



Chairperson's Letter

Dear Members,

A very happy New Year to you all and I hope that 2015 will be a very prosperous and joyous one.

2014 was a busy year for WEVS and we were once more in attendance at both the Village Fete and the Ag and Hort. It was wonderful to meet so many of you, both established and new residents of the village and I look forward to seeing you during the year.

The society continues to support the West End Action Group (WEAG) in its fight to prevent development to the south of Kings Road, land to the south of Beldam Bridge Road and land to the north of Beldam Bridge Road. It is currently uncertain as to when these applications will be reported to the Surrey Heath Planning Committee, but keep an eye on the WEAG (www.weag.info) and Surrey Heath websites. It is important that we attend the Planning Committee to show our concerns.

I am pleased to report that real progress is being made on the Village Design Statement (VDS). The VDS is imminent to go before the Surrey Heath Executive Committee for approval. Then VDS will become an important tool in the determination of the future planning applications for West End. It has been a long haul in finalising this document and it is due to the hard work and perseverance of a small band of our committee members with the support of Surrey Heath Planners that we will soon have a document that will be a huge benefit to us.

In November I attended a transport review presentation by Surrey County Council. The county is aiming to make savings whilst maintaining the services that residents rely on most. The residents are invited to make their comments by 14 January by visiting localtransportreview@surreycc.gov.uk or by calling 0300 200 1003.

Lastly, may I remind you of our Annual General Meeting (AGM) which takes place on 17 February in the Sports Pavilion starting at 7.30pm. We will be electing new committee members and presenting last years' review including plans for 2015. All this will be rounded off by a guest speaker followed by light refreshments. I look forward to your support at the event and beyond helping the community to enjoy and value our village.

Dave Norris
Chairperson

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Happy New Year

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Proposed large-scale developments in West End

The concern of residents' on the proposed large-scale developments in West End has been demonstrated by the considerable opposition lodged with the borough council. The West End Action Group, WEAG, a residents' group recognised by Surrey Heath Borough Council (SHBC), is also representing residents in their opposition.

We have made representation to the borough council on each application. We also wrote to our MP, Michael Gove, who replied to say that he had conveyed our concerns to Mrs J Rickard, SCBC Executive Head – Regulatory. By copy of Mrs J Rickard's response letter to Mr Gove we are advised that she recognises the longstanding concerns of residents regarding these sites and that the comments raised reflect the other objections that have been received.

WEAG and many residents have waited for many months to hear when SHBC's Planning Applications Committee might announce the date on which to consider the proposed large-scale development planning applications for West End (*see below).

We are asking all who are opposed to these developments to make their strength of opposition felt by being at the Planning Applications Committee meeting which could be on 12th January or more likely 9th February. WEAG has requested that the three planning applications be considered as a solo, at the meeting. Many hundreds of residents have already submitted their individual written opposition and many more by signing our petition. Once the date is known, let us fill the Public Gallery at the Council Chamber, to show the strength of residents' opposition by our presence. On-site parking is available and we suggest that you be there by 6.30pm for a 7pm meeting.

* The Planning Applications under consideration are:

- South of King's Road – 84 houses in hay meadows by The William Lacey Group (application ref: 14/0532)
- Off Beldam Bridge Road – 85 houses in former nursery land by Taylor Wimpey (application ref: 14/0594)
- South of Beldam Bridge Road – 3 large houses in a field by Redrow Homes (application ref: 14/0451)

Keep checking our website (www.weag.info) for the latest information. When we know the date for the planning committee meeting we will inform the WEAG supporters by email. If you would like further information, please email: contact@weag.info

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) takes place on 17 February at 7.30pm at the Sports Pavilion. This year we will be electing new committee members and some of the committee positions are due for re-election and it is at the AGM that the nominations and elections take place. You are warmly welcome to come along and

take part in the proceedings. The evening will start with the Chairperson's annual report for the past year and plans for 2015. There will be presentations by other committee members and from general members who will be making requests for funds for worthy causes. We will be entertained by a guest speaker before the evening comes to an end with a social where there will be light refreshments giving you plenty of opportunity to mingle with fellow members.

Aircraft noise

Ravi Raveendran

Some of you may have heard about the aircraft flight path trials by Heathrow Airport that started in December 2013 which impacted three Surrey villages. This issue was highlighted to WEVS by member Sam Elwood. Lightwater, Windlesham and Bagshot residents formed an action group to combat the increased noise levels. Visit their website (<http://aircraftnoiselightwater.co.uk>) for the up to date information.

