



## WEST END MOTOR CLUB

In September nineteen members of the motor club in a variety of classic cars explored the Kent countryside on our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Pocklington Rally held in memory of Charles one of our founder members.



*Eileen Pocklington  
presenting the Trophy to  
Jon Ager.*

We toured the countryside from our base in the pretty village of Chilham some 6 miles south west of Canterbury. It was at St Mary's church in Chilham that well known Club members Kay and Malcolm Parsons were married on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1984, exactly 32 years to the day before our visit.

We were pleased to welcome Kay and Malcolm to our annual presentation evening on 10<sup>th</sup> November when we awarded the Pocklington Trophy to Jon Ager who with Bob Thompson were worthy winners of this year's event. We collected £734 for MacMillan Cancer Support and our cheque was handed over to Eileen Pocklington. We enjoyed a slideshow and together with refreshments remembered the very wet conditions endured on the rally though spirits were not dampened and it was unanimously agreed that a good time was had by all as we look forward to next year's trip.

You don't have to own a classic car to join our merry band – just share an enthusiasm for nostalgia! I bet you all have memories of your first car! What was it now – an Austin 7 or a Morris 8? We meet informally in the social club every Thursday between 8 and 10pm. Pop in and reminisce over a pint!

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*Photographs: Roger Brown*

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*Malcolm & Kay Parsons  
on their wedding day!*



## CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

West End Resident, Will Nightingale, is performing as 'Dame Dotty' in the pantomime "Beauty and the Beast" at The Elgiva Theatre, Chesham, from 2nd -31st December 2016

For tickets 'phone the  
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## THE VILLAGE CLUB

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CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS

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We wish all our members a very  
Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year

## WEST END GOLF SOCIETY

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



## WEST END SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB (The Village Club)

### PRESIDENT'S PARTY

Allen Palmer, the Club President, is pleased to announce  
that the Annual President's Party will be held at

**The Sports and Social Club on  
SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER 2016  
From 6.30pm**

As usual the evening will feature live music from the West End entertainers plus Matt Elverson with his repeat of the three Hollywood greats: Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jnr. Otherwise known as the 'Rat Pack'. The evening will be open to all Club members and early arrivals will receive a free drink from the Bar. There will also be a complementary buffet. The evening will close at 11.00pm approximately.

We look forward to seeing you.



## IMPORTANT NEWS....

### THE SCAM IS BACK!



A recent series and increase in 'trap devices' being found on ATMs (cash machines) within Elmbridge has arisen in High Street, Esher. These devices come in various shapes and sizes, but are usually disguised to look like part of the machine. Some have also been found to have been fitted with recording devices. The aim of these devices are to prevent the release of the bank card and/or the requested cash after the transaction has been completed.

We continue to urge all residents to check ATMs for any suspicious fixtures or loose fittings, prior to use. We strongly advise that you do not allow anyone to see you enter your PIN - even if a 'friendly' member of the public offers to 'assist' you, should you fall victim to this scam.

Some cash machines that have the new security features are having coins jammed into their card reader, forcing members of the public to go the next nearest cash point with less security features added. Some examples/ images/videos of these devices can be found online via an internet search for 'cash machine trap devices'.

Should any person be seen acting suspiciously in the area then report this via 101. Should any device be found or should you fall victim to this crime then please call Surrey Police on 101. If the bank is open, please ensure a staff member is made aware. Ensure that you cancel any affected cards immediately.....Usually a phone number can be found on the ATM allowing contact to be made with the provider - without leaving your bank card unattended. Surrey Police have been working with local banks within Surrey to try and identify the suspects. Please share this post and spread the word so that we can stop those who think it's acceptable to prey on unsuspecting victims. Be vigilant and don't get caught out before Christmas !

PC489 Chris Smith

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### ESHER & DISTRICT RACING PIGEON CLUB

Esher club were once more amongst the top winners in the Three Borders Federation for the 2016 season.

The Club finished as the Winning Club for the highest points overall for the season winning by 12 points to the Spelthorne Club.

Individual points saw Esher Club members in 2nd, 3rd and 4th place from a total of over 150 members.

