



VILLAGE NEWS

WEST END

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WEST END VILLAGE SHOW 2023



The Show Must Go On, come Rain or Shine!
The sun shone for most of the show, but storm clouds could be seen gathering overhead before the downpour! See the Chairman's report and more photos on pages 6 & 7.



These delightfully decorated fairy 'owl' cakes by Daisy Martin, aged 6, were awarded 3rd Prize.



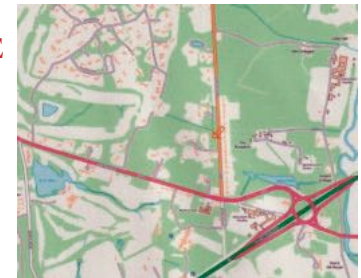
Bob Waller's cup winning Collection of Vegetables.

There was a wonderful display of fruit and vegetables again this year and many deserving prize winners.



There was an amazing display inside the Marquee.

CLOSURE OF THE RIGHT TURN AT THE BOTTOM OF SEVEN HILLS ROAD WITH BYFLEET ROAD, COBHAM



We have learned there is an ongoing ePetition in connection with the above closure of the right turn at the junction at the bottom of Seven Hills Road (B365) and Byfleet Road (A245) once the M25/J10 roadworks are completed. The Highways scheme did not include this closure. It is understood that it was requested by Surrey CC without consultation or even advising local residents.

Drivers will be directed to turn left at the junction and proceed to the already busy A3 roundabout and then back along Byfleet Road towards West Byfleet. It is felt that Surrey CC should reverse their decision and keep both right and left turns at the end of 7 Hills Road.

The ePetition, which runs from 7 August to 5 November 2023 has only 557 signatures to date. If you wish to add your name to the ePetition go to:
<https://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/mgepetitiondisplay.aspx?id=534>

The ePetition was started by: Julia Lindon-Travers



The Epsom and Ewell Silver Band.

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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.

Sgt 3528 Nick Reynolds is Sgt for Esher and Claygate
PC 3435 Ian Hallam is the local Esher Officer
Officers can be contacted by dialling 101 or email:

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Contact for Neighbourhood Watch, is now :
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IN THE KNOW—Surrey & Sussex

Please report suspicious incidents via 101, or in an emergency 999.

- ◆ Keep all windows securely locked at all times and once again please remove all valuable items from cars when parked. Car thefts continue in the area.
- ◆ Report suspicious emails to SERS (Suspicious Email Reporting Service). Mobile phone providers also offer a service which allows customers to report suspicious text messages by forwarding them to 7726.
- ◆ There have been a number of bicycle thefts reported in the area—please keep yours safely stored and securely padlocked.



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WEST END VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall has been closed since the end of July while everything, inside and out, has been repainted. The scaffolding came down just in time for the Flower Show over the August Bank Holiday and I am sure some of you were able to enjoy the freshly painted interior with a delicious cake and a cup of tea. Now that we are open again, do come and have a look or book for your next party, meeting or social event. There are discounts for West End residents.

There are regular meetings of the Winterdown Women's Institute, West End Bridge Club, Ember Manor Lodge, Le Cercle Francais d'Esher, Pilates classes and of course, West End Playgroup and Forest School. Why not come along and try something new? Find all the information you need on the website:

www.wevh.uk

or email us: bookings@wevh.uk
admin@wevh.uk

Jo Flippance, Chair

FLY TIPPING IN WEST END!



These old mattresses were dumped along West End Lane but were eventually removed by the Council following complaints by local residents!

Photo: Stephanie Parcell

SAVE THE CHILDREN CHARITY GALA NIGHT



Around 180 people came to enjoy a night of opera favourites and show numbers in the marquee on the green on bank holiday Monday evening.

Four professional soloists accompanied by the pianist enthralled the audience and over £3,000 was raised through entrance fees, bar and raffle. This profit goes to Save the Children's child emergency fund to support children in need around the world and in the UK.

Thank you for all who attended.

