



VILLAGE NEWS

WEST END

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WEST END SUMMER SHOW

Much excitement and fun was had at the 61st West End Summer Show on Bank Holiday weekend. The weather was kind until late afternoon, when the downpours started. Read all about the events at the show in Genevieve Assersohn's report inside, illustrated by Margaret Dane's photographs..



The Judge's Choice in the floral art class was 'Exotic Holiday' an arrangement by Steve Wall, a regular and successful entrant over the years.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

becomes the longest serving monarch.



On the 9th September Queen Elizabeth II, aged 89, surpassed the reign of her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria and became the longest reigning British Head of State for over 63 years and the longest reigning queen in history

Upon her accession to the throne on 6 February 1952 at the age of 25, Elizabeth became Head of the Commonwealth, and queen regnant of seven independent Commonwealth countries. Her coronation service on 2 June 1953 was the first to be televised and it is estimated that 27 million people in Britain watched the Coronation, 11 million listened on the radio and 400,000 people gathered in London to witness the royal occasion. Elizabeth, who is 5ft 4ins (1.6 metres), is a descendant of the House of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, which was renamed the House of Windsor during World War One. She is a shining example of strength of character and stability as Head of the Nation, Defender of the Faith and Head of the Church of England. Elizabeth has overseen 12 Prime Ministers and has been married to Prince Philip for 68 years.



Congratulations to Her Majesty and may she reign over us for many more years to come.

'POP UP' STUDIO EXHIBITION 28 AND 29 NOVEMBER

10.00—4.00pm

Inspired by the success of their June Open Studio Event sculptresses, the woodturner and glass artist are having a weekend 'Pop-Up' Studio Exhibition on Saturday/Sunday 28/29 November 10.00-4.00pm Preview on Friday 27 November 6.00-9.00pm

Farida Khan-Evans, Sarah Vickery and Rosalind Moysen will be showing their latest paintings in the stable studio. Janet Stanley and Alison Catchlove's small sculptures will be in the conservatory as will the glass panels and ceramics of Jane Drown. Beryl Hole's ceramics and Roger Marsden's wood turned objects will be in the stable along with paintings by Judy Milman and Alexandra Dawes who has recently moved to the village from Hampshire.

Mulled wine and mince pies will await you Free admission.

Dogs, bikes and children welcome
Rose Cottage Stables, 46 West End Lane,
Esher.

Enquiries: Rosalind Moysen 01372 465370
Email: rosalindmoysen@gmail.com



Local Artists left to right: Rosalind Moysen, Roger Marsden, Sarah Vickery, Jane Drown and Farida Khan-Evans.

SURREY POLICE

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ.....

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This number will also transfer you to Esher Police Station, which is open from

09.00-17.00 hours Monday to Friday.

Beat Officers:

Our new PCSO 13867 Nigel Oates

PCSO 15215 Vicky Holdaway

Officers can be contacted by dialling 101 or email:

Elmbridge@surrey.co.uk

Crime Reduction Adviser is

Elaine Burtenshaw 14613 Tel: 101 :

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Debbie Smith FIN: 13330

Neighbourhood Team Coordinator, Surrey Police,

Elmbridge Borough : Tel: 101 Extension: 38857

Important Police Report:

Sadly we have lost our local PC Danny Bond who has now moved on to become Casualty Reduction Officer based in Addlestone.

We welcome his replacement PC Tommy Pearson Fin 40574 to Esher and West End.

Please note that the locksmith scam is still ongoing and an elderly resident of West End fell foul of this male and lost about £50. The theft of York Stone has also been a problem and at least two victims in West End in the last couple of weeks have experience thefts.

Fly Tipping has also been a problem in the West End Car Park at the top of West End Lane.

PCSO Nigel Oates



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME FOR WEST END ESHER

The present Chairman of West End Resident's Association Susannah Bramley, has been keen for some years for a NHW scheme to be introduced in West End. As I was responsible for the delivery of political literature to every house in West End for over 20 years, I hoped that I might be able to help with this aim. The plan was outlined at the WERA, AGM in May this year. Neighbourhood Watch information would be sent out by email, of course, rather than through the letter box. A coordinator would be needed for each road, initially to collect email addresses. Ideally this would in my opinion, best be done by someone living in the road, so as to keep the data base of those who wanted to be involved as up to date as possible. A General Coordinator would also need to be found to supply any information, to the road coordinators for distribution.

