



Chairman's Letter

Happy New Year. As I write, the number of Covid 19 cases is dropping quickly so let's hope that the pandemic will soon be behind us and that life can resume with some degree of normality. In grateful recognition of the stupendous work of NHS staff, Careworkers and Keyworkers over the two years of the pandemic, WEVS is planting three Liquidambar trees on Fellow Green. These will provide a colourful autumn display in future years.

The Society has continued to be active despite the pandemic inconveniences. We had our usual well visited stand at the Ag & Hort show on 11 September. The 2021 AGM was held on September 15 at which the Officers and Committee were re-elected and 15 members attended. I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Anne Allard has taken over from Robin

Short as the Association's Treasurer. Throughout October and November we undertook a significant programme of replacing daffodil bulbs damaged or dug up by various contractors during the past two years and even managed to plant some new areas around the Village. The final event of the year was a very soggy Boxing Day Walk. As the ground underfoot was saturated following a very wet Christmas Day the route was truncated and restricted to higher ground on New England Hill and Brentmoor Heath. Fortunately, it didn't rain on the day and the 30 people taking part had a pleasant socially-distanced stroll through the puddles.

We are planning an active series of events for 2022. This year's AGM will be held on 15 February, reverting to its usual timing (details on Page 3). We are intending to introduce a Spring stroll around the Village in March to admire the daffodils and other Spring flowers. In addition to our usual stalls at the Village fete and Ag & Hort show, we will be holding our Picnic in the Park in July. Our Project of the Year for 2022 is to plant a Community Orchard for the residents of West End on the new SANGS on Windlesham Road. The site has already been selected with the co-operation of the Green Space Team of Surrey Heath BC who will also assist with care and maintenance of the fruit trees planted there. Planting is scheduled for November which is the best time of year to plant new trees.

As ever, we are short of distributors and the Committee is below strength. We welcome new volunteers in either capacity so why not join us. It doesn't take up much time.

I look forward to meeting you in the warmer weather!

Jeff Llewellyn

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DATE: 19 MARCH 2022

START: 11:00 at TRINGHAM HALL END: 12:00 - 12:30 at THE HARE AND HOUNDS

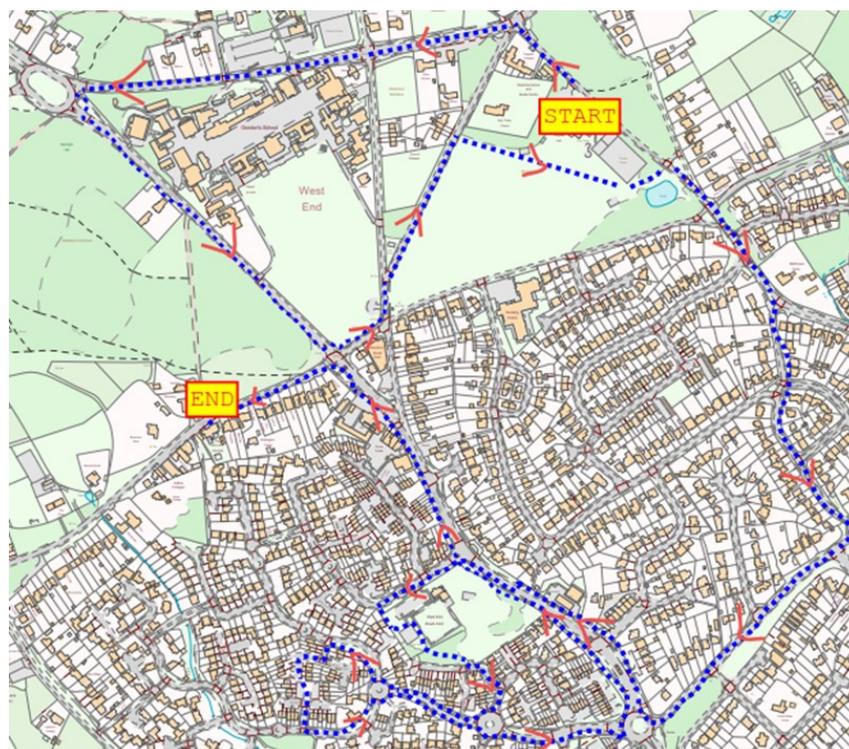
By the time you receive this newsletter, you might just see the first signs of the crocuses planted around the village a few years ago. You might even see the early flowering daffodils poking their heads above the grass. The planting of spring flowering bulbs started in 2016 and since then WEVS has undertaken the planting of nearly 160,000 bulbs, made up of 13 different varieties of daffodils and six variety of rocuses! And that's not all, next year we hope to introduce the planting to the new developments too.