Roger Marsden

WEST END BRIDGE CLUB

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

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CLAREMONT & OXSHOTT ARTS SOCIETY



Above: St Andrews School: L—R: Artist Julie Hoyle, Head of Art, Amanda Eley, Head Girl, Olivia Michael, Mayor of Elmbridge, Richard Williams, Head Boy, Jack Meyern, Patricia Corben, Chair - Claremont & Oxshott Arts Society, Janet Abbot, Arts Volunteering - Claremont & Oxshott Arts Society, Liz Collins, Former Head of Art.

“QUEST” – A DIGITAL COLLAGE

For ten years, Claremont & Oxshott Arts Society have been supporting Young Arts at St Andrews Primary School in Cobham, Surrey. This year the project was for Year 6 pupils to make a digital collage mural to celebrate Africa and its amazing culture in relation to their current year studies on MAAFA and the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

The Artist in Residence was Julie Hoyle, a contemporary artist and print maker. She ran 2 workshops- the first based on textures, the second on patterned prints, inspired by the work of Yinka Shonibare, a British/Nigerian artist. Printed patterns, using stencils and gelatine plates, were cut up and digitalized to colour the figures in the mural, showing young people in work and play, surrounded by seaweed and little fish, as emblems of St Andrews.

The finished mural was unveiled on 26th June by the Mayor of Elmbridge and hangs in the school hall.

Photo: Simone Benmore

Dee De glanville

WEST END PLAYGROUP

Hello everyone,

What a fabulous time we all had running the fun sports at the village show this year. We decorated our new gazebo, which was a very generous gift from our playgroup parents, with balloons and prizes and prepared for the new race format.



After a little persuasion, Gus had a practice with our new loud hailer, another gift from a generous playgroup parent. He took only a few minutes to warm up before he was calling “roll up, roll up, prize every time” in true fairground style.



The first race was the under 5’s balloon race and the start line was full of smiling little faces all ready for Holly to blow the whistle. The sun was blazing as sixteen little legs pounded down the track to the finish line with colourful balloons bouncing from their little wrists. We were underway and the under 8’s were already queuing up to take part. Suddenly, the heavens opened and a torrential downpour threatened to stop the event just as it had started, but to my surprise the under 8’s wanted to continue! So, off we went, running in the rain and getting a good old soaking, much to everyone’s delight. The rain soon stopped and the fun resumed. We ran all the races and a few extras due to popular demand. The final races were the three-legged races and it was so lovely to see so many people of all ages joining in and having such fun. The prize table was a real hit with the children and will definitely be a feature of the sports event next year.

Thank you to everyone who joined in with our fun sports and to all the playgroup children and parents past and present who came to see us.

A special mention must go to Alex, Joshua and Margot for being such fantastic competitors

Helen Yates, Manager



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THE PRINCE OF WALES The last night in the bar!

A few regulars enjoyed the final evening in the bar before it closed for refurbishment on 9 July.



GARDEN BENCH ON 'THE POUND'



During the refurbishment works at the Prince of Wales Alice Austin rescued this garden bench and placed it on 'The Pound' on the corner of West End Lane/Hawkshill Way for locals and visitors to rest a while! A plaque has been made and added to the seat to indicate it's history!
Photo: Alice Austin

INDY'S AUTUMN DOG BLOG

Oh my, we're heading into autumn already. I don't think I remember having a summer. Did my post breakfast snooze last too long?

Well, anyway I do love autumn as I enjoy scampering in the crispy brown leaves sending them flying all around me, hearing them crackle under my paws and smelling that earthy smell only autumn produces.

As usual, whilst my family escaped the coat shaking wet weather by going on holiday, I stayed with my Nana.

We always have fun as apart from some great walks, she hides my toys and sometimes her phone (which she seems to lose a lot!) for me to find and gives me cucumber when I succeed. I do love cucumber. Have you tried it? It's very low calorie and pawfect if you're watching your waistline. My girls also play all sorts of games with me like guess which hand the treat is in, hide and seek and the cup game, where they have three cups, hide a treat under one and shuffle them. I nudge the one with the treat underneath and naturally, eat the treat! Even though I say it myself I'm pretty good at it. Possibly better than they are because I just don't think they use their noses. I think I need to persevere with their training.

