



Dear Members,

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Now that the Christmas break is over we can focus our energy on progressing the Village Design Statement (VDS) for West End. The VDS meeting last November 08 was attended by over 90 residents! No doubt buoyed by the very real possibility of having up to 400 more houses built in West End there was lively debate on an issue that was clearly of major concern. We had very interesting speakers Jenny Rickard, Planning Policy Manager at Surrey Heath Borough Council (SHBC) who spoke about the council's Local Development Framework which replaces our "Local Plan". It is important to understand its effects on our community and if you want further information please look online at the following site:

<http://www.surreyheath.gov.uk/planning/LocalDevelopmentFramework/CoreStrategyDPD.htm>

Also we had a very comprehensive talk from Margaret Melrose a Parish Cllr for Chobham about their experience in progressing through the VDS process. Paul Barrow was also available who has "hands on" experience of Lightwater's VDS. My thanks go to all our speakers which made a very informative and constructive evening.

Our latest information at the time of going to press is that in 1 month's time SHBC will have identified likely sites for the proposed housing allocation and West End is very likely to be part of this. This will be accompanied by a SHBC statement on occupancy and commitment. All interested parties will be asked to comment on this statement, i.e. the pros and cons etc. In 2 years they will make a decision and barring any major government policy change West End will possibly have a major housing building programme implemented.

It was clear at the VDS meeting residents do not want another housing build of this size (especially without any significant infrastructure improvements). WEVS has already started to fight this now. Firstly with the VDS, and secondly through some members who have formed an Action Group. Please contact Simone Pearman, preferably by e-mail - simone.pearman@btinternet.com or by post - Meadowbrook, Brentmoor Road, West End, Surrey GU24 9QQ - if you are interested in joining the action group.

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Chairman's Letter contd...

Lastly an important reminder. **WEVS now hosts police surgeries before our bi monthly meetings. Please see diary dates for the next meet** Please do report anything suspicious. It does not waste police time but importantly will give West End additional resource if justifiable. Surrey Police on Tel No.0845 125 2222 or anonymously on Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

We will keep you updated on progress and as always give me a call or email me on any issues or comments.

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DIARY DATES

Police Surgeries – These are held at 7:30 prior to the WEVS Committee Meetings. The next one will be in on **Monday 11th May 2009**

E-MAIL MEMBERS

Please may I ask you if you have changed your e-mail address to advise me so that I can update the list. I have had a few e-mails returned. Many thanks...Savitri

WEVS APPEAL

Mark Bedwell



WEVS need your help.....please spare a few (and I mean just a few hours a month!) and join our thriving committee....

WEVS is a non-profit and non-political society that has been in existence for 36 years. We are essentially a legalised pressure group whose main function is to support the village and its residents in whatever issues that concern them.

Whether you are a member or not, WEVS will help challenge inappropriate building development, protect footpaths, raise awareness on conservation, traffic, litter, anti-social behaviour and vandalism issues, we also support local clubs and societies.

We now have an expanding membership of 680 households. All this cannot happen without more help...experience not necessary...**if you care about your village, WEVS needs YOU !!**

Please call Marc Bedwell on 07880 715812 or e-mail on: marcbedwell@btinternet.com

Village Design Statement



At a well-attended meeting held on December 1st 2008 residents had an opportunity to hear from Surrey Heath Borough Council, Lightwater and Chobham representatives Paul Barrow and Cllr Margaret Melrose, what was involved in, and what could be achieved by, the production of such a document.

After a lively debate, it was the opinion of the meeting that WEVS should continue to facilitate the production of a VDS. Several people at the meeting volunteered their services to serve on a steering committee, in whatever capacity, however minor or major that might be.

We apologize that it has taken rather longer than anticipated to get the project rolling but an inaugural meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, March 18th at 8.00 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion, to get the steering committee up and running.

