

# SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER

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## What's been happening at the hall?

### News from the Chair

We have a new chair and welcome Wayne Gannon to the committee. The committee are looking forward to working with Wayne and thank Audrey Macnaughton for all her work and commitment during her time as Chair.

### Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to volunteer at the hall. There is always lots to do and we now have a fabulous new group who are already making a real difference. More hands on deck enable us to continue our work for the Garden Village community so do let us know if you would like to get involved [secretary@ggva.co.uk](mailto:secretary@ggva.co.uk).

### Halloween Disco

The Children's Halloween Disco was another sell out in 2024. Thank you to everyone who came along in their spookiest outfits! A special thank you to Tesco at Kingston Park who donated food for the children to enjoy after they'd hit the dancefloor. The disco will be back for 2025 in October half term.

### Wreath Making

Our very own Garden Villager and owner of Oaklands Garden Centre, Laura, led a successful evening back in November. We have received excellent feedback about Wreath Making and seeing everyone's creations on their door through December is really lovely! We have already set a date for later this year and bookings will open in September.

### Christmas 2024

December proved to be a packed month, full of community spirit. Shortly after the wreath making we had the Christmas Lunch Club, swiftly followed by the Children's Christmas party - which featured a very important guest to read the children a story. Both events were sold out and full of festive cheer so thank you all once again for your support. Special thanks again to Tesco and Kingston Park, our wonderful Father Christmas and all of the volunteers who make these busy events possible.

The real cherry on the (Christmas) cake this year was our wonderful advent trail which culminated in a rather special window created by Lynne Maughan, displayed at the hall. A huge thank you to Lynne - and all of our window creators, especially Claire & Sam - for sprinkling extra magic across the village.

Christmas 2025 events will be posted on Facebook later in the year but do email [booking@ggva.co.uk](mailto:booking@ggva.co.uk) with any feedback, questions or offers of help.



# What's Coming Up?

## New Classes & Community Groups

Story Imagin-ory are starting a weekly class at the hall, every Monday morning 9.45-10.45. The classes are mixed ages 6 months - 5 years. It will be followed by a NEW mum + baby pilates class at 11.

The Children's Allotment group will be back up and running very soon!

Please keep an eye on Facebook and our notice boards for more information.

## Lunch Club

The next lunch club will be Tuesday 8th April with an Italian theme. If you would like to book please contact Pat 07763 122 392 or email [booking@ggva.co.uk](mailto:booking@ggva.co.uk)

## Hanging Basket Workshop

NEW to Garden Village. Laura has kindly agreed to lend us her green fingers once again for Spring time to conduct a hanging basket workshop at the hall on Saturday 10th May 10am-12pm. Tickets cost £35 and include all materials for a full ball shaped basket (examples below). Please email [booking@ggva.co.uk](mailto:booking@ggva.co.uk) to secure your spot!



## Summer Festival

This year's festival will take place on Saturday 5th July. We have decided to move away from the August Bank Holiday weekend in the hope that more of you are able to join us. More information to follow.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Garden Village WI meets in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm. Our meetings are a mix of talks, activities and social evenings. Any women in the village are welcome to come along.

We also have a book group, a walking group and organise outings such as theatre trips and social lunches.

For more information please contact:  
[gvwi.secretary@outlook.com](mailto:gvwi.secretary@outlook.com), or Alex on 07855 259324.

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## Bowls Club

The GGVA bowls club have a beautiful green and surroundings if you want to come along and have 'roll up' or get to know about the game.

Play for fun, or in casual or competitive leagues. Come and enjoy some bowls and meet some new people. Contact [ggvbc@hotmail.com](mailto:ggvbc@hotmail.com) for any info. All kit (inc. bowls) are provided free of charge.

## Annual General Meeting 2025

The GGVA AGM will take place in the hall on **Saturday 21st June at 3.30pm**, followed by a cream tea at 4.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and we would encourage anyone to come along to meet the committee and find out more about your community space

## Tennis Club

As the spring weather improves Tennis players start appearing on court again in greater numbers, and we are looking forward to a good summer of Tennis. Over the winter we held a successful charity event for CRISIS and raised £200. We also had a successful quiz and social event in February. However we are now looking forward to the new season and would welcome new players from the village into the club, either through membership, or through our child and adult coaching schemes. Full details of the coaching programme can be found on our website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/GosforthGardenVillage> This website can also be used to get more information on the club and full details of membership costs. As an added incentive this year we are giving discounted membership to new members. Please have a look at the contact details on the website if you need any more information or help.



## Memberships

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