

# WGRA Westgate Residents' Association

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



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### Southern Access Road (SAR)

We have learned recently that Miller Vistry's Planning Application will not come before Chichester District Council's Planning Committee in April. It is more likely to come before the Planning Committee in July or possibly September. Miller Vistry have recently lodged a number of amendments to the Planning Application which will take time for Planning Department officials to work their way through. Unfortunately, there does not seem to be any change thus far to the route of the SAR. We have asked CDC's Planning Officer for guidance on what exactly has been proposed anew but there has been a deafening silence.

**SID !** A SID or Speed Indicator Device is a temporary vehicle activated illuminated sign which displays the speed of approaching vehicles. SIDs help to raise driver awareness of local speed limits and I am sure that you have all noted cars going at break-neck speed along our road despite the 20mph speed limit on Westgate.

I met with West Sussex County Council (WSCC) and Chichester City Council (CCC) officials this afternoon (5 April) to discuss where we can best place two posts on Westgate to attach a SID. Once the posts are in place, we shall share with other streets in the city the use of the CCC SID which is already doing sterling work at reducing traffic speeds on St Paul's Road and in the Hornet/St Pancras.

*Sarah Quail*



**Community Speedwatch** Not to be confused with a SID, Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using handheld approved detection devices (radar guns). If a vehicle is caught going at 25mph or over on Westgate, details of the vehicle (number plate, type, colour, date, time and speed) are forwarded to the police. Owners of the vehicles receive a letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of their dangerous behaviour and repeat offenders will receive a visit from the local police and further offences may end in criminal prosecution.

The Chichester Westgate Speedwatch Group, as we are now called, have taken delivery of our own Speedwatch radar gun so sessions will be starting again this week. The equipment was 50% funded by Sussex Police in recognition of our efforts in 2021 and 2022 which resulted in 186 letters being sent to speeding motorists! Our team work on the pavement outside No. 19 Westgate (site selected by the police) and we run some very early sessions as well as mid-morning and some afternoon ones to target the rat running rush hour traffic. We have 4 new volunteers in training but there is still room to join our friendly team so please get in touch with me at [sec.wgra@gmail.com](mailto:sec.wgra@gmail.com) if you would like to give it a go. Sessions are flexible so you can join once or twice a month (or more or less!) to suit yourselves.

*Bebette Jones*

**WGRA Coffee Mornings** Our monthly coffee mornings continue on the first Saturday of every month – 10am at the Crate & Apple. We hope you managed to join us in April while the next will be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – there will be no coffee morning in May as we make way for the Coronation

**Westgate Coronation Garden Party - Saturday 6 May 2023, 4.00pm – 7pm  
at the Chichester City Arts Centre**



We hope to see many of you at the Garden Party! Don't forget there will be a prize for the most flamboyant festive outfit! A copy of the invitation flyer with all the information is attached at the end of this Bulletin – please book as soon as possible if you haven't already done so to help us with planning.

A few points:

1. Please note that the graveyard has uneven ground so sensible footwear is advised!
2. We're collecting large jam jars for table flowers - please let email Kathryn if you have any ([kellagher@fastmail.co.uk](mailto:kellagher@fastmail.co.uk))
3. No need to bring chairs but volunteers would be appreciated to help set up and clear away.

**Chichester BID and Chichester Cathedral** are joining forces to spearhead the city centre's celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6th May. The Cathedral Green will be the location for the celebrations where a large outdoor screen will broadcast the Coronation Parade and Ceremony live. Deck chairs will be set out for people to gather for picnics whilst watching the proceedings and there will be themed arts, crafts, games and face painting for children to enjoy.

**The Records Office** meanwhile is having an online event revealing how past coronations were celebrated in West Sussex using archive documents, photographs and films.

Venue: Online only

Date: Tuesday 18 April 2023

Time: 7pm

Tickets: Free – book via [Eventbrite](#)

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure-recreation-and-community/history-and-heritage/west-sussex-record-office/whats-on-at-the-record-office/>

**Easter adventures in West Sussex** For those with children or grandchildren around, don't miss out on The Chichester City Centre Easter Trail this Easter Holiday. From 1 – 16 April, this year's trail promises to be an exciting way to explore the city, with a chance to win an Easter Hamper! Taking part is easy. Just download the [The Loyal Free App](#) on your mobile device, follow the trail around the city, scan the QR code at each location and find the letters to crack the anagram. All completed trails will be entered into the prize draw.



The Loyal Free App works in partnership with Chichester Bid and features Local Events, Tours & Trails, Deals and Competitions. <https://www.loyalfree.co.uk/>

For more Easter Holiday inspiration click on the following websites which offer a huge range of things to do and see:

<https://www.experiencewestsussex.com/easter-adventures-in-west-sussex/>

<https://www.thegreatsussexway.org/whats-on/>

**Arundel Tulip Festival.** Held between April and early May, the festival is regarded as one of the top tulip displays in Europe and not to be missed. This year's festival is set to feature over 100,000 tulips, creating a stunning display while the labyrinth has been planted with over 14,000 King's Blood tulips to create a stunning feature, in celebration of the King Charles III's Coronation in May.

