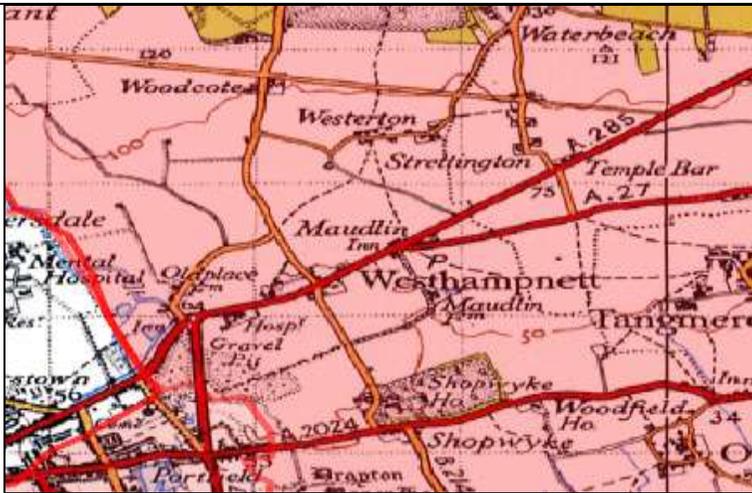
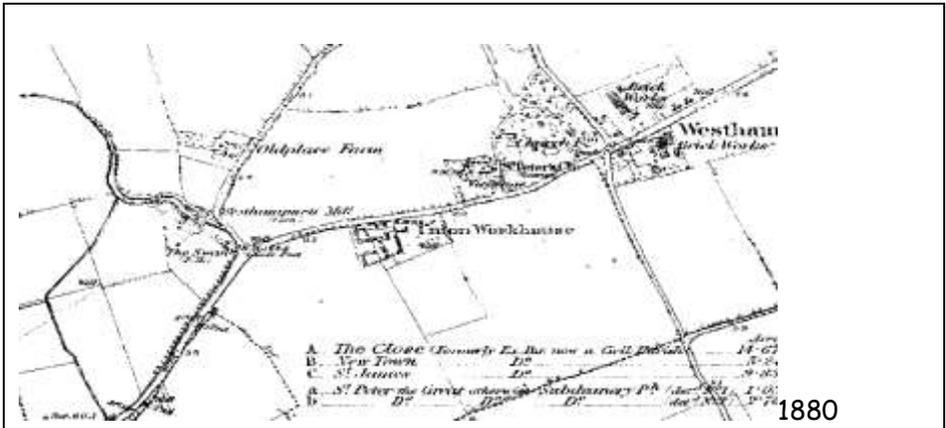


# Views from Three Villages

Maudlin, Westerton and Westhampnett

Nov 2007



Can you recognise where you live? With current building, what will our area look like in the next 10 years?

Dates for your diary



### **St Peters Church services**

4th November	- 8.00 BCP Communion - 9.45 Family Service. Refreshments served after the service. The produce stall will also be open for business!
11 <sup>th</sup> November	- 9.45 Remembrance Sunday Service, to include Act of Remembrance
18 <sup>th</sup> November	- 8.00 BCP Communion - 9.45 Family Service
25 <sup>th</sup> November	- 9.45 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School



### **Christmas Services**

Saturday 22nd December	- 4 pm. Carol Service (with Blessing of the Crib). Followed by 'Seasonal refreshments'.
Sunday 23rd December	- 9.45 Parish Eucharist.
Monday 24th December	- 11.30pm. Midnight Eucharist (Candlelight Service)
Tuesday 25th December	- 9.45. Christmas Day Eucharist.

### **Goodwood dates 2008**

Sunday Breakfast Club	First Sunday in month from May to October.
Vintage Fly-in	27-28 <sup>th</sup> May mostly pre-1966 aircraft
Festival of Speed	*11-13 <sup>th</sup> July
Glorious Goodwood	28 <sup>th</sup> July-1 <sup>st</sup> August
Revival meeting	*19-21 <sup>st</sup> September

\* Subject to change if clash with Grand Prix schedule.

