



A Note from the Editor

Pete Jones

So this is normally the chairman's report [I hope the apostrophe is correct - if only we were in North Yorkshire...], but in the absence of anyone wanting to do the wonderful chairman's job, it's down to the editor to welcome you to the latest edition of the WEVS Newsletter.

Our committee meetings now have a 'revolving chairperson'. The last meeting was chaired by Guy Consterdine [it has been 49 years since he chaired his last WEVS meeting] . Guy was one of the original committee members, responsible for setting up the society, and recently rejoined the committee. We are very pleased to have him back.

Quite a lot has happened since the last Newsletter. We have a new landlord in the Hare and Hounds (Jack), the stag plinth has been planted with aubretia, supplemented with a few alpinas; and we have a new citizen of the year, Teana Smithers.

Looking forward, we will be running our usual stand at the Fete and will be holding a 'guess the number of buttons' competition. There will also be a local quiz sheet you can take away (it will guide you around the village to find interesting facts on a local 'treasure hunt').

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Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event	Where
Sat 8 th June	From 12:30	West End Fete	Recreation Ground
Wed 19 th June	19:00 - 20:30	WEVS Talk: Stay Safe from Scams	Sports Pavilion
Fri 21 st June	19:00	Summer Concert	St John the Baptist, Bisley
Sun 23 rd June	Noon to 17:30	Cars and Guitars	Recreation Ground
Mon 1 st July	16:30 to 19:00	Summer Arts Evening	Gordon's School
Sat 13 th July	From 16:00	WEVS Picnic in the Park	Recreation Ground
Sun 21 st July	Noon to 17:30	Festival of Street Food & Music	WE Social Club
Sun 25 th August	Noon to 17:30	Beer and Music Festival	WE Social Club
Sat 14 th September	From 13:00	Ag and Hort Show	Tringham Hall

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You can also buy our history book (West End Then and Now) and a local walks brochure. The stall will contain about 150 photos of past events in the village and you will have an opportunity to talk to committee members and pay subs. Card payment is accepted. We have also organised the Picnic in the Park, and a 'Technical Talk' in conjunction with the police.

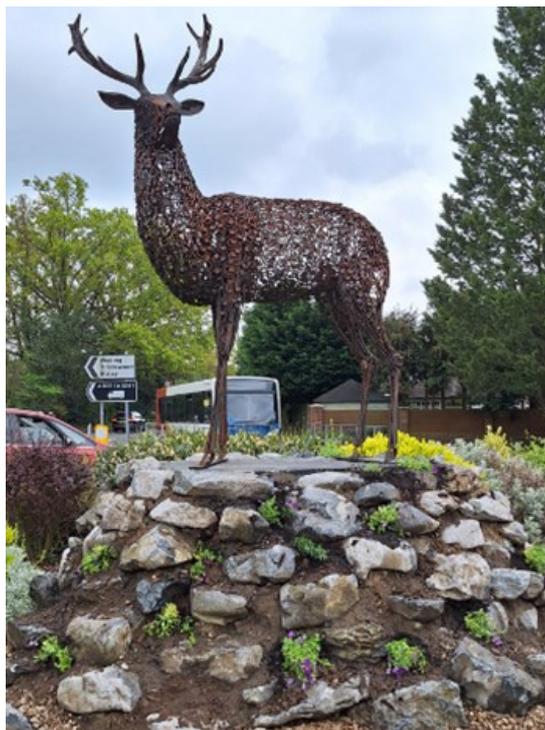
We are in the process of increasing our presence on Facebook, which will hopefully lead to increased membership (we have very few members from the new developments around the village which is a great shame).

The deadline for articles for the next Newsletter is Friday 23rd August, for publication prior to the Ag and Hort show.

Many thanks to Chris Anthony for doing a great job on the layout of the Newsletter.

Regards,

Pete Jones



WEVS Spring Walk

The annual WEVS Spring walk around the Village's magnificent bulb patches took place in mid-March. This was slightly earlier than the past couple of years which was just as well as the mild winter and early spring meant the bulbs came into flower a few weeks ahead of time.

