

FESTIVAL OF CRICKET & PARTY BY THE POND

The highly successful Festival of Cricket and Party on the Pond was organised by members of the Cricket club and held on August Bank Holiday Sunday. A stunning marquee was set up prior to the event with outside seating. The day started with a cricket six-a-side tournament, together with various family events, including Arts and Crafts stalls, childrens' entertainment and music. The very popular Acoustic Angels returned again to provide the music in the evening and there was a well stocked bar! The Village Club was also open and welcomed members throughout the day and evening. See the Cricket Club report for more information and photos on page 10.

Photos: Lady Hunt



JAMES & HARRIET McCANN MARRY AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH



James and Harriet are proud to have finally been able to hold the wedding they planned for, and at our wonderful St George's Church, with the service conducted by Rector, Darren McCallig.

James and Harriet met at work; The All England Lawn Tennis Club, in 2010 and became an item in 2013, welcoming their son, William, in July 2014. James and Harriet moved into West End in January 2017. They got engaged in August 2018, and planned for the wedding to take place on 22 August 2020. Unfortunately, their wedding was postponed shortly into the first covid lockdown, and they set the date for 21 August 2021. It was a nerve wracking wait over the various lockdowns and home schooling period, but they were lovingly committed to each other through the bad times and felt the good times would be worth the wait.

Harriet wore a Mori Lee dress in ivory with a full soft tulle skirt and lace detailed bodice with a high illusion neckline and a beaded satin belt. Harriet purchased her dress in April 2019 and kept it under her bed for more than two years. Her stunning bouquet was created by Buds and Blooms and featured memory lace roses, both sweet and white avalanche roses, astrantia, astilbe, sweet peas and lisianthus, and they all smelt divine! The wedding theme was blush pink with hints of lilac, gold and rose gold.

The Reception was held at The Cobham Curve, Cobham Rugby Club and they honeymooned in Scotland, completing the NC500 (North Coast 500) and spending four days in the Isle of Skye. A fabulous alternative to their original idea of Sardinia!

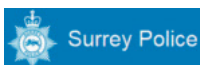
They would like to thank Paul Puccioni for his wonderful live streaming of their wedding. This enabled not only Harriet's brother to virtually attend the service from Japan, but other family and friends who were not able to attend in person.

Harriet stated: "Our wedding day truly was a wonderful and spiritual day, with our marriage taking place in the church we love and with our friends and family around us... and so many members of our local community showing us great joy and support. We have been very touched by the amount of community interest in our wedding."

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!

Wedding Photos: Ben Pipe Photography Ltd
More photos can be seen on page 7 and 8.

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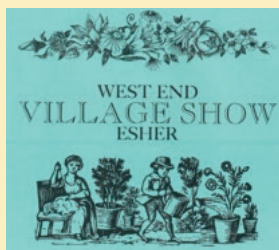
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WEST END VILLAGE SHOW



After much consideration, it was felt we'd be unable to attain the standard or scale we would normally stage for our Flower Show, so took the difficult and disappointing decision not to hold an alternative in the Village Hall on Bank Holiday Saturday. We look forward to 2022 when we really hope life will be back to normal, when we can put on a full Show providing the Village with a fun and enjoyable event.

However, we need more help on the team. It's just not possible to organise the Show without manpower on the day. We also have a couple of available roles on the committee. It's not a huge commitment and we welcome new ideas as we take the Show forward. If you're new to West End and would like to get involved - or have lived here for a while and are familiar with our event - please contact me.

Steve Kelly
Chairman, West End Village Show
steve88kelly@gmail.com

DEFIBRILLATOR

OUTSIDE VILLAGE HALL

No training required - anyone can use it
Dial 999 and give the location
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Follow written instructions on the portable unit
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CLUB CAFÉ



Linda Newman with a delicious Niscoise she had prepared

Phew, What a challenge!
Just when we thought everything was going swimmingly, George needs a mega operation on his knee, Tom and Lucasz and Linda have holidays booked and all our fab younger staff start going back to Uni! Never mind, we took the opportunity to do some work in the kitchen and as I write, rumour has it that it all went to plan and we will be back serving those super breakfasts, snacks and drinks for which Club Café has become famous!

