



## Chairman's Letter

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Newsletter. It is for me a great pleasure to start my second period of office as Chair of the Society having last held the position in 2004. The Society has developed considerably in the intervening 15 years thanks to the enthusiasm of the Committee. The Newsletter for example has grown from 4 pages then to 16 in the last one and is now available in colour by email. We have in recent years been able to make donations to numerous 'Worthy Causes' in the Village and since 2016 have organised a 'project of the year' for the benefit of the Village. I hope you have enjoyed the 0.13 million spring bulbs that the Society planted as its projects of the year for 2016, 2017 and 2018. For 2019 following a vote by members, we are planning to put a statue of a deer on Fellow Green Roundabout and are obtaining the necessary permissions.

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There have been several changes in the membership of the Committee over the past 15 years, but I am delighted to say that following the AGM in February Anne Allard and Jan Smith have joined our number. James Armour has had to stand down as he has moved from the Village having taken a new job in the Northwest. We thank him for his service on the Committee for the past 15 months and wish him well for the future. The Committee now stands at 13 members, the highest number ever! The Constitution permits 15 Committee members so we still have room for two more if anyone wants to volunteer.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> of April the Society attended a meeting with the Chief Constable of Surrey and the Police Commissioner to hear about the latest trends in crime in Surrey and to raise concerns with them. Although there has been an increase in burglaries, thefts from vehicles and drug related crime throughout the County, Surrey Heath has the third lowest crime rate in the County and within the Borough, West End has particularly low rates of crime. This may in part be due to the effective Neighbourhood Watches we have in the Village. If you are not already in one then think about joining. Or if your road does not have one, how about starting one? Please contact me at [comms@wevs.org.uk](mailto:comms@wevs.org.uk) if you are interested.

Our focus in the coming months will be on welcoming newcomers in the new developments on the south east of the Village. We will be delivering a welcome flyer to all of the new homes which are already occupied giving residents information about the Village and the Society. We hope that many will become new members. We would appreciate some help in delivering the flyers. Please contact us at [comms@wevs.org.uk](mailto:comms@wevs.org.uk) if you are able to help.

I look forward to meeting you on our stand at the Village fete on Saturday 8 June.

**Jeff Llewellyn, Chair**

## Residential Developments in West End – an update

The Village has seen a number of residential developments in recent years, many of which are in the process of being built. Notwithstanding the fact that West End has taken more than its fair share of development to help meet Surrey Heath Borough Council's five-year planned supply of deliverable sites, the Village still remains under pressure for more houses.

This is an opportune time to bring you up to date with the consented, partly-built housing schemes along with those still with the Local Authority for determination. The main approved developments, many of which are on "reserved land" (i.e. land that may come forward should Surrey Heath require further land for development), are as follows:

1. 84 dwellings located on land on the south side of Kings Road – Developer: William Lacey Group;
2. 35 dwellings on land south of Kings Road and to the rear of Brooks Nursery – Developer: Thakenham Homes;
3. 85 dwellings on land to the north of Bedlam Bridge Road - Developer: Taylor Wimpey;
4. 95 dwellings on land at Malthouse Farm – Developer: Martin Grant Homes;
5. 13 dwellings at the Brook Nursery – Developer: David Wilson Homes;
6. 60 bed nursing home at Dyckmore - Developer: Gracewell Homes.

In addition, there are a number of undetermined applications relating to the erection of 4 houses at Fairfield Lane (Surrey Heath BC reference No. 18/0863) and 74 houses at Fenns Lane (Surrey Heath BC reference No. 19/0154). Both these applications relate to land that is designated as Green Belt. The West End Village Society has objected to both of these applications.

The West End Village Society, together with the West End Action Group (WEAG), will continue to oppose developments that are considered harmful to the intrinsic character of the Village which we all value and to argue that there must be sufficient infrastructure (roads, schools, health) in place to support such developments.

## West End Tree Group

**Yvette Jones**

In November 1966 several small specimen trees were planted along the grass verge in Fellow Green. A group of residents had previously formed the West End Community Tree Group to carry out this and similar activities. The trees for this event were supplied by Surrey County Council in support of National Tree Week.

According to the well kept records of the Group the planting included:

1 oak, 2 silver birch, 2 beech, 1 hawthorn, 1 whitebeam and 1 white willow.

Further planting activity along Fellow Green (in 1994) included specimens of beech, purple beech, silver birch and oak.

