



Note From Our Chairman

Welcome to this rather unusual Chairman's letter for the Summer Edition of the Newsletter. I'm sure you can understand why we have only been able to produce an electronic version rather than our usual printed copy this time.

As I write the sun is shining gloriously and it looks like we are going to have one of the sunniest Easters in living memory. At least we are fortunate enough to have gardens, the Rec and New England Hill (for an hour) to enjoy it. My commiserations to those who have had to abandon their Easter holiday plans with consequent disappointment.

COVID - 19 has also wiped out a number of village social events, including the 75th Anniversary VE Day celebrations on May 8 which is a great shame as much work had been put into their preparation and they promised to be very enjoyable.

The Village Fete on June 6th has also been cancelled. It will be the first summer in more than 35 years (at least) that there has been no Fete. Let's hope that the WEVS Picnic in the Park on Saturday 11 July will still be able to go ahead, although this is by no means certain. We are looking at holding the West End Open Gardens weekend in August rather than on June 21/22 as originally planned. Hopefully the virus situation will have improved sufficiently well before September so the summer holiday plans are not disrupted and the Ag and Hort Show can go ahead as scheduled on 12 September.

But there is an upside. The skies are clear for the first time since the Icelandic volcano grounded all flights. Road traffic has dropped to the levels of the 1930s. It is much quieter as a result and we can enjoy the Spring birdsong. I'm sure that West End's gardens have never been so well tended. There has been an upwelling in community spirit with many offering help for the elderly, unwell and isolated. The West End Community Facebook page has been particularly helpful. My own road has set up a WhatsApp Group which is proving invaluable for letting people know where to get various things which are temporarily in short supply. And Oldies like me have become familiar with Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Facebook Messenger and other on-line platforms for working from home and talking to far-away relatives. I'm sure that life will have changed for all of us after the virus has been overcome.

Until then, stay home ,however tempting the weather, clap on Thursdays for the NHS and keyworkers and stay safe.

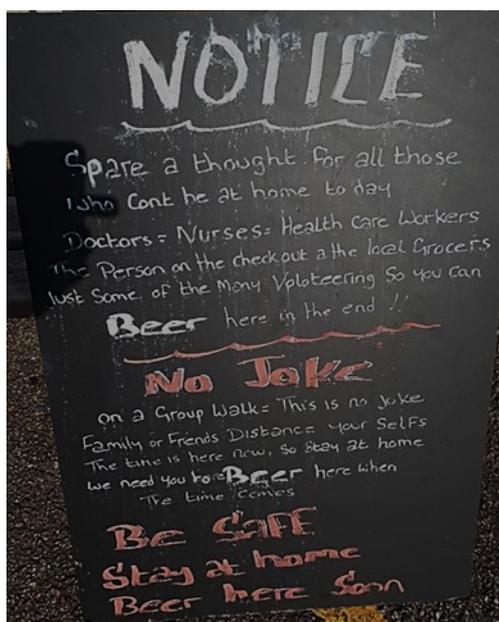
Best wishes to all, Jeff Llewellyn

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What's Open In & Around The Village

- ✿ Brentmoor Heath, West End Common, Turf Hill, Recreation Ground, Rosewood Way Park , Windlemere SANGS all open [Exercise equipment and the SANGS car park closed]
- ✿ BP Garage/M & S
- ✿ Normandy Butchers
- ✿ Rowlands Pharmacy. Note: Open for collections and urgent scripts only 09:00-11:00 and 15:30-17:30
- ✿ Browns Newsagents Mon-Fri 06:30-13:00, 14:00-17:30, Sat: 07:30-13:00, 14:00-17:30, Sun: 07:00-12:00
- ✿ Sainsbury's Brookwood:
 - ◇ Sat, Mon, Tue: 08:00-20:00 ; Wed, Thu, Fri: 08:00-21:00
 - ◇ NHS ID have priority 07:30-08:00 Mon-Sat.
 - ◇ Elderly customers, carers and disabled customers have priority Mon, Wed & Fri 08:00 - 09:00

