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WEST END

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Clowning around with Matto the clown!



Above: First Prize: Flowers:
Floating Bowl by Gloria Weir of
Byfleet

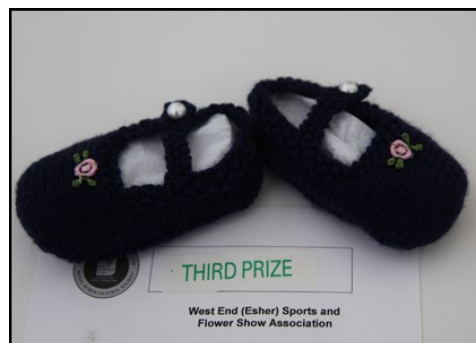
THE ANNUAL WEST END SUMMER SHOW

This must have been the wettest day on record for the Show, but still everyone turned out in style to support the village show, thanks to the hard work and effort put in by all the Flower Show committee. Both the organisers and stall holders deserve a huge 'thank you' for putting on such an enjoyable show! Thanks also to all of you, both residents and visitors, who came along to support the Show despite the terrible weather. (Report and more photographs inside!)



David Ford (as seen on TV in Dickinson's Real Deals and Secret Traders) was at the Show to give his valuation on a variety of local antiques!

First Prize & Best in Show was awarded to Ciaran Gannon of Hawkshill Way for his vegetable collection - 4 distinct kinds.



3rd Prize: Handicraft Section:
Knitted or Crocheted Item
These delightful little shoes were made by Mrs Shirley Ferrari of Lammas Lane, Esher.

SAVE THE CHILDREN CHARITY GALA NIGHT

The gala night on Bank Holiday Monday was well supported by villagers and others with an audience of over 230 hearing four professional opera singers and their arranger / pianist sing opera favourites and show classics. Roger Marsden spoke about the work of Save the Children and around £500 was generously deposited in the buckets on the way out after the show. After making a contribution towards the cost of the marquee and chairs, a profit of around £1850 was raised for Save the Children. Thank you to all who supported the event, which will be repeated next year.

Dinner Jazz Evening Saturday 9th November This event will be in West End Village Hall featuring a jazz trio plus singer and proceeds will be going to Save the Children. If you are interested you are encouraged to email Roger Marsden on onethegarth@gmail.com who will then email you the full details when they are ready.

Art & Crafts Show Sunday 1st December

A number of village and local artists and craftsmen will again be showing and selling their work in West End Village Hall prior to Christmas. The show is open from 11am until 5pm

Roger Marsden



'TIME 4 TEA' in aid of Meningitisuk/ Meningitis Trust

As you may know Bryan and I do all we can to help Meningitisuk/Trust along, of course, with other charities.

On **Saturday 21st September** we are holding a 'Time 4 Tea' from **2pm until 6pm offering tea and cakes**. An admission fee of £5 per person as a donation to our charity would be gratefully received. It would be lovely if you, your friends and family would join us at 17 Winchester Close, Esher Place, Esher, Surrey KT10 8QH
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'A LITTLE BIT OF WEST END HISTORY'

This delightful water colour painted by local artist John Markham was one of a two donated to the West End Residents' Association for sale at their Flower Show book stall. This one shows the old bridge that connected West End to Hersham. It remained unsold at the end of the Show, despite the low asking price of £80 and anyone interested in retaining this bit of history of the village should contact Doug Fryer on 01372 463277.

SURREY POLICE REPORT by PCSO Jan Aldogan

I was wondering at the weekend as I walked around the green as to whether we should change the name of the West End Flower show to "Shower Show"? True to the British spirit, nothing was going to stop it from going ahead. I was overwhelmed at the enthusiasm of the stall holders and members of the public who came out to support another excellent show despite the rain. I was even more impressed to see people with many dogs that had been cleaned and tended to Crufts standards dodge the rain drops and shown in pristine condition.

I, however, didn't fare so well and I was soaked through to the skin, but like everyone else involved I wasn't going to let it get the better of me, but my hat has seen better days! Thankfully, apart from one little incident with a car and ditch the day appeared to get off incident free.

So to business... There is still a lot of thefts from motor vehicles in the West End beauty spot car parks which is giving me some concern. Patrols have been increased, but more importantly we need to educate all those who use them to take valuables with them or leave them at home. I ask anyone using the car parks to make sure that they do not have anything that may lure a potential thief to take action. Even coats, shopping bags, gym bags, cds in fact anything that could contain money or be sold is potentially a target. I must admit that I don't have the tidiest of back foot wells in my vehicle but anything of value is removed and taken home.

