



# VILLAGE NEWS

WEST END

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## CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF WEST END SUMMER SHOW



### RECRUITING FOR WEST END SUMMER SHOW NEW MEMBERS REQUIRED

The organisers of the West End Summer Show need more people to take the show into its 7<sup>th</sup> decade, building on the great success of this year's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

If you love the show, value its part in the life of the village, and want to experience the fun, fulfilment and team spirit in making it happen, then please contact Donald Mungall, Chairman, on

01372 463199 or at [donald.mungall@btinternet.com](mailto:donald.mungall@btinternet.com)

and come along to our next meeting upstairs in the Sports and Social Club on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 8.15pm and/or our AGM in the village hall on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm



Photographs by Simon Battensby

See Chairman, Donald Mungall's report inside.



## Winterdown WI

In July Garden Historian Cherill Sands treated members to a very interesting talk on some of the follies to be found in this country. They heard about the oldest folly Freston Tower circa 1549 or 1578 to be found near Ipswich and the highest Hull's Tower to be found at Leith Hill in Surrey on the highest point of SE England. The hill and tower reach a height of 1000ft above sea level.

Some of the follies mentioned are to be found in the Landscape gardens such as Stourhead, Wiltshire: Stowe, Bucks: Croome Court Worcs; Kew Gardens and Painshill at Cobham.

Several members had a day out in London in July. Having taken the train to Waterloo they then made their way to Hampstead Heath by bus. They walked through the Park and after getting lost several times and asking several dog walkers for directions they eventually found themselves at Kenwood house. They had an interesting tour of the house especially the library, recently restored in the Adam style. As all were faint hearted at the prospect of walking back through the park and getting lost again, the decision was taken to try and find the way back to Waterloo by bus. With the help of friendly bus drivers and two bus rides they arrived at the station to take the train home. Congratulations to 3 Winterdown members for winning prizes at the West End Summer Show which included 4 cups.

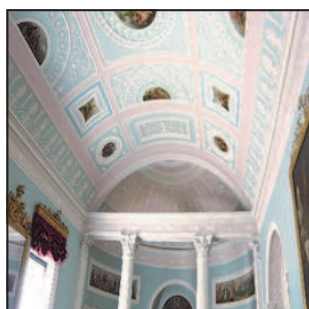


A stroll through Hampstead Heath



Kenwood House

Below: Adam Ceiling in Library at Kenwood House



### To Come:

**September 4<sup>th</sup>** Nursing- Opens up your world by Anne Watts

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** Compton Cemetery and Chapel by Jennifer Roberts

## BUTTONS AND BOW CLUB

What a summer we are having and not just the weather, but activity wise too! July began with visiting both Brighton and Worthing. A group of twenty three visited Southdowns Holiday Village at Bracklesham Bay for a week. The weather was superb and everyone had a great time.

In July members visited Ham House to see the exhibition of "Inspired Embroidery" and the Swan Sanctuary at Shepperton to see the wonderful work of the dedicated team there.

In August members enjoyed trips to the theatre to see "April in Paris" and "Annie Get Your Gun", as well as enjoying lunch at The Cricketers in Horsell and a trip on the Beaulieu River which lasted four hours with lunch on board.

In September the group is visiting Chatham Historic Dockyard for a "War Evacuation" day—gas masks as well—do you remember wearing one? Another trip to Worthing has also been arranged by request because the previous visit was such an enjoyable day.

Most importantly, the group is going to raise funds for the chosen charity this year The Rainbow Trust in Leatherhead, which supports terminally sick children based in Leatherhead. Please make a note in your diaries to come along on Saturday 13th September from 10-12noon in the Sports and Social Club, West End Lane, Esher. The Mayor and Mayoress will be opening the event at 10am.

There will be a Grand Draw, home-made cakes, a Bottle Tombola, and a Silent Auction for "Kermit" the Rainbow Trust Frog—so do come along and have a go! Refreshments will be served.

