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WEST END ESHER

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ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

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As we look forward to our 19th year of publication in 2023, we face a backdrop of ever-increasing costs. In order to keep the Village News viable, a number of supporters have suggested that residents should be invited to become a 'Friend of the Village News'.

This would involve making an annual donation of £50, to commence whenever feasible, with the opportunity of having your name published in a list of 'Friends of the Village News', or to remain anonymous if preferred. Alternatively, contributions in units of £10 would also be very welcome.

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Top: The Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial was conducted by Revd Darren McCallig, followed by a Service in Christ Church. From L-R: Gp Capt and President of 1034 (Surbiton and Esher) Sqn Air Cadets, Peter Bedford, Ukrainian Trumpeter, Kiril Panchenko who played the Last Post, Stuart Whatton (Director of Music), Will Stevens, Deputy Church Warden carrying the Processional Cross, Revd Darren McCallig, the Mayor, Simon Waugh, Tim Oliver, Leader of Surrey County Council with members of the choir and local residents. Above: Three young pupils laid a wreath on behalf of Esher Church School. Members of the local community turned out in force to pay their respects to those who lost their lives in both WWI and WWII also remembering more recent conflicts around the world, especially in Ukraine following the Russian invasion in February. Below: Wreaths were laid by representatives of many other organisations. More photos on page 6. *Photos: Angela Stockbridge*

Right: The flowers on the font in Christ Church were beautifully arranged by Carol Calvert. *Photo: Margaret Dane*





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.

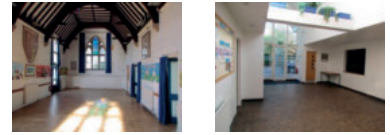
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www.westendplaygroupandforestschool.com

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WEST END PLAYGROUP & FOREST SCHOOL

Hello everyone,

The half term break seems like an age away already and Christmas is now hurtling towards us. This half term we have been continuing with our theme 'All About Me' moving on to discussions about family customs and celebrations. We started with Bonfire Night and spoke about fireworks and how exciting and sometimes scary these can be. We learned about caring for others including our pets and we talked about staying close to our parents and carers when in a crowd.

We also taught the children the rules of Stop! Drop! Roll! in case of fire catching onto our clothing. Many of the children already knew that they should ring 999 in case of emergency and so we reiterated that this is only in a real emergency when no other grown up is around.

In our second week we were painting poppies for Remembrance Day and learned that the poppy is used as a symbol to remember all the special people who worked so hard to ensure that we can live the free life that we do today.



We focused on how important it is to do things for others and how we need to be kind to everyone around us.

We said our final farewell to Hugo who has gone off on his seafaring adventures. I know that many of the children have been enthralled by his amazing stories and we have all loved having him with us at playgroup. He will be sadly missed by all of us Playgroup and by our friends at Bridge Club too.

Now the excitement is building, with only a few weeks to go until the end of term, we have started our Christmas topic in earnest. Jo has already fully decorated her house, has her Christmas jumper on and has written the nativity play. She will also be producing and directing it!



Rehearsals are well underway and you may already have heard the sound of children singing Away in a Manger drifting from the village hall as our little ones practice their Christmas songs. On Friday our wonderful parents committee have a special treat lined up for all the children with a Christmas party including a visit from Father Christmas. Then a well earned rest for the staff until we return in January.

At West End Playgroup we believe that children are what makes Christmas special and so we would love you to come along and meet some of our children, enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a warm mince pie. This invitation is open to all residents of West End Village and the surrounding area so please drop by on 8th December between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. I can guarantee you will receive a very warm welcome.

Helen Yates, Manager

EMBER MANOR LODGE No. 4740

Potted Historical Notes

Ember Manor Lodge 4740, sponsored by Ember Lodge 2540, was consecrated on 25 September 1925 at Mark Masons Hall, Great Queens Street, London by the then Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Surrey. At that time the Provincial Grand Master for Surrey was His Royal Highness, Edward Prince of Wales, KG and there were 70 Lodges in the Province.