At the heart of the summer, Club Café introduced some classic salads and Lucasz and Linda should be proud of them! They will I am sure become part of our regular fayre next summer.

Eric Strange

WINTERDOWN WI

At last with the lifting of some of the restrictions we were able to hold the July and August monthly meetings in the Village Hall. We were fortunate to have speaker Jo Mabbutt to talk to us in July about the Thames as a theatre of Pageantry and pleasure. It was interesting going back through history to hear about the historical events and various markets and activities that took place on the river when it froze.

At the August meeting Malcolm Wells MBE gave a very humorous insight into his life, from his school days where he became a talented cellist to his years in the army orchestra and the Gulf war as well as his present day involvement in many charities where he had met royalty and famous celebrities. The craft afternoons have continued, hosted by Ann Tennant or Eileen Pocklington. These afternoons provide a perfect opportunity to meet up with friends, work on a variety of items and learn from others expertise. A variable amount is accomplished but the company, tea and chat is greatly valued.

Brenda Finn was able to organise group visits to some of the gardens in the National Garden Scheme which had opened again following lifting of restrictions. The first visit was to Ashleigh Grange at West Humble. We enjoyed the garden with its rockeries, raised beds, woodland walk, fernery and folly. The views looking across to Box Hill were spectacular. The garden was accessed down a long stretch of narrow lane which was relatively easy to negotiate as there was little else on the road. However on the return journey we met a lot of traffic going in the opposite direction and there were few passing places. Cars were reluctant to back up and it took much manoeuvring and a lot of grumbling before we were able to continue our journey.



Above: Gardens at Ashleigh Grange Photos: Micki Scales

Stuart Cottage is just outside Ripley. The ½ acre garden was lovely with many colourful flowers but it was the hottest day in July and after admiring everything we were glad to be able to sit in the shade and enjoy a much needed cup of tea.



Left: and top far right:

Gardens at Stuart Cottage



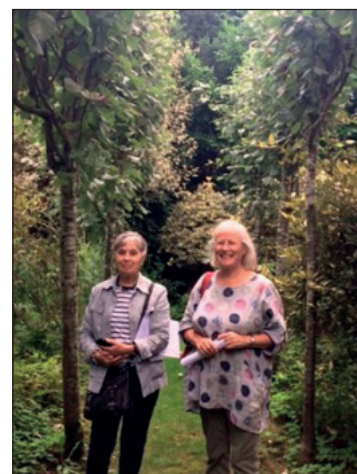
The third garden visited was at Moleshill off the Portsmouth Road next to Fairmile Common. We enjoyed this garden with its informal planting and short woodland path leading from a dovecote at the start through an avenue of Whitebeams to beehives at the end. We were all captivated with the Shepherds Hut in the garden which the owner told us was often used as an extra bedroom when the need arose.



Above: Outside the Shepherds Hut

and

(Right) walking through the Whitebeam Avenue.



The speaker at our next meeting on September 2nd is from a charity called 'look good feel better'. They raise money for pampering therapy for people recovering from illness.

We would be delighted to welcome anyone who might be interested in joining our very friendly group. We meet on the first Thursday of the month in the Village Hall at 8pm. You might like to visit initially as a guest before deciding to join us. For more information please contact: Secretary, Ann Tennant on 01372 466725 or the website of the National Federation of WI.

Caroline Thyer





Set in the beautiful village hall and surrounding woodland in West End village, Esher, West End Playgroup is a non profit, family feel pre-school. We provide Ofsted outstanding care around the uniqueness of your child, aged 2 to 5 years.

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WEST END PLAYGROUP

Hello everyone,

I am very pleased to say that Playgroup reopened on 1st September and we are very excited to be back. This is our longest term of the year being 14 weeks and we have a whole list of topics to cover which are all based around a theme of 'All About Me'. For our first few weeks the children will all be making their own family tree posters, with photographs brought in from home of siblings, parents, grandparents and even pets. We are all looking forward to seeing the finished artwork. We will then cover topics including: 'What I Look Like', 'Looking After Myself and Others', 'My Family Customs and Celebrations'.



Forest school sessions and nature walks are an integral part of West End Playgroup, giving children the opportunity to be outdoors and experience all that this offers. It is so good for them. We love to stop and chat to local residents on the way and to meet all the dog walkers too. We do teach the children not to touch dogs unless they have express permission from the owner and so we hope that if you meet us, you will help us with this.

