



Chairman's Chat

It has been a sad December with the passing of two influential West Enders: Ken Wretham was involved in the founding of many clubs in the village (including WEVS); and Richard Wilson was the village historian. Both funerals took place on 19 December.

Currently discussions are ongoing between SHBC and the developers about a WEVS initiated footpath to link Oldhouse Lane with Fairfield Lane. In addition, WEVS are supporting a resident's initiative to create cycle links within and between the villages. This is also under consideration by SHBC.

In the autumn, lots of people were again involved in planting thousands of bulbs around the village. Roll on spring. This is a three-year project that started in 2016, and the good news is that we have already secured the fund needed for 2018. Many thanks to Ravi and the planting teams for all their hard work.

Our AGM is on Tuesday 20 Feb 19:30 at the Sports Pavilion followed by a talk 'Iron Age West End' by Guy Consterdine. Please do join us and contribute to our discussions.



2017 Boxing Day Walk

Despite the muddy track the Boxing Day walk was a great success with over 100 participants. Thanks to Chris and Mary Anthony for leading it.

Let's continue to make the village the great place it is.

You can keep up to date with what's going on by visiting our website - www.wevs.org.uk

Pete Jones , Chairman

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Annual General Meeting

Secretary

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is taking place on 20 February at the Sports Pavilion starting at 19:30. All members are warmly invited to attend the evening.

Draft Agenda

- Apologies for absence
- Minutes of the AGM held on 21 February 2017
- Matters arising
- Chairman's report
- Treasurer's report
- Election of officers and committee
- Consideration of worthy causes
- Any other business
- Talk - 'Iron Age West End'

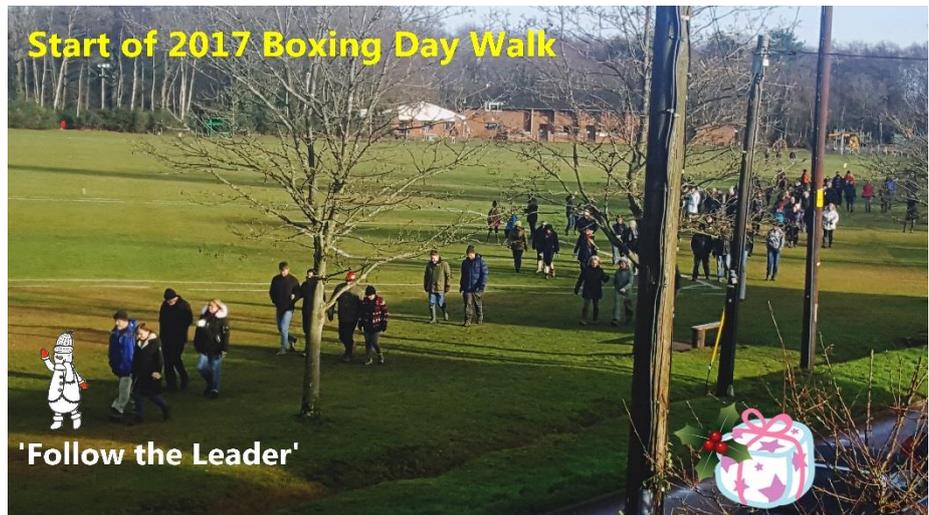
In addition to the customary presentations by the Chairman and Treasurer, a talk will be given by Guy Consterdine on the 'Iron Age West End'.

The evening will conclude about 9.30pm with a social where there will be light refreshments and opportunity for mingling with other members.

Boxing Day Walk

Mary Anthony

West End's Boxing Day Walk is an institution that was started more than 40 years ago by Ken Wretham so, fittingly, the 2017 walk was dedicated in his memory. Despite a rather wet and windy Christmas night, Boxing Day was bright and clear for the annual event. After meeting at the Tringham Hall car park, the group set off across the recreation ground and over the A322 to Brentmoor Heath where it was joined by some more walkers making a total



of 116 people and one child's buggy. The 2017 walk followed (more or less) the route of the previous year with an "escape" point at the end of Brentmoor Road about halfway round. Some of it was hard-going, though manageable, for the buggy. After the escape point, the muddy section was no muddier than usual despite the rain. The walk concluded at the junction of the Roman Road to Farley Heath and Brentmoor Road where we turned right to head towards the Hare & Hounds. The Boxing Day Walk is a

great way to get some fresh air and catch up with your friends and neighbours. Do join us next year and remember to wear Wellies or walking boots.

