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ST SAVIOUR WESTGATE ON SEA**

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SEAMARSH GROUP**

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St Saviour's Church, Westgate

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HELP YOURSELF

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WESTGATE BAY AVENUE

10.30am to 12.30pm

MONDAY TO SATURDAY



ONE PERSON AT A TIME IN THE
PORCH.

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St Saviour's Church, Westgate

CLOTHES RAIL

IN THE PORCH

BABY CLOTHES

CHILDREN'S

CLOTHES



ADULT CLOTHES

PLEASE HELP YOURSELF TO ITEMS

ON THE RAIL & IN THE BOXES



St Saviour's Church, Westgate



**CHURCH IS OPEN FOR SERVICES ON A
SUNDAY AT 9am (Holy Communion Prayer Book)
and 10.30am.**

**SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30am are
live – streamed from church.**

**You can join us online by accessing the church
website (www.stsaviourswestgate.org.uk) &
obtaining the link on the Visiting Page shown
below the service information.**

Dear friends,

Summer has brought a flurry of activity to church! We are reconnecting with old friends and young over refreshments and creative projects and rediscovering some of the joys of church life after this long, long time of the pandemic. While we're aware that it's certainly not over yet, we are very grateful for all the new beginnings which encourage our fellowship and deepen our faith.

Throughout the Bible, we read stories of testing times followed by times of joy and celebration. This, for the people of God, can be seen as part of the experience of travelling through our earthly lives as pilgrims, supporting one another through prayer even when we seem to be travelling alone. It's this mysterious connection which enables people of faith to see God's hand at work even in the middle of disaster, grief, struggle, illness and trial. We know, quite simply, that we are never on our own: re-discovering encouragement and strength from one another's presence has given us a real 'lift' over the past weeks; 'the peace that passes understanding' from the *Prayer Book*.

The Holy Spirit has breathed a special energy into our corporate life and we have every reason to look forward again to celebrating our Church Birthday- **137**- on July 25th on which we look forward to welcoming Archdeacon Jo to preside and preach at both services. Saturday afternoon (24th) will be a ***Birthday Gala*** from 12-3pm, for which we will need donations of cakes, home-made crafts, tombola and raffle prizes and- most importantly- help on the day, serving refreshments and manning stalls. Please do try to keep a space in your diary for this important date.

A feature of the afternoon will be a puppet show, thanks to Captain Bernard, who will be bringing his huge collection of Noah's Ark puppets for participation by young and old. As we reflect on our experiences over the past year, perhaps we'll see this well-loved Bible story in a new, rainbow light, reminding us again of God's faithful promise to all humankind that *'as long as the earth remains, sowing and reaping, cold and heat, summer and winter, seedtime and harvest, day and night shall never cease.'* Mother Karen

Please pray for...

Father David Chance and Father Derek Duncanson who celebrated their golden jubilee of their ordination to the priesthood at Canterbury cathedral on Sunday 27th June.

Corpus Christi celebrations at St Saviour's

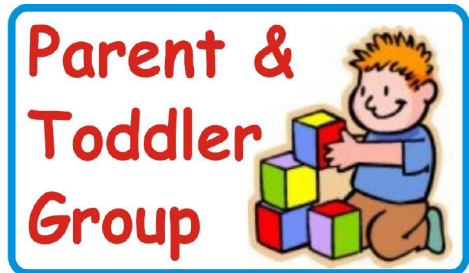
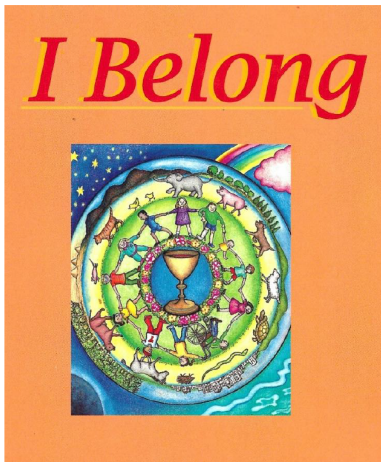


St Saviour's Church, Westgate

"I BELONG" CLUB for children & young people

**Come & enjoy crafts, stories, singing, gardening &
playing together from 3-5pm**

Saturday afternoons



TODDLER GROUP MONDAY MORNING

10.30am to 12noon for pre-school
children & parents. Have fun in the
garden or inside if wet.