Our topic 'Looking After Ourselves and Others' coincides with harvest festival. Traditionally at this time we ask parents to bring in contributions for the food bank. We will be collecting from 4th to 18th October and would be delighted if anyone from the village would like to contribute. It would be great for the children to see local people visiting the playgroup and bringing gifts of food for those less fortunate. So, please do come along for a chat over the playground fence, I can guarantee you will get a warm welcome, even if the weather is turning chilly.

Our parent committee will meet to organise fundraising events soon and we are all excited to find out what they have planned.

Last year the proceeds from their fundraising meant the we were able to have a visit from Zoolab. They brought a range of wild animals for the children to meet including a giant snail named Turbo, a gecko and a tarantula.

Often our parents organise a Halloween party and village children are able to pop in too, so please look out for any notices about that on our Facebook page.

End Playgroup wouldn't exist as we know it without our beautiful village hall. As the main user of the hall and with myself as one of the longest-standing members of the village hall committee, we at playgroup all have a vested interest in its upkeep. The hall had been looking a little neglected during lockdown. However, things are now improving, work is underway on the external doors and at Playgroup we are doing our best by continuing to keep the rest of the village hall committee informed of any issues and by keeping the hall as clean and tidy as we can.

We hope to improve the halls kerb appeal by planting flowers around the edges and maybe by having some hanging baskets or trugs full of plants and flowers. The children helped to do lots of weeding before we broke up for the summer but, as ever with weeds, they are a constant job so we will be having another go this autumn. If anyone reading this would like to help us on our mission to make the village hall look beautifully floral in the coming year then please email me at westendplaygroup@gmail.com I would love to hear from you.

Wishing you all the very best

Helen and the team Jo, Jess, Aleya, Shilpa, Holly and Hugo

WEST END BRIDGE CLUB

We are a small club which meets every Tuesday afternoon in the Village Hall.

We play friendly bridge and new members are very welcome. We are not too competitive and members enjoy a pleasant afternoon with like-minded people.

Anyone interested requiring more information should contact Sandra Elms on 01372 466433



NEWS FROM WEST END COMMON A MIGHTY BEECH TREE FALLS



One of Elmbridge's largest Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) trees has fallen at the Ledges. Regular visitors to West End Common will know that there was a huge stately tree near the old carved bench at the summit of the Ledges. This magnificent specimen had been measured by Dick Alder and Brian Spooner in 2006 at 194 inches (493 cm) diameter at 5ft height which means at time of falling would have been comfortably over 500cm girth. Height was not measured but was likely to be over 100ft (30m). Age cannot be ascertained accurately without taking a core sample but would have been 150 years or more. In terms of weight, with my forestry hat on I would estimate 40 – 60 tonnes of timber in one tree!



The tree fell overnight at the end of June during a spell of North Easterly wind that tore the roots out of the sandy cliff and brought it crashing down into the woodland below. It hit the ground at speed, shattered flat on impact and this must have been accompanied by a loud crash that would have rung out across the valley.



This event has left a massive gap in the woodland below which will take many years to close. It does however provide a new viewpoint from the top of the 60 metre high river terrace.



Inspection of the root plate of the tree showed that it was infected with *Ganoderma* fungus which had gradually weakened the roots until they snapped under extension in the NE wind and so this tree was brought to earth. It goes to show that nothing lasts forever and the natural ecological cycle of renewal continues.

West End Pond

Our annual cut around West End Pond will take place later this month and we will be clearing some of the Bulrush which is threatening to spread. We always do it this time of year to avoid the nesting season.

*Dave Page MSc Env. Man, MCIEEM
Countryside Estates Officer, Elmbridge Borough Council*

VILLAGE HALL AGM

**Please note the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
will take place on
MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2021
7.30PM**

All residents of the village are welcome.

THE CERCLE FRANCAIS d'ESHER



The Cercle Français d'Esher will meet on October 20th 2021, at 8 pm, in the West End Village Hall. Vincent Raymond-Barker will present "Aznavour, Composer, Interpreter, Comedian".

We have a new website: www.cerclefrancais-esher.uk

All our conferences are listed there, some will be at the West End Village Hall, however, in November, January and February, they will be offered on Zoom.