Membership

Mary Anthony, Membership Secretary

In recent years, WEVS's membership numbers have declined. Last summer, we carried out a membership recruitment drive where we distributed nearly 1000 leaflets targeting non-members. As a result, fifteen new members were recruited which is good but it's still well below our expectation. As you know, the village is changing fast and soon we are going to be joined by new residents. For a successful community, a civic forum is crucial. Established in 1973, WEVS is the only resident group representing the village and we are run by an annually-elected volunteer committee. To move with the times, we are looking for new members as well as new committee members. Do you know any fellow residents whom you can ask to become members? For example, you could ask your neighbour or the parents of your child's friend. Why not be an ambassador for WEVS? The cost of the membership has not changed for the past eight years, £3.00 per household per annum; £1.50 for pensioners.

WE NEED MORE PEOPLE LIKE YOU
TO JOIN US.



PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS
AND BE A WEVS AMBASSADOR

Residents can become members by simply completing the slip below and putting it in an envelope with the correct money. Hand it in at Shiv Store, High Street.



WEVS membership application (£3 per household, £1.50 for pensioners)

Family name
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Address (number and street)
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Brentmoor Heath

Ben Habgood, Surrey Wildlife Trust

2017 was an excellent year for Brentmoor Heath and the Folly Bog, starting with clearance of 4.17 hectares of invasive Scots pine, Silver birch and Gorse scrub over last winter. The works were completed by the end of February 2017. These areas have since recovered well and the good quality, mature heather that was being out-competed is now flourishing once more.

An exceptionally dry winter and spring (2017) meant that the acid grasses took much longer to start growing, particularly the purple moor grass which is a deciduous perennial species and can become dominant on some areas of heathland. Thankfully the rains did eventually come and we had a long and relatively mild summer with good

numbers of breeding Dartford Warblers (a resident ground-nesting bird and heathland specialist), lots of Stonechats and even a Cuckoo!



SSB Butterflies mating
June 2017

Silver-studded blue (SSB) butterflies did exceptionally well on Brentmoor last summer with 113 individuals being recorded across June alone. Surrey Wildlife Trust has been working hard to control the scrub in the SSB hotspots using contractors and volunteers. We have also introduced a new heather mowing programme to help create a more diverse age structure within the dwarf shrubs and across the site. These habitat management works have already started as we create more areas of vital bare ground across the site which species like the Grayling butterfly and Green tiger beetle need in order to feed and burrow.

The Folly was once again grazed in late summer 2017 to remove the year's thatch of grass and scrub growth from the mire habitat. We did have one escapee during this time, but this was down to one of our easy access gates being left open and the cow could squeeze round. All access gates along Red Road now have spring hinges to ensure no more of our fluffy Belties escape!

Winter 2018 has again been a busy one with 5 hectares of scrub being cut and removed from the site. Two contractors will have cleared ten compartments on Brentmoor Heath and three compartments on the Folly Bog area. Select areas of common gorse have been cleared to expose the sandy south facing slopes and banks so that specialist invertebrates such as the sand digger wasp can burrow into this warm and firm sub-soil consisting of sand, stone and in some cases peat. Areas of bare ground like this are incredibly important to so many species and will also give the young heather seedlings the opportunity to germinate and in so doing create an even more diverse age structure to the habitat.

All of the external and internal fire breaks will have been mown by the end of February 2018 and all of the ditches have been inspected and cleared accordingly. Surrey Wildlife Trust work closely with Surrey Heath Borough Council, Surrey County Council, Ministry of Defence and the Highways Agency to maintain the ditches, fire breaks, emergency access points and public rights of way on Brentmoor Heath.

Our herd of 19 goats didn't return to Brentmoor Heath this winter as the area they grazed last winter (2017) was worked on by contractors. We will monitor how the area responds to the goat grazing and scrub clearance this coming summer and our goats may return at the end of 2018 to complete the works in the area south of New England Hill.

Fingers crossed for a good spring with warmer weather, some rain thrown into the mix and an influx of migrating birds and insects onto our precious lowland heathland habitat. Please look out for our seasonal site notices as well as other safety signage. Please note that 1 March signals the start of bird nesting season and breeding pairs will be looking for safe territories in the heather and low lying scrub. Please keep to the public rights

of way at all times and don't allow your dog to wander into the heather as this could potentially disturb a ground nesting bird. Thank you for cooperation.

