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WEST END ESHER CRICKET CLUB



After a chilly and showery May, followed by a very wet June we finally got the season going with a bit more enthusiasm in July and August. The bad news is that both our senior teams were unable to avoid relegation due to a lack of first team players which inevitably weakened our second team. Our overseas player John Loxton performed brilliantly with the bat scoring over 800 league runs but others were not in such great form. The reality is that until our youth policy brings the rewards (in possibly two years time) we desperately need to recruit quality cricketers urgently for next season.

Our club house, ground and wicket is now one of the finest in the leagues so we must do all we can to get us back to the Premiership as soon as possible. So come on Mums and Dads of the Village please get your boys playing for our club and push any potential players our waymy contact details are below.

The good news is our youth policy is paying off as can be seen on Friday nights and home games Sunday mornings. All age groups from under 8's up to under 14's have won more than they have lostmy thanks to Gill, Wayne, Chris and all the other coaches that have made this possible.

Our traditional Party By The Pond (featuring Madhen) turned out to be a great success with 250 plus attending the party the pictures of our bar superstars and the lighting and layout gives you an idea of the fun to come for those that were unable to attend. My thanks to Peter Horwood for all his support on the day especially as it was also his 50th birthday bash.

Well we have now put the square to bed for the winter and I can put my feet up and watch some rugby!



Best wishes and many thanks to all who have helped shape today's WEECC Mike Bacon (Chairman) www.weecc.co.uk

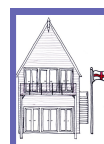
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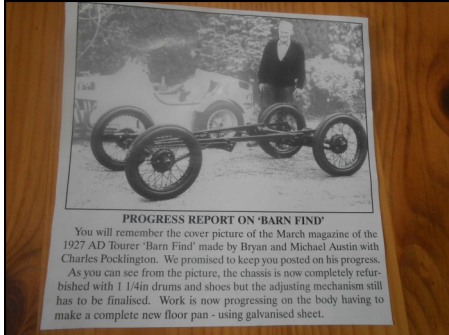
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WEST END MOTOR CLUB

The Motor Club Annual Pocklington Rally this year saw a varied selection of our cars exploring the Kent countryside from our base in the pretty village of Chilham near Canterbury. A report on proceedings will be in the next Village News.



'The Barn Find'

The Triumph TR6



Bryan Austin shares his memories of the Pocklington Rally

This car (Austin 7) was indeed a 'Barn Find' since it was found in 2003 by our son Michael in his late father-in-law's West Sussex barn. The car had been dismantled and put into boxes, the chassis was leaned up against the barn wall, however everything appeared to be there. We loaded all parts onto a trailer and brought them home to work on in Charles's garage. As you can see from the photograph we got stuck into re building and eventually got it completed having been fuelled by numerous cups of tea and coffee by Eileen.

Sadly Charles was unable to get much pleasure after it's completion as in December 2005 he passed away.

Bob Thompson bought the car from us and still competes with it at Austin 7 meetings and rallies.

Whilst understanding the interest in early Austin 7's and their followers my own interests lies in 60's and 70's British Sports Cars. I was fortunate to purchase a Triumph TR6 which I ran for quite a few years before it became a bit of a chore to get in and out of.

I competed in the Pocklington Rally, an annual event held in memory of Charles for several years, winning one of the rallies held in France, unfortunately not in my TR6 but in a borrowed Hillman Imp as the TR6 was undergoing some surgery at that time.

The younger of my two sons Michael announced at a very young age that he wanted to own an Aston Martin one day, we all laughed since even then they were extremely expensive. He has now for the last ten years owned his Aston Martin DB6 which

belonged originally to 'bonehead' (real name Paul Arthur) member of the Oasis band who had it for 5 years, never drove it but spent tons of money on it! I have been with Michael on several Pocklington Rallies in his Aston Martin....he maintains he will take it to the grave with him! The common thread that runs through all of this is the Pocklington Rally, which continues to raise money for Macmillan nurses, a charity close to Charles's wife, Eileen's heart, by way of thanking them for looking after her beloved Charles.



The Aston Martin DB6

Bryan Austin



WEST END GOLF SOCIETY

Any person wishing to join the WEGS can call
Dave Morgan on 07956 129987 or
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ESHER & DISTRICT RACING PIGEON CLUB

The Young Bird race programme commenced on 30th July. Members Malik and Khan stormed away by taking the first six positions in the Club and also the Federation of 1097 pigeons — a great performance, particularly as this was a repeat of their performance at the beginning of the 2015 season. Blandford is certainly a favourite of their birds for they took the first four in the Federation from this race point on 27th August, again from 1046 pigeons.

We have high hopes of winning the Federation points trophy with just three races left culminating at Wadebridge a distance of some 200 plus miles.

The race season overall has been quite good only spoilt by the Alencon race for Old Birds which resulted in the loss of a great number of pigeons on the 22nd May, which had a knock-on effect to the following race points attendances.

I am sorry that the annual sponsorship Young Bird race nominations were not possible, we only had 14 pigeons to take part due to losses from local Hawks, which was not enough. Apologies to all. Better luck next season.

Esher & District
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Allen Palmer, Hon Secretary