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

FLOWER ARRANGING with LUCY

Meets IN CHURCH 12.30-2pm

**“Come along to enjoy arranging
flowers in our beautiful & peaceful
church”.**

**First meeting Saturday July 3rd & then
Saturday July 31st ALL WELCOME**

**Garden flowers (bring any from your
own garden) Oasis & trays provided.**



**Arrangements
can be taken
home or left
for decoration
in Church**



FROM THE REGISTERS

For those Baptised

“Shine as a light in the world, to the Glory of God the Father”

Sunday 13th June Lilly Amanda

For those joined in Holy Matrimony

“God our Father, pour out your blessing on all joined in Holy Matrimony; that they may be joined in mutual love and companionship, in holiness and commitment to each other”

Saturday 19th June Jade and Christopher

The Sick

“Lord, grant your healing presence to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit”

Chrissy and Phil, Anne and John, Phyll, Doreen, Beryl, Joyce, Vanessa, Maureen, Janice, Tricia, Michele, Stuart, Suki, Gordon

The Departed

“Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word”

We give thanks for the life of those who now rest in eternal peace, and pray for their families and friends

Shirley

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

“Dear God, we thank you for the rest in Christ they now enjoy, and thank you for giving them to us”

Margaret Luton, Veronica (known as Kelly)

World War 2 Roll of Honour

5th July 1940 Reginald Dowling

26th July 1944 Arthur Jarman

Glance back over June

June has flown by in church, with first one and then another new beginning! The Shepherds met in the Vicarage garden at the beginning of the month to plan ways of keeping the church open and welcoming throughout the summer- a huge thank you to all of the Shepherds Team for their wonderful ongoing ministry of hospitality. Another planning meeting took place on a beautiful evening the following week in which we were joined by our church architect and friends from the community, including a Town Councillor, as we looked together at provisional drawings for a church/community garden room and asked lots of questions about the project. Watch this space!

On 13th June we welcomed Rev'd Barbara Way (a St Saviour's erstwhile Parish Priest) with husband Andrew and family for their great-granddaughter Lilly's baptism; our first this year; it was another glorious day and we all enjoyed the occasion. On the following Saturday, we had our first wedding of the year- Christopher and Jade Hall. Melody (2) and Jade's white horse made it unforgettable!

Meanwhile, our Monday morning Toddler Group has begun, ably assisted by volunteers from both congregations and the Saturday afternoon children's '**I Belong**' club has recommenced after a 15-month gap. Both sessions involve gardening so look out for flowers springing up in the part of the garden outside the West Door. Seeds are kindly supplied by residents dropping them off in the Rotary Club's seedbox for anyone to take away: we refer to it as 'the Magic Box' because it just keeps refilling, however fast we plant!

Grown-ups haven't been forgotten, either! June saw the beginning of refreshments after the 10.30 Eucharist, thanks to Pam and Chrissy which, courtesy of our gallant chair and table movers, have mostly taken place outside in the sunshine. Valerie and team have begun Friendly Fridays again: colourful crafts and pictures are now once more gracing the back of church, together with Valda's lovely display of St Saviour's School art work, sheep, shepherds, butterflies, ladybirds, bees, garden gnome and flowers, to brighten the notice boards at the back of church for summer.

Our APCM was well attended and we are very pleased to welcome two new PCC members; Sue and Alan Turner. Throughout the month, the work of the church has been increasing and flourishing thanks to the commitment of all who take their

places in so many capacities to support our church, especially during this challenging period as society opens up again. The Clothes Rail, together with the Pantry in the Porch continues to be kept well stocked and to serve many people in our community. Since our professional cleaner, Janice, has left us to return to her 'day-job' after furlough, Shepherds and other volunteers are keeping the church clean. We are blessed to have such willing, cheerful and very able volunteers in all aspects of St Saviour's mission and ministry.

Mother Karen



I belong Club Planting seeds & foxgloves



Singing with musical
instruments accompanying!!



