



Chairman's Chat

Chairman's Summer Salutations

This is our 45th year since inception. We continue to work to the original objectives and vision. Read the article on how it all started in 1974 in the following pages. We are launching an annual picnic, please see the back page for details.

Hasn't it been a joy to drive or walk through our village? From February to April there were thousands of flowers wherever you looked. This autumn we hope to plant more than double the number of 2017 bulbs, for that we need a lot of help. Do look out for the details of the planting programme, which will run from September to November, to see how you could get involved.

Surrey Borough Heath Council has been looking at footpaths and cycleways. Unfortunately, it looks like the footpath to link Oldhouse Lane with Fairfield Lane will not happen because the developers are not willing to change their agreed planning permissions. There is some movement to create new cycle links, but most likely they will just be along the A322 and A319. Not ideal from our point of view.

This year's Fete is on 2 June, as usual it'll be between midday and 4pm on the Recreation Ground. Do visit the WEVS in our big white tent where you can pay your subs, pick up a walking map, the history book or a litter picker. There'll also be a new collection of photos from the West End History Project. The north of our village is under threat from a different source – ESSO pipeline. If you would like to know more about this pipeline replacement project, read about it in the following pages or just pop in.

With the summer approaching, there are many, yet free, activities in and around the village. Why not try these:

- Wellingtonia Avenue (follow range fence to Heatherside and see the impressive trees planted in 1865)
- Museums (see our website under Amenities)
- Royal Logistic Corps (Deepcut- by the new roundabout)
- Army medical services museum (Mytchett)
- Chobham (the old toilets!)

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- Surrey Heath (Council offices, though moving to Camberley town centre)
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- Geocaching (see www.geocaching.com)
- Parkrun (Saturdays 9am, Woking Park, Frimley Lodge Park and Ottershaw are the nearest. See www.parkrun.org.uk to register, also junior park runs on Sundays)
- Cycling (see our website under walks)
- Adult gym and table tennis on the recreation ground



It's easy to keep up to date with what's going on by looking at www.wevs.org.uk

Pete Jones, Chairman

WEVS Committee: comms@wevs.org.uk .	
Chairman: Pete Jones	Secretary: Jeff Llewellyn
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Communication Team: James Armour, Savitri Kegge, Andrew Hopkins, Ravi Raveendran	
Newsletter Editor: Ravi Raveendran	
Other members: Dave Norris, Yvette Jones, Ildikó Roth, Marc Bedwell	

Annual General Meeting

Jeff Llewellyn, Secretary

The AGM was held in the Sports Pavilion on Tuesday 20 February at 7.30pm, attended by 45 members and nine committee members.

The Chairman, Pete Jones, reported on the Society's activities over the year. There were 525 fully paid up members at the close of 2017 with a few more subscriptions still to come in. The website received 544 unique visits, marginally fewer than in 2016. There were three editions of the Newsletter in the year, 25% of which are now delivered by email. Two official 'Tree Wardens', Yvette Jones and Savitri Kegge, have been appointed to the Surrey Heath Tree Wardens Group. The West End History Project, undertaken by John Smith and supported by WEVS, now has three permanent exhibition sites. Building of the 400 new homes in the south east of the village has now started. 2017 was the second year of the WEVS project of the year and some 67,000 bulbs have now been planted to date. There has been an increase in burglaries in the village over the year. The Chairman repeated his plea for more distributors and thanked existing ones for their efforts for the Society. He thanked the committee and contributors to the newsletter and website; Chris and Mary Anthony for organising the Boxing Day Walk; West End Action Group for their efforts in opposing the new developments and the many 'bulb planters'. Slides from the Chairman's presentation can be viewed on WEVS's website.

The Treasurer presented his report for the year 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017. The opening balance was £3,623.47 and the closing balance was £2,023.58. It was noted that the opening balance included £1,631.84 of unused budget for the bulb planting project in 2017 and the closing balance included £760.31 funding to the bulb planting in 2018. Income from subscriptions was £1600.50. The largest items of expenditure were £737.55 for newsletter printing; £600 donations to "Worthy

Causes”, £309.02 for hosting the website for three years and £2,722.63 for bulb planting. The accounts had been audited.

Elections of officers and committee: The Chairman and Secretary had been elected for 2 years last year and did not warrant re-election this year. Judy Douch did not stand for re-election to the committee. All of the other committee members were re-elected and Mr James Armour was elected to the Committee as a new member.

“Worthy Causes”: Following a short presentation by Mrs Alison Clay, the meeting approved a “Worthy Cause” donation to the West End and Bisley Songs of Praise Group. No other “Worthy Cause” donations were made this year.

Following a question from Judy Douch under “Any Other Business” there was a short discussion on the General Data Protection Regulation and how the committee proposed to meet its requirements with regards to WEVS.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm and was followed by a very interesting talk by Mr Guy Consterdine on Iron Age West End, about the archaeological excavations undertaken in the summer on the NE corner of the Martin Grant Homes development.

The draft minutes of the AGM can be read on the WEVS website.

