



## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Members,

Marc Bedwell stepped down as chairman of WEVS at the AGM in February, following a very successful six years in the post. During this time Marc has been fully committed in promoting the role of the society in acting as your voice in West End. I would like, on behalf of myself and all of the committee, to thank Marc for all his support and hard work during this time. Marc will continue, as a member of the committee, to play an active part in the society. As the new chairman, and aided by an active and hard working committee, I aim to support the interests of our members in all things connected with the Village.

On the planning front, there is still a need to be vigilant in relation to opposing additional development within the village on the two "Housing Reserve" sites. Following a Hearing conducted by an inspector, appointed by the Secretary of State to examine Surrey Heath Borough Council's Core Strategy and Development Management Policies, the council has decided to suspend proceedings. This is to allow them more time to explore their ability to deliver the necessary number of houses in the light of constraints imposed by the Thames Basin Special Protection Area (SPA). As such, whilst the council continue to target Deepcut Barracks and Camberley as the main areas for development in the borough, we must continue to support the council in their desire to return the West End Reserve sites back to Green Belt Status. The Hearing is likely to re-convene in November of this year and we will continue to monitor and make representations to the council and the inspector to protect these sites from development.

The work on the Village Design Statement (VDS) continues, and a street scape assessment of the village is being undertaken. This will provide a detailed analysis of the varying design characteristics of the village and the important components of these specific areas, which should be preserved and protected for future generations. 'The Future of West End: Guidelines From The Residents' is available on the WEVS web site should you wish to find out more about this. It is hoped that we will get more support from the council and they will in turn adopt the VDS as a planning document. It will then be used with their Core Strategy and Development Plan Documents to ensure that all future development in the village respects and contributes towards improving its special character!

We had a very informative talk by James Adler of the Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) at the WEVS AGM about the work they do on the common and with particular reference to the introduction of red deer. The Common is a unique wildlife asset which sits right on our door step. We think as a society that more people in the village should be aware of the important work that SWT does in preserving the heathland for us all to use and enjoy. Keep an eye on our web site [www.wevs.org.uk](http://www.wevs.org.uk) for more information and events that may be taking place in the future concerning this unique habitat.

Don't forget to have a look at our web site [www.wevs.org.uk](http://www.wevs.org.uk) to find out all of the things that are going on in the village. In addition, if you would like to give up a little of your valuable time in actively supporting the society in everything connected to the village, then why not join our committee? Meetings are every two months, the next two being on 11 July and 05 September.

Lastly, any issues or comments then please e-mail through the link on the WEVS website [www.wevs.org.uk](http://www.wevs.org.uk). Hope to see you at the Village Fete on the village green 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

Dave Norris  
Chairman

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## WEST END CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2011



Annually, since 2002, West End Parish Council has recognized a resident who, without direction or reward, has consistently made a contribution to the community. A notice on when and how nominations can be made is posted on Parish notice boards approximately a month before a decision is made by the Council. This notice is also posted on the West End Parish Council website [www.westendparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.westendparishcouncil.org.uk). The Councillors take into consideration the reasons behind the nomination and base their decision on this.

This year the award has gone to Mary Patterson, and here's the photograph showing how pleased Graham Alleway (Chairperson of West End Parish Council) was to present her with it. Mary has been a Trustee of Chobham Poor Allotments for many years and is currently Vice Chairperson. She is also a Duty Officer and driver for WEBCARE, on the committee of West End Old Folks Social Club, and a Trustee of Tringham Hall. Mary has been President and Secretary of the Womens' Institute and for several years helped out as a classroom assistant at Holy Trinity School.

Past winners of the award are: 2002 Dorothy O'Connor, 2003 Ireana Valentine, 2004 Bridgette Elliot, 2005 Grace Ludlow, 2006 Peggy Wynter-Bee, 2007 Ken Wreatham, 2008 Sheila Cherryman, 2009 Angela Astall, and 2010 John Medhurst. The names of winners are displayed on a plaque in the main hall of the Sports Pavilion. In 2011 there were 10 nominations for the award, the most ever received which is a good indication of the thriving community spirit in West End.

An additional award for Outstanding Contribution to West End was awarded to Mick Glazier and John Smith (pictured here receiving their award from Graham) for their work setting up and running the West End History Project.



This article was written by Yvette Jones and contains information provided by Suzanne Price, Parish Clerk.

