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EVENTS**

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Two very successful events were held in the Club recently.

The Quiz Night was well attended. Thanks for Jackie and Allen Palmer (as always) for providing the delicious platters of sandwiches. Ruth Loveridge, Di Gibson and their team organised the event with their usual efficiency and last but not least, many thanks to Rachel Gee for being the formidable QuizMeister!

Thanks also to Katie Fernandes and Vince Tryrell for organising a fun Bingo evening which was followed by a tasty Fish and Chip supper.

The committee of the Village Club would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.



AFC WESTEND

A full report will appear in our next edition.

The West End Motor Club drivers proudly displaying their cars at Chateau Cocove, France.



David Rolfe
Presenting a
Cheque for
£1,360 to
Eileen
Pocklington for
the Macmillan
Cancer Care



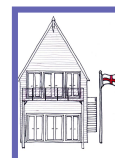
WEST END GOLF SOCIETY



Any person wishing to join the WEGS
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Dave Morgan on 07956 129987 or
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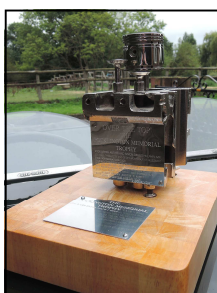


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WEST END MOTOR CLUB

After our biennial appearance at the Flower Show when this year's charity collections started in earnest, our next main event of the year was the Pocklington Classic, a small rally for the most ancient or unusual cars kept by our members. This is regarded by the distaff side as a boy's jolly and so it is, but with a serious purpose to collect donations for Macmillan Cancer Care in memory of one of our founder members, Charles Pocklington.



*The Pocklington
'Over the Top'
Trophy*

As mentioned in the last issue of Village News the 2015 Rally took us to the Pas de Calais area of northern France for two days of driving and collecting. Macmillan is not as well-known across the English Channel so the journeys both ways via Eurotunnel were our main opportunities, producing a favourable result in both coins and notes of many world-wide nations in addition to 'beaucoup d'euros'.

Our base was the Chateau de Cocove, some twenty miles inland and to be recommended as a possible first or last base in that part of France. Our drives took in local hostleries and cafes, wartime rocket launching bases and museums, a small cemetery where lie not only locals but a War Graves Commission area for combatants of both sides in two world wars, and a foray to Cap Gris Nez. All cars and drivers performed well with only minor fettling and nursing of some sore heads. A total, including a generous anonymous donation, of over £650 was collected.

Subsequently our 'Presentation' evening was held on 29 October in the Village Club when my team had the honour of receiving the Pocklington 'Over the Top' Trophy, as it seems we got a question about mushrooms correct and collected additional points for age and infirmity. The occasion is well attended and enjoyed. It is also the occasion to present a cheque to Eileen Pocklington for onward transmission to Macmillan. This year's overall total, including earlier members' efforts, the Flower Show collection and a further £85, donated by attendees at the Presentation Evening itself, amounted to £1,335.10 our best ever result.

As this was our Tenth Anniversary our bean counter decided to see what the decade had produced overall, with early amounts from around £200 plus and rising to this year's figure giving a ten year total collected of £5,700.

Thanks to all those who made this possible. Here's to 2016.



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Article: David Rolfe

ESHER & DISTRICT RACING PIGEON CLUB

Apologies to our regular readers for having missed the deadline for the September edition of the Village News. The Old Bird Racing season finished at Truro on the 11th July and like many of the races was won by Crook and Iddenden whose bird recorded a velocity of 1865 yards per minute which proved to be the top pigeon in our Federation of 826 pigeons, 228 miles in 215 minutes, quite some speed!

By coincidence and proving the quality of their pigeons, the same partnership recorded the first pigeon from the longest Young Bird race on the 12th September, again at a particularly fast speed completing the Yelverton distance of 176 miles 594 yards in 2 hours 41 minutes or 1926 yards per minute average speed.

Further records were broken by members Malik and Khan who took the first ten positions in the Federation from Blandford 86½ miles from a total of 1116 pigeons. They almost produced the same placings the following week again from Blandford recording 1st and positions 6th to 10th, with Esher members Slight and Taylor filling up positions 2nd to 5th and members of our Club recording the first 19 in the Federation of 1802 birds from 11 clubs.

The Malik and Khan loft returned to the fray again at Blandford taking the first 15 positions in the Federation of 1615 pigeons, a performance that is unlikely to be equalled anywhere in pigeon racing. Esher Club were unfortunately pipped for the Federation Shield by just one point in a competition that takes in all races for young and old birds. Mit-cham and Merton 1st on 190 points, Esher 189 points and Spelthorne 154 points.

Possibly of more interest to our readers is the One Loft sponsorship competition for pigeons born in 2015 from the Palmer Loft in West End Lane. Birds were viewed on 29th March and selections were made for some 25 pigeons for which sponsors paid £20 per bird. The initial race from Blandford on the 1st August carried prize money of £200. The winner was Russell Dellar with 'Magnificent' taking £100. 2nd was Lucky Biscuit sponsored by Ava Denham of Winterdown Road, taking £60. 3rd was Zoe owned by Mike Bacon who took £40. Individual prize of £20 per sponsor were Di Gibson, Ottilie Palmer-Davies, Aidan Baker, Colin Cosham, Nick and Nicki Holmes.

The final race from the longest race point Yelverton was on the 12th September 2015. 1st was Russell Dellar with Magnificent winning £100—a terrific performance. 2nd was Eric Busby with Phyllis winning £60. 3rd was Nick IV sponsored by Nick and Nicki Holmes taking £40. All pigeons sent to this final race arrived home safely. 4th was Trudo for Rose Denham., 5th Dollar 3 for Lee Ellar, 6th was Yankee Doodle Pigeon for Colin Cosham, 7th was Zoe for Mike Bacon, 8th was Birdie for Jean Brownlie, 9th was Sammy II for Helen Baker and daughter and 10th was Ginger Fairy for Aidan Baker and son.

Suffice to say that we will be breeding again in January and will have (hopefully) a further 30 or so birds for sponsorship in March 2016. For those who took part in the sponsorship many thanks and be pleased that 23 birds went to the final race all homing on the day.

Allen Palmer, Hon. Secretary

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