Painting fruit & animal fridge
magnets



Westgate Town Council and St Saviour's Church welcome you to a service of commemoration on Sunday 18th July at 3pm (Westgate Day). This service will commemorate the lives of those lost during the Pandemic and celebrate the heroism and sacrifice of those who have worked tirelessly to keep the community functioning during this challenging time. During a period of reflection, there will be an opportunity for all who wish to light a candle in memory of a loved one. Please spread the word and contact

Christine Attwood, Churchwarden

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to book a place.



Exciting Times !!!!

Our Birthday weekend kicks off with a Birthday Gala on Saturday 24th July at 12 noon till 3pm. A few differences this year as we are opening up outside as well as being inside. Most of our normal stalls will be there but in addition we are inviting people selling arts and crafts to have a pitch for a small fee. If anyone has any ideas, I would love to hear from you.

If you fancy having a go at making a coconut shy or bunting, please let me know. If you can donate prizes towards the raffle or tombola this would be much appreciated too.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic there will be no Bric a Brac stall or book stall.

Refreshments will be served but table service only.

Volunteers will be needed for the day to man stalls or help with the catering.

Looking forward to making this a success please call Chris on 07980102753

Birthday Gala 🏠

Plans are starting to come together for our celebration.

We have a few stalls booked but there's always room for more!

From a bouncy castle to a cup of tea with a slice of cake, I'm hoping a fun afternoon is had by all.

Of course, lots of volunteers will be welcomed for the day so if your able to lend a hand please let me know.

If your able to donate a raffle or tombola prize this would be greatly appreciated.

Chris 🍷

St Saviour's Church, Westgate

BIRTHDAY GALA

SATURDAY

24th JULY 12-3pm



**BOUNCY
CASTLE**

**COCONUT
SHY**

Refreshments



Raffle



**TOMBOLA
Puppet Show**

.... and much more



FRIENDLY FRIDAY; I BELONG CLUB; TODDLER GROUP.

Friendly Friday - :

Hello to you all!

Despite it being a very cold month of May, work continued happily in the Craft Room! I completed my collection of doves, by crafting a selection of hand sculpted pottery doves, in readiness for them to be displayed in the church at our Memorial Service on the 18th. July. All sculptures have been individually made, so no two of them being identical!

My second crafting project in May, was the making of Bill and Ben the Flowerpot Men (Watch with Mother), completely made from a selection of different sizes of flower pots gathered from Mother Karen's garden! It was my first ever attempt at making them, but as I progressed, the "characters" began to emerge! For good measure, I added a Little Weed, to accompany the two "boys", creating a fine trio! On Trinity Sunday, 30th. May, Brian and I carefully transported the little group to the church, "under wraps", in order that they could "assist" Mother Karen in her sermon! They appeared at the very end of a very memorable sermon, as an illustration of Trinity Sunday! They took their seats at the altar steps, with Little Weed sitting amongst the beautiful floral display in the church, and enjoyed the rest of the service!

We held our first "Friendly Friday" meeting on Friday 11th. June, and it was very successful. May I take the opportunity to thank Joy (ably assisted by Sylvia!), for coming "on board" with me, in organising Friendly Friday. Thank you so much, Joy.

I Belong Club-:

St. Saviour's "I Belong Club" re-commenced on Saturday. 12th. June, with a very enjoyable time being had by all! The weather was very kind to us, and we were able to enjoy the beautiful church garden. There was an abundance of toys available for our younger members, and it was lovely to see the families coming together to enjoy the sunshine. We enjoyed some "garden" songs, ably led by Lesley, and the songs were accompanied by an impromptu orchestra!! Drinks were much appreciated by everybody assembled, as singing so heartily made for thirsty work! We also completed some very impressive gardening. Our last activity of the afternoon (a craft activity), was held inside the church where it was lovely and cool. We made and painted clay shapes to make fridge magnets! It was a great afternoon.

