



Chairman's Chat

Summer greetings

Firstly, I am delighted to inform you that the West End Village Design Statement (VDS) has at last been passed by the Surrey Heath Borough Council. It means that this document will become a supplementary planning document. More information on this can be found on page two. Secondly, I am excited about the prospect of WEVS's special community project. At the village fete in June we announced our project of the year to plant spring bulbs in public spaces. We have made significant progress since the launch. This month we will start the fund collection and look for volunteers. It is an ambitious project for which we need lots of volunteers. Can you help? Please see page five for more details.

The spring fete was a great success for both WEVS and the fete organising committee. Lots of visitors paid a visit to our marquee and nine new members joined our society. The fete organising committee's charities and groups benefitted £6,000 from it, thanks to the very hard work of the fete committee, see page five.

The next big event in West End is the Ag & Hort Show taking place on Saturday 10th September on the recreation ground. Remember to get your programme, and enter your veg, pets, plonk, art, snapshots and more before the 3rd of September deadline. This is a great event for all the family with many competition classes specifically for children. Programmes containing entry forms are available from Shiv store and Browns newsagent. Don't forget the barn dance in the evening. As usual WEVS will have their marquee during the day, with its usual display of local photos (thanks to John Smith and the West End History Project) and community information. Add to this you will have the opportunity to chat with our committee members or pay your subscriptions or if you just want to know what we do, then our stand will be an important place to visit.

I would encourage you all to look at the West End Action Group website (<http://www.weag.info/>) to keep in touch with the latest information on the local large developments.

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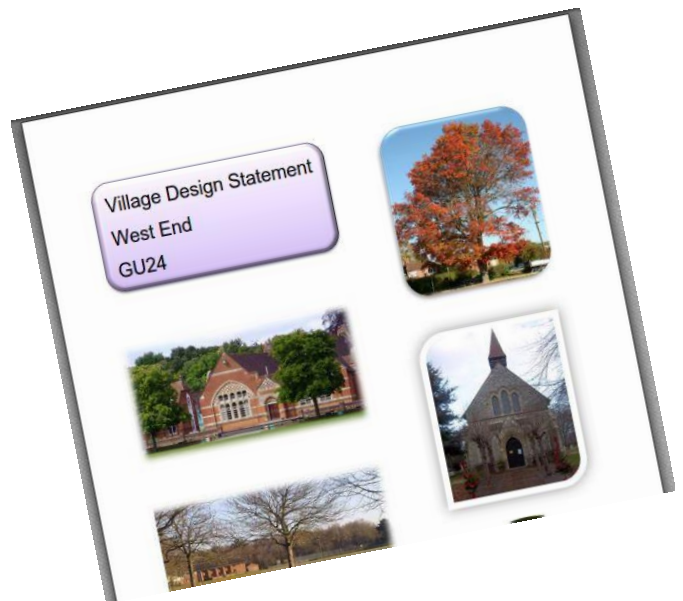
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West End Village Design Statement finally adopted by SHBC

After more than seven years, the West End Village Design Statement (VDS) has finally been approved by the Surrey Heath Borough Council (SHBC) Executive! It is still subject to some minor editorial amendments, but when these are done it will become a Supplementary Planning Document which developers will have to take into consideration when submitting their proposals. A copy of the draft VDS (without the minor amendments) is now on the WEVS website, www.WEVS.org.uk

Villagers will recall that the VDS was originally commissioned at a public meeting convened in the Sports Pavilion in December 2008. A VDS Committee was set up in March 2009 and Judy Douch was elected Chair. One of the first tasks of the Committee was to commission a village wide questionnaire survey of villagers' views on which village design features they considered important. Guy Consterdine then analysed the responses and produced a report in 2010 entitled 'The Future of West End - The Residents' Viewpoint'. This report was used as the basis for the VDS document itself and can be found on the West End Village Society website.



Fieldwork on the VDS commenced in 2010. A large number of photographs of individual buildings and streetscapes were taken. The village was divided into ten distinct character areas and key features of the different building styles and types were documented, each illustrated by photographs and maps. The information from the survey was used to draw up 14 detailed design guidelines which were then applied to each of the ten character areas. The fieldwork was completed by the end of 2012. There then followed a long period of drafting the VDS document itself in which the drafting team of Judy Douch, Beulah Kingston, Yvette Jones and Jeff Llewellyn were 'mentored' by a succession of five SHBC planning officials. Each official had their own interpretation of the requirements and format for a VDS, some of which were completely contradictory and this resulted in a lot of nugatory work. Eventually a 98 page initial draft document was produced which was circulated for public consultation in 2014. After much editing this version was slimmed down to its present 59 pages prior to a further round of public consultation and final approval by the Council Executive. You can view the council's approval and the VDS by visiting SHBC website <http://www.surreyheath.gov.uk/west-end-village-design-statement>

It has taken a long time but the VDS and related documents are a valuable snapshot of the types of housing and streetscapes of the village at the present time – almost a present day Domesday Book. We trust that it will influence the detailed design of the approved developments on the land behind Kings Road and to the North of Beldam Bridge Road.