I was saddened to hear the news of the swans and as Rural Community Officer, I am impressed at the action that has been taken and pleased to hear that the cygnet and pen were taken away and looked after at the Swan Sanctuary. It was disgraceful that the dog was allowed to enter the pond because a dog swimming can disturb the natural pond life by digging up the silt at the bottom clouding the pond, and I will make it my place to visit the area regularly and talk to the dog walkers.

There have been other incidents with dogs that have been reported in the past of which I will discuss with the dog walkers as well. If you have anything you wish to discuss regarding this incident or any others, then please call the numbers opposite and talk to myself or Danny Bond.



VILLAGE CHRISTMAS RECEPTION

SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER 2013
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PCSO Jan Aldogan is thinking of setting up a day/half day for bicycle security marking especially now as we no longer etch onto the frame. Access to electricity is not required. Jan, therefore, has the freedom to go anywhere. If you are interested then please contact Jan who will reply with a date, providing enough interest is shown.



WEST END RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



Well after weeks of fabulous sunshine, hopes were high for the summer fete. Books were collected, sorted and generally made ready for the big day. There were a few mutterings about rain but they were quickly dismissed. So there we were, in the pouring rain, trying to convince the odd passerby that what they really needed was a book. To their credit, those that were there made a valuable contribution to the WERA coffers, but I regret that our annual donation to charity may be somewhat diminished!

However, we have hopes for next year, so keep a look out for the annual request for book donations around July 2014 (nothing like forward planning). My thanks, as ever go to all those who were involved in setting up and running the stall and the staff at Garsons for all their practical support!

Susannah Bramley, Chairman WERA

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For further information, please contact Cavan Taylor on 01932 864258 or cavan.taylor@btopenworld.com OR Brigitte Tiller on 01932 860842 or brigitte@ptiller.com



WINTERDOWN WI



Miki Scales, Suzanne Hood, Eileen Pocklington and Caroline Thyer

Seven Members of **Winterdown WI** won prizes at the West End Flower Show this year - Congratulations to them all for doing so well. The competition was tough this year, especially in the hand-craft sections, where there were record entries. We served teas and home-baked scones and cakes to refresh the visitors who had bravely battled through what must have been one of the wettest flower shows for years.

In July we paid a visit to Mayfield Lavender Fields and were treated to spectacular views of the field just as the lavender peaked at its best. We now look forward to hearing about the life of a lady bailiff (in October) and (in November) how Rukshana started in the fashion business. **Winterdown WI** meet the first Thursday each month at 8.00pm in West End Village Hall. Look on our website for more details www.winterdownwi.co.uk or better still come along to our next meeting. A warm welcome awaits you with tea and biscuits.



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STREET PARTY—WEST END GARDENS

What a difference a week makes!



Thanks to Terry and Roger Brooks for organising the event and to Michelle Bartlett and Chris Green for providing the entertainment.

It was nice to meet the three new families that have moved in since our last party for the Queen's Jubilee. One week on from the flower show, this time the weather was perfect!

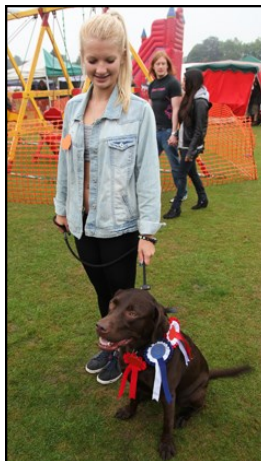
Ann Tennant

FLOWER SHOW PHOTOGRAPHS



Left: Winner of Garsons £30 voucher was Suni and Paul Allen from Weybridge with the highest score of the day on Bowl for the Pig.

Right: Amy O'Hallaran with 'Buster' a brown Labrador, who won two 'first' prizes, in different classes (one was for the dog with the waggiest tail) as well as a second prize in another class.



Above: Di Gibson with Eleanor and Dillon who won 2nd Prize in 'The Odd Brace' class.



Above: Two local lads try their hand on the Smash a Plate stall.



The RNLI members all awash on their stall!



Left: The Sandle family from Morden admiring 'Ozzy', (seen here) and 'Baron' Young's Brewery Shirehorses.



The Winterdown WI served tea and cakes in the Village Hall. Left to right: Eileen Pocklington, Ann Tennant and Brenda Finn were part of the team.



Above: The Stagecoach Choir and the Epsom & Ewell Silver Band performed in the marquee.

