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A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.**



### **EMBER MANOR LODGE MEMBERS CELEBRATE 50 YEARS**

2015 has once more been a happy, successful and fulfilling year for the members of Ember Manor Lodge. We have now enjoyed 10 years meeting and dining at West End village hall and the West End Sports and Social club having made the move from Surbiton Masonic Centre back in 2005 with the hope of raising the public awareness of freemasonry but more importantly bringing it back into the heart of the community. In this respect it has been a successful transition.

We have four formal meetings a year and this year has been particularly eventful. At our January meeting, Derek Richardson celebrated being a freemason in Ember Manor for 50 years. The March Meeting is traditionally one where we annually install a new master of the Lodge for the ensuing year and this year Don Elms had the honour of becoming our master. At the May meeting we once more had 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting on this occasion for Michael Falkner. In the 90 year history of Ember Manor only 3 members have previously reached the 50 year milestone so to celebrate two in the same year was indeed unique. The final meeting of the year was in October and gave John Parker, the previous

or past master of the Lodge, the opportunity to present money raised for charity during his year as master to two charities of his choice. On this occasion £1,500 was presented to Cherry Trees Charity in East Clandon which provides respite care to children and young people with severe Learning and Physical disabilities and £1,500 was presented to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution which provides funding for 20 care homes across the UK, two of which are located in Surrey.

We also enjoyed an excellent 'Ladies Festival' weekend in March at The White Hart Hotel, Salisbury, a summer garden party and we now look forward to our Christmas Dinner, an evening with friends and family at La Meridiana restaurant, East Horsley on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

We are of course always open to welcoming new members into freemasonry in our local lodge at Ember Manor and the Secretary of the Lodge would be very pleased to furnish any interested individuals with any information they may require, or answer any questions they may have about freemasonry in general or Ember Manor Lodge in particular.



Derek Richardson



Michael Falkner

*Phil Lewcock*

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### **ESHER WAR MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

The Remembrance Service was held on 8th November at the Esher War Memorial followed by a service in Christ Church. The service was conducted by Dr. Rev. Stefan Collier. The processional cross was carried by the Curate Rev. Nate Kurz.

A large crowd gathered at the Memorial to remember those who gave their lives whilst serving their country in both the Great War and WWII as well as more recent conflicts. Bryan Austin laid the wreath on behalf of the Village Club, Susannah Bramley for West End Residents' Association, Andrea Lindow for Winterdown WI, Daphne Butler, President, for West End Afternoon WI and Chris Graham for the Village News. Many other representatives from local organisations also honoured those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

A beautiful peal of the church bells was rung by Jennifer Meade (Tower Captain), Ann Tennant, Caroline Thyer, Margaret Dollimore, Katharine Lankey and new member Pat Chapple. They rang the bells half muffled which is the traditional way for Remembrance Day. This makes the sound of the bell more sombre. They were also rung more slowly. A special 'thank you' to you all.



*Photograph: Courtesy Paul Burgman*

## THE STORY OF THE OTHER WISE MAN

by Henry Van Dyke

This fascinating little book tells the story of a fourth Wise Man which was first published in 1895. The following is a resumé from the 1899 edition.

In the days when Augustus Caesar was master of many Kings and Herod reigned in Jerusalem, there lived in the city of Ecbatana, among the mountains of Persia, a man named Artaban, the Median. From his roof he could see the summer palace of the Parthian emperors which glittered like a jewel in a crown. One evening in September he stood by the doorway to greet his guests. He was dressed in a robe of pure white wool thrown over



a tunic of silk, with a white pointed cap and long lapels at the sides—it was the dress of the ancient priesthood of the Magi called the ‘fire-worshippers’. His friends were Parthian nobles, richly dressed in coloured silks and golden collars with a winged circle of gold on their chests as followers of \*Zoroaster. They took their places around a small black altar and Artaban began the ancient chant of the Yasna and they joined in the beautiful hymn to Ahura-Mazda. During their visit Artaban drew from his tunic two small rolls of fine linen with writing on them and unfolding them read:

*“In the years that are lost in the past before our fathers came into the land of Babylon, there were wise men in Chaldea from whom the first of the Magi learned the secret of the heavens. And of these Balaam, the son of Beor, was one of the mightiest. Hear the words of his prophecy: ‘There shall come a star out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall arise out of Israel’.”*