One of the first tasks will be to undertake a Residents Survey of West End asking, primarily, how residents see West End developing as a Community, in the next 25 – 50 years. So, when this questionnaire does come through your letter-box please, please do try to fill it in and return as directed. In the normal run of things a 10% return is considered good, we would like to see a far greater percentage than that!!



PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is continuing to pursue traffic calming measures along Benner Lane, Flood mitigation measures and liaise with adjoining Villages Councils to address the imposition of Government housing targets. Consultations due to take place will give us the opportunity to put our concerns forward. We urge the community to make their views known to all representative bodies to ensure all views and concerns are reflected.

The local football teams using the recreation ground have complained about an increase in dog fouling. This has prompted a press article detailing use of the Borough Council/PCSO resource to monitor and issue fixed penalties where obvious disregard to the recreation ground is observed. It must also be said that the vast majority of dog owners are to be congratulated on contributing to the cause by using the dog waste bins.

BOROUGH COUNCIL

A new Waste Collection Scheme will begin in September 2009 that will affect the whole Borough. Some outline details can be viewed on the website for SHBC <http://www.surreyheath.gov.uk/environment/Recycling/newscheme> More comprehensive update will appear in Heathscene publication to every resident, also see <http://www.surreyheath.gov.uk> or contact your Borough Councillors Keith Bush & Stuart Macleod.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Flooding/Drains/highways

- meeting with residents and Parish Council on 28th Feb reported success of restoration works to date; further analysis of CCTV and evaluation of drain capacity could mean further land drainage work.

- melting snow and heavy rain on Feb 9/10 did NOT result in flooded houses.

Next update - mid March.

Farnborough Airport Consultation and Heathrow expansion.

Representations against future expansion and doubling of flight movements have been made. Potential air traffic over villages will destroy peace and quiet during early morning and at weekends. Once granted this would permanently change the quality of life. Some parts of West End and Bisley already suffer air traffic noise nuisance.

Further aircraft noise is threatened from increased traffic and flight path alterations due to the extra runway at Heathrow: the county council is opposed to this unless noise and emission conditions originally laid down are met - and as they cannot be met for the foreseeable future, our strongly worded objection stands.

Doctor's Surgery and Day Centre

Keeping the village as a village community means having essential services - this includes the health centres at Chobham and West End, as opposed to a combined facility. Local service and easy access should be a key feature; they are there for patients, not the other way round!! Primary Care Trust chairman and the practice manager have been consulted to ensure the Patient comes first.

Day Centre rumours abound, Cllr Vivienne Chapman at Surrey Heath BC welcomes views from residents on how they would like the Day centre provision to progress; for most older people getting together for food, friendship and a bit of fun is essential- and part of community life.

POLICE

The Parish Council has regularly engaged the Villages Police team directly over the last 3 months on specific issues highlighted by West End residents, and a jointly agreed programme of activity is in place. Hopefully this will yield some improvement in the things that matter to you. We welcome any feedback good, bad or indifferent. Noticeable improvements with respect to considerate parking that keeps footpath access clear deserves a vote of thanks to everyone that has contributed.

Liaison with our Police Team has provided us with the opportunity to apply for funding for Youth/Young persons projects from the proceeds of crime resource. The Police have the power to confiscate criminals ill gotten gains where they can't account for it. If property cannot be traced or matched to owners, or is not claimed, it is disposed of with the monies invested in security and community projects.

West End could benefit from this scheme, and duly invite views or past ideas shelved due to funding, to be communicated to Parish Council as soon as possible. Councillors will be arranging a meeting with Surrey County Council Youth projects representative and Police Team to consider what the Young Community propose they would like. Many thanks to our Police team for pursuing this in our interests.

On 15 September 08 Surrey Police rolled out a new initiative to target criminals living outside the county who come to Surrey to commit crime, the following is an update on progress issued by Surrey Police that we would like to communicate to you.

West End Parish Council Contd.....

"Forensic intelligence indicates that nearly half (47%) of volume crimes such as burglary, robbery and vehicle crime, is committed by out-of-county offenders, and almost 60 per cent of known crime gangs operating in Surrey are London-based.