West End WI

Jean Williams

West End WI has enjoyed a long and established part in village and community life. Our programme always covers a wide variety of topics to interest everyone. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Sports Pavilion at 8pm. Last year we had talks as varied as the history of the John Lewis Partnership and Blessed are the Cheese Makers.

We have many opportunities to increase your social life, including luncheon club, local walks and visits to places of historic interest and even the chance to knit and natter or maybe just natter. We offer a warm welcome of friendship to new comers so why not take the plunge and come along. Our meetings are advertised in the two village newspaper shops.

Remembrance Sunday

John Smith



Remembrance Sunday service in progress

On a bright but cold day the Rector of the United Parishes of Bisley and West End conducted the Remembrance Day Service at the Memorial in West End.

Wreaths were laid by the Bisley, Knaphill & West End Branch of the British Legion, Bisley, Knaphill & West End Men's Section British Legion, West End Village Garden Club, West End Social Club, West End Scout Troop, West End Jamboree Cubs, West End Guides & Senior Section, West End Brownies, West End Tarzan Beaver Colony and West End Parish

Council who also sponsored the standing silhouette of a soldier (can be seen in the foreground) and 73 wooden memorial crosses that were also placed around the Memorial.

Cubs

Julie Komor

Snow no show!

In December we may not have had any snow to speak of in West End but that didn't stop the imagination of some of the West End Cub Scouts! Here they are at their Super Hero Christmas Party turning their sixers (it means cub leaders) into human snowmen!



Super Hero Snowmen



We also made beautiful eco-friendly Christmas decorations using recycled shoe box lids and Christmas baubles with natural foliage, twigs and pine cones. The Cubs wrote the word of their choice onto the candles using a wax pen – not an easy job but they looked great when finished!

We are seeking more Cub helpers! No previous experience necessary, a warm welcome awaits you. Come and join the fun! Please speak to Julie on 01483 480982.

Holy Trinity Churchyard

Rosemary Kneller

Last November I thought I would go up and have a little tidy up of the churchyard, not realising that there was a work party already arranged for that day. I ended up spending the whole morning with them clearing up, especially being in charge of the bonfire. As an ex Guider, I was in my element!! In the picture below you can see some of the volunteers – Jean, Gordon, Angela, Jane and Rose. Angela and Jane are desperate for more help. They meet on the first Saturday of each month. If you or anyone you know can spare a couple of hours please go along with your garden tools and lend a hand. More hands make less work!!!! Thank you to Edna for supplying much needed coffee and biscuits.



The Bowls Club

Pat Turner

You will have all noticed that the work on the bowls club extension is well underway. It was made possible by the combination of a substantial grant from the London Marathon Charitable Trust, the fundraising efforts of the members, an interest free loan from Bowls England and significant unsecured loans from individual club members. The builders are expected to finish the major works in March. After this the members will be undertaking lots of detailed finishing work to prepare for opening at the start of the new season.



The extended clubhouse will mean the club can accommodate more members and also offer more activities to the community, including Short Mat Bowling. If you are looking for a venue to hold a regular activity - perhaps keep fit, Yoga, Pilates, Bridge - it's not too early to enquire about the availability of the premises. For regular updates visit the website (www.westendbowls.co.uk) or contact membership secretary Pat Turner by e-mail (webcmembership@gmail.com) or phone 01276 62600.

Funding for Worthy Causes

Editor

Normally we set aside a budget for donation to groups or projects working for local worthy causes. In the last issue we called for nominations for the worthy causes where a maximum award of £200 is possible. In January the WEVS committee heard compelling pleas for financial assistance from three such groups. If you are able to come to the AGM on 20 February you will be able hear brief presentations by the successful groups.

Gordon's School

Sarah Griffin
Communications Officer, Gordon's School



Student members of the Pipes and Drums Band from Gordon's School took to the streets of London for their annual parade along Whitehall last month - marking the highlight of the School's calendar.

Around 250 students from the school - which is the only one in the country permitted to march along the central London venue - took part in the event to honour General Gordon. Did you know that the school was originally started in 1885 as Gordon's Boys' Home by Queen Victoria, who wanted a fitting national memorial to be created in Gordon's honour?

