



VILLAGE NEWS

WEST END

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THE VILLAGE CLUB
'LOCKDOWN EDITION'

THE VILLAGE CLUB REOPENS AFTER 3 MONTHS COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

CLUB CAFÉ OPENING



The team Above L-R: Richard Jenkins, Bar Manager, Roger Newman, Chairman and Dan Snell, Assistant Bar Manager.

The Club bar and café has now re-opened after the long Covid-19 Lockdown. The new processes to facilitate Government 'track and trace' and social distancing restrictions, are working well, so please make a return and support the club. Thank you to the bar committee for organising this and trying it out before we opened.

During the lockdown we were able to make good the damage caused by the fire at the New Year. Many thanks to Mike Bacon and helpers who put in a huge amount of effort to get this work done in a speedy and efficient manner.

Roger Newman, Chairman



Above: Linda Newman and her fab new team: L to R: Euan, Sam, Linda, Jack, Kristin and Aaliyah

Saturday 11th July and Club Café opens its doors with slap up breakfasts for some 40 trialists!

The Club Special, omelettes and eggs benedict went down a storm with fluffy pancakes and mega milk shakes being a real hit with the youngsters.

Opening every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8.30am until lunchtime, Club Café under the stewardship of Linda Newman is going to be a real hit with the community. Open to all, not just club members, booking is recommended weecc.co.uk/clubcafe
Views are great and the coffee even better!

Article and Photos: Eric Strange



WEST END ESHER CRICKET CLUB

Dear All,

Firstly a huge thank you from all the cricket club to those that were able to donate towards our Go Funding appealyour generosity has helped us through a very difficult period along with a grant we received from Sports England (well done Marc Townsend our Treasurer), which will ensure cricket will be played at West End for many years to come.

During the winter we appointed a new groundsman and I am sure you have noticed the positive affect he has already had on the square. We had our first permissible inter club game on Saturday 13th July and what a great turnout we had, 24 club playersnearly 600 runs scored and some great individual performances. I hope if you get a chance you can come down and support us as we have some very useful and entertaining players!

Our Colts section under Chris Hambleton has at long last been able to get going on Friday nights and is proving as popular as ever. This year for the first time we are offering a summer camp for young cricketersfor more information and bookings please go to our new website at www.weecc.co.uk.

Although we have lost half the season due to this dreadful pandemic Covid -19 we are hopeful that league cricket will start again on Saturday 27th July and probably go through to mid/late September which would be ideal for all the players and supporters alike.

Having had a very reflective time over the last few months I am sure you will be like me be even more appreciative of the wonderful Village and friends we have around us in West End and how lucky we are to be part of it.

As always we are looking for umpires, scorers, new players young and old, and anyone who would like to get involved in helping the



Above: The first customers Nick and Nikki Holmes with Kristin Townsend who was in charge of front of house.

continued development of the cricket club.

Best wishes from us all and hope to see you at the ground sometime this summer.

Mike Bacon
(Chairman
WEECC)

Right: West
End team with
one of the new
strips.

Photo: Mike
Bacon



WEST END MOTOR CLUB

Little Car – Life Under Lockdown

Last time the story ended with the engine rebuild just started. Plan A was to assemble the crankcase with the bits that go round and round, the cylinder block with the bits that go up and down, then bolt them together along with the cylinder head to keep the rain out, the sump to keep the oil in and the gearbox that gets little car up hills. This was all going to be done on the clean bench at the back of my garage. The assembly would be far too heavy for me to lift into the car on my own, and I intended relying on Ken's muscle plus David's hoist to lift and drop it into the car.

Then LOCKDOWN – suddenly they said you're old (us not the car), vulnerable and should be shielding. I'd have to do everything myself. There was likely to be plenty of time, but no third party muscle and no borrowed hoist, just little me, unaided!

Plan B: work on the bench to assemble lumps which I could lift into the car on my own then bolt together in-situ. Gearbox first, then crankcase with round and round bits, then cylinder block on its own, then up and down bits, then cylinder head to keep the rain out, then sump to keep the oil in, then all the outside bits that make it go... Not ideal, took much longer, my garage floor isn't spotless and it's quite gritty on the drive, but needs must. Think of it as occupational therapy!

