



Chairman's Letter

Schools have broken up and I hope that you are enjoying the summer sun. It was very nice to meet some of you on the WEVS stand at a rather windy Village Fete in June. At least it didn't rain and the gazebo didn't blow away (as did some others!) As in the past, WEVS was very grateful to John Smith for his fascinating display of photos of West End in bygone days. Despite the gusty wind the fete was well supported again this year.

We were lucky with the weather on July 13th when some 75 people enjoyed a beautiful late afternoon and early evening at the Society's annual Picnic in the Park. There were impromptu games for children, including chase the runaway dog, cricket, football, woodland adventures along Streets Heath by the pond, tree climbing and boules for adults. Some people brought barbecues whilst others just enjoyed the sun and a relaxing chat. If you couldn't make it this year, do make sure you come along next year.

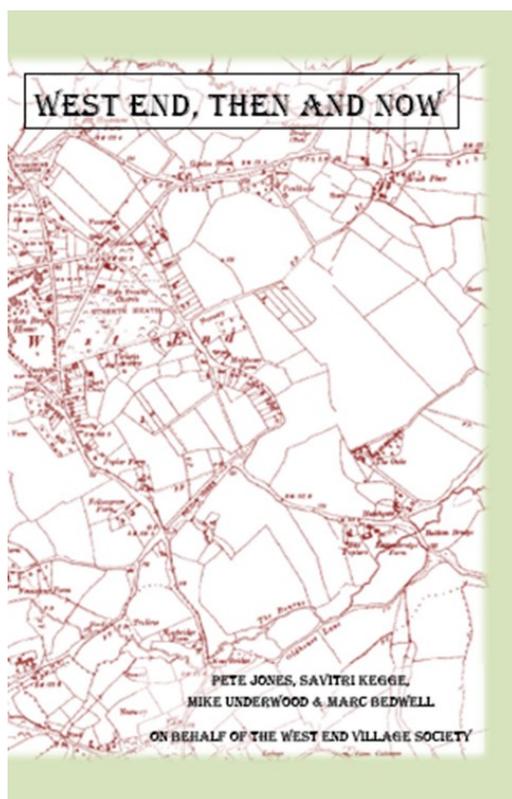
Our 'Project of the Year' for 2019, which is to put a metal sculpture of a Red Stag on Fellow Green Roundabout as a focal point for the Village, is progressing well. We have formally applied for the planning permission having received approval in principle. The Parish Council has agreed to contribute some funding and take on the maintenance responsibilities for the sculpture once it is in place. We are actively seeking to raise the £6,500 needed for the sculpture project.

The revised, expanded and updated Village History Book is ready for printing. This is another major project for the Society and we very much hope that it will be on sale at our stand at the Ag and Hort Show on September 14 where we look forward to seeing you again. May I remind you that annual subscriptions of £4 per household (£2 for members over 65) are due and that your Newsletter distributor will be calling to collect yours soon, if they have not already done so, you can also pay at our stand at the Ag and Hort Show. This year you can also pay direct by BACS transfer and get a fee reduction by paying £10 per household (£5 for members over 65) in advance for 3 years membership.

In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the summer.

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WEVS have been busy updating the previous A4 black and white history booklet, converting it to a 70 page colour book. It will have photos, maps and will be printed in colour. Our target is to have it available to buy at the Agricultural & Horticultural Show on 14th September. This would be an ideal opportunity to buy an early Christmas present.

It is based on 'The Story of West End', published by WEVS in 2002, with a lot more information added.

One thing the previous book reported was that the Hare and Hounds was known as the 'Titch Tavern' frequented by the Titchfield Harriers. We now believe this refers to a pub in West End, Southampton which is next to the village of Titchfield and not our local inn.

Heritage Days

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The annual Heritage Open Days 2019 will be held between 13th and 22nd September. The events listed below are all within 5 miles of West End. See www.heritageopendays.org.uk for more details.

Bagshot Chapel

Brookwood Cemetery Open Day

St Mary's, Horsell

St Mary of Bethany Church

Living Planet Centre Tours

Muslim Burial Ground Canal Trip

Sime Art Gallery

The Museum of Military Medicine

Merrist Wood House

Shah Jahan Mosque Heritage Open Day

St Mary the Virgin, Worplesdon

The Peace Garden at the Muslim Burial Ground



Disruption caused by a burst water main on the A322 Guildford Road in West End last month led to a road closure lasting for more than a week. This resulted in traffic congestion throughout West End and left over 60 households without gas and water. It is thought that a water pipe burst and caused the road surface to lift by 6 inches, subsequently creating a large hole. In addition to the burst water pipe, it was discovered that the main gas pipe was cracked, leaving nearby residents without gas.