Thirty Village residents, plus one dog, set aside a couple of hours of their Sunday afternoon to take the stroll. Starting at the car park on Rosewood Way the group ambled through part of the Nursery Estate, past the doctors' surgery, down Fellow Green and up to the Gordon's Roundabout via Tringham Hall. Then, for a few thirsty walkers, a visit to the Hare & Hounds for refreshments in the garden.

Surprisingly, the sun did make a brief appearance which helped to enhance the floral experience. It was encouraging to see how well all the different varieties of daffodil bulbs are doing and the rain we have had since flowering ceased should help them to build up reserves for next year. So we can look forward to another wonderful display next Spring.



As we are now in spring and wildlife has woken up, I thought it would be a good time to look back on what Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) achieved on Brentmoor Heath over the winter months. The problem of scrub encroaching onto the open heath was growing and was something that needed dealing with.

During winter 2023/24, SWT put significant resources into tackling this problem, working on several parts of the site. Scrub was cleared from the Barrows Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM) and the area of heath opposite as well as to the west of Cuckoo Vale and directly north of the Broad Street entrance. This has helped open up the heath and improve the quality of the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).



The status of Brentmoor as an SSSI and part of the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protected Area (SPA), makes it an incredibly important site for nature. It holds nationally-important populations of birds including Nightjar, Dartford Warbler and Woodlark as well as very healthy reptile and butterfly populations. It also provides access to nature in an otherwise urban environment and is vital to the wellbeing of local residents.



However, it is not common land and restrictions are in place to protect and preserve the land for both people and nature. One example is that of building artificial bike ramps on an important SSSI. This is not permitted by the landowners Surrey Heath Borough Council, Surrey County Council and the Ministry of Defence and damaging an SSSI is against the law. You are also not permitted to remove material from an SSSI without the consent of the landowner, or disturb breeding birds by allowing dogs to enter sensitive areas. They should be in sight and kept on paths at all times.

Brentmoor Heath is an amazing place for people and nature and SWT is doing all it can to improve the quality of the habitat for the rare species it supports. We plan to do more scrub work this coming winter along with the creation of bare ground for reptiles and invertebrates.

Picnic in the Park - Saturday 13th July

Everyone is welcome and it doesn't cost anything (except, of course, what you choose to spend on your food & drinks). Just come along to the Recreation Ground from 4pm. Bring your picnic and enjoy a pleasant chat with other villagers.

Bisley Church

John Smith

From a parish magazine of July 1918:

The Historic Mother Church of Chobham has just undergone a second restoration – the first was in 1873, the account of which may interest the Parishioners of Bisley and Chobham.

The Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Bisley, was reopened, after a complete restoration, on the 21st of November, 1873, by the Bishop of Winchester.

The Church, which is about 700 years old, together with the Churchyard, has been suffered for some years past to fall into the most dilapidated condition.

It consisted originally of only a chancel and nave; the north wall has been pulled down and a new aisle added, the plaster ceiling removed

and the old oak rafters shown, the unsightly gallery at the west end taken down and the former arch into the chancel, which was only ten feet in height, cut away into a lofty one; an organ chamber and vestry for the choir added and choir stalls in the chancel replacing a large Rector's seat, the forms for the School children and harmonium.

A stained glass east window, representing the Crucifixion in the central light, with St. John the Baptist and St. Anne in each side light, has been given by Mrs. Eaton, wife of the Rector and the family, in memory of a sister who died three years ago. The restoration is due mainly to the exertions of the Rector. Mr. Christian was the Architect.



Further Information from the Church's Website

Bisley Church is a Grade 2* Listed Building and its very existence in this isolated location, far removed from the village settlement, is because it also has a Grade 2 Holy Well — a natural spring that can be found a short distance away.

Did You Know?

Lucas the Stag (on Fellow Green roundabout) is looking for the rest of the red deer herd. Currently this numbers about 160, located within the confines of Pirbright Ranges (most of which is part of West End Parish).