Students dressed in their ceremonial Blues uniform, marched along Whitehall and past the Cenotaph before arriving at the statue of General Gordon on the banks of the Thames at the Victoria Embankment Gardens. There they attended a Memorial Service to commemorate the death of the Christian soldier hero, philanthropist General Charles George Gordon, led by the School Chaplain the Reverend Sarah Norbron.

The Whitehall Parade which is now in its 26th year, was followed by the annual General Gordon Memorial Service in Guildford Cathedral the next day attended by the whole school, staff and parents.

The Boundary Commission

Graham Alleyway

The delayed final recommendation report by the Boundary Commission affecting Surrey Heath was published at the end of August 2017. Readers may recall the ill-conceived proposal of Chobham Borough Councillors to take a substantial amount of West End residents into Chobham Ward without consultation of residents. This proposal was further sanctioned by Surrey Heath Borough Council by including it in their submission to the Boundaries Commission a few hours before the submission deadline. A number of the affected residents, along with the West End Parish Council, made strong representations against the proposal and the way it was executed. I am pleased to report the Boundaries Commission completely aligned with our views and rejected the proposal thus leaving the residents safely within West End Ward, represented by West End Councillors. The full final report can be viewed at this website http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-east/surrey/surrey-heath_pages_11_and_12.

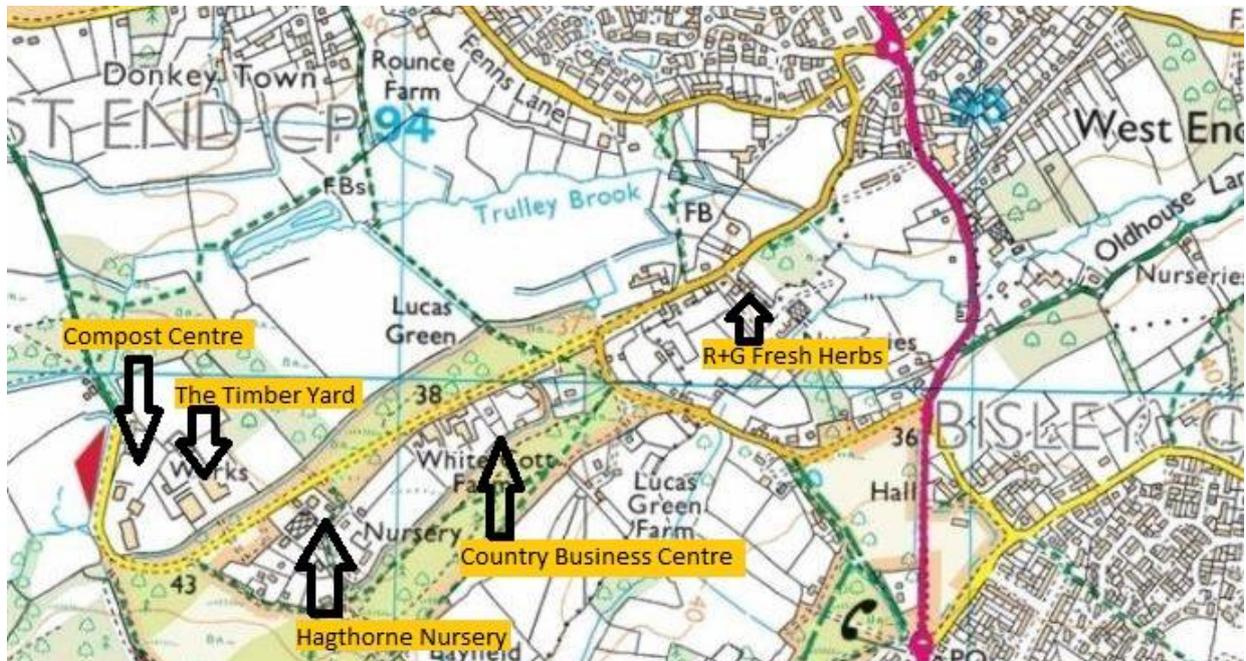
Lucas Green Business Park

Pete Jones

So what's lurking in Lucas Green?

How many of you know about the abundance of businesses that are located in Lucas Green, which is a very long road. There are in fact two business parks - in Lucas Green, Country Business Centre (halfway up on the left) and The Timber Yard (near the end on the right). In addition there are a few other businesses dotted along this road.