The first regular meeting was held on November 25th 1925 at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey where it continued to meet until the premises were demolished to make way for the new Hampton Court Bridge. The meetings were then held at Thames Hotel before moving to Surbiton Masonic Hall.

In September 1940 it was agreed that meetings would be at the discretion of the Worshipful Master 'owing to nightly air raids, the difficulty of transport and the uncertainty of dates being available'.

In 1967 the Lodge was honoured with a visit from Rt W Bro FTB Wheeler MA the Grand Provincial Master.

October 1975 the Lodge celebrated its Golden Jubilee.

In 2004 after 75 years meeting at Surbiton Masonic Hall the Lodge relocated to West End Esher where it has been for 17 years. Members were required to join the West End Sports and Social Club thus allowing them the use of the Clubhouse bar facilities!

In 2019 the Lodge received the Gold Award in recognition of its donation to the 2019 Festival in favour of the Royal. Masonic Benevolent Institution hosted by the Province of Surrey.

The Lodge membership now stands at 20 and will be celebrating its Centenary in 2025.

CHEQUERS POND EARLY MORNING

by
Peter Bedford



NEWS FROM THE POND

We were delighted when seven swans arrived on the Prince of Wales pond recently. However, we are very sad to report the death of one of them. The carcass was found by Alice Austin whilst walking her dog on the green. It had clearly been attacked and mutilated by another animal, most likely a fox. The Swan Sanctuary was notified but was unaware of the attack. The Elmbridge Commons Rangers were also informed and came to remove the remains. In the current outbreak of Bird Flu it is very important that you **do not** touch wild birds feathers or surfaces contaminated with wild bird droppings. Please read the Government's Animal & Plant Health Agency guidelines below which have been posted around the village green and ponds. Please heed the warnings given. *Angela Stockbridge*

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Keep to the footpath, with **dogs on leads**

Do not **pick up or touch** dead or sick wild birds

Do not touch wild bird feathers or surfaces contaminated with wild bird droppings

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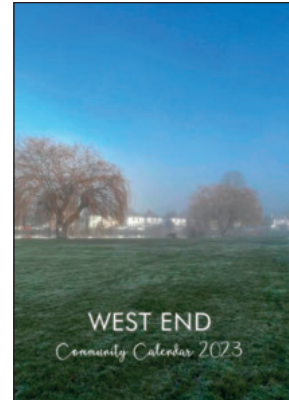


Animal & Plant Health Agency



WEST END COMMUNITY 2023 CALENDAR

The West End Community Calendar will go on sale at £10.00 each
All money from sales will be donated to the refurbishment of St George's Church.



Should you wish to purchase a copy please contact: Susie Horwood on 07887 947008.

They will also be on sale in the Sports and Social Club/Café and also at the rear of St George's Church.



THE PRINCE OF WALES MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

The Prince of Wales' Macmillan Cancer Support fundraising evening held on Friday 21st October was very well attended. Ticket sales for the raffle raised a grand total of £2,651.00.

Head Chef, Marc Wheatley and his team, laid on a superb buffet supper which was enjoyed by all. There were a number of fabulous raffle prizes and a representative from Greene King announced the winners. One lucky winner won the Freddie Mercury picture below.



Thank you to everyone who made the evening a success and for donating to such a worthy charity.

Merry Christmas

Anna Carrier, Manager



B & B IN THE VILLAGE



Bed & Breakfast available. All rooms are double bedrooms, made up of king size, and superking 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.

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.



