

WGRA Westgate Residents' Association

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



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WGRA Committee Update from Sarah Quail

As your newly elected District Councillor, I have been appointed to Chichester District Council's (CDC's) Planning Committee and must therefore stand down as Chair of both the City Council's Planning Committee and as Chair of the Westgate Residents Association (WGRA). As and when the White House Farm (WHF) Phase 2 Planning Application is discussed at CDC's Planning Committee, I shall probably be obliged not to vote (as CDC is more than aware that I have opposed – pre-determined - the proposals for the Southern Access Road (SAR) at City Council meetings) but I shall be able to speak on behalf of local residents.

As for the City Council, I must not be seen to be pre-determining any planning issues, all of which come to the City Council as a consultee before they are discussed by the Planning Authority which is Chichester District Council. At today's meeting of CDC's Planning Committee, I was obliged to leave the meeting when four items which had been discussed already at recent meetings of the City Council - and which I had opposed - were tabled. The new Chairman of CDC's Planning Committee, Stephen Johnson of Harbour Villages Ward, was also compromised when two items relating to the Chidham area were tabled and he had to absent himself briefly from the meeting. The Vice Chair, John Cross of Fiddlewood Ward took his place. Stephen has had to resign from Chidham Parish Council's Planning Committee.

I shall remain on the WGRA Committee though. In the meantime, Vince Waldron, our Treasurer, has agreed to chair the WGRA Committee with the help of other members of the WGRA Committee. We have also invited Jeremy Havard to come onto the committee and would welcome more volunteers - if you are out there and keen to play a part in the life of our street!

Westgate Coronation Garden Party – Saturday 6 May 2023 Around 80 Westgate residents and their guests braved the wet weather and celebrated the coronation of King Charles III at a very successful tea party at the Chichester City Arts Centre (formerly St. Bartholomew's Church). Thanks go to the Social Committee for the decorating and organizing. Well done! Flags and flowers and bunting in red, white and blue were everywhere while the buffet tables were covered with plates of delicious teatime fare. Sarah Quail presented the prize for the most flamboyant outfit to a guest from Geneva who was the only lady wearing a crown! Thanks also go to Richard Brownfield for yet another very enjoyable Ode and to Jane Hart for compiling the photo collage both of which can be seen at the end of the Bulletin.

Warmest congratulations to our newly elected Councillors for Chichester West Ward:

Clare Apel (District & City)
Sarah Quail (District & City)
Stuart Loxton (City)
Louise Pramas (City)



And our thanks go to retiring councillors, John Henry Bowden and Richard Plowman for their years of service and also to retiring Mayor Julian Joy.



Westgate Community Speedwatch is off to a good start – you may have seen team members out by No. 19 Westgate. 52 vehicles were recorded speeding in the last 3 weeks and the vehicles owners will all be receiving letters from Sussex Police. We have 2 new fully trained volunteers but if anyone else is interested, you would be very welcome. Contact Belette at sec.wgra@gmail.com



WGRA Coffee Morning Our next coffee morning will be on **Saturday 3rd June** 10am at the Crate & Apple



Bavardage au Pub The next meeting for our French speakers will be on Bank Holiday **Monday 29th May** at 6pm in the Chichester Inn – hopefully in the garden in the sun!

Reading volunteers Susie Cooke from Bishop Luffa School has contacted WGRA in the hope that more of our members would be interested in joining their small team of volunteers to lend reading support to students who do not have English as their first language. I attach more information from Susie below so please contact her directly if you feel you would like to help. Thank you.

Susie Cooke (EAL Coordinator) tells us: "Since Spring 2022, nearly 50 Ukrainian students have become part of the Luffa community - or are registered to start at the beginning of next term. We also, of course, have students with refugee status who come from other countries, including Syria for example. In addition, a significant number of other students either do not speak English at home or would benefit from regular reading support because they have specific learning challenges.

"Thanks to our wonderful team of volunteers, our regular reading rota hugely helps some of these students - but we would love to have more support, so that we can help even more young people make the most of their educational opportunities. Each session runs once a week, for half an hour, at either the start or the end of the school day. Please let us know if you would like to get involved - we would be incredibly grateful to have your support!"

To find out more, please contact Susie at cookesu@bishopluffa.org.uk
Thank you again, and best wishes,

Susie

Susie Cooke
EAL Coordinator
Bishop Luffa School"

Consultation on dog control rules in Chichester District. Chichester District Council (CDC) is reviewing the rules for dogs in public spaces and is asking people to give their views. This is the opportunity for you to have your say on the council's proposals to continue the current Public Space Protection Order for dogs in public spaces until 2026. As part of this order it is currently an offence in public locations such as footpaths and verges, parks, playgrounds and the foreshore to fail to remove dog mess immediately; to not put and keep a dog on a lead when instructed to do so by an authorised officer; and to allow a dog to enter an area from which dogs are excluded. The proposal is to extend the current rules for a further three years and also asks for opinions on whether the ban on dogs in Priory Park and Bishop Palace Gardens should be lifted. The survey, with full information is at: www.chichester.gov.uk/letstalkdogsinpublicspaces and the deadline for responding is at 5pm on 7 June 2023.

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The Westgate Coronation Ode 2023

Across the land the bells are ringing
In towns and cities people singing,
“Today, Prince Charles is crowned our king.”
People joined from every station,
Celebrate the Coronation.

I remember forty-seven,
When Lizabeth was in her heaven,
To Prince Charming she was wed
Then off to Malta married sped.
In forty-eight a babe was born
Clash the cymbals, sound the horn,
Let all the happy people sing,
“One day young Charles will be our king.”

In fifty-two King George was dead
Which turned her world upon its head,
To Monarch new, we all must bow,
We are Elizabethans now.

In fifty-three in Abbey royal
Surrounded by her servants loyal
A Coronation, joy for all.
The Prophet says the futures here,
We have nothing more to fear,
He proclaimed a new young Queen,
who brings a glamour to the scene.

Time went by with ups and downs,
Sometimes joy and sometimes frowns,
Then we reach a milestone year
The silver jubilee is here.
Now as I start feeling old,
There is a jubilee of gold.
The diamond follows ten years on,
Then platinum has come and gone.
Months go by, the knell does ring.
“The Queen is dead, long live the King”.
The nation mourned, she laid in state,
With thousands queuing at the gate.
At Windsor then we close the page
To end Elizabethan age.

We are Caroleans now,
To Charles the third, we all must bow,
For over three score years and ten
Waiting for a chance to reign.
He stands up straight with humble pride,
With Queen Camilla by his side.

Today they stand in abbey royal,
Surrounded by their servants loyal
Vivat Rex! Vivat Regina
Loud enough to hear in China,
Anointed with the holy oil,
Ready for a time of toil.
Wearing sacred cloak of gold
Like the many monarchs old,
With rod and sceptre in his hands
The orb upon the alter stands.
Put the crown upon his head.
Let the happy word be spread.
Homage given by his peers,
Warm our hearts and calm our fears.
Like Solomon, he's wise and just,
All the people, him must trust.

So, with one voice we cry aloud,
Standing tall and standing proud,
Let all this congregation sing:
"Please God save our Gracious King."

So, all together:
God Save our gracious King.



If you do not wish to receive further communications from the WGRA, please contact the Secretary, Bebette Jones at 6 Tannery Close or email sec.wgra@gmail.com