



## Chairman's Letter

Now that the excitement of the General Election, Christmas and New Year celebrations are behind us, hopefully life can return to its normal pace again. The Society has continued to be very active since I last wrote in the Autumn Newsletter. Our stand at the Ag and Hort Show in September was well supported and the weather was kind. The History Book proved very popular - nearly half of our stock has now been sold - and we recruited several new members.

At the end of October, we submitted a response to the Government's Consultation Document on proposed reforms to permitted development rights to support the development of 5G and extend mobile coverage. The proposals would have the effect of simplifying the planning requirements for the installation of new 5G transmitters, allowing telecommunications network companies greater freedom to site them. The problem is that 5G transmission requires much higher power than does 4G and the transmitters have much shorter range, so more of them are needed, closer together and on higher masts. We considered that this might allow telecommunications companies to site transmitters in prominent locations to the visual detriment of the Village. We opposed the proposed reforms arguing that the current planning rules were necessary to protect the Village streetscape. The Government has yet to issue its response.

At the beginning of December we launched an Events Newsletter for members, circulated by email to provide information on upcoming events in the Village. We would appreciate your feedback on this. Then on Boxing Day, 36 stalwarts braved the inclement weather to go on a soggy, boggy walk. We had to change the route for the first time in several years, keeping to higher ground on New England Hill as the traditional route was flooded. Nevertheless, the walk was enjoyed by all who went on it and we thank Chris and Mary Anthony for leading it.

There have recently been two very significant planning decisions affecting the Village following a joint campaign by the West End Action Group (WEAG) and the Society. First, an application to build four houses on Green Belt land on the North side of Fairfield Lane was refused by Surrey Heath Borough Council and by the Planning Inspectorate following an appeal. Second, the Council's Planning Committee has rejected an application to build 74 homes on Green Belt land to the West of Fenns Lane. Both decisions set very important precedents preventing any future development on the Green Belt surrounding

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the Village. Coming events include the Annual General Meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 18 February in the Sports Pavilion. It will be followed by a talk on 'Forecasting the Weather for West End' by retired weatherman Bill Taylor and the customary drinks and nibbles reception. Please do come along. On 8 May the Village will be celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day with a barbeque on the Recreation Ground and other 1940s themed events during the afternoon. Let's hope for fine weather.

Finally, it just remains for me to wish you all a Happy and Prosperous new Decade!

**Jeff Llewellyn, Chair**

## **John Smith & The West End History Project**

**John Smith**

I have lived in the same house in West End for the last 45 years and have seen some changes. My mother's family was one of the first residents of Council Cottages, Church Road, in 1917 and my father a Gordon's Boy.



*Chobham & District Angling Clubs display on the occasion of the Queens Golden Jubilee Celebrations held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2002 at Chobham Recreation Ground. John Smith holding the AGM booklets*

The history project started in 2004 and slowly a collection of photos from the mid 1800s to the present day was built up. The collection is gradually being deposited either in Surrey Heath Museum, or Surrey History Centre Woking. Written records of events and people of West End have been created using parish magazines from 1915 to the present day, institute minute books from 1904, WEVS newsletters from 1973, electoral rolls and other sources. From 2006 Mick Glazier helped the history project and took a great interest in preparing the two albums covering events in West End during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> World Wars that have been placed in Holy Trinity Church next to the Calvary Memorial.

Memories of local people from the early 1900s to the present day have also been recorded and deposited with Surrey History Centre.

The history project has presented several displays of local photos from 2006 in the West End Social Club, another at the Woking Leisure Centre, one in Chobham Museum and we assisted Surrey Heath Museum with a West End display in 2010. Displays are presented at the annual Fete in June and at the West End, Windlesham & District Agricultural Societies Show Day in September. Permanent displays are maintained at the Heritage Gallery in Camberley, West End Sports Pavilion and West End Social Club.

As part of the West End V. E. Day Celebrations, the history project will, along with other groups, present a display in Tringham Hall on Friday 8th May and in the Social Club over that weekend.

