

WGRA Westgate Residents Association, Chichester

Westgate, Henty Gardens, Mount Lane, St Bartholomew's Close, Tannery Close

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Dear Resident,

HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE?

The responses to the Questionnaire are coming in well, but the more people we hear from, the more the results will mean and the more we shall be able to quote figures as the Westgate opinion. Please make sure that you have completed yours - we have only received 64 questionnaire replies to date, out of the 256 that were delivered to every property in our area. **Closing date is 29th February (Saturday)**. Please make sure all the Westgate residents you talk to have completed theirs. You will find a link on the covering email which you can use to print another copy if necessary. The results so far are proving very interesting and currently 80% of respondents disagree with the plan to change the Westgate/Orchard Street roundabout to traffic lights. We hope to have a full report of the results within the next couple of weeks.

Things are beginning to move at Whitehouse Farm. Work has started on the B2178 roundabout and the northern entrance road. If you have walked up Centurion Way you will have seen the diggers at work. Planning permission has been granted for nearly 200 houses in the first two areas.

We are concerned that construction traffic will start using residential roads, contrary to the traffic management agreement. If you see any lorries which appear to be going to or from the site on Westgate, Parklands Road or Sherborne Road, please try and take a photo on your phone, keep a record of the date, time and registration number if available and send the details to the developer at:

<https://westofchichester.consultationonline.co.uk/feedback/>

Of great importance to us is the developers promising to start a consultation about the Southern Access Road by April. How this joins the Cathedral Way roundabout is going to influence the whole layout of the roads at the western end of Westgate.

Chichester Parking Consultation - WSCC have produced a Chichester Parking Management Plan (see link below) and comments are invited from the public. Responses must be received by 5 March 2020. Westgate is classified as Zone L and the proposals include removal of parking on the north side of Westgate (not including the Narrows) while the south side will be restricted to permit holders only from 9am-5pm Mon-Sat. The relevant Plan Tile Ref No: SU8504NWN Sheet Issue 4 is reproduced on Page 3 of the Bulletin.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/traffic-regulation-orders/about-tros/chichester-parking-management-plan/>

The City Council's Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is progressing well. We have an invitation to attend a day conference at the Assembly Rooms on 2 April on the management of trees in the City. If anyone is interested in going, which may involve some follow up, please let me know at chair.wgra@gmail.com

Mercers at 52 Westgate have given us notice that they have submitted an application for Listed Building Consent for “Repairs to existing window and door timber joinery”. If the application is successful, work will begin in April and we are told it should not involve much noise or disturbance and contractors vehicles will park in the on site car park.

Richard Brownfield

Westgate VE Day Street Party Friday 8 May 2020

The Beaux Belles will shortly be posting invitations through the letterboxes of all residents of Westgate and adjoining cul-de-sacs to join us on the additional bank holiday, Friday 8th May, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE day.

As with previous street parties, you are invited to bring your own chair and a picnic (let us know if you need help carrying) for the 1pm start and Pimms reception. Do dress up in your vintage best if you like. There will be vintage music by singer Amy Baker. Then, at 3pm, we hope to be able to broadcast the VE day national celebration with Pipers playing Battle's O'er and the specially composed tune VE 75 Years, and to join in with The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of World War 2. Later on there will be Lindy Hopping for the energetic. The event will finish in time for The Cry for Peace Around the World and Ringing out for Peace by church bells at 7pm.

To cover the costs of hiring tables, closing the road, paying for the music etc, there will be a £7.50 cost per adult (under 18s free) payable in advance. Do feel free to bring all the family. For tickets please contact Nikki Clarke on 07958 255637 or drop a cheque through her door at No. 42. **Please get your tickets as soon as possible** and don't leave it until the last minute – last year's party had to be cancelled due to insufficient tickets sales.

The road will be closed to bikes and cars between the Westgate roundabout and the Mount Lane junction from 8.30am to 7pm.

Please come and help us decorate the street from 9.30am onwards. We are hoping to have a 'Memory Lane' display where you can bring a copy of your favourite photo of any members of your family who fought in the war, or even your memories of the original VE day. If you would like us to scan a photo and print it off (to avoid using a precious original) do get in touch with Louise Higham on 01243 773225 at 1, Mount Lane.

We hope you can join us!

Louise Higham

Regular events / Notices

WGRA Coffee Morning - Every 1st Saturday morning of the month at the Crate and Apple. Just turn up between 10am and 11am and meet your neighbours. The next one is on Saturday 7th March

Knitting and Social Group - Every Monday morning from 10am - 12 noon. Knitter or not, please come along and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea at the Crate and Apple. Organiser: Sally Lowe (sallylowe10@gmail.com)

“Bavardage au Pub” Last Monday in the month at the Crate and Apple at 6.30pm. A relaxed hour or so speaking French. All levels welcome. Contact Jane Davies (janedavies31@gmail.com)

If you do not wish to receive further communication from the WGRA, click [UNSUBSCRIBE](#) or contact the Secretary, Bebette Jones, at 6 Tannery Close (sec.wgra@gmail.com)

