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Hearing loss has been linked to dementia.

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Wearing hearing aids can stop hearing decline.

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Thanks to everyone involved for the great success of the very first Westgate Day Celebration, on 21st July 2019.

So many people have said how much they enjoyed it, and many others have regretted that they missed it. In 2020, we'll celebrate it on 18th July (Saturday), so book the date now! 2020 will actually be the 150th anniversary of the start of developing Westgate, and in 2021 we'll celebrate the opening of the railway line – the station is already being renovated, with the re-opening of the waiting room on platform 2.

The Council is now fully installed in its new, bigger, premises in St Mildreds Road, and many of you have called in looking for information and/or advice. We aim (as much as possible) to have a Councillor available during opening hours. This is in addition to the regular Saturday morning Council surgeries, for those who can't come during weekdays.

Westgate in Bloom has made a start this year and, in the autumn, we'll be tree-planting like mad! Next year, we plan to have formal advice on our participation in the national competition, ready for 2021.

I hope you've noticed the renovated shelter near the War Memorial – Mike Wiseman, Phil Toghill & others have done a fantastic job for which we are really grateful. We welcome plans by the Heritage Centre for a donated bench to commemorate civilian volunteers – ARP Wardens, Home Guard, Firemen, Firewatchers, Police, Ambulance workers and Women's Voluntary Service members who provided safety and comfort to Westgate in the dark days of the Second World War 1939-1945.

Last but not least, road safety is one of our main concerns, so don't get caught by our Speedwatch team who'll be out and about again!

Regards

Martyn Pennington
Chairman



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Community Speed Watch

Since September 2018, your Westgate-on-Sea Town Council has been actively dealing with the concerns of residents and Councillors alike, on the excessive speeds that drivers reach along our wide, and narrower, residential highways. Thanks to the commitment of our Town Clerk Gill Gray and Councillor Matthew Scott, Community Speed Watch (CSW) is an active and committed initiative.

We have a few volunteers who come out, in all weathers, to help record and highlight the very real problem of excessive speeds on our roads, but more of these volunteers are needed to support the positive work. Up-to-date statistics show us the benefits of Nationwide CSW initiatives: as of 30th August 2019, in Westgate-on-Sea alone, 141 vehicles were recorded and reported during this year as exceeding the lawful speed limit at locations in Minster Road, a frequently reported high risk area, and along Sea Road another 'black' spot.

During the same period over the whole country 87,843 vehicles were recorded.

What is CSW and why volunteer?

It is a National initiative who's aim is to educate and reduce unnecessarily excessive speeds in residential areas. CSW depends on the support of active members from local communities, the objective is to monitor the speed of vehicles by using speed detection devices which highlight vehicles exceeding the set speed limits. These speeds are then recorded and referred to the Police, with repeat offending, resulting in enforcement and prosecution.



Volunteering provides a positive solution to a much discussed topic and local grievance, giving your time for one hour every couple of months helps to improve the environment within our community; by raising the public's awareness of dangerous speeds – speeds which so frequently result in death, injury and ruin of individual lives, often involving innocent pedestrians. Supporting the CSW initiative requires teamwork and provides a beneficial anti-ageing exercise for our 'grey matter' by learning the phonetic or 'military alphabet' and recognising the various models of vehicle racing along our roads; daunting? Not a bit of it. Beneficial? Yes. Positive? Absolutely.

Beat the grumbles and volunteer by contacting our group co-ordinator the Westgate-on-Sea Town Clerk, Gill Gray, by calling **01843 836182** or emailing townclerk@westgateonsea.gov.uk and make a difference to yourself and our community.

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Shelter Renovations

There is little doubt that Westgate-on-Sea is a beautiful place, with a long coastline that contains not just one, but two, stunning bays.

Walking along the clifftop between West Bay & St. Mildred's Bay is something that both residents, and visitors to our wonderful resort, regularly do. But it is a long walk, so a bench, perhaps with a roof seems a good idea - as we all know, British weather often means rain, even at the height of a hot Summer - so more of a 'Shelter', than just a mere bench. And, thanks to the forethought of people living here in the past, there are indeed a couple of Shelters on this very route.

