

WGRA Westgate Residents Association, Chichester

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

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Dear Resident,

Whitehouse Farm

The first Infrastructure Steering Group was held last week and gives some hope for the future. The next stage of planning and delivery for the future of Westgate has been taken over from Vectos by a firm called Jubb (you may have noticed a new survey of the road being carried out on their behalf recently). The Jubb representative, Graham Smith, appeared receptive to ideas and the meeting made it clear that several groups were not satisfied with the current plans. We were invited to submit further comments, which the Traffic Advisory Group have done, reinforcing the paper which we circulated two weeks ago. There is also a great deal of activity by the cycling lobby about the need for a joined-up plan from the City to Centurion Way. If we are going to get significant change to Westgate to control the traffic, we shall have to co-operate with them and support a cycling route along the whole of Westgate. "Sustainable" transport is the flavour of the month and they are likely to be able to exert pressure and have access to funds. Julia and I will be attending further meetings on 25 June and 3 July.

Richard Brownfield

Westgate Street Party

The Beau-Belles were very disappointed indeed that the Street Party had to be called off. It was a very difficult decision made even more so when one took into account all the arrangements and effort that had gone into putting it all together. Overriding everything however, is the determination to avoid making a loss which has happened in the past. There was the risk that this might happen this year - hence the decision! Sorry, but we hope to make up for it next year and have earmarked the date of **Friday 8 May - VE Day** which has now been declared as a Bank/National Holiday - and we do have it in mind for a 'Sing-a-long'.

A few suggestions have been made about the location and cost. With regard to where it might be, the Association in general, and certainly the BBs, feel that having it in 'our street' is very much part of the celebration. We believe that if we moved off-piste, much of the atmosphere might be lost which would be a great pity. Another mention has been made of the increase in price from what was £7.50 in 2018 to £10 this year. This was a deliberate decision for two reasons: firstly we wanted more music, and this does not come cheap, and secondly we felt it important to encourage as many of our younger generation as possible and, as up to 18 they come free, it means that we 'more mature' residents subsidise them - the BBs feel that this is good. It has to be said that many of our teenagers now were sprightly young 10 year olds at the time of the early Street Parties! Tempus fugit! On the subject of costs, it is not just the musicians, we also have to take into account the cost of hiring tables (not cheap), road signs, consumables including Pimm's etc. and table decorations.

So all in all many thanks to those who brought tickets this year (and hopefully those who paid cash have now received the repayments). We would also like to thank those many residents who sent very encouraging and sympathetic emails. Now let's look forward to 2020 and we promise that there will be no further price hike for next year! Finally, there is the Christmas Carols and Readings and maybe an event in between. Please watch this space!

Brian Raincock

Westgate Action Week 2019

Last July, our successful Westgate Action Week saw many of us out on the street twice a day in high-vis jackets, monitoring the speeds and volumes of cars during the morning and evening rush hour. We would like to repeat the initiative in early September this year. Our Action Week helps to show everyone including the Council and West Sussex Highways how much we care about the speed and volume of traffic on our road - most of it just passing through and non-local.

The format would be similar to last year - to have a street presence for 60-90 minutes twice a day - in the morning and also in the middle of the day. We will put up signage and hope to borrow the local speed camera at the only approved location on the road - outside No. 19. However this kind of action week is only possible with your help and we really need 3-4 people on the street at a time to be visible. Those of us that participated last year enjoyed ourselves and found it a great way to meet and chat with friends and neighbours. You need no skills, you can sit on a chair, bring a flask of tea or coffee, and will be provided with a placard and a high-vis jacket! So if you are willing this year to take part, please email Julia Smith on stephenandjulia@hotmail.com More information on dates and times will be coming in the next Bulletin.

Julia Smith

Coming events / Notices

West Street Roadworks - from 1 July for 3 days. This is to lay optic fibre cables mainly in the footpath as part of the West Sussex County Council Gigabit project. We hope the pavements will be reinstated satisfactorily.

Goodwood Festival of Speed - 4-7 July. The Goodwood Estate advises that this year in addition to the daily Air Displays, there will be Daytime Fireworks at 1300 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and at 1125 and 1310 on Sunday. The Evening Fireworks Display will be on Thursday and Saturday at 2200. Depending on the wind, we may well hear these so please keep an eye on your pets if affected.

Super Saturday - 13 July. A day long celebration of Chichester hosted by Chichester BID and local retailers and will include activities and events for shoppers and visitors. For more information see: <https://chichesterbid.co.uk/2019/06/06/super-saturday/>

Brewery Field Community Open Day - Sunday 25 August from 12 noon to 1600. More details in next Bulletin.

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 6 July.

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)

Bebette Jones

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