will meet between the Downs Baptist greengrocers shop, and the Coop.

National Prayer Weekend

Did you know there are 101 roads in Woodingdean – as many as the Dalmatians in Dodie Smith's classic children's story! During National Prayer Weekend, in September, the Churches Together in Woodingdean prayed for every one of them – the people who live, work, study, play or travel along them, as well as for many other more personal or world-wide issues.

More details about NPW can be found at **www.national-prayer-weekend.com**

Next year, the event will take place during 22nd–24th September 2017. If you would like to get involved with planning for that, please contact:

Margaret Bradford: margaret_bradford@icloud.com

Phil Parsons: philparsonsofbrighton@gmail.com

Sheila Smith: sheilad86@hotmail.com or pop into DBC Greengrocer's shop on Warren Way, and leave your contact details.

Holy Cross Film Club

Meets the third Wednesday of every month.

Doors open 7pm. Film starts 7.30pm.

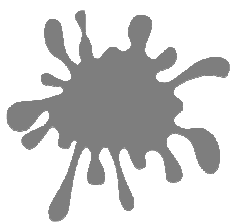
For further details contact **Mon Church** on **01273 308157** or mon@cchurch.freeserve.co.uk

MESSY CHURCH

Methodist Church Hall,
The Ridgway, Woodingdean

3–4.30pm, 2nd Sunday of each month.

All families and children invited.



Holy Cross Social Group

Usually meets on the 2nd Friday of the month, 7.30pm, Parish Room, Holy Cross Church, Downsway.

13th January:

DVD evening

10th February:

Gilles Guichard: French Resistance in the family & WW2

10th March:

St Patrick's Day celebrations

Everyone is welcome.

Contact: **Margerette Harman, 01273 306712**
margeretteharman@sky.com

Holy Cross Church Carol Singing

Come & sing with us in
the Church garden.

Friday 9th December,
at 7pm

Free mince pies & mulled wine



Holy Cross Church Christmas Services

Sunday, 18th December

9.30am Parish Eucharist; 10.30am Christingle

Saturday, 24th December

5pm Crib Service; 11pm Midnight Mass
(conducted by Bishop Richard of Lewes)

Sunday, 25th December

10am Christmas Morning Service



Free 2017 Good Seed Calendar

Are you interested in obtaining a copy of the popular Good Seed Calendar, containing daily Bible readings with a Christian message? Then email

rudyard.hall@ntlworld.com or write to: Bible Distributors, Rudyard Hall, Rudyard Road, Woodingdean, BN2 6UB. This calendar is also available in a variety of other languages – please enquire if English is not your first language.

Holy Cross Church Parish Room

Available For Hire!

Downsway, Woodingdean

Are you looking for a venue to hold community activities like Zumba, keep fit, dance classes, martial arts classes or yoga? Or maybe you are looking for a party venue.

The Holy Cross Church Parish Room is an ideal venue to cater for your needs—with excellent facilities, reasonable rates and easy access.

The Parish Room would be excellent for groups, meetings and even children's parties!

The Holy Cross Church Parish Room provides outstanding facilities in a modern building.

The hall has one main large room with a well-equipped kitchen with fridge, freezer, cooker and crockery which makes the hall suitable for any type of function.

Information & Bookings

Tel: 01273 701940

Woodingdean Churches

Downs Baptist Church

The Ridgway, Woodingdean

Pastor: Malcolm Haines, **07505 118634**

Website: <http://downsbaptistchurch.org/>

A warm welcome awaits at all our regular meetings, all of which are held at Woodingdean Primary School Hall, unless otherwise stated.

Sunday morning services 10.30am–12 noon

Jesus And Me (JAM) and Relationship And Prayer (RAP)

Our children's groups for 0–10 and 10–16 year olds:

Bible stories, craft, cooking, messy play and prayer time.

From 10.30am until the service finishes.

Thursday fellowship

Every Thursday afternoon, 2.15pm at The Parish Room, Holy Cross Church, Downsway, Woodingdean. Contact: **Faith Casse 01273 304018**

Christmas Services:

Men's social group, curry nights etc. Contact: **Gareth garethwoolcott@hotmail.com**

Prayer group meetings and Bible study groups

All age services – see website above

Forthcoming Events – see website above for details

Christmas Services:

Sunday 11th December: All age Christmas Service, 10.30am

Sunday 18th December: Carols at 5pm at Woodingdean Primary School Hall

Sunday 25th December: Christmas Day Service, 10am

Downs Baptist Church Community Greengrocers

1 Warren Way, Woodingdean

Do call in to visit our newly refurbished shop selling all your regular fruit and vegetables plus health foods and much more. Pop in to order a 'Christmas basket' or hamper for a unique individual gift or just come in for a chat and a sit-down. **Delivery service 01273 300441**

St Patrick's Catholic Church

Broad Green, Woodingdean

Fr Kevin O'Donnell, **01273 302903**

Mass: Sunday at 9am

Christmas Services:

Saturday 10th December: 10am until around noon, Churches Together in Woodingdean sing carols outside the shops in Warren Way