The oldest photo is probably the one of Sgt Taylor who served with the Metropolitan Police 1836 to 1857, courtesy of John Gosden.



I am still looking for a good photo of the church hall that once stood in Birch Lane and am always pleased to record any other local photos that come to light.

This 1935 photo of West End Women's Institute presentation is a favourite as it clearly represents the 1930s.

*The Presentation at The Women's Institute, West End Woking Surrey, 1935. Front Row, Louisa Spong nee Bridger, baby on lap of 2nd lady is George Bridger. Courtesy of June Spong.*

Presentation.-On 7<sup>th</sup> August, Miss E. F. Hone, late Postmistress, received a farewell gift subscribed to by two hundred and fifty of the locality-a canteen of cutlery and a chiming clock, both beautiful presents. Miss E. S. Rapley, a canteen of cutlery.

The Vicar was prevented by a previous engagement from making the presentation, which was admirably performed by Mrs. Robbins. Words of appreciation were voiced by Mr. H. A. Moulding and by the superintendant of the Woking Post office. We do not wish to add to what was written in our last issue but just to say the presentation must have given Miss Hone and Miss Rapley very great pleasure because of the genuine appreciation of all they had done in their respective capacities. Mr. G. M. Taylor had spared no effort to make the gathering at the Women's Institute a real success and he deserves special mention for carrying the matter through so well. Miss Hone and Miss Rapley wish to express their very deep appreciation to one and all who subscribed towards the gifts.

*Courtesy of West End Parish Magazine 1935*

Please contact John via [comms@wevs.org.uk](mailto:comms@wevs.org.uk) and title the e-mail 'FAO JOHN SMITH'

**The West End Rambling For Pleasure Society**

**Nicholas Wolf**



**TWERPS**  
*The West End Rambling for Pleasure Society*

We are a West End-based walking group that meets on the second Sunday of the month to undertake walks around the immediate area and further afield.

The walks are circular, either in the local area, or through different parts of the Surrey countryside. Sometimes we visit neighbouring counties.

Starting at 10am, they are usually about 6 or 7 miles long and take 2½ to 3 hours to complete, including a stop for refreshments. Why not join us for some healthy exercise and great company. If you own a dog we know your hound will enjoy the walk too.

The walk on 8th March is a 5 mile stroll around Chobham Common, beginning and finishing at the Red Lion pub in Red Lion Road, Chobham. If you are interested in joining us please contact Nicholas & Niaouli Wolf on (tel) 01276 503006 ,or (mobile) 07710 766 681, or email us using: [nj\\_njwolf@hotmail.com](mailto:nj_njwolf@hotmail.com).

## VE Day—Friday 8th May

At 3pm on 8th May 1945, Winston Churchill officially announced the end of WW2 in Europe from the Cabinet Office at 10 Downing Street, London. Friday, 8th May this year has been declared a Bank Holiday to mark the 75th anniversary of this momentous occasion. Activities are being planned across the country to mark the event. Details of these can be found on the VE Day 75 website – [www.veday75.org](http://www.veday75.org).

West End Village will be joining in the celebrations. The Parish Council is working with a number of local organisations to arrange a series of activities for all the family on



this day. Things are at an early stage but already many groups have come together to start planning for the day.



We will have entertainment and activities to get involved in, a look back at life during the 1940s, photos from West End at that time, along with tea and cakes, a BBQ, or you can bring your own picnic. Alternatively, tuck in to all three!

We hope everyone will take part in the events and mark this 75th anniversary. If you have any ideas about the games children played during this time get in touch, we hope to recreate these games and get folks involved.

The outline plan is for a barbeque on the Recreation Ground starting at 3.00 pm (to coincide with the start of national events) until the early evening with a bar set up and operated by the West End Social Club. There will be numerous activities and displays throughout the afternoon, including singing by the Holy Trinity and Gordon's School Choirs, music from the Gordon's School pipers, cakes for sale by the WI, an exhibition of photographs of West End in the 1940s by John Smith and Gordon's School in Tringham Hall and a display of various items of wartime memorabilia. The whole event will have a 1940s theme.