In February this year the current West End Tree Wardens and WEVS committee members planted snowdrop bulbs (supplied in the green) around the existing trees that had been planted by this group in Fellow Green. We hope this will make a feature of the trees and provide colour prior to the blooming of the many daffodil bulbs that have been planted by residents over the last few years for all to enjoy.

## Splash of blue, white and yellow



In February, crocuses heralded the Village flower show with their multicolour display. These were followed shortly afterwards by elegant snowdrops and showy daffodils, extending the riot of colour to the end of April. The result of the 900 man hours that our volunteers put in over the past three years was proudly displayed in every part of the Village for the enjoyment of villagers and passers-by. The social network was buzzing with lots of admiring comments. Did you spot West End spelt out in crocuses in Guildford Road on the embankment opposite Rosewood Way? In case you missed it, take a look at the photo above.



We have been working the councils to coordinate the grass cutting work. You may have noticed that the grass surrounding the planted areas has been groomed carefully to avoid cutting the plants too early. There is approximately £500 left from this project which will be put towards the 2019 project. Do you know what that is?

## Did You Know?

In 1920 a 5-mile, 60cm gauge rail line ran from Lucas Green to Blackdown Barracks (Deepcut)  
**To find out more, look out for the new West End Book, available later this year.**

## West End Scout Group

**Beavers** – We were thrilled to re-open our 2<sup>nd</sup> Beaver colony, Pride Rock in January. Thank you to Natalie, Jasmine, Gesu and Kim along with young leader Katie for volunteering and getting things up and running! The results of your efforts are 10 happy Beavers getting their first taste of Scouting.

Here they are getting invested.



Both colonies have been busy having adventures with climbing, sleepovers and District events.

**Cubs** – Have been having a great time as well, a climbing wall session, starting the gardener badge, a sleepover, which included some 'backwoods' cooking (see photo) and a hike on Brentmoor Heath where they made their

own lunch. They did a survey for our 'Project poo' a community project on the dog poo menace for the 'our world' challenge.

Jamboree Cub pack is full!

We need to re-open our second Cubpack to accommodate all the Beavers that need to move up and the Cub age children on the waiting list.

We can only do this if we can find more adult helpers.



As you can see we have an interesting and fun time teaching 'skills for life' to our young people. If you can help or want to find out more please contact:

Julie on 01483480982 or [jakswestend@hotmail.com](mailto:jakswestend@hotmail.com)

**Scouts** – Have also been busy, here are a few of the things they got up to: kayaking in the dark; cooking over fires; light/time lapse photography; forensic evening with an expert who set up a crime scene for the scouts to investigate; cooked a 3 course meal in an evening - very successful! Scouts against Malaria came to pre-

sent.



Joint night hike with Bisley Scouts 29/3.

## Become Part of Girl Guiding

**Girlguiding** is about giving girls confidence to try new things so that they, in turn, can encourage others to learn and grow. We need more volunteers who can make this happen.



We have units throughout the area that are struggling to meet local demand and need more support.

Could you volunteer for 1-2 hours weekly, fortnightly or even monthly? Full training, support and mentoring are provided.

Register your interest on [www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved) or email your local commissioner on [www.westendgirlguiding@gmail.com](mailto:www.westendgirlguiding@gmail.com) for an informal chat.

Thankyou!

## Membership Subscriptions Mary Anthony

At the WEVS AGM in February, members voted to increase annual subscriptions with immediate effect. The last increase to the standard rate was in September 2007 and the Pensioner rate was last raised in January 2000.

Costs, particularly printing costs, have risen significantly in that period and there were fewer funds available to hand out to Worthy Causes this year.

Subscriptions are now set at **£4.00** per household per year (£2.00 per pensioner household).

The collection of subscriptions is the hardest and most time-consuming part of our Distributors' roles. So, to make things easier for everyone, we are now offering a **THREE-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION** at a discounted rate of **£10.00** per household (£5.00 for pensioner households).

Even more exciting, from 2019 we are accepting subscription payments through BACS. If you would like to pay online, please email [membershipwevs@gmail.com](mailto:membershipwevs@gmail.com) with your address and we will send you the bank details and your unique reference code to use on your payment.

Please come and see us at our stall at the Village Fete on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of June. You will be able to pay your subscription at the same time. Of course, you can pay your subscription to your Distributor or fill in the form below and leave it in an envelope marked WEVS at Shiv Store, 1 High Street.