The 83 members of the Cercle represent a variety of people with different levels of French who are interested in the French culture. Please send your inquiries to Madame Brigitte Tiller: brigitte@ptiller.com

Do you think anyone would be interested to know about it? As it will be on Zoom, we ask for a contribution of £5 per person. Please note the change to the meetings' time, we start at 8 pm not 8:15pm. This applies for when we meet at the West End Village Hall.



SURREY ARTISTS CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 20TH & SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

The Stable Artists in West End Village are once again sending out Christmas cheer by showing a dazzling display of their art and crafts ranging from small sculptures, wood turning, paintings, embroidery, jewellery, light boxes, prints and ceramics. Come and browse or buy from Rose Cottage Stables, 46, West End Lane, Esher. KT10 8LA. We will be open from 10am to 5pm. Contact: Rosalind Moysen on 07398 291236



Above Left: A stylised image of West End Village, Lady Hunt.
Above Right: Decorated vases, Janet Argents
Left: Christmas wreaths, Wendy Hale

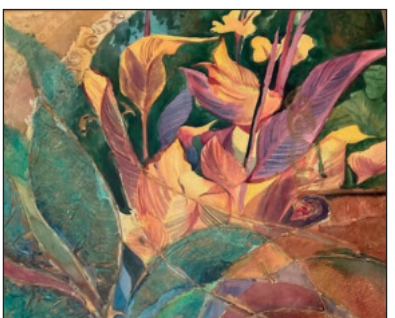


Left: Light Boxes—Elephants and Leopards Dawn Thornhill
Below Left: Cushions, Keira Graham



Both Dawn and Keira have been shortlisted this year for Surrey Artist of the Year. The winner will be announced on 22nd October after a public vote at the exhibition, which opens on the 25th September at the New Ashgate Gallery in Farnham.

Below Left: 'Canna Lilies' Rosalind Moysen
Below Right: Woodturning, Roger Marsden

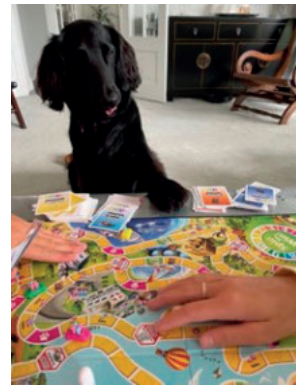


INDY'S DOG BLOG

Summer West End weather has definitely gone to the dogs in my opinion. What happened to the sunshine and the warm balmy evenings? My girls and I did manage to camp out in the garden though. I do love to snuggle up in a tent. Don't you? Funny though there seems less room than last year.



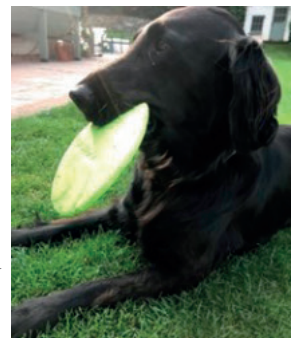
Anyway it's definitely summer because the dreaded black hold-alls came out this month and despite the fact that I climbed in and curled up inside, I was left behind with Nana. Now don't get me wrong I love my Nana but I just can't understand why my family wouldn't want to take me. I love to swim, play ball, cricket, and other



games with funny little things that get pushed round a board. Sometimes my rather long nose gets in the way a bit and everyone shouts 'Watch out!' But when I turn round to see what I'm watching out for, my tail sweeps the board clean. Everyone laughs so it must be ok.

Anyway, staying with Nana was great as we went for lots of walks and met some nice dogs on our West End perambulations so I'd like to give a bark out to a 3 month old pointer puppy called Mabel, 2 pretty Lhasa Apso ex show dogs, Inca and Tullulah and another flat coat like me called Barney, who was much more interested in his ball than me. Can you believe that?

The end of August also marked my 5th birthday and the return of my family. Very tail waggingly exciting! Amongst all the various treats and bones I unwrapped a round thing they called a frisbee or did they say fizzy bee? Whatever it's called, it's great fun to chase and catch mid air. Well, I've only managed one mid air catch so I think I'm pretty good but they need more practice throwing it. I'm sure many of you might do better and should perhaps give my girls some tips.



