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The Annual General Meeting of WWRA will be held on Friday 17th April at 8:00pm at the Medhurst Hall, Sussex Rd, West Wickham. BR4 0JX

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of the

WEST WICKHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

will be held on Friday, 17th April at 8:00pm.

at Medhurst Hall, Sussex Road, West Wickham

The evening will begin with a short AGM followed by refreshments and then an illustrated talk by Peter Leigh:

"New pictures of the way our High Street has changed in the last 150 years"

AGENDA

1. Minutes of 90th AGM held on 22nd March 2019
2. Chairman's report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Election of Officers
5. Election of Committee
6. Appointment of Auditors
7. Any Other Business
8. Refreshments
9. Talk by Peter Leigh

WWRA Boundary Walk –Sunday 17th May 2020

Join us for a leisurely walk of approximately 5 miles mainly along footpaths, in good company, enjoying our pleasant and varied countryside. We meet outside KFC near the roundabout at the west end of the High Street (opposite The Alders) in time to set off at 10.15.am and end at the New Inn at Hayes for refreshments at around 12.30pm. We hope to see our regular bunch of walkers but also those who have been only occasionally, or never before.

So, just what do I get for my subscription?.....

… is a question often asked of our Committee members and Road Stewards. Well, for a currently very small annual outlay, you get quite a lot. A common misconception is that you're just buying a quarterly Newsletter but that's not quite the case. You're paying for **membership** of an organisation that puts a lot of effort into pursuing the "betterment of West Wickham", the stated aim in our Constitution. Sure, you get a Newsletter every quarter which informs you of the current activities of the Committee as well as access to the Association's website and Facebook account for more immediate information, but these communications do not show all that's going on behind the scenes.

We look at every **planning application** that relates to our membership area and those outside the area which might impinge on our quality of life in the town. Current planning rules mean that most extensions to private houses are permitted development and so attract far less attention than previously. On the other hand, for proposals relating to large or common facilities such as the redevelopment of the Leisure Centre and Library, we will actively provide information to members, seek views and represent the interests of the community. A notable example was when Marks and Spencer proposed a new High Street foodstore. The initial design submitted with the application, involved demolition of the existing historic dairy buildings and the erection of a building which was out of keeping with the other shops in the High Street. We knew, from members correspondence, that they wanted this store in the town and so we contacted M&S who allowed us to work with their architect so that we got a store which maintained much of the historic building and blended better with the High Street.

We monitor **transport and highway** issues and developments, liaising with Southeastern Railways, local buses, the Council and TfL where appropriate. Quite often this is sparked by announcements from these authorities and, on occasions, by members pointing out a problem affecting road or transport services.

On **environment and leisure**, we contribute to street tree planting which often involves arduous and time consuming dealings with the Council and contractors. We support resident's groups which are working voluntarily to improve facilities in our parks, playgrounds and sports grounds. We are represented on the West Wickham, Spring Park and Coulsdon **Commons Consultative Committee** which oversees the work in managing the woodlands and open spaces they administer in and around the town.

We know that **education and health** provision are also important areas for our members and so we monitor changes and developments and get involved in associated discussions and activities. No less importantly, we believe that the health of the High Street is key to the health of the town, so we monitor proposed changes and report news in this Newsletter, on our website and Facebook. We are represented on the Business Community body where we influence and support their endeavours, for example, the Christmas Lights and Christmas Festival. Any extra funds raised are channelled back into supporting local events and charities. We are the largest Residents Association in Bromley and we are represented at the Federation of Bromley Residents' Associations where Borough and London-wide issues affecting members are discussed and acted upon.

To achieve all this, we have a committee of 15 – 20 people from across the town who, like our Road Stewards, give their time free and cover their own expenses. They attend meetings with the bodies and authorities that provide service or affect our quality of life in the town.

Oh, and what we don't do is take sides in neighbour disputes nor get involved in politics. On occasions, our Ward Councillors attend our meetings but they have no voting rights. They generally end up walking away with more work than they came with!

I hope this gives more insight into what you get for your subscription.