The Town Council brought one of these up to a good condition a few months ago - but there was another, and it was in a very, very, poor state of distress. Located by the North End of St. Mildred's Road there was a shelter that was in such a poor condition, that it was unusable. The Town Council were going to bring this one up to scratch as well, but before they even got the chance, a couple of residents decided to don aprons and do it themselves - what's even more incredible is that one of them, MW, doesn't even live in the Town!

Working alongside MW, PT ripped out all the rotting parts of the Shelter, fitting new timber, metal & concrete where needed (and there was a lot needed!). The glass was replaced and the roof partially overhauled, with the intention to fully replace it, with a tiled roof, next year. Many, many other tasks in renovating this dilapidated edifice were also performed and, finally, the renewed, rejuvenated, we could even call it re-born, Shelter was painted - and even this was done to a high standard, obviously in Red, White & Blue!

So, if you are walking along the clifftop between West & St. Mildred's Bay, and fancy sitting down 'en route', there is now a beautiful shelter for you to do just that in. And, who knows - one, or even both, of the volunteers who resurrected this, now iconic, Shelter might even see you sitting there, perhaps enjoying the panoramic views out to sea? So, whilst there, why not raise a, perhaps theoretical, glass in thanks to the two intrepid & determined volunteers, who made all this possible - PT & MW.



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Westgate-on-Sea Cricket Club

WESTGATE Cricket Club originally began life as a church side in 1927. At that time there were two clubs in the village: One was known as Westgate and the other was the St. Saviour's Club.

In 1937 Westgate disbanded and at the AGM meeting of the St. Saviour's Club in March 1937 it was decided that they would now be known as Westgate-on-Sea Cricket Club. The annual subscription in that first year was 5 shillings and 6 pence (around 27p in "new" money). In 1951 Westgate obtained exclusive use of Hawtreys Field, Westgate, renting the ground from the Kent County Council. They have played there ever since (for those who don't know, Hawtreys field is next to St Saviours Junior School).

The Club play a lot of Indoor 6-side Cricket here in Thanet with a very competitive league structure. Westgate entered four teams with the first team playing in Division One where they were in the Senior Cup-Final (came second). The second team won Division Two quite comfortably and the third team won the Lower Divisions Cup, so a fair amount of success that they have carried into the outdoor season.

The Club's main aim in 2019 has been to start the climb back into the Kent Leagues. The first team have got off to an excellent start and find themselves in the top 3, with just a few games to go. The aim of the second team is to have a bit more fun and to bring the juniors through. So far this year, although they are currently bottom, a good number of the juniors have played and performed excellently which is very encouraging for the future.



On the subject of juniors, over the years the participation in cricket has dropped dramatically. A couple of years ago, the committee decided it was time to reverse this trend and invest in youth. In May 2016 a youth development officer/Coach was appointed, and the new venture started with just 10 children. Since then the project has grown and last year, we had over 40 junior members present at some Sunday sessions. One of the added benefits is that you often acquire a parent or two who suddenly starts playing again.

So, if you have a child who fancies playing, or fancy playing again yourself please get in touch as they consider themselves a community club. Around half their adult membership is local to Westgate & Birchington and for the juniors the number is nearer 90%. Westgate run two league teams on a Saturday playing in the Kent Regional League and one team on a Sunday. Junior coaching is every Sunday morning from 9:30 until 11:00.

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REMEMBRANCE SERVICES AND PARADE Sunday 10th November 10:30am – 12:30pm

St Saviours Church and Christ Church United Reformed Church have Remembrance Services that commence at approximately 10.30am; followed with a Remembrance Parade at approximately 11.30am that processes to Sea Road.

Everyone welcome and there are refreshments at Christ Church after the Parade.



ST SAVIOUR'S SCHOOL FIREWORK DISPLAY Friday, November 1st from 6.30pm

The school's annual firework display is back again this year on the playing field.

Tickets can be obtained from the school office or by emailing:
office@st-saviours.kent.sch.uk

St Saviour's School, Elm Grove.