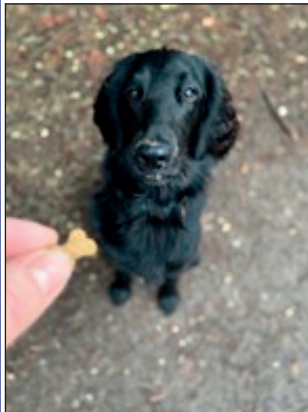
Anyone interested requiring more information should contact Sandra Elms on 01372 466433

Below: The Green Woodpecker, looking grumpy spotted in East Horsley Photo: Don Tyzack



INDY'S WINTER DOG BLOG

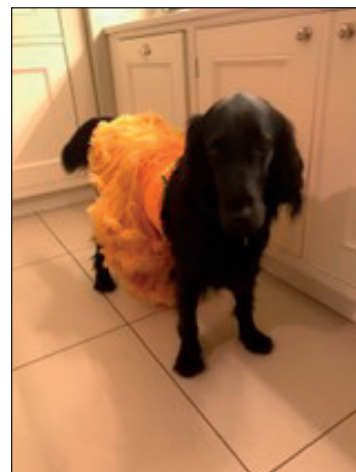
So here we are in the soggy season. Wet West End with all its lovely mud to look forward to. I trot down the road sniffing this and that unless Mummy is running with me then we don't have time for smelling the flowers on the way. With the old golf course closed for dog access now we take our constitutional more in West End woods. I'd like to splash in the ponds but I know that I'm not allowed. I'm six now so Mummy says I have to be grown up.



I would quite like to go to school with my girls as I think I'd learn quite a lot but they say as much as they'd like to take me I'd miss my morning snooze, my lunchtime snooze and my afternoon snooze. Shame. I will just have to concentrate on training my family. I actually think it's going quite well. Some of you might like to try this at home too. It's working well with all of them now so the technique is tried and tested. I sit and look intelligently at them. I tip my head to

one side and look at their pocket. Sure enough the hand goes in and comes out with a treat. Magic! Sometimes I can even do it with other dog owners too! Try it!

Great entertainment! Halloween is always a fun time as we girls like to dress up and decorate the house. It rained though so we only went to a few houses then came home and played Ghost Busters. Not sure what I was supposed to do but it involved jumping up and down and I can do that really well.



Now we can look forward to Christmas. My favourite time of year! I love helping to put up the decorations, lying on the carpet warmed by the fire longing to eat the mince pies left out for Santa Paws and smelling all the presents so I can tell what's inside. I know exactly which ones are mine. I'm such a lucky dog. This Christmas it will be six years since I came to my family. That was really the best day ever!

Remember to stay safe and in your owners' good books over the festivities, don't be tempted by chocolate, don't eat the Turkey and for you boy dogs, don't wee on the Christmas tree. I'll be out and about in West End so don't forget to come and say hello. I'm the flat coated retriever with the pretty pink collar. All that remains for me to say, my West End chums, is I wish you a treat filled Christmas and a tail wagging Happy New Year.

Indy 



*Textural Cornish landscapes,
Beautiful woodturned artefacts
& Small figurative sculptures*

by Rosalind Moysen, Roger Marsden & Janet Stanley



11am to 5pm
Tuesday to Sunday

*The Fountain Gallery
17th to 29th January 2023*

26 Bridge Road,
East Molesey KT8 9HA



**THE FOUNTAIN GALLERY
17th to 19th January 2023**



Chase away those January blues by coming to view an art gallery full of visual delights!

Rosalind, Roger and Janet, who normally exhibit at the Surrey Artists Open Studios in June are now also exhibiting their work in the Fountain Gallery in Hampton Court - opposite the Prince of Wales pub on Bridge Street.

Rosalind is spending a month or so painting in Cornwall, Roger has lots of diverse work to show - bowls, large plates, pepper pots etc while Janet's table top sculptures depict slightly abstract figures walking alongside children or dogs (commissions accepted).

Everyone will receive a warm welcome at the gallery.