Just how much work would need to be done, to set this all up, became apparent to me in July when I volunteered to become the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for Hawkshill Way, where I live, and Hawkshill Close. I delivered the official form when I was collecting subscriptions for the West End Summer Show. This asked residents to return the tear off portion of the form to me, if they wanted to receive NHW information, and guaranteed that their contact details would not be shared with any other organisation. Only 5 households in Hawkshill Way responded to this initial form, and none in the Close. I delivered a second letter to all houses which gave my email address, which I thought might be easier for residents to respond to, and the result was more encouraging

I have now heard from 14 out of the 24 households in Hawkshill Way, and 2 in the Close. I will continue to encourage other households. The new coordinator in The Mount, who incidentally was responsible for putting up the new Neighbourhood Watch signs, has had a good response, and is collecting email addresses from Park Close, and Howitts Close residents as well. Are there any volunteers who wish to be coordinators in other roads in West End I wonder?

Please get in touch with me at 9 Hawkshill Way, or Angela Stockbridge, and I will pass on your details to the Chairman of Elmbridge Neighbourhood Watch. Thank you. *Margaret Dane*

POLICE WARNING!!

ELMBRIDGE RESIDENTS DUPED BY CONMAN

Surrey Police is warning elderly residents in Elmbridge to be on their guard after a number of people were duped into handing over money to a conman claiming to need to borrow money to pay for a locksmith.

The most recent incident took place in Oatlands Chase in Weybridge on 8 August when a man claimed to be the victim's neighbour and asked to borrow £120 for a locksmith, making off once the money had been handed over.

The suspect is described as white, in his 30s, of a slim build, with short, light brown hair and was wearing a white singlet and beige shorts.

Officers are investigating a similar incident in St George's Avenue in Weybridge on 25 July when a man knocked on the door of an elderly resident asking for money for a locksmith. He claimed his son was at home asleep and he had lost his keys and had no money on him. The victim, who is in her 90s, initially handed over £60 and was persuaded to hand over a further £60.

The suspect is described as white, in his late 20s, 5ft 9 tall, of a slight build, with mousey brown hair and was wearing a white vest and trousers.

A further incident took place in Esher on 22 July, when a man knocked on the door of a resident in Lower Green Road claiming he had been locked out of his house and asking to borrow £130 for a locksmith. The resident handed over the money after the suspect said there was a child locked inside the house. However, the money was never returned.

The suspect is described as white, aged 17-19 years, 5ft 9 tall, of an average build, with short reddish hair and was wearing casual clothes. Police have received reports of a similar scam being attempted without success, including an incident at Thrupps Lane in Hersham on 4 August, when the suspect made off after the resident called for her husband. The suspect is described as white, in his 20s, short, of a slight build with fair hair and was wearing a red polo tee-shirt and jeans. An attempt also took place in Queens Road, Hersham, on 5 August, when the suspect made off after the resident told him he did not have any money. The suspect is described as white, in his 20s, 5ft 8 tall and well dressed.

We are urging residents to be vigilant and never to hand over any money to people who just show up on their doorstep or even approach them in the street or a car park, no matter how plausible or heart-wrenching the story.

We are also urging Elmbridge residents to keep an eye out for anyone spotted acting suspiciously in the area and to report any sighting to us as soon as possible.

The suspect appears to be targeting elderly residents, which makes these crimes all the more despicable, and we are determined to do all we can to trace the offenders responsible and ensure they are brought to justice. *If you believe you have been a victim of a similar or any scam, or you have any information which could assist police with their enquiries, please contact Surrey Police on 101, quoting crime reference number 45150064167 or by using the online reporting system found at <https://my.surrey.police.uk/splonlinereportingweb>*

Alternatively the independent charity Crimestoppers can be contacted anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Elaine Burtenshaw

WEST END ESHER WI

Our summer meetings, once again, have been very enjoyable with very interesting speakers.