To my astonishment I discovered that there are about 25 businesses here in total. Some are specialist businesses and probably of little interest to villagers. However, many would be of interest to locals. I spent a bit of time putting together a directory by paying a visit and doing a bit of research on the web. I must give a special mention to Adirondack. There is an amazing array of intelligent woodworking machinery they use to produce their excellent garden furniture. I hope you find the directory useful.



Country Business Centre

Name	Nature of business	Web	Phone
A B Party & Catering Equipment	Catering equipment hire	www.abhire.com	01276 856440
Claremont Marquees	Marquee hire	www.claremont-marquees.co.uk	01483 486677
Eurograv	Plastics, Printing and Converting machinery	www.eurograv.com	01483 474426
Hulme-Martin	Heat sealers	www.hulmemartin.co.uk	01483 476767
Panache	Curtains blinds shutters	www.panacheblinds.com	01483 363009
Tavak	Plastic bags	www.tavak.co.uk	0845 2235206
Viking Shopfitters	Shopfitters		01483 799992

The Timber Yard

Adirondack Outdoors	Bespoke wooden garden furniture	www.adirondack.co.uk	01483 489002
Autocraft Repairs Ltd	Vehicle bodywork repairs	www.autocraftrepairs.com	01483 488333

Name	Nature of business	Web	Phone
Bicknells Coaches	Coach and bus hire	www.bicknellscoaches.com	01483 422110
Challenge Fencing	Garden fencing	www.challengefencing.com	01483 472264
Newtons Coaches	Coach and bus hire	www.newtonscaches.com	01483 233402
Pennyhill Timber	Timber, landscaping, fencing, plasterboard and insulation	www.pennyhilltimber.co.uk	01483 486739
Roman Pools	Swimming pool construction	www.romanpools.com	01932 302222
Stone Traders	Natural stone and porcelain paving	www.stonetraders.co.uk	01483 472521
The Revival Company	Fire & associated damage restoration		01483 475107
V&V Motors	Vehicle, repairs, air conditioning, MOTs		01483 799880

Others in Lucas Green

Compost Centre	Compost, peat, topsoil and bark	www.thecompostcentre.co.uk	01483 472423
Hagthorne Nurseries	Nursery (Trade only)	www.hagthorne.com	01483 473859

R&G Herbs moved to Farnborough in 2016 as they had outgrown their site on Lucas Green Road. The oldest commercial grower and supplier of fresh cut culinary herbs in the UK, R&G Herbs had been in West End for 45 years.

Ken Wretham 1925 - 2017

Jeff Llewellyn



Village Society Members will be saddened to learn of the death of Ken Wretham, one of our Founder Members, at the age of 92.

Ken was born in the East End of London on 16 June 1925. He was very proud of leaving school with just a swimming certificate! He joined the Navy and during the war served as a telegraphist on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific. After the war he had a career in telecoms in the Post Office and then in BT. He married Alma in 1948 and they moved to West End,

at that time a small heathland village, in 1956 as one of the first residents of Sefton Close where he lived until he died.

Ken played a very active part in village life. Besides being a Founder Member of the Village Society, he started the Scout troop, and was instrumental in setting up the Garden club, the Bowls club and was an early member of TWERPS. He also introduced Stoolball to the Village. He was elected West End's 'Citizen of the Year' by the Parish Council in 2007 in recognition of his considerable contribution to Village life.

Ken died on 1 December 2017 after a long illness and will be greatly missed. The British Legion, of which he was a longstanding member, provided a guard of honour at his funeral service in Holy Trinity Church on 19 December.



Richard Lucock Wilson 1915 -2017



WEVS was sad to hear of the passing of another great resident. Richard, also known as Dick, was born in Bagshot to Sarah Lucock, a West Ender, and Richard Wilson who served in the First World War. When the war ended the family moved to Kew to be nearer Shepherds Bush where Dick's father was a wine merchant.

Dick gained a place at St. Paul's School in West London where he enjoyed a first-class education. He was a talented painter and studied art at Westminster Art School. In 1934 after joining Lintas - an agency for Lever Brothers - he subsequently became editor of the Lever Mirror, the in-house magazine of Unilever. He travelled to all the Unilever factories and companies with his own photographer. In 1954 Dick wrote 'Soap through the ages' and later incredibly the 'History of Dentistry'.

