



CHAIRPERSON'S LETTER

Dear Members,

There has always been a very strong community spirit in West End and this was never more evident than when we entered, once more, the Surrey Village of the Year Award. West End put in a very strong entry, with presentations on WEVS, the Parish Council, the Scouts, the Ag and Hort, the Church, Tringhams Day Centre, the Old Folk's club, Webcare, the Village Fete and Local Business, represented by Gerry from the Inn@West End. Whilst we did not get the prize gong in the form of the Village of the Year, we nevertheless won the communications award. This is indeed a very worthy achievement for the village and I would like to think that the Village Society played an important role in achieving this honour. We are always promoting news where it affects the village, primarily through the web site and the newsletter. The web site www.wevs.org.co.uk is constantly being updated particularly the news page, which illustrates all the numerous activities that are currently taking place in, or effecting, the village. The newsletter, produced three times a year, is always looking for new contributors. So if you have an article about life in the village the editor will be happy to include it in a future edition. We are also preparing a welcome leaflet for new residents to the village which will provide basic information, and illustrates the strong community spirit we have in our village.

The Hearing for the Council's Core Strategy and Development Management Policies will recommence this month. The Council have increased their housing numbers to accommodate the identified demand for new housing in the Borough over the next 15 years. This may have implications for the village and in particular the development of the reserve sites. The Village Society has objected to the reserve sites being kept open for possible future development. As this is such an important issue for the village we will be monitoring this situation very closely and giving you regular updates in newsletters and on the web site.

The preparation of the Village Design Statement is making progress and Judy Douch's report is on page 8. Once published and adopted by the Council this document will provide an important blueprint in guiding and controlling the design of future development in the village and ensure that its valued character is retained. It may also ultimately form part of a future neighbourhood plan for the village, the concept of which is being introduced through the Government's emerging Localism Bill.

One date for your diary is the WEVS Annual General Meeting which will be at The Pavilion on Wednesday 22nd February. This is great opportunity for you to see what the Society is doing on your behalf and, if interested, to join us and get more involved! Enticements will be in the form of wine and soft drinks and a light buffet.

Lastly, may I remind you of the Police Surgery that takes place at 7.00pm at the Sports Pavilion next to Tringham Hall, immediately before each WEVS meeting. A locally based Police Officer is in attendance. Should there be any incidents you wish to report, or you may simply need some advice, it's an ideal opportunity to chat with the local constabulary.

Dave Norris

Chairperson

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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

PC Clive Munns

A Community Speedwatch has been set up in the village and at present we have 11 volunteers. We have concentrated, initially, on Benner Lane/Fellow Green as it is near to Holy Trinity School. Most of our volunteers are now trained. On our first Speedwatch approximately 12 vehicles were logged to be well over the speed limit. Once we are established in Benner Lane/Fellow Green we will be covering other roads in the village. Therefore - be aware and slow down! We are not out to catch people. We are not just busy bodies. Our aim is to try to get the speeds down, to make our roads safer and to make the general public aware of the speed they are travelling at. Especially important with the night's drawing in. Occasionally the Speedwatch volunteers will be accompanied by a Police Officer. Any offenders stopped will be dealt with by either being sent on a speed programme, or a fine and points on licences. If you would like to be trained and join the Community Speedwatch please contact the co-ordinator for West End via PC Clive Munns on telephone number 101 or e-mail Munns2951@surrey.pnn.police.uk .



Dates For Your Diary

Christmas Fair	Saturday 26 th November Gordons School 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Working Party	Sunday 27 th November Greyspot Gate off Brentmoor Road 10 a.m.
Christmas Christmas Shopping Event	Thursday 1 st December Holy Trinity School 7 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.

ADVANCE NOTICE

WEVS AGM

TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

SPORTS PAVILION

Cinema Organ Recital

Savitri Kegge

An Evening of Nostalgia

On Saturday 29th of October a large group of Westenders were thoroughly entertained at Rounce Farm, West End. Organist, Len Rawl, played the very rare, British built, Rutt Theatre Organ, one of only two surviving organs in the country. Len demonstrated its wide range of sounds by playing a selection of tunes varying from classical, through show business to modern. Of particular interest were the sounds of a steam locomotive, complete with whistle. Len also provided the audience with interesting facts about the history of the organ.

In addition to the superb music, the evening included some wine, cheese and pate, a raffle and an auction for a long weekend on the narrow boat with Pete Webb. The event was in aid of the local charity "Equipment for Disabled Children" and, with the raffle and the auction, over £1000 was raised. For more information on the charity please contact me: 01483-472609 savitriwevs@virginmedia.com.

