



THE VILLAGE CLUB

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**Village Carol Concert
Christmas Eve at 6.00pm**

St George's Church, West End
and afterwards in the Village Club



PRESIDENT'S PARTY

The Third President's Party will be held at the Club on
Sunday 21st December 2014
commencing 7pm and closing at 11pm.

All club members are welcome to attend and early arrivals will
be able to partake of complimentary drinks with your President.

Live Music will be provided throughout the evening by the
Club's musicians and guest artistes for your enjoyment. Please
do your best to attend. We must advise you that if the past two
years are anything to go by it will be quite crowded and seats
could be at a premium. We look forward to seeing you.

Allen Palmer, President

ESHER & DISTRICT RACING PIGEON CLUB

As previously reported the Esher Club finished top Club in the Three Bor-
ders Federation with a record number of points. The final race from Yelver-
ton was won by Malik and Khan who also topped the Federation.

The sponsored Race was won by Jack Fernandez with 'Rosie' who takes
the £100 first prize. Second was Eric Busby taking £60 and third was Tony
Currie winning £40. Fifteen of the original twenty one pigeons completed
the season's racing. Thanks to everyone for their support.

It now becomes a quiet time for the birds with no competitive races until
April 2015. The birds are starting to look their best having come to the end
of their moult. We will be holding a Show on the 14th December to pro-
duce the best looking pigeons. This will be held at the Club with viewing
from 12.30pm for any interested Club members. The Club's prize presenta-
tion will be held on Saturday 10th January 2015. Any club members will be
welcome to attend. There will be a Fish and Chip Supper at approximately
8.00pm.

Allen Palmer, Hon Secretary



**WEST END
GOLF SOCIETY**

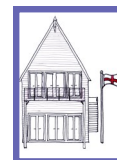
Any person wishing to join the
WEGS can call
Dave Morgan on
07956 129987 or
Allistar Goff on
07958 221566.

'WHISTLING BILLY'



An amusing addition to the McLaren Employee's Motor
Show this year was 'Whistling Billy' whose engine was a
1905 compound 20hp White steam car engine with Ste-
phenson's link motion that was soon modified to have a
piston valve instead of a slide. Originally built by the
White company, this steam works sprint car was made
for the popular new motor racing on the dirt trotting
horse tracks throughout North America. It was called
Billy, but was soon renamed Whistling Billy because of
the howl that it made from its burners going down the
straights! The car was fuelled by gasoline or kerosene and
the burner jets were enormous.
Whistling Billy started winning races on July 4th 1905 it
took nearly four seconds off the World track record for
the mile with a time of 48.35 seconds (about 74 mph).
Driven by Webb Jay, who believed he was driving the
fastest car in the World!

I thought I would just share that with you all!
Angela Stockbridge



AFC WESTEND Winter Report

Dear friends and supporters

Welcome to the Winter report for your local football club AFC Westend. If I remember rightly this time last year I was actually saying that I was ecstatic as this has to be one of the first times in successive years that I can tell you that the pitch at Westend has stood up to all the rigours that winter. The annual boating lake is a thing of the past! Well, how wrong can one can be and unfortunately, I am already being made to eat my words as we have already lost two complete weekends of fixtures so far this season due to the pitch being flooded at Westend. Sadly, it's not really looking good either as the wet weather seems set to continue throughout the rest of November and possibly December. It now looks as if we will have to find alternative pitches to play our home games on, obviously, this is very disappointing news for everyone concerned with the club.

However, it has been a really positive start to the season for both teams.

AFC Westend Saturday – Guildford & Woking Alliance Football League Premier Division

After many years of being a member of the Kingston & District Football League the Saturday team have changed leagues this season and have moved over to the Guildford & Woking Alliance Football League Premier Division. The decision to change leagues was made by the Management Team who decided that to get the best out of our lads and to improve the team. We needed a new challenge and this was without doubt the best league for us to join. So far, results have been mixed and as of the 15th November we have played a total of 8 league games, won 3 and drawn 2 and lost 3 and are sitting in 4th place in the league table, so it's still all to play for.

Team Manager, Tony Searle has said that the lads are playing really well and with a lot of confidence. It would be a real bonus for the club if we could move further up the table and maintain our top four positions until the end of the season. Apart from doing well in the league. The team, apart from doing well in the league are still involved in the Surrey County Cup and 2 League Cup Competitions.

AFC Westend Sunday – Leatherhead & District Sunday Football League Division 2

Again, the Sunday team have also had a good start to the season and although, slightly lower down in their league

WEST END MOTOR CLUB

Colder months often herald a slowing down of motoring activity, especially that of the Classic kind, but this is not true of the Motoring Section of the Village Club. A delegation visited Goodwood in warm sunny weather for the Vintage Sports Car Club annual closing season Sprint on 26th October. Members also spent some very cold and wet hours on 2nd November at Horley as the Veteran Car Club Emancipation Run passed by on the way to Brighton. We were not as wet as those pursuing the A23 in torrential rain that started as the later pre-1903 cars got away from Hyde Park, and which continued until even the slowest had nearly reached Brighton. Another member was in Hyde Park as a Volunteer Marshall, before dawn at the start of the VCR, and fortunately before the start of the rain!

The Motor Club Presentation Evening was held on the 30th October in the Village Club when the winner of our annual charity rally, The Pocklington Classic, was presented with The Pocklington Memorial Trophy, a confection of chrome-plated bits of an Austin 7 engine complete with valves and a piston 'over the top'. This was won by Roger Brown in Ken Berry's Austin 7 Nippy, who found there was not enough space for his name on the plaque, so spent unwarranted time and effort to excellent effect in procuring a splendid breadboard as a new base for the Trophy with additional plaque to record his illustrious success.

The evening was well attended and the assembled company enjoyed a slide-show of the various activities during the jolly, which resulted in Eileen Pocklington receiving a cheque in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care for £1100, an increase on last year. Thanks to all who participated and co-operated in this magnificent effort. Plans are already afoot for the 'Classic' of 2015 for which a raid on French France is planned.

If you have classic car of any age you will be very welcome in this small and informal Club where there are no officers, committees or subscriptions, just an unfathomable interest in things automotive and mechanical, and a fondness for the activities of Mr Toad.



David Rolfe presents the cheque to Eileen



Eileen presenting the Charles Pocklington trophy to winner Roger Brown

Article: David Rolfe—Photographs: Roger Brown

position they still have the opportunity to make ground on the leaders, having played 5 games, won 2, drawn 1 and lost 2 they have 7 points and without doubt are on course to climb to a higher position in the league. Team Manager, Ben Senior, says he is really pleased with the way the team are playing and is hoping that they can continue pushing up the league.

If you don't already know, you can see all the fixtures, results and keep up to speed with all the club news on our website at www.afcwestend.co.uk also, a new addition to the club website is a dedicated page so you can view and read the latest edition of the Village News so why not give it a try and read all the latest articles at your leisure.

Well folks, that's all the news for now so I'll end by wishing you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year 2015 from all at AFC Westend, Tony, Ben, Keith, all the Players, Chairman Eric Strange and President Pash Barbato.

Keith Harris

“MERRY CHRISTMAS”

