



# VILLAGE NEWS

WEST END

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## WEST END MOTOR CLUB



BRYAN AUSTIN  
21 May 1938—26 April 2017

We are in sombre mood due to the loss of Bryan Austin who has died at age 79. Bryan was a joint founder of the Motor Club section of the Village Sports and Social Club, together with Charles Pocklington. Between them they bought and began restoration of an Austin 7 Chummy. We shall now join Bryan's name with that of Charles on our annual charity rally planned for this coming September in the Peak District.

Bryan was also the first Chairman of the Sports and Social Club when it was revived from closure in the early 1990s and he and Alice were huge supporters of both the Club, the village community in general and their favourite personal charity for Meningitis. He was one of nature's gentlemen and will be sorely missed by everyone.

Our current activities, apart from private holidays, centre on the coming Bank Holiday Flower Show on August 26<sup>th</sup> when we shall hold our biennial car display on the green and hope to have a few other interesting attractions such as car boot sales and other engineering items. If you have a classic car and would like to join us from say 11.30am until 5.00pm, please contact Ken Berry or David Rolfe. You will be most welcome.

We have still room for another car on our Pocklington Classic rally, as mentioned above.

Again please make contact if you would like to join us from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September for three nights in Dovedale and two days of local motoring visiting two special attractions, and collecting for Macmillan Care at the same time.

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Photo: Roger Brown

## THE VILLAGE CLUB

PLEASE VISIT THE WESSC  
WEBSITE FOR THE  
CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS



[www.WESSC.org](http://www.WESSC.org)

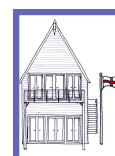


## WEST END GOLF SOCIETY

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



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## CHARLES POCKLINGTON REMEMBERED

Early in his career, Charles was Art Editor of Eagle, the boys comic. Some of you may remember reading about the adventures of Dan Dare, Space Pilot and his arch enemy the Green Mekon! Charles was asked to be the launching Art Editor of Car Magazine in the early 1960s—a dream job for him as his hobby always involved cars and he was building an Austin 7 Special.

Eventually, Charles decided to go freelance. The majority of his clients were within the car industry. He produced magazines and other related artwork and photographed the launch of many new car models.

Upon retiring his big project was the complete rebuild (from a box of bits) of an Austin Seven Chummy, and was fortunate enough to have the expertise of Bryan Austin to assist him. The Chummy is now owned by Bob Thompson, who with his son, Ben, successfully enter the car in Hill climbs and Driving tests.

*Eileen Pocklington*



A man of many talents, Charles was also a fine artist and produced a series of hand drawn images (below) of the village cottages and landmarks which make up the masthead for the 'Village News'. He also produced a wonderful book 'Our Village—A Portrait of West End' written by George Thirtle, on the history of West End. This will be available at the Village Show on Saturday 26th August.



*Angela Stockbridge*

# PARTY BY THE POND

DISCO PLAYING TOP TUNES & BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND LIVE MUSIC FROM **MADHEN**

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT WEST END ESHER CRICKET CLUB OR ONLINE AT [WWW.WEECC.CO.UK](http://WWW.WEECC.CO.UK)

**ADULTS £20  
UNDER 12's £5**

LICENSED CASH BAR & FOOD OPTIONS AVAILABLE

**DOORS OPEN**

## 7 PM

**BANK HOLIDAY  
SUNDAY**

# 27 AUGUST

## ESHER & DISTRICT RACING PIGEON CLUB

The final race of the Old Bird Season is due to take place from Messac on 9th July, a distance of approximately 253 miles to Esher.

There will then be a two week gap before Young Birds bred in 2017 will commence. Esher Club has had a successful season to date, featuring in most results throughout the season with many high positions most weeks. Many members have featured in these prominent positions. Bob Carter and son, winning First Four from Blandford of 1557 birds, Malik Khan 1st, 5th and 7-10th from Honiton of 1488 birds. The same partnership 2nd and 3rd Newton Abbot of 1203 birds. Slight and Taylor 2nd and 3rd of 390 birds from Falaise, Slight and Taylor the positions 7-10 of 598 birds from the same race point two weeks later.

Carter and son 4th and 6th from Kingsdown of 649 birds. Paul Arnold 14th and 15th from Yeovil of 740 birds.

We now await the Final race result which we hope to print in the coming week.. Thank you everybody for their continued support for the rest of the season.

*Allen Palmer, Club Secretary*

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## WEST END ESHER CRICKET CLUB

Junior cricket going great guns with over 100 kids plus parents on a Friday night ...Well done and thanks to all the coaches and managers especially Gill and Wayne!

The ground and square are in top class condition and many teams comment on the very high standard West End Cricket ground has developed into .....unfortunately on the playing side yet again we are struggling with lack of players! We are running two sides on a Saturday and a social young academy side on Sunday which is growing in confidence! The photo below was taken after a thrilling last ball victory against the league leaders with John Loxton scoring 102 not and Will Palmer taking 4 wickets ... so the spirit is there.

Our end of season Party By The Pond on Sunday the 27th August is featuring MADHEN who everyone seemed to enjoy last year.

Tickets can be bought on line via our website [www.weecc.co.uk](http://www.weecc.co.uk), from behind the bar at West End or from Katie Fernandes ....tickets on sale from 23rd July ....Best wishes and have a great summer.



*Mike Bacon Chairman WEECC*