We meet on Monday afternoons between 2 and 4.15pm in the Sports and Social Club. If you are at a loose end why not come along and see for yourself and meet us over a cup of tea with biscuits.

*For further information contact Betty Bowpitt on 01372 465937*



Above: One of the bathing pools, Hampstead Heath

**Winterdown WI** meet on the first Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in West End Village Hall, West End Lane. Visitors and new members are made very made very welcome. If you would like to join please contact the Secretary, Ann Tennant on 01372 466725 or visit our website: [www.winterdownwi.co.uk](http://www.winterdownwi.co.uk)

## NEWS FROM WEST END ESHER WI

We have enjoyed rewarding meetings and some members visited other WIs, including the Cedar Club where we listened to a very interesting talk from the grandson of a Titanic survivor. We also went to Denbies Vineyard where the weather was warm and sunny, so, in addition to lunch, browsing round the shop, some went on a train ride round the vineyard. It was good to sit and admire the view over the Downs.

In June our speaker was Victoria Helstrip who told us about travelling round India by herself. She recounted many anecdotes including the Indians' fascination with her white hair. The first thing she noticed was the mingled aroma of petrol fumes and different spices that assailed her. She brought some Indian clothes with her and demonstrated the correct way to wear a sari. She visited villages travelling in a rickshaw and told of too many people with too much time and not enough money, schools with very little equipment, even one where the teacher had left, but the children were still interested.

In July Liam O'Carroll recounted the obstacles encountered by a blind person on a daily basis such as bollards in the middle of a pathway, overhanging trees, differentiating between different denominations of paper money (solved by only carrying £5 notes). He recounted some amusing experiences like being asked whether his cane was a metal detector. In spite of being blind Liam has an MA in Arthurian literature. He showed a very positive outlook on life and no trace of self-pity.

In August we always have a social afternoon, this year enhanced by eight visitors from other WIs. It was good to chat to friends and hear news and views of ladies from other WIs. This was accompanied by music provided by Joy Osborne who entertained us with songs, piano playing and anecdotes – she also welcomed requests from the audience. We even had an impromptu Greek dance from a few members! During the entertainment we consumed tea and sandwiches, cakes & nibbles.

*Janet Colley*

## WEST END RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



Thank goodness for the bank holiday sunshine. Our book stall was well attended and we sold more than 700 books plus a few pictures. Grateful thanks go out to all of the residents who once again donated books and pictures for our stall and thanks too to friends and relatives of committee members whose assistance was critical to our success on the day. Once again the books we were selling were of very high quality and it was good to see that there is still demand for books despite the onset of more sophisticated options for reading.

The Council in preparing for this year's show had listened to our plea for replacement posts on Winterdown Road and the Common and these were installed immediately prior to the event to prevent misuse of the common land. We ask all residents to appreciate the benefit of these areas throughout the village and to ensure that cars are parked on the highway rather than the Council owned grass perimeters.

WERA has been involved in discussions with both the Princess Alice Hospice and Elmbridge with regard to West End Lane parking with the aim of ensuring that any changes do not adversely affect residents. We will keep you informed of any progress in due course.

Susannah Bramley, Chairman  
[susannahbramley@googlemail.com](mailto:susannahbramley@googlemail.com)



## WEST END BRIDGE CLUB

Very good bridge was played during the Summer term. Two new members joined and on their first play they won first prize at Chicago!

The club meets every Tuesday at West End Village Hall at 2pm. We play Chicago on the first Tuesday of each month. Please do come along you will receive a very warm welcome.

