



A Note from the Editor

Pete Jones

Do come and visit us at the WEVS marquee at the Ag and Hort Show which takes place on Saturday 14th September - from 13:00. This year the theme of our popular photo display will be "West End - Past and Present". Our thanks go to John Smith for compiling the photos and, assisted by Fred and Pauline Wells, arranging the display.

Come and have a chat with one of our committee members and find out about the many clubs that are active in the village, the numerous local walking trails and West End's history that dates as far back as the Bronze Age.

We will also be looking for some feedback (short questionnaire) about the Society and any ideas you may have for future projects or events.

With the start of autumn, perhaps it's time to join one of the many clubs in the village (football, bowls, tennis, gardening, table tennis, badminton, Social Club etc etc).

WEVS are busy looking into the options for lighting up the stag at night and storage solutions for the ever growing history project.

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Forthcoming Events - see elsewhere for more details

Date	Time	Event	Where
Sat 14 th September	From 13:00	Ag and Hort Show	Tringham Hall
Sat 14 th September	20:00	Barn Dance	Tringham Hall
Sun 15 th September	11:00	Pets Service	Recreation Ground
Mon 16 th September	10:00	Hearing Aid Clinic	Bisley Village Hall
Sat 28 th September	20:30	Roy Orbison Tribute Band*	Social Club
Fri 11 th October	08:00	Networking Breakfast	Gordons Sports Hub
Sat 26 th October	19:00	Tringham Quiz	Tringham Hall
Thu 26 th December	10.00 10.15	Boxing Day Walk	Tringham Hall Hare and Hounds

* For other dates see Social Club's article

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Note from the Editor - Continued

The Community Orchard is doing well. Unfortunately a couple of trees have died but the vast majority are thriving. When the trees were planted in autumn 2022, we were advised to remove the fruit for the first two years. This is to ensure the trees put their energy into growing strongly. After that they can be treated normally which means the fruit will be available to pick next year.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14th.

The next Newsletter will out in early February 2025.

West End Fete

Held back in June, our stand was visited by our (then) MP Michael Gove, prospective candidate Ed McGuinness and Councillor Pat Tedder.



We held a colouring competition for children and a “guess the number of buttons” competition. Below are some of the winners/winning entries.



Surrey Heath Borough Council (SHBC) has published the final draft of its Local Plan, which sets out policies to shape the Borough's future for the next 15 years. It deals with housing, planning, infrastructure, employment, transport, the environment and so on. The draft is published for consultation with the public, with 20 September the deadline for comments. When SHBC has considered the responses and made any alterations, the Local Plan will be submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for approval or amendment.

WEVS is studying the Local Plan and will submit responses, but individual residents are encouraged to comment as well. The contents of the Plan and details of how to comment can be found online at

<https://surreyheathplanningpolicy.inconsult.uk/SHBC.R19.2023/consultationHome>



Two of the topics of particular concern to West End are housing and the Green Belt.

The draft Local Plan states that the Borough has a housing target of 5,578 new houses to be provided between 2019 and 2038. Of these, 1,501 are already built and 1,990 have existing planning permissions, leaving sites to be found for 2,087 homes between now and 2038. That averages about 140 new homes per year.

Whether this modest annual target will survive submission to the Ministry unaltered is open to doubt. The new Government issued a statement on 30 July formally announcing that the rate of housebuilding will be increased significantly by means of setting mandatory house-building targets for each planning authority.

The draft Local Plan allocates most of the new homes to Camberley Town Centre, and most of the rest to other sites in the west of the Borough. New building in our rural east of the Borough, which is mainly Green Belt or has other protections, is more or less limited to infilling within existing settlement areas.

West End is surrounded by Green Belt land (see Page 4), and very little land within West End's settlement boundary is available for new housing, under current rules. West End's allocation in the draft Local Plan for the 2019-2038 period is 276 new houses, but 238 are already completed and one has planning permission, leaving 37 to find. Sixteen of these are listed for infilling on 'reserve land' east of Benner Lane.

It is likely that part of WEVS' comments to SHBC will be about the importance of maintaining current Green Belt boundaries.

Do read the draft Local Plan yourself and submit any comments by 20 September.

Did You Know?

The Green Belt surrounding West End is shown in green below. The areas to the West - not in green - are "Special Protection Areas". These have far greater protection from development.



WEVS Membership Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are £4 per household / £2 pensioner household (over 65). Three-year membership subscriptions are £10 / £5.