I hoped to have it ready for FBHCV 'Drive It Day', but missed by one day, starting the re-built engine on April 28th – first time since last July. I can't say it ran well immediately, actually rather feeble, lots of coughing and chugging. There were nuts and bolts left on the floor, but I think (hope) they were all replaced by better ones. Step by step it has been adjusted and tuned. A month and 100 miles later, no coughing or chugging, no rattle, clatter or bang (so far). And maybe a little more vvvrooom thanks to improved parts used in re-build. Little car just wants to go, now!

All dressed up but nowhere to go - roll on UNLOCK!

Article and photos: Roger Brown



WEST END MOTOR CLUB LIFE UNDER LOCKDOWN

The Car Club's last pre-lockdown meeting was mid March. However, core members have carried on with weekly Zoom meetings, Thursdays at 2000 hours for 45 free minutes. Occasional members who would like to join in should contact David or Ken with their email address so they can be invited.

Most regular summer rallies and shows that we might expect to attend are cancelled this year. Lately our classic cars have been to WEMC SD matinees. And the monthly 1st Sunday car meet at Mr Greenwood's Chobham nursery has just resumed, SD of course!

Real live people social meetings of the Motor Club enthusiasts has recommenced at the Village Club on Thursdays from 8pm. Come and join us for a pint and natter.

Roger Brown



Ken Berry and his partner Suzie celebrating the 75th Anniversary of VE Day taking a spin in his 1937 Austin 7 Nippy!

Photo: Angela Stockbridge



AFC WESTEND

Greetings everyone

Normally I do not do a Summer report as there is not much to tell you as our season has finished and not a lot goes on during the Summer break.

However, these are certainly unusual times and things have been happening since the Covid-19 hit us full on in March which scuppered the rest of the football season, this meant, that all our remaining fixtures for our 3 teams were subsequently cancelled as per Government regulations and our season came to an abrupt end. Although there was no more football to be played, there were obviously things that needed to be sorted and with some major decisions to be made by the respective leagues as to how they would conclude their seasons.

Our 2 Saturday teams belong to the Guildford & Woking Alliance Football League and all the participating clubs voted to decide all league positions on a PPG (Points Per Game) system, for our First Team under the management of George Nixey, this meant given all of our previous results we were crowned as League Champions for the 2nd year in a row which confirmed our promotion back to the Premier Division for next season, unfortunately, our Reserve Team didn't fare so well and after a very hard season for all the guys who worked so hard in keeping the side going, they ended up finishing in last place in League 2 and will be relegated, our heartfelt thanks go out to Pash Barbato who stepped in to run the side with the fantastic help of players Joe Gillott and Will Uncles, cheers guys.

In their first season with us, our Sunday side played in the Chessington & District Sunday League under the management of Rob Wade and Liam Goddard and they finished up with a respectable 4th place in their league, it was a difficult season for them in many ways to move over to Westend in the first place and we all knew it was only on a trial and error basis to see how things panned out. I met with Rob & Liam on Monday evening 6th July for a chat and it was amicably decided that they would move on to pastures new next season, it wasn't an easy decision for them to make, but, having listened to their reasons why, I can understand why they came to that conclusion, AFC Westend would like to wish them all the best and good luck in their new endeavours.

So, where does that leave us for next season, at the moment the plans are to run a First and Reserve side on Saturday's, although, as I write, we are still not sure whether the Reserve side will be carrying on, although, we would like to think so and discussions are ongoing, also, due to the current Pandemic, we are not exactly sure when the new season will get under way, the G&WAF are planning on 3 start dates, August, September and October, this of course could change depending on how the virus situation pans out in the coming months. **SO, AS THEY SAY WATCH THIS SPACE!**

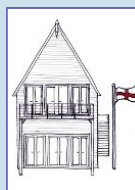
One piece of final good news is that we have been awarded a grant of £2500.00 from the Football Foundation towards the much needed upkeep and repair of our pitch at Westend, this money will be used wisely over the next few months and we would like to take the opportunity of thanking the Football Foundation for awarding us this money.

Anyway, there we are for now with our latest club news and we take to the opportunity of wishing you all well and stay safe in these very trying and uncertain times for everyone and as they say, we shall overcome.

Keith Harris (Club Secretary)

THE VILLAGE CLUB

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WEST END GOLF



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