Rosalind Moysen

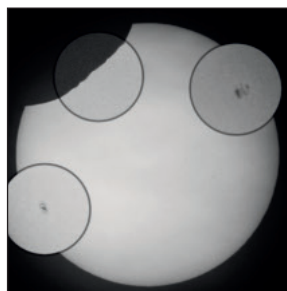
WALTON ASTRONOMY GROUP

From our Somerset Correspondent

Sun bites and spotty planets

Since the lovely summer weather left us, observing opportunities have been few and far between, and with a partial solar eclipse approaching on 25th October I wasn't optimistic about seeing any of it at all; the usual astronomer's curse often kicks in whenever there is a special event.

However, come the morning of the eclipse the forecast seemed to suggest at least some clear spells in between showers, so I put my solar scope out, under an umbrella at times, and waited for a gap. In the end, I got a number of quite reasonable views up until about 20 mins before the maximum extent of the eclipse, so I was quite happy with that. I managed some quick smartphone snaps of the event which are included here. Interesting elements to note are the two sunspots, and also how you can see the uneven mountainous edge of the Moon silhouetted against the sun.



Right: The two sunspots encircled.

The major planets are quite well positioned currently, with Jupiter blazing away in the South mid evening, and Mars not far off the same brightness in the East, and high in the South after midnight.

When conditions are good, it is amazing what can be seen on these planets. Mars is currently close to the Earth and right now is showing an interesting feature called Syrtis Major, which appears as a dark area shaped a little like the African continent against the reddish dust covering the rest of the planet. It is also possible to see the extensive ice cap covering the North pole. To me it looks like an earth twin, albeit red and black rather than blue and green.

Jupiter is past its best for the year, but still shows plenty of detail in its weather systems. Two main bands of cloud show clearly, with plenty more to see with careful observation. The Great Red Spot can be seen as an orange red oval when on our side of the planet, and the orbiting moons regularly pass behind and in front of the disc. Every now and then, you get to see the shadows cast by these moons onto the surface of the planet. I managed to capture this with a smartphone, although the view through a scope is so much better than I am able to capture.



Above: Jupiter with moon shadow

That's all for this report, there is always something to see when the weather plays ball. Keep an eye out for Orion the Hunter which will be more and more prominent in the South as winter progresses.

Article and Photos: Stuart Davis

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT WAR MEMORIAL



Left: Oliver Newman (a Standard Bearer) and his sister, Lara, from West End represented the 3rd Esher Beavers, seen here with their parents James Newman and Jo Flippance.

Representatives from the 1034 Surbiton and Esher Sqn, Esher District Brownies, Rainbows, and 1st Esher Guides were Standard Bearers. Local schools and other organisations were also present.

Below left: Cadet Harry Smith laid the wreath for the 1034 Surbiton and Esher Sqn. Wg Cdr John Machin (OC Surrey Wing) and Gp Capt and President, Peter Bedford, were also in attendance. Wanda a 'Helping Hands' dog enjoyed looking at the poppies. Malcolm Parsons laid the wreath on behalf of the West End Sports and Social Club, Glenyce Alexander for Winterdown WI and Don Elms for Ember Manor Lodge. ERA's Mayor Simon Waugh, and Cllr David Young laid wreaths on behalf of the residents of Esher.

Photos: Angela Stockbridge



IN MEMORIAM

MARY (MAY) MARTIN



Mary Martin known to her friends and family as May was born on the Island of Bere, which is off the South West shores of Southern Ireland.

With great spirit in her 94th year, she tells the story of her moves to Ceylon and India with her father's army postings, her wartime experiences, her long career; her faith; her happy marriage to Frank and her love for her family. May and Frank had two children Nigel & Sally.

Since May wrote and published her book, May's Mango Memories in 2019, her grandson Simon (Sally's son) and his wife Lisa delighted May by extending their family with a third great grandson for May to enjoy, love and hold close to her heart.

May and Frank moved to West End after their marriage in Cobham in 1949 and made it their home, until Frank died in 2004 and May, until she died in September this year at the age of 97.

They will be missed hugely, by all who knew them.

Her friends and family recently celebrated Mays life in the West End Sports and Social Club.