We have created a Facebook group V.E. Day in West End where we will be posting updates as the plans develop and would love to hear from anyone who has other ideas for events and activities.

So put 8th May in your diary. Let's hope for some sunny springtime weather.

*Thanks to Tony Henderson, Jeff Llewellyn, Ravi Raveendran for input into this article.*

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The WESC

Jeff Llewellyn (WEVS Chairman) and about 70 other Surrey Heath residents attended a ‘Policing Your Community’ evening meeting in the Camberley Theatre on 8 January. The audience heard short presentations from David Munro the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner, Nev Kemp, the Deputy Chief Constable and Inspector Bob Darkens, the Surrey Heath Borough Commander. David Munro was able to tell the meeting that after nearly a decade of cuts, Surrey Police were to get 78 new Police Officers and more Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). This, he felt confident, would have a major impact in reducing crime in the county.

Bob Darkens gave an interesting account of crime in Surrey Heath, including a notable rise in drug related crime which he claimed underlay much crime in the Borough. Mental health issues were an aspect of about half of recorded crimes. There had been a notable increase in domestic burglaries in the second half of the year. In the period April to December 2019 there were 292 residential burglaries reported compared with 231 in the same period in 2018, a 26% increase. The increase wasn’t restricted to Surrey Heath or indeed to Surrey with similar rises being recorded across the South East. Surrey Heath had the 8<sup>th</sup> lowest number of domestic burglaries in the region. Most of these crimes were committed by gangs originating ‘out of area’, mainly from London. Bob Darkens reported that one gang based in the Elephant and Castle came from Chile! Surrey Police working with the Metropolitan Police had made 28 arrests in this case.

The meeting was opened to questions from the floor which such diverse topics raised as policing of the Windlesham Pram Race, success in tackling the ‘County Lines’ drug dealing issue, antisocial behaviour in town centres and ‘problem families’ being moved into the locale from elsewhere in the country. The Commissioner and the deputy Chief Constable praised the effectiveness of local Neighbourhood Watches, thanked them for their valuable assistance and encouraged any residents not already in a local watch to join one or even set one up themselves.

## Recycling at Swift Lane

**Swift Lane: Open....Mon/Tue 08:00-16:00, Sat/Sun 09:00-16:00**

Swift Lane will no longer take black bin rubbish. That has to go to the Camberley, Chertsey or Woking dumps.

### What you can bring

 batteries	 Books	 car batteries	 cardboard	 cooking oil
 electrical	 fluorescent tubes	 foil	 food tins & drink cans	 fridges & freezers
 garden waste	 gas bottles	 metals	 mixed glass bottles & jars	 mixed paper
 mobile phones	 plastics	 printer cartridges	 spectacles	 textiles
 tvs & monitors				

For items like furniture and household goods/bedding contact:

Woking Hospice 01483 487710; British Heart Foundation 01483 494410;  
Besom 01276 855215; & St Vincent de Paul 01276 679659

For other items that will not go in the recycling bins: try <https://www.recyclenow.com/what-to-do-with>. It gives information on where a wide range of items can be recycled, including pet food packaging (those foil pouches), Crisp Packets, Bicycles and many more...

Rather than describe the new West End Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANGS), the car park for which is located off Windlesham Road, I thought it better to show you with photographs, courtesy of Savitri Kegge.

The area covers most of what was previously Windlemere Golf Course. As you can see there is still evidence of this previous activity. The small ponds, which have been fenced to protect crested newts also contain a few wayward golf balls hit there by myself and I'm sure many others!



The SANGS opened its gate at the end of last year, but an official opening is intended this Spring when the large areas of grass and wildflower meadows that have been sown will be looking green and lush.

As an amenity, all are welcome. There is a large tarmac car park, new benches to rest on, litter bins and a



supply of doggy 'poo bags' provided by Surrey Heath Borough Council. Although the SANGS is in its infancy it will be good to see it develop over the years. It is already home to roe deer, mallard and newts. It is hoped that dog owners will use the area and families will enjoy the lovely open space provided.