A Message From The Hare & Hounds



Shops Currently Trading In The Square, Camberley

Boots

Holland & Barrett

Lloyds Bank

Nationwide

Pets Corner

Poundland

Sainsbury's

Superdrug

TSB

Wilko

West End Quiz

Answers on the final page

1. In what year did West End become a civil parish?
2. Roughly how many red deer are there in the Parish (Well, on Pirbright Ranges, most of which is in WE) 20-50, 50-100, 100-200, 200-300?
3. How many Parish Councillors do we have?
4. Which West End road is allegedly a Roman Road?
5. How many Iron Age barrows are on Brentmoor Heath?
6. Add up the numbers of any A or B roads located in the parish.
7. Which 3 rivers/streams run through the parish?
8. In what year was Holy Trinity Church built (within 10 years)?
9. Who is the patron of Gordon's School?
10. Some of Minorca Avenue is in the parish of West End. Where is it?
11. Where is, or was, the railway station closest to West End?
12. 3 bus routes (excluding school routes) run through the village, what numbers are they?
13. Which West End roads have the same first name but different second names? (e.g. xxx Street, xxx Road etc).
14. What type of plane crashed on the Recreation Ground adjacent to Streets Heath in September 1940?
15. What was "The Inn at West End" originally called?
16. During World War II there was an anti-aircraft battery situated in West End. Where was it?
17. When was Gordon's School established? 1855, 1870, 1885, 1900
18. One shop was 'By appointment to Her Majesty the Queen', what was it?
19. How many Tennis Courts are there?
20. Before Martins Tyres (Brentmoor Road), what was the large storage area it's situated on used for?

WEVS Project Of The Year—Update

We now have planning permission!



Did You Know?

In 1965/66 Hammer made a horror film called "The Reptile". Part of it was filmed at Graingers Farm, Brentmoor Road, near the Hare and Hounds.

[Sorry for the delay in publishing this, it should have been in the last newsletter-Ed.]

West End said farewell to one of their truly wise countrymen in August 2019. John lived his whole life in West End and he had seen many changes through the years. He was a friend to many and shared his wisdom of country lore and ways with any who stopped for a chat.

John became a great friend and source of much countryside wisdom when I accepted the role of volunteer warden of the newly established Brentmoor Heath Nature Reserve in 1987. His beloved wife, Cath, and his much loved and carefully tended grey Ferguson tractor, were often out and about supporting me in caring for the general maintenance of the reserve.

In the early days, a contractor who was asked to give a price for clearing the main ditch that runs along the south of the reserve around Donkey Town gave me a quote of double my annual budget. John came to my rescue and for a very modest sum he, Cath and I each year worked together clearing the ditch and ensuring that winter flood water flowed on and into the watercourse. That is, except for one year when someone fly-tipped a bag of garden waste into the outflow of the ditch, thereby blocking the pipe under Brentmoor Road, causing a cascade of water to flood across the road.

Clearing the ditch and banks became an enjoyable annual event. It took us about 10 days as it was all done by hand. It was an opportunity for John to share his stories about growing up in West End and to teach me about 'How things should be done'. John took pride in his work and the ditch always reflected his dedication and attention to detail. Many people came out to say hello and offer us a cup of tea.

Appreciation of the careful tending of the ditch was shown when David Bellamy, President of Surrey Wildlife Trust, came to make a short television documentary about heathland. David jumped into the ditch – in summer – and was excited about the plants growing along the sides of the ditch which, he said, was like a linear bog with several sphagnum mosses.

On many occasions I visited John and Cath and sat around their kitchen table sharing a cup of tea and talking about anything under the sun. John always knew what was happening in the village and was a good friend to many. We will miss him.

Every time I walk beside the ditch or over a bridge he helped me build I can feel his presence and sometimes a word of 'Things aren't what they used to be.'

High Cross Church

Donations of Ambient Food, Toiletries, Cleaning Supplies, Baby Products, Elderly Care Products etc gratefully accepted. Please take them to:

- ◆ Camberley Cricket Club, Upper Verron Road, GU15 2JL (Open daily 09:00 to 12:00)
- ◆ The SQ Shopping Centre, Camberley

PLEASE NOTE: *we do not want clothes, bedding, books etc. People bringing "unhelpful" items will be sent home with them.*

West End Tennis Club

It was with great regret that we have had to close the tennis courts to prospective players during the “lockdown” period. While some had argued that it would be possible to observe the required social distancing and play tennis, there was always the issue of hand contact with surfaces your partner had previously touched (nets/balls etc) or the potential inhalation of infected vapour droplets during vigorous exercise. So, on the advice of the LTA, and in keeping with other sporting clubs and organisations, the courts have been locked until further notice.

It is our intention to reopen as soon as we possibly can and we would encourage past members to renew their membership and potential new players to join now. You can contact us by email at: wetc@hotmail.com. We will be adjusting the annual membership period to take account of the time that the courts were not available for play. At this stage, we are unable to say what this will be but we will inform members as soon as we are able.