### WEVS Committee

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

This is Mr. Jon Hills, Headteacher of Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School. Mr. Hills was the guest speaker at the Parish Council Annual General Meeting, where he gave a thought provoking talk on, amongst other things relating to the school, how West Enders can get involved in the development of the next generation's learning. Published here are a few tempting extracts taken from that presentation, and, naturally, you have the opportunity to view the full article online at [www.wevs.org.uk](http://www.wevs.org.uk) on the newsletter page. The photograph is courtesy of the school website [www.holy-trinity-pri.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.holy-trinity-pri.surrey.sch.uk) where you will find lots more information about our local school, and details of how to get in touch with them.  
Editor

### **Holy Trinity C of E Primary School: Our Vision and Aims**

Even though I have been a Lightwater resident for over 10 years I knew little about West End until I took up the position of new Headteacher at Holy Trinity CE Primary School in September 2010. My experience of West End was the A322 to Guildford and the A319 to Woking, so I have had my eyes opened as to just how active the village community is in West End. I was delighted to be invited to speak at the parish AGM in April to share what's been going on at Holy Trinity CE Primary School, to acknowledge the mutual support that we already get from the community and also how we might make more of the talents of West End residents.

We as a school want the partnership to be two way and would love more of the community to come into school. We have very talented staff who are great at bringing out the best in our children, but we are always seeking to improve. As primary educators we aren't necessarily experts in everything and if we are going to bring out the next Beckhams, Mozarts, de Vincis, Shakespeares, Gandhis, we need expert help. I am convinced that West End has a wealth of untapped expertise from people who have maybe retired or who are still actively working. Whatever the skill, we would love to know about it to see if we can use you. We can sort out a CRB police check for all volunteers in advance of helping and can work out timings to hopefully suit you and the school.

### **So what about education for the future?**

We are currently preparing students for jobs that don't yet exist, using technologies that haven't been invented, in order to solve problems we don't even know are problems yet. Change is happening, we don't know what the future will look like for our children and your grandchildren, but we do know that certain skills will always be needed. Technology is good we just need to weigh up its use. We feel we have to embrace the future but not lose sight of what is important. Our Christian values remain at the heart of the school and our aims clarify why we do what we do.

Children need to be emotionally literate; school is not just literacy and numeracy, but life skills such as: co-operation, negotiation, creative thinking, interpersonal and intrapersonal skills, developing confident young people with good self-esteem and self-motivation. At Holy Trinity we are continually looking to open up our curriculum to be relevant and excite the children, as well as to prepare them for the world that could be very different by the time they leave school! With this in mind and knowing that many jobs for our children haven't been discovered yet.

In summary our vision for Holy Trinity CE Primary School is to be: **Nurturing, Inspiring, Empowering Children within a Caring Christian Community – Working Together to Embrace Tomorrow's Opportunities.**

We hope you will feel motivated to support us as a school and the pupils as we strive to deliver a relevant and exciting curriculum. We all need to develop our children's thinking and creativity to be active members of society. You can be a part of the next generation's learning.

## THE ART OF GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Mitch Carnie

Heather Venn and Mitch Carnie are neighbours in the village, both artists with a mutual interest in painting discovered over a glass of wine at one of their street's summer parties.

Both have been painting for about 8 years, Heather had lessons while her children were growing up and has always been interested in painting and other creative activities like cake decorating and garden design. She came back to painting when the children had grown up and left the family home. Mitch had a faint interest in art at secondary school remembering once liking the effect of splattering a piece of paper with different colour paints for her GCSE exams, but took up painting more seriously after a gift of painting materials.

When asked to describe her work, Heather says "I paint in acrylic, oil and pastel. Subjects are varied as I am led by colour and light, but much of my work features landscapes, figures and cats". Last year she sold one of her paintings at the Woking Society of Arts Lightbox exhibition.



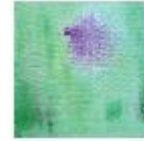
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Old Friends



Torches



Green

by Heather Venn

by Mitch Carnie

Mitch is an abstract artist who likes to work with oils. Every piece is driven by emotion and colour. Her art develops organically as the paint is drawn across the canvas releasing a sense of atmosphere and energy. In February this year she was one of the artists selected for the Bank Gallery Small Works Exhibition in Chobham.

Heather and Mitch are actively involved with local art societies and are busy making preparations to open their home studios together as part of the Surrey Artists Open Studios event 11-26 June. This is an excellent opportunity to meet them and take a look at their work. Why not pop in on your way home from the Village Fete on the 11th June? For further details see [www.surreyopenstudios.org.uk](http://www.surreyopenstudios.org.uk) or look out for their flyers advertising the event.