With thousands of bulbs in bloom, we think our village in springtime is unparalleled. To help people appreciate this project more fully we have decided to inaugurate an annual Spring Walk. This will be held on the third Saturday in March and will take us past most of the planted areas. The first of these walks will be on Saturday 19 March, starting at 11:00 in Tringham Hall carpark and finishing outside the Hare and Hounds pub.

The walk is wheelchair friendly, almost all of it is on paved path save for two 100m sections on grass surfaces. There will be stewards to help you cross the roads safely. All are welcome, why not bring your dogs too. We look forward to seeing you.

The walk will include the following roads:

- Benner Lane
- Bagshot Road
- Guildford Road
- Streets Heath
- Church Road
- Commonfields
- Jenner Drive
- Fellow Green
- Rosewood Way
- Camellia Court
- Gardenia Drive
- Kerria Way
- Viburnum Court
- Bergenia Court
- Fuchsia Way
- Brentmoor Road



**All members are invited to the
Annual General Meeting
to be held on Tuesday 15th February 2022
at the Sports Pavilion.**

Starting at 8.00pm.

**Followed by a talk by Anne Brummer about
Harper Asprey Wildlife Rescue and their work
with hedgehogs.**

**Light refreshments will be offered after the
proceedings.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Open Garden

WEVS are planning to hold an open garden in a carbon-friendly house on Saturday 28th May. Money raised will go to the Stag project. More details in the next newsletter



Bisley & West End Food Bank started work in January 2021, supported by generous donations of food & money for which its Trustees are most grateful. Set up to support local people in need during the pandemic it primarily covers residents of Bisley & West End and referrals from the immediate surrounding villages.

It is being set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charities Commission, and run by a Board of Trustees (Cllr Erica Agombar, Helen Francis, Simon Moore, Liz Noble, the Rev Fiona Simon & Sarah Wynter Bee).

To date it has received 23 referrals and supported 27 adults & 49 children with food parcels delivered twice a week for 3 weeks (the length of each referral). Included in the parcels are details of local & charities which can help with advice in many areas, including debt & budgeting, benefit reviews, parenting, CV review & career coaching and social & emotional support.

A fantastic team of volunteers collects donations, stores & co-ordinates stock control, packs food parcels and delivers them. Having a local food bank is proving a very effective resource and we have established links with the Knaphill Community Fridge (whose aim is to prevent food waste) and this is proving a valuable source of fresh fruit, vegetables and other food for those in receipt of our food parcels, which currently are only able to contain tinned & dried food.

Thank you to everyone who has donated, whether food or money. More information, including locations of donation points and a complete list of our referral partners, can be found on our website:

www.bisleywestendfoodbank.org

If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to email:

bisleywestendfoodbank@gmail.com

and, if you would like to make a financial contribution please, visit the justgiving website and type in Bisley and West End Food Bank.

Thank you.

Did You Know?

The NRA (National Rifle Association) was formed in 1859, but moved from its site in Wimbledon (due to increased housing in the area) to Bisley in 1890 where it was served by the Bisley camp branch rail line (until 1952). If you haven't visited it's well worth having a look. There are some interesting club huts dating back to the 1890's, and there's also a café.

Recycling

You can recycle a lot more at your local supermarket now.

For example, at Sainsbury's Knaphill you can leave most clean plastic wrapping and clean pouches (e.g., cat food pouches), film lids and sweet foil wrapping [this is currently just by the front entrance].

Other supermarkets do similar recycling including Co-op Lightwater.

Plans are afoot to plant a community orchard on the West End SANGS (sustainable alternative natural green space). The area, previously Windlemere Golf Course, has plenty of open ground and WEVS has permission from the Borough Council to press ahead with a project to create the community orchard first suggested by society member Pauline Wells in 2019. An area behind the new houses has been earmarked for this purpose and plans with the SHBC Green Space Team are advancing well.

Currently, the plan is to plant between 20 and 25 fruit trees on Saturday 19th November, 2022. Autumn is the best time to plant fruit trees to give them the best chance of survival. We are fortunate that the SHBC Green Space Team have agreed to help out and water the trees for us.

In the meantime, we need to raise funds to purchase the trees (mix of apple, pear, plum, damson, greengage, walnut, etc.). The trees will encourage pollinators and create a lovely area for wildlife as well as fruit for families to collect. It is also hoped that local families might like to come along with a fruit tree and plant it on the day or to contribute to the purchase of a tree.