Last weekend was the cricket festival on the green with a few stalls of entertainment and delicious smelling cakes. We had a lovely chat to Lady Anne Hunt whilst we admired her artwork. She obviously has an artistic eye as she admired my coat. Paws up to her!

We can now look forward to two of my favourite festivals, Halloween and Christmas. I do enjoy dressing up don't you?

I hope all your seasonal plans go well and remember if you see me, do stop and say hello. I'm the flat coated retriever with the pretty turquoise collar.

Indy

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WEST END

A Wedding! We are delighted that after such a long time of Covid restrictions, we were finally able to host a wedding on Saturday 21st August. Harriet and James McCann from the village were finally able to get married, having been forced to postpone it from August last year – due to the Covid lockdowns. We wish them every happiness. Ann Tennant kindly contacted Harriet who provided some beautiful photos including the ones below. We did manage to take some photos of the flowers in and outside the church. Hopefully there will be more weddings at St George's in the coming year.



Above: St George's covered in Ivy c.1900



Audio Update! As you know, our little tin tabernacle is quite small, but sometimes at a busy service (or a noisy one like the Carol and Crib Services!) it is difficult to project your voice to be heard by everyone. Some years ago, we bought a microphone – but it proved a bit of a disaster and was finally binned. We were all too aware of the need to revisit this – especially for people who have hearing problems. We decided to ask the advice of Paul Puccioni – the very man who has been live streaming all our Christ Church Services (on YouTube) since Darren arrived. As ever, he immediately offered to help and research what was needed. A few weeks later – he announced that he had found exactly what was needed, purchased it – and has generously donated it to St George's. He then spent a good hour or two installing it. We need to acquire a few more bits – and by the time we resume weekly services we hope to have it all up and running. We are so grateful to Paul and so want to thank him again for his kindness and generosity. And when you come along to the Crib and/or Carol Services at Christmas – you will find out for yourselves just what a difference it makes!

New St George's Sunday service times. We have decided that St George's can safely re-open every Sunday from September onwards. **HOWEVER – there will be NO SERVICES ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH** at the moment. To keep safe, we will ask you all to wear a mask (the church is small and means we can sing hymns again) and use hand sanitiser as usual. But it will be wonderful to resume normal service! We might even remember to ring the bell!

Christ Church – Open Weekend - Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th September 12noon – 5pm

Christ Church will be opening its doors to one and all over this weekend. It will be an opportunity for everyone to meet our Rector, Darren – and be provided with entertainment and tea and cakes! Please join us if you can – between 12noon and 5pm on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th.

Regrettably the "May Fair" has been cancelled.

Pet Service on Sunday 17th October at 4pm..... Please note the date change!

Our 13th Pet Service this year is being temporarily re-located to Christ Church on Sunday 17th October at 4pm. Christ Church is much bigger, and we can space people and animals at a sensible distance and also use separate doors to enter and exit. There is parking locally and a green opposite – on which to take your doggies for a last minute "comfort break" before the service. Posters and leaflets will be put up nearer the time – but make a note in your diary for the event – cats, dogs, rabbits, guineapigs... whatever your pet – it is welcome!

Village Show. Well, we **all** missed the Village Show again this year. We at St George's missed the busy coming and going of visitors – buying bread and cakes, supporting the raffle and admiring the inside of our church that some had never seen. But we are still positive and look forward to the show next year! In the meantime – we at St George's are planning a new **CHRISTMAS CARD** – so keep a look out for this as we hope to be selling them from October.

Upcoming services would normally be as follows – however **PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND FENCE NOTICES FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION** as all of these may subject to changes!

BAG BLESSING	Sunday 12 th September (Christ Church) 10.30am (school bags)
HARVEST	Sunday 3 rd October (Christ Church) 10.30am Sunday 10 th October (St George's) 9.00am
PET SERVICE	Sunday 17 th October 4pm – Re-located this year to Christ Church
ALL SOULS	Sunday 31 st October (Christ Church) 4pm
REMEMBRANCE	Sunday 14 th November (Christ Church) 10.50am at Memorial

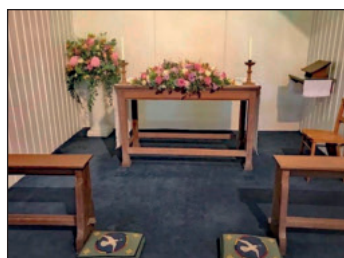
Website details: <https://www.esherparish.org.uk>

Parish Secretary: Melanie Williams Tel: 01372 462282

Email: office@esherparish.org.uk

We are all looking forward to our re-opening and hope many of you will be able to join us.