Club Secretary, Allen Palmer, triumphed in winning the Longest Old Bird Race Cup, the 2nd Combine Race Cup, Best Average, the two longest Old Bird races, the Best Average longest Old Bird race, the longest Young Bird race and the Continental Average Cup. Vic Emerson was the winner of the Old Bird Average Trophy.

In money terms, Esher members took over £200 in prize money from the Federation. Carter & Son (£86.45), Malik & Khan (£57.35), V. Emerson (£39.75) and P. Arnold (£23.65) plus other members (£22.25).

It is not all about money, but it is nice to get a return during the season. We have our AGM during December at which time we will be submitting a suggested programme of race points for the 2017 racing programme. Let us hope that we have similar success in 2017.

Allen Palmer, Hon Secretary

Esher & District  
RPC

**WE WISH ALL OUR MEMBERS  
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS**



### AFC WEST END

It's been a while now since I have submitted a report on behalf of the football team, so, I thought that I would actually put pen to paper as they say, not literally, but to sit down and hit the keyboard and bash out all the latest news and gossip about our two senior teams, the Vets and youth teams.

#### Saturday First Team

The Saturday "First" team are currently playing in the Guildford & Woking Alliance Football League and are sitting 3<sup>rd</sup> from bottom in the Premier Division. This season has proved to be a very trying time for the team and all concerned as there has been rather a lot of upheaval with us being unable to fulfil some of our fixtures. This has also been exacerbated by the recent departure of our much aligned team manager Neil O'Halloran who decided to resign for personal reasons. Of course, to lose such an influential character such as Neil, was a huge blow for the club and one from which we haven't yet fully recovered. However, after much deliberation, it was decided that we would try and carry on with the team and, hopefully, see the season out. We then had a stroke of luck as one of our current first team player's, James Ashcroft, stepped up and offered to run the team on a temporary basis, this was initially to give us some breathing space and some much needed time to find a new Manager. Unfortunately, for James this was a baptism of fire and hasn't really worked out the way he would have wanted it too; I hasten

to add that he has done a remarkable job under extremely difficult circumstances and has to be congratulated for his hard work. Anyway, at the time of writing we still haven't been able to find a suitable candidate to replace Neil and so the search continues as we certainly don't want to have a repeat of last season when we actually decided to fold up the first team - let's keep our fingers crossed.

#### Saturday Reserve Team

I am pleased to report that our reserve team, who are playing in the same league as our first team, are currently sitting in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Division 2. For those of you who aren't aware, here is some background info for you regarding the team joining us at Westend during the summer from Hersham Sports & Social Club under the management of George Nixey. George has done a remarkable job with running the reserve side and has already become a solid and reliable member of AFC Westend. Certainly, with the current squad of players we have I can't really see any reason why they won't be able to maintain the minimum of a top four finish, which, in turn, will give us automatic promotion into Division 1 - hopefully, I haven't just put the mockers on that!

#### General News

Despite all our ups and downs, so far this season the club are still trying to go forward and our aim is to achieve overall success. We have a great team in place who are working really hard to make this club successful and get us to where we want to be. The Westend

Vets team have had a great start to the season and, so far, they have won all 5 games played - great stuff and long may it continue. Also, as I understand it, the Westend Youth Section are having a really good season with teams playing in the Surrey Youth League at U18, U15, U10, U9 and U7 levels. A big thank you to all the teams and management staff for your hard work and here's to continued success.

In October, the football club held a well attended Race Night in the clubhouse at Westend that turned out to be a very successful evening for those that attended, even though there were not as many attendees as we would have liked, we still managed to make a much needed profit towards our club funds.

#### Club Shed

Much needed improvements have been made to our club shed and we now have wall to wall storage racks fitted, on top of that and more recently, there has been a much needed lighting and power system installed as well, believe me, this has made a fantastic difference for all of us and we can't thank the Sports & Social Club enough for all their support in making this project possible.

Finally, it comes for me to say, 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 2017 from all at AFC Westend, George, Keith and all the Players, Chairman Eric Strange and President Pash Barbato.

**"MERRY CHRISTMAS"**

Keith Harris