Distributors Wanted

Mary Anthony

Thanks to our volunteer distributors the newsletters get put through your letterboxes three times per year. We have a number of roads in the village for which there is no dedicated distributor. It is always a challenge to find a willing person to help me deliver to these streets.

If you would be interested in volunteering as a distributor for WEVS, please come and speak to us at the fete on Saturday 10 September or send me an email at membership@wevs.org.uk. Currently, I do not have distributors for Lucas Green and Road, Priest Lane, The Folly and Red Road, Kerria Way, and Cookoo Lane and Vale. You only need about an hour to hand deliver the newsletter. The subscriptions are usually collected in spring when delivering the newsletters.

Membership Subscriptions

Membership Secretary
Mary Anthony



Please pay your 2016 subscriptions

As you know we have kept the subscription at £3.00 per household per annum and 1.50 for pensioners for the 9th year running.

Volunteers try to collect the subscriptions on their newsletter distribution rounds but are not always able to catch you in. We don't always have the time to keep returning to collect the subscriptions.

If you have not already paid your subscription for this year, it would help us immensely if you could:

- Visit our marquee at the Ag and Hort show on Saturday 10 September and pay there Or
- Leave your subscription at Shiv Store (please complete the slip below and put it in an envelope) Or
- If you know your distributor and they are local to you, put the subscription in an envelope (with your name and address) and put it through their letterbox.
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WEVS Subscription for 2016 (£3 per household, £1.50 for pensioners)

Family name

Address (house number/ name and street)



TRINGHAM HALL

Benner Lane West End

QUIZ EVENING

Saturday 8th October

7.30pm

with supper

Bring your own drinks and glasses

Tickets £10.00 each

Teams of up to 6 - come as a team or make up a team on the night

**Please ring to purchase your tickets in advance
available from**

Jack Kegge : 01483 472609

Kathy Arnott : 01276 503030

or any committee member

**This event is organised by the Management Committee of Tringham Hall to raise funds for ongoing maintenance
and refurbishment of the Hall**

Village Fete Money Collection

Savitri Kegge

West End
2016
Village Fete

Following a successful village fete on 4 June the organising committee allocated the collection money as follows:

Split by recipients:

Scout & Guide Mgt. Committee	£1,200	20%
Scouting sections	£900	15%
Guiding sections	£900	15%
Tringham Preschool	£900	15%
Tringham Hall	£600	10%
Football Club	£600	10%
Old Folk	£240	4%
Church	£240	4%
Toddler Group	£240	4%
Total money collected =	£6,000	



This leaves a spare £180 (3%) – It was decided at the meeting to give this to the Footballers. Decision was made at the meeting to give £200 to Scout and Guide's new build once a bank account had been set up.

WEVS's Project of the Year

Ravi Raveendran

WEVS's project receives consent

At the village fete on 4 June WEVS announced their chosen project for 2016. To coincide with Her Majesty's 90th birthday we want to plant 9000 spring flowering bulbs in public places by the year end! In order to do that first we needed to get the consents from the relevant authorities. In consultation with the councils we have chosen the following roads for planting (detailed plans will be posted on our website):

- Guildford Road between Fellow Green and Bagshot Road
- Rosewood Way opposite Oakridge
- Kerria Way up to the junction with Fuchsia Way
- The southern perimeter of the recreation grounds

We will start a fund collection at the Ag and Hort show towards buying the bulbs. WEVS has already pledged to match the public donations. The Parish Council is supporting the project as a partner with £250.

The planting will be limited to within the existing grass verges and carried out by volunteers during November and December. In June we collected names of 21 potential volunteers but we need a lot more. Are you able offer a couple of hours? If so then please contact us on comms@wevs.org.uk or come and see us at the Ag & Hort show.



Ketchup with your garden tasks!



The West End Village Garden Club was founded over 35 years ago and has a membership of around 100 people, many from West End but some living further afield. The intention of the Club is to combine the advancement of horticultural knowledge with a stimulating calendar of social events. The latter includes an annual visit to gardens of national interest (this year we visited Arundel Castle), a summer social in a local garden (this year, Malthouse Farm) and a Christmas party (this year it will be at The Half Moon in Windlesham).

Meetings for members are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month with the exception of August and December. Non-members are welcome to attend for a small charge and many who come along decide it is worthwhile joining up. Annual membership costs £5 for an individual and £8 for a couple. The cost of attendance at our events is discounted for members and these benefits more than cover the membership fee. So, why not come along and see whether it's something for you.