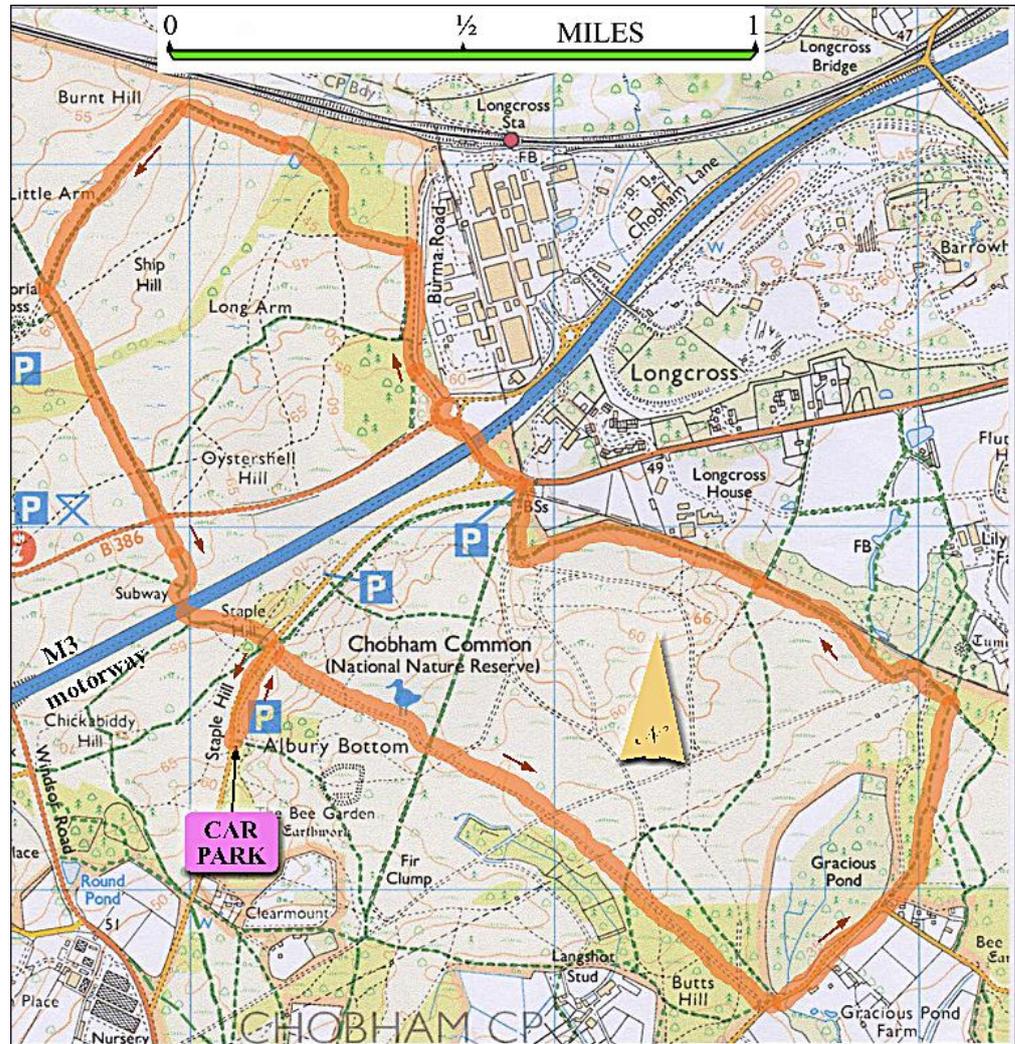
The family decided to rebuild Dyckmore cottage, 12 Streets Heath, West End and returned to live there in the fifties with Dick commuting to London from Woking. Even after his retirement he edited the Business Archives News Letter for many years, sorted and indexed the photographic archives of Unilever and also the archives of Sainsbury's whilst in his eighties. He also became an active member of local societies in Bagshot and West End. For many years Dick was our local historian.

Well into his nineties, years after the death of his parents, Dick insisted on maintaining his independence, and living in his own home. He finally decided to sell his beloved Dyckmore and move into the Sunrise Home, Bagshot in 2013, with the help of his niece Christina.