If you intend bringing a fruit tree to plant, please let us know in advance so we can work out a planting plan, provision of stakes, ties and how much additional funding we need. Trees in excess of 6ft tall are preferred as they will provide fruit earlier. Contact us via our website or comms@wevs.org.uk

Watch this space for more information

The Stag Project

Ravi Raveendran

Since our last newsletter in July 2021, we have been active in searching for a sculptor, selecting a contractor for the civil works and the fund raising. We are delighted to say that we have found a UK based sculptor who specialises in making metal sculptures from scrap metal which will reduce use of raw material and be beneficial to the environment too. Currently we are in discussion with a civil contractor who will construct the plinth and install the sculpture. According to the latest estimates the total cost of the project has gone up to £25,000! This is mainly due to the cost of traffic management that is required during the construction works. We hope to receive a large proportion of the cost from various grants that we have applied for. We should be hearing the outcome shortly. Subject to funds becoming available we hope to have the sculpture made and installed by end of spring. You can also help towards this legacy project which will create a new landmark within the next four months. It's easy to donate, every little helps. Please make your payment to:

Sort code - 20-97-58; Account no. 50930180. Remember to put the reference as **2019POTY** followed by your surname.





WEBCare is continuing to provide practical short-term help seven days a week for anyone needing a hand with transport and/or shopping, prescription collection & assistance with other small jobs - just call **07713 915393**.

Our phone line is open 10 - 12noon Monday - Friday; messages can also be left via email (webcaregu24@gmail.com) which will be actioned by the next Duty Officer on duty (a minimum of 48 hours' notice please).

Our normal voluntary contributions apply but **where transport is requested in connection with a Covid vaccination appointment and/or assistance for those who are still having to shield no voluntary contributions are requested**. See our website

(webcaregu24@org.uk) for a list of the voluntary contributions which cover volunteers' expenses, the DBS checks we undertake on our drivers, insurance and the Covid cleaning equipment needed by our Duty Officers and volunteers.

When transport is requested, we ask that masks continue to be worn despite the recent lifting of restrictions. Some of our volunteers are now able to assist with transport for clients who need to use walking aids, e.g., rollators or walking frames that need to be put in the boot (NB: if we do not have a volunteer available contact Surrey Heath Community Transport: 01276 707 655 or NHS Transport: 0300 123 9840).

Finally, we would welcome new members onto the WEBCare Committee, particularly a new Treasurer (our current Treasurer is stepping down after many years of service) and someone who could manage our website & social media.

Sarah Wynter Bee
Secretary, WEBCare (West End & Bisley Care & Good Neighbour Group)

Picnic in the Park

Ravi Raveendran

Saturday August the 7th last year is a distant memory now. But that was when we held our summer picnic on the village recreation ground.

It was initially planned for 10th July but due to Covid rules we had to delay it.

The day itself was dry but overcast and cool. Unfortunately the days leading up to the event were rather soggy, which deterred many from coming along. Not surprisingly, only some hardy ones turned up with their picnics.

Let's hope that everything is back to normal by summer and we have some decent weather. We intend to hold this year's Picnic in the Park on Saturday 9 July. So make a note in your diary to avoid double-booking.

The Southampton to London Pipeline (SLP) project is replacing 90km of the underground fuel pipeline between Boorley Green, Hampshire and the West London Terminal storage facility in Hounslow. Construction works to install the replacement pipeline are estimated to take two years between late 2021 and 2023.

And here is what is happening (Information is from www.slpproject.co.uk):

Windlemere SANG

We will inform local residents two months before any works take place.

Vegetation clearance, where needed, will take place in March 2022.

Vegetation clearance occurs prior to main installation to avoid the bird nesting season.

Reinstatement will take place in the next available season appropriate for planting; likely to be November 2022.

Once installed, the pipeline will be a quiet neighbour and will go unnoticed by most people.

We will fully mitigate and reduce impacts to great-crested newts under a licence from Natural England.