### West End Social Club Celebrating 125 years

To celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the original Institute being opened in 1886, the Club will be open to the public on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July. From 11 am to 5 pm admission is free to view photographs of the Club and West End, presented by the West End History Project. Written items previously shown at Surrey Heath Museum's 'West End Exhibition' will be on display, West End 1881 Census, Memories and the War Memorial Folder. Tim Dodds Mayor of Surrey Heath will open the evening's events at 7.30pm, followed by an Elvis Tribute, a Raffle, and the band "Phoenix Ash". Fancy dress (period costume) is optional. Evening events will be restricted to members and their guests. The Raffle proceeds will be

shared between **Woking Hospice** and the **Refurbishment fund** for the original Club



Building. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please contact Rosemary Kneller (Entertainments Secretary) on 07958 587338 or [e-mail:ents@westendsocialclub.co.uk](mailto:ents@westendsocialclub.co.uk)

Rose and John

# POLICE UPDATE

This is just a short message to inform you all that we have a new Sergeant covering the villages. PS 3374 Alison Richardson has joined us from the response team. Some of you may have met her already.

If you wish to contact PS Richardson, she can be reached via email on [3374@surrey.pnn.police.uk](mailto:3374@surrey.pnn.police.uk)

## VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

**Judy Douch**

Since our last report an interim document 'Guidelines from the Residents' has been published on the WEVS website: this gives detail on the overall viewpoint of the villagers, gathered from the earlier research, and including relevant photographs. An article on the document appeared in the first local edition of the Surrey Advertiser: although this was a good article it failed to mention that this was an *interim* document and this has led to some misunderstandings about the actual nature of the document. As it stands it is not a Village Design Statement (VDS) but a fairly comprehensive report on the wishes of villagers in relation to development and improvements in all areas for West End.

The Steering Group has subsequently undertaken a Character Assessment and streetscape survey of West End: this concentrates on the *design* aspect as required for a VDS, and other changes to wording necessary to be compliant with SHBC's requirements for Supplementary Planning Documents. Our thanks go to residents who participated in the survey, your opinions were essential.

We will now process these results, complete the draft VDS and submit it to SHBC. There is an issue of funding and Officer time but we remain optimistic that it can be accepted and eventually adopted. As a group we wish to achieve our objective of the acceptance of our VDS as a document in the Local Development Framework. As yet we are not completely sure what the effects of the Localism Bill will have on our documents but we are in close touch with Planning Officers at SHBC over these issues.

## MORE ROUNDS AT THE HARE AND HOUNDS



The Hare and Hounds has closed for refurbishment. The doors re-open at 5.00 p.m. on 13<sup>th</sup> May when new Landlord and Landlady Mike and Chris Perkins will be open for business. Chris is hoping the new menu will appeal to families and will be, "good pub grub". The Hare and Hounds will be children and dog friendly as well as appealing to the usual locals. Improvements to the garden area and a complete refurbishment of the pub and accommodation are well under way. We welcome Mike and Chris to West End.

**HELP OUT ON THE  
WEVS LITTER PICK DAY  
SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

For further information contact

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**VILLAGE FETE SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

# WEVS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Once again it is the time of year when our valiant team of newsletter distributors start collecting WEVS subscriptions. As you can imagine this can be an arduous task. To try to help out we want to encourage all members to pay subs at the WEVS stall at the summer fair on June 11<sup>th</sup>, which is held on the recreation ground in Streets Heath. By doing this you will help out, not only by supporting a worthy local event, but also by avoiding the long search for £3 in change while a patient distributor waits at the door. Yes, I've done it myself!

You may have noticed in recent years that some distributors have provided 'honesty envelopes' for payment of subscriptions. This is a way of collecting from the last few households where nobody has been home. This year we are pleased to announce that Shiv Convenience Store and Local Post Office in the High Street have agreed to collect subscriptions and honesty envelopes on behalf of WEVS. All you have to do is drop your subs into an envelope, remembering to also enclose a note with your name and address on (alternately you could use the tear-off slip below), and pop it into the shop. We hope that this payment option, along with the distributors continuing to collect from doorsteps, will make the process easier for everyone.



I think you'll agree that £3 a year (£1.50 for pensioners) is good value for four newsletters a year, a website, and membership of a society that has an active committee supporting members and the Village. As always there will be committee members available to discuss any West End issues at the stalls in June and September. There will also be a display of splendid photos of West End provided by West End History Society.

As you can see here, we now have a very conspicuous tent with a large banner displaying the new WEVS logo, so please do take the opportunity to visit us, pay your subs and have a chat. Or just come in and look round.

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## WEVS subscription for 2011

ADDRESS.....

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SURNAME.....