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Family Name..... Amount Enclosed £ .....

Address (number/house name and street)  
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### A red stag



At the Village Society's AGM we unveiled the 2019 Project of the Year - a sculpture of a red stag to be erected at the Fellow Green roundabout. The illustration above shows what it might look like. This will require planning permission and co-ordination with the Parish Council. We have received a positive early opinion from the planning authority, Surrey Heath Borough Heath Council. We aim to submit the planning application by the end of May and, if all goes well, to erect the sculpture by Christmas 2019.

There is a fund-raising campaign underway to raise £5,000. Will you be able to make a donation? It's quick and easy to make an on-line payment to: **Sort code - 20-97-58; Account no. 50930180**. Please enter the reference as **2019POTY** followed by your surname.

Why not visit our stall at the Village Fete on 8 June where you can learn more about the project.

## Picnic in the Park

## Ravi Raveendran



**A GRAND COMMUNAL  
PICNIC FOR EVERYONE**

**SATURDAY**

**13 JULY**

**4 – 8pm**

**Venue: Recreation Ground**

WEVS's annual Picnic in the Park is taking place on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 13 July, starting at 4pm.

It's an open, free for all community event for the families and friends of our residents. Simply turn up with your food and drink and take a spot on the field.

This year we are going to be entertained by a local band. There will also be stalls for food and ice cream.

We are looking for more musicians who would like to play at the event. If you know someone who is interested please ask them to contact us as [comms@wevs.org.uk](mailto:comms@wevs.org.uk)

*Please, the only thing we ask is that you clear up all your rubbish when you leave. Have a good picnic!*

## Good Cooks— A Small Business With Big Flavours

Hi.... I'm Sally Gerrard and run GoodCooks, a cookery school and catering business from my home right here in West End. And, I am bonkers about food! Sweet, savoury, hot cold, fast or slow cooked!



I've worked in food for all my adult life. Starting out at catering college way back in 1979!!! I went on to study in London focusing on Home Economics and landed a fantastic role as a junior cookery writer on Prima Magazine. Over the years, I've edited magazines, written cookery books, been a regular chef on Ready Steady Cook and even hosted my own kid's food show on TV.

I have great tasters in Andrew, my husband, and two teenage children who put up with having to eat the same thing over and over again, if I am creating new recipes.

GoodCooks has various sides to it:

1. Saturday cookery classes for children are a big hit. Arriving at 10 am, we / they cook from scratch a 2 course lunch for four. Our summer term started on April 27th and we cook dishes such as Chinese baked spring rolls, cottage pie with a broccoli mash and puds such as treacle tart and choc chilled slice.

2. I also run Duke of Edinburgh courses which I hold in the evenings after school. The children's cookery sessions, run into the holidays and of course birthday parties or groups. It's so wonderful to watch the children all cooking and nattering away to each other and the results are always delicious. We all chat about flavours, ingredients and how they can improve their dishes as they cook.

3. On the adult side of things, I create bespoke courses for groups and have taught whole families and groups of friends, I am lucky enough to have space for up to 20 people for my demonstrations. I also run individual cookery courses, generally from the client's home. It can be from the basics of how to use different knives and how to prep veg, through to gourmet cooking.

4. The catering side has grown just by word of mouth and facebook... I am so pleased to have cooked for some of you lovely West Enders and look forward to creating great recipes for you in the future. My 'Food for your freezer' range has been really popular... with the Boeuf Bourguignon being one of the most requested dishes. What goes into a recipe is vitally important to me and I've even dug up part of my front garden to grow veg...Nothing beats cooking with totally fresh ingredients.

My incredible team are....Nikki, Katherine, Jacqui, Martha, Robyn and Kate all busy cooking and teaching in the GoodCooks hub.

Happy Cooking!