Toddler Group:-

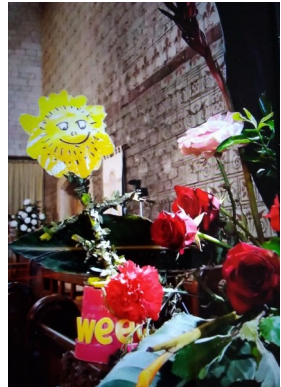
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As I write, two Toddler Group mornings have been held in the church garden. We were thrilled this morning to see lots of toddlers and their mums arriving! The toddlers and their mums enjoyed their morning in the church garden, and enjoyed the wonderful choice of toys. Some more gardening was completed, and the toddlers were thrilled to see the arrival of Bill, Ben and Little Weed, carrying packets of seeds!! Bill and Ben looked pleased to join in with the fun!! At the end of the morning, some of the toddlers and their mums moved into the church to do some crafts! It was certainly a fun morning!!!

Love Valerie x

"Parish & Community"!!!

1. Bill
2. Ben.
3. Little Weed.
4. Fridge magnet display.
5. A fridge magnet.
6. Bill and Ben at the Toddler Group.
7. Bill and Ben at the Toddler Group.
8. Little doves.





## **A Morning of Meetings**

There was a low turn out for the socially distanced meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> June. If you were unable to attend and would like a copy of the Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, a few printed copies are still available at the back of the church.

The meetings began with a welcome from Mother Karen and time to read the report, which included the minutes of the meeting held in September 2020. There were two matters arising from those minutes:

An announcement that the vacancies for representatives to Deanery Synod had been filled in February with the election by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Christine Attwood and Christine Bolger

A tribute to the late Dr Dawn Crouch, Churchwarden Emeritus, given at this point because an email from her was included in the minutes in full. Mother Karen spoke of Dawn's devout faith, recalling her contributions to the life of St Saviour's and ability to bring to life previous worshippers and Westgate residents.

Next on the agenda was the Annual meeting of Parishioners, held solely for the purpose of electing churchwarden(s) for the coming year. All present resolved that the 6 year rule would not apply to the 2021 election, enabling Christine Attwood to be elected for an 8<sup>th</sup> year. There were no other nominations.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting followed and began with the election of lay representatives to the PCC. There were 7 vacancies but only 6 were filled. Those elected were Peter Staziker, Alan Turner and Sue Turner to serve for a year; Kathleen Staziker to serve for 2 years and Chrissy Joiner and Aidan Macqueen to serve for 3 years. Graham Neve and Alan Clark are also on the PCC as they were elected to serve for 3 years in 2020.

All were in favour of re-appointing Graham Cooper as the independent examiner of the church accounts.

The Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 were received before reports were given by Valda Neve about the Church Electoral Roll; Graham Neve as Foundation Governor of St Saviour's Church of England Primary School; and by Mother Karen as our Priest in Charge.

Graham's report highlighted the challenges faced by staff and pupils due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and acknowledged the pastoral work undertaken by the staff. Mother Karen drew attention to Graham Neve's ongoing efforts to secure an eco-friendly replacement for our gas boiler and to two recent articles in the Church Times. Copies of these articles are also available at the back of the church and she welcomes comments and input about our planet-saving projects for submission by 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

The public meetings closed after a vote of thanks to Mother Karen expressed by the Revd Susan Wing on behalf of us all.

The final meeting of the morning was only for members of the PCC. It had been called to elect and appoint officers for the coming year but also provided the opportunity for discussion about the heating situation, the proposed community garden hub and possible concerts in the coming months. PCC officers until the annual parochial church meeting next year are:

Lay Chair – Peter Staziker  
PCC Secretary - Christine Attwood  
PCC Treasurer – Graham Neve  
Gift Aid Secretary – Graham Neve  
Electoral Roll Officer – Valda Neve

The PCC is to meet again on 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

Christine Attwood PCC Secretary

### **Treasurer's Report**

Statement for the month of May 2021

May 2021

Income £3076

Expenses £5450

Deficit £2374

Total assets at 1 January 2021 £103340

Total assets at 31 May 2021 £94777

Deficit for year to date.....£8563

G R Neve

Hon Treasurer

Email: [neve389@btinternet.com](mailto:neve389@btinternet.com)

**Service for NHS Hearing Aid users** There will be a weekly Hi Kent Clinic held at Westgate Surgery -every Monday 2-3pm - for hearing aid batteries, tubes and free advice. **SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Donations of food needed for the Storehouse Foodbank, based at Birchington Baptist Church. Please support our local foodbank by sending donations of money to the PCC Treasurer who will forward the money directly to the Storehouse. Donations also accepted for Oasis and Porchlight. Please contact the Treasurer at [neve389@btinternet.com](mailto:neve389@btinternet.com) for details** **Donations of food can be left in the Porch at**

**St Saviour's Church for Pantry in the Porch.**

**Thank you.**

Whilst you are welcome to take and enjoy a copy of "The Link", donations towards the cost of printing would be appreciated,.