Turf Hill

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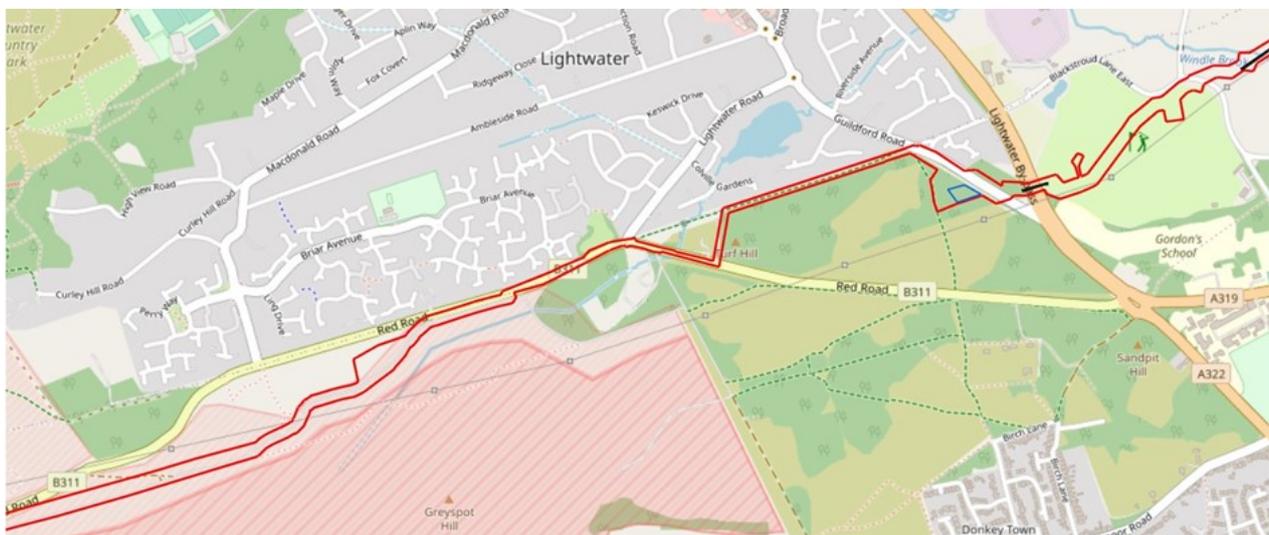
Vegetation clearance, where needed, will take place in February 2022.

Vegetation clearance occurs prior to main installation to avoid the bird nesting season.

Reinstatement will take place in the next available seasons appropriate for planting and seeding; likely to be August and November 2022.

Once installed, the pipeline will be a quiet neighbour and will go unnoticed by most people.

Here is the route it is taking through the Parish:



Last year in our summer newsletter we told you that we would be replanting the areas where the bulbs were damaged by Sodexo. Since then, Cadent decided to give us the money instead as they did not have a subcontractor to carry out the planting. Glendale kept their word and completed their planting in October. Murrill claims that they carried out the remediation planting work during w/c 4 October, however none of us had seen them do it. We will soon know how well they planted their bulbs.



Our scope was to replant the areas damaged by Sodexo and Cadent. An order for 21,500 bulbs was placed. We started on 12 September and carried on planting every weekend until 28 November, spending over 3 hours per day! There were just 3 days that were lost to rain, but we caught up with the lost days by doing some midweek planting. The nucleus of regular planters was formed of just seven persons and there were others who joined us as and when they could. For the first time we had three student volunteers from Gordon's School which boosted the number.

Early on we had permission from Surrey County Council to plant new areas if we wanted to. The rate we were going at we realised that we could surpass our target if we were to extend the working hours. Our planters had the resolute ambition to go for the extra planting. We were able source extra bulbs at short notice which enabled us to plant 29,000 bulbs in the end!



In the autumn you would have spotted us in high-viz vests, kneeling and heads down. Thanks to our volunteers we managed to plant in 42 different plots around the village! Last year we put in circa 420 hours of work! Our planters' efforts resulted in an extra benefit to the tune of over £11,000 to the society! This is what it would have cost us had we had the planting carried out by a contractor. Thanks to our planters this money will now go towards the Stag Project.

Our volunteers celebrated the end of the planting with a meal on 6 December. In appreciation for the efforts and time put in by our volunteers, WEVS committee approved a subsidy of £10 per person towards their celebration meal.

We have taken steps to protect the bulbs. To avoid the same errors happening again we have worked with Surrey Heath Borough Council, who carries out the grass cutting work on behalf of Surrey Council, to map the planted areas on their Geographic Information System. We have also informed the Parish Council about the planted areas. It means their contractors would know which areas to avoid cutting when the daffodils are emerging. Our thanks to all the volunteers, donors, approving authorities and grass cutting service organisations.

Soon you will be able to enjoy the fruits of the labour put in by our volunteers. WEVS is introducing an annual Spring Walk to enjoy the blooms. Please see Page 2 for details.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

We were all very excited to be able to take part in Remembrance Day once again as a group. It is one of the most important dates in the Scouting calendar and we always take time to talk about it, and why we need to remember, with our young people. We also made Remembrance Day Rocks.

We are an ever-expanding group – limited only by the number of adult volunteers we have. Our waiting list never seems to get any smaller with new requests coming in all the time. If you would be interested in joining our great adult team then please contact us: Julie Komor – jakswestend@hotmail.com

We also said goodbye to one of the founding members of the modern group. Peggy Wynterbee. Peggy and her husband helped to establish the group and were influential in finding our current home. Peggy was an Akela to cubs in West End for many years, a wonderful role model to young people. Sadly, she has left us at the grand age of ninety-seven!