It was a great evening and surprised many who were unaware of this hidden gem within West End. Thanks to Pete Webb and his many helpers, for organising this event, and of course to Len Rawl for taking the time to entertain us.



Here is a photograph of the concert organ's big sister. This one is owned by Mr. Charles Davidson, who has kindly loaned it to the St. Albans Organ Theatre where it is on public view. Details of this, and the rest of the collection, opening times and concerts can be found at

www.stalbansorgantheatre.org.uk

Editor

The first half term has flown by and been a great success. It has been a delight to take so many prospective parents on tours of the school recently and to share some of the exciting things that our children are able to do during the school day.

We have put a lot of time into our new creative curriculum: linking learning, creating first hand experiences and making use of our wonderful outside facilities. Highlights this term have been:

- Year R – all 60 of our new intake have settled so well at Holy Trinity and went on their first school visit to Wisley which was a great adventure.
- Year 1 had a great time at Marwell Zoo and were inspired to create their own amazing Eric Carle 'Hungry Caterpillar' style artwork.
- Year 2 invited all the children back to school in the dark for a bedtime story as they learn more about nocturnal animals, as well as enjoying the visit from Zoolab with their animals.
- Year 3 enjoyed visiting the local library and were inspired to write very persuasive letters to governors and our PTA to invest in some lovely furniture. This has evolved into some money raising by the class to get an idea of what things cost! They also had a fascinating visit to Woking Mosque.
- Year 4 visited Fishbourne as part of their 'Invaders and Settlers' project and have thoroughly enjoyed making homes / villages with a lot of parents having as much fun as the children constructing the models!
- Year 5 children dressed up in 1940s clothes for Evacuee Day and dug for Britain creating their own Air Raid Shelter, learning to jive, cooking and tasting rationed cooking, playing traditional games and making their own toys – not a micro-chip in sight!
- Year 6 were inspired to have their own press conference after a set-up 'burglary' at school. Witnesses were interviewed, articles were written and they even filmed their own news bulletin. They also made use of our local Heathland as part of their geography topic exploring with the Heath Ranger.

During November we were pleased to be part of the Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse) Appeal. The whole school community spent time filling and decorating the shoe boxes which are destined for children in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia for Christmas. Christmas is a perfect time to remind the children how fortunate most of them are and how much it means to children in other parts of the world.

We are keen to maintain the strong Christian ethos that makes our school special and we really appreciate the many groups within the community who support us in prayer including parents, staff and the local church. We are keen that the local community feel part of the school as much as we feel part of the local community. If you would like to help out or you have any ideas for partnership, we would very much like to hear from you. All volunteers require a CRB check from the school, which is free and easy via the school office. If your business can help or if you have a particular skill that could help enhance the school we would love to hear from you.

On Thursday 1 December our Holy Trinity School Association have organised a Christmas Shopping Evening in the school hall from 7.30pm-9.30pm. It is an open invitation to the local community for you to buy Christmas gifts and have a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie with friends in a relaxed atmosphere. We hope you will be able to support this event.

West End's War Memorial Wheel Cross.

Every year since 1921 a Service of Remembrance has been held at the Cross and in the years 2009 and 2010 soldiers from the training regiment at Deepcut have paraded at the Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. The Roll of Honour in Holy Trinity Church names all the men from West End killed in the two World Wars. The list of names for World War 2 corresponds exactly with those commemorated on our war memorial. The Roll of Honour is just inside the main door of Holy Trinity Church on the right and is well worth a visit.

The History Project has deposited the complete file on our War Memorial with both Surrey Heath Museum and Surrey History Centre in Woking. We are constantly updating this file. In 2010 the West End History Project realised that the Memorial was not a listed building and although not under threat, had no protection. In May 2011 we submitted an application to English Heritage, with the approval of our parish council to have our War Memorial made a listed building. This involved a lot of work and we submitted a comprehensive application over and above that required containing all the known facts. Our application has been favourably received and should in the near future be passed to the Secretary of State for his consideration.



The War Memorial Cross in West End Woking Surrey. Jack Eggleton's bus can be seen on the Guildford Road, towards Sandpit Hill (Bracknell direction), outside the Wheatsheaf (now The Inn@West End). Behind the Memorial is the West End Institute with its first extension circa 1930. The High Street is on the right.

Help Surrey Police to Reduce Burglaries During the Winter Months.

Surrey Police in partnership with Eagle Radio have launched a campaign aimed at helping the county's homeowners avoid becoming victims of burglary during the winter months.

The county sees around a 33% increase in domestic burglaries between the months of October and December after the clocks have gone back and the evenings get darker.

The campaign, titled "Burglars take more than you think - Don't make it easy for them", includes a short film and radio adverts urging the public to protect their homes and possessions and not to make life easy for burglars.