Finally – thank you as always, for your continued support.



Flowers inside the church for James and Harriet (above).

(Photo: Andrea Lindow)

Wedding photos:

Ben Pipe Photography Ltd

Andrea Lindow (462041) and Bridget Williams (462731)

PHOTOGRAPHS

Right:

Honeymooning in Scotland, Harriet, and James McCann with son, William, on their North Coast 500 trip including the Isle of Skye.

Below:

A Broad Bodied Chaser captured by Don Tyzack in his garden in East Horsley.



"Tiger Caterpillars"
dining on this year's
Ragwort on West End
Common

Photo: Peter Bedford

Below Left: Thunder
Clouds over West End
in August

Photo: Lyda Archer

Below Right:
The new village lake in
August

*Photo:
Peter Bedford*



B & B IN THE VILLAGE



Bed & Breakfast available. All rooms are double bedrooms, made up of king size, and super king beds. The superking can be divided into 2 single beds.

All rooms have en-suites and also tea and coffee making facilities, mini fridge with water/juices provided. Virgin cable TV and WIFI. A maximum of two adults and 3 children per room.

A warm welcome awaits you. For further information call Edwina Halanen (West End Lane) on 07721 091184.

BUTTONS & BOW Over 60s (The Busy Bees)



We are going back 'HURRAH' to a new beginning and a newly furnished Village Club!

Our first day back will be Monday 13th September. Members will be returning to a free Fish and Chip lunch, during which time we will be able to catch up on all that we have missed.

At 3.00pm we will be served with a cup of tea by the Committee of the new venue. This will be followed by a game of Bingo.

Buttons & Bow will be meeting after our opening each Monday at 1.30pm for a 2.00pm start until 4.30pm.

If you are interested and would like to know more
Please call Betty Bowpitt on 01372 465937.





SPONSORSHIP FOR PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH

As many of you know Keith Harris, Secretary of AFC West End and an Oakley Institute Trustee is currently going through Prostate Cancer treatment. His wife and family have agreed to walk 11,000

steps every day in September for prostate cancer research. It would be great if we could support Keith by sponsoring his team on their Just Giving page.

Keith says "I am currently having treatment at the Marsden for Prostate Cancer – luckily, I was diagnosed relatively early and the wonderful NHS kicked in and so far things are running smoothly – one successful operation done and daily radiotherapy during August underway. We chaps are not great about discussing personal issues, so many cases go unnoticed until it is too late – from someone who learned the hard way, don't be one of them. Thank you for your support"

Go to this link to sponsor Keith and spur his team on to do the 11,000 steps a day challenge every day during September.

<https://marchthemoth.prostatecanceruk.org/fundraising/team-keith-march-the-month>

Many thanks

Eric Strange

POST LOCKDOWN COVID-19 UPDATE

The guidelines set out by the Government on 19th July when restrictions were lifted. These have changed in the past at short notice depending on the spread of the latest Delta variant and other possible surges of the infection in the UK and worldwide, so beware of any further changes.

Social restrictions have been removed. If you are travelling be aware of restrictions in the destination country. These vary from region to region and countries, and can be difficult to negotiate if travelling to more than one country.

Under-18s and fully vaccinated adults no longer have to self-isolate after visiting amber list countries. There are reports in the press that the 'traffic light' system is to be scrapped in the coming weeks and a booster vaccination rollout in the Autumn is being considered.

Concerns are being expressed about children returning to school and the possible rise in infection rates. The UK's advisory body the JCVI (Joint committee on vaccination and Immunisation) has refused approval of the vaccination for healthy 12–15 year olds saying the benefit is marginal. The UK Government's Chief Medical officers have been tasked with reviewing this decision and will report their findings within the next week and make a final decision. Trials in the US have shown the Pfizer vaccine can cause Myocarditis. However there were only 60 cases in over 1,000,000 recorded in this age group.