Village Day - 8th May 2020

The Friends of Blake Park are delighted to bring Village Day back to Blake Park again this May, with a **VE Day Street Party** theme to tie in with the 2020 celebrations! The early bank holiday has been moved from the usual Monday and Village Day has moved with it to take place on **Friday 8th May, 10am to 4pm**. There will be all the usual attractions (street food, inflatables, local clubs and groups, displays, craft stalls and local traders, live music and the ever-popular dog shows) with a VE Day twist. If you are interested in having a stall please visit us on facebook: **West Wickham Village Day**. We would also love to hear from you if you have any contacts who may be able to provide VE Day themed entertainment, displays, memorabilia or a local historical information display. If you're interested in joining the Friends of Blake Park, or getting involved with the Village Day preparations or on the day, please join us via our facebook page: **Friends of Blake Park**. Thank you!

News from the High Street



A new year... and it's good to report that our traders are continuing to keep going in spite of much competition from many fronts. Please help them as much as possible by **visiting** the shops and **buying local.**

We welcome **Mobility Services**, which has opened on the corner of Sherwood Way and the High Street, formerly occupied by an estate agent. We wish them success.

When this edition finally reaches you, it is likely that the **Ollie Polly cafe** will be open in what was formerly a DIY store (25 High Street). We wish the owner every success with this new venture.

Some of you will have spotted a new business front on Red Lodge Road - the **Railway Grill** -which, along with the recent refurbishment of the area, is adding a bright, fresh look to the shop frontages.

You may also have noticed new signage for the **Leisure Centre**. While the Leisure Centre building will eventually be replaced, it is sensible to make the best of the current facilities and encourage customers to stay and use them.

Carrying on quietly in the background is our **library** which provides exciting and innovative activities for children of varying ages, as well as lectures and courses for adults. Look on-line or call in to find out what is happening – friendly staff are always available with advice and support.

Rouse Bathrooms is featured in this edition. The features, generally about independent businesses, are included to provide some interesting background to businesses in and around the High Street; there is no cost involved. If you would like to have your business featured, please contact valpolydorou@gmail.com



The Association is very grateful to Tim McColloch of McColloch Roofing Limited and his colleague Mark, who kindly volunteered to erect the Christmas tree on top of the Toilet Block next to the library. This not only involved getting the tree onto the roof but also securing it in the base, attaching stabilising wires and affixing the WWRA banners to the parapet.









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ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE

We have heard, through another Residents' Association, of a rather nice idea and we thought with Spring, hopefully not too far away, that this is something the residents of West Wickham might like to consider doing.

'Adopt a Tree Pit'

We would like to invite you to adopt a tree pit. This means taking responsibility to plant and care for a tree pit either outside or nearby your house. We know that several West Wickham residents have been doing exactly this for some years and indeed this photo was taken last year of a tree pit in local roads.

Here are just a few guidance notes on adopting a tree pit:

1. The first job is to remove any litter and weeds.
2. The ground will need loosening with a hand fork. Add some compost e.g John Innes No 3 to make the ground workable and provide nutrients to the new plants.
3. Use either, cuttings from your own garden or buy your own choice, small annuals, bulbs and seeds. Plant and water in well. Marigolds, salvias, geraniums and begonias all thrive in sunny spots.
4. Provide care and maintenance by watering every 2 to 3 days depending on the weather. Weed and remove litter as necessary and remove annuals in the late autumn, planting bulbs if you wish for a spring display. If you go away ask a neighbour to water in the summer for you and who knows, they may even adopt their own tree pit!

Sit back and enjoy your efforts.

Your time, effort and a little money will greatly enhance the neighbourhood for us all. It really does make a difference and you will get a lot of positive comments from neighbours and passers-by.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing lots of colourful streets in West Wickham this summer.



Nature's Calendar – become a citizen scientist and record the signs of spring!

So what's it all about?

Nature's Calendar is all about phenology, the study of seasonal changes in plants and animals from year to year. So if you look forward to seeing snowdrops flowering in spring, collecting ripe blackberries in summer, watching leaves change colour in autumn and spotting birds migrating for winter, this is the project for you. There are 69 different trees, shrubs, flowers, birds, grasses and fungi to look out for.

