



HASTINGS WINKLE CLUB

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

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Annual Putting Competition attracts record entries.

Wednesday 4th August (during Old Town Carnival Week) saw the Club's annual Putting Competition take place at the Adventure Golf Courses on the seafront.

Thanks in part to the wonderful weather conditions the event drew a record number of entrants! Over £500 was raised and trophies given out to both women and men and to junior winners. Thanks are due, once again, to the Adventure Golf management for their continued support.



Exceptional Service recognised at AGM

The Winkle Club year kicked off with the AGM on August 1st where around 40 members attended to hear Chairman, Christian Burton outline the Club's provisional programme for the year and thanks was given to those Club Officers who had gone beyond the call of duty in serving the Club during the last very challenging 16 months.

Six new members were inducted and Gold Winkle Pins awarded to Benny Wicking and Jackie Stevens for special help given to the Club over a significant time. Two Silver Winkles were presented (Don Hawley & Stuart Homewood) plus a special award to Club President, Richard Stevens.



President's Welcome

THE CLOCKS GO BACK BUT THE WINKLE CLUB GOES FORWARD

Autumn is with us and we all hope that the worst of the pandemic months are over. It really has seemed as though, slowly but surely, we are making our way back to something approaching what we used to consider as normal. The Hastings Winkle Club, while still exercising caution, has been able to begin what we hope will be a year of events and activities which always maintain an eye to the raising of money for local good causes.

As our Club moves forward we can be proud of its achievements so far during a very challenging 2021 –

Just consider some of the activities we have managed to hold in recent months.

The DONATIONS EVENING : A great success with around 40 Local Organisations present in the Club to receive much appreciated donations from us.

A.G.M's are not noted for their excitement but ours went smoothly and was enjoyable. Club Officers and Committee members were duly elected and we now have a very enthusiastic and hard working team.

The MUSIC EVENT – at The Masonic Hall, it raised £1,500 which was a great result.

XMAS DRAW TICKETS are Now on sale. **PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB**– See page 2

So...Onward and Upward for our historic 121 year old Hastings Winkle Club. Thank you to all those who in what ever way have supported us and please continue to do so whenever the opportunity presents itself.....Which it Will !!!

I hope your preparations for the Festive Season go well and look out for the Christmas Tree on Winkle Island.

Until next time, best wishes to all! and

WINKLE UP!

Patron: Admiral of the Fleet the Lord Boyce, KG, GCB,OBE,DL.
President: Richard Stevens MBE. Vice Presidents: Philip Furner, Michael Foster DL, Ian Porter BEM.
Chairman: Christian Burton. Vice Chairman: Bill Wicking.
Hon. Secretary: Reg Wood. Treasurer: Roger Williams.

Autumn Charity Music Event a great success

In spite of the weather on a wild and windy evening in October members, family and friends turned out to support the Winkle Club's Autumn charity music event.



Entertained by live music from local bands and sustained by a ploughman's supper their enthusiastic support for the event raised £1,500 which was a great result and will help in no small way to replenish the Winkle Club funds.

Our thanks to everyone who attended to support the event, special thanks to Ron., Debbie & Jayne and to the Bands. and especially to the Masonic Hall and Morrisons for their support for the event.

Bill Wicking awarded Order of 1066

Hastings Mayor James Bacon, congratulated Bill Wicking and thanked him for his services to the local community, when presenting him with the Order of



1066 at a ceremony at Hastings Town Hall, in October.

I'm sure everyone agrees it is well deserved and we wish Bill all the best for the future.

'NEW' Membership Cards

Redesigned membership cards based on the original membership card design have been procured and will be distributed to paid up members in the next few weeks. New Honorary membership cards are also being produced.

Research into Winston's Gold Winkle

Club members were surprised to be contacted out of the blue by Lynsey Seal, a collection researcher based at Chartwell who was researching the history behind the Gold Winkle which has pride of place amongst the many awards and artefacts on display at Chartwell, associated with the great man. She also potentially has historical family connections to the Winkle Club. Club members met with the researcher in early October and are helping her with further enquiries.



The research has jogged a few memories amongst club members. Glynn Boyd has confirmed that his father took the picture of Bunk Harffey presenting the Gold Winkle to Winston Churchill in 1955 and he still has the originals.

The presentation was covered by Pathe news and can be seen on line on you tube.



Christmas Draw Tickets now on sale!

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB - £10 worth of tickets are enclosed for Members. Please return cash / cheque (made out to Hastings Winkle Club) with Ticket Stubs to our H.Q. :

The Treasurer, Hastings Winkle Club, E.H.S.A.A.,
The Stade, Rock-a- Nore Road, Hastings TN34 3FJ East Sussex.

DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON :
Sunday 19th December in the E.H.S.A.A. Club at lunchtime.
Winners will be notified after.

Packed Donations Evening sees over 40 Local Organisations rewarded

Representatives from over 40 wide ranging local charitable organisations were amongst the crowd who attended the presentation of awards for 2021 at the club's HQ, the East Hastings Sea Angling Association, on Sunday 15th August.



It gave the President and Committee members great pleasure to make the awards personally to so many after the long period of social isolation and it was a good opportunity to renew acquaintances.

A full list of organisations receiving donations from the Winkle Club can be seen on the website www.winkleclub.org

James Geering Plaque Unveiled

In recognition of his services to the Winkle Club a plaque to a stalwart 'winkler' of longstanding.

James 'Jim' Geering, one of a long line of Geering members, he remained a keen, generous supporter of our Club even when he moved away from Hastings.



The short ceremony of dedication on the Island was attended by several generations of Jim's family. We also inducted Jim's son into membership.'

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & DONATIONS

Please don't forget 2022 Membership Fees due on 1 January 2022 (includes Annual Supper)

Name

Membership Renewal 2022 £20 £20

Donation PLEASE £.....

Total enclosed £.....

Could you please confirm your contact details so we can keep our records up to date, please detail them below.

Address

Email

Telephone

The Winkle Club collects your personal data so that we can communicate with you about Club activities. The data consists of a membership list containing name, address, post code, telephone number and email address. This data is held for the term of your membership, after which it is deleted. We are required, under new legislation, to have your written permission to hold this data for the stated purposes only.

I give consent for the Hastings Winkle Club to hold the data listed for my inclusion on the membership list, and in order for the Club to notify me of meetings and events.

Please tick box ☐

Payments can also now be made by BACS: Sort Code 30:97:66 Acc.No.:01136321

Please leave your Name as reference so we can allocate the payment to your membership.

Cheques made payable to 'Hastings Winkle Club' Please send to: Hastings Winkle Club, C/O E.H.S.A.A. The Stade, Hastings. TN34 3FJ



Sunday 7th November — Service of Reflection—to mark 20 months of Covid-19 Experience: St Clement's Church 4pm

Thursday 11th November—Armistice Day:

Sunday 28th November Craft Fayre: Masonic Hall, St Leonards on Sea, 11am—3pm

Saturday 11th December 2021—

Children's Christmas Party — (Ages 4—8).

Meet at Winkle Island at 2pm, Procession to EHSA for the Party / Entertainment, catering, Fun & Games: Tickets available from the Fishermen's Museum and the Anchor.

December—'Time to Remember' event (tbc)

Friday 7 January 2022—Annual Supper—EHSA 7pm start—Carvery included