



VILLAGE NEWS

WEST END

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The eagerly awaited Pocklington Classic in aid of Macmillan duly took place from 21st to 24th September in mixed weather which did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the twelve members in eight cars taking part after a couple of unfortunate last minute cancellations. Ben Thompson had again kindly provided superb rally plaques and



decals as we departed from Eileen Pocklington's house at 9.30am after coffee and croissants. The base was the Crown Hotel in Mundford from which Norfolk and parts of Suffolk could be explored at leisure. The pub is family owned with good parking, comfy rooms and decent ales and food.

Following a route specially designed to avoid motorways and fast roads, our classic steeds first paid a nostalgic visit to the Ace Café on the North Circular Road before continuing to Epping Forest and scenic lanes and highways via Great Dunmow, Finchingfield, Bury St Edmunds and Thetford to their destination.



The usual small diversions, wrong turns, failing to proceed and other minor fettling lent interest and colour to the journey but all arrived in time for tea, followed by beer and a good meal. This year Saturday was the only mildly competitive day on the rally with fine weather and a map route to discover and follow. Discovered it was and followed it was not! The map left much to be desired. One entrant found a long abandoned airfield now masquerading as several farms and, after spending much time following supposed directions, came upon a heap of concrete rubble which appeared strangely familiar, having been passed some little while earlier. Eventually other cars were met going in the opposite direction but all arrived at the English Whisky Distillery and enjoyed a detailed visit and a small dram whilst collecting for our cause.

The next stop was also difficult to find being the old site of the American 100 Bomber Group near Diss. Volunteers, from both US and UK, have restored the control tower and several buildings as one of the best curated and comprehensive war museums this scribe has seen. Many overseas visitors were enjoying nostalgic films and an excellent café and shop whilst others toured the exhibits and climbed to the roof of the tower.



Our party found this an excellent collection venue. In the evening a visit by mini-bus to a curry establishment in Swaffham was successful although the pre-prandial beer-fest was somewhat curtailed by lack of physical space in the pub, probably a

good thing. Sunday morning's weather was appalling during a run to a country pub for lunch.

The Glory Award for stoicism went to Roger Brown driving his open Austin 7 special who suffered the contents of two huge road puddles being thrown at him by lorries passing in both directions at once, a sight described by an onlooker as the parting of the Red Sea.

All had agreed to attend the Vintage Sports Car Club Race Meeting at Snetterton during the afternoon. After a wet start, during which we took part in a parade lap, things improved for a couple of hours so we saw some racing and collected a few



pounds before returning to Mundford to dry off, have a warm bath and prepare for the awards dinner in our private room. Small and appropriate prizes were given for various achievements, the overall 'Over the Top' trophy going to David Ward and Chris Green who received an empty box, the actual Trophy being safeguarded elsewhere.

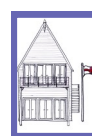
Some £700 plus was collected and will be handed to Macmillan at our presentation evening set for 29th November at 8.00pm in the Village Club, when the winners will receive their grand Trophy. There will be nibbles and a slide show of the event so do please come along and join in.



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ESHER & DISTRICT RACING PIGEON CLUB

The 2018 season proved to be one of the most difficult years for some time. The bitterly cold weather in March & April made early season training and racing almost impossible for most of us in the club. The difficulties extended to many parts of the country and was compounded by outbreaks of disease, especially "young bird sickness" throughout the summer. We were all relieved when the last race took place in September. Next year is certain to be better and we are already making plans for our breeding and racing.

Allen J Palmer (President)



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Well, how time flies and we are already a quarter of the way through the season and already Christmas fast approaching.

Unfortunately, I have to report that our First team are going through a very difficult time, this is mainly due to the sudden departure of around 80% of our squad from last season, which was totally unexpected and has thrown a real spanner in the works. At the time of writing my report the team are really struggling in the Premier Division of the Guildford league and are currently sitting in last place in the league standings, also, on two separate occasions we have been unable to field a team and this is not an ideal situation in which to find ourselves.

However, not one to give in easily our First Team Manager, Tony Searle, is working his socks off to try and recruit new players into the squad and we are keeping our fingers crossed that we can somehow maintain the team and fulfil our obligations to the club and our commitments to the league, as they say, it's a work in progress and watch this space! Hopefully, I can give you some better news in my next report.

If any of you know any budding players through your contacts that would like to play in a good standard of football, then please ask them to get in touch with us asap?

Thankfully, I have better news on our Reserve side under the guidance of George Nixey who are currently in 4th place in Division 2 of the Guildford league and are well placed at this stage of the season to maintain their current form and hopefully finish in the top 4, George says his lads are enjoying their football and is hoping that they can keep playing the way they are, there's still a long way to go, but, things are looking really good. So far, they have played 6 games, winning 4 and losing 2 and are 7 points adrift of the league leaders.

On that note, I will finish by saying on behalf of all the players and backroom staff of AFC WESTEND, we wish you all, a very Happy Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year for 2019.

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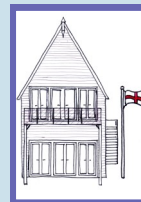


*Eric, Tony, George and
Keith*

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