*Pat Baumann*



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## WEST END MILLENNIUM MUG

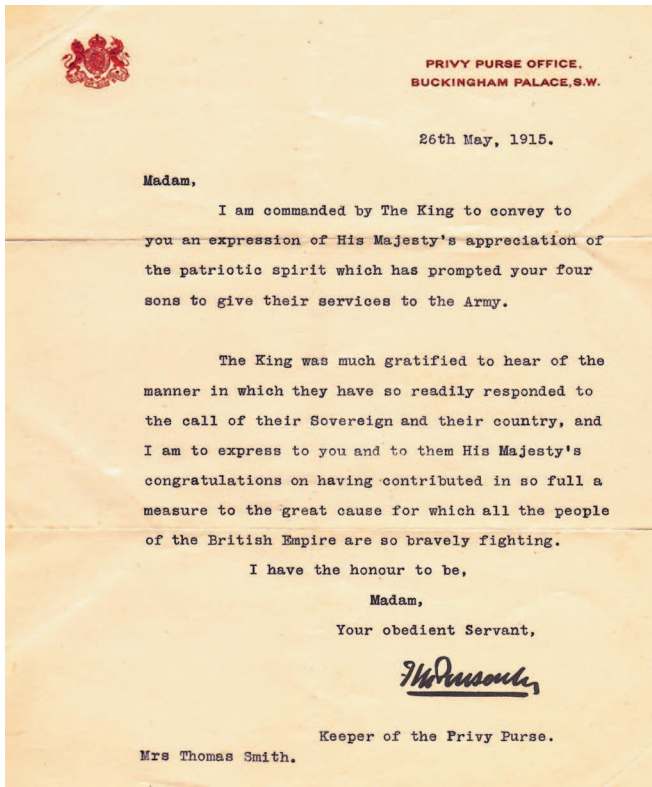
Lynn Campbell a former resident of West End wondered if anyone has an unwanted West End Millennium Mug?

These sold like hot cakes in 2000! Lynn would be grateful if anyone could find a replacement for her chipped mug and would be pleased to hear from you.

Lynn can be emailed on  
[lynn.cam@btinternet.com](mailto:lynn.cam@btinternet.com)



## 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918



Pte. Tom Smith 737  
(my grandfather)



Pte. William Smith 1625

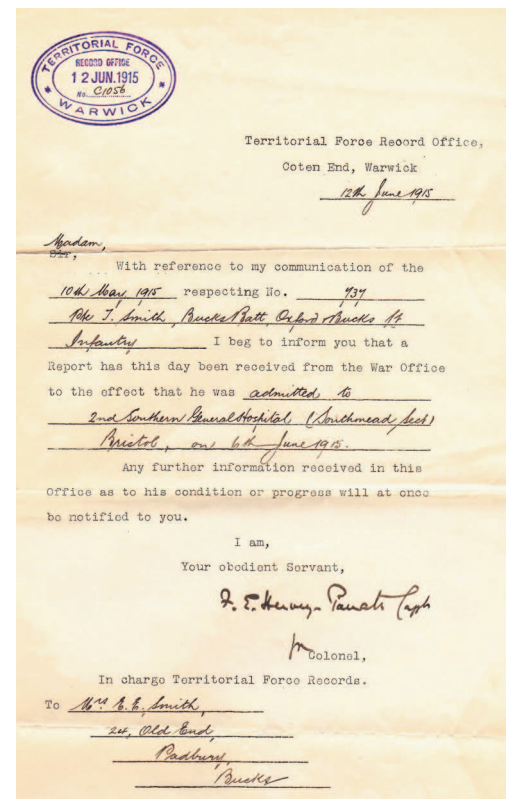
### FOUR BROTHERS WHO SERVED IN THE GREAT WAR

Pte Tom Smith (my grandfather) and Pte William Smith were two of the four brothers referred to in the above letter received by their mother, Mrs Thomas (Elizabeth Emma) Smith. The letter from the King signed by the Keeper of the Privy Purse, Buckingham Palace, SW, dated 26 May 1915 conveys His Majesty's appreciation of the patriotic spirit which has prompted her four sons to give their services to the Army.