The most pawsome day ever is of course the West End Show! Where, despite the cloudburst, thunder, black skies and lightning, during the sunny spots, I was pleased to see so many of you entering your owners into all the categories in the dog show and take away so many rosettes. My girls are usually on holiday but this year I brought them along and we did quite well in 'Happiest Dog' and 'Best Sausage Catcher' So, even if your owner didn't win, I hope you gave them lots of apaws for taking part. It was pawfully good fun and I can't wait until next year.

So, one last event in my summer social calendar is my birthday on 29th August. I am now 7 years young and yes, still a puppy at heart. I do love to play or chat so if you see me, do stop and say hello, I'm the flat coated retriever with the pretty pink collar. PS Don't forget to put out some dog treats for four legged ghosts at Halloween!



Indy

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH WEST END



We write this update after a wonderfully busy and hectic, but fun, weekend of the West End Village show. St George's was decorated with balloons and bunting and, as ever, we had many wonderful donations of home-made cakes and bread, plus generous items for our gift stall. Given all the renovation work, the church looked absolutely beautiful, both inside and out, and we were blessed with wonderful weather, in between the rain at the beginning and end of the afternoon! However, this did not deter the villagers and visitors from attending and coming into the church, and before we knew it, virtually everything was sold.

Lots of work was put in behind the scenes, in the run-up to the event, and of course throughout the day's proceedings. As ever, this was very much a community event, and typified the friendship and spirit of our special little tin church. The funds raised will be used for the ongoing maintenance of the church, and additional renovation projects. Two important recent additions have been a sturdy new shed, and a very smart wheelchair access ramp into the vestry, thanks to the special talents of one of our congregation!



Our Rector providing inspiration!"

Photo: Alan Brown

Sadly, over recent months, two of the stalwarts of St George's have passed away, and funeral services were held for Jenny Gerrard on 6th June, and Pam Parry on 26th July. They were both very special and much-loved, having attended the church over many years, and will be dearly missed by all who knew them.



"I'll have this nice bread please" *Photo: Peter Bedford*



Happy cake sellers!

Photo: Peter Bedford

Dates for your diary - upcoming events:

Sunday 10th September AT CHRIST CHURCH at 10.30am - Ice Cream Sunday

- join us for Sundaes. There'll be cool ice cream and a warm welcome as we mark the beginning of the new school year.

Sunday 17th September AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH at 4pm - Pet Service

This will be our 15th Pet Service! Please make a note in your diary - cats, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs ... whatever your pet - all will be welcome! Do tell your friends!

Other dates to remember are:

HARVEST (ST G'S)	Sunday 1st October	9.am
HARVEST (CC)	Sunday 1st October	10.30am
ALL SOULS	Sunday 5th November	4.pm (CC)
REMEMBRANCE	Sunday 12 th November	9am at ST G'S 10.50am at War Memorial

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

Rector: Revd Darren McCallig

Parish Secretary: Melanie Williams. Tel: 01372 462282

Email: office@esherparish.org.uk

Please do join us at any of our services - you are always very welcome!

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

Andrea Lindow (462041), Bridget Williams (462731), and Peter Bedford (467896)

Peter Bedford

Don Tyzack sent in this delightful image of his great grandchildren watching the ducklings in their garden in Rode near Frome.



Le Cercle Français d'Esher launches 2023-24 programme

For the first time, from October 2023, all Esher French Circle's talks will be available online (via Zoom), or in person, by going along to West End Village Hall.

Starting with its October meeting on 18 October 2023, the French Circle launches its second half-century, having held its 50th anniversary party at Esher's Côte restaurant on 17 May 2023.

A three-tier cake, topped with a miniature Eiffel Tour (sadly, not edible) was the centrepiece of Esher French Circle's 50th anniversary celebrations in May.



Esher French Circle offers monthly talks – in French – by native or fluent French speakers, for anybody interested in keeping up or improving their French, in a relaxed and convivial setting.