The damage caused extreme traffic complications around the village, leading to diversions, queues and danger to pedestrians. Residents in Benner Lane and Fenns Lane in particular suffered from the additional traffic caused by the diversions, especially if they were not used to, or prepared for, the sudden influx of vehicles, especially buses and lorries.

There were a few incidents of reckless driving on the pavements along the A322 with drivers and motorcyclists ignoring the diversion signs and proceeding towards Bisley. Larger vehicles were obliged to turn around which caused additional problems.

A burst water main in Littlewick Road in Knaphill around the same time added to the traffic chaos in the area as commuters were diverted. Fortunately, the utility services completed their works along the A322 and traffic flows returned to normal. Despite the inconvenience to the immediate neighbours, some residents had enjoyed the minimal traffic along the A322 and appreciated the offers of help from neighbours across West End.



Did You Know?

The Inn West End used to be called 'The Wheatsheaf', and before that 'The Jolly Butcher'.

To find out more, look out for the new book 'West End Then and Now', available at the Ag and Hort Show (September 14th).

It's been a fantastic season for the Bowls Club again this year as members made the most of the extraordinary fine weather and rarely needed to don their wet gear. As the outdoor season draws to a close— at the end of September—the Club plans to make fuller use of its premises during the autumn and winter than ever before.

There will be a range of activities and events which are open to everyone in the community. So get your diary out now:

- Friday Night is Club night at the Bowls Club - everyone is welcome to come along to socialise, meet some of our members and find out what we are all about. The Bowls Club is adjacent to the car park and play area in Rosewood Way.
- A regular coffee morning is held on the second Monday of the month from 10.00 to 12.00. It often features a speaker or a table top sale and is open to all.
- A new Bridge Club will be launched on 6 September. There will be regular play with tuition from a qualified teacher on Friday afternoons from 1.00 to 4.30. If you would like to know more, e-mail the club or ring Pat Turner on 01276 62600.
- The short mat bowls winter season will start on 1 October with roll ups on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. Short Mat bowls is a great activity for all ages including those who may find outdoor bowling over taxing and the Bowls Club has brand new, top class equipment and a level floor. If you are not sure whether you would like to play please come along and find out about it.
- Our ever popular Jumble Sale will be held on 19 October from 10.00-12.00. Come along and snap up a bargain.
- On December 7th the club will hold a Christmas Fayre from 10-12.00 - another chance to grab a bargain and lots, lots more!
- Bridge Players who cannot play regularly on a Friday are welcome to enter a table at the Bridge Club Christmas Party featuring a Chicago Drive and Afternoon Tea. This will be on Friday 13th December.

For more information visit our website at westendbowls.co.uk or join our group on Facebook.

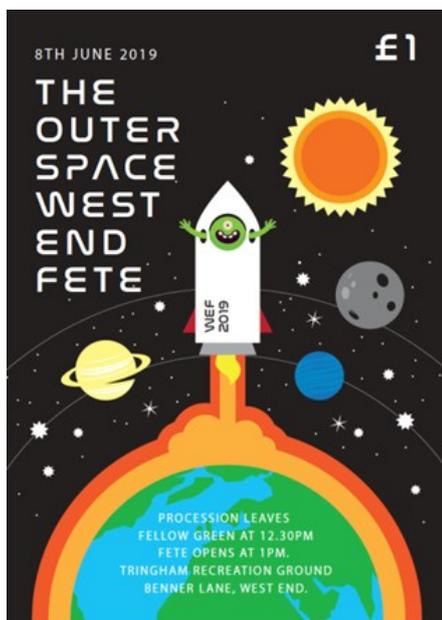
The Three-Year Subscription, introduced earlier this year, has been very popular. Almost 120 members have taken up this offer to date.

Online payments were introduced at the same time but only 10 members have so far requested the information to pay their subscriptions this way. If you would like to pay through BACS, send an email with your surname and address to membershipwevs@gmail.com and we will supply you with bank details and a unique reference code to use on your payment.

