



FRIENDS OF THE WAGGGS WORLD CENTRES NEWSLETTER SPRING 2024

We hope you are having some of the lovely sunshine at the moment.

Thank you to everyone that joined in our AGM in March. Some travelled to Pax Lodge to meet friends old and new and others joined on zoom in the evening. Read on to hear more about the AGM.

Our Chalet Woven badge

We would like to thank Jane Muncey for putting together the newest woven badge from the Friends.

Our Chalet 2024 depicts the shutters on the Centre in Adelboden and priced at £2.00 each.

For anyone wanting to order the badge, or anything else we sell please contact Jane on the details at the end of this newsletter.



AGM 2024

Thank you to those who came to the AGM at Pax Lodge and shared the afternoon with some of the Trustees and some lovely cake, made by Heather.

And to those who joined on zoom from further afield, we hope you enjoyed joining the event.

We really appreciate that you took the time to join us and continue to be supporting members.

The minutes from the AGM are enclosed along with a copy of the Chairs report.

For those who have access to the internet, the Chairs presentation and the reports on Finance and Membership and Merchandise and Holidays, are on the FOWWC website under Newsletters and Articles.

Website: fowwc.co.uk

Keeping in touch –

Please let us know if your address changes or you are able/willing to receive your newsletter by email.

For Trefoil Guilds – please pass this newsletter onto all your members and should the Secretary change, please let us know the new person to contact.

The decorating being completed in the Conference room at Pax Lodge with the funds the Friends gave as a donation in 2023.



AGM 2025

The Friends AGM has been booked for **Saturday 10th May 2025**.

We have gone for a later date next year in the hope that the warmer weather will be with us and the day longer for traveling.

For anyone wanting to stay Pax Lodge has accommodation which you will need to book direct.

We have been advised that Pax Lodge don't usually take bookings in advance, however if anyone does want to reserve a room they could take a tentative booking but they might have to make changes to rooms if they get a group booking.

This can be done by telephone on 0207 435 2202, email office@paxlodge.waggs.org or via their website

<https://worldcentres.waggs.org/pax-lodge/contact-us/>

The Trustees will be at Pax Lodge for the day with the AGM during the afternoon and more details about timings will be sent out in future newsletters.

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2025

At the AGM it was agreed not to increase the membership fees for 2025 as we want members to continue to support of the WAGGGS World Centres.

The membership fee is a minimum so if anyone feels they can give a little more, then anything over and above membership fees will 100% go into the donation fund.

We add as much of the membership fee we can to the donation fund, but there are some expenses incurred that we have to cover, although we do try to keep these to a minimum

For the accounts year ending 2023, please see the AGM minutes.

NEW ZEALAND TRIP 2024



In February 2024 15 members of the Friends group joined a tour of New Zealand organised by Jennifer and Jenny from New Zealand in conjunction with Girl Guiding New Zealand. The tour started in the South Island with everyone meeting up in Christchurch for an enjoyable 2 week coach tour of both the South and North Islands, ending in Auckland. During the trip we saw beautiful sunrises, sunsets and of course beautiful scenery. Along with visiting attractions including the Auckland Sky Tower and Glow worm caves. New friends were made along with meeting up with ones from far and wide, the contingent on the tour was made up of like-minded people from the UK, Canada, Australia and USA.



UK Trip 2024/2025

Jane has spent a lot of time looking into various venues and trying to find accommodation that will suit the needs of members going and also in the right location to give a variety of events.

Knowing that further decisions will be made by Girlguiding and the statement below about the bid from the Waddow Trustees, we are waiting to see whether it might just be 'third time lucky' to have our UK trip at Waddow in 2025.

This was news on the Friends of Waddow facebook page on the 13th May

Waddow Hall Trust trustees are pleased to announce we are through to Phase 2 of the bidding process. We have fully ensured that both our finances and site usage are sound and meet the requirements of Girlguiding. As of Thursday this week we expect our bid to be considered, alongside others, by the Association. We believe the Girlguiding Trustees will appreciate the full worth of our offer in terms of social and reputational value.

On 18th May it will be a year since we met with the bombshell to sell Waddow and since then the trustees have worked diligently to preserve it as a community asset. As the time draws near to a decision we must thank the thousands of you who have been on this journey with us. We have fulfilled all we hoped to achieve to arrive at this stage and now it is over to Girlguiding.

Trustee updates

We would like to thank Avril who has been a member of the committee for a number of years. Avril's term has come up for renewal and she has decided to step down from the Friends group. Avril has attended many meetings and events and we wish her well.

Kim is currently our Treasurer but is wishing to step down at the end of this year. Anyone who feels they could take on the role of Treasurer would be given all the information in a handover with Kim in the new year.

There is also the position of a Chair/joint Chair available as Karen is stepping down when she comes to the end of her term. Caroline is continuing as a Trustee and there are options to share this role.

For anyone wanting to know more, please do contact us.

We do hold the Trustees meetings on zoom due to how spread out we are across the UK

Trustees

Caroline Poulton - Chair
Kim Clegg - Treasurer
Jane Muncey - Merchandise
Jenny Egan

Karen Burrows - Chair
Marion Cotterill - Membership Secretary
Christine Millburn
Heather O'Halloran

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