



ESHER RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION—HERITAGE BLUE PLAQUE AWARD A W (BILL) BEDFORD 1920—1996 TEST PILOT



Peter and Naomi Bedford, with daughter-in-law Jo, Chris Roberts (ex-Red Arrows and former Harrier test pilot), son Nick (wearing Bill's medals), grandchildren Maude and Humphrey



L-R: Nick, Peter and Naomi Bedford, Cllr Mary Sheldon the Mayor of Elmbridge, and Consort, John, Derek Richardson, Chris Thyer, Flt Lt Dominic Howard-Williams RAF, David Rolfe, Peter Heaney, and Cllr Richard Williams.

It was a great surprise to be approached last year by David Bramley, on behalf of the Esher Residents Association, sounding out our views on a possible Blue Plaque for my father Bill. Thanks to David's hard work, all came to a head successfully on 1st February, and I know that Bill would also have been surprised, yet deeply honoured to be remembered in this way. The day could not have gone better, even the weather was on our side, and we were delighted that the event was led by the Mayor of Elmbridge, Cllr Mary Sheldon.

Photos: Angela Stockbridge

The Harrier Jump-jet

The world's first vertical and short take-off and landing (VSTOL) aircraft. Bill was at the controls of the prototype Harrier for its first flight on 21st October 1960 and did the first ever vertical jet operations on an aircraft carrier (HMS Ark Royal).

Photo: Courtesy Dave Page



THE ELMBRIDGE LITERARY COMPETITION



Rachel Gee one of the members of the West End Creative Writing Group has achieved a third place in the Elmbridge Literary Competition for her poem "New World?" .

As you may know the competition is run by the R.C.Sherriff Trust and this year it has attracted the most entries in the competitions history with submissions from across the world. So this is a fantastic achievement for Rachel. The prizegiving ceremony will be held on 21st March at The Riverhouse Arts Centre, Walton, You can read Rachel's poem on page 3.

CONGRATULATIONS RACHEL!



WEST END COMMUNITY FACEBOOK GROUP

Dear Neighbours

We have a really wonderful community in the village of West End, Esher, and there are times when it would benefit us all to be better connected digitally. To know what's going on, to ask for help, connect up all the local groups (cricket, football, village hall, village show, playgroup etc.), support new residents etc. And at this time in particular with Covid19 – let's support one another as a community – who knows what we might need.

A resident has set up a private facebook group for anyone who lives in West End. It's not commercial, no paid ads, no separate app, but it will come up in your regular Facebook feed.

Not everyone uses facebook, but it's there for those that do. Search for **West End Esher Community** or type in this URL:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/westendeshercommunity/>

Please do join.

We have over 90 people have joined now as I've been doing some leaflet dropping, but hopefully the Village News will capture any-one we have missed.

Helen Hambleton



A Frosty Morning in West End

Taken on an Olympus Om-2n film camera. Film: Fomapan 200asa 24 exp.

Photo: Ashley Stockbridge

INDY'S DOG BLOG



Have you noticed it's getting lighter in the mornings and evenings? Yay! That must mean longer walks!! I do so love the smell of snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils poking their way out of the soil in West End. A welcome addition to the mud and puddles that are everywhere. It's been so windy recently that I have found if I stand in my garden at

the top of the hill with the wind blowing through my ears they flap horizontally – I've seen Dumbo and I know what happens!

Christmas seems ages ago now but I hope you had a good one. I certainly did as Santa Paws was very kind to me, bringing lots of doggy treats, new toys including a rabbit that I really, really wanted (although when my family asked me what I most wished for, I meant a real one but stuffed is OK). Christmas time also means I celebrate the first day I arrived to live with my family on 29th December, three years ago now. It was the best day of my life and I now love my life in West End.

A heart-rending drama caught my attention on a Saturday just before Christmas as we were very worried when we heard about a dog called Poppy who was lost in the woods behind Garsons. So easy to be sniffing around only to look up and find you are totally alone. Scary. Lots of people and us dogs searched for ages until it got dark with no luck. The next day she was spotted at Esher fire station – boy, she is speedy to get that far! Finally, on the Sunday evening, she was found in the grounds of the council offices on the high street and reunited with her family. Phew! We were all very relieved and thank everyone who helped.

The old Moore Place golf course on top of the hill has been a Dogs-end in this wet weather as it's a bit drier underpaw and I seem to meet lots of new friends like Buddy, a young black Labrador, and his owner Paul, who live in West End. Buddy and I really enjoyed running side by side and chewing sticks together. I think we need a pawtition to save our new dog space!

