



Chairman's Letter

The flaming hot days of June seem a long time ago now. We were very lucky to have a glorious day for the Village fete and I hope that you came and saw the impressive Stag sculpture which we had on display close to the WEVS stand. I am pleased to report that we are progressing well with the revised and updated planning application (the original one having expired due to delays arising from the pandemic) and by the time you read this, should have resubmitted it.

We enjoyed a balmy evening on Mid Summer's Day for our mid-summer walk when 20 walkers joined us for a stroll up to New England Hill. There, Mary Adler gave an interesting short talk about the natural history of Brentmoor Heath since it was released by the MoD. From there we ambled to the Community Orchard in Windlesham Road where we were rather concerned to see the parched state of the trees caused by the very hot dry weather and a lack of watering. Surrey Heath Green Spaces Team has since arranged for a water bowser at the site and regular watering, although it was little needed throughout July and August! We then strolled back to the Hare and Hounds for a refreshing drink in the garden. The walk was a most agreeable way to spend an hour and a half and chat with friends along the way.

In contrast, our Picnic in the Park on 22 July was a complete washout as it rained all day! We are hoping for better weather for the Ag and Hort show on Saturday 9 September when we will have a stand as usual (from around midday). We hope to see you there.

Just a reminder to those of you who paid subscriptions for 3 years in 2019, your subscriptions are now due again. For details on ways to pay please see Page 9.

Jeff Llewellyn

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Forthcoming Events

Sunday 27 th August	Social Club Beer Festival	12:30pm Social Club
Saturday 9 th September	Ag and Hort Show + Barn Dance	1:00pm Recreation Ground
Sunday 10 th September	Worship in the Marquee	11:00am/3:00pm Recreation Ground
Sunday 24 th September	Harvest Thanksgiving & Lunch	Holy Trinity Church
Saturday 7 th October	Ag and Hort Ploughing Match	10:00am Grove End Field, GU19 5HY
9 th /10 th December	Christmas Tree Festival	Holy Trinity Church
Tuesday 26 th December	Boxing Day Walk	10:30am Tringham Hall

The West End & Windlesham Ag & Hort Show



The best “West End” show is back! The West End, Windlesham and District Agricultural & Horticultural Society’s Annual Show is on Saturday 9th September at the Tringham Hall and Recreation Ground, Benner Lane, West End, Woking. GU24 9JP.

There is something for everyone and fun for the whole family. The outdoor attractions - children’s rides, ice cream, tea & coffees, raffle, craft stalls and morris dancers - are up and running by 1pm. The bar and BBQ is also open from 12.30pm. Entry to the outside attractions is free - so come along and join in.

The Hall and marquee show and exhibition, showcasing the best, biggest and most beautiful flowers, fruit and vegetables alongside the Domestic Classes - including breads, cakes, preserves and beer and wine - opens in the Hall at 2pm. The exhibits of art, photography, poultry, pets and the children’s fun classes will be found in the marquee. Entry to the Hall and marquee is only £2. Children and members are free.

Why not sign up as a member? The membership fee is only £3 and includes entry to the show, the ploughing match AND entitles you to discounted class entries – a jolly good reason to join and enter some classes. There are novice classes and fun classes – so don’t be shy.... Join nearly 1,000 other entries for as little as 20p per entry and hopefully win some prize money or a trophy to keep for a year and show all of your friends! It really is good fun especially for the children who can enter over 40 different classes including: pet classes, cookery, creative writing, photography and vegetables. There’s also the prize money.... from £2 for a 1st place, £1.50 for a 2nd place, £1 for a 3rd place and in some cases there are even more chances to win with 4th place prizes from 50p. The prize giving and presentation of cups and trophies is held on the show day at 4.30pm.

PLEASE ENTER A CLASS and make the show even bigger and better this year. You can view the full list of classes and obtain an entry form on our website <https://www.wewdahs.org> *The last day for entries is 2nd September.*

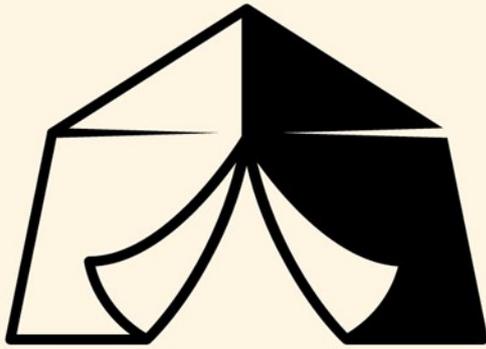
And why not bring along and enter your dog into the Obstacle Retrieve at 2:00pm or the Dog Show at 2.30pm where the classes include “Best Six Legs”, “Best Child Handler” and “Cutest Dog”. And for the brave there is the Agility Class where you can have a go at the A Frame, weaves, tunnels and much more.