Just a note of warning...it is quite a wet area at present after all the rainfall, so suitable foot wear is essential.



## Did You Know?

From around the 1300s there were a few mills in the Village. Evidence of these have gone, but in Chobham you can still see the mill race from the Town Mill. Traveling from West End to Chobham, take the footpath just before (and on the same side) as the Co-Op in Chobham. Follow it for about 200 metres and the structure is easy to locate.

There have been two recent planning decisions for residential development in the Green Belt affecting the Village. These are in Fenns Lane and Fairfield Lane.

**1) Fenns Lane (Council reference: 19/0154)**

A planning application for the erection of 74 Houses off Fenns Lane was refused by the Surrey Heath Planning Committee on the 9<sup>th</sup> January. The site is located within the Green Belt and the Council refused permission on the grounds that the development would cause significantly more harm to Green Belt openness than the existing development and would conflict with the purposes of including land within the Green Belt. The Council also had concerns as to how the development could successfully integrate into its rural setting. Objections were also raised concerning a lack of SAMM payment and affordable housing provision which would normally be secured through a legal agreement. Very special circumstances do not exist to outweigh the identified harm.

It is more than likely that the applicants will appeal the Council's decision to the Secretary and State and the Village Society will be carefully monitoring the appeal and making representations at the appropriate times.

**2) Fairfield Lane (Council reference: 18/0863)**

The appeal against the Council's earlier refusal of permission for four houses was dismissed recently. The Inspector determining the appeal identified the site as falling outside of the Village in open countryside and within the Green Belt. He disagreed with the appellant's assertion that the development amounted to infilling and resulted in loss of openness. In his conclusion, the Inspector considered that the proposed four houses amounted to inappropriate development in the Green Belt resulting in significant harm to the character and appearance of the area.

**3) ESSO Pipeline**

A major infrastructure project which impacts upon the village is the Esso Southampton to London Pipeline project. On the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Esso submitted a Development Consent order (DCO) application to the Planning Inspectorate. The project proposes to replace 90km of the 105km underground aviation fuel pipeline that runs from the Fawley Refinery near Southampton to the West London Terminal storage facility in Hounslow. The Pipeline follows Red Road before cutting across Brentmoor Common and heading towards Chobham Common towards Runnymede.

**4) Brook Nursery, Guildford Road (Council reference: 18/0763).**

Outline planning permission has been granted at the former Brook Nursery site in Guildford Road for 13 residential units. Details in relation to elevation are currently before the Council for consideration.

The Village Society will continue to monitor these and future developments in the Village and make representations on behalf of our members where necessary.

Holy Trinity Church services -

- 1st Sunday of the month: Messy service for children with craft activities.
- 2nd Sunday of the month: Puppet service 10am with life size puppets for adults and children ...great entertainment.
- 3rd Sunday of the month: 10am Holy Communion for all.

**Come and support your village church**

It was touch and go as to whether the annual Boxing Day walk would take place in 2019. The exceptionally wet conditions experienced since the autumn and the torrential rain in late December had left a good deal of West End heavily waterlogged. The traditional route followed in past years would have been impassable for anyone not equipped with wellingtons or, in some places, thigh waders, let alone those with young children and buggies.

With this in mind, the planned route was redesigned and the walk was confined to the rather drier terrain on Brentmoor Heath. This did mean that 2019's walk was slightly shorter and a bit hillier than usual but the wide, well drained paths ensured it was suitable for all comers.

Christmas day itself was beautifully sunny but the forecast for the next day was not good. Sure enough, Boxing Day dawned to wet and breezy conditions, a real disincentive to venture out for a walk. Nevertheless, a brave number of West Enders took advantage of a mid-morning gap in the clouds to venture forth and the event went ahead. In all, 36 intrepid souls participated but there were few dogs and not surprisingly, no buggies.