Sunday 11th December: 10–10.30am, Mulled wine and mince pies

Sunday 25th December: 8.30am, Carols & readings; 9am, Mass with Carols

Regular Events: Poetry, Hand in Hand special needs group, Slimming World, Dance Class, Tai Chi, Stroke Club, Churches Together in Woodingdean, St Vincent de Paul lunches for Befriending Scheme

To hire St Patrick's Church Hall, contact **Bernadette** on **01273 309118**

Woodingdean Methodist Church

The Ridgway, Woodingdean

Sunday Morning Services, 10am

United Service with Holy Cross Church, 6pm, first Sunday of each month

Men's Club, 2pm–5pm, Tuesdays

Messy Church, 3pm–4.30pm, second Sunday of each month

Coffee Morning, 10am–12 noon, Thursdays

Luncheon Club, 12 noon, last Thursday of each month

Christmas Services:

Wednesday 14 December: Carols at Ireland Lodge, 2.30pm

Sunday 18 December: Carol Service 4pm

Sunday 25 December: Christmas Service 9.30am

Contact **Terry 01273 887618**

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

Whiteway Lane, Rottingdean

Saturday Mass: 6.30pm

Sunday Mass: 10.30am

Christmas Services:

Saturday 24th December: 5pm, Vigil Mass of Christmas with blessing of crib; 11.30pm, Carols; 12 midnight, Sung Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th December: 10.30am, Sung Mass

The Parish Church of the Holy Cross

Downsway, Woodingdean

Churchwardens:

Christine Jones **01273 685724**

Sheila Smith **01273 309502**

Church Services:

Every Sunday, 10.30am,

Parish Eucharist

Every 4th Sunday, 4pm,

Café Service

Every Tuesday, 9.30am,

Holy Eucharist

1st Tuesday, 9.30am, Healing Service

Film Club: monthly every third Wednesday at 7pm for 7.30pm. Contact **Mon** on **01273 308157**

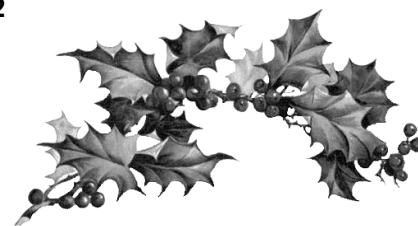
Friday 9th December: 7pm, Carol Singing in the Church garden (free mince pies and mulled wine)

Christmas Services:

Sunday 18th December: 9.30am, Parish Eucharist, and 10.30am, Christingle

Saturday 24th December: 5pm, Crib Service, and 11pm, Midnight Mass, (conducted by Bishop Richard of Lewes)

Sunday 25th December: 10am, Christmas Morning Service



Woodingdean Tenants & Residents Association

Dates for your diary

All meetings take place in the Community Centre.
Residents are invited to attend all our meetings.

2017 AGM & Public Meeting

Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm

Committee meetings (all welcome)

Wednesday 11th January at 7pm

Wednesday 22nd February at 7pm

Newsletter group meeting

Wednesday 18th January at 7pm

It's YOUR newsletter

This newsletter is produced by the Tenants & Residents Association, and delivered to every address in Woodingdean.

We welcome your letters, comments, news and views.
Do you feel strongly about a local issue? We would love to hear from you.

Don't forget to get articles in early for the Spring edition.

Last date for articles is **Friday, 3rd February 2017.**

Delivery of the Spring edition will be in the

second week of March.

Please contact Marc Roughton at
woodingdean.newsletter@gmail.com

We need your help!

Can you help deliver copies in your area or road? We will deliver the correct number of newsletters to your door for you to distribute. Do help – we must not let this essential Village Newsletter fall by the wayside. Contact **Sue Baines** on sue.liberty@virgin.net with any help you can give.



Thank you, and a very Happy Christmas to the Resource Centre

With many thanks to the staff at the Resource Centre for all their help and assistance in compiling and printing this newsletter. The Resource Centre is an invaluable service to all our communities.

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www.brightonschoolofsinging.com

Presents an
afternoon and
evening of fun
on

Saturday 10th December

At Woodingdean Primary School,
Warren Road, BN2 6BB

Disney Show

Two performances

2pm – especially for small children

Adults £5, Children £3.50 (including a 'goody' bag)

7.30pm

Adults £9 (includes a glass of mulled wine & a mince pie)

Concessions £6 (OAPs and under 11s)

- ★ Walt Disney Princesses
- ★ Refreshments / Bar (evening)
- ★ Photo Booth
- ★ Best costume prize

Tickets available from **Gary Whalen** on **07799 776773**

Woodingdean Players Presents

ALaddin

Woodingdean
THE PANTOMIME

The tale of a lad who wanted to do the right thing.
Loosely based on a Middle Eastern Folk Tale.

**Performances on Saturday 17th at 6pm
Sunday 18th December at 3pm and 7pm**

Doors open half an hour before the performance starts
Woodingdean Scout Hut,
Old Parish Lane,
Woodingdean,
Brighton

Tickets £6 per seat. Unreserved Seating Only
To book tickets visit:
www.woodingdeanplayers.co.uk (booking fee)
or call 07906 275 294

Aladdin is a family show for all ages from 3 to 103 and a half
There is a bar selling a small range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.

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