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West End Parish Council News

Citizen of the year Award 2024.

Awarded annually since 2002, the award recognises the activities of a resident who has contributed to making our village a great place to live. This year award was presented to Teana Smithers who has made an outstanding and valuable contribution to the community without direction or reward for a number of years. She brings joy to the local community with her amazing displays throughout the year, e.g. Halloween, Christmas & Easter. Those of you who take the odd stroll down Brentmoor Road will have seen some of the exceptional displays in her garden. She has made numerous donations to local charities and good causes, West End & Bisley Food bank, & Tringham pre-school in particular, the latter showing a token of their appreciation with a bunch of flowers... WELL DONE Teana!



Teana being presented with the Citizen of the Year Award 2024 by WEPC Chairman Cllr A. Page and an appreciative bunch of flower from Sarita Manning @ Tringham Hall Pre-School

WEPC Councillors

The Parish Council has had a busy year around the village with a number of Councillors actively involved in many small projects. The removal of old felled trees and the planting of new; removing the old and installing 5 new picnic benches as well as repainting the teen shelter on the Rec. They have also been supportive in the installation of memorial benches at the Pond, Birch Platt and Jenner Drive. Some even took to the installation of signage around the village, e.g. the new gateway signs as you come into the village off Gordon's roundabout and the new sign at 'The Recreation Ground'. Another project was Tringham Hall Car Park which was cleared back to tree line and then white lined, helping to alleviate congestion on football and event days.



Two of the new benches

With the help of the West End Garden Club and some generous donations from Ginkgo Nursery and the Compost Centre, work continues on rejuvenating the **War Memorial**. Planting parties have seen lavender & rosemary bushes planted around the square, and other flower beds tidied up, summer plants and a watering rota to be added soon.

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Councillors & the handyman have repainted the posts around the memorial. A local electrician (AM Nelles Ltd) fixed the floodlights providing his services free of charge. So, it is gradually beginning to look a lot more presentable. Next on the agenda is a white chain to go around the posts. If there are any interested parties out there who would like to help with this, please speak to the Clerk at the Pavilion.

With so much rainfall over recent months, it is reassuring that the annual **ditch clearing** of Church Road, Windlesham Road and the Recreation Ground was all completed in a timely manner. With the help of our contractors we have overseen a considerable improvement of the **ground maintenance** of all areas under WEPC control. Now the football season has finished work on repairing and preparing the Recreation Ground for the summer is underway, seeding & fertilizing has been undertaken and new green shoots are coming through.

Changing of the Guard

At the Annual meeting on Tuesday 14th May 2024, officers for WEPC were appointed for 2024/25:

Chairman - Cllr G Lowe; **Vice Chairman** - Cllr A Page. **Other Councillors** - Cllr D Elliott, / Cllr T Henderson / Cllr J Douch / Cllr J Medhurst / Cllr G Alleway.

WEVS & Facebook

Our new committee member, Johan Schoeman, has been working on increasing WEVS presence on Facebook. At our last committee meeting the potential of Facebook was demonstrated.



We are aiming to get information about WEVS to a larger audience, hoping to increase our membership

Please visit and Like or Follow the [WEVS Facebook page](#) to receive regular updates via Facebook about the Society and what's happening in and around our village. The WEVS page can be found here: facebook.com/WEVSComms".

WEVS Membership Subscriptions

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

Our preferred method of payment is **bank transfer** but we are very happy to accept your subscriptions via your newsletter distributor, the payment links on the website www.wevs.org.uk (but please remember to include your name and address), or come and see us at the Village Fete. We will be delighted to accept your subscription payment there (by cash or card).

For any membership or subscription queries, please email membershipwevs@gmail.com.

Gordon's School

His Majesty King Charles has accepted the Patronage of Gordon's School, continuing the tradition of the reigning Sovereign's Patronage since Queen Victoria became its first Patron in 1885.