<https://www.arundelcastle.org/event/tulip-festival/>





## Chichester City Arts Centre

The Arts Centre have launched a crowd funding project aimed at overhauling and reconditioning the original 200 years old pipe organ and its blower motor and fan c. 1940. For more information on the history of the organ and St. Bartholomew's please google 'crowdfunder chichester organ'.

### Fitness classes on your doorstep!

The Centre is also running a variety of fitness classes which can be booked directly with the teachers. Yoga classes are already running and the pilates classes will start on 12 May. Adult ballet classes are also offered which are on a Tuesday 10:00-11:00 and a Friday 10:30-11:30. £10 pay as you go. Classes generally attract those with some ballet experience, but they have had plenty of beginners who have started and have been attending for years.



## The Consort of Twelve

The Consort of Twelve is an ensemble of musicians who specialise in the performance of Baroque music using the styles, techniques and instruments of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Concerts are held at various venues in and around Chichester and you may be interested in the one near Westgate:

“Les Nations – an exploration of music from Europe and beyond” being held on Sunday 14 May at Chichester City Arts Centre at 3pm.

Tickets are £15(adult), £5(student) and £1(under 16). You can [buy tickets online](#) or by sending a cheque payable to The Consort of Twelve and stamped addressed envelope to Jonathan Randall, 22 Orkney Road, Portsmouth, PO6 3UE. Tickets will be available at the door for all concerts, except where the concert is sold out beforehand. For more information click on:

<http://consortoftwelve.co.uk//>

**The Cloisters Kitchen & Garden** has reopened and offers an exciting new menu featuring local produce from the new café operators, Seasoned. Opening hours are daily 9.00am – 6.00pm

**Emergency alerts - national test** The Government's new Emergency Alerts system will be tested nationally on 23 April. The system will warn people when their lives are in danger. An Emergency Alert is a loud, siren-like sound with a message on your mobile phone screen. Find out more [here](https://www.gov.uk/alerts)

**Walking with poles** A beginner's Walking with Poles course starts on Tuesday 18 April. This free course is run by Chichester Wellbeing. Sessions start from the Chichester Festival Theatre car park at 10am. Sign up [here](#) or email [wellbeing@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeing@chichester.gov.uk) for details.



**Recycling** From Saturday 1 April to 30 September the Chichester Recycling Centre will switch to extended summer hours i.e. Monday to Sunday 9am to 6pm. Don't forget to bring proof of residence!

**A message from Chichester Men's Shed**

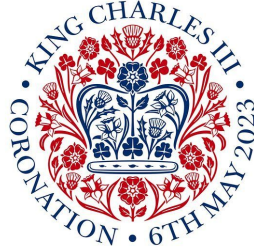


Are you sometimes at a loose end, lonely, or looking for something to do with like-minded people? Chichester Men's Shed, open to anyone aged over 18, (men and women) might be just the place for you. On a site at the Fishbourne Centre, Black Boy Lane, Fishbourne a former cricket pavilion is to be converted by Shedders into a workshop for woodworking and there are plans to further develop the site with a larger workshop for wood and metal working. Until then we meet in the Fishbourne Centre from 10.00am until 12 noon on the 1<sup>st</sup> and

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in the month and there's plenty of tea, chat and laughter, and things to do. There's good free parking too. A warm welcome awaits. For further information please ring David on 01243 781097.

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# **Westgate Coronation Garden Party**

**Saturday 6 May 2023, 4.00pm – 7pm**

**Chichester City Arts Centre (off Mount Lane)**

**Toast the coronation of King Charles III by celebrating with friends and neighbours at a Coronation Garden Party!**

<b>2pm</b>	<b>Volunteers appreciated to help us set up</b>
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Pimms Tent opens!</b>
<b>5pm</b>	<b>Richard Brownfield's Ode</b>
<b>7pm</b>	<b>Volunteers appreciated to help us clear away</b>

- **Dress for a royal garden party – there will be a prize for the most flamboyant outfit!**
- **A complimentary glass of Pimms and unlimited teas and coffee are included in the entry price**
- **Please bring with you refreshments of your choice and a plate of sandwiches or cakes to share**
- **Cost: £5 per person, to cover hiring of venue and other costs**

**There are two ways to pay:**

1. **Transfer £5 person online to:**  
**A/C name:** Westgate Residents Association  
**Sort Code:** 309028, **A/C No:** 69382160. **Ref:** Your surname plus street number  
Please email [Kellagher@fastmail.co.uk](mailto:Kellagher@fastmail.co.uk) to confirm that you have made payment.
2. **Or: put £5 cash in an envelope through the door of 42 Westgate (Nikki Clarke - 07958 255637, nixclarke3@gmail.com), clearly stating your name and number of guests in your party.**

**Any profit from the event will go towards planting a Westgate Coronation Tree.**