Sadly, William Smith who served in the 1st/1st Bucks Bn., Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry was killed in action on Friday 7th May 1915 aged 20. William is buried in Ploegsteert Wood Military Cemetery 12 miles south of Ypres - (known as Plugstreet Wood). William was killed close to where he now rests. There is an inscription at the bottom of his grave, which is rare and was probably requested by his mother. He was just 100 metres from the German front line and had only been in Belgium for three weeks when he was shot by a German sniper. The letter to the right, from the Territorial Force Record Office, refers to Pte. Tom Smith who was injured in battle and was admitted to 2nd Southern General Hospital in Bristol on 6th June 1915. The other two, Charlie Smith, (right) a musician, who served in 'C' Squadron 5th Princess Charlotte of Wales Dragoon Guards and Arthur Smith who I believe also served in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.

I have visited William's grave at Plugstreet Wood and it is a quiet, peaceful and almost eerie setting now, far removed from the horrors of the day when William and many others like him died.

They will always be remembered for their bravery and dedication to their country.



There are 5 generations of Tom Smith in my family from my Great Great Grandfather to my father who served as a Lieutenant in the King's Own Scottish Borderers in WW2 and my great nephew a Royal Marine in the King's Troop.

Angela Stockbridge

Alice Austin sent in this picture of the Candle she lit on the 100th Anniversary of the Great War in memory of her grandfather, Frederick Charles Clarke, who died in his late 20s at the Battle of the Somme. Sadly, Alice does not have any more information about his army career.

If anyone has a similar story to tell, we would be pleased to hear from you.





## 60th ANNIVERSARY WEST END SUMMER SHOW

What a great success the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the West End Summer Show was, no matter what measures we care to use. The most important is, of course, the real pleasure, fun and joy showing on everyone's faces. Feedback received from many people has been extremely positive and this is inspiring and heartening for the team who put the show together. This truly is what the show is all about. Dare say, the perfect weather conditions helped create this happy spirit, no more so than with committee members themselves, relieved that the foul weather of the last two years did not reappear this year.

Wherever you looked, every activity on the green was being actively supported, with crowds of families and friends fully engaged as onlookers. The dog show was three or four deep in spectators, whilst entries were the highest for some years. The sports races were the same with a noise level not experienced in recent times. Winner of the girls' junior sports trophy was Lucy Reynolds whilst the boys' trophy was won by Theo Smith. The tug o' war between a team from Garsons and a village team called 'As Light as a Feather' was the best I have ever seen on the green with the village team just winning out in front of a raucous crowd. The new pony rides proved a great success with children, as did Punch and Judy and Matto the Clown. Plus Smash a Plate had record takings. And, all to the wonderful music of the Silver Band.

The heart of the show, the Flower Show itself, had over 700 entries and was so popular with visitors that it also had the best takings on the door in years. With the magnificent flower displays, the inside of the marquee was a real kaleidoscope of colour. Winner of the President's Perpetual Challenge Cup for the highest points in all classes was Irene Hobbs, whilst one of Bob Waller's many prizes was the National Vegetable Society Medal for the most meritorious vegetable exhibit in the show. Prizes were presented by our President Mrs Eileen Pocklington and Ian Richardson did his usual excellent auctioneering, collecting £230. The Arts and Crafts side of the marquee was also very popular, with the largest display of paintings we have seen for some years.

I would like to give a public thanks to the various committee members who make this show possible. David Ford and his fantastic team who make the Flower Show exhibits come alive. Mirjam Veldhuizen and Ros Moysen for creating the Arts and Crafts fair, Grant Ferret for managing the complexity of all that appears outside of the marquee, Jo Flippance for organising the dog show whilst carrying soon to be born twins, (in 5 or 6 weeks' time), Robin Crane and helpers for dealing with the chaos that are the sports events. Darren Hewett for doing his usual great job in running the raffle and attracting £2350 worth of prizes from businesses in and around Esher and individuals in the village, plus all the wonderful helpers on the day who erected and dismantled the show. It was great to see so many teenagers and twenty-somethings mucking in and helping those of us more mature in years. Yet again Alistair Joel and colleagues from Garsons were invaluable in their support both before and after the event.