Operation Shield is the Force's long-term plan to protect Surrey residents from these cross-border criminals. The operation will grow over the next three years and aims not only to increase the number of criminals caught, but to deter potential offenders from coming to Surrey at all.

To target offenders as they travel in to and out of Surrey, Automatic Number Plate Recognition devices (ANPR) will be deployed at key locations. These mobile resources can be utilised wherever information suggests criminals are coming across the border or moving between different areas of the county.

Investment is also being made, in cooperation with Surrey County Council and the Highways Agency, into more fixed-site ANPR cameras on major transport routes.

Since its launch in mid September, officers have executed 25 warrants at addresses in Addlestone, Ashford, Datchet, Feltham, Maidenhead, Isleworth, Wokingham and Hanworth. The criminals targeted are believed to be responsible for robberies, house burglaries and thefts of high value cars, often in excess of £50,000 in value. Detectives have already recovered 16 vehicles including one used in a robbery. Twenty one people have been arrested and of these 16 people have been charged with conspiracy to commit dwelling Burglaries and a range of other offences including conspiracy to steal vehicles and conspiracy to commit robbery."

We urge residents to report crime, suspicious and bad behaviour, please ensure you get an incident number when you make the report. You can copy us with an email, or phone call (see below) so that we can monitor and combine our efforts with the Police for your benefit.

We welcome all Resident feedback via email westendparish@btconnect.com or phone 01276 855361

Graham Alleway on behalf of West End Parish Council. graham.alleway@ntlworld.com

Police Sergeant Corinne Scott of the Neighbourhood Team

SURREY POLICE

The villages of Chobham, Bisley and West End are largely rural and although crime, as a whole, is low in the villages, it is fair to say that the majority of our crime relates to theft from rural businesses such as farms, nurseries and stables.

Much of this theft is opportunistic with criminals touring the countryside looking for the chance to take high value, portable items which they can then sell on. With rising fuel and scrap metal prices, attacks on farm properties in particular, are increasing.

Although criminal activity in rural neighbourhoods is considerably lower than in urban areas, rural communities are not immune and being scarcely populated. It is often more difficult to police them without the support of the communities themselves. In recognition of this fact, and in an effort to increase confidence as well as reducing crime, we will be starting a CountryWatch Scheme.

CountryWatch schemes already operate successfully in other rural areas around Surrey and have resulted in a disruption of criminal activity as well as an increase in intelligence relating to suspicious people and vehicles.

CountryWatch works by sending a message alert via text and email about suspicious activity or incidents in the local area directly to its members who are often 'out and about'. This may include information about thefts, criminal damage or suspicious incidents.

CountryWatch members can also report suspicious activity for others in the scheme by calling Surrey Police, providing their information and quoting CountryWatch.

We will be working closely with our neighbouring officers in Runnymede and Woking to ensure this CountryWatch scheme has as wide a coverage as possible.

We will be making contact with rural businesses over the coming weeks to discuss the scheme and gather members. If you are interested in registering as a member for CountryWatch in the meantime, please contact the team directly

PC Anna WHITESIDE on 07967 986883.

PCSO Mike MANN on 07967 986823.

FUNDING

Submitted by Graham Alleway

Do you need funding?

Surrey Rural Partnership

Surrey Hills LEADER Grant Scheme

LEADER offers an exciting new source of funding aimed at developing sustainable food, farming, woodland, community and tourism enterprises across rural Surrey.

Over 5 years (2008 - 2013) there will be over £2 million funding for grants that support rural businesses and communities in the wider Surrey Hills area. **To find out if your community is eligible for this funding please look at our website: www.surreyhillsleaderbid.org.uk**

Individual grants have a maximum limit of £50,000 (although most will be less) with grants being awarded up to 50% of the cost of the project and in some cases higher. The projects will range from Farm diversification to Forestry projects.