Artaban’s friends showed contempt, but he then read the second roll of linen: *“Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore Jerusalem unto the Anointed One, the Prince, the time shall be seven and three score and two weeks’.”*

Artaban answered: It has been shown to me and my three companions among the Magi, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. We have searched the ancient tablets of Chaldea and computed the time. It falls this year. We have studied the sky and in the spring of the year we saw two of the great stars draw near together in the sign of the Fish, which is the house of the Hebrews. We also saw a new star there, which shone for one night and then vanished. His three brothers were watching at an ancient temple of the Seven Spheres at Borsippa in Babylonia and he was watching here. If the star shines again, they will wait ten days for me at the temple and then we will set out together for Jerusalem to see and worship the promised one who shall be born King of Israel.

Artaban sold his house and possessions, and bought three jewels, a sapphire, ruby and a pearl to carry them as a tribute to the King. He asked his friends to go with him, but a veil of doubt and mistrust came over their faces. They took pity on him having no knowledge of these things, saying that no king will ever rise from the broken race of Israel and no end will ever come to the eternal strife of light and darkness.

As Artaban’s friends left the house, he went on to the roof, the sky was clear and he could see the distant peak of Zagros. Jupiter and Saturn rolled together about to blend in one. As he watched them an azure spark was born out of the darkness

beneath in beautiful purple and crimson colours rising up through rays of saffron and orange into a white point. “It is a sign” he said. “The King is coming, and I will go to meet him.”

Vasda, one of Artaban’s favourite horses, was saddled and bridled and he was soon riding swiftly along passing the brown slopes of Mount Orontes travelling westward. He shares his evening meals with Vasda. They drink at the same springs. Artaban must ride wisely and well if he is to keep the appointed hour with the other Magi. For the route was one hundred and fifty \*parasangs, and fifteen was the most he could travel in a day. He crossed the level plains of Nisaeans, the fertile fields of Concabar and Baghistan. He travelled through the Oak groves of Carine and the dark Gates of Zagros into the city of Chala, past the city of Ctesiphon in Mesopotamia where the Parthian emperors reigned and the vast metropolis of Seleucia which Alexander built; across the River Tigris and the many channels of the Euphrates until he reached Babylon. He needed to reach the three Magi at the temple by midnight, but it was still another three hours journey to the Temple of Spheres. He came across a sick Hebrew lying in the desert. He stopped and helped the Jew to recover telling him about his quest. The Jew thanked him saying “I can tell thee where the Messiah must be sought. For our prophets have said that he should be born not in Jerusalem but in Bethlehem of Judah. May the Lord bring thee in safety to that place, because thou has had pity upon the sick.”

When Artaban arrived at the temple, he found a note from his friends “We waited past midnight and can delay no longer. We go to find the King. Follow us across the desert.” He despaired with no food and water and a tired horse he could not cross the desert. He returned to Babylon to sell his sapphire and buy a train of camels and provisions for the journey. The desert was cruel and arid. Inhospitable mountain ranges rose before him. The treacherous landscape and fierce heat of the daytime was unbearable, yet the Magian moved steadily onward. Through the gardens and orchards of Damascus, the snowy ridge of Hermon, the dark groves of cedars and the valley of Jordan, the blue waters of Lake Galilee, the fertile plain of Esdraelon, the hills of Ephraim and the highlands of Judah. At last he reached Bethlehem. It was the third day after the three wise men had come to that place and had found Mary and Joseph with the young child, Jesus, and laid their gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh at his feet.

Then the other wise man drew near, weary but full of hope, bearing his ruby and pearl to offer to the King. The town was deserted and when he spoke to a woman she told him how the three strangers had appeared in the village and how they had said a star had guided them to the place where Joseph of Nazareth was lodging with his wife and her new-born son, leaving gifts, and how they had disappeared again as suddenly as they had come. Suspicious of the strangers, the man of Nazareth took the baby and his mother and fled away that same night to Egypt.