The latest concerns are regarding the Delta variant which appears to be more transmissible than previous variants and it is possible for those who have been double vaccinated to catch the virus.

Currently number of people in UK double vaccinated up to 4th September is 43,378,193. The number of infections as at 6th September has surpassed 7,000,000 and the total number of deaths recorded in the UK is 133,229. Globally there are in excess of 220,734,000 cases and 4,568,501 deaths.

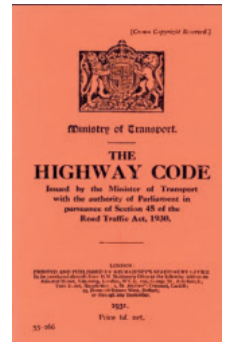
It is wonderful to see schools returning and many businesses and organisations opening up once again. Let's keep it that way! **It is important that everyone who is eligible should get vaccinated. Don't delay!**

Angela Stockbridge

CHANGES TO THE HIGHWAY CODE 2021

The Highway Code was first published in 1931. Since then it has undergone many updates and changes.

Parliament is currently reviewing the proposals with a view to approving significant changes in the Autumn 2021. It is therefore vitally important make yourself aware of the changes as and when they are published. The Highway Code applies to pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and horse riders as well as drivers in England, Scotland and Wales.



The main change will be the introduction of a new 'Hierarchy of Users', giving priority to pedestrians and cyclists in a £338m investment in walking and cycling. Thirty three of the rules will be changed!

It is **important**, therefore, that **all road users are aware** of The Highway Code and are considerate towards each other. This applies to pedestrians as much as to drivers, cyclists, motorcyclists and horse riders. **So please ensure that you familiarise yourself with the new Highway Code when it is published.**

CHANGES TO PETROL & DIESEL

E5 or E10 / Diesel or B7?

Make sure you are aware of the changes to unleaded and diesel petrol affecting all models of vehicles, which came into force on 1st September. The difference between current E5 petrol and the new E10 fuel is quite simple. The numbers refer to the percentage of bioethanol in the fuel. E5 has five percent and E10 contains 10 percent. Petrol and diesel respectively have already been renamed at the pumps to E5 and B7.

Many older vehicles made prior to 2011 will not be able to use E10 and as many as 600,000 models may have to make changes or upgrades to the cars in order to use the E10. Fewer garages will stock E5 and so it is important to find out more about how it will affect your own vehicle.

Angela Stockbridge



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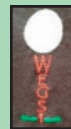
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WEST END ESHER CRICKET CLUB SIX-A-SIDE CRICKET & PARTY BY THE POND

Dear All,

Well, not the best summer weather wise which caused a number of games and colts sessions to be cancelled but I think we managed to make the most of it

Our junior cricket has continued to flourish especially the girls section under the watchful eye of Tracey Townsend and her team of volunteers.

Our 1s under the captaincy of Warren Schulze finished 5th in the league having thrashed Ewell CC who have now come second and been promotedas always when everyone is available for selection, we can put out a very strong side capable of moving up into the Surrey Championship!

Our 2s have managed to avoid relegation by winning an exciting last game of the season against Caterham CC ...once again we have beaten the top sides when we have the availability!

August the 29th.....Our open 6 aside Tournament followed by Party By The Pond proved a popular day and night event with the weather at last being kind to us . Our thanks to our fantastic hard working Social Events team of Gareth Bint , Sinead Neary, Helen Hambleton, Helen Whincup and of course to all the other

As I write this end of term report the temperature today will probably reach 30deg the rugby and football season is upon us!

Thank you for all your support and a plea as always for new players (young and Old), umpires (we are happy to pay for the courses) scorers for match days on Saturday and any help with the catering side would be rewarded with some very large G and Ts or whatever is your favoured.

Stay fit and well and very best wishes from us all...

Mike Bacon, Chairman WEECC



Left:
The next generation of the Neil Reynolds family repairing the outfield after the floods in August!

Below: Images from the Six-a-Side competition

Photos: Mike Bacon



Above: Party by the Pond live band: John Reilly and Acoustic Angels provided the entertainment and 190 guests attended a wonderful evening.

club members that helped cheer everyone up who managed to attend. Over 190 guests danced the night away under the stars or in the marquee to the fabulous sounds of the Acoustic Angels .