Sally Martin (Daughter)

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ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WEST END

This has certainly turned out to be a very busy year for us at St George's. You will have all noticed that the exterior of the church was beautifully and carefully restored to the base and then repainted. We are all so delighted with the result and are sure that you - the Village residents, passers by and occasional visitors to the Sunday services are all impressed by how outstanding it looks. What you will also have noticed is that the



Left: Magda, Darek and Antoni

Photo: Juliet Philip

team of workers – who did such a splendid job on the exterior – are now working their socks off on the inside! We were so impressed with the care and dedication of Magda and Darek (D & D Painting Service) that we asked them to come back to work on the interior. We actually welcomed them with their son Antoni to our Sunday morning Harvest Service on 2nd October to enable them to meet the congregation, who wanted to thank



them personally. It was a lovely occasion. The inside of the church was completely cleared by Andrea and Stephanie – the church was closed and the inside decorating and repairs began on Monday 31 October. We are re-opening on Sunday 27th November in time for the first Sunday of Advent – when we prepare for the lead up to the Christmas services and celebrations.

Left: The empty church

Our 14th Pet Service was held on Sunday 11th September and was a wonderful celebration of our pets, both present and absent! At about 3.55 we were all panicking as there was hardly anyone there! But clearly, we were all praying hard



enough.....and by 4pm we ended up with 38 humans, 13 dogs and a cat....and a few photos of absent or long remembered pets! Everyone who comes always makes a promise to come back again the following year – so a huge thank you to all who find the time to remember and join us. It really is a wonderful occasion!

Left: Anika and Andy Petri, with children Ana and George, and their pet cat 'Robbie' making their the way to St. George's Church.



Left: The Pet Service

How and why the dogs always behave so impeccably is a mystery – but they do – and for that we are truly grateful!

Our 9am Sunday services will resume from November 27th – but from January we will close on any 5th Sunday of the month. This will allow our

congregation to join up with our Christ Church congregation - and enjoy the bonus of a beautiful choir.

As Christmas approaches fast we must remind you of the various services that are being held at both St George's and at Christ Church. So please try and join us at any of these wonderful seasonal services – we would love to see you.

St George's - West End

Saturday 24 th December	2pm	Crib Service
Saturday 24 th December	6pm	Village Carol Concert
Sunday 25 th December	9am	Eucharist

Christ Church - Esher

Sunday 4 th December	10.30am	Christingle Service
Sunday 18 th December	8pm	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 21st December 1.15pm Music on the Green
Come & Sing Carols (light lunch from 12.30)

Saturday 24 th December	4.00pm	Crib Service
Saturday 24 th December	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Sunday 25 th December	10.30am	Eucharist

Always check our website for full details of all services and news: <http://www.esherparish.org.uk> Here you can also find everything you might want to know about the Parish of Esher including Music on The Green. We put topical notices on the fence outside the church – so please do stop and look to see what's going on as you pass by.

Finally – thank you as always for your continued support and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Article: Andrea Lindow and Bridget Williams

VILLAGE SHOW AGM

It was great to see a good turnout at our AGM on 7th November in the Village Hall and particularly pleasing to welcome some newcomers, who have kindly volunteered to join the committee.

Every year we aim to donate money to local charities and good causes with any profits from the Show. Presentations on behalf of two local causes were well received at the AGM. All donations, including those made to our regular charities associated with the Show, will be decided at our January committee meeting.

After a splendid event this year, we plan to build on the Show's success. Roll on 2023 - clear your diaries for Bank Holiday Saturday 26th August!

Steve Kelly, Chairman



**HALLOWEEN FUN
ENTER POND COTTAGE
AT YOUR OWN RISK!**



Beautifully decorated by Alison Wood and her family the spooky decorations were admired by all who dared to stop and gaze in wonder!