Citizen of the Year

Ravi Raveendran

WEVS’s Co-Founder Honoured



Guy Consterdine (right) receiving the CoY award from Cllr Adrain Price

Guy Consterdine is an active resident of the village for well over 40 years. He is one of the original founders on the West End Village Society which is still going strong since its inception in 1973. Having founded the society, Guy remained an organising committee member for over 20 years, not to mention being the first chairman.

He also co-founded the Fairfield Lane Residents’ Association in 2017 and assuming its Secretary role. He introduced a working party to tackle the lane surface and liaise with Martin Grant Homes who are building several houses alongside Fairfield Lane.

Guy was part of the group that prepared the Village Design Statement and successfully got it approved by the Surrey Heath Borough Council as a supplementary planning document which provides guidance to the prospective developments in order to mitigate irresponsible developments ruining the village.

In 2014 he co-founded the West End Action Group (WEAG) in order to represent the village's majority opinion over the large housing estate developments.

Guy recently showed his amateur archaeologist skills when he gave an engaging presentation at WEVS's AGM about the finds from the archaeological dig inside the Martin Grant housing development compound.

It is little wonder therefore, earlier in April, Guy was honoured by the Parish Council with the Citizen of the Year Award. Well done Guy, we are very proud of you.

Membership

Mary Anthony, Membership Secretary

Our membership is currently just under half the households in West End. However, like most clubs and societies in the village, we struggle to attract new members from the Nursery Estate. It will be interesting to see how many members we can recruit from the new developments currently under construction.

As always, we are looking for volunteer distributors. As well as having dedicated rounds, it would be useful to have some reserves to cover distributors' holidays or illnesses if they coincide with the publishing of the newsletter. Please contact me at comms@wevs.org.uk or telephone 01276 858324 if you can help.

2018 Subscriptions are now due and remain at £3.00 per year per household (£1.50 for pensioners). If you haven't already paid, it would help us immensely if you could:

- visit the WEVS stand at the West End Village Fete on Saturday 2 June and pay there
- hand to your distributor, or put through their letterbox if you know them (use the form below)
- fill in the form below and leave in an envelope at Shiv Store.

We are working through the membership list and removing the persistent non-payers. Make sure you are paid-up so that you don't miss out on the next newsletter.

If you would like to receive the newsletter via email (in glorious colour) or have any other membership queries, please contact us at comms@wevs.org.uk.

WE NEED TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS!

WE ARE ASKING OUR EXISTING MEMBERS FOR HELP.

COULD YOU FIND A NEIGHBOUR OR FRIEND OR RELATIVE TO JOIN WEVS?

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WEVS Subscription for 2018 (£3 per household, £1.50 for pensioner)

Family name

Address (number and street)

✂-----

No Joy with the Council's Brown Bin Collection?

If you are happy with the Surrey Borough Heath Council's Brown Bin fortnightly garden waste collection service – fee paid in advance - now contracted to Amey since February 2018, you are very lucky indeed.

However, if you are amongst the several disgruntled West End residents who get far less than they have bargained for, you may feel very different.

It should be a simple enough concept to execute (collect, empty and return bin), yet in certain areas it is still not working as well as it should. Amongst the issues experienced are:

- Brown bin not collected at all
- Collected too late – only after contacting Amey – sometimes just one (!) day before the next allocated collection day, which means almost two weeks later
- Bin not at all returned or returned incorrectly, sometimes dangerously blocking entrances and gates

Do not resign to a mediocre service you have paid for. For any issues regarding this service contact: ameywastesolutions@amey.co.uk. If Amey's reaction is sluggish or the service continues to be unsatisfactory, do not wait, but escalate the matter to a so-called "Stage 2 Complaint" by emailing: surreyheath@jointwastesolutions.org or by writing a letter to: Surrey Heath Borough Council, Surrey Heath House, Knoll Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3DH. In some areas this 2nd step may be having an effect!

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The major developments on the West End housing reserve sites yield CIL contributions from the developers collected by Surrey Heath Borough Council. The National Planning Policy Framework requires this money to be used within five years of award to mitigate the effects of and facilitate the development. West End Parish will receive 15% of the collected CIL and Surrey Heath Borough Council retaining the remainder. Information on CIL is available on the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/community-infrastructure-levy>

The levy can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure, including transport, flood defences, schools, hospitals, health and social care facilities, play areas, green spaces, cultural and sports facilities, district heating schemes, police stations and other

community safety facilities but excluding affordable housing (for further details, see section 216(2) of the Planning Act 2008 and regulation 59, as amended by the 2012 and 2013 Regulations). This flexibility gives local areas the opportunity to choose what infrastructure they need to deliver their Local Plan - this sets out local planning policies and identifies how land is used, determining what will be built where.

West End Parish Council will receive in excess of **£600,000** to spend and has consulted by way of a survey of West End community on how it should be spent. These results can be seen on the West End Parish Council website:

http://www.westendparishcouncil.org.uk/images/front_page/Survey_Results_Overview.pdf

West End Parish Council will have a presence at the Village Fete in June and the Agricultural & Horticultural Show in September for the West End community to comment further and ask questions regarding spending of CIL money. Given the importance of ensuring as much of the community as possible has its chance to express its views on how to spend such a vast amount of money your views would be very welcome. Look out for the West End Parish Council pitch at these events.