Come and see us at the West End Show (Ag & Hort Show) on the recreation ground on Saturday 14th September. As well as the historical photographic display, we hope to exhibit some early WEVS newsletters. You can also pay your subscription at our stand.

The annual village fete was held on Saturday 8th June and once again was a great success. Although rather windy and not as hot as last year, hundreds of “West Enders” turned up to enjoy the many stalls and entertainment.

As usual the fete commenced with the very colourful parade which this year was themed around Outer Space and it was clear that a lot of effort had been put in to making the costumes worn by the Cubs, Brownies, Beavers, Rainbows and Pre-School children.



The fete was formally opened by our independent counsellor Graham Alleway

The windy conditions meant that some of the stalls and the Punch & Judy were relocated into Tringham Hall, but this proved popular and many children watched the shows inside the Hall and the stalls did not suffer too much from being inside.

As usual, the popular stalls were the coconut shy, beat the goalie and croc smash. The BBQ and Bar did a good trade in spite of the cooler conditions.

The arena displays were well received and included displays by The Terri Jane Dance Studio, gymnastic displays, maypole dancers and belly dancers.

Another great day for the village and approximately £5000 was raised. This will be distributed to organisations in the village including the Scouts and Guides, the football club, Tringham Day Centre, The Old Folks Social Club, Tringham Hall and others.

Next year's Village Fete will be held on Saturday the 6th of June 2020.

We were sad to learn that Shiv Convenience Store would be closing its doors on 31st August 2019.

Bhavisha and Naimesh Patel have been serving our village community since May 2007 and the shop and Post Office will be missed. We understand the family are staying in the village and that Bhavisha will continue to cook Spice Valley takeaways.

WEVS would like to thank the Patel family for their support over the years, especially in collecting WEVS subscriptions on our behalf, and we wish them all the best for the future.

Anyone familiar with West End will be aware of the tennis courts situated on the Village Recreation Ground, adjacent to Tringham Hall. These courts are run and maintained to a very high standard by the West End Tennis Club which has been in existence for well over 25 years.

The Club caters for all standards of play and prides itself with the fact that it is a friendly group with no delusions of grandeur. Membership is open to all, irrespective of age or ability and you do not have to be a resident of West End to qualify. There is no time limit on play and no booking system. Members can use the courts on a first-come-first-served basis on the understanding that once they have spent a reasonable amount of time on the courts they give others the chance to have a game.



In addition to providing the court facilities, the Club holds a “club night” every Monday evening during the summer months and arranges professional coaching (at subsidised cost) over a twelve week period for those who are interested. Again, the aim is to cater for all standards of play and the lessons have proved to be very popular with the members.

We have recently become affiliated to the All England Lawn Tennis Association which provides a helpful layer of support, ensures health & safety is of a consistently high standard and, of course, provides members with access, via a ballot, to tickets for the Wimbledon Tournament.

Tennis is a social sport that provides a fun way of taking exercise to a level of personal choice. It appeals to a wide spectrum of people who are not necessarily interested in organised team sport. Individuals can choose the time of day that they wish to play, the people they would like to play with and for how long. In addition to this, it is a great way for parents to participate in a sporting activity with their children as well as encouraging them to take some exercise!

Annual membership charges are very modest. After paying a one-off joining fee (to cover keys, admin etc) of £15, members pay £25 per annum for single or £40 for family membership, renewable in March. Fees will be adjusted for those joining part way through a year.

If you are interested in joining or would like to find out more, you can contact us through our Website at www.westendtennis.club.

Nearby Interesting Stuff

Brookwood Cemetery (brookwoodcemetery.com) is the largest cemetery in Western Europe. Many notable people are buried there. On the first Sunday of each month there is a guided tour (www.tbcs.org.uk). Also Brookwood Military Cemetery (www.cwgc.org) is well worth visiting and the trip can be an interesting and worthwhile walk though dogs are not allowed.

The Tree Wardens and volunteers were taken on an interesting tour of Lightwater Country Park in July. Gordon Voller, Head of Green Spaces Team, talked about the flora and fauna and in particular about the management of the Park. By keeping some old wood on the ground and some dead trees standing, nesting sites are made available. The goats, rented from Surrey Wildlife Trust to keep scrub levels down, proved very amusing and friendly when fed. They will be leaving the site soon so we were lucky to view them.