**GARSONS PUMPKIN PARADE
Familiar Faces in the Children's Corner
Painted Pumpkins**



The staff at Garsons created an amazing Pumpkin Parade which was great fun!

There were some very creative and colourful displays not only for the children to enjoy but adults too!

Below: Some children like Mary, enjoyed rides in the barrows provided accompanying their treasured pumpkins to take home and carve for Halloween.

Thank you to all the staff for making such a fantastic effort which I am sure was appreciated by everyone.



Angela Stockbridge

**DANISH HONEY CAKE
(HONNINGAKE)**



One of our most favourite recipes - this has all the undertones of Christmas and hygge. Use three round cake pans (18-cm/7-in. ones), but in our instagram reel we use a large pan 40 x 30 cm and only layer the cake once. Basically, this recipe is adapted to be a one layer bake

but you can make it in 3 pans or as directed below. Quantities are the same - just adapt baking times to suit. Serves 8.

Ingredients

125 ml runny honey
80 ml golden syrup
50 g caster sugar
2 whole eggs and 2 egg yolks
300 g plain flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
a pinch of salt
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground cardamom
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon ground cloves
Grated zest from 1 orange
250 ml/1 cup buttermilk
150 ml/2/3 cup double/heavy cream
BUTTERCREAM FILLING
100 g/1/2 cup caster sugar
125 g butter softened
1 egg yolk
1 teaspoon vanilla sugar or seeds from 1/2 vanilla pod
CHOCOLATE GLAZE
40 g butter
100 g dark chocolate
2 tablespoons golden syrup
chocolate sprinkles

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 170°C (340°F) Gas 3/2
Line the cake pan (or pans, if making 3 smaller, round ones) with baking parchment (1 large pan 40 x 30 cm)
Over a low heat, combine the honey, golden syrup and sugar with 100 ml water in a saucepan until melted together. Leave to cool until tepid.
Add the eggs (both whole and yolks) to the bowl of a stand mixer and whisk to combine. Slowly add the tepid syrup mixture into the eggs, beating continuously on high speed.
Combine the flour, bicarbonate of/baking soda, baking powder, salt and spices together, then fold into the egg mixture. Add the orange zest, buttermilk and cream and fold until smooth.
Pour batter into each prepared cake pan. Bake in the preheated oven for around 9–11 minutes, or until well risen, golden brown and springy to the touch. A skewer inserted into the middle should come out clean. Leave to cool for a few minutes in the pans, then turn out onto a wire rack and allow to cool completely.
To make the buttercream, make a sugar syrup by gently heating the sugar in a pan with 2 tablespoons water until fully dissolved. Leave to cool a little. Whisk the butter, egg yolk and vanilla together on high speed, then slowly add the sugar syrup, whisking well with each addition. Continue beating for several minutes until creamy and fluffy. If it does not go fluffy, pop the mixture in the fridge for 30–45 minutes, then whip again when slightly cooled (if the butter is too soft, or the sugar too hot, it may not whip properly at first, but it will be fine when a bit colder).
To assemble, place one cake layer on a serving plate, cover generously with the fluffy buttercream, then add the top layer of cake.
To make the chocolate glaze, melt the butter, chocolate and syrup in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of hot water. Let it cool ever so slightly. Spread over the top of the cake, scatter over chocolate sprinkles and leave the topping to harden before serving. Enjoy!

Grete Wennike—

Recipe courtesy of ScandiKitchen





**‘L’Age d’or de la chanson’
Esher French Circle rounds off 2022
with an evening of French songs**



Georges Brassens



Jacques Brel

Esher French Circle member Peter Prowse’s talk (in French) on Wednesday 14 December, 7.30pm in West End Village Hall, looks at the lives of well-known French (and one English) singers of the 20th century, including:

***Georges Brassens * Jacques Brel * Yves Montand
* Georges Moustaki * Jake Thackray * Charles Trenet**

His performance includes favourite songs, such as:

**C’est si bon - The Hair of the Widow of Bridlington -
La Mer
– Les Copains d’Abord – Sister Josephine - Il est trop tard
– Lah-di-dah - Le Mètèque – Chanson pour l’Auvergnat –
The Lodger**

Esher French Circle offers monthly talks – in French – by native or fluent French speakers, in a relaxed and convivial setting.

