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SPECIAL

ROBIN NEWMAN RETIRES FROM THE WESSC BAR



Robin on duty on the
 "007 Casino Royale Night"

Robin has a wealth of experience in bar management. Before being appointed as Steward in the old West End Sports and Social Club over 12 years ago, he was a publican in his own right and had a great deal of experience in running bars. He also managed the bar at Shepperton Studios for several years. He was very much involved with the design of the bar, the delivery door area and cellar in the new Clubhouse, where he continued to organise the bar, covering all the sports fixtures on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as many other events, always ensuring the bar was open on time and managed properly. Robin had the unfailing support of his wife, Ainsley, who was always on hand to collect him on the evenings he had enjoyed a drink at the bar!

On Sunday, 26th May, a presentation took place in the Clubhouse by the President, Allen Palmer, and Chairman, Aidan Baker, on Robin's retirement. He was thanked for his loyalty and tireless work on the members' behalf. He was presented with a card signed by many members of the Club, a monetary gift and a lifetime Membership to the Club for both himself and Ainsley. We wish Robin and Ainsley every happiness in the future.

Allen Palmer, President

WEST END SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB/ OAKLEY INSTITUTE

This is a Members Only Community Club. New Members are very welcome. If you would like to take part in an event or join the Club, please contact a Member or come to the Clubhouse.

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 further
 information:**
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WEST END ESHER CRICKET CLUB

I am pleased to report that the 1s and 2s are riding high in their respective divisions and the 3s nearly chased down over 200 runs last week! Our Sunday side (full of youth and experience) is unbeaten; we are in the quarter finals of the league cup and unbeaten in the 20 x20 Fullers Cup! Our Overseas player Simon Harman has settled in very well and is top run scorer for the club and of the Fullers league so you have a very happy Chairman, but it is a long season!!

Our Friday night Youth Cricket slot is proving very successful under the leadership of Wayne Jones and Gill Andrae with over 60 kids turning up regularly. The club really does have a very healthy future with more hard work and a little bit of luck!

Our big event Party By The Pond is Sunday the 25th August and we have top band John Reilly and the Acoustic Angels back by popular demand, with special guest rock star Lindsay Dracass!

Tickets can be purchased in advance just £12 from the club or on line via the website. I can promise you a great evening! Please do your best to support this event as all monies raised goes towards the development of youth cricket at West End.

As always looking for help with the teas, scoring and umpiring so please don't be shy! Hope to see you down the club soon best wishes Mike (Chairman WEECC)

Mike Bacon www.weecc.co.uk



VILLAGE NEWS BOWL FOR THE PIG



We will be at the West End Summer Show again on Saturday 24th August so please do come along and support us. It's great fun and there are lots of prizes.

Lynn Bezant pictured with 'Percy' the pig, kindly donated by Lady Ann Hunt for our mascot.

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WEST END MOTOR CLUB

by Ken Berry

Do come and see the biennial display of owner's cars at the West End Flower Show on Saturday 24th August. Always a popular attraction with favourite classics prompting the phrase "We Used To Have One Of Those"!

Then on 29th August we depart for our 7th Annual "Pocklington Classic" holiday in memory of Charles Pocklington. This year record numbers of classic cars and participants are heading for Suffolk and Essex to enjoy good hospitality and take part in a light hearted rally for our coveted trophy. New faces always welcome. You don't have to own a classic car, just share the enthusiasm for classic motoring. Pop into the Social Club on Thursday evenings after 9pm for a chat over a pint.

Roger took my Austin 7 Nippy to the NT Claremont display of classic cars on 16th June, which may have been seen by villagers.



AFC WESTEND FOOTBALL CLUB

Visit our website

www.afcwestend.co.uk

AFC Westend End of Season Report

by Keith Harris

Since I wrote in the last edition of the Village News everything on the football front has now thankfully slowed down to a snail's pace. The players are all on their Summer breaks and enjoying the rest from the rigorous training sessions and matches, the goals have been stored and all the kit has been put into mothballs until the season kicks off again in September.