**The deadline for the AUGUST 2021 "The Link" is**  
**SUNDAY 25th JULY 2021**



**'If you would like a flower arrangement in church in memory of a loved one, we can supply this at any time..Donations from £10.'**

## **News from St Saviour's Church of England School**

We are in the final term of the school year and our thoughts turn to those children moving on to secondary school.

Our Year 6 cohort are beginning to plan their end of term events. In any normal year, Year 6 would be feverishly rehearsing their end of year production. We would be looking forward to inviting parents and grandparents along to see the children sing and act in an end of year play. These performances are charged with emotion as it marks the end of children's life at primary school. I know, from seeing my own children move on to secondary school, that the end of Year 6 really is the end of an era; families do not generally get as involved with the wider life of a secondary school, there is no community of parents at the school gates.

This year is different; there is no end of year production. Due to Covid, we cannot invite parents to indoor performances. The school will still hold a graduation service but this will not be at St. Saviour's Church but outdoors at the school. Thankfully, we are still able to hold our annual leavers BBQ for children and teachers have come up with a fun-packed final two weeks for the children. I really regret not offering these children the same ceremony as previous cohorts. Not only are these events a chance to say goodbye and good luck to the children, they are also an opportunity to say a public thank you to the children and their parents for working so hard for four years and, in the case of parents, for supporting the school. This cohort of children and families, in particular, really have been a delight.

However, I think that most of the emotion in these instances comes from staff and parents. Having seen fifteen cohorts (I am getting old) of Year 6 children leave St. Saviour's, I know the children soon 'cut the apron strings'. In most cases, children are itching to move on – this is as it should be. As parents and educationalists, we should consider it a job well done if children are ready to leave us. Secondary school is where children truly learn to move into adulthood and independence.

I feel very proud to have played a tiny part in helping this cohort of children prepare for the next stage in their lives. This group have had to contend with a pandemic which has totally disrupted their education, but not a single child or family has used this as an excuse not put in one hundred percent effort.

*Nick Bonell, Headteacher*

      TWO VERY BRAVE DOGS WHO        
RECEIVED THEIR DICKIN MEDALS TOGETHER - :

## 1. RICKY.

Ricky was a Welsh Collie who served as a mine detecting dog, trained to detect non-metallic German land mines. Dogs were taught to sniff out and indicate a mine by sitting down several paces in front of it to alert their handlers. Ricky was working in Holland in this capacity, and his bravery and efforts gained him a recommendation for the Dickin Medal of the PDSA.

Ricky was owned by the Litchfield family, who in 1941 moved to Biggin Hill airbase. The family suffered from food shortages due to rationing, and Ricky was offered to the War Office to become a war dog.

Maurice Yielding was assigned to work with Ricky, after Ricky graduated from the War Dog's Training School in Hertfordshire. Maurice and Ricky were assigned to the Royal Engineers, and in December. 1944, the pair were in the Netherlands, where they were assigned to mine clearance along the canals near Nederweert. They were mentioned in dispatches. On 3rd. December. 1944, Ricky found a number of land mines on the canals. During the process of mine clearing, a mine exploded, and Ricky suffered serious head injuries, but remained calm, and remained at his post. Had he become excited, he would have endangered the rest of the section working nearby.

Ricky was awarded a special collar by the War Office, in recognition of his actions.

When the war was over, the military offered his family £25.00 to retain Ricky, but they refused and he returned home.

Ricky received his Dickin Medal on 29th. March. 1947, and was lauded for his bravery and dedication to duty. (I will return to the presentation ceremony at the end of this article).

Ricky died on 20th. July. 1953. He is buried at the PDSA Animal Cemetery in Ilford.

## 2. BING.

Bing (originally named "Brian" in civilian life), was given to the army in 1944 when his owners, the Fetch family from Leicestershire were no longer able to feed him due to rationing. He was trained at the Army War Dog Training School in Hertfordshire, just as Ricky was.