It's a great way to connect with nature, get outdoors and at the same time contribute to some real climate change science. But don't worry you don't need to be a scientist! All you need to do is simply note the dates of certain events which happen to those plants, animals or fungi during the year. You then record these dates on our website:

https://naturescalendar.woodlandtrust.org.uk/

Nature's Calendar is run by the Woodland Trust and they particularly need more recorders here in London. Whether you look out for wildlife in your garden, local park, street, nature reserve, woodland or even supermarket car park, you can still take part.

How do I get started?

1. Register on the website and download the 'date range poster' which you'll find on the homepage. This lists everything you can record and when to start looking out for them. Choose a few that you'd like to record in 2020.

2. Choose locations that you'll do your spotting from (at least once or twice a week. It's easiest when you fit recording in around your normal routines and lifestyle. Is there a tree that you pass on the way to work, could you look out for spring flowers on your dog walk or spot butterflies on the school run?)

3. When you've noted your first event, record it on the website. It goes straight into the database and appears on a live map, too.

How are the records used?

The Nature's Calendar database contains nearly three million records dating back to 1736. The data is used by scientists to investigate what effect recent weather has had on wildlife and, over the longer term, looks at how wildlife is responding to climate change across the UK.

Is it too late to start?

It can often still be very chilly in March, but the lengthening days mean it is the month when we really see spring begin to get moving. Here are some spring highlights to look out for and record.

Blackbird (*Turdus merula*)



What you can record:

First nest building

Feeding young

A common but beautiful bird and a familiar sight in our parks and gardens. A blackbird's life is starting to get very busy at this time of year. If you are lucky enough to have a pair set up home in your garden you might be able to tell when they first begin to nest. Look out for blackbirds carrying nesting material, such as twigs and grass, in their beaks. Blackbirds can have two or three broods a year, but we're interested in the very first time you see them nesting in the spring. After this, look out for adult birds with beaks full of insects and worms, darting back and forth to feed their hungry young.

English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

Look out for this striking flower from around mid-March. Well Wood (car park off Layhams Road, or access from lime tree walk, Coney Hall) is a favourite local spot where you'll find a beautiful carpet of bluebells (and other woodland wildflowers) and is well worth a visit. Also look out for their beautiful blue hue along hedgerows and in fields.

Be careful not to confuse English bluebells with the closely related Spanish bluebell (*Hyacinthoides hispanica*) if you're recording for Nature's Calendar. You can tell the native English bluebell by their nodding flowers which are all on one side of stem, and cream anthers inside the flower. In contrast, Spanish bluebell flowers are arranged in a spiral all around the stem, and have blue anthers.

You can record the date of 'first flowering' bluebell as soon as you spot a plant where the petals have opened up just enough to see inside the flower.



Well Wood

What else is blooming or buzzing?

In woodlands across the UK spring flowers are taking advantage of a small window of time in which they can bloom. The ground has warmed for them to grow, but the canopy of fresh tree leaves is yet to block out the strengthening sun. If you want a challenge there are lots of other spring flowers to look out for and record on Nature's Calendar. From cuckoo flower and wild garlic to wood anemone. Around this time there are plenty of insects we'd like to know more about too. Keep your eyes peeled for bright yellow brimstones, red admirals and 7-spot ladybirds.

There are lots of other signs of spring to keep an eye out for. For a full list visit the Nature's Calendar website naturescalendar.woodlandtrust.org.uk

Richard Barnes, WWRA Committee

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This large house was built in 1890 for a Mrs Thomasett and her husband who was a lawyer. Today it is approached via Knotley Close off Sherwood Way but originally it had a frontage to the High Street with a long drive past a pretty lodge which stood approximately where Owen Hearing have their shop today. It was later occupied by Adolphus Cowen a diamond merchant but in 1930 it became the head quarters for West Wickham Social Club. In 1938 the local education authority served a Compulsory Purchase Order with plans to utilize the site for a council school but the war intervened and the plan was shelved. During the war it was used as a Nursery School but in 1954 it was occupied by St Nicholas, a school for pupils with learning difficulties. It had originally started in a small building in Churchfields Primary School in 1906, at which time it was the first daytime special school in Kent. In 1985 it moved to Hawes Down and in 1986 Dr Barnardo's opened a home for boys which they named Knotley House and which was there until about 2010. It was then empty for a few years until the house was converted into flats and several modern blocks were built in the grounds. The house had a particularly fine two storey hall with gallery which was locally listed.