WEST END SUMMER SHOW

The team of West End villagers who run the show were heartened by the support that fellow villagers and visitors beyond West End gave the show this year, both in their encouraging comments and by being there on the day. There were many more people in the marquee and on the green than we could have hoped for, given the unfortunate and awful weather conditions. One resident who has attended the Flower Show since its inception observed that 'it was the worst weather' he could remember.

If the weather was the bad news, the good news is that the Flower Show had 750 entries on display. This number is up by 15% on last year and is just short of our highest figure achieved in 2011. Thank you to all those who entered one or more classes, making the heart of the show a bumper year and a great success. The winner of the President's Perpetual Challenge Cup for the highest number of points scored in all classes was Irene Hobbs, and

the RHS Banksian Medal for the horticultural classes was Kate Carter. These and all other prizes were presented by Dominic Raab MP, a great supporter of our show.

Elsewhere on the green, through improvisation and cheerful faces (unlike the skies), the show remained open throughout the afternoon. The Dog Show Best in Show was won by Brax, a white Swiss Shepherd. Lucca Williams and Mia? (we don't have her surname, so please contact me to collect your cup!) won the Boy's and Girl's Sports Cups. The Arts and Crafts, the Classic Car display, Young's Horses Wagon Rides, Smash a Plate, Dunk the Damsel and all the other activities continued through the rain, while Matto the Clown and Punch and Judy still attracted crowds of enthralled children. The Epsom and Ewell Silver Band and an excellent choir from Stagecoach Dance and Drama came in from the wet and

performed inside the marquee to great acclaim.

One huge thank you from the organisers of the show to those villagers, families and friends who turned up on the day to help run the activities and stalls, set up tables and chairs, construct and deconstruct the awnings etc. Your support on the day was invaluable. And finally, a huge thank you from me to the Flower Show committee, a great team of dedicated and committed people who make the show happen – in any conditions, no matter what the weather cares to throw at them.

Two things for you to remember. This year's AGM will be in the village hall at 8pm on Monday November 11th, and

**2014 is the 60th anniversary of the West End Show.
Be sure to be there!**

Donald Mungall, Chairman, West End (Esher) Sports and Flower Shows Association

THE WEST END SWANS



AND

THE SWAN SANCTUARY—SHEPPERTON

As you may know, tragically our beautiful Swans have once again been the victim of injuries and death this year. Following the loss of a cygnet which fell victim to a crow a few days after it had hatched, on Thursday 25th July the cob was viciously attacked and bitten by a mongrel cross Staffordshire bull terrier/American terrier. The dog was not on a leash at the time and jumped into the pond to attack the Cob who tragically died from his injuries in the early hours on Sunday 29th July. There were a number of witnesses to the attack and one very brave man jumped into the pond to try and pull the dog away from the swan. Thanks to the quick thinking of one local resident, the owner's number plate was taken. The owner of the dog, who lives in the Shepperton area, was traced by the Surrey Police and was interviewed under Caution at the Police station. She admitted the behaviour of the dog and was Cautioned for Criminal Damage, which will remain on record. This is the first Caution of its kind by Surrey Police who were very pleased with the outcome.

A post-mortem was done on the Cob and he was found to have five dog bites, some of which punctured his airway. Members of the Police, RSPCA and the Swan Sanctuary arrived quickly on the scene and the very traumatised Pen and remaining cygnet were removed to the Swan Sanctuary where they are currently being cared for in the nursery.



Lynn Bezant and I visited the pen and cygnet (left) at the Swan Sanctuary to see how they were recovering and were given a very moving guided tour of the hospital and beautiful grounds. After the cob died the pen and cygnet were left

with him for two hours to enable them to come to terms with their loss. However, we are pleased to report that the pen and cygnet are both recovering well although the pen is still very traumatised and it will take long time before they both fully recover.

The picture above shows Dorothy (Dot) Beeson feeding our pen and cygnet (at the front right of the picture) in the nursery with other injured and orphaned cygnets. We were absolutely amazed at the wonderful work carried out by Dot and her three permanent members of staff and twelve volunteers. Dot started the sanctuary (which is the only one of its kind in the UK) 34 years ago on rented land at a site in Egham. Dot and her partner, Stephen Knight, were recently required to find a new site and purchased 25 acres by Shepperton Marina. The site includes a hospital, intensive care unit, incubation unit, a fully equipped operating theatre, pools, nurseries and woodlands, to assist with the recovery of the injured birds. They admit over 1000 birds of all types very year with injuries ranging from dog bites, broken wings and legs, birds which have been abandoned and most distressing of all, those who have been deliberately

shot in the eyes, (leaving them with impaired sight). There are also birds suffering from fishing line injuries.

