



Chairman's Letter

Happy New Year!

The past year has seen a return to something more like normality and the Society has had a full programme of events for the first time in three years. I am pleased to say that the three Liquidambar trees that we planted on Fellow Green in March, in recognition of the NHS care workers and key workers, survived the summer drought and put on a superb display of autumn colours in October. We launched three new events during the year;

- a Spring walk around the Village to admire the daffodils
- an 'open garden' in Pete and Yvette Jones' Garden in May (incidentally we are looking for someone to volunteer their garden for a similar event in May this year)
- in September an interesting guided History Walk around West End.

The events were sufficiently popular for us to run similar ones this year.

In November, 34 people turned out to complete our Project of the Year for 2022 with the planting of 47 fruit trees for the Community Orchard on the Windlemere SANGS. We eagerly anticipate the fruits of our labours in coming years. Our final event of the year was the traditional Boxing Day Walk. In contrast to 2021, it was a beautiful, mild day although a little wet underfoot in places. Around 6 dogs and 80 walkers took part, the youngest being just 2½ weeks old!

I am pleased to say that the Committee goes from strength to strength with three new members joining over the year, Pauline Wells, Ranjit Bhamra and Yvonne Simpson. The AGM this year will be on February 21 and will be followed by a talk from retired air traffic controller, Andy Rankine on the theme of '100 years of air traffic control in NW Surrey'. I hope to see you there. Best wishes to all, Jeff Llewellyn.

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Forthcoming Events

Monday 30 th January 7:00pm	WEVS Talk - Heat Pumps	See article
Tuesday 21 st February 7.30pm	WEVS AGM + Speaker	Sports Pavilion
Saturday 25 th March 2:00pm	WEVS Spring Walk	See article
Saturday 27 th May	WEVS Open Gardens	See article
Saturday 10 th June	West End Fete	Recreation Ground
Saturday 8 th July	WEVS Picnic in the Park	Recreation Ground
Saturday TBA September	Ag & Hort Show	Recreation Ground

The WEVS project for 2022 was completed in November. Forty-seven large fruit trees were planted by volunteers from West End residents and Surrey Heath Tree Wardens.

All purchased trees came from North Hill Nursery, and a few trees, donated by local residents, were planted alongside.

A grant of £750 from The National Garden Scheme, another of £500 from Cllr. Graham Alleway and a donation of almost £200 from West End Garden Club made this project possible and at nil cost to WEVS.

Thank you to all those who got involved. Local businessman, Jason King, used his mini digger to dig the holes for free. This was a huge bonus and saved a lot of sore backs!

WEVS wish to thank Surrey Heath Borough Council and their Green Space Team for enabling this project on the Windlemere SANGS.



The final job is to add wildflower seeds. This will be done early in spring with the help of local children.

We hope everyone will enjoy the orchard and the enhanced biodiversity in the SANGS.



Last year we had a single open garden: about 50 people attended and it was very successful. This year we are looking for a few more villagers to open their gardens.

We are able to give advice based on last year's event. Ideally, we are looking for a range of gardens - small, large, wild, well kept.

If you think you could help, please let me know - PeterJones852@gmail.com

The date we have set for this is Saturday 27th May

WEVS Annual General Meeting—Tuesday 21st February

WEVS AGM

All members are invited to the Annual General Meeting

To be held on Tuesday 21st February 2023

at the Sports Pavilion.

Starting at 7.30pm

Followed by a speaker - Andy Rankine whose talk is entitled:
'100 years of air traffic control in NW Surrey'.

It will focus on the local airports, Fair Oaks, Blackbushe and
Farnborough as well as LHR.

Light refreshments will be offered after the proceedings.

We look forward to seeing you there

WEVS Talk on Heat Pumps - Monday 30th January

On Monday 30th January at 7:00pm WEVS will be hosting a talk on Air Source Heat Pumps. This will be held in the Sports Pavilion next to Tringham Hall and is free to all.

We think this will be of interest to a lot of people as gas boilers are being phased out and Air and Ground Source Heat Pumps are a 'new' way to provide heat in your home.

This is the opportunity to find out more information from an engineer experienced with heat pumps, and someone who had one installed a year ago.

If successful WEVS will do more technical talks in the coming months.

The Spring Walk—2023

Ravi Raveendran

DATE: 25 March 2023 TIME: 14:00 - 15:00 (approx.)

START: The Hare and Hounds pub END: The Hare and Hounds pub

Last year we established an annual spring walk in order to enjoy the daffodils in bloom around the village. The turnout for the first event of its kind was quite encouraging with about 35 people coming along. This year we are hoping for a bigger attendance and we have altered the route to make the event more enjoyable and informative. The exact route of the forthcoming Spring Walk is still being drawn up but the general plan is for it to start at the Hare and Hounds, meander across Brentmoor Heath - with a brief interlude at New England Hill for an informative talk - before making its way down to the newly planted Community Orchard in the SANGS (behind Gordon's School). Here we will be able to admire the sheer size of the orchard and hopefully see some blooms too.