Unfortunately as many of you are aware the council are only obligated to cut the outfield once every three weeks and the mowers do not give the best playing service required for cricketwe have to manage the outfield the rest of the time and we are considering buying as a club a set of fairway mowers so that the green can look its best all the timethis would be a huge expense for our club but the outcome would enhance the green and surrounding area....with this in mind if any of our readers/ supporters would be able to help sponsor this investment (which would be amazing) please direct message me mike.bacon@hardwoodltd.com for a further chat.





WEST END MOTOR CLUB

Although we seem to have emerged mostly from the restrictions of the plague, the authorities may be rightly cautious in allowing care to be thrown to the winds. Fortunately for our intrepid members, common sense plays a large part (we know), and work on our classic cars and sensible socialising has continued apace - see reports in recent editions of Village News. We were also able to respond to an invitation, from Sylvie at Whiteley Village, to join their monthly car meeting where mostly American models attend. Several of us enjoyed the warm welcome and excellent barbeque. We are invited again so must have behaved ourselves.



Above: Our cars at Whiteley Village

Photo: Ken Berry

2021 has allowed a resurrection, in small cars on small roads, with far less pazazz but the same financial object. As the print deadline is met we depart for exotic Wiltshire with visits to Haynes Motor Museum, go-karting, a secret hill climb, and further excitements just west of Salisbury. A full report with results will appear in the next VN.

WEMC coffee meetings continue to support the now well-established Village Café from 10.00am on Tuesday mornings where our increasing number of participants enjoy everything from bacon baps, (with or without extra bacon slice), to the Full English, with much chatter and camaraderie. We meet also weekly on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm in the Club for natter and a pint, or two. Everyone with a penchant for things mechanical, motor related or not, is always welcome.

David Rolfe



Above: Sunday roadside adjustments at Dorking

Photo: Roger Brown

And so we come to the copy date for the next issue. As usual this falls just before our annual (until 2020) Pocklington charity rally, where we decamp for a jolly in the cause of raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Care, in memory of joint founder Charles Pocklington.

After two years of sad but necessary absence of the Village Flower Show and fete, in which we would normally have had a presence on the green with a display of classic cars and other attractions, such as a working ex-Esher fire appliance, we only suffered one year's loss of the Pocklington Rally event. That of 2019 saw a nadir, with our largest number of eager participants taking the boat or tunnel to french France. This was so successful that it became necessary, in the interests of protecting the original idea that small is beautiful, to draw back a little. That was assisted by the advent of the plague knocking the event on the head for 2020.

Below: Friday lunch at Puy

Photo: Eric Strange



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RACING PIGEON CLUB**

The end of the racing season is fast approaching for the club and what a strange season it has been. One of our races was cancelled completely back in July due to very poor weather over the weekend period which is very unusual for us. There have been no races all season from France. The furthest south the national organisations have been able to reach has been Guernsey which some of our top flyers have entered with varying results.

Saturday 19th June will go down as one of the most disastrous days in British racing pigeon history. Thousands of birds didn't make it back from races all over the country on that day. It has been suggested that solar flare activity on that day interfered with the bird's navigation systems, but subsequent investigations have proved that not to be the case. It remains a mystery. Our own club race that day was fairly short (130 miles) with birds taking nearly 5 hours to make it back. I am glad to say that many of the missing birds across the country returned to their lofts after a few days.

The last race of the season is Saturday 11th September from Okehampton. Unusually for us it is an amalgamation race with 3 federations all liberating together. Our Three Borders Fed is being joined by the Surrey Fed and the South Coast Fed. It should be an interesting race with upwards of 3000 birds competing. We can then settle into our normal autumn and winter activities.

Michael Charlton (Chairman)



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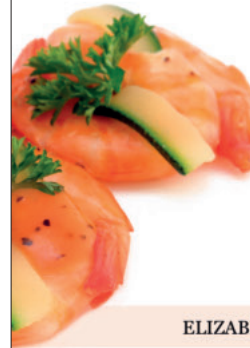
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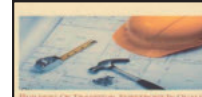
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View from my back garden: Garsons employees collecting up the pumpkins in 2020 in time for Halloween celebrations!

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