You may like to know that following their successful campaign, Heathrow ended its flight path trials on 12 November, two months earlier than it intended. Furthermore, it has postponed the new trials that were scheduled to commence on 20 October to autumn 2015. It is no coincidence that this has come about in the wake of a wave of opposition from all affected communities and shows that community actions do yield results.

Have you noticed an increase in the aircraft noise affecting West End in the recent months? If you are concerned about the impact of the narrow flight corridors or that these trials reflect the future impact of a 3rd runway at Heathrow, you should write with your objections to the following organisations:

- Howard Davies Commission: airports.enquiries@airports.gsi.gov.uk
- Member of Parliament for Surrey Heath, Michael Gove MP: frances.reynolds@parliament.uk
- Minister for Transport: Patrick.mcloughlin@dft.gsi.gov.uk
- Sustainability Director, Heathrow: matt.gorman@heathrow.com

It would seem that there was a meeting at Jennett's Park Community Centre on 4 December 2014 where the residents of the three villages were able to meet Heathrow's Sustainability Director. They were told that the frequency of flights and flight-paths have returned to exactly what they were 10 years ago. This view is not shared by the residents as their experience shows otherwise.

If you find it necessary to complain to Heathrow each time you are disturbed by aircraft noise, send your email to noise_complaints@heathrow.com and do remember to include your name and address. If your life is impacted by the increased aircraft noise since the trials began then you can also sign a petition here: https://www.change.org/p/heathrow-complaints-team-3-villages-communities-lightwater-bagshot-and-windlesham-should-be-subject-to-no-more-aircraft-noise-than-they-experienced-before-the-departure-trials-pre-december-2013?share_id=dMUtqGmwWf&utm_campaign=share_button_action_box&utm_medium=facebook&utm_source=share_petition.

Community information

Beulah Kingston



West End & Bisley Care & Good Neighbour Group (WEBCare)

WEBCare operates through a team of volunteers who provide transport help for vulnerable residents of West End and Bisley, when friends and family cannot help, to attend their health related appointments with doctors, hospitals, clinics, chiropodists etc. We are also happy to help with shopping, visiting friends, sewing on a button, whatever – Just ASK! If you are in need of such help, please do get in touch with us on the number below.

The WEBCare helpline is open to receive calls from Monday to Friday between 10 am to 12 noon when the duty officer receives and records callers' requests and then contacts our volunteer drivers to match their availability with the callers' requests. The WEBCare file is then transferred to the person on duty the following day.

We could not operate without volunteers to manage our phone helpline. So, if you would like to help, please consider becoming a volunteer duty officer. The manning of the helpline is arranged in a flexible way to take account the availability of the volunteers. When you join you commit to a day that suits you and then, before handing the phone and WEBCare files on to the next duty officer, you enter your availability for the next date/dates you can manage –it is all very flexible and does not have to be done on the same day every week or month.

It would be good to hear from you, so please do call WEBCare on 07713 915393 weekdays 10am to 12 noon saying you would like to help..

The Women of West End

Niaouli Wolf

Once again we have had a great year where we were able to invite a wide selection of speakers and take part in several activities.

In July last year Margaret Latter gave us an interesting talk about women travelling in the last 150 years. She was able to relate many amusing incidents about these intrepid women and kept us all entertained beautifully.

We also had an enjoyable visit to the Poppy Museum in Richmond; they make millions of poppies each year to help provide funds for the returning injured servicemen and women. We enjoyed attempting to make our own poppies and were shown replicas of the royal wreaths. We were able to tour the factory and talk to the workers who were beavering away.

Our September meeting was about 'Herbs and Spices to Save Lives' where we learnt several interesting theories about various herbs and spices and how they may help with health problems.

Our AGM in November was well attended and we have a great group of women to plan and run next year's programme. In December we made wonderful decorations for the W.I. Christmas Tree at the Christmas Tree Festival at the Church, using the offcuts from the poppies at the Poppy Museum. Well done to all the members who participated in this activity.

Our next meeting is on 14 January at 7.45 pm in the Sports Pavilion where you can hear Cliff Butler talk about the charity Heart Beat. Our February meeting will take place on 11th and is titled Canine Partners.

You are warmly welcome to come along and join us to find out what we do at our meetings and gatherings.