F.A.O. Yvette Jones (membership secretary)

TWERPS (The West End Rambling for Pleasure Society) first came into being in 1988, when at the end of the badminton season some residents wondered what they might do for fun and activity. Walking as a group was the decision. Over time the group grew in numbers, became more organised and decided on the acronym TWERPS which translates as The West End Rambling for Pleasure Society.

At the time of writing TWERPS walk number 298 will have been completed taking a 7 mile circular trek from Gomshall to the top of the North Downs and back. The walks, usually 7 miles, take us through the Surrey countryside with occasional ventures into neighbouring counties. Each walk has a leader or two, who will have traversed the route on a pre-walk. Details on walks, normally the second Sunday in the month, are distributed in advance to members, who try to arrange car sharing to the start point. Details can also be found on the WEVS website [www.wevs.org.uk](http://www.wevs.org.uk).



In February TWERPS held its annual lunch at the Barn in Rounce Lane, where some 44 members, past and present, came to enjoy excellent cuisine and time together.

Our picture shows Ian Cameron (centre) a founder member, with Nicholas and Niaouli Wolf, who are, and have been for a few years, the TWERPS organisers.

New members are always welcome - so if you enjoy walking, whatever your age, accompanied or alone, and are fairly fit contact Nicholas & Niaouli Wolf:  
Telephone 01276 503 006      Mobile 07710 766681      or  
E-mail [nj\\_njwolf@hotmail.com](mailto:nj_njwolf@hotmail.com)

**Dave Eaton****POO WHAT A MESS!**

Being a responsible dog owner, whenever I go out walking with my dog "Gunner", I always make sure I have a 'poo' bag! Regardless of where he decides to do his business, I always pick it up and deposit in the appropriate bin! When I was a parish councillor I was responsible, with my fellow parish councillors, in providing some of the dog bins in the village. I must admit we could do with a few more, but if there is not one handy I will take his mess home. With the cut-backs going on the chance of more bins is very unlikely.

Whether he goes on grass areas, pavements or rough areas where there are no pavements, just a verge by the side of the road (Lucas Green Road, Ford Road, Streets Heath just to name a few), I always pick it up! Recently I am alarmed by the amount of "poo" being left behind by what can only be irresponsible and unreasonable dog owners. You can hardly blame the dog. What annoys me is they give us all a bad name. I am lucky because one of Gunners favourite places is right by the dog bin on Willow Green - a good bit of dog training (not)! I'm sure dog owners just think no one's looking and just leave it, but this is not fair on the rest of the population of West End. There cannot be anything worse than dog mess on your shoes and, of course, it can be harmful if young children are playing on the grass areas and get it in their eyes. It can cause blindness!

Also, you might think it does not matter on the grass verges, but if there is a lot of traffic, people have to walk on them; or chance their arm and get run over because cars are speeding in our lanes and roads, but that's another story. Speed limits- they are a joke!

Please stop giving us responsible dog owners a bad name and pick up your dog's mess!

From major supermarkets you can buy nappy waste disposal bags. They are scented and are not expensive, and if money is a worry you could always "borrow" a few fruit plastic bags- but you did not hear that from me! They won't cost you anything so no excuses there. I always carry a couple with me, so if you forget and see me walking my dog, and your dog has done his business I will gladly let you have one!





WEST END VILLAGE SOCIETY  
www.wevs.org.uk — Your village, your voice.



## COMPETITION

# Win 25 pounds in cash!

**Look at our website, answer our questions correctly and you are in with a chance to win!**

[www.wevs.org.uk](http://www.wevs.org.uk)

**Enter our fabulous competition by getting to know our WEVS website. You'll find all the answers to the following questions there.**

1. How many commemoratives are listed on the Amenities page?
2. What number do you ring if you have any documents for the West End History Project?
3. Where does the Parent and Toddler group meet?
4. When will you most likely spot the Silver-studded Blue butterfly fluttering above the heather on the common?
5. What house number on Guildford Road is 'Flower Pride' listed under?
6. What time does the Keep Fit group start on a Thursday?
7. How many key questions are to be addressed by the VDS?
8. When does the Cameroon Badminton Club play at Tringham Hall?
9. Who apologised in advance for being unable to make the 2001 AGM?
10. When did Surrey Heath Borough Council purchase the Eastern 75 acres of Brentmoor Heath from the Ministry of Defence for £75,000?

Please send your answers via e-mail to: [peter@withconfidenceltd.co.uk](mailto:peter@withconfidenceltd.co.uk)

The closing date for entries is 30/06/2011.

In the event that there is more than one correct entry a tie breaker question will decide the winner.

The winner will be announced in our next WEVS Newsletter.

Committee members of WEVS and their families are excluded from entering this competition.

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