The “lockdown” has meant that this year’s tennis coaching course could not start as planned. This has always been a popular option and was well subscribed for this year. We hope that we might be able to arrange some form of tuition when things return to a more normal footing but, like everything else, this is currently in the lap of the gods.



Little Leaning Library in
Lockdown



April Rush Hour (6pm)—West End

For those of us fortunate to have a garden - and I really do feel for families confined to flats with no access to private green spaces - the C-19 "lockdown" has presented an ideal opportunity to do some tidying up at precisely the time we should have been doing so. Of course, the brilliant weather in the run-up to Easter has been an added incentive to get our hands dirty. The warmth and sunlight has helped to lift our spirits and the dash of colour in our gardens and around the village, courtesy of the WEVS bulb planting project, has been a strong reminder that in spite of the current tribulations of the human race, nature carries on regardless.

Our assault on the weeds, the tidying of paths and driveways and the mowing of lawns will mean we are ahead of the game this year but there are a few things that we can still do to ensure we maintain the upper hand. First of all there is watering. In spite of the very wet winter we have endured, the ground has been drying out rapidly. Plants, in particular those in pots and ones planted during the past few months, already need to be watered regularly and given a good feed. Failure to do so now will mean stunted development at best and total loss at worst.

Secondly, there are the pests. I have already spotted swarms of greenfly on my roses and the lily beetles have come out in force in the warm weather. Lily beetles are bright red and about 1cm long. They and their offspring will devastate your ornamental lilies and



A very welcome dash of colour in these dark times



Lily Beetle

need to be eradicated if at all possible. Picking them off plants and despatching them is effective and the best time for this is in the evening when they seem to be most active. You have to be careful as they will drop off the plants if they sense danger and lie on their backs and with their black undersides are all but impossible to spot on the soil. If you manage to catch one, hold it in your closed hand and shake it to hear it squeak....before delivering the coup-de-grace.

One of the guest speakers at the Village Garden Club was a very keen advocate of garlic spray as a non-toxic method of deterring pests, - slugs as well as the usual insects. This is a contact spray and needs to be applied weekly and after rain, as it will wash off. Those that have used it say it is effective. Very briefly, the recipe is as follows: peel & crush the cloves from a whole head of garlic; place in a bowl & pour in 1ltr of boiling water; stand in a covered jar for 24 hours, shaking from time-to-time; strain the mixture; pour into a sprayer and add some dishwashing detergent as well; spray on your target plants, especially on the underside of leaves. Refrigerate whatever is left over and use within a week, after which it will go off. The strength of the spray can be adjusted by altering the amount of garlic or water used.

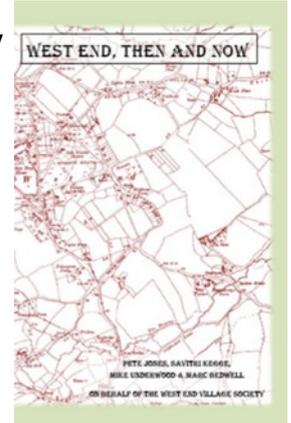
Good luck, good gardening and good health.

Things To Buy—West End Village Society Publications

West End Walks. 2 walks in one document: One around the village with history information and on the reverse, a nature walk around the Brentmoor Heath/Lucas Green areas. Price: 50p

West End book 'WEST END THEN AND NOW'. 70 pages with photos (some in colour) and maps. (published September 2019). Price £7.50

To purchase these, please text/ring Pete on; 07780 673580



CONTACT NUMBERS

West End and Bisley Community Help	07825 292 998		Can collect prepaid shopping/medication
West End and Bisley Care and Good Neighbour Group (WEBCare)	07713 915 393	10:00-noon Mon to Fri	Not currently possible to help with transport. Can collect shopping/medication
Parish of West End and Bisley	01483 473377		
Coronavirus Community Helpline	0300 200 1008	Mon-Fri 08:00-18:00 Weekend 10:00-14:00	Surreycc.gov.uk/coronavirus

Quiz Answers

1: 1968 2: 100-200 3: 7 4: Broad Street 5: 4 6: 952 7: The Bourne; Trulley Brook; Halebourne 8: 1842 9: The Queen 10: NE Deput 11: Blackdown Barracks (during WW2) and Bisley Camp (1890-1952) are both 500m from the parish boundary, both linked to Brookwood station 12: 34, 35, 47 13: Kings Road, Kings Place, Kings Close 14: A Heinkel 111 German bomber 15: The Wheatsheaf 16: Cuckoo Hill 17: 1885 18: Buttons Saddle 19: 3 20: Bus Garage

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