Rotary West Wickham

Our Fundraising activities in November and December 2019 produced over £8,000 from the Fireworks Display, Christmas Fair,the West Wickham Christmas Festival and our Christmas Collections, which will be distributed amongst local community projects, schools and charities including St.Christopher's Hospice and Demelza House.

We also arranged, along with other nearby Rotary clubs and Zero to Hero Runners, a really memorable and successful fundraising event for Meningitis Now and Deaf Plus. This was held on behalf of local Rotarian and runner Mike Martineau, who some of you may know. Mike was struck down for the second time in his life with meningitis in September 2018 leaving him in a wheelchair and with other medical complications, but with an unbroken spirit. This was a way of saying "thankyou" for the assistance Mike received.

Socially, we have had a full range of speakers and subjects including a talk by a 94 year old naval aviation veteran of WW2, a visit to St. George's R.A.F. Chapel of Remembrance for a talk by the inaugural Director, "Life at Number 10" and a history of "The Great Houses of Shirley".

We are up and running on social media platforms. You can see what we are doing on:

Instagram- @westwickhamrotary
Twitter- @RCWestWickham
Facebook- Rotary Club of West Wickham
You can also visit our website on: www.bit.ly/RotaryWW

Why not get involved with giving back to the community by helping us with a project? Who knows, once you see what we do you may want to join us. Contact Christine Atkinson on 020 8650 0637 or christineatkns@aol.com

'Festival of Arts – Well-being through the Arts'
2-12 July 2020 - St Francis of Assisi Church, West Wickham

St Francis of Assisi Church, in the heart of West Wickham, is pleased to announce a 'Festival of Arts' from 2nd to 12th July 2020. This exciting and inclusive Festival will have something for all the family. We start with an amazing dramatic production from The Matchbox Theatre of Amadeus featuring a choir and orchestra. Other events include music, exhibitions, workshops, demonstrations, afternoon tea and an open church throughout the week. The Festival ends with an evening of music from the London Concert Chorus on Saturday evening and a special 'Healing' service on Sunday. We are supporting two great charities, Bethlem Gallery at The Royal Bethlem & Maudsley Hospital and MIND. Monies raised throughout the week will be shared between these charities. We are looking to bring all of the West Wickham Community together throughout the week with everyone welcome to spend time reflecting on art as a medium for well-being and healing. We are pleased to have our friends at the Rotary Club of West Wickham working with us on this project.

Planned activities:

2-4 July	The Matchbox Theatre Company performing 'Amadeus'
5 July	Songs of Praise
6-12 July	Exhibitions including Art from Bethlem Gallery, West Wickham Art Association, local schools, Kent Potters, West Wickham Photographic Society, 'Forgiveness Project' and more
7, 9 & 11 July	Workshops and demonstrations
7 July	Aromatherapy and Well-Being Evening
9 July	Comedy Night with Paul Kerensa
10 July	Lunchtime concert with Langley Park School for Boys
11 July	*Day* - Dads and Lads Breakfast; Afternoon Tea with 'Rhythm & Steel'; *Evening* - London Concert Chorus
12 July	Special Church Services in morning and afternoon

We look forward to welcoming you to this fantastic event. Please take a look at our website for information on what's happening, including events that will be taking place leading up to the Festival, at the following link: http://www.stfranciswestwickham.co.uk/

In the Winter 2019 edition of the Newsletter, we mentioned that WWRA would donate £1,000 to CASPA (Children on the Autistic Spectrum Parents Association), a small local charity which provides advice, support and life skill development opportunities for children, young people and families affected by Autism. The picture shows Committee member, Janet Pickering, presenting the charity with the cheque.