The meetings are on the third Wednesday of most months and the doors open at 7pm. There is ample opportunity to mingle and chat before the main talk starts at 7.30pm.

After its summer break, the French Circle's 2023-2024 season will continue to offer a variety of topics and speakers:

2023

18 October

Le Chevalier d'Eon by Annie Kean

15 November

Catherine et Christian Dior by Isabelle Schloesing

13 December

Paris et ses chansons by Peter Prowse

2024

Wednesday 17 January

Les épouses françaises des rois d'Angleterre, by Odile Hughson

Wednesday 21 February

Annie Ernaux – voyage à travers 5 décennies de la société française, by Maryse Wright

Wednesday 20 March

Jean Ferrat et Louis Aragon by Vincent Raymond-Barker

Wednesday 17 April

La Renaissance de Lille by Brigitte Thibaut

Wednesday 15 May

Berthe Morisot, by Christine Nivet

Wednesday 19 June

Le petit train des mineurs de La Mure, by Thierry Viennois

Local resident Annie Kean will launch the Circle's autumn season on 18 October with her talk (in French) 'Le curieux destin du Chevalier d'Eon'



Peter Prowse will round off 2023 on 13 December with his evening of songs about Paris – 'La Ville de l'Amour'

There will be prizes to be won...

Esher French Circle warmly welcomes anybody with an interest in France and French life, whatever their level of knowledge of the language.

Le Cercle Français d'Esher meets in West End Village Hall. From October 2023, the Circle's talks (in French) can also be viewed online (via Zoom).

For information, the final programme is on the Circle's website (in French) under "Programme"

<http://www.cerclefrancais-esher.uk>

or from the Circle's secretary:

Brigitte Tiller brigitte@ptiller.com 07896 233728

Peter Prowse (publicity) peter.prowse@waylines.co.uk
07973 213039

Beautifully worked crochet by Sue Thompson and Chloe Hambleton's amazing 007 cake both won 1st Prize in their respective categories at the Flower Show.

Photos: Margaret Dane and Angela Stockbridge



IN LOVING MEMORY

PAMELA DALLAS

January 1939—August 2023



At Pamie's funeral our lovely friend Jane, who is like a daughter to us, talked about the three 'C's' - Career, Cats and Cooking, which were so much a part of Pamie's life.

I wanted to take this opportunity to mention the other 'C' in her life and that was 'Community', this wonderful village, which has been our home for the last 43 years.

Pam bought our cottage "Meadow Studio" off West End Lane in 1979 when our relationship was going through an uncertain time. In 1980 she spoke to me about West End and invited me down to visit the cottage. This was despite seeing her every day in the office in Berkeley Square!

Two weeks after my visit to Pam in West End, we were married and have loved being here as part of the West End community.

Having myself lived in numerous parts of the UK and abroad, I never thought we could feel such a sense of belonging and friendship as West End has given us in both our busy working lives and 23 years of retirement. So a big thank you from what is a very sad period of my life—the sense of belonging is so comforting.

Jim Dallas

WEST END VILLAGE SHOW 2023

The Show Must Go On, Come Rain or Shine!

After a week poring over ever-changing – and unpromising – weather forecasts, the day finally arrived and we were lucky to enjoy dry and sunny spells in between two spectacular torrential downpours! It was great to witness a large turnout of visitors to the green and to see that the rain didn't dampen spirits. On reflection, spirits remained high whatever the weather! The Epsom & Ewell Silver Band was extremely game, playing on despite the rolling thunder overhead. The Kingston Hospital radio team also managed to keep the sound system going successfully and the Elmbridge Ladies Choir entertained between showers.

As the **Flower Show** marquee doors opened visitors keenly flooded in (not just to keep out of the rain) to view the exhibits of home-grown produce, hobbies and home cooking. We expanded the number of classes this year, which brought in nearly a hundred more entries to the competitions. It was great to see more allotment growers entering with a number of novices winning prizes. Further interest from new entrants in children's classes and photography was most encouraging. Once again, the judges spoke highly of the standards attained in the 113 classes. Thanks are due to 'Home Cooking by Elizabeth' for providing her usual delicious judges' lunch.



