



# VILLAGE NEWS

WEST END

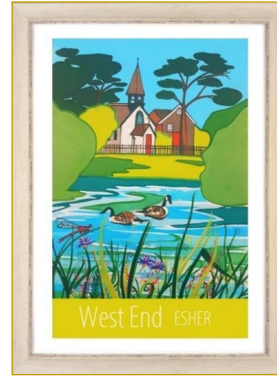
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## ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WEST END



We are now into the second year of our interregnum, and although the Parish had placed an advertisement for a new Rector at the beginning of the summer – it was disappointing that the process did not proceed to an interview stage. The post will now be re-advertised in September – and we will be hoping and praying again that it will attract a number of applicants the second time around. We hope to have good news in the next Village Newsletter.

We have enjoyed a very hot summer here in Esher – and it was only due to the diligence of our gardening team that the plants and garden survived. The beautiful new Azaleas in the back garden nearly popped their clogs – but thanks to a heavy dose of last minute watering – they have revived and will still be there hopefully to bloom again next year.



If you have ever wondered about coming along to a Sunday service at St George's – please do! We are a friendly congregation and are always delighted when someone new decides to join us on a Sunday (9am every Sunday - except the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month). Coffee/tea and biscuits served afterwards! We would love to see you. For more information about all our services please do visit our

website: <http://www.esherparish.org.uk> where you can find everything you might want to know about the Parish of Esher, including Music on The Green. We put topical notices and a monthly events calendar on the fence outside the church – so please do stop and look to see what's going on as you pass by. In the meantime, if any of you, or someone you know, would appreciate a home visit or would like to receive home communion, please contact the Parish Office on 01372 462282. Finally – thank you as always, for your continued support and as always, we look forward to seeing you at one of our Sunday services.

*Andrea Lindow (462041) and Bridget Williams (462731)*



Once again we were blessed with amazing weather for the West End Village Show. It can make such a huge difference to the success of the day. We are delighted to report that the bread, cake stall and raffle in St George's Church on the day raised just over £1250 – which goes

solely to the upkeep, repairs and renovations of our little church.

Thank you all for your purchases – we really do value your support. Whilst we were busy in the church – our wonderful team of ladies and gentlemen from Christ Church were also rushed off their feet selling cream teas, cakes and tea in the Village Hall. That too was a great success –



and they managed to raise £750 towards the funds at Christ Church. Money is always needed to maintain both our churches – even more so when lead thieves have managed to steal from the roof at Christ Church. Thank you from all of us at both churches.

We have been very lucky to receive donated paintings recently – and have, since the last newsletter, received two more – we now have a little gallery! One was donated by Peter Bedford – a painting of "West End, Esher" by the artist Susie West, (top right) who also had a stall at the Flower Show. The other has been donated by Juliet Philip. It's a painting also of West End by an Australian artist Carole King – who lived in Esher for a few years in the 1980's.

Depending on when you read this – we may have already held our **12<sup>th</sup> Pet Service at 4pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. Please do come along and join us – with or without a pet – it is a fun and joyful hour...and we hope this year to have a horse (probably tethered outside!).

## BUTTONS & BOW OVER 60s CLUB

As always, over the last few months we have been "The Busy Bees"!

In July members went to Sandown in the Isle of Wight for a week, a place where we all enjoyed the soft sands and calm warm waters, Recently a trip by coach to Littlehampton brought back memories. During a trip cruising down the Basingstoke Canal members were very interested in the nature reserves along its banks. We stopped to view the ruins of King John's castle the history of which was very interesting and on our return a cream tea was served.

A visit to Eastbourne for the day was recently arranged. Members love to get out and about especially when the company is good and are looking forward to a trip to Arundel Castle soon.

Each year we support a charity for those less fortunate than ourselves and this year is no exception. **We have chose to raise funds for Crohns and Colitis UK.** Every thirty minutes someone in the UK is diagnosed with this condition and at least 3000 people have been diagnosed in the UK. Afternoon with tea, coffee, a cake or cream tea will be available. There will be the usual Grand Draw at the end with donations generously given by local businesses.

**This will take place on Monday 30th September in West End Sports and Social Club from 1.15–4.30pm.**

Of course, you don't have to wait until then, pop in any Monday from 2.00pm you will find a friend, have a cuppa and you won't be alone any more.

Need to know more? Call Betty Bowpitt on 01372 465937

*Betty Bowpitt*



## WINTERDOWN WI



Ockham Mill

Summer seems to have flown by this year. Members have not been able to join in as many activities due to other claims on their time. Six members visited

Ockham Mill on a rather wet day. They all enjoyed the visit, they were struck by the enthusiasm of the owners and the noise and the motion of the huge wheels turning was quite an experience. They toured the garden and lake and then climbed up to see and hear about the rebuilding and the work involved in restoring all the machinery.