The money will help provide equipment for the toddler group at their Hawes Down Centre and to fund activities during school holidays

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WEST WICKHAM - CELEBRATING EASTER

On Good Friday, 10th April, there will be prayers at St Mark's Church (bottom of the High Street) at 10am followed by an Act of Witness at various points along the High Street. At 11am there will be a service at St Francis Church, Ravenswood Avenue, with activities and worship in the Hall for children 4 to 10 years and a Creche corner for children under 4. Parents are welcome to join in this or leave their children and go to the service.

There will be reflective services on Good Friday afternoon and all churches will have Easter Celebration services on Sunday 12th April as well as some Easter Egg Hunts.

Details of these can be found on the noticeboards, in pewsheets or magazines or on the web-sites of each church.

Coney Hill Baptist Church,
Coney Hill Road.
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West Wickham Methodist Church,
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Rouse Bathrooms are also proud to be part of the local community and are committed to helping the High Street to thrive.



So, if you are looking at your 'old' bathroom with a view to adding a fresh look or thinking of adding an additional one, remember to call into Rouse Bathrooms, just to browse or for advice from Claire Algar and her Team.

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Friends of West Wickham Library

Homeopathy



A talk Neela Prabhu

Wednesday 8th April 2020 @ 2.30pm



Restoring the Portwey Steamer

A talk by Oliver Platts

Wednesday 13th May 2020 @ 2.30pm

The talk will be preceded by the AGM

Say it with Poison

A talk by Russell Bowes



Wednesday 10th June 2020 @ 2.30pm

At West Wickham Library, Glebe Way, West Wickham
Entry: £2 members (£3 for couples) & £3 for non-members
Meetings may be subject to alteration without notice.
Programme correct at time of printing

PLANNING

Station Road car park and Library - Feasibility study

The Stop Press item in the Autumn 2019 edition of the Newsletter mentioned that a meeting of the Council's Renewal, Recreation and Housing Committee to approve this feasibility study, was to take place on 5th November. Several Committee members and residents, who could act only as observers, attended that meeting and a report was published on the Association's website along with the link to the full document. A summary of the proposal and meeting, follows.

The meeting discussed the proposal for a feasibility study into the provision of housing at West Wickham Library and Station Road Car Park. Also present were our Ward Councillors Nicholas Bennett and Mark Brock. The study will look at the social impact and economic viability of building permanent housing on the present car park and library site, to help relieve the burden of the approximately 1600 people Bromley are currently housing in temporary accommodation. All parts of the Borough are being considered for similar development. The results of the feasibility study are expected to be presented to the Council committee in Spring 2020.

At the pre-feasibility stage, several possible sites in West Wickham were considered and the Station Road Car Park was chosen as being judged the 'least' used.

To help quell some rumours regarding the library, the Portfolio holder responsible made it clear that the existing library will not be closed or moved until a new purpose-built building, such as proposed at the new leisure centre, is ready. The existing library will not be subject to two moves and will not be moved into temporary accommodation, e.g., a shop in the High Street

One committee member from another ward commented that West Wickham is still a vibrant, traditional and attractive destination shopping centre. It still has three banks which is unheard of in many similar shopping centres. He questioned whether the loss of the car park would have a negative effect on the High Street. Another stated that the proposed units are shown as three storey which is out of keeping with the houses in Croft Avenue and surrounding residential roads – would they be cost effective if they were reduced to two storey buildings? The officers explained that these issues will be closely examined in the coming months, as part of the study.

The Chairman mentioned that all comments and queries from residents regarding these proposals should be sent to our Ward Councillors and not to the committee members. Their contact details are given on page 2 of this Newsletter.

So that we can gauge reaction, would you please copy any comments to

info@westwickhamresidents.com

If you want to send a letter to our Councillors: c/o Members Room
Bromley Civic Centre
Stockwell Close
Bromley
BR1 3UH

Please bear in mind that the proposal is only at feasibility stage, the outcome of which will be reported to the Executive in Spring 2020. No firm proposals **or** planning applications will be made before then.