# House detectives

How privileged we are to have in our midst in the city of Chichester the marvellous free resource, the County Record Office. Anyone can enjoy a fascinating time delving into the history of people, places and things within the Sussex area. We had determined to research the history of our respective houses and with the kind assistance of the records office staff we spent a number of hours scanning many kinds of fascinating documents maps and books. We didn't always find what we imagined or hoped we'd find but we were able to build up a picture of some of Westhampnett's past from ancient deeds to the most up to date computer information



We found that both our houses had once been part of separate brick making businesses, which belonged to the Goodwood Estate. The ownership of The Cottage can be traced back to the 1860's when a George Rusbridger paid Edward Ralph Martin £300 for the property (he was believed to be the manager of the adjoining brick field) But there has been difficulty going back any further as all Goodwood Estate property would have been given a number and so far we have been unable to find one for The Cottage. From the 1860's it appears to have been always known as The Cottage Other names that have been connected with the property's ownership over the years are Sadler, Harris, Flint, Alker and Oram

The two cottages number 24/25 were originally attached to the tile-making arm of the brickworks and housed people accordingly and, like The Cottage we were unable to put names of people into specific houses as they were all tied houses and no rent was paid to the estate by the occupants. When the tile manufacturing finished these cottages were allocated to the new school, which had been built by the Duke for the neighbouring children. One was for the head and the other for a schoolteacher. For some time these were also looked on as tied cottages and they were finally sold from the estate in 1938.

**From Jill Blanchard and Josie Holman**

**Parish notes**

The last Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October- apologies received from Mark Porter. Our District Councillor Andrew Smith and County Councillor Mike Hall were both in attendance as was Police Community Support Officer Jason Lemm and Tony Maybury of Rolls Royce.

Tony Maybury told us how the internal alterations were progressing at Rolls Royce. Andrew Smith suggested that we needed to see details of the street lighting in connection with the Bellway development. He also said that C.D.C. has commissioned a report on ST Richards Hospital to justify a "NO" to option A. The deadline for making representations about the proposed hospital changes has been extended to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007. Mike Hall urged all people interested in keeping St Richards as it is to join a march in Chichester on 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Jason Lemm, our P.S.C.O. recommended that to call the police in an emergency, dial 999; non-emergency or to get a message to him dial 0845 6070999- be prepared to wait- his voice mail is on extension 22325. He updated us on what is happening around the area- it is good to have a police representative at our parish council meetings.

The remainder of our meeting was fairly straightforward- no difficult planning matters!! Our next Parish council meeting is at 7pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January at the March School. Parishioners are welcome to attend any meeting and air their views. We always have some members of the public at our meetings and run a very 'open' meeting so anyone attending can raise any points that they wish. Please come along- the more people attending the meeting the better,

**Henry Adams**  
**Chair Westhampnett Parish Council**

Since the parish council meeting I have attended a meeting of the Goodwood Aerodrome Consultative Committee. This is when complaints about aircraft movements are discussed. The new procedure for reporting a nuisance by aircraft is to ring 01243 755162- this is a message taking service and all complaints are listened to at 8a.m. the

following morning. If it is a repetitive nuisance, then ring the Flying School and try to get them to pass a message to the control tower. An alternative way of complaining is via the website ([www.goodwood.co.uk/aviation/tower/default.asp](http://www.goodwood.co.uk/aviation/tower/default.asp) or [control@goodwood.co.uk](mailto:control@goodwood.co.uk) ) This will give up-to -date information on what is happening at the airfield.

Total movements at the airfield are way down on what is permitted and will reach about 36,000 this year-  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the permitted flying, which was achieved in the 1980s.

There was a long discussion on the aircraft called the Harvard- there are two of noisy aircraft operating from Goodwood, one owned by Goodwood, the other privately owned. It is hoped to have the Goodwood Harvard pilot at the next committee meeting to ask why it has to make so much noise when taking off. The privately owned one is thought to be much quieter on take-off!