General Data Protection Regulation

Jeff Llewelyn, Secretary

WEST END VILLAGE SOCIETY POLICY ON DATA PROTECTION

For your information WEVS keeps a membership database which is maintained on an Excel spreadsheet, controlled by the Membership Secretary - the Data Controller- on behalf of the organising committee. The spreadsheet has details such as members' names, addresses, whether they are pensioners, subscription information, including email contact details where members have given them to the Society. This information is confidential to the Society. It is only used for the collection of annual subscriptions, for distribution of the Society's newsletter and to contact members by email where email addresses have been provided. The Society also delivers printed newsletters with the help of volunteer distributors who have partial access to the database in the form of printed schedule of the members' details, excluding email addresses, for the roads in which they operate.

Where a member requests that on leaving the Society all information pertaining to them is removed from the database, the data will be deleted accordingly. The database is operated in accordance with the Data Protection Regulation 2018 and is used for no other purpose apart from those listed above.

Past 40 – Need Help!

Cub 'Mad Scientist' sleepover event

The West End Scout Group now has over 40 children on the waiting list! All our current sections are full to the brim! We would love to be able to re-open our 2nd Beaver Colony and Cub Packs so that all the local children wanting a place can be offered one.

So, what's stopping us? Quite simply, we need more adult leaders and helpers.

If you like children and want to promote healthy living, the great outdoors, encourage adventure and independence, empower the next generation to be good caring citizens whilst having a whole heap of fun, then consider coming along and finding out more. Call this number now! 07814 852142 or 01483 480982.

The West End Garden Club

Chris Anthony

The West End Village Garden Club was formed in 1980 after a somewhat mysterious advert appeared in the WEVS's newsletter for a vineyard in West End! Gardeners, oenologists and the downright nosy turned up at the garden of the late Ken Wretham to find **one** vine and to hear the suggestion that there was a need for a Garden Club in West End.

The idea met with a positive response and shortly afterwards the Club was formed with a constitution and committee. The first meeting was held in a small room at the Hare & Hounds Pub. We are now a well-established club of around 100 members, with a regular programme of monthly meetings, an annual coach trip to gardens and places of interest, a summer and Christmas social, and a fund-raising plant stall in May (with a previous workshop to prepare plants for sale).

We are very lucky to be sponsored by West End Garage and we meet at the Sports Pavilion, Benner Lane on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 7.30 p.m., except in August and December. As a club we are affiliated to the Surrey Horticultural Federation and to the Royal Horticultural Society.

Our programme of talks delivered by outside experts at our monthly meetings cover a wide variety of topics related to gardening. Last year's calendar contained a selection of particularly interesting subjects, ranging from "How Plants Solve Crime" to "Women Gardeners of the 20th Century". Our summer outing was to Woburn Abbey where we were fortunate enough to be given a guided tour by the head gardener of areas not open to the general public. The weather was not kind to us on the day, but this encouraged many to make a tour of the stately home.

This year has got off to a good start and the programme for the months ahead promises to be every bit as interesting. Talks will cover a wide range of topics, including "Fascinating Fungi – Friends or Foes?" and "An Introduction to Carnivorous Plants around the World". Our summer outing in June will be to the gardens at Wakehurst Place which, incidentally, is the home of the Millennium Seed Bank.

The Club is very pleased to be taking part in the WEVS bulb planting project which, I am sure you will all agree, has been an enormous success. A number of our more active members have assisted with the autumn planting programme and we have been allocated a small area for planting – the triangle of land adjacent to Benner Lane and Streets Heath. This is a "work in progress" and over the next few years we plan to fill it with interesting bulbs and spring perennials for all to enjoy.

Annual club subscriptions are just £5 for single, or £8 for joint membership. New members are always most welcome and the subsidisation of outings and events means that the small annual fee is more than covered. Why not come along to one of our meetings as a guest for a one-off fee of £2 to see whether it is something you would be interested in joining? For more information about the Club, please contact either Judy Douch on email at judithdouch@btinternet.com or phone 01483 475133 or Niaouli Wolf on email at nj_njwolf@hotmail.com, or phone 01276 503006.

The Bowls Club

Pat Turner

The bad weather in March delayed the preparations for the new season this year. Work on the bowls green was held up for a few days by the snow, consequently the completion of the building work was delayed for several weeks. Now the builder has finished, the members are working hard to ensure that the club can re-open fully in May.

Most members of WEVS will be aware that, thanks to a substantial grant from the London Marathon Charitable Trust, the club was able to go ahead with building the much-needed clubhouse extension. The grant is enough to cover almost half the cost of the total project. However, to secure this money, the work had to go ahead before all the funds needed were in place. To cover the primary costs and manage a complex cash flow situation, the club raised a large sum in unsecured loans which, of course, have to be repaid. To make it happen, all the members contributed magnificently by way of fundraising activity, gifts in kind, labour and personal loans.



Shortage of funds means that some finishing details cannot be completed yet, but the bowls club now has a lovely building which fits well with the surrounding area, has enough room for all the members, and has the potential to offer a wider range of activities to the local community.