Due to bird nesting, most work on woodlands carried out by the tree wardens and volunteers has ceased for summer but will resume in September. Watch out for our updates on Facebook and our new website www.surreyheathtreewardens.org.uk.



In November, the Tree Council will promote National Tree Planting Week (**23rd November - 1st December 2019**). This campaign has been running every year since 1975 when the Tree Council was first set up. Why not join in and plant a tree in your garden? A bare rooted fruit tree can be purchased quite cheaply on-line and kept under control with occasional pruning. The small tree in the photograph ('Katy'), was purchased a couple years ago. It is improving and has rewarded us with lots of attractive and tasty fruit every year since then. Alternatively, you could plant some acorns or hazel nuts in pots of soil and watch them grow as you tend them.



The Windlemere Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANGS) is almost ready to be opened to the public. If you walk along Windlesham Road beyond the old entrance to the golf course you will see a new gate and car park. The area is expected to open in September. The idea of a SANGS is to provide a natural environment, accessible to all which offsets some of the hard landscape created by development. This will become a lovely place to walk dogs and take the family on a nature walk. It is hoped that many West End residents will offer to help with maintaining and improving the SANGS over time. The Tree Wardens have already offered to plant native tree saplings in November. Dates have yet to be confirmed but will be advertised on the web and on Facebook.

Helen Durbridge, Greenspace Officer at SHBC, has also reported the following behind the scenes progress:

- Perimeter dog proof stock fencing has now been completed.
- Paths have been mown to give the 2.3km circular route as per SANG requirements.
- We also had positive results for Greater Crested Newts in the ponds so have put mitigation in place for that. The four smaller ponds have been fenced with chestnut paling so as to give a dog free zone. There were no signs in the largest pond so that one will remain unfenced and a focal point with seating.

The West End Social Club

Hazel Clutterbuck

The West End Social Club is a long established private members club that is happy to welcome guests and new members.

We are open 7 days a week, all evenings and most lunchtimes. We provide a wide range of activities for our guests and members including:

- Snooker (we have three tables)
- Indoor short-mat bowls on a Monday evening
- Bingo at 2.30pm Tuesday afternoons
- Line Dancing lessons at 6.45pm on Tuesday evenings
- Jive Dance lessons at 8.30pm on Wednesday evenings.

There is live music every Saturday evening from 8.45pm till 11.45pm. On the third Sunday of every month we have a Country Music Club between 8pm till 10.30pm with solo artists and bands performing country music which is suitable for line dancing, partner dancing, jiving and freestyle dancing which can all be enjoyed at the same time.

We hold an Open Mic Night every first Sunday of the month from 8.15pm till 10.30pm. We have a full range of equipment including a PA and a drum kit, but electric guitarists should bring their own amp. We welcome solo performers, duos or bands.

Take a look at our website. <http://westendsocialclub.co.uk/> to see the latest information on upcoming events and bands.

Please feel free to call in one evening/day (*High Street, GU24 9PL*) to see for yourself and maybe become a member.

The Boxing Day Walk

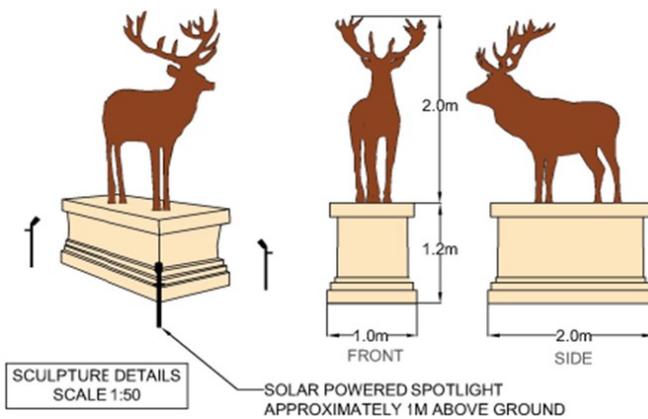
The annual WEVS Boxing Day walk is a gentle stroll around the village and is a very popular event. We meet at 10.15 at Tringham Hall and the guided walk starts at 10.30. The first part is stile free and you can take a short cut at the half way stage if you have buggies or run out of puff. Many walkers finish up in the Hare and Hounds for a few post-Christmas Day refreshments.

Future Projects

We are looking for ideas for future Projects of the Year. Please come along to our Stand at the Ag & Hort Show and pass on your ideas, or e-mail us at comms@wevs.org.uk.