Our July speakers told us about WIs in HM Prisons (Send Inspiring WI and Bronzefield Bees WI). Members found this very interesting and it produced many questions afterwards.

We had a guided walk around Ripley in July led by a local voluntary member of the historical society. The walk commenced at the Ripley museum.



The museum at Ripley aka the old Nat West Bank building

This was the former Nat West Bank building which was moved from its original site in the main street to its present location beside the village hall. This proved to be a very interesting afternoon learning about the history of Ripley and the old families connected by marriage from surrounding towns and villages such as Ockham. We visited the lovely church and for those of us who didn't know we discovered that Eric Clapton's son is buried in the church yard there. Ripley was the home of Eric Clapton's mother. We were shown some of the lovely old buildings and found that many of them had Georgian facades added to the front of them as this had been a cheaper way of keeping up with the 'modern' buildings.

A group of members enjoyed a day in London visiting the National Portrait Gallery and cafe and then on to the Harold Pinter theatre to see Captain Corelli's Mandolin and meeting the cast afterwards. Of course they made time for tea and cake before making their way home.

The Village Show was well supported this year and many entries either won their class or gained second or third.

Report: Caroline Thyer  
Photos: Micki Scales



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

Contact: Secretary, Ann Tennant on 01372 466725 or visit our website: [www.winterdownwi.co.uk](http://www.winterdownwi.co.uk)

## INDY'S DOG BLOG

Such drama at the hilltop of West End at the beginning of August. A burglary at MY house, can you believe it? Just dropped back from doggy day care, I heard a noise upstairs, went barking mad and rushed up as fast as my paws would carry me only to see someone disappearing out of the bathroom window. It was very odd as most people use the door. Made my hackles go right up and quite frankly was a bit scary so I went downstairs, got my snake toy and sat amongst the mess until Mummy and Daddy came home. I didn't think they'd be best pleased but it wasn't me who made the mess! Indy's tip – keep your ears pricked and report anything that smells suspicious to the pawlice.

That wasn't the end of it though. The next day, the forensic van rolled down the hill completely on its own and came to rest in the neighbour's front garden where two golden retrievers, Lola and Griff live!

The following Saturday night I had my friends, Grady (who barks with an American accent) and Plover for drinks. Always good to be sociable.

The end of August I saw the bags come out of the loft and even though I tried the really sad eyes, put my toys and myself in the bags, my family went away for two weeks on holiday. Don't worry, my Nana came to stay to look after me. This new regime meant a morning inspection of West End green with Flossie (my conker coloured four legged chum I mentioned last time) where we'd meet lots of wonderful new friends like Otto, a handsome Springer and Olive, who let me take her ball right out of her mouth! So kind. Nana made me give it back though. Very disappointing!!

The West End show this year was marvellous fun. Apart from the wonderful aroma of food, there were lots of dog treats on offer and of course the dog show, the highlight of the doggy social calendar. There were some seriously good looking dogs and I have to admit to winning a couple of rosettes myself but Reggie was a well deserved 'Best in Show' and we are all really looking forward to next year's rematch.

Don't forget I'd be happy to pass the time of day with you if you're out walking, so do say 'Hi' if you see me. I'm the flat coated retriever with a pretty turquoise collar who lives at the top of the hill.

Sheila Apicella

Indy



## ESHER GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Hi there fellow West Enders,

Ryan here from Winterdown Road and Pastor of Esher Green Baptist Church.

Just an update on some things that you may be interested in over the autumn period. So here we go:

**Marriage Course starts 17<sup>th</sup> September** - The Marriage Course is for any couple, whether you have been together for a year or 51 years and whether you feel you have a strong relationship or need some further pointers. The course takes place on Thursday evenings for 7 weeks from 7.30pm till 10pm and includes a romantic candlelit meal for two (including wine).

Each session has practical talks from DVD covering topics such as building strong foundations; the art of communication and resolving conflict. There is NO group work and any discussions will only take place between you and your partner.

For more information and to book your place please visit our website [www.esherchurch.org](http://www.esherchurch.org)

**Film Club (second Monday evening of the month – 7.30pm)** - Our popular Film Club also starts up again on 9<sup>th</sup> September. So why not come along and sit back in front of our massive cinema screen while enjoying free drinks (including wine), nibbles and great company. A great opportunity to make new friends and see great films!

And don't forget our Sunday morning service at 10.30am every Sunday! For more information on these and other activities please check out our website.

Every Blessing to you all and look forward to seeing you in our lovely village.

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