The film features a young man, played by an actor, in a property you believe to be his own home. He's taking a drink from the fridge and sitting on the sofa as he works from his laptop. As he prepares to go out he places the laptop in its case, gathers his "belongings" - a gold watch, mobile phone and money - and heads for the kitchen draw to collect his car keys.

As he drives off the viewer sees how he came to be in the property in the first place as he is revealed as a burglar!

A radio advertising campaign will run alongside the film featuring the views of

home owners after they discover they have been burgled. Actor's voices will portray the emotion and upset involved in having both sentimental and valuable items taken.

This campaign follows on from Surrey Police and Crimestoppers coming together to launch "Cash for information" to encourage the public to pass on information anonymously about burglars and the handling of stolen goods in return for a financial reward if an arrest and charge is made.

Temporary Detective Superintendent Maria Woodall said "As the clocks go back and it starts to get darker earlier, the number of break-ins goes up. It is known that burglars often target properties that appear to be unoccupied and therefore making sure your home looks and feels like someone is at home can be all that is needed to keep your belongings safe.

"Simple crime prevention measures can really make all the difference, such as leaving a few lights on and not having valuables in view from a window. The majority of burglars are opportunists, and if they have to make a lot of noise, spend a lot of time, or risk being seen, they are likely to go elsewhere"

Reminder

Please dial 999 in an Emergency - defined as Incidents where:

- Someone's life is in danger;
- Someone is at risk of violence, or property is about to be damaged;
- A serious offence is in progress;
- A suspect is at the scene or an early arrest is likely;
- Serious disruption to the public is likely
- There is a very serious crime (e.g. Rape, GBH)

For all other Police matters please dial: **101** or **01483 571212**

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Surrey Police is giving the following advice to help residents avoid becoming a victim of burglary as the winter months rapidly approach:

- Light up your house – inside and outside. If you are out or away, use timer switches to turn internal lights on and off.
- Make sure your doors are securely locked at all times.
- Close and lock all windows – burglars can wiggle through any gap larger than a human head.
- Fit locks at the top and bottom of patio doors.
- A visible burglar alarm will make a burglar think twice. Make sure you set your alarm every time you leave your house.
- Never leave garages or sheds unlocked.
- Fit and lock gates across side and back entrances.
- Be alert to strangers loitering in the street, If you don't recognise them and they are acting suspiciously, call the police.
- Don't hide your keys under a mat or a flowerpot – it's the first place a burglar will look
- Keep an inventory of your valuable property, either on paper or online with a company such as www.immobilise.com
- Use a property marking product to uniquely mark valuable possessions. For more information visit www.securedbydesign.com
- Beware of bogus callers. Use a door chain and check the callers identity carefully. If in doubt, keep them out.
- And finally, if a burglar does get into your home handbags, wallets and car keys are rich pickings so never leave these items in view.

Jamie Robinson

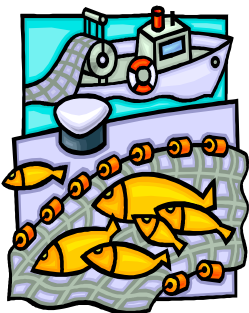
Force Crime Reduction & Crime Prevention Design Advisor

Our mammoth street appraisal of West End is nearly complete with thanks to all of the volunteers from the Steering Group and from the Village Society for carrying out this task. The data is being processed and draft reports being edited. Final summaries of the characteristics of the 14 areas we divided West End into will, together with the history, photographs and recommendations, form the basis of the draft Village Design Statement we hope to be able to submit to Surrey Heath Borough Council (SHBC) by the end of the year. Prior to that it is likely we will submit a sample to our contact in the planning department at SHBC to get guidance for the layout of the draft document.

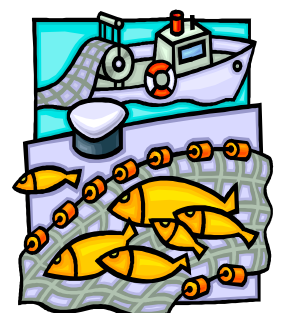
It has been disappointing that we have had no response to our advertisement for someone with town planning design knowledge to give us a few hours of their time. I am therefore making this appeal again, especially to someone retired, to give just a few hours of their valuable time to help us. We are all volunteers and have given a lot of our time but we don't have this specialist knowledge. Please do contact me on 01483 475133 if you can help. Many thanks in advance.



Editor's Note



Some of you may have noticed that Gerry from The Inn@West End had arranged for a fresh fish stall to set up outside his premises on a Tuesday afternoon. They will be taking a short break over the winter months and hope to return to the spot in April of next year. Good news for all us fresh fish lovers.



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