## **Community Hall update**

This project progresses gently. We have met the planning authority who say that the only place they would consider such a structure would be in Claypit Lane, north of Ken Franklin's house. We have met with Nigel Draffin, agent to the Goodwood Estate, and told him of the planning decision and he is to raise this matter with the Goodwood board. We for our part, have to decide just how large an area of land we require. I would remind you that the idea is to build a Community hall to house perhaps 50 people with a decent kitchen etc. When considering the idea, I would ask you to bear in mind that Westhampnett does not have such a facility and that our population will nearly double when all the proposed development is completed. I hope that we can count on the support of the whole parish.

Henry Adams

**Westhampnett Women's Institute**

We had our annual meeting in October. Ruth Hughes was elected president for another year. Unfortunately our secretary had to resign because of ill health; we all signed a card wishing her well.

The next meeting will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> when we will hear a talk on Mosaic conservation, by Mrs. Carol Edwards.

We will be having our Christmas party on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Claire Wilton will be leading circle dancing and will be a tremendous evening.

Please do come and join us- you are very welcome to come along as a guest and see what we do- you may then decide to join. We meet at the March School hall, Westhampnett at 7.30pm. Hope to see you there!

**Pat Adams**

## **Grave stories!**

A walk through the churchyard at St Peters can be a fascinating event. Graves from the fifteenth century lay alongside ones from present times, and each with a poignant story to tell. After losing the rugby, grand prix title and the possibly of England failing to qualify for Euro 2008, at least Westhampnett can claim fame to at least one famous son reaching world acclaim.

James Lillywhite was born in Westhampnett, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1842, and was the nephew of F.W. Lillywhite (who played in 237 first-class matches between 1825 and 1853, 70 of them for Sussex,) and a cousin of James senior (who played 20 matches for Sussex and Middlesex 1850-60) and John who played 185 first-class matches 1848-73, including 100 for Sussex. F.W Lillywhite also started cricket outfitters in London, which eventually under his son James became one of the best know sports stores in Britain.

He learned to play cricket for his local club at Goodwood Park and also at Chichester Priory Park, where the County club noticed him in 1862 when he made his debut in first-class cricket. Between then and 1885 he played in 256 first-class matches, 157 of them for Sussex and including two Test Matches. He captained England in the first two Tests.

Described as a professional cricketer in the 1871 Census, living in High Road, Westerton with his father a brick maker, two sisters and two brothers he became the secretary of the United South of England Eleven in 1872 until 1879. He was a first-class umpire 1883-1901 and stood in six Test Matches.

In 1879 he took over the family firm of James Lillywhite & Co, in 1882. The 1881 Census shows him still living at Westerton, Westhampnett, Sussex, aged 39 a cricketer, with his wife Ada Mary, aged 36, daughter Clara Maud aged 5 and sons John aged 3 and James aged 1. There is one domestic servant from East Dean.

He was also the landlord of the Wheatsheaf, North Street, Chichester 1895-1901. He was also an active freemason.

He died in Westerton on 25th October 1929 and is buried in Westhampnett churchyard.

Another gravestone that caught my eye, is dedicated thus, 'To Jane White 29 years nurse to the suffering poor.' Jane was a nurse at Westhampnett Union Poor House and the stone was erected as a mark of respect from her 'children' there. The census entry for Jane in 1881 is shared with 93 other members of the household. The occupations of those at the workhouse range from cooks, to agricultural labourers to brick makers and thatchers and several extended family groups. The Industrial Revolution had come to Westhampnett!

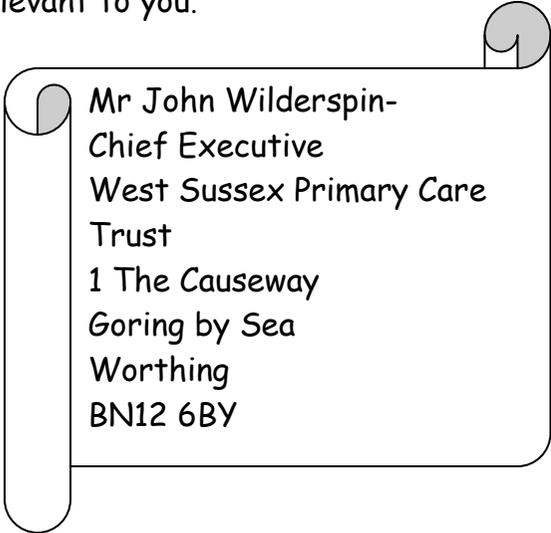
Claire McLeish

This vital letter comes from **MIKE HALL**  
County Councillor - Chichester North

Do you want to retain full acute services at  
St. Richard's Hospital?

