

# WGRA Westgate Residents' Association

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



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### Christmas Carols Tuesday 19 December 2023 6-7.30pm Chichester City Arts Centre (St. Bartholomew's)

Another reminder of a very special evening of carols and readings, mulled wine and mince pies with friends and neighbours. You should have received a paper copy of the flyer through your post boxes and a copy is also attached again with this email. **Don't forget to email Nikki at [nixclarke3@gmail.com](mailto:nixclarke3@gmail.com) if you are coming so we have some idea of numbers.**

If you enjoy singing descants or parts to the carols and would like to stand at the back and join in singing parts/descants, then do email Julia on [stephenandjulia@hotmail.com](mailto:stephenandjulia@hotmail.com). Nothing formal, no rehearsal, just raise the roof on the night!

**AGM Report** Thank you to everyone who came along to the AGM held this year for the first time at the Chichester City Arts Centre. The Financial Accounts for 2022/23 were approved and we welcomed Sarah Quail's return to the position of Chair, while Vince Waldron was re-elected as Treasurer and Bebette Jones as Secretary. Other Committee members re-elected were Julia Smith, Brian Raincock, Clare Heath while new members, Jeremy Havard and Des Evans were elected. Kathryn Kellagher has stood down from the Committee and was thanked for the many years she has worked with WGRA especially organizing our social events.

Sarah Quail read her Annual Report, a copy of which is attached with this Bulletin. Questions were invited from the audience and the following comments were noted:

- **Minerva Heights** 450 houses at Minerva Heights (Whitehouse Farm) are now inhabited.
- **Speed Indicating Device** The Committee will further investigate the possibility of purchasing our own permanent Speed Indicating Device on Westgate but we understand that there are problems not only with cost but also with the siting and operation of the device which is subject to Highways Department regulations. Further public liability insurance might also be necessary. Previous fundraising efforts in conjunction with Parklands have not been successful. A show of hands indicated that a number of members would be prepared to contribute to the purchase of a device.
- **The 20mph roundel markings** on Westgate are due to be repainted during the current roadworks.
- **The Tannery Redevelopment** Following concerns over potential excavations and felling of trees at the site, Clare Apel, Chichester District Councillor, responded that meetings have been held with the developers and planning officers over these issues. Apparently, excavation will be necessary due to contamination of the site and a further meeting is planned to discuss protection of the trees as far as possible.
- **Dutch Roundabout** Work on the new roundabout layout planned at the eastern end of Westgate now will probably not commence until Feb or March or probably April next year. The plan of the roundabout was included with the October Bulletin. Members were reminded that the alternative to this was to have a fully signalized junction with traffic lights and little greenery. There were concerns regarding whether motorists would understand or comply with the new layout which is designed to give priority to pedestrians and cyclists in order to accommodate safer walking and cycling.

- **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)** Concerns were raised regarding Chichester District Council's preferred options of this plan and the resulting implications for Westgate. Julia Smith noted the LCWIP proposals attract central government funding and in order to proceed, residents were encouraged to complete a survey about whether they broadly support the idea for some kind of restrictions on traffic along Westgate and were given a few options to consider. Until the finer detail is worked out, it is too early for the committee to take a view or comment at the moment.
- **Traffic monitoring** Clare Apel said that monitoring of the levels of traffic at the Westgate / Sherborne Road roundabout had been carried out at peak times in the morning and afternoon in order to have up to date figures as opposed to those given in the SAR planning application which are many years old.



We will miss you Kathryn!

A huge thank you to Fiona, Kathryn and Annette for all their help with refreshments at the AGM and thank you also to all of those who brought along some delicious cakes!

**A Reminder from our Treasurer** Thank you to all those members who have already paid their **£10 subscriptions** for 2024. If you haven't already done so, the easiest way is by BACS transfer to the account below. You can also set up a standing order with your bank. You can still pay by cash or cheque (payable to Westgate Residents Association) in an envelope with your name and address and put it through the door at 72 Westgate, PO19 3HH or alternatively at 44 Westgate or 6 Tannery Close.

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**Margaret Gibbons**

We were very sad to hear of the recent death of Margaret Gibbons from St. Bartholomew's Close. Margaret was a very loyal supporter of the Association and she will be much missed. Our sincere condolences go out to her husband, Michael.

**Westgate Advent Windows** Look out for all the festive Advent Windows again this year. A huge thank you to all our decorators!

1 December	Crate & Apple	13 December	20A Westgate
2 December	30 Westgate	14 December	27 Westgate
3 December	21 Westgate	15 December	44 Westgate
4 December	31 Westgate	16 December	57 Westgate
5 December	17 Westgate	17 December	22 Westgate
6 December	11 Westgate	18 December	29 Westgate
7 December	42 Westgate	19 December	21 Westgate
8 December	9 Westgate	20 December	38 Westgate
9 December	32 Westgate	21 December	28 Westgate
10 December	15 Westgate	22 December	25 Westgate
11 December	19 Westgate	23 December	55 Westgate
12 December	48 Westgate	24 December	The Cottage, 15 Westgate

**Westgate Historical Archives** – a note from Richard Brownfield

“Dear Resident,

My project “The Westgate Story” to collect historical information about Westgate is progressing well. Here is the “Contents Page” . The draft now runs to 174 pages.

PREFACE  
A SYNOPSIS OF WESTGATE EVENTS  
CHICHESTER HISTORY  
ARCHAEOLOGY  
THE LAVANT RIVER  
WESTGATE NUMBERING  
THE CHICHESTER WALLS AND GATES  
THE ROAD WE CALL WESTGATE  
COMMERCIAL WESTGATE  
THE SHIPPAM RESIDENCE, SHOP, WAREHOUSE AND SLAUGHTERHOUSE  
ST BARTHOLOMEW WITHOUT, MOUNT LANE  
THE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE  
BUILDINGS  
WESTGATE’S LISTED BUILDINGS  
RESIDENTS  
THE LEVEL CROSSING  
THE WESTGATE CANNON  
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This is based on the series of articles which Colin Hicks wrote and published on the website ([www.westgatera.org.uk](http://www.westgatera.org.uk)) which he has kindly allowed me to use and which is still available to view. Also, quite a lot of extra material, including two residents who have let me use deeds from their houses. If you have any information or pictures, which would be interesting to share, I should be most grateful if you could send it to me [brownfield@uwclub.net](mailto:brownfield@uwclub.net) or to No 9 Westgate. I am going to get it printed soon and obviously it can only be included in this edition if I have it before it goes to the printers.

Thank you,  
Richard Brownfield”

**WGRA Monthly Coffee Morning** the next one will be on Saturday 6 January 10-11am at the Crate!

What’s on.....



**A Christmas Market** is coming to North and East Street, Chichester on the 9th and 10th and 16th and 17th of December. Featuring over 50 stalls, come along to buy your gifts, have a bite to eat and drink and enjoy the festivities!

**Chichester Farmers’ Market** The last farmers’ market takes place on Friday 15 December on East Street and North Street from 9am – 2pm.



**Treecycling.** St Wilfrid's Hospice are offering their Christmas tree recycling scheme again this year. Sign up at <https://stwh.co.uk/christmastrees/> and hospice volunteers will collect and recycle your real tree in return for a donation to the hospice and its vital work.



Read the 12 tips to help you and your family go online with safety and confidence this festive season. Please click on: [www.getsafeonline.org/christmas](http://www.getsafeonline.org/christmas)

and lastly to all our members.....



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