The Sanctuary has in the past few weeks received almost 100 swans which are being treated for Botulism. With the help of her daughter, a veterinary nurse, Dot and her team have been monitoring the swans on intravenous drips in intensive care overnight. 108 Swans have just been evacuated from Harrow Lodge, Hornchurch and another 35 have been moved to a safe lake, owing to a further outbreak of Botulism. There has been an outbreak of this deadly virus in lakes around the UK owing to the hot spell of weather where water has receded leaving silt in which the virus breeds.

All the birds were seriously ill and needed intensive care. There were two very sick swans in intensive care during our visit, one is making a good recovery the other is still in hospital with breathing problems. Dot and her staff have worked very hard for long hours to manage the number of sick birds being brought in, fortunately most make a remarkable recovery.

Many of the birds brought in to the Sanctuary have been rescued by the RSPCA, some have been left to the Sanctuary or just abandoned. As well as Swans, species include, ducklings, parrots, budgerigars, tropical birds of all varieties, owls, peahens, a Jay who has been there for eight years and almost talks, and even seagulls! They are all given the same wonderful care.

Dot was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1990 for her work rescuing and treating swans on the River Thames and attended the Tea Party at Buckingham Palace that year. In 2000 she was honoured with the Lord Erskine Award one of the RSPCA's highest accolades in recognition of an important contribution in the field of animal welfare and the Daily Mirror Pride of Britain Award in 2001. Stephen Knight, her partner, was also honoured for rescuing 47 swans from an oil spill in Bedfordshire.

It is very costly to treat, feed and provide the medicines to manage the injuries of the birds. Over one ton of grain is used every 8 to 9 days, and over £1200 worth of lettuces and greens are provided each month. M&S, Sainsburys and Budgens provide the Sanctuary with out-of-date bread.

There is a well equipped visitor centre. Tour parties of up to a maximum of 50 can be arranged by appointment only.

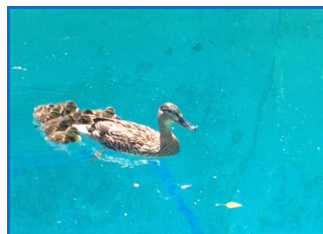
The Sanctuary is a Charity and relies on donations and sponsorship to help provide care for the injured birds. We are intending to raise money for the care of our pen and cygnet and if you wish to make a birthday gift, donation or sponsor-a-swan please contact: The Swan Sanctuary, Felix Lane, Shepperton, Middx. TW17 8NN Tel: 01932 240790

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A LIGHT HEARTED DUCKLING STORY!

This lovely picture was captured on a mobile 'phone by a local resident. He was walking in his garden when he heard a 'clucking' noise, he saw a mother duck with her nine duck-

lings following behind, they then popped into his swimming pool for a dip! This was not the first time they had ventured from the green to his garden and on a previous occasion had to be helped from the pool with the aid of a garden spade as a step ladder! On this occasion mother duck simply jumped out of the pool, but the tiny ducklings had to be helped out with the assistance of a neighbour, who jumped into the pool with a doggy paddling pool, in which they were transported back to the safety of the green accompanied by mother duck happily walking alongside clucking all the way!

BUTTONS & BOW CLUB

As our year draws to an end, we still have a programme to look forward to. At the end of August we had a Canal Trip with a cream tea on board followed by two shows at Woking Theatre, "Carnaby Street" and "Sleeping Beauty on Ice" and two Turkey and Tinsel breaks, one in Weymouth the other in Eastbourne. These breaks are very popular especially for those on their own at Christmas.

The Club will be booking its Christmas Lunch for all members at the beginning of December as well as the Carol Service which will be attended by the Rector of St. George's Church, Dr Stefan Collier. We end the year with a Christmas Tea and a visit to see the London lights with a supper.

**A Charity Coffee and Cake Morning
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**Saturday 14 September from 10.15—12.15pm
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A TRIBUTE TO RODNEY IRETON CARSWELL HEWETT

7 November 1932—14 June 2013



Pat and Rodney enjoying life in their garden.

Rodney was born in Birmingham, the first of two sons to Peggy and Ray. The family moved to London, Hinchley Wood then on to Ember Lane, Esher.

Rodney was sent to the Senior School at Ardingly College where he enjoyed himself and made life-long friendships. He survived without undue demands on the academic side of school life. He was, however, in the School Boxing Team and the Soccer XI. He loved his sport which he continued during his two years of National Service in the Royal Artillery.