The club plans to offer some social activities, which will be available to non-members and opened to visitors on Wednesday evenings. This will give local people a chance to try their hand at our sport and sample our facilities. If there is a good take up, we plan to open at other times.

By the end of the summer season the club expects to be able to offer short mat bowling for social members. It is also considering how else to use the building all year round. At the moment the clubhouse is busy in the afternoons and evenings during the playing season but is sometimes free in the morning. From October to April it is often available for non-bowling activities. If you are looking for a venue for regular meetings, bridge, dancing or keep fit, this is a good time to enquire.

With its extended premises the bowls club now has room for some new members. It supports bowlers of all abilities - from the most competitive to the absolute beginner. We are always happy to introduce new people to the game and can offer coaching. Lawn bowls takes very little time to learn and is relatively inexpensive. Novices benefit from half-price membership in the first year.

If you are interested in joining, please call in on a Wednesday evening or come to one of our open days or book an individual taster session. To enquire: email webcmembership@gmail.com or leave your contact number at the clubhouse or ring the membership secretary on 01276 62600. For more information visit the website: www.westendbowls.co.uk

Local Surgery

Keith Young

Your Local Surgery is Online

Are you registered with the Chobham and West End Medical Practice?
If so, are you online?

As a patient, there are many advantages to going online, including:

- Make non-emergency GP appointments with the medical practice, wherever you have internet access. Get text alert reminders.
- See records of appointments with a GP, Practice Nurse, Health Care Assistant and Matron. Get text alert reminders.
- Order repeat prescriptions from wherever you have internet access and indicate where you would like to pick them up.
- Browse your private medical records including medications, immunisations and allergies, from wherever you have a secure internet connection.
- All appointments, prescriptions and records are printable.



To register online, take photo identification (passport or driving licence) to West End or Chobham Surgeries and complete an application form. Get down to the surgery and sign up – You won't regret it!

Gordon's School

Sarah Griffin
Communications Officer, Gordon's School



Our student members of the Pipes and Drums Band have been chosen to perform in the 'Lest We Forget Children's Concert', which will honour and remember those who lived, fought and died in the First World War. They will join some 2,000 other young singers and musicians across England and Wales at the national concert at the NEC, Birmingham in November to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

In the past, Gordon's School Pipes and Drums Band have played not only for the school's nine annual ceremonial parades, but have appeared at Windsor Castle, Westminster Abbey and the Caledonian Club. Recently, two of our Pipers welcomed West End's newest residents at the opening of the new residential care home - Gracewell- in Street's Heath. Others in the music department showcased their talents at the Godalming Music Festival and the school's Spring Concert, held at the H G



Wells Theatre in Woking. Their 'Songs for All Seasons' programme which was enjoyed by the Mayor of Woking, Cllr Graham Cundy, as well as staff and parents, featured music from disco classics to Chinese dragon music!

Members of the community are warmly invited to hear a selection of their music at the annual Summer Arts Evening on Thursday 5 July on the Front Field at Gordon's between 5.30pm and 8.00pm. Please bring a picnic and enjoy an evening of arts and entertainment. The event is free and we usually have a Pimm's Tent and sweets and ice creams for sale.

West End Parish Council Survey

Parish Clerk

The housing developments under way for West End will see an additional 350-400 homes built in the village within a short period. As new homes are built, the parish council receives a CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funding for local improvement works. To know more about CIL please see page no. 5. This CIL represents a great opportunity to enhance/enrich the village and provide a greater selection of amenities for all ages and tastes.



WEST END PARISH COUNCIL
Survey Results

With this in mind, in September 2017 the parish council carried out a survey to establish the needs of the community. Details of the survey were published in the Parish's newsletter and posted to every household and is still available on the council's website.

Key findings – Community building changes

There is a strong view that the community buildings need some work and/or attention to be best used by the community.

The top three votes went to (in order of popularity):

- New scout and guide facility
- Youth Club
- Café

Key findings – Recreation opportunities (top two)

- Communal events
- Skate park/ramp

The next stage

- To reach out to the 72 people who offered to help
- Invite these volunteers to information events to establish how they may be able to support and to understand if there are any professional services available.
- Invite residents to open events further by giving them the opportunity to review the concepts produced from the survey and volunteer meetings.

If you didn't have the opportunity and would now like to comment, please visit the Parish tent at the fete on 2 June or drop into the Parish's office: The Sports Pavilion, Benner Lane, West End, GU24 9JP. Tel:01276 855361 Email: westendparish@btconnect.com www.westendparishcouncil.org.uk

Happy Birthday WEVS

Guy Consterdine

Happy Birthday, West End Village Society – 45 years old!

The society was born at an inaugural meeting on 8 May 1973 in the Scout & Guide Centre, which had been called following informal conversations about the need for a residents' association. 47 people attended, and it was gratifying to find a high degree of enthusiasm for a village amenity and preservation society. The practical outcome of the meeting was that four 'caretaker' officers would think out the Society's plans, prepare a simple draft constitution, and call a full meeting in the autumn. The caretaker officers were Michael Naughton, Ken Wretham, Brenda Boulter and I.



