

# Abbey Wood



**Abbey Wood  
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## Chair's Report 2024

Welcome, everyone, to our Annual General Meeting 2024.

It has been a busy year as per usual. Our new member of staff John Coulter who joined us in January 2024 has been here nearly a year and is a great asset to the Community Centre.

Our private hiring of the centre during 2024 went well, with only a few cancellations and gaps, we hired out on Saturdays 41 Times this year We have now started to receive a few bookings for 2025, January Is Full. We have lost two regular groups in 2024 Carla Joy Yoga and St Johns, but have gained Four new regular weekly groups, Fibromyalgia Support group, Sho Jujitsu, Thrive Tribe, Guys weight Management and a monthly craft class. The Cheer Leading Group joined us for a few weeks and left to find more suitable premises. Thrive Tribe has also booked additional sessions for next year 2025.

In August 2024, we arranged a Coach Trip to Eastbourne which we subsidised, only asking for £16 a ticket to pay for the Driver's tip; a coachload of 34 arrived in Eastbourne the weather wasn't great but still think everyone had a great time, we are thinking of maybe doing a different kind of trip next year, away from the seaside.

In December 2023 during the Christmas shutdown, we had the whole kitchen area fitted in the large hall as the old one was tired. We were able to do this thankfully by a grant from the National lottery. This work was done during the closure, to minimise disruption to the groups. We have also had fitted by John a new side gate as our old one was warped and not closing properly.

We were also successful in a grant from warm spaces enabling us to offer the centre as a warm space offering tea, coffee, toasties, and warmth during the cost-of-living crisis. Sadly, when we applied again, we didn't get the funding, but we will continue to offer refreshments.

We are Having a Christmas Party in Dec 2024 for our senior hall users and will provide some entertainment by way of a local singer who will sing Christmas songs and have finger food, mulled wine and mince pies. Asda's have offered to supply some of the items needed.

Our annual free Children's Pantomime, Beauty and The Beast, will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025, tickets are available from the Office.

We have partnered with GCDA to provide free five-week Cookery courses for Greenwich residents as we did in 2024. They are still with us and have sessions booked up until Autumn 2025, to help residents to make economical meals in the current economic circumstances.

The update on the old post office building is that the demolition was completed earlier in the year and then it went quiet until recently then the construction seems to have begun. They put hoarding up around our garden and have promised a new fence. There was an incident in the garden where some of our garden was disturbed by the diggers. The manager did apologise and put it right the next day as a temporary fix, he said they will be back when the retaining wall has been built to concrete the slabs and provide new plants, he said this will be December 24-January 25.

Thank you all for attending, I hope that 2025 will prove to be a great year from the community centre.

Please stay and enjoy a drink and nibbles after we complete the election of Committee Members and finish the meeting.

Jane Hall - AWCG Chair - November 2024

**Statement of Account for the 2023/2024 Financial Year**

Carmel Britto  
AWCG Treasurer  
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