In June our guest speaker was Nick Handel who worked for the BBC for more than 30 years, after working for local radio, radio 2 and radio 4 he transferred to television in the 1970's. He was involved with "That's Life", being the person who discovered the dog who said "sausages". Nick regaled us with many stories and anecdotes. He also discussed the influence of comedy and the way it pushed the boundaries of what was acceptable. Nick then became an acclaimed factual programme maker, also running "Children in Need" for several years. He has written a children's novel and is now committed to encouraging school-children to use film techniques to develop creative writing. He spends a lot of time running school workshops.

In July Carol Harris entertained us with "Putting on the Ritz", an enlightening talk on the changing fashions in clothes from the WW1 through to the end of the 1930's. She noted that many more women worked outside the home to help the war effort – so the "hourglass" figure disappeared and clothes became looser, more comfortable and hemlines raised. After the war women had more freedom and the rise of cinema as entertainment, brought glamour, and iconic film stars. Dress designs were influenced by the introduction of synthetic fabrics. Carol showed us several beautiful 20's and 30's dresses. Cigarette smoking and shorter skirts became acceptable.

Our garden meeting is traditionally held in August. This year it was held in Margaret Dane's lovely garden. We were welcomed by her and shown to an array of comfortable chairs. After the announcements and quiz, we enjoyed afternoon tea consisting of a delicious selection of sandwiches, cakes and cups of tea. We then had time to chat – it is always a good opportunity to learn more about fellow members and we were so lucky to enjoy good weather as, often in past years we have had our



Daphne Butler, President with Malcolm Thorogood.

Garden Meeting in the Hall. Although the rain did appear after the meeting closed! The afternoon was greatly enhanced by the venue in such a peaceful and delightful garden.

On the last Saturday in August we had a stall at the West End Flower

Show where we sold homemade cakes, jewellery and books. After a very busy afternoon the rain put in an appearance.

Ladies if you would like to join us on the third Wednesday afternoon of each month at 2p.m. in West End Village Hall you will receive a very warm welcome. For further information please ring 020 8398 3806.

Janet Colley

WEST END PLAYGROUP

After the summer break, West End Playgroup rebounds into a new term in September. The parents' committee has been busy preparing lots of social and fund-raising activities for the coming academic year, kicking off with a coffee morning on Tuesday, 22 September (venue details available from the playgroup).

Come along after morning drop off for a chat and a cuppa - little ones welcome and parents of new starters are especially encouraged to join in. After the wonderful turnout to last year's Hallowe'en



Party, the event will take place again at the Village Hall at the end of October, including traditional Hallowe'en games, crafting, a bake sale, tea & coffee and a monster mini-disco. It's a great way to entertain the children on the school holidays. Feel free to come dressed up as a spooky character and get your face painted, ready for 'trick or treating' later!



Photographs: Sophie Goad

Tickets will be available in advance at the playgroup (westendplaygroup@gmail.com), with a limited number available on door on the day. Friday, 30 October 10.00-12.00 at West End Village Hall.

Article: Elizabeth Gaunt



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WEST END BRIDGE CLUB

If they've got a fit,
you've got a fit.

My partner Clare and I were holding some pretty quiet cards at the Club in the Village Hall one Tuesday. Things didn't change too much as I dealt the last hand, with our opponents already vulnerable.

I picked up

♠	10 7 5 4 3
♥	x x
♦	K x
♣	A K 10 9

Ten points. I said No Bid. West on my left said One Heart. My partner said No Bid. East on my right said Two Hearts. I glanced at my hand again and put in what I hoped was a nuisance bid of Two Spades. Without any opposition I could see our opponents bidding and making Four Hearts—and I've always believed in sticking my oar in, especially when Not Vulnerable, and especially in Spades with their pre-emptive value.

Over my 2 Spades, West bid Three Hearts rather swiftly, upon which my partner suddenly came to life with Three Spades. That was the end of the bidding, and I was relieved not to have been doubled.