Our preferred method of payment is **bank transfer** but we are very happy to accept your subscriptions via your newsletter distributor, the payment links on the website www.wevs.org.uk (but please remember to include your name and address), or come and see us at the Ag & Hort Show on 14th September. We will be delighted to accept your subscription payment there (by cash or card).

For any membership or subscription queries, please email membershipwevs@gmail.com.

The Boxing Day Walk

Weather permitting, WEVS plans to hold its traditional Boxing Day walk this year. The route the walk follows will very much depend upon the amount of rainfall we have in the weeks before the event. Normally it covers a distance of around three miles, although the walk is designed so that those less inclined to complete it can easily return home before the end. The first half of the walk is relatively dry under foot and child buggy friendly. Mid-way there is an exit point where those who have had enough, or have other tasks to perform, can return to the village by road. Participants assemble in the car park of Tringham Hall for a 10:30 start, or wait near the Hare & Hounds to join it shortly afterwards. Come suitably attired with warm clothing & sensible footwear. The route takes walkers across Brentmoor Heath and around the back of the village, ending up back at the Hare & Hounds about 1 ½ hours later, just in time to take some well-earned refreshments.

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West End History Project

John Smith

West End High Street 'Corner' Shop

The two daughters of Eli Allen had the shop built and it opened c1920. By 1930 the whole family, Eli, Annie Marie, Ada, Elizabeth and Frank were living at the shop which was called Kimmerdale. After the death of their parents, Frank, Ada and Elizabeth ceased living at the shop and moved to a new bungalow on the main road. It is unclear for how long they continued to run the shop.

Frank Gibbs who lived in Fellow Green ran a Sunday Newspaper delivery business from his house before taking over the Newsagents c1960. For his retirement in 1971 he built a bungalow on land behind the shop in Streets Heath. Around 2000, the bungalow was demolished and two new detached houses built on the site.



The High Street West End c1950 Photo : Jack Johnson

The shop was taken over by Bill Stratton and his wife on September 12th 1971 and Mr. Patel took over from him c1985. In May 2007, Bhavisha and Naimesh Patel took over the shop, changing the name. When the Post Office in the High Street closed in 2008 it was reinstated at the renamed Shivs Convenience Store. Sadly, it closed and the WEVS Newsletter of August 2019 carried the following: *"we were sad to learn that Shiv Convenience Store would be closing its doors on 31st August 2019. Bhavisha and Naimesh Patel have been serving our village community since May 2007 and the shop and Post Office will be missed. We understand the family are staying in the village and that Bhavisha will continue to cook Spice Valley takeaways. WEVS would like to thank the Patel family for their support over the years, especially in collecting WEVS subscriptions on our behalf, and we wish them all the best for the future".*

New Clinic For Those With Hearing Aids

This new clinic will be held at Bisley Village Hall from 10:00am till noon on every third Monday of the month. The main services are outlined below but for more details call 01483 473377

First **NHS** Hear Here clinic
16th September

- Checking that the hearing aid is working properly
- Re-tubing, ear mould cleaning and battery replacement
- Checking the fitting of the hearing aid in the ear
- Advice on maintenance and cleaning of the hearing aid
- Advice and support on making the most of the hearing aid
- Information and signposting to other services and useful equipment

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There were jubilant scenes at Gordon's as the A Level and GCSE results were released. In the A Levels, over two fifths of students achieved A* to A grades, securing their next steps, including two to Oxbridge; five to medical school; four on sports scholarships to overseas universities and a number on degree apprenticeships.

In the GCSE results, four fifths of students achieved a 'strong' pass of five or better with over half graded 9-7 and 84 per cent achieving grades 9-5.

The Summer recess saw Sixth Form students completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme with 36 students trekking in the Black Mountains for their five day practice expedition followed by a further five days in Snowdonia.



Meanwhile, the Pipes and Drums have been travelling the country and continent, performing for the Last Post Association's ceremony at Menin Gate in Ypres and competing in the Scottish Pipe Band Championships. Their trip to Glasgow in August for the World Pipe Band Championships also saw them taking part in "Piping Live!" one of Scotland's major cultural and musical events.

Back in West End, the school site has undergone building work and maintenance. Barracudas activity camps have taken up residence as well as visiting clubs using the sports facilities, and the impeccably behaved dogs from the Surrey Police Dogs School also returned to the school for training!

Just before breaking up for the end of term, hundreds of students painted, baked, gardened, picked up litter and helped in primary schools and care homes for Gordon's School's "Make a Difference Day".