TRENCH ART - ILLUSTRATED TALK Saturday 2nd November 10.30am

This talk by James Brazier provides a fascinating insight into how weapons of war were turned into works of art. Taking place at St Saviour's Church, Westgate Bay Avenue.

This is part of the Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre's Autumn/Winter Programme.



TREE PLANTING Saturday 30th November

Times and location to be confirmed.

Please email admin@westgateonsea.gov.uk to be updated. Alternatively keep an eye out on our social media and website for updates.



WESTGATE SEA DEFENCES Saturday 7th December 10.30am

This talk is by Dave Morrish, who is a civil engineer. Taking place at St Saviour's Church, Westgate Bay Avenue.

This is part of the Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre's Autumn/Winter Programme.



PANCAKE RACES Tuesday 25th Feb 2020 10am – 11:30am

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CELEBRATE WESTGATE

WESTGATE DAY
Saturday 18th July 2020 12pm – 9pm

Sea Road, Adrian Square and Ethelbert Square.
A family fun day with plenty of stalls, entertainment, activities and more!



Westgate Day 18th July 2019

This year, Westgate-on-Sea had its inaugural Town Anniversary.

The date was chosen in recognition of historical events in 1870/1871 which began the formation of our Town (the Admiralty installed the first Coastguard on this coastline; the development of the Westgate Estate was started; and it was a period when the wealthy would come here for the 'social season' during the Summer).

To mark the Town Anniversary, there were two elements:

Themed projects were done in our schools and some care homes and completed for the Anniversary on 18th July, when we had the Judging and Prize-giving;

A Celebration Day on the nearest Sunday for the whole Town - a real community event.

The fundamental aim of the Westgate Day anniversary was to re-emphasise, and build-on, the pride we have in our Town and to develop that with the young people who are the future of our Town.

A special hash tag was created: **#WESTGATEPROUD**

THE WESTGATE DAY ANNIVERSARY PROJECTS

The projects were done by the boys and girls in our schools.

Also involved were the Piggy Bank Nursery, Westgate Youth Project Umbrella Group, St. Gabriel's (Action for Hearing Loss), St. Michael's Care and London House School of English. And it was really important to include these groups, as they form part of our local community.

The project themes were: History & Heritage; Writing & Poetry; Art & Creativity; Environment. Projects could also be done as Intergenerational - for example, St. Michael's Care teamed with Chartfield School, and St. Gabriel's teamed with Piggy Bank Nursery.

The projects done were very impressive and a lot of thought & work went into producing them.

Well done to everybody who took part.



JUDGING & PRIZE-GIVING

This took place at King Ethelbert's School on Westgate Day, 18th July. Our thanks go to Adam Solley for his support, and for arranging the use of the school's Quad to display the projects and the Assembly Room for the prize-giving on the day. King Ethelbert's were very kind and generous hosts.

The judges were: Rebecca Thomas, local Graphic Designer; Ray Taylor, WWRA; Gina May, WWRA; Sally Whitworth, Westgate Heritage Centre; Valda Neve, Westgate Heritage Centre; Susan Midgely, Westgate Community Centre Association.

All the prizes were donated to us by local individuals, local businesses and our Westgate Heritage Centre. Prizes included books, cinema vouchers, crafting materials, book vouchers, meal vouchers, framed prints, Amazon vouchers, and Escape Room vouchers.

We look forward to continuing and developing this next year - it was a pleasure to see the creativity and talent that exists amongst our young people and in our Town.



CELEBRATE WESTGATE

This was a day of celebration for the whole Town. And it was a real community event involving the participation of local people.

On Sea Road, we had a fun fair; food stalls; community and charity stalls; an entertainment stage with a variety of acts from the community showcasing their talent; music; fun activities and a free open-top bus operating on a loop around the Town. We even had live, outside broadcast, coverage of the event, by local radio station Academy FM!

In Adrian Square, we had stalls offering specialist cakes, craft and artisan items (including jewellery, framed prints and art materials). The stall-holders said they had a very successful day - in fact, most of them sold-out of their products.