Well, let's hope it stops raining soon and we have a lovely spring in West End because Easter is just around the corner and I do love pretty yellow fluffy chicks, don't you?

So, remember to say hi to me if you see me. I'm the flat-coated retriever with the turquoise collar who lives at the top of the hill. You can now listen to this dog blog narrated by Indy herself from indysdogblog@gmail.com

Indy

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM CHRIST CHURCH COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Your wellbeing is of the highest importance – which is why, due to the threat of the Coronavirus and a notice from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

- There will be no organised public worship or events at Christ Church, Esher or St. George's, West End until further notice.
- Our doors at Christ Church are remaining open for prayer and reflection.
- We are seeking alternative ways to communicate and engage via the internet.

PUBLICITY OFFICER

WEST END VILLAGE SHOW

Can you spare a few hours this summer?

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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 2190 Greg Turner covers Esher

PCSO 16888 Mey (Kat Mey) covers West End

PC40489 Chris Smith is the local PC Tel: 101 or ext. 38298

14614 Mike Bessent is the contact for Neighbourhood Watch.

Surrey Police, Elmbridge Borough :

Tel: 101 Extension: 38857

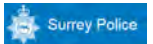
Officers can be contacted by dialling 101 or email:

the Elmbridge Policing Team at

elmbridge@surrey.pnn.police.uk

IN THE KNOW—Surrey & Sussex

- ◆ Burglars struck in West End again—ripping a safe from the wall in a house!
- ◆ Take extra care at cashpoints and be vigilant if someone calls at your house claiming your roof insulation needs repairing.
- ◆ The National Fraud Office has also reported an increase in Coronavirus related fraud—that's people thinking they are buying masks from what turn out to be fraudulent sellers or giving financial information to criminals as a result of a coronavirus related phishing emails. Please be aware and think carefully when receiving unsolicited emails or 'phone calls.
- ◆ **KEEP YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS SECURELY LOCKED AT ALL TIMES AND ONCE AGAIN PLEASE REMOVE ALL VALUABLES FROM CARS WHEN PARKED.**
- ◆ Please report suspicious incidents via 101, or in an emergency 999.



There are plans to care for our vulnerable members. With all encouraged to pray and give practical help where safe to do so.

We don't know how long this period of disruption and challenge will last but we know that God is with us and we are all here to support one another.

When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.

Psalm 94 v.19

See website for more information: www.esherparish.org.uk

Helen Coulson, Church Warden

WEST END CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

OBSESSION

While the native hacked at the dense undergrowth ahead, Nathaniel Derwent, professional plant collector, and honorary member of the RHS, sipped sparingly from his flask. The warm water had an unpleasant metallic tang, and he wondered briefly if a dash of whisky might improve it. Something to try tomorrow perhaps, or the day after, there would be plenty more tomorrows: his expedition still had a month to run. Not that this ramshackle outfit deserved the term "expedition".

With endless delays, insufficient funding and lazy natives the affair had been a disaster from the outset. Promises of funding, letters of introduction, and guides had all evaporated like monsoon puddles in the equatorial sun. Stories of tigers and cannibals, leeches and fevers, had seen off all those so keen to pledge support in the drawing rooms of London Society.

"Careful with that!" He shouted bad temperedly as his assistant tripped on a root and bumped the mahogany case of Orchid Jars against a tree. He opened the case, and saw with relief that none had broken. The glass jars glistened in the sunbeams angling down from the canopy far above, and their emptiness seemed to mock him. No matter, he thought, he would surely fill them one day, and then he would be the one to present her Majesty with a thrilling curiosity from the furthest reaches of her Empire.

The man, dark skin glistening with sweat, had finally cleared the way and sank down to rest beside the path. Pushing past him, Derwent entered a forest glade beyond. In the distance a flock of blue butterflies danced above a rotting log, rising then settling in rhythmic patterns. All except one he noted, and wondered idly if it was dead. He approached the dancing swarm cautiously not wanting to startle them.

Then he stopped, frozen with shock as he saw the flower. Not a dead butterfly at all. Intrigued he strode quickly to the fallen log, scattering the cloud of insects. He studied the plant intently. Certainly it was an Orchid but not a Miltonia, or a Dendrobium, in fact it was unlike anything he had ever seen. Softly he murmured "...and I name thee Orchidaceae Durwentii".