This year we changed the layout of the green outside the marquee, allowing more space for **Sideshows** and stallholders. We were pleased to receive many positive comments. Along with our old favourite, Smash-a-Plate, there were more fairground attractions than usual, all good fun for our young visitors. Our eclectic mix of stallholders grew in number this year to include some great new food and drink outlets, such as a burrito van and Hampton Court Gin.

We were delighted to welcome back the **bookstall** - with huge thanks to the many contributors - which was as popular as ever and busy all day (as well as a being a useful shelter!); and the new addition of pre-loved toys attracted a steady stream of interested children.

The **Fun Dog Show** was extremely popular this year in its new spacious position on the green. We had entries from over 80 dogs eager to try their luck at various classes including 'musical sit' and 'sausage catcher'. This was definitely a crowd pleaser with many cheers for some excellent catching skills! Our thanks go to Oscar Pet Foods for donating the prizes.



Ben Maddows was delighted with Eve's 1st Prize

After a few years' absence it was wonderful to see the return of the West End Motor Club with their fantastic display of **classic cars**.

West End Playgroup introduced a new format for the **Children's Sports** this year, which proved a great success and drew many young participants.



Above left: Childrens' Sports: Denise Palmer –Davies & Abi Palmer with Otilie and Bertie

We were delighted to welcome back many of our regular **artists and crafters** selling their wares, comprising colourful hanging baskets, personalised embroidery, pet portraits and contemporary framed prints. Members of the weekly Hershams Village Market had a large stall with quality gifts and delicious home-baked goods. New to the Show were art-themed activities for children, crocheted toys, silver jewellery and a group of accomplished artists from Walton Art Club.

As the skies darkened once again, **Prize Giving** and the **Auction** were moved indoors to the marquee providing a more intimate atmosphere than usual. Our **Grand Raffle** was drawn at the end of the Show and the lucky winners were contacted directly in order to select their prizes.



Above: Iain Stewart won the Michael Newbould Cup for Photography

So, that's it for another year. We are immensely grateful to all our sponsors, particularly Garsons and Savills and to the residents of West End for supporting yet another successful Village Show.

*Steve Kelly
Chairman, West End
Village Show*

Show Photos: Steve Kelly, Nina Maddows, Helen Yates, Margaret Dane and Angela Stockbridge



This year Mrs Nicky Cornell, judged the Flowers, Chrysanthemums, Dahlias and Cacti, following the retirement of Ken Jones after many years. She greatly enjoyed doing so, and was keen to especially encourage the Novice entrants. She was so impressed by the high standard of all of Lin Martin's entries, that she requested permission to award her a Special Judge's Certificate. She noticed that Lin had turned all her entries round so that they didn't have a front and rear view. A good tip, for everyone in the future.

Article and photo: Margaret Dane

MAN AND MACHINE COME TOGETHER TO SAVE THE DAY!

So you may remember my National Service story, and in particular that it taught me about servomechanisms which resulted in some enormous machines being built. The company I joined on leaving the forces (the electronics division of EMI) had developed its own analogue computer.

Now, with luck for EMI, Cincinnati, the American Machine tool company, had just won a contract from the American Air Force for fifteen 100 foot long milling machines which would carve Bomber wings out of solid metal. The good fortune for our company was that, at this time, Cincinnati had no ability or expertise in the computer control of Machine Tools. How on earth they were awarded such a technical contract without such skills I am even today astounded.

But without much apparent apprehension it just sent its engineers around the world to look for such skills and again amazingly it found us, a company just learning to apply our analogue controls to operate Machine Tools. I was one of the few with servo skills, learned in the Army, and thus I was appointed the servomechanism designer for the project.

We only had a small version of the machine tool in England for us to apply our controls and test out the basic design. But there was much more to do than just that. An American engineer came over and worked with us for several months. His name was Herb Fuldner, a very nice chap.

