

# AUTUMN 2025 NEWSLETTER

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## What's been happening at the hall?

### News from the Committee

We have been working hard over the summer testing the new projector in the hall and building our fantastic new bee garden. It was lovely to see some of you enjoy these new aspects of the hall and garden over the summer, either at the festival or cheering on the Lionesses!

### Summer Festival

This year the festival was moved to earlier in July in the hope that more villagers would be able to come along to enjoy a drink and a community BBQ with neighbours. Although turnout was low, those that did attend made full use of the bar, and we had Wimbledon on the big screen, so a great time was had by all. A huge thank you to the Garden Village sections for their support on the day. If anyone has feedback for future events please do email [booking@ggva.co.uk](mailto:booking@ggva.co.uk)

### Celebrating our Lionesses!

On 28<sup>th</sup> July, we opened the hall up for everyone to come together and watch the Women's Euro Final, England vs Spain. It was wonderful to see families there enjoying the sport on the big screen (and a glass of wine with their picnic) while the children played happily... until it was time for the penalties.. It bodes well for the future that we can create a family friendly space to enjoy these moments as a community



### Keeping bees happy!

Thank you to everyone who donated their plants to the garden at the hall, village volunteer Audrey Macnaughton has been quite the busy bee! The garden is looking so colourful and we would like to thank Audrey for all of her hard work this year. Please do get in touch if you are able to get involved.



# What's Coming Up?

## Lunch Club

Lunch club continues to be a great success with up to 40 people having a good old chat and a laugh! They are not just from the village but many surrounding areas. The next one will be a Christmas special on Tuesday 2nd December, which will include a raffle and a quiz. If you would like to book please contact Pat 07763 122 392 or email [booking@ggva.co.uk](mailto:booking@ggva.co.uk) A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers, it just wouldn't be possible without you

## Christmas

Once again we have another packed festive season planned. Please see noticeboards and Facebook for details

## Bowls Club

The GGVA Bowls Club had a really successful 2025, saying hello to several new members and enjoying a lot of success in the local leagues that we take part in. The bowling green is open from April – September and the Club is always looking to welcome all ages who'd like to try the game. There's no membership fee for the first year, there's no fee for the first year and all equipment is provided. If you'd like to start playing or just find out more, contact [ggvbc@hotmail.com](mailto:ggvbc@hotmail.com) or 07752899130.

## Film Nights

We finally have everything in place to start showing films on our fabulous new projector and screen at the hall. If you could help facilitate a film night and would like to join the working group please email [booking@ggva.co.uk](mailto:booking@ggva.co.uk) to add your name to the list. All help is gratefully received and do watch out for the film schedule if you're coming along!

## 100 years of Garden Village

Our lovely part of Newcastle is having a rather big birthday and we invite you to come and celebrate! Many of the houses will be turning 100 between 2025 and 2028 so we will be celebrating in 2026. More details to follow but for now if you have any old photos of the village please do email to [chair@ggva.co.uk](mailto:chair@ggva.co.uk)

## Tennis Club

The Tennis Club has enjoyed a good summer, welcoming several new players from the village who took advantage of our summer offer, helping to celebrate 25 years at the club for our coach Ian. We also thanked him for his commitment with the presentation of two plaques last month. We also had a great number of children from the village who took part in the summer coaching programme. We recently had a successful charity day where we raised £250 for the Percy Hedley Foundation.

However just because the summer is over, it doesn't mean that the tennis has to stop! Our refurbished courts mean that we can play all year round. So if you are interested in joining the club or taking part in coaching through the winter months then please use the contacts on our website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/GosforthGardenVillage> to find out more. Good deals are available to anyone who wants to join the club at this time of the year.

## New Classes & Community Groups

**Story Imagin-ory** are re-starting a weekly class at the hall, every Monday morning 9.45-10.45. The classes are mixed ages 6 months – 5 years. Followed by a **NEW Pilates** class at 11.15 every Monday and also a **NEW Yoga** class at 10.30 every Wednesday. Please see noticeboards and Facebook for more information

## Advent Trail

The trail is back for 2025 and we would like to extend our thanks to Claire, Sam, Lynn and everybody who creates a window to make this so special. The hall will be open on Christmas Eve for a festive drink after the annual walk around the village

**YOU ARE INVITED**  
to visit our friendly WI  
You'll be warmly  
welcomed

We meet on the 3rd  
Wednesday of the month  
at 7:30pm  
at Garden Village Hall

Visitors welcome - please  
call, text or email ahead  
of your visit.

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INSPIRING WOMEN



WI members at the recent GGVA summer fair



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