My partner put down an excellent dummy

♠	A K 6 2
♥	x x x
♦	10 x x x x
♣	x

West led off with the Ace King of Hearts, and then led a Club. I took the Jack with my Ace of Clubs, then led a small trump to the Ace of Spades on the table. This produced the 8 from West and the Jack from East. Problem. Should I go for the drop, with trumps splitting 2-2? Or finesse West for the Queen? Luckily I realised a finesse wouldn't help, as West would cover my 10 of Spades lead with her Queen, and still be left with her 9 Spades as a winner. If there's only one layout that gets your contract, go for it. So I played out the King of Spades, and lo and behold the trumps split evenly and the Queen fell.

The rest of the hand was a straight forward cross-ruff of Diamonds and Clubs, plus the King of Clubs. So we landed our unlikely contract of 3 Spades. On just 17points.

Back to the heading for a moment. I remember reading somewhere that when your opponents have located a trump fit (say 8 or 9 cards as trumps in their combined hands), the mathematical odds are high that you and your partner also have a trump fit.

P.S.

In our last bulletin we told you the Club had raised £600 for PAT (Pets As Therapy). We thought you'd like to meet Lottie, an Old English Sheepdog working for PAT at a local Day Centre. Lottie is a West End resident and has a very calm temperament. Probably a good bridge player.

Right: Lottie with owner, Jane Saville (Photo: Angela Stockbridge)

The Club meets each Tuesday at the Village Hall.

Ring Kay Moulton (01372 464775) for details.

Clive Craigmile



BUTTONS AND BOW CLUB (The Busy B's)

Thirty members have just returned from the summer break spent at "Sinah Warren" in Hayling Island. The weather was rather unsettled, but the spirits were high in the group.

This weekend a trip to Woking Theatre to see the Elvis musical "Love me Tender".

Twenty five members will be spending a day in Hastings. The outing to Bourton on the Water was the hottest day of summer and lots of cold drinks and ice creams were consumed!

A visit to the Isabella Plantation in Richmond Park was followed by lunch in Pembroke Lodge. A glorious day was spent sailing from Gosport on the "Two River Cruise" with lunch on board and a full five hours of sunshine.



*The Isabella Plantation, Richmond Park
planted in 1831*

Members enjoyed visiting the Poppy Factory in Richmond which was an education! We learned to make our own Poppy. We also learned of the great work being carried out there for some of our brave disabled servicemen and women. As always, we finished in style with a pub lunch in Petersham!

Please make a diary note of our

Charity Coffee Morning
Saturday 10th October
between 10.00 and 1.00pm
in the Village Club.

This year our chosen charity is Alzheimer and Dementia Care and Cure Society. There will be a Grand Raffle, supported by local businesses, a home made cake stall, bottle tombola, pickles and jams, guess the weight of the cake and refreshments.

A few facts about the charity are: 850,000 people in the UK live with Dementia and it is rising. 225,000 people will develop Dementia this year.

If you would like to pop in any Monday for a cup of tea with us you will be made very welcome. We have gentlemen too in the group, as well so please do come along and meet us between 2.00 and 4.30pm.

*For further information contact
Betty Bowpitt on 01372 465937*

WEST END SUMMER SHOW

After a memorable 60th anniversary celebration in glorious sunshine last year, the 2015 West End Summer Show had a lot to live up to. On the day the weather was the only let-down as our historic show entered its seventh decade in impressive, if slightly damp, style.

It was a great year for the traditions that have always been at the heart of the show, shown by an overall uplift in entries for the Fruit and Vegetable, Flower and other competitions in the marquee (745 entries in total), and the second highest number in the past five years. The judges were impressed by the standard of entries, and the marquee was packed with visitors.



Left: Ken Jones, the Flower Judge with Lisa Stewart, committee member responsible for judges.

The competition was certainly tough, with Bob Waller and Irene Hobbs dominating the Fruit and Vegetable, Flower and Floral Art Sections. While Bob Waller won the most cups, including the RHS Banksin Medal, Irene Hobbs gained more points from her exhibits to win the President's Perpetual Challenge Cup for the highest show in all classes.