Hawes Down Clinic site

In September 2019, Rainbow Day Nursery applied for a Lawful Development Certificate covering, "Internal alterations, repair of fencing to match existing and change of use of building from health clinic to children's day nursery with opening hours 07.30 - 18.30." In December 2019, it was ruled that the proposed development is lawful.

The application, showing the full proposal, drawings, support and objections, can be viewed on the Council's planning website at bromley.gov.uk. The planning reference is 19/04094.

Rainbow Day Nursery say that the building work is due to begin in February 2020 with a view to opening in June or July. Closer to that time, the nursery is likely to hold "Open sessions" where local residents can discuss and ask questions about the operation.

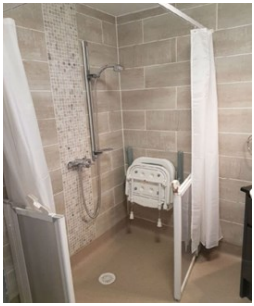
This site was the subject of an earlier planning application in 2017 when it was proposed to demolish the existing building and erect a day nursery. A significantly higher number of residents and the Association objected on that occasion and the application was refused on appeal.

Among our membership, there remain conflicting views regarding the pressing need for day nursery places and possible increase in traffic and parking problems. We will continue to monitor this development and report on our website and Facebook.

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Red Lodge Road/Station Road Junction

We mentioned in the Winter Newsletter that we had received several reports from drivers, cyclists and pedestrians indicating that there is confusion regarding the phasing of the cycle lights. Some reports say that they have seen cyclists apparently being shown a green light when vehicles are crossing in front of them, also on a green light.

One member has taken a photograph which illustrates the issue.



Photograph showing cars crossing from Red Lodge Road into Ravenswood Crescent on a green light. Traffic and pedestrians wishing to cross from Station Road to Beckenham Road and vice versa, are held by red lights.



Detail from the photograph above, showing that at the same time, the cyclist's crossing light is green.

We have spoken to the Police and Bromley Council about this and we are trying to establish a contact in TfL who are the authority for traffic light crossings in London.

The Police also had concerns about this issue at the design stage and the Council are awaiting the receipt of the "as built" drawings before performing a safety audit. We are pursuing this as a matter of urgency and will keep you updated via our website and Facebook account.

Off-street parking at Lidl



For some time, members have been talking to us about the parking of lorries and cars on the pavement and grass verges. This is causing damage to the grassed areas and also causing problems for wheelchair and pushchair users. Obviously, residents have also been complaining to the Council because the Council are meeting with TfL to discuss what measures can be taken to prevent this happening, such as the use of bollards.

We will keep you updated on progress via our Facebook Account and the Association's website.

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High Street Christmas shopping event

November 29th saw the return of the very popular High Street Christmas event, put on by members of the Business Community of West Wickham (BCWW), supported by us here at the WWRA and numerous members of our community. Many of our local shops came out in support of this event, and put out stalls, organised carol singers, invited Santa Claus to come along, ran tombolas and rides for the children.



Children's rides in the Swan car park

It was great to see this event back up and running again and, judging by the number of people who turned up, it was a great success. We look forward to supporting other events this year organised by the BCWW and will keep everyone informed as to when these will be.



Hooking ducks outside the Mobility Centre

Thanks to the generosity of local residents, and High Street businesses, West Wickham was able to have a fantastic set of Christmas lights for our High Street. Many congratulations to all who were involved with this. Please keep on supporting our High Street traders this year, so they can continue to put on more events, and keep our High Street special.



….and of course, Santa



Lesley and Sharon, volunteers at the Salvation Army charity shop, joining in the spirit of the event

Deliveries and collection of subscriptions

We have been discussing not only the cost of membership but also alternative methods of collecting subscriptions and we will keep you posted about any developments regarding these matters.

Sadly, some roads no longer have Newsletters delivered nor subscriptions collected, because of the lack of Road Stewards. If you could spare some time to undertake this role, please contact the Secretary – details on page 2.

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