It was a busy summer, with several committee meetings, two further public meetings, a drive to recruit members, and a stand at the village fete. Publicity included posters around the village, leaflets, and coverage in the local newspapers. In September I wrote the first newsletter, which was distributed to every house in the village, inviting residents to a public meeting in October. On 23 September Ken Wretham led the first footpath walk, which attracted 40 people and some with their dogs.

The meeting which set up the Village Society on a formal basis with a written constitution was held on 2 October 1973 in the Scout & Guide Centre. 50 residents took part and two reporters came from the local papers. Our MP, Michael Grylls, gave a speech; the main significance of his presence was simply that he came: it accorded some wider recognition and status to our new organisation and attracted attention beyond West End. A draft constitution was put forward based on the Civic Trust's model constitution, modified as appropriate; this was formally adopted. Officers and committee members were elected as follows:

Chairman: Guy Consterdine | Treasurer: Michael Naughton | Secretary: Brenda Boulter

Committee: Ian Bosbery, Leslie Clough, Bob Field, Jim Henshaw, John Self, Ken Wretham

The meeting turned to discussing the programme of activities. A dozen were agreed upon, namely long-term planning policies, monitoring planning applications, the history of the village, recording the village as it is now, the preservation of historic buildings, the preservation of significant trees, litter clearing, the management of the common land, improvement of public footpaths, roads and traffic, street furniture and signage and grass cutting. Some of these were activities for the Society to undertake ourselves; others were for us to press the relevant authorities to improve their performance.

The foundations laid down in 1973 proved successful and lasting, and here we are, 45 years later, with the Society still very much alive and active.

The Hare & Hounds

Jack Kegge

1st Anniversary for the new landlord at the Hare & Hounds



Ron Major and Kay took over the running of the Hare & Hounds in April last year. He has been in the hospitality business for over 30 years and was born into the industry as his parents ran a hotel in Newcastle.

Ron, though born in Newcastle, sees his 'home' as Corby in Northamptonshire. He and his parents moved from Newcastle when he was 14, but he has retained much of his Geordie accent. His parents moved to Portsmouth working on The

Hard – the Portsmouth Waterfront – and then took over The Egremont Hotel in Midhurst. So, Ron has been involved in the hotel and pub trade from an early age.

As well as managing pubs and hotels, Ron spent a number of years as a lorry owner/driver in Northamptonshire. This was curtailed following a bang to the head resulting in a 3-day coma and diabetes, but soon he returned to the pub business.

Ron has worked in multiple pubs mainly going in short term as a relief licensee and as a "trouble shooter" to turn around failing pub businesses. This was as an agent for the South Coast Pub Company who he still helps out with occasionally. Most of the pubs he's worked in are based in the South, such as The Duke of Wellington in High Beech, Loughton, on the edge of Epping Forest in Essex, and his last pubs were The Red Lion and The White Lion, both in Redhill.

Kay was born in Leicester, but Ron met her in Corby in 2000. Kay's parents were also in the licenced trade running off-licences.

Both are very keen to make the pub a centre of the West End Community, a dog-friendly place for families. Ron is also involved in charity fundraising – currently supporting the charity Christopher’s Child with a target of £5000 of which over £1650 has already been raised via various events such as Super Santa Saturday – a free party for kids, and a Blues Bothers evening. The New Year’s Eve Party was free of charge to all regulars.

For those of you who have yet to visit the Hare and Hound, since Ron and Kay arrived, you will find a number of changes in line with Ron’s philosophy of making it a pub with quiet areas for dining whilst still being a true drinking and social pub. He has reintroduced Sky and BT Sport, where you can watch main sporting events plus live entertainment every Saturday night.

Ron is keen that the pub is not seen as a restaurant but a dining pub providing quality food at a good price. The pool table and new gaming machine are now located in the adjacent function room where youngsters can provide their own music and play pool, which is proving very popular. The lower lounge is now a general seating area for drinking and eating with some new seats. The function room is still available for free hire for community functions.

Other changes: The pub now opens at 11.00, but does not do breakfast. Food is available from Wednesday to Sunday – Sunday lunches are very popular and it is worth booking a table for a Sunday roast. The new menu is relatively limited but includes fish & chips and, for those who have not tried this yet, the fish is always fresh and massive – I have yet to finish a portion, so end up taking some home.

There are plans for some redecoration and renovations, including the toilets, the garden with an improved children’s play area and a self-use BBQ where you just pay for the gas. Ron and Kay plan to stay at The Hare for five years at which time they hope to retire from the pub trade.

The Beast from the East

Ravi Raveendran

Remembering the Beast from the East

It seems like many moons ago when we experienced the force of the ‘Beast from the East’. It also brought joy to the young at heart as can be



seen in the photo - people on the recreation ground with toboggans. We experienced the snowscape twice in the month of March. Sadly, it was too much for the emerging daffodils in Church Road as they got trodden on inadvertently, through no fault of anyone. That’s why Church Road had a poor show in spring.