The stag sculpture project is gathering momentum following the receipt of planning approval in principle for the proposal. By the time you read this article, the formal planning application will be on line for all to see. For more details visit <https://www.surreyheath.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-applications-search>

A stag sculpture was unveiled as our 2019 Project of the year at the WEVS AGM. Since then we have sought early opinion and received approval in principle from Surrey Heath Borough Council.



The estimated cost of the sculpture and illumination is in the region of £6,500. We are largely relying upon grants and donations from the councils and businesses. The Parish Council has pledged a grant of £500. Residents can also donate to this project. It is quick and easy to make an on-line payment to **Sort code - 20-97-58; Account no. 50930180**. Please put the reference as **2019POTY** followed by your surname. If you prefer to pay by cash you can do

so at the West End Ag & Hort Show by visiting our marquee on 14 September where you can learn more details of the project.

The final details of the project are currently a work in progress. However, we do know that the animal will be made of reddish cast iron. We are seeking quotations from sculpture manufacturers to select a preferred one. We are also considering several options for the pedestal and plinth. The animal will be permanently anchored and fixed securely into the plinth to prevent it from toppling over.

The Parish Council has agreed to take over the ownership after the sculpture is erected and be responsible for its maintenance and upkeep.

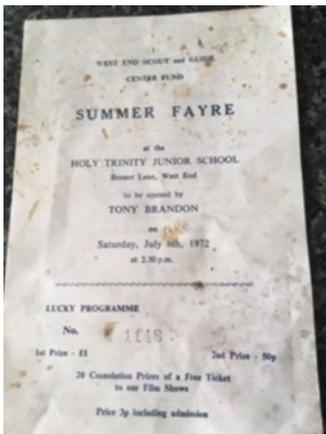


Why A Stag?

It has been asked why is the sculpture is going to be a red deer stag. The answer is that West End has one of the largest populations of red deer in the South of England, with around 150 running wild on Pirbright Ranges, most of which lies within in the Parish of West End. Richmond Park has a few more than us with around 300.

Here are some of the West End cub scouts at the Village Fete channelling their inner Buzz Lightyear! The theme was outer space and they spent a long time making their rocket packs (all from recycled materials) with help from a couple of artistically creative mums!

Did you know that the Village Fete originally started life as The West End Scout & Guide Summer Fayre? As you can see from the photo of a programme from 1972 it was held at Holy Trinity School. If yours was ‘the lucky programme’ winner,



you received the grand sum of £1! Attractions included stilt racing and a knobbly knees contest – think we should bring back that one! not to mention ‘bowling for beer’!



It helped to raise funds for the building that has been our home for nearly 50 years. The fete has evolved over the years to become West End Village Fete and encompass more local good causes, but it is still an important source of funds for scouting within the community, helping to maintain our ageing building and keep our equipment up to date and in good repair.

We do all we can to help make it a success: as well as taking part in the parade, we collect nearly all the prizes for the tombola and bottle stalls, we spend a day selling programmes at the Co-op and Tenakers and generally help out wherever we can.

The Scout Group is expanding rapidly, receiving requests for children to join almost daily. We do our best to accommodate as many as we can, but to provide Scouting for all those who wish for it we need to recruit more adult help. Please see below:

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What does it take to be a Scouting volunteer?

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Spend one night a week for 4 weeks with the section of your choice, any-time from September 2019.

Who knows, you might like it so much you may want to stay!

No special qualifications needed except enthusiasm and being 18 years or over.

FOR MORE DETAILS Call Julie on 01483 480982 or email jakswestend@hotmail.com

Go on we dare you!



The West End Badgers Collective 2019 "Benidorm or Bust" Challenge

Gill Scrutton

In May this year, over a period of four days, "The West End Badgers Collective 2019" drove from West End to Benidorm raising money for our local charities in the "Benidorm or Bust" challenge. Over 400 cars participated in the rally.

Our Badgers are David Alderson (aka Geordie), Andy Hepburn, Robby Ware and Paul Lecluse, all of whom were supported by Gill Scrutton (aka Admin Gill). The Badgers also had their mascot "Tanglefoot" to accompany them along the way.



Maggie Holland of The West End Old Folks Social Club receiving a cheque from the Badgers.