Our regular meetings always feature a talk by an expert and range from gardens visited around the world, plants of interest for the garden or veggie plot and semi-educational sessions. Last year, for example, we were lucky enough to host a retired RHS instructor who imparted a large number of very useful and simple tips on things that can be done around the garden, many of which do not involve the large sums of money that are parted with on a visit to nursery gardens. Some of these are listed below:

1. **Sowing small dark seeds which are not easy to see on compost:** mix them with some plain flour so you can see where they are distributed. This will help to avoid overcrowding which is a prime cause of "damping off".
2. **Pest control via companion planting:** for plants susceptible to white fly and aphids, plant French marigolds and tagetes nearby; but do not deadhead them as it is the process of seed formation that releases the vapour that the pests do not like.
3. **Sharpening secateurs and shears:** many of us are convinced that our secateurs get blunt very quickly and purchase expensive sharpening tools. However, this is often not the case and the cause is just a build-up of plant resin on the blades. The solution is to soak the cutting edges in tomato ketchup (not brown sauce) for 24 hours then wash it off. The ketchup cleans, lubricates and sterilises these tools!
4. **Carrot root fly:** try spraying malt vinegar down the side of your rows of carrots and parsnips.
5. **Making a liquid plant feed using stinging nettles:** place a small amount of fleece at the bottom of a 25cm flower pot and anchor this with a reasonable

sized flat stone/pebble. Add chopped up young nettles, sufficient to fill the pot tightly. Cover the top with another piece of fleece and then place another pot on top filled with stones to weigh everything down. Put all of this in a bucket and fill to about half, via the top pot, with water. The nettles will rot down over a fortnight or so and produce a rather smelly liquid which can be diluted around 10:1 and used as a very effective liquid manure.

That is just a small snippet of the tips that were passed on at that meeting and gives some idea of the information available to our members. If you are interested in finding out more about the Club, come along to the WEVS stand at the September Ag & Hort Show where there will almost certainly be a Garden Club member available for a chat.

Village Fete

Savitri Kegge & Ravi Raveendran

The West End Fete was held on 4 June. It was as popular as ever with a high attendance. All of the usual stands were there including bouncy castles, slides, BBQ and the beer tent. New attractions this year included pony rides, the Fullers Shire Horses and a small collection of classic cars.

The parade this year went around the recreation ground with a great selection of colourful costumes based around the theme "Kings and Queens"

Arena displays included gymnastics, Irish dancing, jive dancing and the dog show final.

The fete raised over £6000 for local organisations and charities, see page five for details of how it was allocated.



WEVS was also there with its usual marquee. Those who are familiar will know that it is one of the largest ones which was shared for the second year running by West End Action Group (WEAG). Most of its committee members were at hand to engage with

the visitors. Lots of members came to pay their annual subscriptions and many couldn't resist looking at the collage of old photos that were on display.

WEVS unveiled its project of the year – planting of spring bulbs. To explain the project there were illustrated posters on a display board and committee members assisted people with their queries. The project team was busy collecting names for volunteers to help with the planting. There was also a steady number of visitors enquiring at the WEAG's desk.

The fete next year will be held on Saturday 10 June 2017.

West End Bowls Club

Pat Turner

The bowls club is enjoying a busy season with lots of new members taking up the game. We now have 96 playing members, so the premises are too small to accommodate everyone, but we will continue to accept new applications until the green is full to capacity. As part of the Surrey Heath Festival of Sport we are offering free taster sessions to members of the public. If you missed the publicised session on Thursday 11 August you can arrange one later – just e-mail webcmembership@gmail.com or leave a note, with your phone number, at the clubhouse. The membership secretary will then contact you. Watch out too for details of our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3 December – we are expecting Father Christmas and there will be lots of tempting Christmas gifts (at the right price).

Ag and Hort Show

THE ANNUAL SHOW SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

Tringham Hall, marquee and recreation ground, Benner Lane, West End.

Open to the public at 2.00pm. Admission £1.50 Children & Members Free.
Attractions include: Ice Cream, Sideshows, Craft Stall, Raffle, Children's Rides, W.I. Competition, W.I. Exhibition, Dog Show, Morris Dancers, Beer & BBQ.

The Dog Show will start at 2.00pm on Saturday 10th September.
Please see pg13 for more details.

ANNUAL BARN DANCE & SUPPER



In the marquee after the Show - 8pm.
with the **Byfleet Brewers Band.**



Bring your own drinks.

Licensed bar with Real Ale and Wine for sale.

Tickets in advance: £10 --- 14years & over.

Tel: 01483 480342

Please Note:

Saturday September 3rd is the last day for show entries - please send your completed entry forms and competition fees to the club Secretary. Cups should also be returned (cleaned please), to Mrs A Astall at 22 Cuckoo Lane West End, GU249NG.