Gordon's was chosen after an analysis of over 1,000 patronages held by the late Queen Elizabeth II. The news comes as Their Majesties King Charles and Queen Camilla mark the first anniversary of their Coronation. While HM King Charles has not visited Gordon's, his brother the Duke of Edinburgh last came to the school in January 2023 to open the new Sports Hub.

Gordon's School began as Gordon's Boys' Home and was built by public subscription after Queen Victoria demanded a fitting tribute to General Gordon following his death in Khartoum in 1885. The home for 'necessitous' boys was and, today as the school, remains the National Memorial to the philanthropic war hero.

SUMMER ARTS EVENING

Monday 1st July 2024
4.30pm to 7.00pm

FREE EVENT FOR ALL

Drinks and Street Food Available to Purchase

Artwork by Oluwatosin Osinibi Y12

Every year the students, led by the school's iconic Pipes and Drums Band, honours its Sovereign Patron with its Patron's Parade in June and the National Anthem is sung at whole school gatherings. This year's Patron's Parade on June 8th, to which members of the West End Village Society are warmly invited, promises to be a particularly special occasion.

Other public events at Gordon's include the monthly Networking Breakfast for local business people. They are held on the second Friday of every month from 8am to 10am in the Sports Hub (tickets can be bought here – www.gordons.school/boxoffice). Also, on Monday 1st July the annual Summer Arts Evening takes place. All are welcome, just bring a picnic blanket or chairs, sit back and be entertained from 4.30pm to 7pm by staff, students and the community at this celebration of Summer.

Further information: Sarah Griffin – sgriffin@gordons.school or telephone 01276 858084

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West End Social Club (WESC) welcomes all to come along and enjoy the many events and activities it has to offer. This year, we have extended our many regular events to include an evening Bingo session and a Skittles evening, both are very popular. Our newly installed 'BeeBox' TV system enables the club to hold 'Race Nights' and 'Open the Box' game (with an accumulating jackpot!) There is also a personalised Jukebox plus many other features.

Our monthly Quiz hosted by Nick Spong is always a popular and fun evening with groups of six per team. Our very well attended Tribute Acts that have performed this year have included Mark Keeley as Fakin' Stevens, Freddie Mercury, The Silver Searchers and Scott Elvis as Elvis. See our website, Lemonrock site or the posters in our club for further information and ticket prices.

The first WESC Festival of the year '**Cars and Guitars**' will be held on Sunday June 23rd (noon-17:30) with performances by three live bands and there will also be a classic vehicle display (contact the club if you wish to exhibit a vehicle). On Sunday July 21st (noon-17:30) there will be a '**Festival of Street Food and Music**' with live bands and you can purchase



a variety of tasty foods. On Sunday August 25th (noon-17:30) the club will hold its annual '**Beer and Music Festival**' where you and your friends can enjoy a BBQ, Real Ales etc. live music and a raffle.

Country Music evenings are held once a month at the club with some great Country Music performers, and if you want to try Line Dancing, Lindy Hop or Jive the club holds regular dance lessons.

The club also has many other regular activities during the week including Snooker, Pool, Short Mat Bowls and Darts. Enquire with the Bar Staff if you are interested in taking part.

Our large lounge and dance floor, or smaller meeting rooms can be hired. A buffet can be supplied if required, please contact the club manager for details.

Tribute Act Dates

Saturday 1st June Rod Stewart 9pm – 11:30pm

Saturday 6th July Buddy Holly 9pm – 11:30pm

Saturday 27th July Hayride Jamboree – A Tribute to the Stars of Country 9:00pm – 11:30pm

Please see our website or Lemonrock.com, then select Venue – West End Social Club for further details of future events.

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West End Social Club - continued

This year our bar was re-furbished by club member Alan Gathercole (Maintenance) who has created and installed a fantastic modern transformation. Pop in and enjoy a leisurely drink and a chat with friends in our comfortable lounge. If you become a club member you will be entitled to discounted drinks and reduced-price entry to events.



