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SOCIAL CLUB
(THE VILLAGE CLUB)**

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60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEST END SUMMER SHOW—THE TUG OF WAR!



WEST END MOTOR CLUB—THE POCKLINGTON CLASSIC 2014

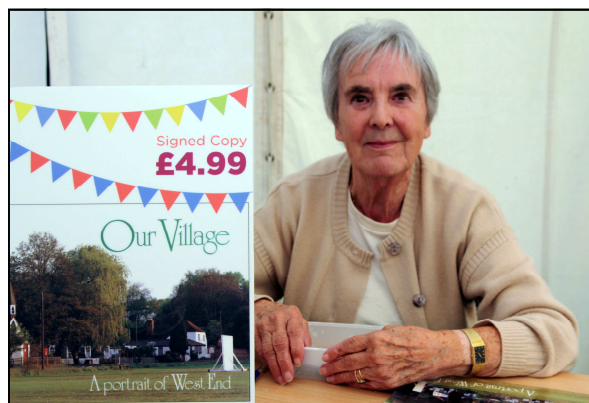
The Club supported the 60th Flower Show Anniversary although it wasn't strictly 'our year'. Next year we hope to continue with our usual biennial show of interesting vehicles. This year we contented ourselves with a few cars and a car boot stall but managed to raise in excess of £150 for our adopted charity Macmillan Cancer Care. Not bad when items were selling at 10 and 20p. Thanks to all who bought bits and gave support.

Our main fund-raiser is always the Pocklington Classic, in memory of our joint founder Charles, this year held in the Forest of Dean. Some ten cars and eighteen souls made the journey in classic cars ranging from 750cc to over 4 Litre capacity, spending a leisurely and informative day on the way there and back. We are not sure what Dean may have thought but his Forest provided two days of collecting whilst performing a couple of 'treasure hunts' where clues varied from the shape of spire or chimney to having one's navigator photographed with a stuffed bear on some hay bales.

'Nuff said', and a very good time was had by all circumnavigating the leafy and narrow lanes surrounding Monmouth and the Wye Valley.

Buckets were shaken and persons charged for having their 'selfies' taken with the cars, at least one birthday party was gate-crashed, and our thanks to the local populace who proved a welcoming and generous bunch. The event will allow a cheque for in excess of £1100 to be presented to Eileen Pocklington at our October Presentation evening, for onward transmission (with Gift Aid) to Macmillan. Roll on 2015.

Right: Eileen Pocklington selling copies of 'Our Village' at the Summer Show.



Above: One of the many successes by members of the Club in the Fruit and Vegetable section at the Summer Show, Chris Thyer's perfect tomatoes won 2nd prize.

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AFC WESTEND Autumn Report

Here we are and nearly in September and already the football club are back into the swing of things and the lads are well into pre-season training on Thursday evening's. Everyone involved with the club is looking forward with anticipation to the new season starting in a few weeks time. The close, season has seen quite a few changes with players coming and going and the Sunday team sees a new Manager at the helm.

The Saturday team will still be managed again by Tony Searle this season, but the departure of his trusty sidekick Dan Warner and the Saturday Secretary Dave Morgan have both moved on due to other commitments. The Saturday team are also moving leagues and will now be in the Premier Division of the Guildford & Woking Alliance. This will bring a whole new challenge to the club being in a much tougher, but well run league and we are hoping that we can maintain the great form that the lads showed last season in the Kingston & District league.

The Sunday team have gone through some major changes this season and we have a new Manager at the helm in Ben Senior who has stepped up from the playing ranks and taken over the team after the departure of Kevin Finnerty, Daryl Back and Amirah Rahman who are taking a well earned break after being involved in running the side for the past three seasons.

As some of you may already know, we have, unfortunately, lost our club sponsor Ashley Flooring for the coming season and therefore an appeal has been made through the Sports & Social club database to try and find new sponsor/sponsors for the 2014/2015 season. As you will appreciate having a sponsor for the club gives us a lifeline and plays a really important part in our survival as a football club.

I am pleased to announce that at the time of writing, two sponsors have come forward with offers of help, namely, David J Archer Contractors of Esher and also the West End Motor Club and we really appreciate their kind offers of help. I have no doubt that you will all see the sponsors logos emblazoned on our new kit once we have ironed out all the details. Well that's all the news for now, as usual you can keep up to speed with events, fixtures etc by looking at our club website at www.afcwestend.co.uk and also the youth section who will be running four teams this season at <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/afcwestendyouth>

Let's all hope that the weather is kinder to us this season and we don't have a repeat

of the severe flooding that blighted us last season!

The season kicks off for the Saturday team with a home fixture on the 13th September v Chertsey Old Salesians and the Sunday team's fixtures start with an away game v Kingston Road on Sunday 21st September.

Your support as ever is much appreciated by us all.

Keith Harris Secretary AFC Westend

ESHER & DISTRICT RACING PIGEON CLUB

With the racing season nearing its close it is nice to report that there are again to be the top club in the Three Borders Federation with a huge lead on other clubs.

No less than six 'first' positions and well over 100 other positions in the Top 25. This has been a great all-round performance with almost every member contributing to the final points total. The club points total will exceed 180, not bad when the maximum points each race is 10 points for the winning club, 9 for the second, down to 1 point for the 10th club.

In one race the Esher Club recorded 17 positions in the Top 25 from 1693 pigeons. Congratulations to all members.

On a lighter note, the one loft race in which birds from the Palmer Loft are sponsored as babies in March and then raced in August/September, sponsors are non-pigeon fanciers and pay a sponsor fee of £20 when selecting their pigeon. The opening race from Blandford on 2nd August was won by 'Concord' sponsored by Peter Orton winning £90. 2nd was James Harveys 'Laura' and 3rd was 'First Choice' sponsored by Angela Stockbridge and Lynn Bezant.

Further interim £20 awards were to Robin Newman whose bird 'Shepherds Pie II' was first in the following two races and Helen Baker whose 'Sammy' also achieved a similar feat of two wins.

The final race from Yelverton on the 13th September will provide £200 prize money to be shared between the first three home. Good luck to all. 16 birds remaining from the original 22 birds selected.

Allen Palmer, Hon Sec.

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WEST END ESHER CRICKET CLUB



The girls saying goodbye to our overseas player John Loxton

It's been a very tough season on the senior cricket front as a number of top players were either experiencing fatherhood for the first time, injured or old age set in prematurely!

Unfortunately both the 1's and 2's were relegated from the Premiership into Division 1 of the Fullers while the 3's more than held their own in the Fullers 3XI league.

On a brighter note several of our young colts helped out on many occasions and performed extremely well in very difficult circumstances.

Our Colts academy continues to go from strength to strength under the watchful eyes of Gill Andrae and Wayne Jonesmany locals have commented how lovely it is to see the children so involved and enjoying themselves on Friday nights during the summer!

Thank you to all those who came along and supported the Party By The Pond this year ...the band and atmosphere was amazing and was probably the best one yet!



Please remember we are always looking for new playersplus does anyone fancy doing the teas on a Saturday please? Umpires and scorers as wellhelp help! Best wishes and thanks for all your support.

*Mike Bacon
(Chairman)*



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