Bing first saw action with his handler, Lance Corporal Ken Bailey in a recce platoon with the 13th. Parachute Battalion, which was part of the 6th. Airborne Division over Normandy on D-day which was the 6th. June. 1944. Bing had to be "helped" out of the plane with a piece of meat before landing in a tree and having to be rescued.<sup>8</sup> Later, he was wounded in action.

Bing was trained to locate the enemy and protect military personnel. His keen eyes scoured the battleground for enemy troops. When something didn't feel right, he would freeze and point towards the danger with his nose. He served in France until September. 1944. On 24th. March 1945, Bing dropped over the Rhine with his new handler, Corporal Jack Walton, and he took part in the advance into Germany. During rest breaks, Bing kept watch over sleeping British troops. He was credited with saving thousands of servicemen from ambush.

Bing served until the end of the war and a year after being demobbed, was awarded the prestigious Dickin Medal for "service to Britain". Bing became "Brian" again in civilian life. He died in 1955.

Ricky received his medal on 29th. March. 1947, lauded for his bravery and devotion to duty, along with fellow Dickin Medal recipient..... the Paradox Brian ( Bing)!!!

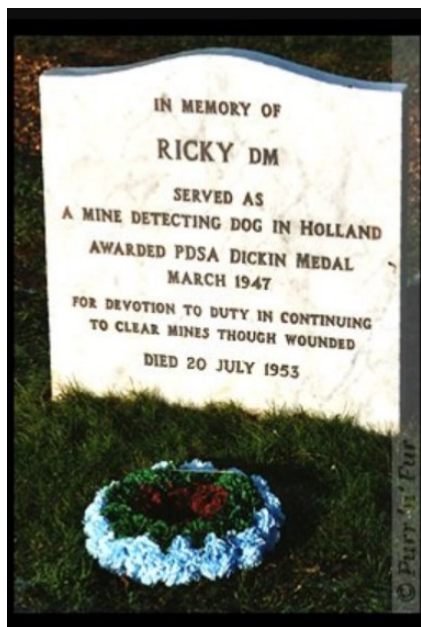
Their presentation took place at the opening of an exhibition of animal War hero portraits in London. Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill, presided at the ceremony.

After attaching the medals to the two dogs' collars, the Air Marshal stood to attention and saluted each dog in turn. What an honour!

The Dickin Medal is considered the animal equivalent of the Victoria Cross.  
Love Valerie.

The photos for the two War Dogs:-

1. Ricky (mine detecting dog) - His gravestone at the PDSA Animal Cemetery in Ilford.
2. Bing, the dog of war, who parachuted into France to become a D-Day hero.
3. Bing, now demobbed, receives his PDSA Dickin Medal.
4. Bing-Canine hero.
5. Bing, with his handler, Jack Walton, in Wismar, Germany.



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Archdeacon

Birthday

Cake

Children

Church

Crafts

Gala

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James

July

Mary

One

Puppets

Raffle

Rainbow

Scarecrow



Seven

Straw

Sunshine

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Thomas

Toddlers

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The 1st Westgate Rainbows have been chosen as one of the Coop Local Community Fund Groups until October 2021.

We would be grateful for anyone with a Coop card to select us as their cause.

THANK YOU.

## ROMANTIC OR SINISTER?

### DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES ON VAUGHAN WILLIAMS' "THE LARK ASCENDING"

***"The Lark Ascending", by Ralph Vaughan Williams, has been voted the UK's favourite piece of classical music. But this piece is overshadowed by impending war, and was written in Margate as the British Navy prepared for battle. On 5<sup>th</sup> September the original score for violin and piano will be performed by Jack Liebeck (violin) and Daniel Grimwood (piano) in St Saviour's Church in Westgate on Sea. The programme also includes the Violin Sonata by Cesar Franck, which Jack will be performing at the Leeds Festival.***

Ralph Vaughan Williams, was born in a Gloucester village on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1872, the third child of the local vicar. Next year will be the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this man who did so much to record English folk music and revive an interest in mediaeval English music.