**ACT NOW!**

Please copy any sections of my letter that you feel are relevant to you.



Mr John Wilderspin-  
Chief Executive  
West Sussex Primary Care  
Trust  
1 The Causeway  
Goring by Sea  
Worthing  
BN12 6BY

The Consultation ends on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
2007

**YOUR VOICE COUNTS**

Mr J Wilderspin - Chief Executive

West Sussex Primary Care Trust  
1 The Causeway  
Goring by Sea  
Worthing  
BN12 6BT

Dear Mr Wilderspin

Re: Creating an NHS 'Fit for theFuture' Consultation

I am writing to urge you and your colleagues on the Primary Care Trust that if you wish to create an NHS Fit for the future in West Sussex that you retain both St. Richards and Worthing as major general hospitals. I ask that you forward proposals that will give provision for and reflect the needs for a better health service for everyone in our community.

Both hospitals are strategically placed at each end of our county of West Sussex. The present consultation is flawed; there is no robust evidence to justify the PCT's three preferred options, either financially or clinically. Neither does it reflect the concerns of our communities for providing adequate primary, obstetric, paediatric or emergency care.

West Sussex County Council and all of the District and Boroughs are unanimous in their support to retain full services at both hospitals. This has also been supported in a recently published report by the president of the Royal College of Physicians stating that all local hospitals should retain their full A & E services.

Should the Primary Care Trust be minded to ignore these concerns and continue to base their decisions on the findings of the three consultation options I, the elected County Council Member for Chichester North, wish to state that my preferred option is 'B'.

***Option B***

***St. Richards would become a major general hospital providing acute medicine, accident and emergency services; inpatient paediatrics, emergency surgery and consultant led obstetrics. Worthing and the Princess Royal would become local general hospitals, providing an urgent care centre, surgical beds and surgery day cases, a range of diagnostics, outpatient clinics and rehabilitation and beds for those with some medical conditions.***

Chichester North covers all the northern city urban area including St. Richards, together with a large rural area of the South Downs comprising of many small village communities, without any or inadequate public transport. Chichester North has an increasingly ageing population.

I base my conclusion on the following facts:-

- St Richards is acknowledged as one of the top performing hospitals in this country, with adequate space to expand at low cost.
- It is easily accessible by public transport and provides adequate car parking.
- St. Richards is strategically placed to cope with planned new developments and to serve those communities south of the A27.
- It is also adjacent to the main tourist attractions and the major motor and horse racing events on the Goodwood Estate, which attract over 300,000 spectators.
- The South Downs themselves already attract more visitors than any National Park. Added to these numbers are the thousands who visit our coastal regions during the summer months.

Finally I wish to bring to your attention the great fear that this consultation and the threatened loss of acute services at St. Richard's Hospital has caused to many of my constituents. I reiterate my opening statement that you now bring this consultation to an end and forward proposals that will provide a better health service for everyone in our widely dispersed communities in West Sussex.

Yours sincerely

*Please use this letter template to show that we really need St Richards to stay open- get writing! Ed*

**Nature notes**

On the few fine days I can recall of the summer of 2007 we would take ourselves off around local footpaths for a leg stretch before the next deluge descended on us. Everywhere we went there was an abundance of Bristly Ox-Tongue it was the weed of the year. I say weed for that is how it is regarded today, with its bright yellow flowers which quickly go to seed and cover the ground around the parent plant it with what appears to be millions of seedlings. In medieval times Bristly Ox-Tongue and other so called weeds such as Fat Hen, Bittercress, Chickweed and Shepherd's Purse all still common in our parish were part of the everyday diet especially during times of famine. Many of course had medicinal uses as well, Shepherds Purse was being used as a healing herb, so much so that the 17C herbalist Nicolas Culpepper was reported to have said 'poor men made an ointment from this little herb which is excellent for all wounds'. While an ointment derived from Chickweed and Ground Ivy was highly valued for treating cuts and sprains.



