## **ESHER & DISTRICT RACING PIGEON CLUB**



## Esher & District RPC

Left: Paul Arnold

Photo: Chris Sutton

The start to our season was greatly delayed due to the coronavirus restrictions in place.

We would normally begin racing at the beginning of April, but it was not until mid-June that we were able to make a start. Although the season has been shortened the racing has been good with club members regularly gaining good federation positions.

Spectacular success was gained by one of our leading club members, Paul Arnold, who won the National Flying Club race against over 5000 birds from Messac in France (see photo). Paul won this race with a 4-year-old pigeon called True Faith. To win a National Flying Club race is the ultimate achievement in pigeon racing. Although we are a small club Paul now joins two other club lofts who have won national races in the last 2 years.

We are now busy with the young bird races that will go on to the end of September when the season ends.

Michael Charlton (Chairman)

## WEST END ESHER CRICKET CLUB

Dear All

After a frustrating wait to get going we managed half a season which underlined once again the club is going in the right direction .We fielded 2 Saturday and a Sunday friendly teams every weekend along with a regular 20x20 team in the Surrey Slam competition.

The Junior section under Chris Hambleton and our Cricket Camps run by James Townsend where as popular as ever so a big thank you to all our coaches and parents that make this possible.

The girls under 15's team managed by Tracey Townsend won 7 of their 8 matches with 2 of the girls playing regularly in the Sunday side displaying great talent with both bat and ball!



Our 20x20 Slam team managed to get to the quarter finals with a stunning victory over Sunbury and a narrow defeat against a very strong Spencer X1 containing a number of the first team!

The ground and wicket have improved enormously under the guidance of our new groundman Jonny Nolan so a big thank you to him and all the volunteers.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> X1 under the new captaincy of Warren Schulze performed really well against some strong opposition who play in higher leagues than us and we managed to win more than we lost! Our second team blooded many youngsters this season with some excellent results which bodes well for next season.







My thanks to all the Committee, the club players and families for keeping positive and making the most of a curtailed season in these tough times we are all experiencing.

Best wishes and look forward to catching up with you down at the Sports and Social club over the autumn and winter months.

Report & Photos:

Mike Bacon (Chairman WEECC) ...www.weecc.co.uk



Below: Last of Summer Cricket



VILLAGE NEWS WEST END

<u>Please make a diary note of the copy dates for the next two editions.</u>

<u>CHRISTMAS: Friday 14 November by 1pm</u>

<u>SPRING 2021: Friday 5th March 2021 by 1pm</u>

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We thank you all for your continued support.

## WEST END MOTOR CLUB

#### Post lockdown report

In better times, during the good weather season, from perhaps from Easter to late September we would have had a full programme of classic car events to attend throughout the UK and extending into Europe with continental car tours. So many events there would be made it hard to choose which ones would be most enjoyable and thus attend. However in these strange times quite the reverse has occurred. With all social gatherings and motor sport events being cancelled we have had nowhere to go for outings in our beloved classic cars. After all we had spent the first three months of lockdown tinkering and preparing our cherished vehicles in preparation for drives in the beautiful countryside of our local counties.



Old School Cars

## Coffee meets

But now and being the innovative chaps that we are and far from wanting to rust away (referring to the cars and their owners!) small informal plans have been made for coffee meets (with obligatory bacon rolls) at local cafes where we can kick tyres, exchange stories, meet friends, and put a few miles on the clock. As can be seen in the accompanying photos we have visited the Old School Café near Chertsey and the Hanger Café at Fairoaks Airport. These outings are on alternative Tuesday mornings and are proving very successful so it is hoped to have a few more before the weather changes.



Fairoaks Airfield Chertsey

As mentioned in the last Village News we also now attend another local gathering monthly on the first Sunday at Alan Greenwood's premises in Chobham where we are in awe of his marvellous collection of beautifully restored classic fire engines all in full working order. Again this is a morning meet with breakfast refreshments supplied by the adjacent Italian restaurant or a visiting burger wagon.



Alan Greenwood's 1948 Fire Engine

#### Our lost holiday

It had been our norm that following the Summer Village Flower Show we would all head off on a classic car holiday to differing locations at home or abroad. This has been an annual event in memory of Charles Pocklington and other lost colleagues raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support, our chosen charity. Last year was one of our best attended with 24 chaps in 14 classic cars touring Normandy. This year we were to be exploring beautiful Wiltshire with hotel booked and routes planned but we have now shelved this trip until next year.



Line-up at Fairoaks Airfield

#### And now

Our weekly social meetings have resumed in the Social Club in accordance with guide lines. Anyone interested in old cars is welcome to join us for a pint on Thursday evenings from around 8pm.

As I was writing this article we were looking forward to a much larger gathering of classic vehicles at the Cobham Classic Show on 12th September a report of which would have featured in the next edition of the Village News. However due to the stricter social gatherings guidance this Show has now been cancelled.

Report & Photos: Ken Berry

## THE RED ARROWS FLYPAST

The Red Arrows in formation over Sunbury on 8th May for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

French President
Macron's visit on
18th June marked 80
years since WW2
when French
Resistance Leader
Charles de Gaulle
made his historic
broadcast to occupied
France from the UK.
He said: "I call upon
all Frenchmen who
want to remain free to



listen to my voice and follow me."

The Red Arrows also flew in formation on that day with their French equivalent La Patrouille de France. They left RAF Brize Norton at 4.40pm and were seen over Weybridge before arriving at Horse Guards Parade and Buckingham Palace at 5.00pm. The Coldstream Guards also formed a guard of honour. *Photo: Roger Brown* 

# THE VILLAGE CLUB

PLEASE VISIT THE WESSC WEBSITE FOR THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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## WEST END GOLF



Any person wishing to join the WEGS can call

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