The event gave back to communities in West End and further afield, as students litter picked on West Wittering and Littlehampton beaches. The churchyards at Bisley and Holy Trinity, West End saw students clearing weeds and cutting back undergrowth. The graves of orphans living at the school, which was formerly Gordon Boys' Home for necessitous boys, were cleared of debris and cleaned.

Residents of the Princess Christian Care Centre and the White Lodge Centre were visited by students, who helped plant flowers and played games with residents. At Carwarden House School and Tringham Pre-School, students facilitated sports events while at Peter Pan Pre-School they painted a shed, complete with mural!

The school also welcomed the community (and their picnic blankets!) for a glorious celebration of the creative arts for the annual Summer Arts Evening with entertainment provided by students, staff, Holy Trinity School and the Gordon's Singers.



The monthly [Networking Breakfast for local business people begins on Friday 11th October \(8am to 10am\)](#). They are held on the second Friday of every month in the Sports Hub (tickets can be bought here – [www.gordons.school/box office](http://www.gordons.school/box%20office)).

Further information: Sarah Griffin – sgriffin@gordons.school or telephone 01276 858084

We are delighted to report that planning permission has been granted for our new Scout & Guide centre! Scouting has now been active in West End for 100 years, this being our centenary year, with thousands of West End children having passed through our doors. Thus, it seems only fitting that we should now be forging ahead with plans for a stunning new purpose-built centre that will serve, not only the Scouting and Guiding community for the next one hundred years (or more), but also be a valuable asset for the whole community. It has been designed to blend in with the surrounding area and improve and enhance the visual image of the plot.

It has taken a long time to get to this stage, but the pivotal point was when Scouter Andrew Winfer came on board as project manager. We are incredibly grateful for all his endeavours, engaging the right professionals, consulting with planning departments and pushing us forward.

We must also thank the Parish Council for their support and financial assistance, as well as an extremely generous local benefactor! Credit must also go to all the members of the public who took the time to officially register their support - this definitely helped to tip the balance in our favour.

So, we now move on to the mammoth job of fundraising to process the plan into reality!

Of course, we will be exploring all funding opportunities such as grants and lotteries etc but will be relying on your support at a more local level, for instance our proposed 'Buy a brick' campaign (watch this space!)

All the Scouting and Guiding leaders are fully invested in this project but running all the different sections does take up a lot of time so we need a supporters' group that would be available when needed to help with fundraising events.

If you think you can help in any way, please contact us at: gsl@westendscouts.org.uk

We have already had local groups doing fundraising, including Teas on the Rec and Lucas Green Farm. If anyone else has any ideas please contact us at the above address.



West End Social Club

Kathy Butcher

West End Social Club welcomes you, your family and friends to come along and enjoy the many events and activities the Club has to offer. If you become a member you will benefit from reduced price drinks and also reduced entry to events including our fantastic tribute acts

Our **Cars & Guitars** Festival held in July was a great success, attracting a very large crowd that came to listen and dance to the great music performed by three superb live bands. There were approximately 40 Classic American vehicles on display including cars, vans and motorbikes. If you wish to exhibit a vehicle for the first time next year please contact the Club for further details.



Also, the first WESC **Hayride Jamboree** was held in July, this was a tribute to the Stars of Country. It was a great evening and I am sure it will be held again next year. If you are a Country Music fan, live music events are held once a month. Line dancing lessons are regularly held at the Club as well as other dance-style lessons including Jive and Lindy Hop

Our well-stocked bar offers an extensive range of beers (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), real ales, cocktails and hot drinks at very competitive prices. Pop in and enjoy a leisurely drink and a chat with friends in our comfortable lounge.



By the entrance to the club, you will see the addition of some attractive new planters on the wall, these were made by club member John who is part of the Maintenance Team. Thank you John. Our large Lounge and dance floor, or smaller Meeting Rooms can be hired, a buffet can be supplied if required. Please contact the club manager for details.

Tribute Act Dates (Tickets for these sell out quickly)

Saturday 28th Sept	Roy Orbison	8:30 – 11:30pm
Saturday 2nd Nov	Meatloaf and Rocky Horror Tribute (Halloween)	8:30 - 11:30pm
Saturday 16th Nov	Moonshine Eagles	9:00 - 11:30pm
Saturday 7th Dec	Utter Madness	8:30 – 11:30pm

The club also holds:

Open Mic/Jam Sessions once a month on a Sunday afternoon - 2:15 – 4:30pm

Americana Sessions with live music, also on a Sunday afternoon - 2:30 – 4:30pm

Please see our website or Lemonrock.com, select "Venue – West End Social Club" for further details of future events.