We were supported by volunteers, all day, from Westgate-on-Sea Town Council and some local residents. Our thanks go to the volunteers from Maritime Volunteer Service who litter-picked and were of valuable assistance in keeping the Town clean & tidy. It was our first Celebrate Westgate. It was a fantastic day; the weather was perfect and everybody came out to enjoy the event. The atmosphere was amazing.

Importantly, we raised money for the RNLI in the collection boxes on the day. Thank you to everybody. We had a huge amount of positive feedback for the event and some good suggestions for the next one. And it was very clear that you all want it to happen again. So we are now eager to start planning next year's event. We'll see you there!

Cllr Helen Page

My birds eye view of Westgate Day Celebrations

First a big thank you to the staff, Gill, Jasmine and Chloe of Westgate-on-Sea Town Council for co-ordinating this day - no mean feat!

Not only did they get all of us Town Councillors to do our bit, but also involved all the other community groups to pull together to help achieve a great day.

Thank you to Maritime Volunteer Services for litter picking to ensure the area was beautifully clean, James Gray for running around and setting up things, your wife is very proud of you! The Town Council operatives for all their hard work and all the other volunteers who helped, we couldn't have done this without you.

The celebrations included activities such as a Dog Display team, Yoga sessions, football skill practice, the Astronomical Society, community & craft stalls, a fun fair and live music playing throughout the day. Theo Loyla from Academy FM, who was compering, did a fantastic job of holding the running order on stage.

Stagecoach made the day for so many, by getting them around on the Open Top bus to see all the events and being so cheerful all day.

While doing my bit, in my high-vis vest, not only did the sunshine on Westgate, I was delighted to hear the positive comments and community spirit that come through.

Yes, there were some things we could have done better, and we will try harder next year. But overall, Westgate be proud of yourselves, you all helped to make it a great day.

Cllr O'Connor



Westgate-on-sea Recycling Scheme

We are delighted to announce that we have recently started our 'Westgate-on-Sea Town Council Recycling Scheme'.

We now offer free recycling funded by brands, manufacturers, and retailers around the world to help collect and recycle your hard to recycle waste. The money raised by this recycling will go to worthwhile charities and back into our community.

For full details on products we can recycle, please visit our website:
www.westgateonsea.gov.uk, pop into our offices or email admin@westgateonsea.gov.uk

We are continuously in talks with companies to broaden the products we can recycle so please keep your eyes peeled!

We are now working with Westgate-on-Sea Library as part of Westgate-on-Sea Town Council's recycling scheme and now have drop off points for your hard to recycle waste. They are located at: **Westgate Library, Minster Road, Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8BP.**



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Westgate & Westbrook Residents' Association

Latest News

It has been a quiet summer for the W&WRA with a lot of people away on holiday, or busy doing other things. However, the committee and general meetings have carried on relentlessly, which has given residents the opportunity to express their various concerns. We have heard a lot about instances of youngsters riding their bikes on their back wheel, weaving in and out of traffic, as well as jumping the red lights at the Canterbury Road traffic junction. There have also been reports of anti-social behaviour, by a small group of youngsters, at the Lymington Road Park. Members are advised not to tackle these problems themselves, but to report what they see to the Police by telephoning 101 or speaking to our local Community Warden who is based at the Library in Minster Road.



THE WESTGATE AND WESTBROOK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

To preserve and improve the amenities of Westgate and Westbrook
To assist members with problems arising from public affairs
To promote social activities for members
Thereby promoting the benefit of all who live in Westgate, Westbrook and surrounding areas.