For further information or membership enquiries contact:

westendsocialclub@btconnect.com

Tel: 01276 858501

WEVS Talk - Stay Safe from Scams

Learn how to Stay Safe from Online Scams, Cyber Crime and AI



Presented by Surrey and Sussex Police
Your questions answered



Wednesday, 19 June 2024 at 7pm
Sports Pavilion, Benner Lane, West End GU24 9JP

A FREE event, tea/coffee/biscuits available

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Our show schedule, celebrating a glorious 120th show is out now for you to purchase from Brown's newsagents or Orchid dry cleaning in West End along with other vendors around the village. If you prefer, you can visit www.wewdahs.org and download an electronic version of the brochure.

Timings for the Show on 14th September are : Our outside attractions will be open from 1.00pm and you will be able to enter the hall and Marquee from 2.00pm. To celebrate our 120 Years, John Medhurst will be there with his Shire Horses, Prince and George, to give dray rides. John has had commitments with the brewery over the last few years, so we are pleased they will be here to join in the celebrations.



We are taking show entries now. If you are not yet a member it's not too late to join for the cost of £2.50 per person. You will receive your show schedule, ticket to enter the marquee and hall and reduced entry fees for show entries.

We have so many different classes for adults and children, so hopefully there will be one that will take your fancy whether it be out in the fresh air sowing your flowers and vegetables, in your kitchen making amazing pickles, chutneys and those wonderful cakes, or making wine, beer and cider with all classes judged. Classes are widespread and this year we have added even more varieties to go with our Olympic theme for 2024.

Our barn dance tickets are for sale online through Eventbrite or can be purchase from Mandy Bye and David Pearce – addresses can be found online and in the show schedule.

Please do put the show date in your diary and encourage friends and family to join us, there is something for everyone! We are hoping the weather will be cooler this year and our four legged friends will be strutting their stuff, either in the dog show or dog agility classes. Or you might just want to rub noses with Alpacas!

This year, we are pleased to announce our annual ploughing match will be go ahead on Saturday 1st September in the field opposite the Windlesham Golf Course, please look at our website page or Face-book page for additional details later in the year.



Holy Trinity Songs of Praise & St John the Baptist Concert



Come and sing some of your favourite hymns.

2.30pm at Holy Trinity Church

West End

Tuesday 11th June
 Tuesday 9th July
 Tuesday 13th August
 Tuesday 10th September
 Tuesday 8th October
 Tuesday 12th November
 Tuesday 10th December



All Welcome

St John the Baptist Church Bisley Summer Concert - on Friday 21st June at 7pm



Come and join us for an evening of musical delights!

To include performances from

Bisley School Choir.

Frimley Recorder Group

Our own Church Choir.

Our church organists, including a duet.

And others!

Licensed bar with Pimms and strawberries too.

For further details visit - www.bweparish.org.uk/summerconcert2024.htm

Lucas the Stag Update

Due to changes in rules regarding lighting, the lights to illuminate the stag would need planning permission. We are working to get a lighting report commissioned to demonstrate that there will be no adverse impact on the adjoining properties before submitting the application.

Also you may have noticed the plinth acknowledging significant contributions towards this successful project has appeared by the bus stop. If not, take a look.



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Village Fete - Saturday 8th June

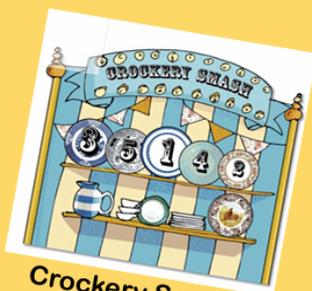
WEST END VILLAGE FETE 2024

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

Tringham Recreation Ground

Benner Lane, West End

Parade Starts at 12.30 Fete opening at 13.00



Crockery Smash

Fun Dog Show



BEAT THE GOALIE



Children's Roundabouts

Tombola's

Arena Displays

Plant Sale

Local Stalls

Licensed bar

BBQ



Café



Punch & Judy

Ice Creams



Bouncy Castle

WEVS Committee - comms@wevs.org.uk

Chairperson: Vacant **Secretary:** Jan Smith **Treasurer:** Yvonne Simpson

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