Congratulations to them both. West End villager Lin Martin is also establishing herself as a force to be reckoned with in the Flower Sections, while Lynn Healy dominated the Handicraft Section for the second year running.



Left: Marion Ford's butterfly on a box and Lynn Healy's origami box were admired by many.

Right: The display of floral entries including Gladioli, roses, lavender and many other varieties gave an beautiful array of colour.



Photographs : Margaret Dane

Another villager Liz Sandison scored most points in the Photography Section. One particularly notable result was 12 year-old Jacob Cooper's victory in the MacKinnon Cup for Best Men's Dessert. The more mature men of West End will have to up their game for next year if they hope to take back the prize from this junior Masterchef.

Beyond the marquee, there was all the traditional fun of the fair including the ever-popular Smash-a-Plate stall (perfect for stress relief), alongside newcomers such as the bungee trampolines for those seeking an adrenalin fix. Stalls of all kinds filled the village green and kept visitors fed, watered and entertained all afternoon putting smiles on everyone's faces.

Among other highlights were the Dog Show, which returned this year with some very talented four-legged friends, and the Children's Sports Competition. The children taking part showed an impressively grown-up mix of friendly sportsmanship alongside a strong competitive spirit. The musical accompaniment to the day came in the form of the wonderful Epsom & Ewell Silver Band, Matto the Clown and Punch and Judy



As the day drew to a close with the raffle and auction, it was agreed the Tug O'War would have to be cancelled as the ground was too wet, so West End's strongmen have got plenty of time to train for next

year, if they're not too busy perfecting their desserts.

The show's organising committee would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone in the village (and beyond) who contributed to the show's success, whether by entering exhibits, subscribing, pitching in to help set up or simply by joining in the fun. This enthusiasm not only resulted in a show that was homely and friendly as well as impressive, it's the reason the show is possible year on year at all. So with the help of everyone in West End, here's to the start of another decade (and some slightly better weather next time, please).

The show's AGM will be held in West End Village Hall on Monday 9th November.

Genevieve Assersohn

VILLAGE NEWS BOWL FOR THE PIG

Many thanks to Kim and Grant Ferrett who offered to set up the stall for us this year. Particularly helpful were Theo Ferrett and his friend Thomas Merrick who worked extremely hard staffing the stall and without whom we could not have been at the show. They made a healthy profit for the Village News funds.

Thanks also to Garsons for sponsoring the first prize of a £30.00 Garsons voucher. The winner was Eleyne Bennett from East Horsley who had a final "bowl-off" against two others to secure the 1st prize.



Angela Stockbridge

WINTERDOWN WI

This summer members paid a visit to the Grange in Bookham. The Grange is an organisation supporting people with disabilities to achieve their potential and live independent and fulfilling lives. It is a charity, a social enterprise and a housing association offering high-quality Supported Living and Residential Care services alongside a wide-ranging programme of Day Skills and work experience.



Tea at the Grange: Photo: Micki Scales

the lovely conservatory.

We have enjoyed a walk round the grounds at Hatchlands and a visit to the cel-

lars which were used during World War 2 by a girls' school and provided a safe retreat for them from the threat of air raids; a visit to Portsmouth by train, where we walked to the old part of the city and visited the Cathedral which had been badly damaged during World War 2. We had lunch overlooking the Harbour watching the Ferries to France and the Isle of Wight going to and fro and there was time for a quick visit to the Docks to see HMS Victory where we were nearly blown over in the process by high wind blowing off the sea.

In July the speaker, Sheila Willis, a retired police officer, gave a very Portsmouth Dock enter- taining Photo: Micki Scales

lustrated talk entitled "Handbags to Handcuffs". Sheila had been the Surrey police for many years. Her talk was the history women in the police force starting from the beginning when volunteers (mostly suffragettes) were recruited to accompany the police when going into pubs to see if any women were there illegally. She continued through to the present day saying women in the force now reach high ranking positions and described some of the equipment that is carried on the person plus a heavy stab-proof waistcoat the combined weight totalling about 28lbs. In August following the business of the meeting, members



Left: Margaret Dane trying the stab vest. Photo: Ann Tennant

had great fun with a Beetle Drive, some craft demonstrations of 'lavender bottles' and loom knitting kindly given by Ann Tennant.