The W&WRA General Meeting is held on the second Monday of each month alternating between The Bakehouse, 21 St Mildred's Road, Westgate CT8 8RE and Westbrook Bowls Club, Westcliff Gardens, Margate CT9 5DS

For more details email: westgateandwestbrook@gmail.com

Membership Drive

New members are joining all the time but we are still hoping to recruit more – and in particular families with children. On the following page there is an application form, which once completed should be sent to the W&WRA Office at St Augustines, 125 Canterbury Road, Westgate CT8 8NL. Alternatively, you can email your details to westgateandwestbrook@gmail.com. Payment can be made by cheque (made out to the Westgate and Westbrook Residents' Association) or by direct bank credit to the W&WRA bank account number 65183069 Sort Code 08-92-99

Payment of Membership Fees

To streamline the payment of membership fees, and to avoid the necessity of street collectors going from house to house, we would encourage members to pay their membership fees via an annual standing order or direct bank credit instruction. There is no rush, to set this up now, as membership fees are not due again until April 2020. But if you could bear it in mind, we would be very grateful. Note the W&WRA's bank details are listed above. Please be sure to include your house number and postcode as the reference so that we know who the payment has come from. For instance if you live at 125 Canterbury Road, the reference should be 125CT88N

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westgateandwestbrook@gmail.com or in writing to Westgate and Westbrook Residents' Association, c/o The Business Centre, St. Augustines, 125 Canterbury Rd, Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8NL.

Don't forget to include your own contact details!

Nominations should be received by 31st December 2019 so that they can be included in the WWRA's Spring newsletter.



General Meetings

We appreciate that it is not always possible for all members to attend the monthly General Meetings, but we would love to hear your views on the various proposals that are put forward. In order to do this, we need your up-to-date contact details, so could all online members please email us at westgateandwestbrook@gmail.com so that we can send you the minutes of these meetings, as well as the AGM minutes, as well as give you the opportunity for your input on the various important matters discussed. Please also keep an eye on the Association notice board on the wall outside the Krusty Kob Bakery in Station Road, Westgate. If there is anything that members would like to have discussed as 'Any Other Business' at any of the General Meetings, please contact the Committee no later than 10 days before the date of the meeting, so that the issue can be looked into in advance. The next meeting will be 7-7:15pm on 14th October at The Bake House, followed by (Same time) November 11th at the Westbrook Bowls Club and back again at The Bake House on December 9th. 2019.

Remembrance Sunday

The Association will be laying a wreath of remembrance on behalf of members at the Memorial on Sea Road on Remembrance Sunday. Precise details of the time will be announced at the October General Meeting and communicated to members via email. The details will also be put on the WWRA notice board. Any members who would like to attend would be very welcome to do so and there will be refreshments at the Town Council Office in St Mildred's Road during the morning.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

The W&WRA joined forces with the Town Council and held a joint coffee morning in aid of MacMillan nurses. Thank you to all the members who attended – we raised £175 for this wonderful cause.

Good Resident Scheme

There are many small acts of help or kindness that go un-remarked in our community, so the W&WRA Committee have launched the 'Good Neighbour' Scheme. The person or people you nominate do not have to be a member of the W&WRA. They simply need to be someone who you think deserves recognition for their kindness or helpfulness to others in our community. Details can be found on the left.

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Westgate Allotments Association Members Community Plot Project

Saturday 31st August saw the official opening of the Lymington Road Allotment Association Communal Plot.

This was the culmination of a long-term liaison between Westgate-on-Sea Town Council, who sponsored the project and made the area available, with additional sponsorship from Ageless Thanet and Bugsy's Ten Pin Bowling.

The Community Plot provides an area on the allotment site where plot holders can come together to sit and chat, swap ideas and generally socialise whilst taking a breather from the hard work of tending their plots.

Plot holders gathered and all enjoyed the pleasant weather and an abundance of food & drink provided by several members, Claire Shelton from Ageless Thanet planted a tree, and Councillor Pauline O'Connor unveiled a plaque to commemorate the occasion.

The Allotment Association would like to thank all our sponsors for their support as without them the project would not have been possible.



Scything



This year marks the fifth anniversary of the designation of Village Green status, for the land North of Ursuline Drive Westgate on Sea.

It is hoped that to mark this occasion preparations are in progress to enhance this wildlife area, by encouraging the establishment of more wildflowers by the ancient and delicate process of scything.

The relocation of a number of slow worms from the Hundreds Farm site means that we need to accommodate their voracious appetite for nutrition!

Working with Graham Rickett, who headed the project in 2005, and Bex Cartwright, of the Bumblebee Trust, it is hoped this project can be moved forward for future generations in the town.