Another wild herb in abundance this year was Mugwort, *Artemisa Vulgaris* was once scattered on floors to keep fleas away, as was its close relative Wormwood *Artemisa Absinthum*. Wormwood has been valued since ancient times for its many uses both medicinal and 'spiritual' it was hung over doorways to protect the household from witches and evil spirits. Legend has it that it was given to mankind by the Goddess Artemis hence its latin name.



Swallows and House Martins have migrated to their winter quarters, I saw up to 150 Martins on a south facing roof sunning themselves before taking to the air in a great cloud chattering away to each other before returning to their solar heated roof. Chiffchaffs are still with us and could stay if we have a mild winter. A walk around the Rolls Royce site will reward you with sightings of Linnets, Goldfinches, Meadow Pipits, Larks and if you are very lucky a Buzzard or Red kite.

**Bob Holman**



Many of you will have noticed that the scaffolding surrounding the tower has

come down and that St Peter's is now capped and resplendent with new cedar shingles and a beautifully restored weather vane. The first stage of the roof repairs has been completed and we are most grateful to all those who have contributed financially; also to Darren Stigant for his wonderful work on the roof and Matthew Howard our resident craftsman, who has repaired and adorned with a newly sculptured cross, the weary weathered weather vane. We are now eagerly awaiting the start of stage two which will see repairs to the south facing chancel roof, the north roof and the drainage - we hope to see this underway sometime after Christmas (if you would like to contribute to the Roof Appeal we are still working towards our total - we hope to inform you of some exciting fundraising events for 2008 in the near future). As with many ancient churches, much of this work will help combat the damp inside, helping to preserve the fabric and congregation alike!

Our response as the present-day church community to the needs of the building is a way for us to show that we are sowing the seeds of life for the future, a chance to enter into what Christians understand as resurrection. What we do now, we hope will live in the future, just as we hope the bulbs we planted on the bank outside the church at Harvest, will link what we take from the earth, to the springtime resurrection of life in the following year. We have planted them in the shape of a cross to emphasize that the harvest, the end of life for the plants, is also a beginning, as new seeds are sown. Look out for a cross in full bloom as you drive past or up to St Peter's next Easter. A community works in much the same way as the environmentalists suggests the planet does: the way we respond to and treat the things we use will have an impact on the shape of things to come. Likewise, the extent to which we share, understand and enter into our community, in whatever way we feel able to, will influence the strength of the community now and in the future. We have a responsibility not to throw away what we have inherited.

As the evenings draw in and as the weather spreads cloud and damp over endless days, so that we live as Bill Bryson describes, as if in a Tupperware tub, it is important that we keep working with the light, with the seeds that we have been given to sow in hope of resurrection. It is why Christians will *celebrate* All Souls Day on Friday 2nd November in communion with those who have gone before us because we believe that in life we are given the seeds of eternity to transcend the finality of

death. It is why Advent covers the shortest days of the year culminating in the light of Christmas, shattering with mystery the dulling dark because the earth has been enriched with a plenteousness which, should we choose to enter into it, will not wither away in winter. Our parish and church community, nurtured with similar seeds, will flourish and is flourishing in a similar way - and we thank everyone for their help and commitment.

**Father James Theodosius**



**Groan's page**

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**Words in the Robin Hood wordsearch:**

Robin Hood, Djaq, Marian, Sword, Arrow, Knight, Sheriff,  
Ambush, Guy, Den, Money, Staff, Axe, Poor

Thanks to Ewan McLeish

**Knock Knock**

Who's there !

C-2 !

C-2 who ?

C-2 it that you don't forget my name next time !