Contact: westendsocialclub@btconnect.com

Tel: 01276 858501



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Unveiling The Stag

West End Village Society (WEVS) celebrated the installation of its landmark sculpture of a red deer stag on one of its two roundabouts on the A322. The installation represents the many red deer located on the military land (a large part of which is included in West End Parish) adjacent to Brentmoor Heath in West End. This is the culmination of a major project undertaken by WEVS, which has taken several years to reach fruition, partly caused by the interruption of Covid 19, and was only made possible by the generosity of local people and organisations who contributed to the fund.

On Monday 1st July 2024, a plaque, sited close to the sculpture, listing the major contributors, was unveiled by Surrey County Councillor, Rebecca Jennings-Evans.



The event was attended by local councillors, contributors and WEVS committee members.



WEVS hopes the sculpture will become an iconic feature of our thriving village. Anyone interested in joining the Village Society can contact us at: membershipwevs@gmail.com or visit our marquee at the Ag & Hort Show on 14th September.

The sculptor, George Hider, is based in Merriott, South Somerset, and works with metal which is often gathered from scrap that he has acquired. Much of his work is inspired by his love of animals. George can be contacted via his email address lawrencehider2002@yahoo.co.uk. WEVS are indebted to the installation contractor Bill Kear, who not only contributed to the fund, but stored the sculpture for many months and pulled out all the stops to get the work done once planning approval was given.

West End Village (Tringham) Hall

Jack Kegge

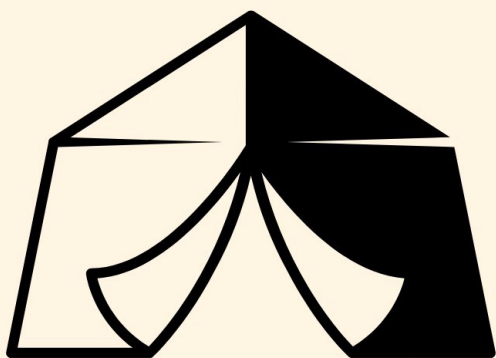
The West End Village Hall Management Trust is looking for additional committee members.

The Trust manages the Hall, as a charity. Committee members attend around 5 or 6 meetings a year and assist with fundraising to support the Hall.

The Hall is a key community asset and we are continually looking at ways to improve its use. Input from new committee members would be welcome.

If you would like to join the committee, supporting the community of West End, please contact Jack Kegge, either by email – jack.kegge@ntlworld.com or phone – 01483 472609.

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Pet Service In The Marquee

11am Sunday 15th September

West End Recreation Ground GU24 9JP

A Praise Service to celebrate the diversity of the Animal Kingdom and all the comfort and fun that our pets bring to our lives.

**ALL AGES &
PETS
WELCOME**



Music provided by The Almac Band



Tringham Hall Quiz Evening

TRINGHAM HALL

Benner Lane West End

QUIZ EVENING

Saturday 26th October 2024

7.00pm for 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 Brenda Ord, Tina Barefield, or

Pete Smith 07801 611663 – pete.smith@ntlworld.com

Jack Kegge 07711 954344 – jack.kegge@ntlworld.com

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

VENUS - A New Business in West End

Venus Nails Hair and Beauty is a local family-run salon, which has been set up by a local resident to service the local community.

Gargi was providing beauty treatments at home throughout Covid and set up a small friendly place in the heart of West End in April this year.

The salon is situated next to The Inn West End, with plenty of parking.

We have a couple of ladies hair stylists and nail technicians, and provide a whole host of beauty services from waxing and pedicures to eyebrow threading

Not forgetting the men, we have a men's hairstylist and barber

If you live locally, come in and say hello, it will be great to meet you.

Contact details:

Mobile : 07506246147

Landline: 01483976316

[We wish Gargi every success in her new venture- Ed]



WEVS Committee - comms@wevs.org.uk

Chairperson: Vacant **Secretary:** Jan Smith **Treasurer:** Yvonne Simpson

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Other members: Anne Allard, Guy Consterdine, Andrew Hopkins, Yvette Jones, Savitri Kegge, Jeff Llewellyn, Dave Norris, Johan Schoeman, Pauline Wells

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