From here the walk will make its way to the A319 Bagshot Road and head back towards the Hare and Hounds via more bulb plantings. At the end of the walk you'll have a chance to catch up with your fellow walkers over a few refreshments in the pub.

This year's walk will take us through unpaved areas where the ground is likely to be soggy. A reasonable pair of walking shoes is recommended. The walk is expected to last over an hour and there will be stewards to help you to cross the roads safely. Residents, their friends and families are all most welcome. Why not bring your dogs too? We look forward to seeing you.

History Walk Around West End

Back in September 2022 WEVS hosted a walk around the village, Gordon's School and Brentmoor Heath. This was in conjunction with Heritage Open Days.

We had a great turnout (31), for the 2-hour walk. Thanks go to Susan Meikle (Gordon's), Mike Underwood and Savitri Kegge for leading the walk.

If it is possible, we will think of something different to do for Heritage Open Days this September. These will be held between 8th and 17th of the month.



Police Update: Rob Freeman, Community Engagement Volunteer

Over the last 3 months (to Jan 23) there have been 1,962 crimes reported across the whole of the Surrey Heath Borough with **56** linked to locations in West End. In West End the most common events were:

Theft (13), Domestic Incident (6), Vulnerable Adult Incident (5). Criminal Damage (3) Robbery (3).

Across the borough we have still been seeing surges in certain crimes such as keyless car theft, catalytic converter theft, van break-ins, car interference and residential burglary as we probably have criminals targeting the borough for a number of days/nights and then returning some weeks later to have another go.

The police advice on these types of crimes includes the following but more detailed advice can be found on the Surrey Police and Neighbourhood Watch web sites and Facebook pages etc;

Keyless Car Theft

Keep both sets of keys in Faraday pouches (or similar containers that provide a Faraday cage effect - such as a biscuit tin). Do check and test whatever pouch/tin you use to make sure they block the signal.

- Block the keyless car in with another car if you have it.
- Fit a third-party alarm and immobiliser
- Consider having a tracker fitted.
- Use physical deterrents (steering wheel locks, car wheel locks and barriers).
- Fit exterior lights and CCTV (making sure CCTV is set to notify you if it detects something at night).

Catalytic Converter Theft

- Consider fitting a tilt alarm that will activate if a cat-con thief tries to jack up the side of your car.
- Consider fitting a protective cage over the cat-con.
- Consider security etching the cat-con and displaying a sticker in the car window (may put a thief off and the marking on the cat-con may make it easier for a legitimate scrap dealer to spot it as a stolen item and for the police to tie up any items found in someone's possession to possible thefts).

Van Break-ins

- Add extra locks to the vehicle doors.
- Use an internal locked tool safe to store high value tools when inside the vehicle.
- Where possible don't keep tools in the van (especially when the van is parked up at home or overnight/at a hotel).
- Make sure you have a note of the serial number of the tools (plus photos) to assist in their return if ever found.

Consider adding security watermarking to the tools and use labels on the tools/van to advertise that the contents are marked.

Car interference

- Please ensure your car is locked when left unattended
- Remove all valuables from the car when you are not with it and if that is not possible then make sure they are hidden out of sight/locked in the boot etc.
- Consider CCTV/extra lights to cover your driveway/parking area.

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Residential Burglary

- Make your property look as if someone is home (timers for lights, radios, fake TV lights etc).
- Have neighbours park on your drive if you are away.
- Have neighbours put your bins in after being emptied should you be at work (bins left out the front during the day are a potential sign no one is home).
- Consider CCTV (including indoors) and extra lighting as well as an alarm.
- Thieves tend to access properties through the rear so ensure your side gates are padlocked, no bins are near that can be used to help them climb over.
- Thieves will target families who have or are likely to have high value family gold and jewellery so consider keeping such items in a safety deposit box offsite. Make use of a safe in the house (but keep it hidden and also securely bolted to the fabric of the building), noting that thieves will target bedrooms and even loft spaces.
- Make sure that your valuables are photographed and recorded (perhaps on one of the available databases) and if possible, security marked using one of the 'smart water' or similar schemes.
- Don't forget that garages (especially detached in a block) as well sheds and other outbuildings can also be targeted so again ensure the locks are up to the job, keep valuable tools, bikes etc., securely chained up and also security marked and serial numbers noted.