To end the day on Saturday 9th we are proud to announce that the brilliant “Hogs Back Band” are back to lead our Barn Dance in the marquee on the recreation ground after the show at 8:00pm – 11.30pm. This is a great night out. So grab your partner, cowboy boots, hat and friends and book the date in your diary for a brilliant evening! We have a licensed bar with real ale and wine – you can even bring your own picnic. Tickets are £15 and available on our website: <https://www.wewdahs.org/barndance>



Finally, we have one more date for your diary. Please join us on **Saturday 7th October for our Ploughing Match** at Grove End Field, opposite the entrance to Windlesham Golf Club, Bagshot GU19 5HY. **Watch tractors, old and new, plough their straightest lines – it really is a great day and fun for the whole family.** The ploughing starts at 10.00am and the Prize Giving is at 1.30pm. Spectators are welcome and entry is free.



Sunday 10th September 2023
Worship in the Marquee
West End Recreation Ground GU24 9JP

11am Songs of Praise Service
Theme: Caring for our corner of creation.
Music: Almac Band
Guest Speaker: Cllr Liz Noble

3pm Marquee Messy Church
For families of all ages

ALL WELCOME



We were delighted to be able to re-open our Jubilee Cubs pack in September. This meant that the backlog of Beaver Scouts waiting for spaces could become Cubs, thus freeing up spaces for new Beavers to join us. We still have a few of these spaces available for children aged 6-8 years. Please contact us if you would like a place. [Julie.komor@surreyheathscouts.org.uk]

All sections have had a busy year as the whole of the organisation was catching up with all those fantastic camps and outdoor activities that we have been missing for the last few years. A small selection below:



In this year of volunteering, we have plenty of opportunities!

If you would like to join our happy band, contact the address above. We would be happy to discuss how volunteering could work for you!

West End Community Orchard

Yvette Jones

Last November volunteers planted 47 fruit trees at the Windlemere SANGS. Since then, the trees have faced flood, freezing cold and drought. I can report that the majority have fared well, with only three trees looking dead, and one of those might be rallying.

One of the problems we faced earlier this year was the supply of water for the young saplings. During the hot weather, the Borough Greenspace Team was unable to start watering the young trees as delivery of the water bowser they had ordered was delayed. Once the bowser arrived, the long-awaited watering began and happily, we can report there have been relatively few casualties.

In keeping with normal husbandry of newly-planted fruit trees in their first year, all fruit is being removed when formed in order to encourage the trees to develop a good root system.



Though the school closed for the holidays at the start of July, Gordon's students were as busy as ever!

In Snowdonia, students were battling torrential rain and high winds in order to complete the expedition part of their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The group had already undertaken their practice expedition of two days and two nights in Wales. For their final, the group organised and planned their expedition which was carried out over four days and three nights.

Rowers were also out in force, not only carrying on with their training at school but taking part in regattas. In this, their most successful season ever, the Gordon's Boat Club won medals at every regatta entered. At Staines they came away with Gold in the Open Women Singles 850m and 500m; the J14 boys double sculls 850m and the J15 boys double sculls 850m.



Netball players set off for South Africa, taking in the sights of Cape Town as well as playing against schools there and supporting the Vitality Roses at the Netball World Cup.

Also the Pipes and Drums returned to Glasgow to take part in Piping Live and the World Pipe Band Championships featuring 190 bands from 19 countries all over the world. Gordon's now partners the National Piping Centre, a national and international centre of excellence based in

Glasgow. The partnership has brought world-class musicians to the school for masterclasses and concerts and led to the introduction of Spring courses at Gordon's and scholarships in Pipes and Drums.

Hundreds of new students in Year 7 and the Sixth Form have joined the school this month for the start of the new academic year and we look forward to getting to know them. With their arrival comes the start of the school's open events for both the main school (Years 7-11) and Sixth Form (Year 12). Day Boarding Open Mornings will take place between 10.15am and 12.30pm on the following dates: Wednesday 20th September; Thursday 28th September; Friday 29th September, Monday 9th October and Tuesday 10th October.