We got our machine working well and other engineers in our group worked on a much simpler drilling machine, but a message came through one day from Cincinnati, "***Our 75th anniversary is looming; You must help our plan.***" They apparently planned a demo of 18 machines which would simulate the holes on a golf course and we were initially to supply two.

I was out there with my family, in Ohio to keep our two machines in good order. All seemed to be on schedule, but when the drilling machine was unpacked after shipping from England, there were a few components lying loose on the floor of its cabinet. We were able to solder them back on. To our relief, it seemed to work correctly. Next day I checked more carefully. There was a problem. It drilled its hole half an inch adrift. I took the circuit back to the house that night that we were renting and mulled it over; two extra components might work. Next day - Eureka! It worked first time, and every time.

So after that hiatus, all was peaceful for a while. But it didn't last! The machine on which I had been a member of the design team was going to be used to represent a golf hole for which it first cut a metal cylinder, and then re-cut this cylinder to a smaller diameter by changing its radius by a tenth of an inch using a relay. Or that was the plan, except that sometimes the relay stuck.

We talked and jointly got an idea. I would stand inside the big cabinet and operating the relay by hand if it stuck! So eventually came the time to leave Ohio and take my family back to UK. For some reason I chose to take them home by boat: RMS Queen Mary! Here is a picture of my daughter on the Queen Mary.

We had great success with Cincinnati.



Don Tyzack



IN MEMORIAM

EDWARD SEXTON November 1942—July 2023



Edward Sexton, Master Tailor, created bespoke suits for Swinging London's rock stars, models and other celebrities, including Twiggy, Cilla Black, Mick Jagger and Bianca Perez-Mora, the Beatles and Elton John, and co-founded Nutters of Savile Row with fellow 'rebel tailor', Tommy Nutter.

Edward's relationship with Nutter began when they worked in Burlington Arcade. Both men were from working class backgrounds and nurtured a desire to break the long existing Savile Row resistance to change.

Nutter had a wide social circle that brought him into contact with some of London's most influential movers and shakers. Sexton had been honing his skills by working for private clients eager to wear something more daring than the traditionally tailored suit.

Dubbed the "wizard with the scissors", Edward incorporated his training as a creator of military and riding wear to produce suits with a dramatic new shape. The "Sexton Look" was tightly-waisted and accentuated on the shoulders, with a wide lapel that was highly unusual for the time. From the outset Nutters bucked convention by dressing women as well as men. Sexton preferred the curvaceous, figure-hugging look. Many musicians and artists became fans of the 'Sexton look' including Eric Clapton, Yoko Ono, David Hockney and Peter Sellers were among his clientele. Three of the four Beatles wore Sexton suits on the Abbey Road album cover. Stella McCartney served as his apprentice before bringing him in to help with her first collection for the Paris couture house Chloe. Edward became Managing Director of Nutters in 1976. He continued drawing inspiration from 1920's, 1930s and 1940s.

The fourth of six children growing up in East London, Edward would run errands for his uncle's tailor's shop at the age of 12. At the age of 14 he had a job with a small West End tailor. On leaving school he worked as a commis waiter at the Waldorf Hotel in Covent Garden, which introduced him to a different world. Aspiring to ascend the class ladder he amassed a suitable wardrobe and set his sights on Savile Row. "I figured if you are going to be a good jockey, you better have the best stables" he explained. He was successful in America and toured the States twice a year with the London Collective. He returned to Savile Row after an interval of 30 years on a mission to re-awaken the public's taste for sharp tailoring in the wake of Covid-19 lockdowns.

Edward lived in West End for many years with his wife Joan. He will be remembered for his wonderful tailoring skills and sense of humour and will be greatly missed by all his family, colleagues, and friends.

*Article taken from the Daily Telegraph Obituary
Courtesy Alistair Joel*

THE WEST END SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB



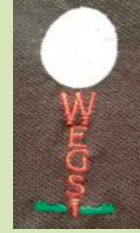
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SPECIAL



WEST END GOLF SOCIETY



Anyone wishing to join the WEGS can call Dave Morgan on 07956 221566

IN MEMORY OF

ALLISTAR GOFF
MARCH 1947—JULY 2023



We very sadly lost Allistar (Ali) on 14th July. Ali was the loving husband of Pauline and father to Adam.