Sunday 11th February 2018

This 5 mile February walk finishes a short distance from The Red Lion pub in Red Lion Road in Chobham – we will guide you there after the walk if you require. Please let us know if you are interested in having a meal at the pub, for our annual lunch, at least a week before the day of the walk so that we can advise our hosts of the numbers involved. You will be able to order the meal on the day of the walk and we have included a sample of the menu with this sheet. Note that the menu could be slightly changed on the day of the walk.

We will meet on 11 February at Jubilee Mount car park, Staple Hill (marked on the map) for a 12pm start. We have asked for the meal to be ready for us at 2 p.m.



The annual subscription for TWERPS membership is now due and unfortunately, after many years at the same figure, we have been forced to increase it to £15 per person payable by cash or cheque.

We are delighted to announce yet another exciting programme for our intrepid walkers, please see next page. In order to help you choose the walk we have provided additional terrain details for each walk. New walkers are always welcome to join us.

For more information contact: Nicholas & Niaouli Wolf. tel.- 01276503006 mobile - 07710766681 Email: nj_njwolf@hotmail.com

Route Ref.	Walk no.	Date	Route	10 a.m. Start Location	Terrain	Miles
386	78	11 Mar	Bushy Park, Hampton Wick & Hampton Court	Bushy Park car park, Hampton Wick & Hampton Court (grid ref. SU 160 694)	Flat and leisurely stroll	6½
387	13	8 Apr	Starveall Corner, Forest Green, Ewhurst & Holmbury Farm	Starveall Corner, Wotton Common car park at Leith Hill (grid ref. TQ 131 432)	Hilly with 2 steep inclines	7½
388	41	13 May	Frensham Little Pond, Hankley Common & Devil's Jump	Car Park at Little Frensham Pond (grid ref. SU 859 418)	Some small hills	7
389	62	10 Jun	Wisley, Ockham, Martyrs Green & Chatley Hth semaphore tower	Wisley Common car park (grid ref. SU 066 588)	Flat. Can be muddy in a few places in the winter	8
390		Midsu mmer walk	Details to be arranged			
391	4	8 Jul	Friday Street, Leith Hill & Holmbury St Mary	Friday Street car park (grid ref. TQ 125 458)	Woodland walk with gentle inclines	6 ½
392	75	12 Aug	The Moat, Ockley Common, Gatwick & Elstead	Car park near Elstead (grid ref. SU 899 415)	Flat with one incline out of Elstead	7
393	36	9 Sep	Puttenham Common, Gatwick, Cutt Mill, Nth Downs Way, Puttenham	Puttenham Common top car park in Suffield Lane (grid ref. SU 920 462)	Fairly flat with a few slight inclines	7¾
394	31	14 Oct	Hindhead, Haslemere & Grayswood	Hill Crest NT car park (grid ref. SU 890 357)	Early part hilly, flat but very steep towards the end	8

395	90	18 Nov	Shalford, Loseley Park, Polstead Manor & North Downs Way	Shalford Railway Station car park (grid ref. TQ 002 470)	Flat with a few gentle inclines	6½
396	52	9 Dec	Pirbright, Cobbett Hill & Bullswater Common	Lord Pirbright's Hall car park (grid ref. SU 946 560)	Generally flat with some muddy stretches	7½

If you feel that you would prefer a slightly shorter walk from the mileage shown we suggest that you contact Niaouli & Nicholas beforehand to advise you on a suitable route.

West End Tree Group

Yvette Jones

Last year Savitri Kegge and I were invited to attend a meeting with a few other likeminded individuals from Surrey Heath interested in protecting trees. From this meeting a much larger group has now evolved. A new committee has been formed, a draft constitution created and application for charitable status put forward. The last meeting in November had 13 attendees. The group now includes representatives from many Surrey Heath wards and is supported by Parish and Borough Councillors

The Borough arboriculturalist and 'Green Space team' are also involved. This gives us a much wider base and with a hands-on approach, it is anticipated that more can be achieved for the Borough by protecting and improving the environment, our trees and amenity spaces. It is very early days yet and the group is just getting started. We will report on progress and activities.