Thirty three years on, Artaban was still a pilgrim, a seeker of light. He travelled to Egypt and many other countries searching for Jesus, performing acts of charity on the way. He arrived in Golgotha in time for the Crucifixion. It is here where he spends his last treasure, the pearl, to ransom a young woman from being sold into slavery. He was then struck by a falling



roof tile from the temple. As he lay dying a calm radiance of wonder and joy lit his face as a voice from above spoke to him. His journey ended. His treasures were accepted.

The Other Wise Man had found the King.

Angela Stockbridge

Footnote: \*Zoroastrianism = an Iranian religion which predates Islam with three basic tenets: Good thoughts, Good Words, Good Deeds.

\* Parasangs—ancient Persian unit of distance = 3.5m or 5.6km



## SURREY POLICE

### IMPORTANT PLEASE READ.....

Call 999 for Emergencies only.

Call 0800 555111 for Crimestoppers.

**Call 101 - Surrey Police for General Enquiries and non-urgent matters.**

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:**

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### Important Police Report:

We had reports recently from residents in Melbury Close and Lower Wood Road, Claygate of a woman knocking on doors, carrying a petrol can and asking residents if they had a lawnmower. She then asked for money to get petrol. We had a similar report from a resident in Devonshire Drive, Long Ditton last night at about 9.30pm and the woman was seen to get into a small black vehicle. Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to us at the time on 101, or 999 if appropriate. It might be nothing, but we would much rather that you called us!

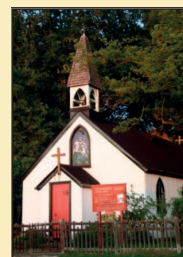
**West End Gardens (south side of the road) has also recently experienced a break-in and entry between Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th November. Please make sure you have lights coming on from dusk (say from 4pm) Access was gained via a side door by the burglar sawing through a lock/bolt.**

Our annual burglary campaign is ongoing and more details can be found on our website at <http://www.surrey.police.uk/keeping-safe/protecting-your-property-or-business/home-and-garden-security>

**!!BEWARE!!..... THE BURGLARS ARE ABOUT! KEEP YOUR DOORS, WINDOWS, AND GARAGES SECURELY LOCKED .**



## ST GEORGE'S CHURCH WEST END



Although the Flower Show seems ages ago – St George's had a very successful and profitable cake/bread stall and raffle, raising nearly £1200 towards the upkeep of the church. Meanwhile the team from Christ Church ran an equally successful afternoon providing the teas and cakes in the village hall. Having already spent £3,500 in May on a new organ for St George's (you may remember the old one conked out on Christmas Eve last year!), these funds were desperately needed. There are two potentially large issues which we will need to address soon. Both the flooring (currently 50 year old lino tiles) and the original corrugated iron roof will need replacing in the not too distant future. Watch this space for our forthcoming fundraising projects.

In September we held our 8<sup>th</sup> Pet Service and were blessed with a lovely sunny afternoon. We had a full church which included 13 dogs and 7 tortoises. The dogs were particularly vocal during the hymns – and one puppy was so excited he left a puddle on the floor (our first!). We haven't had feedback from the tortoises but all the owners thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. Our guest speaker was Dr Mike Berwick from the Wildlife Aid Foundation based in Leatherhead, who gave a short PowerPoint presentation about the excellent work they do – and was delighted to receive £95.30 from our collection. Make a mental note now to join us next year with (or without!) your pet.

As Christmas is approaching – can we remind you of our Christmas Services – the dates and times are as follows, please come and join us:

### Christmas Eve – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December

3pm Crib Service

6pm Village Carol Concert (organised by the Sports & Social Club)

### Christmas Morning – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December

9am Eucharist

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December

9am Eucharist

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 or Peter Lindow on 01372 462041.

**We all wish you a Happy Christmas and very best wishes for the New Year.**

*Andrea Lindow and Bridget Williams*

## WEST END RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



Just one main issue to highlight in the village, the Princess Alice Hospice has submitted an application for planning permission in relation to a new building within their grounds. The building is described as a Man Shed and whilst the initial building proposed was relatively insignificant the latest proposal will be suitable for a large number of adults most of whom will presumably make use of the inadequate parking facilities at the hospice.

It is of great regret, that despite regular dialogue between the hospice and W.E.R.A. they didn't feel the need to inform us of their plans. Clearly the concern with any additional construction at the hospice is that they are unable to manage their current parking demand and therefore will not be able to accommodate any further increase in business.