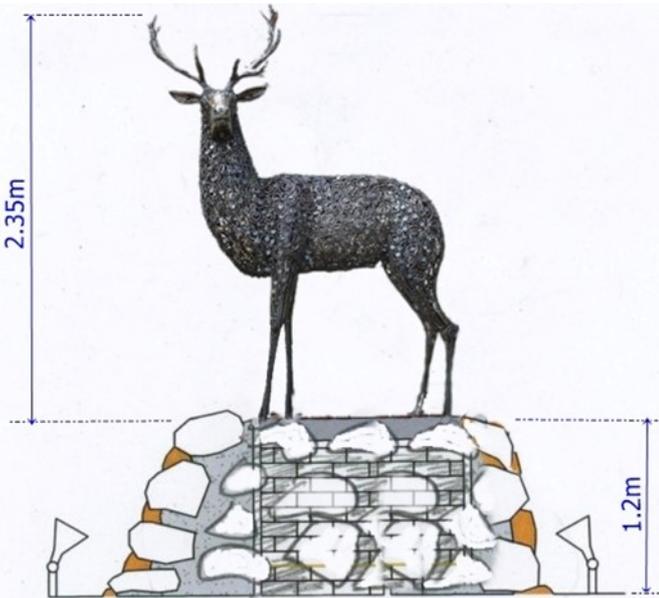
For those wishing to join the Sixth Form, there will be an open evening on Thursday 5th October from 6pm to 8pm and two Open Mornings (both from 10.15am to 12.30pm) on Tuesday 7th November and Wednesday 15th November. Places can be booked via the school website – www.gordons.school.

Business Breakfasts return. Open to anyone in the community, they are held on the second Friday of the month during term time and provide an opportunity for business people to network over a delicious cooked breakfast. Further details and bookings can be found on the website – www.gordons.school/boxoffice

The Stag Project

Ravi Raveendran

Early in June, the Stag made an appearance at the village fete. Many people commented on the size of the sculpture and its intricate details. The entire sculpture is made from scrap metal parts.



Actual sculpture superimposed on a visualised rockery (height to scale)

The planning application for the Stag Project was made in August 2023. Most of you will know that this is our second application as the first one expired before we could commence the installation of the sculpture.

We anticipate the planning decision to be notified in October. The civil works and electrical contractors are ready to start the works.

The sculpture will be lit by four solar light units that are capable of providing up to six hours of illumination on a fully-charged battery.

As you can see from the diagram, the plinth will be covered in large stones, giving a rustic rockery look.

The top of the plinth will be capped with a structural slab.

The inner core of the plinth will be made from concrete blocks and engineering bricks. The sculpture will be fixed to the concrete slab by means of structural bolts which are being designed.

It is our aim to complete the installation before the year end, subject to the planning consent. This will coincide with the society's 50th anniversary. Watch this space.

Editor's Note: I have been asked to point out that the funding of the Stag and associated works is not from subscriptions, but from donations, mostly made pre-covid.



The stag made an appearance at the fete

The Social Club Beer Festival

Three bands, BBQ and Big Prize Raffle. Join us for our annual event of live music and real ale. Three great Surrey cover bands: Flying Visit, Southern Bound and The Outlaws, playing 50 min sets between 1.00 and 6.00 pm plus great rockin' music during the change-overs. As well as real ale, we have a full bar selling other alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, BBQ food and a prize raffle.

This is an opportunity to look around our fine local club and experience some of our live music acts for no charge (donations welcome) and we hope you will consider taking out an annual club membership. (Annual membership only £20 with one-off £5 joining fee).

Following a meeting called by West End's three Parish Councillors in February 1920, a committee was formed to ask for contributions towards a Memorial to our Sailors and Soldiers who made the great sacrifice. A further meeting was held at the Institute on November 29th at 3 o' clock and it was decided to erect the Memorial on the south corner of the Institute ground close to the junction of the High Street and Guildford Road.

The design was to take the form of a Runic Cross, erected on a base, for which the sum of £90 had been subscribed by the public and the order given to Mr. J. R. Roberts of Knaphill.

The October 1920 edition of the Parish Magazine does say *"The Committee has instructed the Necropolis Company, Brookwood, to erect a Runic Memorial Cross at the angle of the Institute ground"* and *"We are glad to think all three Chobham's are to have their village cross, the erection of which will please many, apart from the very solemn occasion which brings it about; and we cannot conceive any more thorough and effective method of commemorating the sacrifices made by Englishmen in the 5 fateful years than to stud the land, in churchyards and on village greens, with the recognised symbol of the greatest sacrifice of all"*. The Memorial's official description when erected was *"Stone Wheel Cross with wide shaft. Shaft bears names on both back and front. Cross surmounted 2 step base which bears WW1 Inscription on front step. Celtic - Style design on Head of Cross"*.