In the meantime, now is a great time to look at deciduous trees in your garden and consider if pruning is required (whilst trees are still dormant, in late autumn or early winter, before new spring growth). Formative pruning to train a young tree can prevent the need for more drastic surgery later when it can be stressful for the tree, and expensive. Birches, horse chestnuts, walnuts, maples and cherries tend to exude sap and are best pruned in midsummer after new growth has matured. Evergreens need little or no pruning. This should be left to late summer. Advice on pruning is available at <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice>

West End Tennis Club

Chris Anthony

West End Tennis Club AGM & Coaching

West End Tennis Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting in the Village Pavilion, Benner Lane, on Thursday 8th March. The formal part of the meeting will commence at

7:30pm and will be followed, after about half an hour, by refreshments. Then, members will be able to pay their annual subscription and exchange their key for the 2018 edition.

It will also be an opportunity to sign up for the course of professional coaching that will commence on 19 April and last twelve weeks. These training sessions, the cost of which is subsidised, are designed to cater for players of all standards, including beginners. Individual and family membership is available and is not exclusively open to village residents. If you would like more information or wish to sign up, please come along to the AGM or visit the club's website at www.westendtennis.club

Project of the Year 2017

Ravi Raveendran

50,000 bulbs!

We know we did well in 2016. But 2017 turned out to be even better and that's despite the lower numbers of volunteers who showed up at the sessions. We started the weekend planting sessions on 30 September and finished on 18 November. By then we had planted 50,000 individual bulbs surpassing our target and receiving wider publicity too. Our story appeared in social media and even in two local newspapers (one shown below).



This achievement sums up the village spirit. As you may know the village already has a number of philanthropic volunteers who regularly help out with the running of clubs targeted at certain groups. The volunteers who helped with the planting did something that benefits everyone in the village and will be enjoyed by our next generation too. The above photo shows one such group of volunteers and there are more photos on our webpage.

As our readers would know, 2017 was the second phase of a three year project. In the last newsletter we said that we had to reduce our target to 40,000 bulbs because of the level of funds and lower number of volunteers. In the end we were fortunate to receive three grants in addition to the individual donations and a dozen or so donations from clubs and businesses which took the total money raised in 2017 to just above £2,400! We already had £1,600 carryover money from the 2016 budget which meant we had £4,000 in total to spend. This allowed us to stretch our target to 50,000 bulbs in stages before the planting season ended. The final cost was £2,700 which leaves £1,300 in the budget for the final phase. The exact amounts will be detailed in the annual account which will be published at the forthcoming AGM on 20 February. In 2017 we focussed more on the side roads in particular Rosewood Way, Fuchsia Way and Benner Lane. We also started planting on the A319 Bagshot Road for the first time which will be completed in 2018.

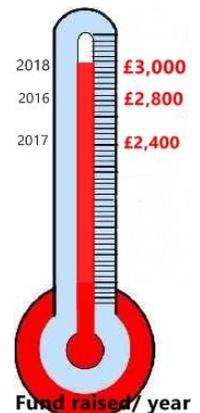
In order to protect the plants from being damaged by grass cutting, we have informed the councils to avoid cutting the grass in these areas for up to six weeks after the blooms have died down.

Breaking news

One of the grant applications was made by our chairman for which the decision was announced only last month. The benefactor has awarded £3,000 to our project! It takes the total fund available for 2018 to £4,300. It means that we won't have to actively raise any more money as the funds secured will cover the cost of the final phase of the planting.

Story so far

	2016	2017	2018
Bulbs planted	17,000	50,000	TBA
Funds raised	£2,800	£2,400	£3,000
Carryover from prev. year	£0	£1,600	£1,300
Spend	£1,200	£2,700	Total available
Funds remaining	£1,600	£1,300	= £4,300



2018 Phase

Based on the funding available, the final phase of the planting is going to be our biggest to date. We can purchase the bulbs with confidence early in the season as we now have a secure budget. This will allow us to buy more bulbs than ever before. Here's to 2018! We will however need more volunteers to get through the sheer volume of bulbs; so please keep your weekends free from end of September to mid-November.

Looking ahead to 2019

We are inviting ideas for next year's project. If you have a good idea for a project that will benefit the village please forward your suggestion to us at comms@wevs.org.uk. The WEVS committee will be considering the ideas suggested by you in our May meeting to select one based on funds required, complexity, chance of success and our experience.



HAVE AN IDEA FOR A COMMUNITY PROJECT?

SEND IN YOUR SUGGESTION TO : WWW.COMMS@WEVS.ORG.UK

DO IT BY END OF APRIL