It is worthy of note that the hospice has always refused suggestions made by W.E.R.A. that they build more parking spaces within their own land on the basis that could not cover any more of the gardens, a position from which they seem to have shifted. The original planning notice placed outside the Hospice related to a site in Weybridge which did not cause concern and for this reason W.E.R.A did not respond to the proposal when Elmbridge subsequently rectified their error. We intend arranging a meeting with the Chief Executive at the hospice to pass on our concerns because the date for objections has passed.

I would urge anyone who has a concern about this application to contact the planning officer at Elmbridge, quoting Ref. No. 2015/3383

*Susannah Bramley, Chairman W.E.R.A.*

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

### BILL BEDFORD'S BRUSH WITH DEATH ON THE ROAD IN CALCUTTA!

*(My father Bill died in October 1996, but among his many notes is the tale of his near brush with death in India on Christmas Day 1942, whilst serving as an RAF Hurricane pilot).*



Bill in 1949

The squeal of tyres, rapid panicky steering wheel movements by the driver, violent lurching and skidding, and suddenly I was hurtling through the air. Then Christmas Day 1942 went blank.

One minute we were speeding along a winding, narrow, gravel-covered track raised a few feet above the surrounding rice paddy fields, en route to Dum Dum aerodrome near Calcutta to do our spell of operational duty "readiness" with No 135 Hurricane Squadron. The next minute an unexpected meeting with my maker seemed imminent. Nauseating pain penetrated semi-consciousness to find me bloody and horizontal on a stretcher in an ambulance. Vague concern about dying or being crippled drifted through my troubled mind. Somehow the prospect of death at the age of twenty-two years appeared premature and unkind, since I felt I'd barely tasted life. Why should I be cheated? The fight back was on.

I recovered in bed, trussed up in a massive cool damp plaster cast, resembling a huge pair of long white pants that appeared to be suffering from elephantiasis. This contraption was embellished with two holes in the appropriate places and a structural brace to keep it together and to keep my legs apart. I was to be locked in this cell "in the prison" of Calcutta General Military Hospital for nearly three months - in retrospect, luxurious comfort compared to the lot of the impoverished millions, political prisoners and the like.

The big monthly event was a few hours escape from the cell when the plaster was removed and replaced. Huge shears hacked away at it occasionally giving the flesh a painful pinch. It was then prised off like a redundant chrysalis revealing thin spindly legs and a bony body. A cool naked vulnerable feeling developed and strangely the warmth and security of the plaster was missed. The consolation prize was the unbelievable comfort of a "no holds barred" bed bath. A quick jab of twilight sleep by the nurse, a far away feeling of subdued intoxication and I was stretcher borne for the operating theatre.

A white masked team welcomed me and one of them stuck a needle in my arm and challenged me to count up to ten. A few apparent seconds later I came round, neatly tucked up in bed with a cage over my body and tightly bonded up again in a cool damp plaster corset. Months later the plaster came off for good and found me with legs too weak even to move together, but not such as to stop me insisting on a proper full-length bath, my first for four months. What luxury! To really appreciate life you must have experienced its unhappiness as well as the sweet smell of success.

Slowly but surely my rusty limbs came back to life again, and after a month's convalescence I was despatched to a rehabilitation centre at Chakrota, some 6,000ft up in the foothills of the Himalayas. Then followed four of the healthiest months of my life, starting with my first solo in a wheelchair, then sessions of physiotherapy, exercises, swimming and walking, all part of my determination to get one hundred percent fit and back into a cockpit again.

Like all things in life, Chakrota came to an end. The RAF Medical Board in Delhi could not believe that the super fit bronzed Bedford had once been the human wreckage described eight months earlier in his medical papers. From here it was only a short time before I joined up with my old Squadron again and after a check out in a Harvard two-seater, I was again back in the Hurricane cockpit, this time at Bangalore. No 135 Squadron was now busy converting Blenheim bomber pilots onto the Hurricane. This was their interim task pending delivery of the modern long-range Thunderbolt onto which we eventually converted in Mineria, Ceylon.