This event was conceived by Ron and Kay of the Hare and Hounds Public House, who started raising money at Christmas 2018 with a Super Santa Christmas Party. Since then, this has been followed by, amongst other activities, Raffles, Lottery Bingo, Bonus Ball, and the Lottery Ball Accumulator.

The chosen charities were: Harry Quinn Trust, Christopher's Smile, The West End Old Folks Social Club and West End/Bisley Church.

Ron and Kay, along with their Badgers Collective, would like to thank everyone for their kind donations and incredible support.

Vintage Cars Event

Ravi Raveendran

There I was on 2nd June tending my front garden when suddenly I heard the roars of several engines. In no time at all almost 40 vintage cars and motorcycles filed passed me and entered the recreation ground where they parked in neat rows in order to showcase their motors. The event organiser, David Clutterbuck, said that they plan to appear again next year. This year it coincided with the Social Club's BBQ which was appreciated by the visitors.



David Clutterbuck standing proudly next to his motor.

It was a warm summer's day, Wimbledon Ladies' Final had just finished and the Cricket World Cup final was just a day away.



On the 13th July, about 75 social bees turned out for the WEVS's Picnic in the Park. This was only our second such event. There was Frisbee throwing, Boules and Cricket but most of all a lot of chit chat over food and beverages.

There was Shiv's serving their usual lovely spicy snacks.



We were hoping to be entertained by a band but unfortunately it had to cancel its appearance. But we can honestly say that we were having such a fun time that no one missed the music.

For your diary, next year's picnic will be held on 11th July (always the second Saturday in July).





Stella was born Stella Howarth in the house built by her Grandfather in Benner Lane where she still lives with her husband Gordon whom she married in 1958. They have 3 daughters, 3 grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

Stella was christened in Holy Trinity Church but had to go to Sunday school twice a day at the Salvation Army Hut in Kings Road, run by a Mr & Mrs Smith from Chobham.

She went to the old school in Benner Lane where Tringham Cottages now stand. School cookery lessons were held at the chapel on the corner of Birch Lane and later at Knaphill School, where girls went upstairs for cookery and boys downstairs for woodwork.

When she was older she was in the first year to go to the new Chobham Secondary School. Later she spent 2 years at the Junior Homecraft Department of Guildford Tech. Some of her village memories include:

- Sleeping under the stairs in a makeshift bed during the war in case of bombs. When a German aircraft crashed in 1940 she wanted to go with her brothers to see it but her mother said she was too young.
- The Gordon Boys' bugler waking her up at 6.45a.m. every morning.
- The 2 ponds on the village green, (the current one and another further along Streets Heath).
- The old W.I. Institute in Streets Heath with its corrugated tin roof, which leaked around the boiler chimney when it rained.
- Benner Lane was half the width of the present road and when it was widened Malthouse Farm lost half its frontage and an old oak tree. Three Malthouse Farm fields were compulsory purchased to build the current school.

For 15 years Stella was a dinner lady at Holy Trinity and with Sheila Cherryman, provided teas for prisoners and their visitors at Coldingly. For years she coordinated collections for the RNLI and as a mark of gratitude they invited her to the launch of a new lifeboat by Princess Alexandra and a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. At that time she worked for John Bolton of Brook Place and he offered her and Gordon his Rolls and chauffeur for the trip.

Stella has delivered the parish magazine for years, originally costing 6d. Now she coordinates deliveries for West End. Additionally, Stella collected for Poppy Day, Cystic Fibrosis and Cancer, subscribes to WEVS and was once a member of Young Wives; today she belongs to W.I. and is a Sides Person in church.

Her hobbies include bird watching and helping every week at Teas on the Rec'. When I asked, "What do you love about the village?" she replied, "The community. Most people are friendly and say hello, especially if you have a dog".

At that point her lovely old dog, Poppy, wagged her tail. Stella is a very modest person. She was thrilled to receive her Citizen of the Year Award but, she added, a lot of other people do things for the community too. She paid special tribute to Gordon who is very supportive.

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The Editor's Bit

Pete Jones

The next Newsletter will be distributed in time for the AGM in early February, with the deadline for articles in early January. If you want to send me an article (or give me ideas for articles) please use comms@wevs.org.uk, and title the e-mail 'WEVS NEWSLETTER'.

We are looking into producing an electronic-only 'what's on' Newsletter in November. To receive this you will need to be registered to receive newsletters by e-mail.

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