If you would like to get involved, please contact admin@westgateonsea.gov.uk

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Thanet Food Link

Thanet Food Link is a registered charity, which has been operating an independent food bank since April 2013. It is run by volunteers within Thanet to serve the needs of those without food in our community.

Using a voucher system, Thanet Food Link take referrals from agencies who work directly with people in need, such as Children's Centres, support agencies, schools, associations supporting disabled people, Community Centres and NHS Health Trainers. The voucher a client receives provides them, and those in their household, with a minimum of 3 days emergency food.

Westgate-on-Sea Town Council is now a designated collection point for non-perishable food. All donated non-perishable food collected will be taken to the Thanet Food Link warehouse where it will be packed into emergency food parcels before going to distribution centres in Thanet.

If you wish to donate any non-perishable food, then please visit our website for a full list of suggested foods. Currently Thanet Food Link would be grateful for any donations of pot noodles, baked beans, jam and cereals. You can drop your donations off at the Westgate-on-Sea Town Council Office between 9.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Thursday at 78 St Mildreds Road.

Thank you for all the donations we have received so far. We donated over 40 food items this month!



New Community Initiatives

Two new groups have been established at the Westgate Town Council offices to bring local people together.

The Friendship Group meets every week on a Thursday morning and the Deaf Club meets once a month on the third Friday.

The aim of the Thursday morning friendship group is to bring local people together in a friendly, safe atmosphere where they can meet both old and new friends. The idea behind this is to tackle social isolation and loneliness.

The friendship group has become intergenerational with people of all ages coming together enjoy a morning that is full of chatter and laughter. Cards and board games are available for grown ups to enjoy and there are toys, games and puzzles for children. Dogs are welcome and are looked after with biscuits and water bowls.

The Friendship Group meets every Thursday morning from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon at the Town Council Offices which is opposite the Carlton cinema in St Mildred's Road. Westgate. Refreshments are available with tea, coffee, squash, biscuits and cakes galore.

The Deaf Club meets on the third Friday of the month and aims to improve opportunities to meet other people who are deaf, have hearing loss or have a personal connection with someone who does. People of all ages have been coming along to meet each other and in keeping with the Friendship Group there is plenty for both adults and children to do. This space offers a relaxed and supportive environment for those who use British Sign Language (BSL), lip read or oral communication.

Both hearing and non-hearing are made very welcome with plenty of tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits available to enjoy. The group runs on the third Friday of the month from 9:30am to 12:00 noon at the Town Council Offices that are opposite the Carlton Cinema in St Mildred's Road Westgate. The next meeting will be on 18th October followed by 15th November and 20th December.

If you would like to volunteer to help at either of these groups. Please contact the Town Clerk on **01843 836182**.

Finbar's of West Bay New Restaurant



Westgate now has a major new restaurant to add to its attractions – Finbar's Restaurant and Bar, overlooking West Bay. It's above the well-loved West Bay Café, familiar to thousands of visitors and residents as a welcoming beach café.

The panoramic views from the restaurant and bar are simply stunning, with 'to-die-for' sunsets looking towards Reculver. Alan Dolan told me "I always saw the possibility of creating a restaurant above the café. I wanted it to be as open to the views as possible – the walls on two sides are entirely of glass. The idea is of a bridge or top deck of a ship." The restaurant has a terrace, which is open from noon till dusk.

Why the name 'Finbar's'? Alan explained "It's named after my father. There were lots of suggested names, but Finbar's seemed to fit." The restaurant will of course help to provide revenue during winter months, with room for 50 customers inside, which means more of the staff will have a chance of being kept on outside the summer.

Although the project and the location were fixed years ago, the food to be served was only decided when the Executive Head Chef, Jens Folkel, arrived on the scene. The menu is an exciting one - the best of British (roast dinners are served on Sunday) is matched with an emphasis on seafood,

and there are plenty of vegan and vegetarian options. The front of house team, headed by Mike Batty, will do their best to ensure all needs are catered for. What is Alan's impression of the venture so far? He responded, "We couldn't be happier – it's exceeded all expectations".