Years later I discovered that an old colleague and a distinguished RAF Group Captain from the Institute of Aviation Medicine, Farnborough, one Tony Barwood had, by chance, been at Dum Dum as a Flight Lieutenant medical officer on that Christmas Day and it was he who tended first aid and saw me safely into the ambulance and off to hospital. He claimed to have scraped me off the road, so in hindsight he really did make my Christmas!

Peter Bedford



### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FRENCH LANGUAGE, LIFE AND CULTURE?

If so, do come to West End Village Hall to listen to carefully selected speakers talking in French on a variety of topics.

Talks take place monthly from October to June on the third Wednesday of the month except December when it is the second Wednesday. They start at 8.15pm, last for an hour and are usually attended by 60/70 members of the Cercle and visitors whose ability in the French language varies from the fairly basic to the completely fluent.

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## WEST END BRIDGE CLUB



### A Deluge of Diamonds



Anxious as ever to avoid doing too much work myself I decided to throw this Village News Bridge Forum open to the members of the West End Bridge Club by inviting them to submit any particularly exciting or instructive hands for publication. I wasn't at all sure if I'd have any takers, so what was my surprise when the very next evening my 'phone rang and club member Basil Dumont was kind enough to give me the following fantastic hand he had picked up:

Bidding:- WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
(Dealer West) 1 Heart Pass 3 Hearts ?

Basil as South held:-

♠ A  
♥ -  
♦ AQJxxxx  
♣ AKxx

Eight Diamonds, eighteen points, plus a void in the opponents' suit, plus a singleton Ace of Spades. What would you bid?

A take-out double is one possibility, asking partner for their longest suit. Basil rejected this as he felt the odds were on 'Five Spades' as a reply, which would not really advance matters. So he settled on 'Five Diamonds'. This bid was passed out.

The play was soon over. West led out the Ace of Hearts, trumped by Declarer, who then led his Ace of Diamonds. Would you believe the singleton King of Diamonds fell from West! Dummy also had a singleton Diamond.. So Declarer cleared the remaining trumps with his Queen, Jack of Diamonds, then played out his Ace, King of Clubs, whereupon the Queen of Clubs fell. So he rattled off all 13 tricks, because Dummy held six clubs to the Jack, Ten.

So as the cards lay, Basil and his partner could have scored an against-the-odds Grand Slam in either 7 Clubs or 7 Diamonds.

If you are thinking of joining a bridge club, why not come along to West End Village Hall one Tuesday afternoon, and see how you get along? We play ordinary Rubber Bridge, with the exception of the first Tuesday each month, which is devoted to Chicago. There's a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, a tea and biscuits interval, and the club subscription is very reasonable. Just remember we don't promise any hands as dramatic as the one above.

Contact Kay Moulton on 01372 464775 for further details.

*Clive Craigmile*

## BUTTONS AND BOW CLUB (The Busy B's)



Buttons and Bow members worked so hard to support its Charity Coffee Morning held in October for the Alzheimer's and Dementia Society. A staggering total of £700 was raised and the event was covered by The Surrey Advertiser. The Grand Raffle prizes were kindly donated by local companies.

Recently twenty six members returned from the first Turkey and Tinsel break in Weymouth. The next visit will take place at the end of November in Eastbourne.

The annual Carol Service will be held in St George's Church on 7th December with readings by members. The local choir will be joining us for the carols and the service will be followed by mince pies and tea in the Clubhouse. Please do come and join us—you will be made very welcome.

Waitrose in Esher have been very helpful in planning our Christmas Party and Tea. Apart from the delicious tea there will be entertainment and a visit from Father Christmas and his little 'fairy' carrying gifts for all members.

In the meantime, a visit to see 'Annie' at Woking Theatre is planned and the usual Pantomime visit to see 'Sleeping Beauty'.

Please remember you are always very welcome to pop in on any Monday between 2 and 4.15pm to enjoy a cup of tea and make new friends.

Members of the Buttons and Bow Club wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

*For further information contact  
Betty Bowpitt on 01372 465937*

## VILLAGE NEWS WEST END

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### 'POP UP' STUDIO EXHIBITION 28 AND 29 NOVEMBER 10.00—4.00pm WEST END VILLAGE HALL

Mulled wine and mince pies will await you  
Free admission.