Want to be kept informed on local crime? Then follow Surrey Police and Surrey Heath Beat (Surrey Police) on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. For those not into social media, have crime reports and articles emailed to you through the Neighbourhood Alert system by signing up through one of the following sites;

<https://www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk>

<https://www.intheknow.community>

West End Social Club

Have you found this local gem yet? We are located at 2 High Street West End GU24 9PL. Come and join this local membership club. The Club has two bars, a large lounge and dance floor. We can also cater for private parties/wakes etc for our members. Also, we have a new kitchen so can do a full buffet service.

We have so many things you will enjoy. Two snooker tables, a darts area, indoor bowls, line dancing for beginners and intermediate, jive dance lessons, bingo, war games, quiz nights, Saturday band nights and a monthly Sunday country club for line dancers, partner dancing or just to listen to.

We hold special events throughout the year. For example, on the King's coronation weekend we will have entertainment on Saturday 6th May with the band "Bullseye" and on Sunday 7th from midday till late, music from our own local band 'The Outlaws' and the Club's favourite band 'Flying Visit' plus food to help celebrate.

Come for a taster one evening and see if you would like to join us. You are more than welcome. Check us out on our website www.westendsocialclub.co.uk

We hope to see you soon.

Do You Know?

Where the A322 starts/finishes? - Answer at the foot of the page.

Chobham Golf Club

Simon Bell (General Manager)

Chobham Golf Club is going from strength to strength after a stellar 2022. Our busiest year to date has been followed by a period of reinvestment in all areas of the Club.

In October, installation of a brand-new irrigation system began across the whole golf course and the largest winter course works programme in many years was implemented. All focused on keeping momentum and continuing to improve our offering to members and guests.

Situated in a former tree nursery, the golf course benefits from stunning tree-lined fairways and a unique playing environment all year round. With 6 small lakes on the course and 6 superb par 3s, there is challenge out there without being an overly long par 69 golf course at 6,000 yards. USGA greens construction also allow our golfers to enjoy fantastic putting surfaces all year round.



Chobham is one of the friendliest golf clubs you will ever visit. We are very proud of the relaxed and welcoming environment we create, whether you are a member or a visitor. Societies are welcome year-round and we can accommodate groups of any size.

The Montgomerie Suite is a large function room situated on the 1st floor of the building overlooking the golf course and property. With room for up to 200 guests, it is a self-contained private area with lift access and is available to hire for private parties, events, weddings or conferences. There is also a secluded 12-seater Boardroom available for meeting hire.

Our large bar is **open to the public** with outside areas perfect for a quiet drink. New rattan furniture, large cantilever parasols and patio heaters were installed this summer as we continue to improve the large patio area which sits peacefully overlooking the large putting green and 15th hole.

We hope you will come and visit Chobham Golf Club in the near future for golf or entertainment. There is also membership available with no waiting list or joining fee.

Answer: Twin bridges Bracknell to Bridge Street Gyroty in the centre of Guildford

Esso's Southampton to London Pipeline Project - Update

This is the latest update from the project's contractor.

Windlemere SANGS

We have completed installation of the pipeline in Windlemere SANGS.

There will be a pause between the end of installation and reinstatement activities in Windlemere SANGS. This is because we need to reseed and replant in the appropriate season. Reinstatement will take place in 2023 in the next available season

Turf Hill

We completed the installation of the pipeline through Turf Hill in October 2022.

Our works are currently progressing eastward along Red Road towards Turf Hill. Once we reach the Red Road/Turf Hill intersection, we will complete the tie-in works with the section of pipe previously installed in Turf Hill.

We have demobilised our equipment and reinstated the paths and car park. We will continue reinstatement in the spring and autumn months.

Generally, we will be reinstating our working areas on a like-for-like basis. The timing of our reinstatement may vary depending on weather and seasonal constraints but will be as soon as practicably feasible.

For more details see: www.slpproject.co.uk



SLP works between Red Road and the range fence

West End Village Fete

The West End Village Fete will be held this year on Saturday 10th June with a procession starting from Fellow Green at 12.30pm and the fete formally opening at 1:00pm.

The organisers are looking for volunteers to help on the committee planning the fete and also to help on the day before and after to set up and take down the fete-run stalls

If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Jack Kegge at jack.kegge@ntlworld.com

If anyone wishes to have a stall at the fete, or advertise in the programme, this can be booked using Trybooking.com.

In our last newsletter we told you that we were awaiting the outcome of the grant application that we made to Surrey Heath Borough Council. We are pleased to report that we have been granted £1,500. This completes our fund-raising activities.

An impressive looking sculpture has been made and delivered to Bill Kear Ltd who will carry out the installation. Additionally, four solar lighting units have been purchased. We paid £3,400 and £540 for the sculpture and lighting units respectively.

