

NEWSLETTER JULY - SEPTEMBER 2014

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www.stpetersassociation.co.uk**

SPRA QUIZ WILL INAUGURATE THE NEW WESTGATE HALL

We are delighted to announce that the very first event to be held in the newly refurbished Westgate Hall when it opens in October will be the **SPRA QUIZ NIGHT** on Saturday 18th October at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start of the quiz questions. Full details of the event are set out below.



The refurbished Westgate Hall is, at the time of writing, still clad in some scaffolding but it is well on the way to completion. The new roof now displays the three attractive ventilation cowls on the ridge of the roof (one of which is pictured here). These are the modern equivalent of Oast House ventilators, extracting stale air and introducing fresh air while gently rotating away from the prevailing wind.

Imogen Morizet of the Westgate Community Trust writes:

“Westgate Hall was built by public subscription in 1912 as a drill hall for the Territorial Army but later fell into disrepair. The Westgate Community Trust was formed in 2010 to save Westgate Hall for the community. Refurbishment, at a cost of £800,000, began in February 2014 with the aim of making the hall safe and weatherproof and restoring some of the building’s original features.”

“When we open in the autumn, the Trust will be running the former drill hall side as a community venue and sub-letting the former administration block to Curzon Cinemas who are currently installing a three-screen art house cinema. The Trust will be holding a *Community Open House* over the weekend of 8-9 November and we hope very much that SPRA members will join us on that occasion. We are thrilled that SPRA will be inaugurating the hall with your event in October.”

SPRA QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER



Our popular annual quiz night will be held at the Westgate Hall, Westgate Hall Road from 6.30pm. The quiz begins at 7.00pm. Please come and bring your friends for this, the inaugural event of the reopened Westgate Hall. Bring your own food and drink but each table of six will have a bottle of red wine and a bottle of white wine provided as part of the £6 per person cover charge. Book your table as soon as possible please by telephoning Richard Parkinson on 07764 775672. We hope to have a total of up to 20 tables.

Come and see the new hall and enjoy a great evening with your friends and fellow SPRA members. Let's make this a really successful event!



Rogue traders have recently been knocking on doors in some areas offering block paving work. Kent County Council Trading Standards Officers are reminding householders to be cautious of doorstep callers. Trading Standards strongly recommend you find a trader yourself and obtain at least three quotes from reputable traders. If you are approached by someone you suspect may be a rogue trader, you are asked to report the details to <http://kent.gov.uk/tradingstandards> or call Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 040506.

It has also come to Kent Trading Standards' attention that a number of third party websites are charging up to £50 to process blue badge applications for disabled drivers. A blue badge application in England costs £10. If you are being charged more than £10 you are unnecessarily using a company who will keep the extra you have paid for their own financial gain.

Crimes reported recently on our patch involved a break-in at Patisserie Valerie, High Street overnight on 25/26 July, criminal damage to a door of a house on St Peter's Grove on 30 July and the theft of a cycle from a garden on Black Griffin Lane on 18 August.

LOOKING GOOD IN SOLLY'S ORCHARD ...

... are the roses which Niall McKernan planted earlier in the year and which we reported in the last newsletter. The stainless steel support wires are now in place and Niall has been tending the roses with care. Thank you Niall.



USEFUL COMMUNITY NUMBERS

Refuse & recycling collection 08000 319091 Serco
Rubbish on streets and paths 08000 319091 Serco
Dog fouling 08000 319091 Serco
Fly-tipping and Graffiti 08000 319091 Serco
(Preferably also report to Police and get incident report number)

Abandoned vehicles 01227 862203 City Council
Street Lighting, Potholes, etc 03000 418181 Kent Highways
(An incident report number should be obtained for follow-up)

City Council CCTV 01227 862540
Police 999: to report a crime taking place.
101: for reporting crime, including anti-social behaviour.

Crimestoppers 0800 555111: – for anonymous calls with information about crime.
British Telecom To report damage to BT/openreach external plant, such as cabinets,
http://www.openreach.co.uk/orpg/home/submitFeedback.do?contactReason=complain_damage_external_line_plant

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