Dogs, bikes and children welcome  
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Esher.  
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## WINTERDOWN WI

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was held in November. Caroline Thyer was elected President for the 2nd year. She thanked the committee for their support and help in making the past year so successful. Suzanne Hood had decided to step down from committee duties and she was thanked for her help and hard work during the year.

This year has been a year of celebrations as the WI celebrates its Centenary. Winterdown was able to support Surrey Federation WI's Ripley meeting to see the baton arrive on its journey around Britain to the AGM at the Albert Hall. Two members attended the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Winterdown held a Centenary Tea and also supported other WIs in the Emlyn Vale Group celebrating this occasion.

Throughout the year members have taken every opportunity to enjoy the walks and outings organised by the committee. Most recently members enjoyed walks to Newlands Corner (in the sun) and to Shere (in the pouring rain)!



*Left;*

*Enjoying the sun outside  
Martha's church.*

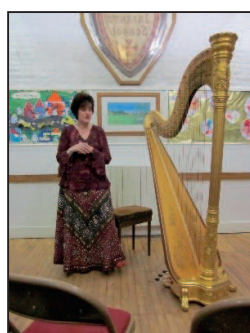
*Photo: Micki Scales*

*Below:*

*St. Martha's Church  
Photos: Caroline Thyer*



We have enjoyed some very good speakers this year which have included talks about Bumble Bees, a history of makeup, and bespoke shoes. We have had a talk from a retired Police officer, a Barrister, a Harpist and more. Our second fund raising event of the year was the Bridge Tea, held in October. This was very successful and enjoyed by all who took part. Committee members organised and served tea with a wonderful selection of homemade cakes and sandwiches made by members of Winterdown.



*Margaret Watson  
with her Harp.  
Photo: Micki Scales*

*Article: Caroline Thyer*

**Future events:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 – Christmas meeting and social time  
January 7<sup>th</sup> 2016 –  
Queen Victoria's daughters  
February 4<sup>th</sup> 2016- Titanic- Style, Dress and Fashion on the Voyage  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 - Sponsored Climb of Mount Kilimanjaro  
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](http://www.winterdownwi.co.uk)



## West End Playgroup & Forest School.

**For children from 2 to 5 years**

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**Tel: 01372 469157**

## WEST END PLAYGROUP

Like busy little elves, the children at West End Playgroup are getting ready for the festive season with lots of merry activities lined up – discovering the wonders of the woods on a snowy forest school day, trudging across the village green to visit Santa's Real Reindeer at Garsons Farm and helping bake treats at home to bring to the cake sale. This year all profits from the Christmas Cake Sale will be donated to Save the Children's Christmas Appeal! It will take place during the week of 14th December and this time a prize is up for grabs for the most creative cake, as judged by a jolly panel of our discerning little ones.

The children have also been practising for the ever-popular Christmas Show and are looking forward to seeing familiar faces in the audience on the last day of term. In the run up to the show, during December, we will be holding the raffle for the Christmas hamper - full of delectable goodies and gifts donated by the committee and local businesses and delivered just in time for the holidays!

To get everyone in the yuletide mood, this year's Christmas drinks for the grown ups will take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 8pm at the Prince of Wales pub with mums, dads, partners and grandparents all welcome to come and join us for mulled wine and holiday cheer!

*Right:  
Eliza Bunyer-Prowse*

*Photo: Carly Bunyer*



*Article: Elizabeth Gaunt*

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**Kay Moulton on 01372 464775**

**WEST END (ESHER) W.I.**

West End Esher W.I. have continued to enjoy our recent meetings and we have listened to some very good speakers. In September Philip Johnson gave a talk on little known facts about Henry VIII. As he is one of the best-known kings it was interesting to learn more about him. Philip recounted, amongst other facts that Henry always remained a Catholic and heard Mass throughout his life. He condemned more people to death for disagreeing with him than his daughter, Mary, although she has been called "bloody Mary". One of the other interesting facts was that Henry wore glasses.

Also during September members visited Loseley Park where they were treated to a private tour of the house. They enjoyed a walk in the walled garden following lunch in the delightful Wisteria Room and naturally sampled Loseley Ice cream before leaving. The visit was enhanced by the kindness and helpfulness of all the staff.