The Clubs

Pete Jones

Bowling (West End Bowls Club)

In November last year two significant events took place for West End Bowls Club:

We held our AGM on 19 November where a strong new committee was elected to help taking the club into 2015. Also at the event many excellent and a few disappointing results were reported. With an influx of new members towards the end of 2014 we will have a bowling strength of well over 80 members going into next season.

At our presentation evening on 22 November at the Lakeside International Hotel nearly 80 members were there to congratulate all our competition winners.

We are now in the closed season for outdoor bowls, but planning for the 2015 season is well advanced.



We are always interested in introducing new people to playing bowls and have qualified coaches to help. Details of the membership are available from Pat Turner on 01276 62600.

Orienteering (Southern Navigators Orienteering)



During the winter we meet every Wednesday or Thursday evening in the local area for training/advice. There are a number of events in the local area; some of them are 'urban', others in local forests. We hold monthly events on Saturdays. All welcome, help given to beginners. For more details see www.southern navigators.com

Running (Windle Valley Runners). Takes part in a local cross country league in winter. Meet Tuesdays (speed work) and Thursdays (Prior Road, Camberley, 7pm) and



Sunday mornings (longer run) in the local area. Friendly club for all abilities. Beginners are welcome. To find out more, see our website- www.windlevalley.com or contact our Secretary, Geoff Williams (01276 476117), geoffandsue.williams@zen.co.uk).

To provide information about your club activities in the newsletter, please contact comms@wevs.org.uk.

Obituary on Michael Glazier

John Smith

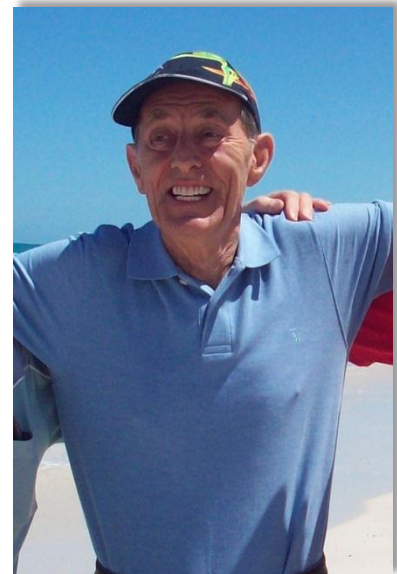
Michael Roy Glazier 1942 – 2014

First living in Knaphill Michael moved to West End in 1947 where the Glazier family have lived for generations. At Holy Trinity School he played in the football team and sang in the church choir.

At the age of 12 he moved on to Shaftsbury School, Bisley. His father worked in Copen's butcher's shop in Brentmoor Road and as a boy Mick helped with the deliveries on the trade bike.

In his early teens he joined the Youth Club in the village hall and enjoyed the film shows there on Thursday evenings.

From 1957 he worked for Peppers where he made many friends, the journey to work was easy, Martin's of West End ran a coach that took him to and fro each day. As a teenager he would go to the cinema in Woking by bus via Chobham and then afterward on to one of the many coffee bars. He joined the West End Social Club and was an active committee member, taking his turn on the door on Saturday nights and went on many club outings. He played for the West End cricket team in 1967 and in 1970 went to the World Cup Football in Mexico.



He got married to June in 1989, moving into Birch Lane just a few hundred yards from where he grew up, but sadly June passed away in 1998. He had one grandson and spent many happy hours with him on outings or just walking and playing on the common.

Retiring from Peppers in 2007 he was a familiar figure in West End, an honorary member of the Social Club and a regular at the social events. Monday evenings he played short mat bowls in the Social Club and joined West End Bowls Club playing in many competitions. He loved his garden, keeping it spotless and was often to be seen in his front garden, when he always had a wave for people passing by and enjoyed having a chat.

He joined the village society and in 2007 started to help the West End History Project and really got involved, helping gather new information and photos. He helped to prepare and set up the photo displays at public events for the next seven years and with that big smile of his made many new friends. His enthusiasm led to an album being placed in Holy Trinity Church that records where the men from West End who were killed in the 1st World War are commemorated.

Michael saw many changes during his life; took a very active interest in West End and made a considerable contribution towards recording its history. He will be remembered and missed by many.