**Knock Knock**

Who's there !

Caesar !

Caesar who ?

Caesar jolly good fellow !

**Knock Knock**

Who's there !

Cannelloni !

Cannelloni who ?

Cannelloni some money till next week ?

## **A new website for walkers in Sussex**

There's no doubt about it, walking is good for you. It's good for your heart, it's good for your lungs, it's good for the muscle and bone growth of your children and it's good for your feeling of wellbeing! Strong scientific evidence now supports the many benefits to health of regular walking – it is recommended that we take at least 10,000 steps a day.

Studies show that walking can: reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke; lower blood pressure; increase bone density, hence helping to prevent osteoporosis; help flexibility and co-ordination hence reducing the risk of falls and many other benefits.

Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit. It's important to treat the walk as an exploration or adventure and to go at the child's pace, no matter how often they want to stop and look at things; take treats to eat and plenty to drink; and head for some landmark that will appeal to them such as a castle, a playground, an ice cream van or a boating pond. If children experience walking as part of a fun activity they are more likely to want to go again.

[www.walkinginsussex.co.uk](http://www.walkinginsussex.co.uk) gives you all the information you need for the best walking in the County:

**Guided walks:** Local groups who offer guided walks are listed together with links to their web-sites.

**Books of walks:** There are over 50 books of walks for the County. All the details are there.

**Leaflets of walks:** Over ninety leaflets are produced around the County, you can download them easily from the site.

**Walking groups:** Every walking group in the County is listed.

There are also links so that you can check: the weather for your walk, links to other useful sites, how to get to your walk by public transport – and more is being added all the time.

## Ed's notes

Thanks to all the contributors for their input in this issue. Come on, if you have any stories, articles, jokes, photographs or any comments about this issue, please send them to me at [claire.mcleish@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:claire.mcleish@tiscali.co.uk) or 01243 779553 by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2008. Thanks once again to Rolls Royce for their support in publishing this newsletter.

We really would like you to become involved in being part of the community. The impact of the housing developments in Westhampnett are going to have a huge effect on our area- along with current building and those proposed, there will be in the region of another 130 houses in our village in a very short space of time. We need this population increase to be absorbed as smoothly as possible, and need to consider the impact on local amenities such as the school, church and so forth. One thing I believe that would really be of benefit to our area is the proposal of a community hall. Some believe that the hall at the March school is a community hall but those of us who have attended meetings and functions there, know that it is far from ideal. Lack of a suitable kitchen for entertaining, poor storage facilities mean P.E. equipment is around the hall and the acoustics are very poor. Its primary purpose is a school hall.



We have been given a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to develop a community hall for our use. So far, we envisage that it could seat around 50 people, it would have a kitchen, and it might be used for parties, for lunch clubs, perhaps a 'parent-

toddler' group. We believe that we will be in receipt of funding of about £94,000 to start a building fund. We are very aware that we will need more money to complete the task but there other funding sources available. If we don't use this money for what we want, the matter will be taken out of our hands- **don't let this opportunity pass us by**. If you have any feelings about it, let one of us know.

**Claire McLeish**

### Small ads

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and blinds

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Chichester**

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**Useful information**

Please remember that members of the Parish Council can always be contacted on the telephone if there is anything going on in the Parish that gives you concern: -

Henry Adams	01243 773513
Guy Knight	01243 773897
Ken Franklin	01243 786109
Peggy Wood	01243 782596
Mark Porter	01243 789773
Bob Holman	01243 774381
Claire McLeish Clerk	01243 779553
Erika Benackova	01243 823520

<b>The Revd. James Theodosius</b>	01243 783010
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<b>Neighbourhood Watch</b> <a href="http://www.neighbourhoodwatch.net">www.neighbourhoodwatch.net</a>	0116 2710052
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<b>Chichester District Council</b>	01243 785166 <a href="http://www.chichester.gov.uk">www.chichester.gov.uk</a>
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<b>West Sussex County Council</b>	01243 777100 <a href="http://www.westsussex.gov.uk">www.westsussex.gov.uk</a>
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