In October our speaker was David Paige who told us about Elmbridge Commons that cover about 360 hectares. David concentrated on the area around West End Esher to Painshill. There are many people maintaining the Common, which has woodland, heath land and wetlands. The different areas contain a wide variety of wildlife including rare butterflies, beetles and reptile species. The area has been designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Recently it has been home to a small herd of goats that eat the undesirable grasses etc. The Common has attracted many volunteers who help by cutting down, clearing areas amongst other tasks. David accompanied his talk with slides.

November is the month for our A.G.M.

serious business! Our President, Daphne, opened the meeting and the financial report was given by our Treasurer, Jane, followed by the Secretary's report. This report contained details of speakers, outings and other functions throughout the year. After the business part of the afternoon we had a quiz, tea, biscuits and a chat. The sad news of the afternoon was that Daphne, as President, confirmed that she wished to retire after 14 years. Two other officers will not be standing for the committee in the coming year. Following a vote at a Special Meeting it was agreed to suspend West End (Esher) W.I. However, we still have our December meeting to enjoy.

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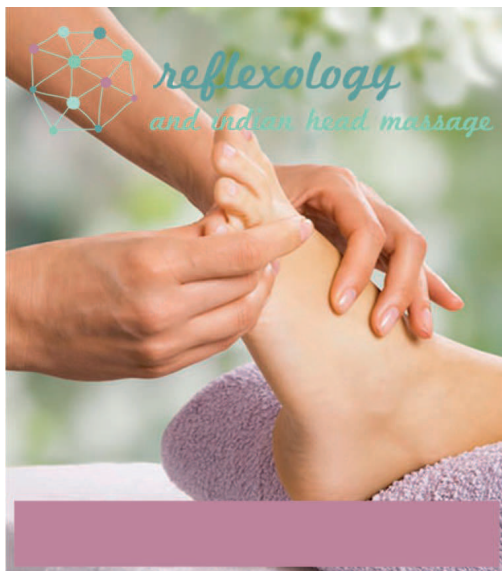
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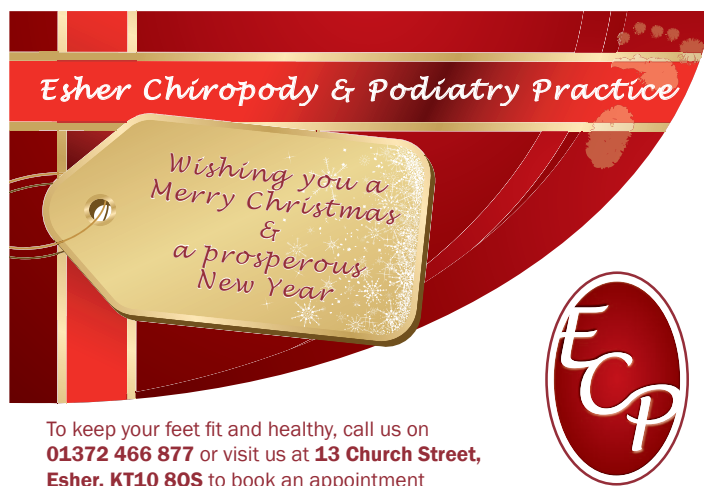


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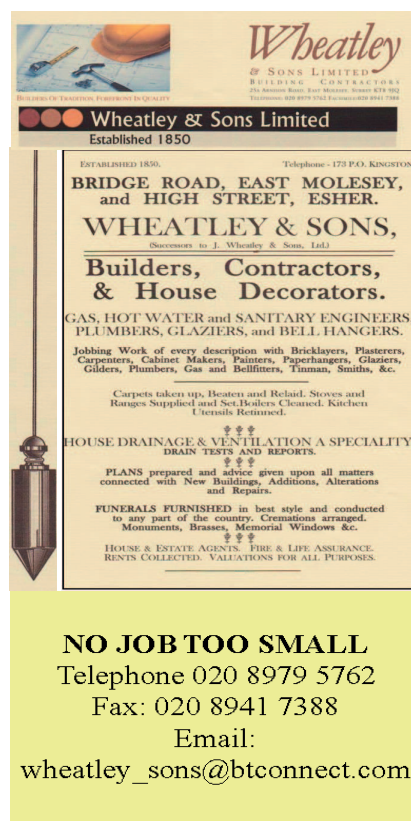


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