The Twerps June walk is on Sunday 10 June and is through Wisley Gardens (no membership required) and out to the disused Wisley airfield. The airfield was very busy during the 2nd World War but is now a great space for walkers and cyclists with good views over the North Downs on a fine day. There are some stiles but the walk is fairly flat. Why not join us for some healthy exercise and great company?

Contact Niaouli or Nicholas Wolf: email nj_njwolf@hotmail.com tel: 01276 503006

West End Tree Group

Yvette Jones

The Tree Group receives comments and concerns about trees in West End from local residents via comms@WEVS.org.uk. This is encouraging to us as it confirms that many people appreciate trees and the value they give to the countryside, urban areas and contribution to the environment.

It is alarming how quickly a large tree or group of trees can disappear. Within an hour a tree that has taken 40 years plus to grow can be reduced to a mere stump. Ongoing development in the village has meant that many trees have been lost and continue to be lost, e.g. areas around Oldhouse Lane and, possibly, due to the future Esso pipeline replacement. The Woodland Trust and many other organisations are lobbying to protect trees better from development by improving the wording of the National Planning Policy.

The 'Set Aside Natural Green Space (SANGS)' at Windlemere Golf Course which is being 'given' to 'replace' lost areas of natural beauty to housing development will be an asset to West End, however, it already exists as an area of natural beauty, so we gain little except better access for people to enjoy the space!

Gardens are a huge source of beauty, homes and food for wildlife. Individuals can manage these areas, where in the wider area we cannot control what goes on. Even an unkempt patch like the one below (with bluebells and comfrey) is an area rich in wildlife and should be valued.

The Surrey Heath Tree Wardens are still awaiting confirmation of charitable status. This will enable the group to obtain insurance to carry out work within the Borough. In March, about twenty volunteers turned up over two days to help clear rhododendron scrubs from an overgrown area at Lightwater Country Park. This was out of control and many hands made light work. All the equipment, training (and insurance) was provided by the Borough Green Space Team.

Go to Facebook and search for Surrey Heath Tree Wardens to find out more. Please check for future activities, particularly if you would like to get involved in some local volunteer work.



West End Tennis Club

Joan Kirkpatrick

Membership of the West End Tennis Club provides an inexpensive way of using the courts situated alongside Benner Lane. They are well maintained and have good quality surfaces which will meet the requirements of players of all standards. They can be used at any time during daylight hours (currently there are no floodlight facilities) and for as long as required, provided, of course, this does not prevent someone else from having a game.

In addition to the availability of the courts, there is a club night every Monday in the summer and early autumn, just turn up at 6:30pm, no partner required. Again, players of mixed standards are welcome to come along and enjoy a social occasion. Members can also sign up for a course of coaching sessions by an outside professional. These training sessions – commenced in April are subsidised and 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, visit the club's website at www.westendtennis.club

Proposed Esso Pipeline

Ildikó Roth

Esso intends to lay a new pipeline in the near future to replace 90km of its current Southampton to London one. This new pipeline will **not** be put in the exact same location of the old one and a section of it could go through a part of West End's Brentmoor Heath. Esso plans to put in the new pipeline first – at a not-yet specified distance away from the old one - test it and then stop the old one from being used. Esso intends to leave the old one in place, so it will not be a like-for-like exchange in the exact spot.

Esso quote: "We will not go under houses, but private land." We understand the need for replacement, but it has to be conducted in the least detrimental manner to the environment. Details can be found in Esso's website: www.slpproject.co.uk

The first public consultation ended in April 2018. WEVS is seriously concerned about the impact the new Esso pipeline corridor could have on our immediate environment, protected areas and especially mature trees, which could be removed in the course of this.

The latest consultation was about the options for the location of a so-called corridor. Each corridor is about 200m wide. The pipeline route will be decided at a later stage, possibly in the autumn, when there may be another consultation. A route can be 20-30m wide for installation, access for heavy machinery etc. and will likely to need total clearance of trees, particularly mature oaks, resulting in disastrous habitat loss for a wide array of species (bats, owls etc.), soil erosion, increased flooding and more. So, this tree loss is a major concern. The actual pipeline is only 30cm in diameter, but

could be laid anywhere within the selected cleared corridor where Esso may have removed all vegetation from a sensitive environmental area beforehand. One such area is the strip of vegetation adjacent to the heath, including trees, amongst them oaks, flanking Red Road which forms an invaluable buffer shielding the heath from traffic noise, car fumes and visual impact. It is very much worth preserving.

Many residents are not even aware of this planned project or its consolation. Publicity from Esso has been sparse and information incomplete. Did you see the 58-page consultation brochure? At one of the consultation events Esso had a far more detailed interactive map than the one made available (see "corridor options" above). Upon asking why the detailed has not been accessible to all of us to benefit from during the consultation period, Esso's answer was evasive. We should be entitled to know the implications in full before commenting in a consultation. See the newspaper article about it here:

www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/esso-pipeline-consultation-slammed-inadequate-14498917

We hope that residents' views expressed during the consultation will truly be taken on board by Esso, acted upon accordingly and will not be mere lip service to the legal obligation of conducting a consultation as a ticked box.