The meetings are on the third Wednesday of most months. The doors open at 7pm and the main talk starts at 7.30pm. The 2023 season offers a rich and varied programme:

2023		
18 January	De la Creuse à la Moselle en vélo	Maryse Wright
15 February	Emile Zola en exil en Angleterre	Odile Hughson
15 March	Moliere’s comedy-ballets	Emilie Capulet
19 April	Eugène Boudin, peintre	Christine Nivet
17 May	Club’s 50th anniversary celebratory dinner and concert	
14 June	A la conquête du Mont Blanc	Thierry Viennois

More information is from the club’s website:
www.cerclefrancais-esher.uk or the club’s secretary;

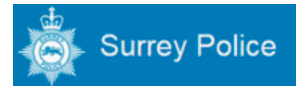
Brigitte Tiller E brigitte@ptiller.com M 07896 233728



Peter Prowse will present songs well-known “chansons” from the second half of the 20th century at the meeting on 14th December.



This beautiful Black Walnut *Juglans nigra* tree was snapped by Don Tyzack in St. Nicolas’ Churchyard, Great Bookham.



**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.

Sgt 1898 Pat Bauer covers Esher

PC 3435 Ian Hallam is the local Esher Officer

Officers can be contacted by dialling 101 or email:

**Please note the email address has changed for the
Elmbridge Policing Team to: elmbridge@surrey.police.uk**

Contact for Neighbourhood Watch is now:

<http://elmbridgenhw.ourwatch.org.uk/>

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

You can also contact Surrey Police online:

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Or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Surrey Police>
& Twitter**

IN THE KNOW—SURREY & SUSSEX

- ◆ **KEEP ALL WINDOWS SECURELY LOCKED AT ALL TIMES AND ONCE AGAIN PLEASE REMOVE ALL VALUABLES CARS WHEN PARKED. CAR THEFTS CONTINUE IN THE AREA!!**
- ◆ **ON-LINE SHOPPING SCAMS LOST ON AVERAGE £1000 PER PERSON DURING LAST YEAR’S FESTIVE SEASON. THE AGE GROUP MOST LIKELY TO FALL VICTIM WAS 19-25 YEAR OLDS.**
- ◆ **BEWARE OF COURIER AND IMPERSONATOR FRAUD TARGETING VULNERABLE PEOPLE.**
- ◆ **CASH MACHINES IN THE AREA ARE ALSO BEING TARGETED SO PLEASE BE VIGILANT!**

THE VILLAGE CLUB



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www.WESSC.org

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WEST END SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER AT 6.00PM

EVERYONE WELCOME

THANK YOU!

A huge 'thank you' to residents, Eileen Pocklington, David Rolfe, Peter Bedford and Ken Berry who have recently made donations to the Village News.

We are very grateful for your generous donations which help enormously and enable us to continue with the printed production and circulation of the newsletter to every household in the village and surrounding areas bringing you the latest news of our unique village life.

We would also like to say a special thank you to all our volunteers who so kindly spend their free time delivering the newsletters to every household in West End and the surrounding area and to all who contribute news for each edition, without your input the Village News would not exist.

Your help and support is much appreciated.



WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



WEST END ESHER CRICKET CLUB



A very successful league dinner with a few of the players ...from left to right Jon Carter, James Townsend, Suresh Dadhwal, Neil Edwards, Mike Bacon, Eric Strange, Peter Horwood, Paul Jones and Liam Causevic.