After leaving School he played soccer for the Old Ardinians team in the competitive inter-schools Arthur Dunn Cup. He also played for the Corinthian Casuals and remained a keen supporter at their ground in Tolworth. He had numerous jobs including Trainee Salesman with a Wine Merchants, Tyre Suppliers, Fashion House etc. etc. He always said he could never rise above the trainee level. Eventually he joined the Personnel Department of the Steel Company of Wales which later became British Steel and was very happy negotiating with the Unions on behalf of the Company.

He retired early and took a retraining course at Merrist Wood Horticultural College and put this newly acquired knowledge to good use in our own garden at White Walls.

His interest in sport never waned. He played club cricket over the years for Oxshott, Esher and Thames Ditton.

THE WHALE AND DOLPHIN CONSERVATION SOCIETY SPONSORED WALK



Annabel Roux, aged 9, (above) of Hawkshill Way completed a sponsored 5 mile walk in June through the London parks to raise money for the WDCS - The Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society.

She has supported the charity for 3 years through the sponsorship of a Humpback whale, Midnight, who lives in the Atlantic off the East Coast of America.

Annabel raised £150 from her walk and had a free visit to the London Sealife Centre. She said:

"It was tiring but fun!"

**Congratulations and Well Done
Annabel!**

It was after the 1977 tour of Barbados with Esher CC that we first met. Although Rodney had lived in Esher for most of his life, he had never been to our village of West End until he met me. He loved it here and when we married in 1983, we happily settled here. We joined in village life and spent many happy hours, especially on a Friday night, in the Sports and Social Club.

After his playing days were over he became a keen supporter of the Esher Rugby Club, but International matches were often watched in the Sports and Social Club when many a pint was enjoyed.

Sadly Rodney was diagnosed with Cancer in January 2010 and although he was well looked after it took its toll in June. He spent his last two weeks in the wonderful Princess Alice Hospice. They really were so good to us both. I feel so lucky to have been married to Rodders for 30 wonderful years. He was a wonderful husband, my constant companion and my best friend.

Judging by the huge turnout on the day of his funeral he was a good friend to many, many more. We shall all miss him.



Pat Hewett

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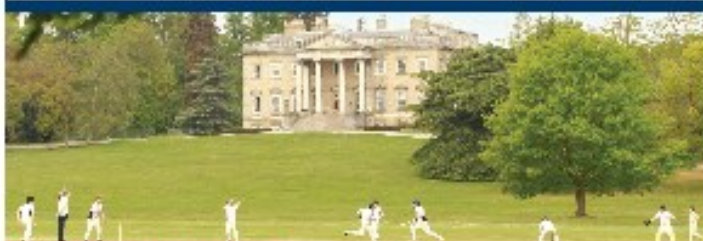
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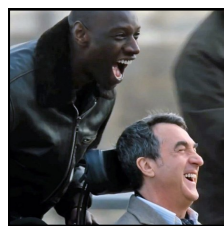


WEST END FILMS presents....Season 12

Our next film season starts in the Village Hall on 15th September. For those who haven't been to West End Films before, we screen a mixture of art-house, classic and foreign language films in two seasons each year, between September and May.

The best film of last season was the beautiful and elegiac *Ten Canoes*, a story within a fable within a myth, set in the aboriginal tribal lands of the Northern Territories. Other films included a drama about the conflict between Danton and Robespierre that led them both to the guillotine, two contrasting films from South America and a biopic about a band of disabled Congolese musicians.

The new season includes films from Ireland, Russia, France and Poland. The season starts with *Intouchables*, a wonderful French film based on the true story of a Parisian quadriplegic aristocrat who hires an ex convict as his carer – the film is moving, thought-provoking and at times hilarious.



Other films for the coming season:

In Darkness, a film retelling the escape from the Warsaw ghetto.
6th October

The film-noir classic **Touch of Evil**, with Orson Welles and Charlton Heston on the Mexican border. 27th October

The Return, a beautifully filmed Russian movie set in northern Russia. 17th November
Once, an uplifting film about two musicians set in Dublin. 8th December
Inevitably some films have been screened either at the cinema or on TV, but the films we show are always worth a second viewing.

Please join us on the 15th September or later in the season. Films start at 7:30pm and usually last about 2 hours.

Membership is £10 per season, and subscriptions are payable from 7pm onwards. For more details call Robin or Kasia on 01372 470281, or email

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WINTERDOWN ROAD RESURFACING

After years of waiting, work was carried out in July. What a difference it makes. Let's hope West End Lane is next!

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