Walking Club feature

Nicholas Wolf

TWERPS
The West End Rambling for Pleasure Society

West End's walking group

Please see below the planned walks for the next four months. Walk with us on footpaths and bridleways through fields, woodland and open countryside. The walks are circular through different parts of the Surrey countryside and start at 10.00 am and take about 2 ½ hours to complete including a stop for refreshments.

Route Ref.	Walk No.	Date	Route	10 a.m. Start Location	Terrain	Miles
56	346	12 th January	Crookham Village , Dogmersfield & Basingstoke Canal.	Parking area at Chequers Bridge. (grid ref. SU 972 518)	Flat but with about 10 stiles. Can be muddy.	6½
T B A	347	8 th February	Lightwater and Windlesham – pre-lunch walk.	The Red Lion pub, Lightwater. (grid ref. SU 9399 6391)	Flattish.	3 / 4
3	348	8 th March	Gomshall, Shere, Albury Heath, Brook Shere & return.	Gomshall railway station car park. (Grid ref. TQ 0884 4784)	Mainly flat – sandy foot-paths.	7½
8	349	12 th April	Puttenham, Shackleford, Compton & North Downs Way.	Car parking area off Suffield Lane (grid ref. SU 9206 4610).	Field paths, fairly flat and can be muddy in places.	8½

More details can be found on the WEVS website. Walk organisers:- Niaouli & Nicholas Wolf - 01276 503006 or 07710 766681).

The Tree Group

Yvette Jones

The Tree Group have met only a few times in 2014 but continue to monitor the trees of the village. Tree Preservation Orders were requested on many of the valued village trees under threat of development in January. We continue to be vigilant, regularly observing and reporting problems with trees. We intend to reduce the burden of ivy on key oaks in 2015 by removing a short section of ivy to weaken its growth. However this work will have to be weather and time dependent.

If you are passionate about trees and would like to join our small group which is a sub-group of WEVS please contact Yvette on 01483 476073.

Ag & Hort Show 2014

Last year's Ag & Hort show took place on 13 September. The turnout was smaller in number than the village fete. Despite that we took on seven new members and collected dozens of annual subscriptions.

Our WEVS marquee was fully manned and laid out well to attract visitors. The local history booklet was selling well.

As usual there was a lot of interest in the photo archives. The weather was favourable which made the event enjoyable from the start to the end. There were fewer than the usual number of attractions but visitors seemed to have enjoyed themselves regardless.



Ravi Raveendran

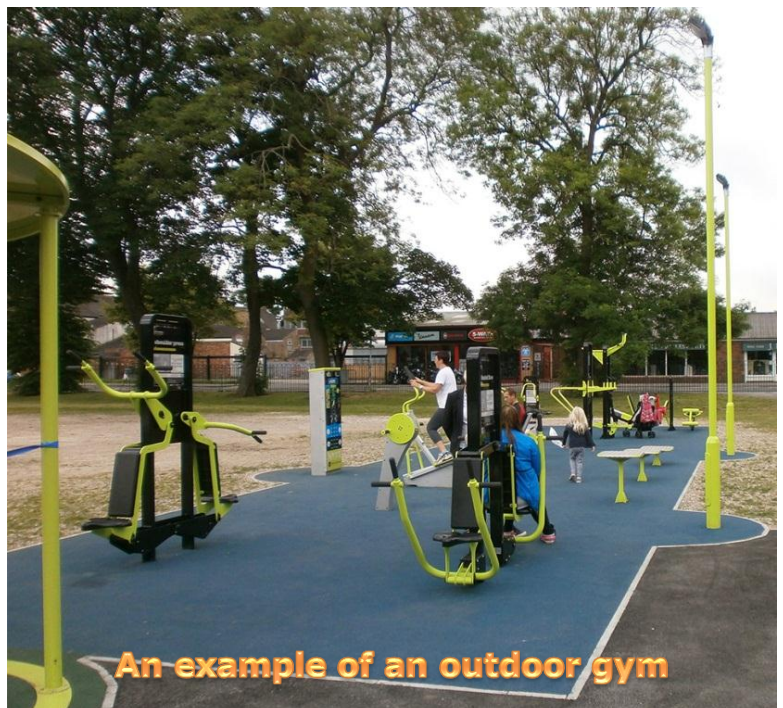
Outdoor Gym update

Parish Council Clerk

The Parish Council is delighted to have been successful on its second attempt in obtaining funding through the Surrey County Council Community Improvement Fund for the Benner Lane Playground Project. Together with the money from the Parish Council's capital budget, additional dynamic equipment including a zip wire, will be installed early 2015.