Members supported the Flower Show and entered exhibits in the Fruit, Flower, Craft and Domestic sections:

Seven Members of Winterdown WI won 16 prizes between them for their entries:

Glenyce Alexander won 1st prize for perennials and 3rd for her sweet peas.

Clare Craigmile won 1st prize for marmalade and 2nd for her miniature flower arrangement

Margaret Dane won 1st prize for roses (one variety - 1 in bud, 1 half open and 1 near maturity), 1st for a bowl of roses, and 3rd prize for her most fragrant rose and 2nd for her hanging basket. Margaret also won the Chamberlain Challenge Cup for her bowl of roses.

Marion Ford won 1st prize for a handmade card, 2nd for paper craft and 3rd prize for her patchwork quilt.

Ann Tennant won 2nd prize for her geranium and 3rd for her fuchsia.

Caroline Thyer won 3rd prize for her sticky gingerbread loaf.

Ann Willig won 1st prize for a plate of fruit (figs) and equal 3rd for her painting.

Future events:

3rd September – Rhoda Nevins – 'Adventures in Embroidery'.

1st October – Margaret Watson – 'Life on a Harp String'.

5th November – Annual Meeting.

3rd December – Christmas Meeting.

All talks start at 8pm.

Winterdown WI meet on the first Thursday of the month at 8.00 pm in West End Village Hall, West End Lane. Visitors and new members are made very welcome.

If you would like to join the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK contact Secretary, Ann Tennant on 01372 466725 or visit our website: www.winterdownwi.co.uk

Article by Caroline Thyer and Ann Tennant.

Garsons
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A "Best in Surrey" award has been won by a family-owned farm shop. The accolade has gone to Garsons at Esher which also picked up Independent Retailer of the Year.

Nigel Chandler, manager of the farm shop that was judged best in the county, said: "This is a tremendous achievement and we are all thrilled. The team has worked extremely hard and it's great to have that work recognised."

The Winterdown Road shop at Garson Farm, which has been in the Thompson family since 1871, sells fresh fruit and vegetables – much of which is grown onsite in season – as well as a vast selection of local and regional food and drink.

"Garsons is very community orientated and to be nominated for the award by our customers means a great deal," said Mr Chandler, who has been manager of the shop for 22 years.

The winners of the Surrey Life Food and Drink Awards were announced at a black tie dinner at the luxury Foxhills resort at Ottershaw on 10 September.

Klara Klimova, Marketing Manager, Garsons



COME AND LISTEN TO TALKS IN FRENCH IN THE VILLAGE HALL!

On the third Wednesday of every month from October to June (the second Wednesday in December) there are talks in West End village hall in French by carefully chosen speakers on subjects related to French life and culture. The cost is £5 per talk or £30 for the entire season of 8 talks. The talks, which last for an hour, start at 8.15pm and complimentary coffee is served from 7.15pm.

There are also opportunities to brush up your French by attending Language workshops organised by the Cercle.

For further information about the French Circle, please visit our website www.dontyzack.care4free.net/cercle.html. For a full written programme, please telephone 01932 860842 or 01932 864258 or e-mail cavan.taylor@btopenworld.com or brigitte@ptiller.com.



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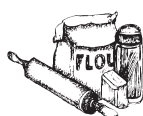
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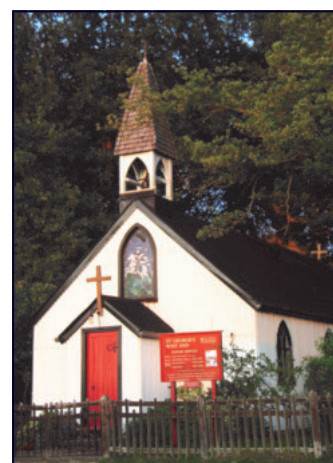
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The next film will take place in the Village Hall on

Sunday 20th September



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