In various polls to vote for the UK's favourite piece of classical music, his composition "The Lark Ascending" has been at number one, most recently with over 200,000 votes in the Classic FM Hall of Fame. Seen as an idyllic sound-picture of beautiful natural surroundings and the sweetness of birdsong, based on a poem by George Meredith, this extended single-movement violin piece clearly has a special place in the public affection, along with another of Vaughan Williams' single-movement works "Variations on a theme of Thomas Tallis", another romantic piece based on mediaeval English themes.

But the beginnings of this composition throw a very different perspective on it, since it was born under the shadow of war.

We can trace the beginnings of "The Lark Ascending" to 1914, and we know that he spent a week's holiday in Margate that year, during which he worked on the composition. As he looked out into the Channel he would have seen the Navy ships in exercises preparing for the war that was to follow. During the war, he was a stretcher-bearer carrying the wounded from the front. After the war he produced – on the basis of the score for violin and piano - an orchestrated version which is the one we know today; it was given its first performance in 1920.

**The score for violin and piano is rarely heard these days, but on 5<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm it will be performed in St Saviours Church, Westgate on Sea, by Jack Liebeck (violin) and Daniel Grimwood (piano).**

## **News from old friends who keep in contact with Revd Susan Wing**

David Kenny Singh

Some of you will remember David who came to us a while ago and found his feet partially through being with us. David is now in Northern Ireland and goes to College. This year he is top student – an outstanding result. Well done David. He rings regularly and always sends his love to all those who know him, so I pass that on to you.

Graham and Rachel Piper

You may remember Graham and Rachel who came here from Thailand and spent some time worshipping with our community. Graham and Rachel have returned to Thailand (on this cold day who can blame them). They are well and settling back into Thailand very well. Regards sent to all.

Susan



**FREE to Thanet Residents 50+**

**Worried about bills?**

Ageless Thanet are hosting a free evening session to support people over 50 to:

- Gain confidence in understanding their finances and entitlements
- Learn how to access lower cost heating and water bills, and support schemes available

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# EVA HART

## ONE OF THE LAST "CHILD" SURVIVORS OF THE TITANIC DISASTER

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Next April, 2022, will mark the 110th anniversary of the sinking of RMS Titanic, on her maiden voyage, on the 15th. April. 1912. RMS Titanic was owned by the White Star Line, and was, in 1912, the world's largest liner. Her route was to be from Southampton to New York via Cherbourg and Queenstown. She was hailed as "unsinkable" and the ultimate in luxury. But, within five days of beginning that maiden voyage, Titanic hit an iceberg just before midnight, and sank into the Atlantic Ocean. Of the estimated 2,224 passengers and crew aboard, more than 1,500 people died. My late father and I were always very interested in discovering more about this sad event, and visited a number of "Titanic Exhibitions" around the country. Our story this month centres on one little girl, Eva Hart, who, aged 7 at the time of the sinking, had set sail with her parents on 10 April. 1912, on board Titanic.

Eva Hart was born in 31 January. 1905, in Ilford, Essex. She was educated at a private school in Romford, which is also my own home-town. She was an only child. In 1912, her father, Benjamin decided to emigrate with his family to Winnipeg, Canada. The family had originally been booked on a ship called the USS Philadelphia, but a coal strike at Southampton had kept the ship from sailing. Eva and her parents and other passengers, were transferred to Titanic. Eva's mother, Esther, was immediately filled with fear. She felt very uneasy that the ship had been deemed "unsinkable". She was too frightened to sleep at night, and only slept during the day.

Eva was asleep when Titanic struck the iceberg. Her mother felt a "slight bump", and asked her husband to investigate the disturbance. When he returned to the cabin, he told his wife about the collision, and wrapped Eva in a blanket. He carried her to the boat deck, and then placed his wife and daughter in Lifeboat No. 4. He told Eva to "be a good girl and hold mummy's hand". Eva never saw her father again. He perished in the sinking.

Eva and her mother were rescued the following morning by RMS Carpathia. They soon returned to England, where Eva was constantly plagued by nightmares. In 1928, she finally confronted her fears by booking a ticket on a passenger ship heading to Singapore. She locked herself in her cabin for four days, but finally went up on deck, after which her nightmares went away.