Although, for me personally as club Secretary the season has already started, considerable paperwork has to be completed for the respective leagues and also for Surrey FA, all this various paperwork has to be submitted by certain dates so that we can ensure that competitive football is played at West End next season 2013/2014.

As for the individual Westend teams, the Saturday side finished in 3rd place in the league and narrowly missed out on an automatic promotion place, although, looking at the points difference between us and the next team in the league there was a massive 17 points difference. This has been a remarkable season for the Saturday team and all the players and Management Team can be proud of what they have achieved for the club.

As stated in my last report, the Sunday side had a storming finish to the season, they had spent most of it by languishing in last place in the league, things didn't



Above centre: Ken Berry's Austin 7 Nippy

look so good and there was a serious prospect of relegation threatening, however, since Christmas and New Year they have only lost 1 game and managed to haul themselves from bottom spot up to a respectable mid table position to ensure that we will be playing in Division 2 next season.

A couple of interesting pieces of news for the club at the time of writing and some really fantastic news.

Firstly, I have been informed by the Kingston & District Football League that they have decided to promote the Saturday team to the Premier Division for next season so we will be back playing our football at the highest level, once again, congratulations all round to the players and Management Team for what has been a superb season and this decision by the league is certainly the icing on the cake.

Secondly, on the 23rd April 2013 AFC Westend were awarded the prestigious accolade of an official Charter Standard Football Club by the FA, this award doesn't come lightly so we as a club have to be congratulated on obtaining this worthy accolade. This now means that the Senior Section and AFC Westend Youth have both obtained the status of official Charter Standard Clubs.

The annual football club end of season presentation evening will take place at the clubhouse in West End on Friday 28th June from 7.30pm. Please come along and support us. Enjoy your Summer.

ESHER & DISTRICT RACING PIGEON CLUB

With an increased membership and the prospect of high birdage the Old Bird Racing Season was looked forward to with great anticipation. Unfortunately, the poor weather conditions at the beginning of April which delayed the onset of Spring caused numerous complications. For the first time in living memory the two opening races had to be cancelled. Breeding and pre-season training were delayed which meant that most lofts were not ready in time. We eventually got going on the 20th April and I am pleased to say that Esher members were again highly placed in the Federation although the actual total birdage entries were greatly reduced from 2012 totals.

We raced from Alencon in France, a distance of approximately 205 miles for our 5th Race. This proved to be a very difficult race with strong westerly winds in the Channel blowing many birds off course and there were a few losses. Our two youngest members Tyrone and Fabian Buggy won their first ever race in the Club, a tremendous performance. Paul Arnold won his first race with our Club from Newton Abbott a distance of 157 miles.

Slight and Taylor won our most recent race from Taunton recording an average speed of 77 miles per hour, 126 miles in 96 minutes.

Our Channel Race programme has been reduced with Yelverton and Truro Race points being substituted. We will, however, still be holding our longest race from Bergerac about 454 miles in mid-July. Young Bird Racing commences in August. Sponsorship birds will be competing for prize money in excess of £500. Good luck to all.

Allen Palmer, Hon. Secretary

DOG FOULING ON THE GREEN

There has been a number of complaints recently by residents about dogs fouling on the green. This has increased enormously in recent months since the pooper-scoops were removed by Elmbridge Council. Most West End villagers clear up their own dog's mess and deposit it in the receptacles provided. However, others do not! The problem poses a great health risk especially to babies and children playing on the green.

Fouling has also occurred on the cricket pitch itself! It is most unpleasant when cricketers and others using the green are constantly treading in the undesirable mess. Certain residents have kindly offered to supply the black pooper-scoops if, and when, the Council replace the green receptacles.

It would be greatly appreciated if dog walkers could kindly clear up after their dogs and dispose of it responsibly. Thank you.