We zig-zagged across the common and were fortunate enough to be under the canopy of fir trees at the top of the heath when the heavens opened. The route was successfully completed shortly before noon, enough time for some to return home for family gatherings and for others to tidy themselves up before repairing to the Hare & Hounds for some well-earned refreshments.

Fingers crossed, conditions will return to normal next Christmas and more people will feel inclined to join in this rewarding and enjoyable event.



## Picnic In The Park

Just like the holiday adverts on TV at this time of the year, we are promoting our annual Picnic in the Park, even though it's only February.

This is a free community picnic that is held on the second Saturday in July.



This year the picnic will take place on 11th July and as usual it will be held on the Recreation Ground starting at 16:00. Lookout for more details in the May newsletter. For now, please put 11th July in your diary.

Roll on summer!

Recently, there have been a number of comments and even complaints from newcomers about the almost constant noise of gunfire in the village. For those of us who have lived in the area for many years it is part of our general way of life. The extensive military camps nearby account for at least some of the noise (often at night) emanating from a variety of sources, including firearms practise and grenade and mortar training. However, quite a lot of the gunfire comes from the nearby Bisley Shooting grounds which were moved from Wimbledon Common to their present location way back in 1890. Since then, "Bisley" has been host to a number of high-profile events, including the 1908 Olympic Games and the 2002 Commonwealth Games.

Bisley Camp is the largest range complex in the world within a major centre of population. It covers an area of 3000 acres and offers facilities for a variety of shooting disciplines. Because of the lack of human presence over large swathes of this area there is an abundance of flora and fauna, some of which is very rare. The ranges have been designated a European Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and as such are protected from modern development



Three shooting associations are headquartered at the Camp, the National Smallbore Rifle Association (NSRA), the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (CPSA) and the National Rifle Association (NRA). The most well-known is the NRA which was instrumental in developing the facilities 130 years ago. The NRA laid out the rifle ranges: the longest distance targets, of which there are 50, stretch to an impressive 1,200 yards.

The NRA moved its pavilion from Wimbledon as well as the clock tower featured in the picture. It built huts to accommodate shooters and also clubhouses. The London & South Western Railway Company complemented this development with the construction of a spur railway line (now defunct) from Brookwood to serve the camp: it was aptly named "The Bisley Bullet".



All this activity left the NRA financially stretched, so in 1894, it began selling ground leases. Different rifle clubs took advantage of this change in approach and built their own clubhouses in the late Victorian and Edwardian architectural style. Most of these buildings are still standing and have generally been well maintained. Because there has been little building since 1914 the camp is, to all intents and purposes, in an early 20<sup>th</sup> Century time warp. Now that the camp has been designated a Conservation Area any new building has

to be in keeping with this older style. Of course the clubhouses and permanent buildings cannot provide sufficient accommodation for all the competitors who attend major events during the year. Individuals can place static caravans on a number of extensive sites which, needless to say, are out of sight from the main clubhouse complex.

It is possible to visit the camp to take a look at the interesting and rather enigmatic setup and buildings. The ranges are open from 8:30am. There is a 1-hour break in shooting between 12:30 & 13:30,

the beginning and end of which is signalled by a hooter.

The rifle ranges are closed on Mondays, except during the main “Bisley Fortnight” held in July. There is also a museum located in the NRA’s main building, open Tuesdays and Fridays. Access is free but donations are most welcome. If you are interested in visiting it, you need to contact the staff beforehand on 01483 797 777.

## 2019 Project Of The Year

Ravi Raveendran

By now we were hoping to have received the mandatory planning permission but following the initial application we were asked to submit further details of the sculpture. The application is now back with the Council, being considered. Once it is deemed a compliant application by Surrey Heath Borough Council it will be posted to their planning portal for all to see.



The latest estimated cost of the sculpture, including illumination, is in the region of £9,500. We are largely relying on grants and donations from the Councils and businesses. So far we have raised £2,500.

In order to help close the gap we have chosen the fund raising campaign as the 2020 Project Of The Year! With your help we aim to meet the target by autumn 2020.