As a child of seven years at the time of the sinking, Eva maintained vivid memories of that fateful night. In an interview in 1983, she said : "I saw it, I heard it, and nobody could possibly forget it". Eva Hart also insisted that the ship had broken in half, a fact that was later proven to be true after the discovery of the wreck site by Robert Ballard in 1985. Like the general public, Titanic survivors who were still alive when the salvage began, had a wide range of views about the operation. Eva Hart was one of the most outspoken critics:

" I do hope they will remember this is a grave - a grave of 1,500 people who should never have died". Another survivor, Beatrice Sandstrom who was also a child at the time of the sinking, felt that:" I am personally pleased. The presentation of the recovered items from the ship will help teach the present and future generations, the timeless human lessons learned from this great maritime tragedy".

Eva Hart lived for most of her life in Japan Road, Chadwell Heath, a hamlet situated next to Romford. I received my first education at a Day Nursery in Chadwell Heath, and as the years passed, I got to know Chadwell Heath very well. Eva became one of Chadwell Heath's most famous daughters, and shortly after her death in 1996, aged 91, the Wetherspoon chain named a restaurant on the High Road, Chadwell Heath, in her honour: The Eva Hart.

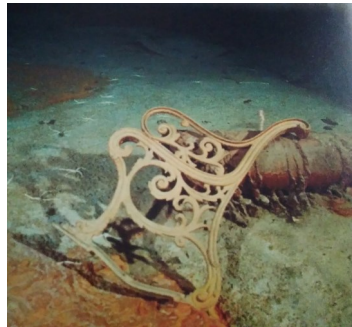
Eva had several jobs during her lifetime. She was a professional singer in Australia, a Conservative Party organiser, and a magistrate. In 1974, Eva was awarded the MBE for her public and political services, presented to her by the Duke of Kent. Many Ladies Groups in Romford and Chadwell Heath, often invited Eva to speak at their meetings. They would refer to her as "Miss Hart".

When Eva died in February. 1996, her death left only eight remaining survivors.

Love Valerie.

Eva Hart and Titanic-Photos:-

1. Artist's impression of the Titanic.
2. Passengers strolling along the second-class boat deck while at anchor at Queens-town, Ireland. They were unaware of the terrible conditions they were sailing into.
3. Titanic, lit up at night, as she steams towards Cherbourg, her first port of call on her maiden voyage.
4. The remains of a deck bench at the bottom of the ocean.
5. An interview in 1985.
6. Eva Hart on a "Titanic Set".
7. Eva Hart speaking on Thames News, 1992.
8. Souvenir Teddy bear from a Titanic Exhibition.
9. Eva's former home, 2a, Japan Road, Chadwell Heath.
10. The Eva Hart-Pub and restaurant. High Road, Chadwell Heath.
11. Eva Hart and her parents at the time of sailing on the Titanic.





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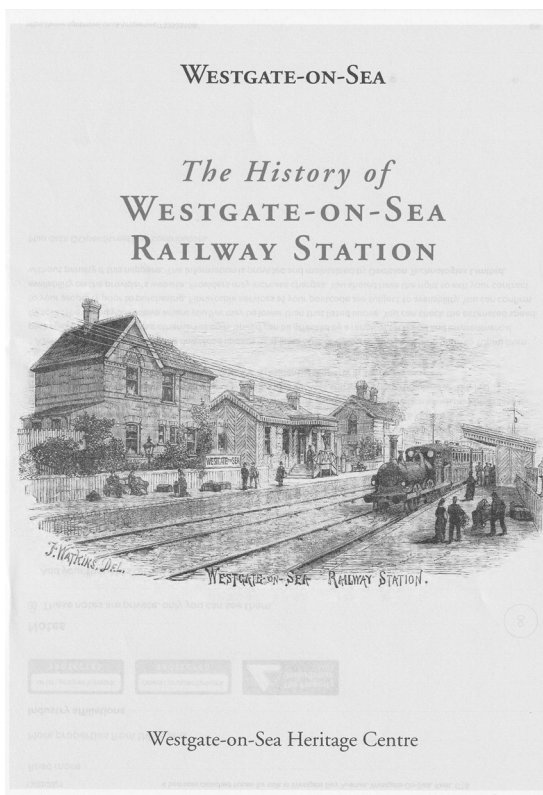
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