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WEST END MOTOR CLUB

This year is a 'fallow' year in terms of the appearance of classic vehicles at the Flower Show. However the Club members are attending various events throughout the year to suit their skills and type of car. There will be entries to the Bean CC 'Daffodil Run' on Sunday April 6th and the annual pilgrimage to the VSCC 'Spring Start' meeting at Silverstone on the weekend of 12/13th April.

The nation-wide Classic Car movement celebrates the genre and its substantial contribution to the economy on 'Drive-it-Day' being Sunday 27th April. Many and varied events for vehicles over 30 years old take place around the whole country under the auspices of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs. This organisation exists to uphold the freedom to use historic vehicles on the road. Our annual charity fund raising event will again take place in early September with a visit of some dozen cars to the Forest of Dean. More news of this anon.

David Rolfe

THE BENTLEY THAT KNEW ITS WAY BACK HOME!

This wonderful 1951 Mk VI Bentley has just returned from 13 months in the restoration workshop and will soon be seen driving around the village—when it eventually stops raining! Ken Berry found this car two years ago on the internet being sold by a wedding hire company in Scotland. Flying up and driving the car back faultlessly, it transpires that this very car was owned by David Rolfe in the early 1990s. She's come back home.

Ken Berry



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www.WESSC.org



Dear all,

What a terrible winter! Our first match is less than two months away, and lots of hard work on the wicket and ground needs to take place if we are to have any chance of this happening. Don't worry we will get there somehow.

I am delighted to announce our Overseas player this year sees the return of John Loxton from South Africa ... John was a terrific player /coach and a lovely guy to help and have around the village. Please come down as often as you can to support the boys on Saturdays and Sundays and any 20x20 games. Our new website should be up and running very soon so visit WWW.WEECC.CO.UK for games and events.

Junior indoor cricket nets have already started at Cleves School and are proving a great success. The 9th May sees the start of the Friday nights Junior cricket coaching followed by G and T 's, very nice Young's beer and a Pizza to followthe long range weather forecast is for a dry, sunny and hot summer (don't laugh!).

Always looking for help with coaching, scorers on a Saturday or Sunday ,and umpires for all three sidesWe are happy to help you with your fees for qualification etc ...please contact me anytime to discuss needs .

Party On The Pond is the 24th August and sees John Reilly and The Acoustic Angels returning by popular request. Tickets £12 in advance and £15 on the day.

Fingers crossed for a great spring and summer.

Mike Bacon (Chairman WEECC) .



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ESHER & DISTRICT RACING PIGEON CLUB

The Esher Racing Pigeon Club enjoyed an excellent prize giving evening on Saturday 25th January 2014 in the West End Clubhouse with a really special fish and chip super which was enjoyed by all.

President, Allen Palmer, presented the prizes. Chris Slight and partner, Trevor Taylor, swept the board with prize money of just over £300 and also won most of the trophies from the 2013 season.

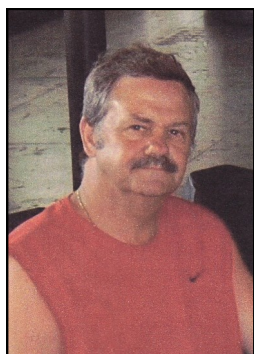
Top junior was nephew, Cole Slight, who won 12 of the 20 races in which he competed. The 2014 season commences with Old Birds racing from Wincanton on 12th April and ending of 11th July, the final race being from Bergerac, a distance of some 454 miles. Young Bird racing (birds bred in 2014) commences on Saturday 2nd August from Blandford, approximately 86 miles, and ending with the longest race from Yelverton, 176 miles on 13th September.

The Annual Sponsorship sale will be held on 6th April at the Club House commencing 1.30pm. Some 30 pigeons will be on show (hopefully) all from the West End Loft of Allen Palmer. These will compete for up to £500 in prize money over the seven week season. The sponsorship sum is £20 per pigeon and is open to all non-pigeon fanciers who are members of the Club or resident in West End.

We look forward to seeing you there to view and select your bird.

IN MEMORIAM

RAY MEARNS
14.08.1957 — 11.02.2014



It is with great regret and sadness that we have to report the death of long time member of West End Club, Ray Mearns, at the young age of 56 years. Ray was a popular and hard working member of the Club and will be greatly missed. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Dawn and children, Jamie and Katie.

Ray worked very hard in helping make the Esher Club the largest of local pigeon clubs and was active in his capacity of Club Chairman and Clock Setter. Ray can also be remembered as a member of the bar staff, prior to the rebuilding of the Club House.

Ray's cremation service was held at the North Surrey Crematorium on Monday, 3rd March.

Allen Palmer, Hon. Secretary

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www.afcwestend.co.uk

Well, no matter how well things are going something always seems to come along to throw a spanner in the works and it just goes to show how wrong you can be, or how wrong in fact I could be. You may recall, that I wrote in the Winter edition of the Village News and I quote; *I am truly ecstatic as this has to be one of the first times in successive years where I can actually tell you that the pitch at Westend has stood up to all the rigours that winter has thrown at us and that the annual boating lake is a thing of the past.*

Whoops! well I can safely say that I completely put my foot in it and spoke too soon as this has been one of the wettest periods on record that we have had to endure in the UK. The pitch at Westend has been completely submerged in water for all of January and February and although the situation has improved slightly the water levels have badly damaged the playing surface and being realistic it looks as if we won't be able to play any more games on it for the rest of the season. The club is, therefore, trying to source pitches from other parties, but even then, because of the serious ongoing weather situation even our reliable sources for hiring pitches have been calling off our games due to water logged grounds which, in turn, has a knock on effect with our fixtures.

Having said that amongst all the doom and gloom, I do have some really exciting news to tell you on the football front.

The Westend Saturday team are currently sitting in top spot of the Kingston & District Football League Premier Division, this is a tremendous achievement for the club, the players and the hardworking Management Team of Tony Searle, Dan Warner and their secretary Dave Morgan who have brought this success to the club and long may it continue.

The Westend Sunday team are also finding continued success under the guidance of Kevin Finnerty, Daryl Beck and Amirah Rahman; the team are currently playing in the Leatherhead & District 2nd Division and are in joint second spot in their respective league, they also have a cup semi final game coming up on Sunday 30th March.

So far, and despite the awful weather, this has been one of the most successful seasons that the club has experienced. Hopefully, if we can maintain this current high and keep moving in the right direction we may have some silverware to put on display at the end of the season; now that would be good!

Lastly, AFC Westend would like to say a massive thank you to Paul Gibson and Eric Strange for the time and effort that they have spent working on the pitch, between them, they have dug trenches and laid pipes underneath the pitch which has allowed most of the water to drain off, a great effort Chaps and let's hope that we get the just rewards that your hard work deserves.

Keith Harris Secretary AFC Westend.

WEST END GOLF SOCIETY



Any person wishing to join the WEGS can call
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