The Parish Council is further pleased to announce that the outdoor gym equipment, which during the consultation process over a year ago was requested by residents, will also go ahead in the New Year. This is a five-piece equipment, including a ski stepper, pull down challenger and power push, that will allow eight users at any one time and can be enjoyed by the whole family ranging from age twelve upwards. The Parish Council hopes that you will enjoy the new facilities which will be available soon.

If you would like to know further details about the project please contact the Parish Clerk on 01276 855361 or email westendparish@btconnect.com



An example of an outdoor gym

Editor's note: WEVS is proud to have supported the consultation process and pleased with the achievement of the Parish Council securing the funding in its second attempt. In 2013, WEVS organised a consultation at the village fete where it collected over 100 signatures in support of the outdoor gym and opinions about preferred layout. The results were handed to the Parish Council.

Village Design Statement

Judy Douch

I am very pleased to report that our much-revised Village Design Statement (VDS) document has now been scrutinised by the members of Surrey Heath Borough Council's Development Control Department and no more changes have been requested.

It has now entered the Executive Committee programme and hopefully will be submitted to the Executive Committee early in the New Year. After six years of working on this document, where we faced several setbacks and were forced to carry out several iterations, we now hope that 2015 will see the adoption of our VDS as a Supplementary Planning Document. Once approved by the Committee the VDS will become an important tool in the determination of the future planning applications for West End.

Village People

Ravi Raveendran

As many of you may know we normally have a regular feature on a village resident or someone who works in the village. We could not meet up with the intended candidate in time for the preparation of this newsletter. Regrettably we are not able to run this feature in the current issue. Normal services will resume in the next issue. In the meantime please tell us if you know any person or people who would make a good story and be happy to be featured in our newsletter. Please forward your suggestions to newsletter@wevs.org.uk.

Help Needed: We are looking for volunteers to distribute our thrice yearly newsletters. A round will take you less than an hour. So if you are willing to help please get in touch with the Membership Secretary. (membership@wevs.org.uk)

Gardening

Judy Douch

My first task is to enter a plug for our West End Garden Club of which I am Secretary. Our club is now in its thirty-fifth year and has over 100 members. To continue the success of our club we are now looking for new energetic gardeners to join us. There is a general trend towards "Grow your own" and its rewards. We offer an interesting programme of expert speakers, annual visit to a place of horticultural interest, plant

stall and social events. So, why not come along and see for yourself? We meet in the Sports Pavilion, fourth Tuesday of the month, except in August and December, doors open at 7.30 p.m. Subscriptions are low: - £5.00 single, £8.00 for a couple. Call me on 01483 475133 or turn up for the January meeting.

My second task is a plea for sponsors of our club. We have been very fortunate over the past 18 years to have been sponsored by R & G Fresh Herbs but unfortunately they are relocating away from West End. We have already written to local businesses, but if there are any businesses out there who have not been contacted but would express an interest then please contact me on the number given above. Thank you.

This is not the ideal time for gardening but there are always jobs to be done: cleaning and sharpening tools and lawnmowers, protecting tender plants with insulation, sorting out old packets of seeds to name a few. Undertake pruning tasks of woody trees and shrubs, cut back autumn raspberries to ground level, digging if soil conditions allow, although sandy soils can be left until spring. Garlic cloves should have been planted in December but January will still be fine.

According to the range forecast, 2015 is going to see hotter temperatures, so start to plan for this, for example extra water butts and stores of mulching materials. Some of my Rhododendrons are flowering already, evidence of changing temperatures.

Membership Subscriptions

Membership Secretary

A team of volunteer WEVS distributors deliver your newsletters and collect the subscriptions from your door. However, they are not always fortunate enough to catch you in. As you can appreciate this can be quite a difficult task, so please make time to drop your subs to us if your distributor hasn't caught up with you in 2014.

You can drop your subs at Shiv store, 1 High Street. Please complete the form below and put it in an envelope together with the correct subscription and drop it in at Shiv's. The subscription has remained unchanged for 5 years at £3 per household or £1.50 for pensioner households.

If you happened to have paid twice last year then the extra money would be automatically put forward to pay for 2015, so don't worry if you are not sure whether you have paid already.

If you would like to receive the newsletter via email or have any other membership queries please contact me at membership@wevs.org.uk.



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