I first met Ali 29 years ago and he became a dear, dear friend and we shared many journeys to go and watch our beloved Arsenal Football Club.

Ali moved into West End in 1981 and was well known in the village. He brightened up everyone's day with his warm smile and great sense of humour.

During his career Ali was an employed as an Engineer in the Print Industry. Following this Ali started his own business as a general handyman during which time he worked for Mick Hucknall of Simply Red. Ali was a great drummer and played in many bands over the years,. He was a keen golfer and in the latter years he worked as a Marshall at Burhill Golf Club.

As with the slightly unusual spelling of his name he was a real "star".

Ali's funeral was held at Randalls Park Crematorium officiated by Reverend Darren McCallig, and afterwards at the West End Sports & Social Club.

Ali will be sorely missed by his family and many friends.

Malcolm Parsons

THE BAR STAFF
WEST END SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB



L-R: Tom Forbes, Richard Jenkins, Bar Manager, Robin Newman, (Bar Steward in the former clubhouse below) Jack Fernandes and Lee Dellar, Treasurer, were kept on their toes serving the amazing turnout for the late Ali Goff's wake.

Below: Robin Newman behind the bar in the former clubhouse! Enjoy the nostalgic moment Robin!





WEST END (ESHER) CRICKET CLUB

Right:

Sinead and Gareth Bint who are leaving the country and going back to SAGareth has been an amazing cricketer for us with bat and ball and will be missed immensely, while Sinead has organised and helped at pretty much all our events over the last few yearsYou and the family will be missed by us all!



Well, I would describe it as one of our best seasons for many years, from both the playing and social point of view. The Junior section under the new management of Colette Macintosh grew in popularity, and several parents stepped up to help with training and managing games which was a great help!

Our girl's section (15s and 18s) under the watchful eye of Joanne Graves won most of their games and narrowly missed winning the league due to weather issues! An awards ceremony took place last week upstairs at the club with the players 'player' trophy going to Georgia Graves for her welcoming, kindness and sportsmanship behaviour.

Unfortunately, the summer we are now experiencing arrived too late to save several promotion possible win games from being abandoned due to heavy rainfall!

Both our 1s and 2s had their best season since 2015, narrowly missing out on promotion, and as many of you witnessed our penultimate ball loss to Woodmansterne CC in the final of the Surrey Slam....the boys were gutted!

We will be organising winter nets for the junior and senior section so please check the website of www.wecc.co.uk for UpToDate info!

If anyone is interested in helping with the coaching, umpiring and/or scoring please contact me directly as the club is very happy to subsidise the courses which take place over the winter.

I have just put a bet on England winning the World Cup! You never know ha!

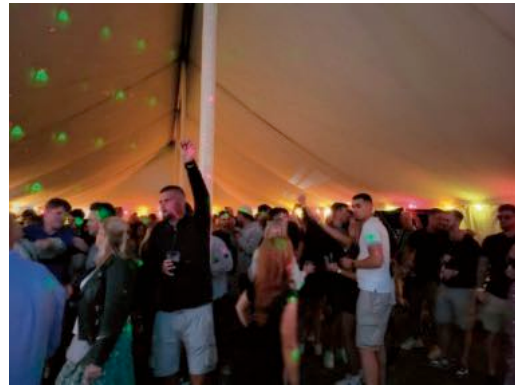


Above: The winning team in the Open 6 Aside Tournament (consisting mainly of West End players)



Left: Congratulations to Vinay who won the Bowling Award!

Thanks, from all of us for your support and look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it down to our vibrant Sports and Social Club over the coming months .