Sally

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## Chobham & West End Medical Practice

# Are you new to the area and looking for a GP surgery to register with?

Chobham Surgery  
16 Windsor Road  
Chobham  
GU24 8NA  
Tel: 01276 857117



West End Surgery  
Lucas Green Road  
West End  
GU24 9LU  
Tel: 01483 481323



We are a 9-doctor medical practice located on 2 sites in Chobham and West End. Our practice area covers GU24 (Chobham, West End & Bisley) and KT16 (Longcross). Our patients can use our services at both sites. Our services include the following:

- GP Appointments
- Nurse Appointments
- Telephone Consultations
- Phlebotomy
- INR Clinic
- Minor Operations Clinic
- Gynaecological Clinic
- Physiotherapist Clinic
- Midwife Clinic
- Visiting Advanced Para-Medic
- On line booking of appointments
- On line repeat prescription ordering
- On line access to your medical record
- Electronic prescription service

**Don't wait until you need to use our services, register with us now to save time.**

**Registration forms are available at both of our receptions or can be downloaded from our website at : [www.chobhamandwestend.co.uk](http://www.chobhamandwestend.co.uk)**

## Did You Know?

**Things to do for free nearby- *Exercise:***

Parkruns (just register (search PARKRUN UK) - print your bar code and turn up.

- ◆ **Park Run** (5km timed run, starts 9am every Saturday) various locations including Woking Park, Frimley Lodge Park and Ottershaw (Homewood)
- ◆ **Junior Park Run** (ages 4-14) (2km timed run, starts 9am every Sunday) various locations; the closest is Woking Park.

Club members continue to upgrade the Bowls Club facilities and we will soon be installing a ramp by the front gate to improve accessibility to the bowls green.

Now that the clubhouse is suitable for all round use, a number of new activities have been introduced. These are not restricted to members of the Bowls Club and everyone is welcome. They include: short mat bowling; yoga and fitness classes, and a monthly coffee morning.

The club recently held a successful bridge drive (see photo) and is planning to repeat this at the end of the bowling season. There seems to be a demand for a regular bridge session and the club would like to hear from people interested in taking part. If there is sufficient interest the club will try to set this up.

Friday evening is the usual club night and visitors are welcome. It's a good time to come and see the facilities and perhaps have an introductory rollup. The club now has a number of new coaches so can provide lots of support for new players.

It is necessary for club members to continue fundraising since the Club still needs to repay some of the loans which were raised for the clubhouse extension to go ahead. A significant sum was raised at a recent jumble sale and the Club plans to run a tombola for children at the forthcoming fete.

The Bowls Club values the support of the local community and was pleased that a number of neighbours attended the workshops it put on to familiarise people with how to use CPR and apply the defibrillator.

To contact the bowls club e-mail [webcmembership@gmail.com](mailto:webcmembership@gmail.com) or leave your contact details in the mailbox at the club.



## Cameroons Badminton Club

## Pete Smith

The Cameroons Badminton Club is a friendly (non ladder) social playing club for members of all abilities and ages. We utilise the court at Tringham Hall and meet every Friday between 8:30pm and 10:30pm during winter/spring (September through to the end of April).

We are keen to encourage youngsters to play this most enjoyable sport and have set up a

“Parents & Children Hour” when, between 7:30pm and 8:30pm, juniors can receive instruction and play with their peers. This has proved to be a popular decision and we hope to welcome more young players in the autumn.

Badminton is also played on Wednesday evenings at Tringham Hall throughout the year.

For more details, please contact Pete Smith by email at [pete.smith@ntlworld.com](mailto:pete.smith@ntlworld.com) or phone on 01276 855372



Many village residents are probably unaware of the existence of a thriving garden club in West End but it has been around for over 35 years. It started as a small forum for like minded gardeners to exchange information and ideas and since then has evolved into an organisation that aims to extend horticultural knowledge in an interesting and friendly way. We have around 100 members but there is plenty of room for more to join.

Each year our secretary puts together a programme of events that will appeal to the widest possible audience. With the exception of August and December we meet at the Sports Pavilion, Bener Lane, on the fourth Tuesday every month. After a brief run through of club business, starting around 7:50pm, there is a talk delivered by outside experts on a wide variety of subjects ranging, for example, from how plants can be used to detect crimes, to the management of herbacious borders and vegetable plots. Evenings are rounded off with refreshments during which time members can catch up on their news.



In addition to these meetings, we have a number of social events and an organised trip to a garden of interest. We hold two parties during the course of the year, a Christmas supper at a local hostelry (this year it will be at the Half Moon in Windlesham) and a summer social towards the end of July. The catering for this particular event is organised by the Club's committee members and as you can see from the accompanying photo, it is a most impressive spread. The trips to places of interest involve a coach journey within the home counties and a guided tour of gardens, usually led by a head gardener. Last year we went to Wakehurst Place in West Sussex and this year we are booked to go to Syon House and Gardens.