Mike Bacon (Chairman WEECC)
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WEST END MOTOR CLUB



Spot the problem

It's been a quiet autumn for us after a busy summer and members have spent time in their garages making good the inevitable wear on our old cars from several long hot journeys. 'Lockdown' has finally had his gearbox replaced with the sportier one I spotted and bought at the Beaulieu National Rally we attended in July. Oh, and the handbrake cable was seen to be down to a single strand and replaced.

About a dozen of us continue meeting in the Club Café on Tuesday mornings for coffee, and a few less in the Bar on Thursday evenings. Anyone like minded who would like company and car talk is welcome to join us at either meeting.



Ken's cars, often seen driving around West End, at the Austin 7 Centenary Rally in July this year, which event has been awarded the 'Prestigious Motoring Spectacle' Award 2022 by the RAC Club.
Left: The Fabric Saloon

Below: The Nippy Sports



A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL READERS

Text and photos: Roger Brown & Ken Berry

CLUB ACTIVITIES A VERY SPOOKY HALLOWEEN



A very spooky evening at the Sports & Social Club was arranged by the General Manager, Anil, helped by Mina and Assistant Bar Manager, Dan Snell. Prizes were awarded for the best dressed family and individuals.

Above Left: The winning family was Nigel, Oliver and Tilly Peaker and mum, Carla Capper.

Other prizes were awarded to Phil who was dressed to 'kill' complete with sword and spade and looked as though he had just stepped out of horror movie dressed as a 'Grave Digger' and Angela the 'Witch with her black and white cat'!

Meanwhile Dan made an impressive Rubeus Hagrid from Harry Potter!

Photos: Alice Austin and Angela Stockbridge



CURRY NIGHT

Left: Anil and Mina provided a superb choice of traditional home cooked starters, curries and accompaniments for the members. The Clubhouse bar was packed, with an additional fourteen regulars upstairs all enjoying the food, atmosphere and Indian music. Takeaways were also available. Mina dressed the room with her beautiful Indian saris and beaded handbags. Following the deliciously spicy supper many danced to Indian music. Thank you to all the staff for a splendid evening.

We look forward to the Chinese Night on Saturday 10th December.



AFC WESTEND

Hi everyone,

I hope that this finds you are all well and surviving the stresses and strains of the current UK climate. Here is a quick update from the Westend football section to let you know how our Sunday sides are doing in their respective Leagues during season 2022/2023.

AFC WESTEND SUNDAY

The Sunday team under the managership of George Nixey have had a bit of an up and down start to their season, but despite losing a few of their early games, they have now picked themselves up and are holding their own in the League and also in one of the cup competitions. This was recently highlighted when they beat a side that are playing in a League 3 division above them, they were drawing 3 – 3 at the end of normal time and then won a thrilling penalty shootout which saw them run out eventual winners by 5 – 3 on the day. They are currently lying in a comfortable joint 6th place in Division 4 of the Leatherhead & District Sunday League and will be pushing to finish in the top 4.

AFC WESTEND JAGUARS

Our other Sunday side, AFC Westend Jaguars under the managership of Raff Federico are in Division 6 of the Leatherhead & District Sunday League. At the time of writing, they are currently sitting joint top in their respective League and have had an impressive start to their season. So far in the League they have Won 5 games, Drawn 1 and Lost 0. They are also still involved in several cup competitions. We hope that this form will continue for the lads who are really enjoying their football.

So there we are, a very quick update on your local football club news. Let's hope that both of our teams at AFC WESTEND can now push on further and bring some much needed success in the second half of the season to our wonderful village. Both teams still have games up to Sunday 18th December, they will then break for Christmas and the New Year period and will resume playing on Sunday 8th January 2023.

Finally, on behalf of all the Management Team and players may we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all best wishes for the New Year 2023, Eric, Keith, George, Jake, Ben, Raff and Alex. Cheers everyone.



Keith Harris

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AT THE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

The Macmillan Coffee Morning held on the 11th November was a great success and £1226.00 was raised for the charity.

There were a number of Raffle prizes and the winners are listed on the Noticeboard.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event.



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