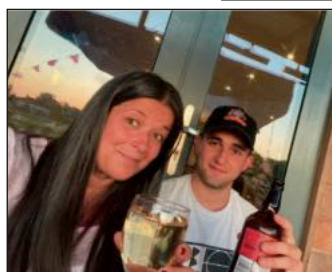
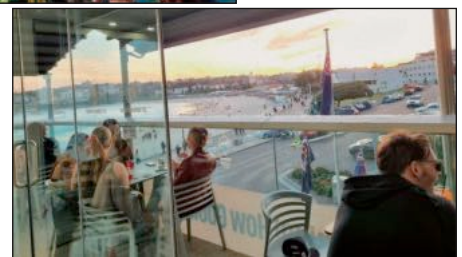


Once again the Party by the Pond was a huge success. Fans and supporters danced the night away to the fantastic sounds of the Acoustic Angels who, by special request, have returned to perform in West End for a number of years!

Mike Bacon, Chairman, WECC
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PAUL FERNANDES NEWS FROM SYDNEY

Paul is settling into the new job especially well. Once England failed to win the Ashes....lots of Aussies wanted to meet up!! He is spending his leisure time catching up with family and starting new hobbies like Aussie Rules football and SkiSurfing as well as a little golf.....even managed to get to the Matilda v Lionesses Womens World Cup Semi-final game (below) and enjoyed revenge for the Ashes!



(Katie and son Jack)

Downtime is spent in North Bondi where he has managed to join the local RSL, the bar (above) has quite the view...not quite a cricket pitch and pond....but it will do for now as he awaits eagerly for the arrival of Katie. Jack will be joining them for Christmas. :

Katie Fernandes



WEST END MOTOR CLUB

The West End Village Show came and went on August Bank Holiday Saturday. Thanks to all those who espoused the cause of Macmillan Cancer Support and gave us possibly the best result yet for the day, in spite of a couple of soul-defeating squally showers which could have ruined the occasion. Not so for those attending, who mysteriously disappeared for the duration and popped out again as soon as the sun shone. Most gazebos resisted the onslaught!

We were honoured to welcome Royalty at our show: George Pig, Batman and Their Royal Highnesses.



Thanks also to all our members who displayed cars, but also went beyond the call of duty in the setting up and break down of the display.

Great stuff! Hopefully our next bi-ennial appearance will be in the Show of 2025. Meanwhile our Tuesday 10.00am breakfasts at Brooklands continue apace, and have attracted a few more petrol-heads and their interesting vehicles. We also continue to meet for a social drink from around 8.00pm every Thursday evening in the Village Club. All are welcome.

It may assist you to know that, in spite of slow and steady expansion in folk attending, one is only a member if one is present. We have no rules other than common decency, no committee and no subscription. We are a small club of friends only. Look forward to seeing you.



Text by David Rolfe and Roger Brown

Photos: David, Phil, Roger and Ken



AFC WESTEND

On Sunday 28th May 2023, Keith Harris, (on the left of picture) Secretary of AFC WESTEND was chosen to play for the England 75's Walking Football Team in an International match versus the Republic of Ireland. In what was a very competitive match, the England team proved themselves to be very organised, well disciplined and were far too strong for the ROI side and ran out to be comfortable winners on the day by 9 – 0.



Keith managed to get on the scoresheet in the 2nd half to score his first International goal for his country, it was a very proud moment for me, not only to get picked to play for England again, but to score and get to put on that magical kit was such a great honour, this is the 2nd time that he has represented his country at Walking Football, once at 70's level and now playing at 75's level.

Keith Harris, Secretary



The England 75's Walking Football Team

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The two Sunday football teams, AFC West End and the Jaguars are delighted to announce that they will again be sponsored by Hershams Service Station for the forthcoming season.

Business manager, Greg Parry said "It is really great to have seen the teams both do so well last season and if we helped in any manner that is very rewarding. A lot of club members use our services for their vehicles and through them I keep up to date with progress throughout the season. It is good to be associated and support local activities in this way and let's hope 23/24 will be equally successful for both sides."



Above: Greg Parry

Keith Harris, Club secretary confirmed how valuable the support of local business is to the running of the teams. "We are really grateful to Greg's support and hope we can show our appreciation on the pitch with our results. Both teams are in higher divisions this season so it will be a challenge but we are up for it!"

Eric Strange

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