The enthusiasm and dedication of members to the Club is no more evident than in the generous donation from Tony Akerman in memory of his late wife, Pam, who had been a member for many years. Some of the funds have been put towards to planting of a tree – a *taxodium distichum* (Swamp Cypress) alongside the pond on the Village Rec. This promises to develop into an most impressive village landmark. The picture shows Tony standing beside what is already a fairly decent specimen.

So, you can see that the Club offers a wide range of entertainment for gardeners and non-gardeners and it doesn't cost much to be a member. If you are interested in joining, why not come along to one of our monthly meetings when you can see whether it is something for you. Alternatively, you can contact either Judy Douch on email at [judithdouch@btinternet.com](mailto:judithdouch@btinternet.com) or phone 01483 475133 or Niaouli Wolf on email at [nj\\_njwolf@hotmail.com](mailto:nj_njwolf@hotmail.com), or phone 01276 503006 for more information.





# TWERPS

*The West End Rambling for Pleasure Society*

We are a West End-based walking group, who meet 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 and sometimes we visit neighbouring counties.

From the given starting point at 10 a.m. they are usually about 6 or 7 miles long and take 2½ to 3 hours, including refreshments, to complete.

**Why not join us for some healthy exercise and great company.**

If you are a dog owner we know your hound will enjoy the walk too.

For information contact Nicholas & Niaouli Wolf

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## Did You Know?

**Things to do for free nearby– *Visit a Museum:***

- **Deepcut:** Royal Logistics Corps: Great small museum, allow about an hour. It will close in the autumn before moving to Worthy Down. VISIT SOON WHILE YOU CAN. Open Tue-Fri 09:00-16:00 and 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month 12:00-16:00
- **Chobham:** Chobham museum (recycled toilets!)- Local History open Wed 14:00-16:00 and Weekends 11:00-16:00
- **Ash Vale (Keogh Barracks):** Museum of Military Medicine. A more extensive museum including vehicles. Open Mon-Fri 09:30-15:30 and 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.
- **Aldershot: Military Museum.** The story of Aldershot military town, Includes tanks and other military vehicles. Open Wed and Thu 10:00-17:00, Sat 11:00-16:00.

## Petition for Traffic Calming Measures in Benner Lane

A local petition to get traffic calming installed along the stretch of Benner Lane from the A319 (Bagshot Road) to Streets Heath has been added to the petitions page of Surrey County Council - <https://petitions.surreycc.gov.uk/BennerLane/>

If you agree with this action would you please sign it and pass it on to anyone you think may also want to sign. We need at least 100 for the topic to be discussed at a County Council cabinet meeting

## **The New West End Butchers – 9 Gosden Road, GU24 9LH**

A new butcher has taken over at the butcher's shop in Gosden Road - Mathew Jones, the grandson of Michael Jones who has run the establishment there, and previously in Normandy, for almost 25 years. When Michael took over, he came from Normandy and took the name with him. Mathew has renamed the butchers West End Butchers to reflect the fact that it is now newly managed and by someone who lives in the village.

Mathew was born in Guildford, then lived in Bracknell and has now moved to West End. He has worked with his grandfather at weekends and holidays for the past 5 years; during the last 3 years he has been studying, and successfully qualified as an apprentice, and now a Master in butchery, from the Ipswich-based Meat Skills Training School.

Mathew has taken over the shop although his grandfather, Michael, now semi-retired, will still be there on occasion to help out.

West End Butchers obtain their supplies primarily from wholesalers in Reading but make their own sausages, burgers and kebabs. They are now also providing a speciality range including duck breast, stir fries, chicken Kiev and Hunters BBQ chicken. They also supply locally-sourced fresh eggs from Normandy.

Mathew is enjoying his time in West End, getting to know locals and expanding the business. He is now supplying the meat raffle for the Knaphill Working Men's Club and is looking at other opportunities. Saturday afternoon, after 3.00pm, is a popular time as the latest bargains are on offer, so pop in and say hello and support your local butcher.

### **West End Butchers**

9 Gosden Road, West End, GU24 9LH

01483 473 762 – mattljones3001@gmail.com

## **Emma Rose Hair Design – 11 Gosden Road, GU24 9LH**

Emma Rose took over the hair salon in Gosden Road in August 2017 and since then has been steadily growing the business. She now employs a second stylist as well as a barber and an aesthetics specialist on Saturdays.