Bill Kear is safe-keeping the sculpture until the start of installation. In accordance with the terms of the agreement we have made a part payment of £7,000 to Bill Kear towards the safe-keeping of the sculpture and mobilisation of the installation.

We have not yet answered the technical queries raised by Surrey County Council on the fixing details design. This is due to me being very busy with my work commitments. I am in discussion with a structural engineer to prepare the fixing details. Once SCC's queries are answered satisfactorily the installation will commence with no further delay.

Stuff To Do For Free

Pete Jones

Museums:

- Chobham: Opening times on Saturdays and Sundays are 11:00am to 4:00pm (from April to October), 11:30am to 3:30pm (from November to March). From May to September the museum is also open on Wednesdays from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.
- Museum of Military Medicine (GU12 5RQ) 9:30am to 3:30pm (Mon-Fri)
- Hockey Museum Woking GU21 6BL every Tuesday and Wednesday between 10.00am and 4.00pm.
- Surrey Heath Museum and Heritage Gallery 33 Obelisk Way Camberley. Tuesday to Saturday, 11am to 4.30pm
- Farnborough Air Sciences Museum GU14 6TF. 10:00am to 4:00pm Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays.

Running:

- Parkrun. 5km run or walk, every Saturday 9:00am, hundreds of venues. Nearest Woking Park, Frimley Lodge Park and Ottershaw Memorial Fields. *Register at Parkrun to get a barcode first.* Under 10s must be accompanied, Dogs welcome on short hand-held lead.
- Junior Parkrun 2km for 4–14-year-old run or walk, every Sunday 9:00am. Nearest Woking Park. *Register at Parkrun to get a barcode first.*
- Woking 3-mile handicap. 1st Wednesday of the month, starts next to the outdoor café between the Leisure Centre and Pool. 12:30pm. Not suitable for Juniors (road crossings)

Walks

- Take a look at www.alltrails.com and search for "Camberley"
- Take a look at www.wevs.org.uk/walks-2 for walks around the village

West End & Windlesham Ag & Hort Show Photographs



Photos supplied by Ravi Raveendran

The Boxing Day Walk

Chris Anthony

For the first time in four years the gods decided to smile upon the Village Boxing Day walk. The day was an all too brief interval in the rainy weather that seemed to have plagued the countryside since the end of the summer heat wave. It was near perfect conditions for a gentle stroll to work off some of the excesses of the festive season and make room for the next round of feasting.



Around 80 individuals plus dogs set off from the Tringham Hall car park in mid-morning, heading

towards the heights of Brentmoor Heath via New England Hill. The heavy rainfall in the weeks before the walk meant that some of the lower-lying paths were under water and restricted the route to the few dry places that were still accessible. The walk followed a figure of eight route, descending from Brentmoor Heath and passing along Priests Lane, where the

Boxing Day clay pigeon shoot provided some added entertainment, then back towards the Heath, finishing outside the Hare & Hounds pub just after opening time.

All in all a most enjoyable outing and fingers crossed we will be able to do the whole thing again next Christmas.



Frosted Grasses. Photo by Savitri Kegge

WEVS Membership Subscriptions

Mary Anthony

2023 subscriptions are now due. Annual subscriptions are £4 per household/£2 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 pay your subscription directly into the WEVS bank account. If you would like to do this, please email membershipwevs@gmail.com with your name and address. We will email you the bank details along with a unique payment reference code. **Please do use the code otherwise we may not be able to allocate the payment to you.** If you have paid your subscription into our bank account in the past, the account details and reference will be the same, as long as you have not moved (the reference is unique to your address). So, if we are still set up as a payee, you can make the transfer and send an email to membershipwevs@gmail.com to say you have done so.

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

West End Parish Council—Job Vacancy

PARISH CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER WEST END PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is seeking a suitably experienced person with a wide variety of skills for the post of Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer. This varied and rewarding role at the heart of the village community includes working with the 7 Councillors in delivering the Parish Council's services and day-to-day responsibility for two (part-time) staff members. You will be involved in several community projects which the Council is undertaking.

The ideal candidate will have good organisational, numeracy and computer skills as well as being an excellent communicator and be able to demonstrate enthusiasm for working with residents and local organisations.

In return for your 37-hour week you will have a salary of between £31,000 and £35,000 a year (depending upon experience) and membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme. Working hours are usually between 9:00 and 16:00, Monday to Friday, with two evening meetings a month.

The successful candidate will preferably hold the CiLCA qualification or be willing to undertake the relevant training.

If you want to have an informal chat about the role, you can talk to one of the Councillors, Giles Lowe, on 07887 562 600

For more information and an application pack please contact the present Parish Clerk on 01276 855361 or email clerk@westendparishcouncil.org.uk

Closing date 10 February 2023



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