The grant could help you to:

- Add value and develop new products and markets
- Develop renewable energy projects
- Improve returns from forestry
- Collaborate with others to develop new business opportunities
- Develop new skills
- Improve financial and environmental sustainability
- Support rural communities and micro businesses

If you are interested in finding out more about the Surrey Hills LEADER Grant Scheme please come along to the free workshops that we are running on **Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th March 2009 from 7 pm in Dorking, Surrey**. We will provide an overview of the Surrey Hills Leader Grant scheme and be available to answer questions about your proposed projects.

Please email leaderworkshops@surreycc.gov.uk or telephone 0208 541 8697 to book your place!

More information can be found on our website www.surreyhillsleaderbid.org.uk

The West End History Project started in 2005 sets out to record local photographs and minute books from village organisations. Copies are put on display at local events and are recorded in Surrey Heath museum ensuring their survival for future generations. The most recent display was presented for the Chobham & District Angling Clubs AGM on 23rd January in West End Social Club. To date close on 2000 photographs have been recorded [including the Village Societies collection] as well as the minute books from the West End Institute [now the Social club].

Currently the minute books of the "Institute Slate Club" and the "Institute Slate Club held at the Women's Institute" are being recorded. Details on the "Women's Slate Club" held in the Chapel in Brentmoor Road, the "Wheatsheaf Slate Club" and the "West End Friendly Brothers Association" are harder to find. Limited information has been provided by local residents and some found in old Parish Magazines. If anyone has further details that could be used to complete the history of these clubs or any photographs they would like recording please contact **J E Smith 01276 858293** or **Mick Glazier 01483 473607**. All original documents or photographs will be returned.



THE BINS ARE COMING..

New Recycling and Refuse Collection Service



The new Recycling and Refuse Collection Service is designed to have a significant impact on the amount of rubbish we send to landfill. The SHBC's web site gives further information on this exciting change from **September 2009**.

The new **Recycling and Refuse Collection Service** is designed to significantly reduce the amount of rubbish we send to landfill. Two key features of the new service are:

- Weekly food waste collections using a bucket-sized, secure container
- Regular collection of a wide variety of materials for recycling using a wheeled bin.

An important area to highlight is the wide range of materials collected for recycling. In addition to some of the materials commonly collected for recycling (e.g. paper, cardboard, cans and glass), the new Recycling and Refuse Collection Service will also enable residents to recycle:

- Plastic pots, tubs and trays (food packaging)
- Cartons (such as TetraPak)
- Aluminium foil

Small properties will be assessed regarding space for storage of containers and bins and pensioners or residents who need help will be assisted by the council workers moving their bins to the curb side for collection.

The ability to collect a much wider range of plastic items is important and a very welcome development.

For further information about the new Recycling & Refuse Collection Service, please contact:
Dedicated Information Line Tel: 01276 707690

Surrey Heath House, Knoll Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3HD
or website: <http://www.surreyheath.gov.uk/environment/Recycling/>

(Adapted from the SHBC Website)

WEST END VILLAGE HALL

John Arnott

Tringham Hall

Benner Lane West End

QUIZ EVENING

Saturday 28th March at 7.30pm

with a **Hot Supper**

Bring your own drinks and glasses

Tickets £8.50 each

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

Please ring to purchase your tickets in advance

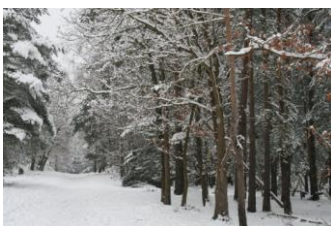
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Pam Akerman : 01276 858397 Or Kathy Arnott : 01276 503030

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

WINTER ON BRENTMOOR HEATH

This February saw an unprecedented fall on snow in many parts of the country and West End did not escape. Many of us were stuck indoors unable to access main roads so it was really wonderful to see many children walking on the Heath and enjoying a bit of sledging also. Yvette and I came across this group having a superb time.



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