



# "A GREAT TRADITION"

Below: A picture of the Boxing Day fixture still going strong!

Photo: Peter Orton

## WEST END ESHER CRICKET CLUB

Happy New Year and fingers and toes crossed for a repeat of the wonderful 2018 summer weather...it makes life much easier for all those cricket lovers as well!

As you can imagine all the hard work needs to be done in the winter, which has certainly been the case for our new committee and players. This year the senior players and both our boys and girls junior sections have been training hard at the new Reeds School cricket academy. This facility is one of the best in the UK and the turnout and enthusiasm shown means we should hopefully be well prepared for the coming

This year we will be fielding 2 senior teams in the Fullers league on Saturdays starting the 4<sup>th</sup> May, and a regular Sunday team which will be playing friendlies and 20x20 Surrey Slam matches.

A number of players are currently taking the level 2 coaching course with Surrey. This will enable us to field more qualified coaches on a Friday night for our ever expanding junior and colts cricket sections, under the leadership of Chris Hambleton (Junior Chairman).

Our older girls (U11's to U14's), under manager Tracey Townsend, will be playing regular league matches for the first time this coming season, both indoors and outdoors.

As always we are looking for new players (young and old), umpires, scorers, and anyone who would like to help out with Colts cricket on a Friday night during the summer months.

Our big social event of the year, Party By The Pond on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August, will feature the very popular John Reilly and The Acoustic Angels...back after a five year absence!

Katie Fernandes has kindly offered to once again help promote this event, which we expect to be extremely popular. So please reserve the date, and look out for ticket sales by the end of May

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for a drink or two over the coming months.

Best wishes

Mike Bacon (Chairman) WEECC www.weecc.co.uk

# **RUGBY SIX NATIONS 2019**

Below: The Fell Family enjoying England's win v. Ireland at a packed Clubhouse!

Photo: Mike Bacon



















#### WEST END MOTOR CLUB

We held our presentation evening in the Social Club last November and goodness it seems so long ago since our last report!

Eileen Pocklington presented a cheque for £700 to Andy Gould, Macmillan Cancer Support's area manager, who was our guest for the evening. This was the amount raised on our annual 'away weekend' last



year to Norfolk. To this was added £52.88 collected in the charity bucket on the night so thank you to all our supporters. Sandwiches and beer was enjoyed by all as we watched a slide show of our rally and swopped stories of our travels.

The spirited trophy for our rally was awarded to Dave Ward and Chris Green who had travelled with Tony Judd from Essex to join us in Norfolk. This trophy is half of a small Austin 7 engine suitably mounted, finished in chrome, and hotly

competed for by those attending our weekend away to different locations each year. To this we now have a second trophy, this being a shirt with appropriate West End Motor Club insignia in memory of Bryan Austin, mounted together with photos of Bryan on our rallies. This was awarded to John Farnham who valiantly battled against mechanical gremlins with his 1933 Riley Monaco saloon only to have a complete engine failure just 10 miles short on his journey

home.

Plans are already underway for this year's jolly - this Dieppe complete with international



the end of August. We will explore the area and restock cellars before we discover if we are allowed back into the UK following the Brexit negotiations. Otherwise we'll just stay and drink the wine!

We hope to include a short report in following newsletters of different vehicles owned by local members.

We'll start with

a 1966 Jaguar E-type owned by the present owner for the past 45 years, bought in 1974 for a princely £600, has faired well as a sound investment! This car has travelled extensively throughout the UK and Europe during its ownership as holiday transport from Sweden to Switzerland, Ireland to Italy and this year will make a trip to Angouleme in France for an international classic car event.



A selection of our cars and motorbikes will be on display at the West End Summer Show this year on Saturday 24th August before we depart en masse for our long weekend in France. We meet in a very informal manner each Thursday evening at the Social Club from 8pm. Classic car ownership is not necessary - just shared enthusiasm so come along and join us for a noggin and natter!

Report: Ken Berry Photographs: Roger Brown



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## AFC WESTEND

A quick update on how the AFC Westend teams are shaping up since my last winter report.

The First team are still going through a very difficult time and are currently lan-

guishing in bottom place of the Guildford & Woking Alliance Football Premier League, although, there is some really positive news since my last report and I am pleased to say that despite the fact that we were expecting the side to fold up, we have now come through this and are managing to put a side out every week, this is all down to our new young Team Manager, Will Uncles, who offered to take control of the team when our old stalwart Tony Searle decided to call it a day.

Despite the difficult situation we now find ourselves in, I am reliably informed by Will that should we manage to keep this new young team together, then going forward things should improve for next season, the club would like to offer their thanks to Will for the sterling work that he has done in turning things round for the first team. Some great news on our Reserve side under the guidance of Team Manager George Nixey, at the time of writing the team are currently in top place in Division 2 of the Guildford League and are well placed at this stage of the season to be considered title and promotion contenders, providing of course that they can maintain their current form. George says his lads are playing some great football, they have a great team spirit and are working hard to maintain their position in the league and are hoping that they can do this until the end of the season, there's still a way to go yet, but everything so far is looking good for them.

#### Report: Eric, Will, George and Keith AFC Westend - Youth Reports Report for the U12's:

A strong start to the season saw the U12s pushing for promotion but we've dropped off the pace a little and heading for a mid-table finish. We move up to 11-a-side next season and will be looking to recruit a towering centre back.

### Report for the U9's:

A very successful season so far, we have been promoted to division 3 (out of 8) and have a strong record of 15 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses this season. We defend our 2018 Walton & Hersham Cup victory in May this year. Report for the U7's:

The U7's don't compete in a league with published results yet, but, both teams are doing well and really enjoying their Sunday matches. However, it has been great to see the improvement they've made just in one season.

# Report for the U18's

Unfortunately, we haven't received a report for our U18's side.

Report: Ali & Paul