You can be part of the legacy by donating whatever you can to support the stag project, it’s easy to do it on line. Please make your payment to **Sort code - 20-97-58; Account no. 50930180**. Remember to put the reference as **2019POTY** followed by your surname. If you prefer to pay by cash or cheque you can do so at the Village Fete on 6th June where you can also find more details about the project.

We are always looking for fresh ideas to implement. If you have any suggestions please forward them to [comms@wevs.org.uk](mailto:comms@wevs.org.uk) and title the e-mail ‘Project of the Year’.



## Possible 2020 Project Of The Year

Pete Jones

One plan for fund raising is to have a Village Gardens Open Day in June, with money raised going towards the Stag Sculpture. If you are interested in opening your garden please let me know (please head your e-mail ‘Garden Open Day’ and send it to [comms@wevs.org.uk](mailto:comms@wevs.org.uk)). We will have more details at the AGM.

On Saturday 7th December members from the Beavers, Cubs and Scout sections of West End Scout Group visited Gracewell Care Home to entertain the residents with a Christmas sing-song.

We started off with some traditional campfire songs that residents might remember if they had been Scouts or Guides in their youth. Encouraged by the lovely staff, the residents began to join in with choruses.

Next, we moved on to some old school favourites of yesteryear which soon saw smiles appear and more joining in. Next up were some well-known Christmas carols that EVERYONE knows! This included a beautiful solo of Away in a Manger from Cub Scout Mia which brought a tear to many an eye.

Onto some jolly Christmas numbers with a particularly rousing Jingle Bells, complete with handheld bells!

We were then asked if we could sing Happy Birthday to one elderly lady as a surprise – we were happy to oblige. It was rewarding to see the smiles on the residents' faces and we were all feeling the Christmas spirit by the end of the afternoon. The Scout section provided excellent waiter service when it came to serving tea and birthday cake.

Not only was it an enjoyable experience for all but it also counted towards the 'Community Impact' Badge for all the young people.

If you would like to be a part of Scouting in West End, we currently have vacancies for Beaver leaders in both our Wednesday & Thursday Colonies. Contact Julie on [jakswestend@hotmail.com](mailto:jakswestend@hotmail.com) for further information.



## WEVS Membership

Mary Anthony

The Village Society's Three-Year Membership deal, introduced in 2019, has been popular both with members and our distributors. At our 2019 AGM, members voted to increase the annual subscription to £4 per household (£2 for pensioner households) so the £10 (£5) three-year deal represents a very reasonable saving.

Soon your WEVS distributor may be knocking on your door to collect subscriptions. If they do not find you in, they may leave you a note asking you to drop the money through their letterbox if they are local to you. Since Shiv Store sadly closed last August, we do not have a central place where members can leave their subscriptions. However, come along to the WEVS AGM on Tuesday 18th February and you can pay there, or visit our stand at the West End Fete or the West End Show later in the year.

Last year, we also introduced the facility to pay subscriptions directly into the WEVS bank account. Several members have taken advantage of this option. If you would like to pay your subscription this way, please email [membershipwevs@gmail.com](mailto:membershipwevs@gmail.com) with your name and address. We will email the bank details and a payment reference code for you to use. ***Please do use the code otherwise we may not be able to allocate the payment to you.***

Lastly, we are looking for more distributors to deliver newsletters three times a year and to collect subscriptions. If you think you could help, please contact us at [comms@wevs.org.uk](mailto:comms@wevs.org.uk)

## WEVS AGM.....Tuesday 18th February

The WEVS Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th February at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Benner Lane. It will be followed by a talk on 'Forecasting the Weather for West End' by retired weatherman Bill Taylor and our customary drinks and nibbles reception.

## The Next Newsletter

Pete Jones

The deadline for articles/events is Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>. Distribution from 29<sup>th</sup> May. Any articles to [comms@wevs.org.uk](mailto:comms@wevs.org.uk) (please title 'item for newsletter').

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