The show is primarily about creating a fun and festive day for villagers and visitors to our beautiful setting. With the rains of the last two years, money had become tight. Although full figures are not yet available, Simon Battensby's efforts on sponsorship (with unconditional thanks to our sponsors), Darren Hewett's on the raffle, a very successful subscriptions round this year, as well as higher takings on the day, have returned our funds to a more healthy state. We thank each villager who contributed monies to our collectors during June and July. It was a wonderful response and your generosity amounted to £2580, the highest amount we have collected. Many, many thanks indeed.

Whilst money is vital, the heart and the energy behind the show are those of the committee members. You will see from the advert on the front page that we are in need of new members. If

you enjoyed the show this year, value its place in the life of our village, and would like to be part of extending the West End Summer Show into its 7<sup>th</sup> decade, then please come along to our next committee meeting on Sept 16<sup>th</sup> upstairs in the Sports and Social Club at 8.15pm, followed by wine and beer afterwards, and/or attend our AGM which is on Monday November 10<sup>th</sup> in the village hall at 8pm. We look forward to seeing new faces. Putting on the show is fun and fulfilling, so come and join us.

Here's to a successful 61<sup>st</sup> West End Village Show in 2015,

*Donald Mungall*

*Chairman, West End (Esher) Sports and Flower Show Association*



*Photographs: Simon Battensby*

## VILLAGE NEWS BOWL FOR THE PIG

Winner Peter Bedford pipped 9 year old Lorcan at the post in a final double tie-breaker to win the Garsons £30 voucher.

Lorcan, from Weybridge, played exceptionally well scoring 25 points in the play-off as his brother Matthew looked on. He didn't go home empty handed we made sure his efforts were worth while.





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Neighbourhood Team Coordinator, Surrey Police, Elmbridge Borough : Tel: 101 Extension: 38857

### Important Police Report:

**Thefts from motor vehicles are still an issue from time to time. The most recent examples have taken place in Esher town centre, but also from cars parked in the beauty spot car parks, i.e. the end of Winterdown Road. Unfortunately, people either leave bags in their cars on show or under the seat or are seen placing them in the boot of the car. Apart from handbags, the thieves are after laptops, mobile phones and sat navs! We really do need people to be sensible and not leave valuable items in unattended vehicles.**

*PC Danny Bond FIN3682*



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The dates and subjects of this year's talks are:

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BERTRAND DUGUESCLIN, CONNÉTABLE DE FRANCE (1315-1380).

\*8.15pm on Wednesday 19 November-  
LA GALERIE COURTAULD DE LONDRES ET SES LIENS AVEC LA FRANCE.

\*8.15pm on Wednesday 10 December-  
MAYOTTE, UN DÉPARTEMENT D'OUTRE MER DANS LES COMORES

\*8.15pm on Wednesday 21 January-  
LA CHARTREUSE, PAS SEULEMENT UNE LIQUEUR

\*8.15pm on Wednesday 18 February-  
CHURCHIL LET DE GAULLE

\*8.15pm on Wednesday 18 March-  
RAVEL ET SES SOURCES D'INSPIRATION LITTÉRAIRES

\*8.15 on Wednesday 15 April-  
ÉDOUARD MANET, ENTRE CLASSICISME ET MODERNITÉ

\*8.15 on Wednesday 20 May-  
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\*8.15 on Wednesday 17 June-  
LE TOUR DE FRANCE EN CHANSONS

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### WEST END FILMS

We are now in our thirteenth season of films, and are always pleased to welcome new members. We screen a mixture of classic, foreign language, indie and art house films.

We have recently set up our website to give programme times and dates, and more information about each film. The website also includes an archive listing many of our previous films - please see [www.westendfilms.co.uk](http://www.westendfilms.co.uk)

West End Films meets at West End Village Hall at 7:30pm every third Sunday - please see the website for more details of films and dates.

Season 14 will restart in September, and details will be posted on our website over the summer. For more information please send a message via the website or email us on [westend-films@btinternet.com](mailto:westend-films@btinternet.com)

*Robin Crane*

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