Finbar's is off Sea Road, post code **CT8 8QA**. More information is on the website **www.finbars.net** or phone **01843 263 423**.



Painting the Town Poppy Red

Westgate-on-Sea Town Council are proud to be supporting Richard Hambidge and the Fixology Group on "Painting the Town Poppy Red" to honour our Heroes

Poppies are used to remember those who have given their lives in battle and is because they are the flowers which grew on the battlefields after World War One ended. To honour our heroes, the vision is to have a Poppy on every lamp post from Lymington Road Memorial Park, down to the traffic lights and all of St Mildreds Road to the War Memorial on Sea Road

Richard Hambidge is the 3rd generation of Hambidge's to be involved in marking Remembrance Day in Westgate-on-Sea, the Hambidge's have lived in Westgate for over 200 years. Grandad Bill Hambidge was one of the founders of the Comrades of the Great War (this year is the 100th Anniversary) and then one of the founders of the RBL & United Services Club where he sat on all the committees for 49 years.



Westgate-on-sea Paint the town Poppy Red

Recycling your old plywood & paint.

In 2018 my husband Richard Hambidge made a large poppy and silhouette soldier for Westgate's war memorial for Remembrance Day in honour of our war hero's. 2019 we want to make this bigger and better.

We along with Fixology & our Town Council, we are hoping to work with our local children in this project.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Look in your shed & garages for



old plywood and red and black paint & donate it to our **Paint the Town Poppy Red** project.

Our vision is to have a poppy on every lamp post from Lymington Road Memorial Park, down to the traffic lights and all of St Mildred's Road to the War Memorial on Sea Road. **HELP US HONOUR OUR HERO'S.**

For further information about how to get involved and support contact Lorraine Hambidge at Pottybird@ismyemail.co.uk



Working with Fixology at Westgate Fix it Don't bin it.

Richards' father, Dick Hambidge was the sign writer who wrote all the memorial boards for the churches and the town. The whole family support the Poppy Appeal and have been poppy collectors here in Westgate for 10 years and Poppy Appeal organizers for 4 years.

We would like to thank Wickes, Cllr Cornford, Bake & Ale House, Westgate United Services Club, Westgate Investments, Westbay Café, Mr and Mrs Metcalfe, Leyland Paints, Mr & Mrs Gray, Mr & Mrs Taylor and the people who contacted and donated through social media, who kindly donated to help with the project. The project is hoping to encourage intergenerational work and facilitate young people and the elderly in the community collaborating as much as possible.

Anyone who wishes to get involved and support, please contact: Lorraine Hambidge at pottybird@ismyemail.co.uk or call Lorraine on 07989 943256



Are you retired or have spare time on your hands? Sat at home bored and lonely? Spend your day watching telly?

Want to pass on your skills and/or knowledge?

Want to get out, do something useful and meet new friends & enjoy some like-minded company? Friendly banter?!

Well, Fixology@Westgate is for you.

We are starting up a new group to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill by repairing and/or up-cycling. We have the space – we just need helper's! Skill levels from keen to expert are needed. Come & join us - this is the place for you. We would like to hear from any ex Armed Forces personnel who can help with our Armed Forces

Covenant Bid.

Fixology@Westgate needs you to come forward and help others. You never know, it could become a habit!

DON'T BIN IT – FIX IT !



Email – fixologyatwestgate@gmail.com or Facebook; 'Fixology at Westgate'

If you do not have an Internet connection, then please leave your contact details with the Town Clerk and she will pass it on to us. Talk soon ...



St Saviour's Parish Church

SERVICES

Sunday 8am Said Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Sung Eucharist
Usually refreshments available after the service
– have a chat. Crèche area available whenever
the church is open

Family Service

1st Sunday of the month at 10.30am. Come and
join us for an informal service where the children
can join in.

Holy Communion

4th Friday of month at 12noon

Mothers Union Communion

2nd Thursday of the month at 10.15am.

All Souls Service

Sunday 3rd November at 3.30pm followed
by refreshments.