The Memorial commemorates the men from the village killed in the two World Wars. In WWI 143 men from West End enlisted to fight, 29 gave their lives. The Roll of Honour in Holy Trinity Church commemorates 47 men from West End who gave their lives compared with the 29 on the War Memorial Wheel Cross. WWII's Roll of Honour in the Church commemorates 25 men, exactly the same number as are recorded on the Memorial Wheel Cross. In 1946, a Plaque in memory of the 4 members of the Working Men's Club who gave their lives in WWII was unveiled.

The Memorial was moved in December 1972, at a cost of £338.25, to make way for a bus stop. It now stands proudly at the junction of Church Road and Windlesham Road in a garden maintained by the West End Village Garden Club.

In 2010 the West End History Project realised that the Memorial was not a listed building. In May 2011 Mick Glazier and I submitted an application to English Heritage, to have our War Memorial listed. This involved a lot of work and we presented a comprehensive application over and above that required. It was favourably received and on the 31st January 2012 we received notification from English Heritage that it had been approved. The Memorial is now listed as Grade II; the list entry number is 1406090.



The Church in Bisley and West End

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 24th September

Holy Trinity Church, West End at 10am

Everybody Welcome

We will be collecting
for Water Aid charity



Community Harvest Lunch



Sunday 24th September

Bisley Village Hall 1pm

**Seasonal Soups and
Crumbles**

All Welcome, no charge for lunch but
contributions for Bisley and WE Food
Bank will be collected

Harvest Charities

Water Aid



Bisley & WE Food Bank

Tinned & dry goods
Household cleaning products
Hygiene items
Baby food & nappies
Free-from products

*Thank
You!*



in Bisley and West End



Did You Know?

Football clubs tend to have a nickname, One of the obvious ones is Wolves for Wolverhampton Wanderers. Maybe less obvious is why Woking Football Club is called 'The Cards' (it's not to do with their ability to play poker....] Answer below

Membership Subscriptions

Mary Anthony

2023 subscriptions are now due. Annual subscriptions are £4 per household; £2 per pensioner household (over 65). Three-year membership subscriptions are £10/£5.

If you took advantage of our three-year subscription when we first offered it in 2019, then your subscription is now due again. (We didn't collect a subscription for 2020.)

It would help us enormously if you could either pay your subscription directly into the WEVS bank account, or come to our stand at the Ag & Hort Show and pay by card.

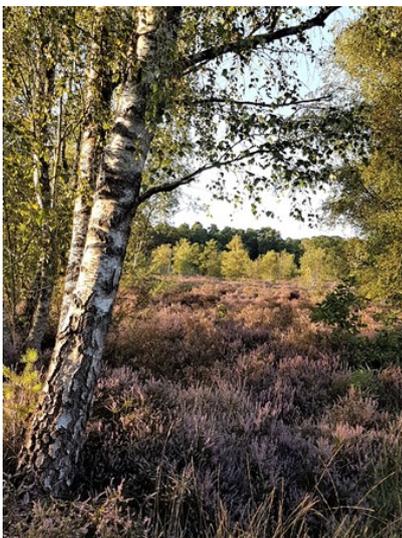
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We are always looking for help with distribution of the newsletters around the village. If you can help, please get in touch.

Autumn Glory on Brentmoor Heath

These photographs don't do justice to the magnificent display of heathers currently flowering on Brent-



moor Heath. As many of you know, it is not a long walk to get there from any part of the village and we're sure you will agree once you have been there that it is well worth the effort.

The display of heathers is approaching its best and while flowering will extend into the early autumn, it is probably worth making the trip sooner rather than later.



Answer: Cards is short for cardinal, and no, it was not a religious order before being formed in 1887, rather it refers to the red of their shirts (Cardinal red)

If you are interested in taking some fairly gentle exercise from time-to-time, why not join one of the groups that run organised walks? One such group is TWERPS (The West End Rambling for Pleasure Society), a club that is based in West End and organises walks around the village and slightly further afield. The walks are designed to be easy going and fun, not military-style route marches and are suitable for most ramblers. Dogs are most welcome, so please bring them along if you would like.

Walks take place on the second Sunday of the month around the immediate area and further afield. They are all circular, usually about 6 or 7 miles, start at 10:00am and, including a break for tea/coffee/snacks etc, take 2 ½ to 3 hours. Walks frequently finish close to a pub where food and liquid refreshments can be obtained.