Emma, who now lives in Bisley, was born into the hair styling business as her parents ran, and still run a Salon in Sutton. She has been in the business for 18 years having trained at RUSH in Sutton, followed by working with a number of companies including L'Oréal. She also has the PTLLS qualification which is a recognised teaching qualification, enabling her to teach beauty. She has worked in a number of Hair Salons including London Mayfair.

The business in West End is her first private venture and is doing really well. She is hoping to expand, as business improves, by employing additional stylists. Saturdays are particularly busy so make sure you book ahead. Emma still attends training courses to ensure she keeps up to date with the latest developments in hair and beauty. This means that she will be able to offer the latest services to West End residents.

Emma was recently nominated for the Surrey Heath Business Star of the Year awards and finished as one of the top three.

**Emma Rose Hair Design** — 11 Gosden Road, West End, GU24 9LH. Phone 01483 472719

Web site – [www.emmarosehairdesign.co.uk](http://www.emmarosehairdesign.co.uk), email [info@emmarosehairdesign.co.uk](mailto:info@emmarosehairdesign.co.uk)

Opening Hours – Tuesdays 09.00 to 18.00, Wednesdays 10.00 to 19.00, Thursdays 09.00 to 19.00, Fridays 09.00 to 18.00, Saturday 08.30 to 17.00. (Closed Sundays and Mondays\*)

\* The salon is used on Mondays by the previous owner, Hazel Garrett, who has her own loyal clientele from the local area.

## West End Village Fete

Jack Kegge

### WEST END VILLAGE FETE 2019

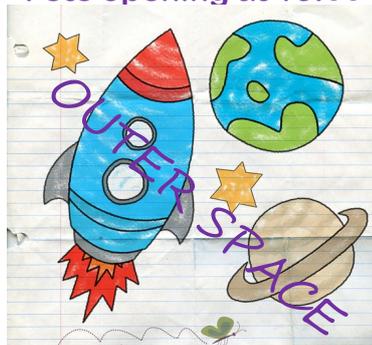
SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Tringham Recreation Ground

Benner Lane, West End

Parade Starts at 12.30

Fete opening at 13.00



Licensed bar, BBQ, Dog Show, Children's Roundabout, Horse Riding, Coconut Shy, Crockery Smash, Punch & Judy, Tombola's Arena Displays and lots more

## Fun Picture



They may have travelled over 3,000 miles to get to Gordon's in Woking but for students from Khartoum International Community School (KICS) it was home from home.

Buildings and boarding houses (both residential and day) at the school in West End are named after places associated with General Charles Gordon of Khartoum. So staff and students from KICS helped plant a commemorative tree outside Sudan (the Science block) in the shadow of the Nile (the Maths block).

The visitors also seized the opportunity to view the Camel Statue overlooking the Front Field, which graced the streets of Khartoum from 1902 until Sudan's Independence in 1958 when it was brought to Gordon's.

The two schools have been linked since last year when students from Gordon's, along with staff and Trustee Tom Gordon, General Gordon's great nephew, paid a visit to them in Khartoum.

The visit, believed to be the first to the African city by a European school, proved irresistible as Gordon's shares a unique history and connection to Khartoum. The School is the national memorial to the British war hero and philanthropist General Charles Gordon and was founded following his death in Khartoum in 1885.

The two schools were determined to develop and maintain links, so Gordon's hosted 17 students from KICS together with two members of staff.

Students from Khartoum stayed at the boarding school and in the homes of day boarders.

While last year Gordon's students took a boat trip along the Nile; viewed the Meroe Pyramids; the National Republic Museum; camped in the desert and enjoyed tea at the British Embassy, the KICS students sampled English tourism. In London they visited the Tate Modern and Borough Market before heading to St Paul's Cathedral and the tomb of General Gordon. They also made a trip to Portsmouth and Hampton Court Palace.

Four of our Pipers travelled to Edinburgh for the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships, coming 9th in the Quartets and being the only English school to compete in a field of over 100.

Our Boys' Choir, which recently won the choirs competition at the Godalming Performing Arts Festival will be performing a Choral Evensong on 20th May at 6pm in the Chapel. Please do come along and listen to them at this beautiful candlelit service.

Another date for the diary is the school's Summer Arts Evening on 4th July from 5.00pm on the Front Field at Gordon's. This free event is open to all in the community. Please bring a picnic and enjoy an evening of arts and entertainment.

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