Remembrance Sunday

10th November 10.30am followed by procession
to the War Memorial for a Service at 12noon.

Armistice Day

11th November
Church open for prayer from 10.30am to
11.15am



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Bible Study

7pm Thursdays
Contact Revd Susan Wing 01843 836430

Bell Ringers

Thursday evenings 7.30pm to 9pm in the Bell
Tower

Friendly Fridays

Weekly 10am to 12noon in church.
Join us for a coffee and a chat – lots of activities
– don't be lonely, just pop in.

Autumn Fair

Saturday 16th November 10am to 12noon

Toy Service

Sunday 2nd December 10.30am.
Bring your new and nearly new toys to go to Oasis
Domestic Abuse Service, Women's Refuge

Public Tree Planting Day

**The Woodland Trust is calling on one million
people to pledge to plant a tree to help fight
the climate emergency. We need to act now!**

As part of this, Westgate-on-Sea Town Council
is organising a public tree planting day on the
30th November.

Come and join us and plant a tree! There will
also be the opportunity to adopt and look after
your tree.

More details of this will be announced by
November on the Westgate-on-Sea Town
Council website and in the office.

This event will be part of a mass participation
tree planting day on 30th November with events
across the country. Join us!

If you are unable to plant a tree as part of The Big
Climate Fightback, the Woodland Trust will plant a
tree for you when you make a donation.

Visit: <https://campaigns.woodlandtrust.org.uk>



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Art Gallery in the Town Council Offices

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These include life like sculptures & commissions by Brook Hobbins, paintings by Michelle Wharton, local designs by Rebecca Thomas (Beckyismynname), watercolours by Jeannie Clarke and poems and photographs by Maurice Rutherford.

Please come in to look and support our creative residents & local artists.

If you are a local artist who would like to display your work, please contact admin@westgateonsea.gov.uk

2000 houses for Westgate-on-Sea

A quick update by Cllr Dr Hannah Scott for our residents regarding the 2000 houses allocated on the farmland south of Westgate and Garlinge.

Westgate-on-Sea Town Council has written to various MPs asking if they feel that the destruction of this farmland is, in their opinion, reasonable and sustainable. The Town Council believes that the fields should be preserved for food and not for houses, especially in this time of uncertainty around Brexit and Climate Change. We asked them how the irreversible destruction of the best and most versatile agricultural land can really be sustainable development? We pointed out that over 7000 houses are planned to be built on farmland around Birchington, Westgate, Shottendane Road, Nash Road and Westwood Cross. We await their answers with bated breath.

Meanwhile, Millwood Homes (developers, owned by Places for People) has informed the Town Council that they are nearly ready to publish the master plan of the 2000 houses for public consultation. We will keep residents informed of this on our website and in the office windows. The Town Council will continue to speak to decision makers to raise our concerns over this issue.

Community Surgeries

The Westgate-on-Sea Town Council Community Surgeries are a chance for you to have your say, whether it's to raise concerns or issues, offer ideas or opinions, criticise or praise, or to simply pop in for a biscuit and a chat.

Each Surgery will be attended by our Town and District Councillor Matthew Scott plus one Town Councillor. No appointment necessary and all confidential.

The Westgate-on-Sea Town Council Community Surgery will be held fortnightly on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 10am to 11:30am - Town Council offices and Westgate Library.

Please check our website and social media for up-to-date information.

If you require an appointment outside of these times we are happy to accommodate this, please call our offices on **01843 836182** or email admin@westgateonsea.gov.uk to arrange a suitable time.

Neighbourhood Plan for Westgate-on-Sea

Volunteer councillors and residents have been ploughing forwards with the mammoth task of creating a neighbourhood plan for the town. This intends to enhance the best features of the town and avoid future negative development within the town.

Unfortunately, the plan cannot stop the current 2000 houses, as they have already been allocated in the TDC Local Plan, but it can ensure that we get the best development possible if they do go ahead.

Look out for consultation questionnaires asking your opinion on the Neighbourhood Plan which will be produced this autumn/winter.

The town plan will only be passed if the residents agree with it, so your feedback is welcome and essential.



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