Not all our activities are walking. From time-to-time we hold more social events, such as drinks & nibbles in a member's garden during the summer, or post-walk lunches at favoured hostelrys. So, why not join us one Sunday and see if it's something that appeals.

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.



Refreshments during a cold, crisp winter's day walk on Chobham Common

The Boxing Day Walk

Unless there is exceptionally heavy rain and flooding, WEVS intends to hold its traditional Boxing Day walk this year. It has been a very popular event in the West End calendar for many years and in some instances well over 100 people have come along to take a little gentle exercise. It is a pleasant way to work off some of the excesses of the festive season and a perfect activity for all the family to take part in.

The route the walk follows will very much depend upon the amount of rainfall we have in the weeks before the event. Normally it covers a distance of around three miles, although the route is designed so that those less inclined to complete it can easily return home before the end. The first half of the walk is relatively dry under foot and child buggy friendly. Mid-way there is an exit point where those who have had enough, or have other tasks to perform, can return to the village by road.

Participants assemble in the car park of Tringham Hall for a 10:30 start, suitably attired with warm clothing & sensible footwear. Alternatively, you can join the walk opposite the Hare & Hounds at 10:45. The route takes walkers across Brentmoor Heath and around the back of the village, ending up close to the Hare & Hounds Pub about 1 ½ hours later, just in time to take some well-earned refreshments.

WEVS Litter Pick

Mary Anthony

On Sunday 25th June, twelve people met up at the Rosewood Way car park to do a Litter Pick along Lucas Green Road. Fifteen bin bags of rubbish were collected. As well as the usual plastic bottles, cups, cans,



and chocolate bar wrappers, the group also collected 4 wheel trims (various), 1 exhaust pipe, sundry broken automotive parts, 1 pair of boots, a toilet seat and a box of nitrous oxide canisters.

Many thanks to those who came along to help and to Sally and to Malcolm for arranging the disposal of the haul.



West End Village Garden Club

Chris Anthony

The Village Garden Club is enjoying another brilliant year. Membership is on the rise and our monthly meetings are well attended. This is hardly surprising given the interesting programme of events put together by our secretary, Judy Douch. The talks, delivered by visiting experts at our monthly meetings, cover a wide range of topics that cater for every taste. This year we have been treated to a photographic tour of the fascinating gardens of the Cape region of South Africa, heard about the cultivation and history of nuts from around the world and learnt about organic gardening and how to cultivate garden shrubs successfully.

Our activities are not confined to meetings. We hold a couple of social events during the course of the year – a summer buffet party and a Christmas dinner. The summer buffet is held in Tringham Hall and all the catering and organisation is undertaken by the committee. The accompanying photograph gives a good idea of some of the excellent food on offer. There



is also a raffle and horticulturally-themed quiz with prizes for the table achieving the highest score.

Once a year we visit a garden of interest, members being taken there by coach. This year, we visited Waterperry Gardens in Oxfordshire. There, we were given a very informative and entertaining guided tour by the head gardener and had plenty of time afterwards to explore the beautiful gardens. Waterperry also has a small but very interesting museum of rural tools and instruments and it has featured in a number of TV shows. It is not far to go and the gardens and museum are well worth a visit.

If you would like to find out more about us, please visit us at our stand at the Ag & Hort Show. We will be pleased to see you.

On the weekend of **9th and 10th December 2023** we shall be once again holding a Christmas Tree Festival, in Holy Trinity Church, West End.



As in previous years, we hope to make this a real community celebration and also to raise funds in aid of Woking and Sam Beare Hospice and our local Parish Church.

We will have space for 40 individually decorated Christmas trees. Groups and individuals are invited to decorate a tree. We will provide the trees and the stands – YOU will provide the decorations, which may reflect your organisation.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to advertise your group/company activities. The trees need to be decorated on Friday 8th December.

We ask you to contribute a minimum donation of £30 for taking part. At the end of the Christmas Tree Festival the tree (but NOT the stand) will be yours to take away.

The Church will be open to the public on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December. On Sunday evening there will then be a short Festival Service, after which (or on Monday) you may collect your tree and remove your decorations.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact the Christmas Tree Committee and request a booking form and further details by emailing:

httrefestival@gmail.com or phoning Alison Clay on 01483 481249.

**Editor's Message****Pete Jones**

The deadline for the next newsletter (Spring 2024) will be around the end of January so it can be distributed before the Society's AGM - to be held in February. Further details will be sent out nearer the time

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