We suspect that Esso will go for Corridor J – as J has already been favoured even prior to the end of the consultation period as can be seen on three different pages in their consultation brochure. If so, whatever route it will select within that Corridor J it very likely will affect trees. The current pipeline already is on MoD land. By going further south within the proposed corridor J, the destruction of trees could be minimised as there are considerable fewer ones.

Perhaps you may think "I do not live that close to it, so why should it concern me?" However, the impact and legacy of this project could affect generations to come. Do keep looking out for further info, not just by Esso, and for possible new deadlines for a further consultation in due course. Let us take every opportunity to ensure the protection of the heath and its precious surroundings.

Police Matter

@SurreyHeathBeat

Surrey Police

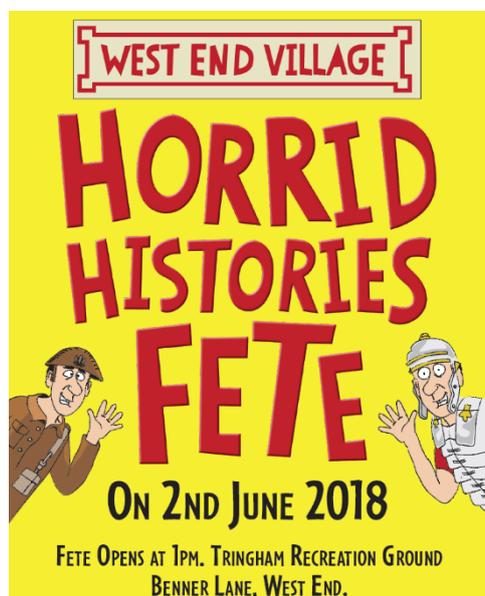
The police are investigating an incident on Brentmoor Heath on 29 April 2018 in the afternoon near the cattle grid on the track alongside Red Road and Folly Bog, involving a walker and two motorbikes. The walker ended up being hit to the ground sustaining injuries and losing glasses. Anyone with info about this incident as well as of misuse of land by off-road motorcycles should ring the local police on 101. The police incident number is P18098061.

<https://surrey.police.uk/news/can-you-help-us-identify-this-bike-and-rider/>



West End Village Fete 2018 – Saturday 2 June 2018

This year's West End Village Fete will be held on Saturday 2 June at the Recreation Ground, Tringham Hall and the West End Sports Pavilion.



This year's theme will be based on **HORRID HISTORIES** and will start at 12.30 with a procession from Fellow Green. Because of the theme, we are expecting more colourful and creative designs. The procession will progress through the village streets until it arrives at the recreation ground where the fete will be formally opened by Guy Consterdine – 2018 Citizen of the Year.

Attractions will include pony rides, Punch and Judy, coconut shy, croc smash, children's roundabout, bouncy slide and bouncy castle, plant stall, dog show, ice creams, BBQ and bar etc. Funds raised will go to local organisations who continue to enrich lives in our community.

Banquet for Bees

Ildikó Roth

There is a peculiar phenomenon which, amongst us beekeepers, is known as the "June gap". This is referring to a period, at times coinciding with June, when spring plants have finished flowering and summer ones have yet to start, resulting in a shortage of forage for bees. Bee colonies could be at risk of starving when they have not yet been able to collect enough nectar and pollen. We gardeners could help to bridge this crucial period by providing plants which are flowering now and the majority of this small selection does:

- **Allium** family – Ornamental bulbs with large flower heads, including **chives**. Dot several around in your flower bed.
- **Thyme** and **rosemary** – Good sunny spot recommended.
- **Borage** – Numerous culinary uses: flowers, stems and leaves are all edible. Try the star-shaped little flowers candied!
- **Erysimum** – It has mauve spires and a long flowering period. Two to three make a far better feast and visual impact in the border.
- **Escallonia** – A little shrub flowering in pink profusion.
- **Ajuga** - Also known as bugle or bugleweed; it is great for ground cover for shady areas.
- **Anchusa** – Officinalis and azurea have small, but eye catching electric blue flowers.

- **Echinops** - Its bluish globes set on long stems form lovely architectural features later in the season; best in a little group.
- **Cistus** - Around June time this shrub is covered in flowers.
- **Leycesteria Formosa** – This Himalayan honeysuckle has dark pink and white, pendulous flowers followed by bird-friendly, juicy, deep purple berries towards the end of summer; best grown near a wall.
- **Hebe** – Flowers between May and July.
- **Buddleia** – When bees settle on this plant they can walk from individual flower to flower, making foraging easier.

The bluish/purple flowering theme above is no coincidence as these plants are particularly irresistible to bees: Whilst humans' vision is based on the red, blue and green colour spectrum, bees' vision is based on ultraviolet, blue and green. Bees lack the photoreceptor for red, hence cannot see it, but they are able to see reddish wavelengths like orange and yellow.

Often the simpler plants, not the showy ones with double petals, provide higher nectar content. Many - admittedly very attractive - flowers have no nectar at all! While they have been bred for their style, they have lost their substance....Therefore their nutritional value for bees and other pollinators is zero.

Consider reserving a bit of space for more modest-looking plants (or - dare I say it? - "weeds" like dandelions, white clover, thistle etc.), which are packed to the brim with precious nectar. Above all, think twice about tainting pollinators' food with pesticides as they, in turn, will be somebody else's banquet...