RIP Peggy or as we say in Scouting 'Gone home'

**A Tribute to NHS & Key Workers****Yvette Jones**

WEVS have purchased three liquidambar trees to plant at an agreed site behind the post box on Fellow Green. Permission to plant the three trees has been granted by the Parish Council, which owns and maintains the land.

The trees are a 'thank you' to the NHS and key workers for helping the residents of West End through the Covid 19 pandemic and will be planted on Saturday 12th March at 2.00pm. If you are available, please turn up to join in with the occasion.

If you would like to get involved with the planting feel free to arrive with a spade and gardening gloves or just turn up to join in the event and have photos taken.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 15 th February 8pm	WEVS AGM + Speaker	Sports Pavilion
Saturday 12 th March 2pm	WEVS tree planting for NHS	Fellow Green
Saturday 19 th March 11am	WEVS Spring Walk	Tringham Hall
Saturday 28 th May	WEVS Open Garden	Donkey Town
Saturday 4 th June	West End Fete	Recreation Ground
Saturday 9 th July	WEVS Picnic in the Park	Recreation Ground
Saturday TBA September	Ag and Hort Show	Recreation Ground
Saturday 19 th November	WEVS Orchard Planting	Windlemere SANGS

The West End Village Fete Needs Your Help

The West End Village Fete this year will be held on Saturday 4th of June, providing a fun, family day out for local residents.

A small, committed band of volunteers makes this happen but we need more help.

- You could help a little or a lot – however much you feel comfortable with
- Help is generally only needed between January and June plus 'on the day'. This is not a year round commitment!
- Meetings are around once a month but you can help without attending them – we have the wonders of email, a website and Facebook
- It's a lot of fun and you'll get that warm glow that comes from knowing you are doing good for the local community.

If you would like to help please contact us on West End Village Fete Facebook



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NEXT COURSE:

Date: Tuesday 8th, 15th & 22nd February 2022
Place: Guildford Fire Station, Ladymead Bypass
Time: 5.00-7.30pm

Places must be pre-booked and you need to attend all sessions.

TO BOOK OR FIND OUT MORE

Call Helen Placito on 07593 438137
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The Boxing Day Walk

Mary Anthony

The rain had stopped by the time 30 intrepid villagers set out from the Tringham Hall car park on the 2021 Boxing Day Walk. An early morning inspection of the planned route had revealed some latter parts of it to be under water. Plan B was implemented which meant a shorter walk but happily no one had to do any wading. There was mud and there were puddles but we were able to avoid the worst of it. The santa hats were a bright note on a grey day. The walk finished a little before opening time at The Hare & Hounds but those prepared to wait received a warm welcome when the doors were opened.



The Beavers

Ravi Raveendran

Last year WEVS was approached by Louisa Kuwana - one of the Beaver leaders - to help the West End Beavers get more involved in community matters. On 13 October 2021, I went along to the Holy Trinity School, after school hours, to show a group of waiting enthusiastic Beavers how to plant daffodils. At that time, we were in the middle of a bulb planting programme. WEVS donated 200 bulbs to the Beavers for this event. With the help of some parents the tiny hands dug up trenches in the school grounds and placed the bulbs before covering them with the soil. I hope they'll remember to check on them. Soon their efforts will be evident for all to see.



The Beavers doing their bit for the environment and community

Louisa said "We've had some brilliant feedback from the parents saying how much their children enjoyed the session. It was really lovely to see them getting involved in a community project, and hopefully they've learnt some new skills too".

Peggy Wynter Bee - A Brief Obituary

Peggy, who passed away peacefully on 31st December aged 97, spent her early childhood in India and China. She returned to a boarding school in the UK and then Secretarial College. During the war she worked as a secretary in the Special Operations Executive (SOE in London). On marrying John Wynter Bee in 1950 she later moved to Heather Hills on New England Hill where she spent the rest of her life.

To many West End boys from 1963 to 1988 she was known as Akela of the Cub Pack. The Pack was so successful that she obtained a special dispensation to set up a second pack in the Village and she was Akela of that one too!

She did many charitable works in the Village, notably for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and the Church. She was voted 'Citizen of the Year in 2006'. She is survived by her son, Peter and Daughter Jane. Her daughter Annie passed away in 2007 from Cystic Fibrosis.

Peggy had 6 grandchildren and 13 Great Grandchildren. She was known by many West End Villagers and highly respected by all.



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