New Committee Member

Ravi Raveendran

WEVS's new kid on the block

We are delighted to welcome James Armour to the organising committee. James was voted in at the last AGM and he is our second new member in the last five years. WEVS is always looking for new people to join the committee. We wanted to know a little bit more about James...



When did you move to the village and what brought you here?

In 2006 we used to live in Knaphill but when the time came to move, West End offered a great choice of housing, superb road connections and a relaxed, semi-rural feel.

How did you hear about WEVS?

I first became aware of WEVS at one of the fantastic summer fetes where the society usually sets up a stall.

What made you join the WEVS?

Through the spring bulb planting initiative, I met Ravi Raveendran and a number of other WEVS members. I

was interested to learn more about the work done by the committee to promote village life and so, when I was kindly invited to join, I didn't hesitate!

What's the best thing about the village?

Mmm... unfair to name just one thing, as a keen tennis player, I will say the West End Tennis Club courts are a bonus.

Name three things that you would like to see or change in the village?

Our son has very much enjoyed being a part of the West End

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts groups. The West End Scout Group is a cornerstone of the community and richly deserves a replacement for their ageing scout hut for future generations to enjoy. Perhaps some more facilities for teenage children in the village, too.

Finally, it would be great to see more of the newer residents getting involved with the West End Village Society. We always welcome new ideas!

Editor's comment:

If you are passionate about our village and feel that you could contribute to the running of the society, WEVS would be delighted to hear from you. Maybe you know someone who will be interested in joining the organising committee, why not ask them to get in touch with us? comms@wevs.org.uk. We meet just five times per year in the evenings in an informal manner and there is no obligation to attend all of them.

Project of the Year

Ravi Raveendran

70,000!

As if we didn't do enough planting last autumn, a few of our committee members regrouped in March to plant more, but different, types of spring bulbs and plants. We planted bee-friendly Snowdrops, Aconites and Bluebells in and around the Brentmoor Road junction with Guilford Road. In just one week the volunteers put in 3,000 bulbs and plants taking the tally to 70,000 to date.

Glorious Spring

The end result was evident to see from February to April. Regardless of which part of the village you live, it was sheer joy to see the colours of our labour. There were messages posted in social media commenting how the village looked stunning. It was a glorious spring – it was all yellow.



Amongst the last planted locations, Fuchsia Way and Rosewood Way in particular stood out. Again we made the front page of the Chobham News. Regrettably Church Road was sparse because the emerging buds inadvertently got treaded on in the snow that the Beast from the East brought.



Did you notice the tiny notices we put up in the grass verges? Come and visit us at the village fete on 2 June where you can see pictures of planting in progress and streets in bloom.

As reported in the last newsletter, we have secured the funding needed for the final stage of the planting thanks to a foundation. We are really excited about the 2018 prospect.



Pre-historic West End

Guy Consterdine

The archaeologists will report on 4 June

Cotswold Archaeology has completed its analysis of last summer's excavations at land off Benner Lane, where remains of Iron Age roundhouses, granary store, and iron smelting were discovered, among other things. The archaeologists will be coming to West End on Monday 4 June to tell us about their findings. The public meeting will be held at the Sports Pavilion, Benner Lane at 8.00 pm, hosted by the Parish Council.

The talk will be given by Sam Wilson, Project Supervisor at Cotswold Archaeology. Sam will discuss the different phases of archaeological work undertaken at Benner Lane and the excavated evidence for multiple periods of occupation, dating from as

early as the Late Bronze Age and with notable Iron Age settlement. The presence of iron smelting evidence in particular puts the site among a handful of important sites within the region. The finds and environmental evidence from the site will also be discussed along with the wider landscape context and any potential for future research. West End has a proven heritage of 4,000 or more years of human occupation. Come and hear about the earliest of those times on 4 June. Tea and coffee will be served after discussion time for a social end to the evening.

West End WI

Jean Williams

We are now well into our 2018 programme with a very successful 53rd birthday celebration behind us. It was an enjoyable evening with supper and entertainment by a very talented duo playing music shared between six different musical instruments, accompanied by beautiful singing of well-known songs which soon had the members tapping their feet and taking part. In our January meeting we were introduced to a great variety of different types of willow and its many uses. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month throughout the year in the Sports Pavilion at 8pm. Our programme is varied with interesting speakers and we enjoy a lunch club plus opportunities for informal knit and natter, walks and outings to places of interest. We welcome visitors, come along as a guest and sample our friendship. Details of monthly meetings are advertised in each of the village newsagent shops.

Picnic in the Park

Ravi Raveendran

New annual event



This is another new initiative by WEVS where we are requesting the village to simply turn up on Saturday **14 July between 4pm and 7pm** to hold a grand communal picnic on the village green. The event won't be controlled or managed. It's supposed to be an open, free-for-all event. The only thing we ask is that please do not leave any rubbish on the green when you leave.

As you know, WEVS organises the Boxing Day Walk. We

would like the 'Picnic in the Park' to become established as an **annual summer event** to take place on the **second Saturday in July**.

Roll on summer!