His tanned face broke into a smile and a thrill of triumph ran through him, washing away the months of hardship, even lifting the burden of his broken engagement. His grin widened as he recalled the sly looks from fellow members of his Club who had pretended to understand his obsession, while ridiculing him behind his back. None of that mattered now. "Damn the lot of them" he thought; in a century their names would be dust but now his would live on forever. Then his smile faded, he needed those jars to safeguard his prize. Where the hell were his natives? Behind him there was a rustle in the grass, "About time!" he muttered. Irritated, he turned to glance over his shoulder, just in time to see the tiger spring at him.

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Above: Alice Austin (l) and Angela Stockbridge (r) presenting Steve Knight of the Swan Sanctuary with a £120 raised on the raffle held at the Village News 'Cheese and Wine' evening. Other personal donations were also received by the Sanctuary following the event. The Swan Sanctuary is on 24 hour alert 365



days a year to attend emergencies. The Sanctuary is currently extremely busy caring for sick and injured swans and any donations to help with this important work will be very welcome. Several injured West End Swans have been cared for in the past at the Sanctuary. For further information go to www.theswansanctuary.org.uk

Angela Stockbridge

NEW WORLD?

Do we care, can we dare to unfurl a new world?
Is that sustainable, maintainable, achievable, believable
Is it possible or plausible, reasonable or feasible
Or an impossible possibility, an unrealistic reality?

Where faith is embraced and differences no disgrace
Where religion is not division or ammunition for opposition
Where heroism not terrorism is applauded and recorded
Where depravation and degradation are ousted and flouted

Where there are actions and interactions, not factions and inactions
Idiosyncrasy and democracy not bureaucracy and hypocrisy
Simplicity not duplicity, transparency not conspiracy
Vision not derision, decision not suspicion

Empathy not enmity, kind acts not cruel pacts
Where we connect with respect and protect not neglect
No treason nor traitors but reason and debaters
No spying nor lying but honesty for posterity

Where hostilities are halted, new friendships exalted
Where warfare is denounced and peace is pronounced
Dream of new shores, abhor the scream of dire wars
When shots have been fired, bodies piled on the pyre

Just giving and forgiving, living and delivering
Where good overwhelms evil and hope is the easel
For the rich picture of the future, the landscape of our handshake
Circled and curled around this precious pearl:

Our preferred new world

Where seas heave clear, forests not demolished
And need, not greed, defines a kinder mankind.

Rachel Gee

WOODLAND MANAGEMENT

The autumn and winter of 2019 have been very wet and windy, which meant an early halt to the continuing woodland management operation on the Common. The contractor was unable to extract the timber to



Winterdown Road without causing deep ruts. Hopefully we will establish a new loading area to the south onto the Portsmouth Road which will enable this operation to conclude. It will result in more light reaching the ground and new growth which improves the quality of the site for wildlife and the special creatures that live there. It will also

improve views north from Horseshoe Clump.

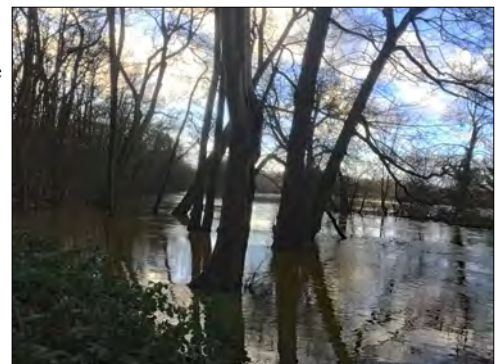
We have been clearing up numerous fallen trees in recent weeks; hopefully the spring and summer will be kind to us so we can surface one or two wet sections of paths during the summer.

Please email me with any questions you have about West End Common.

Photos:

Above: Roe Deer glimpsed at The Ledges.

Right: The River Mole in Flood, The Ledges



Dave Page,
Countryside Estates Officer. Email: dpage@elmbridge.gov.uk

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)—This deadly pandemic is sweeping the world, causing deaths, fear and disruption. It is very important to follow the Public Health experts and Government's advice on how to keep safe. **PLEASE HEED THE ADVICE AND STAY SAFE**

- 1) Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds with soap and hot water or use a sanitiser gel
- 2) Use a tissue for coughs and sneezes
- 3) If you don't have a tissue use your sleeve
- 4) Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

5) Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
Symptoms include: Fever and tiredness, a dry cough, breathing difficulties and muscle pain. **If you think you have these symptoms, self-**

isolate and the advice is to email 111. Go to (111.nhs.uk)

CHRIST CHURCH & ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

As we had hoped, we start our New Year with good news! We'd like to introduce you to our new Rector, the Revd Darren McCallig, who will be installed as Rector of the Parish of Esher on Monday 23rd March. Unfortunately, due to the threat of the Coronavirus and a notice from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York there will be no organised public worship or events at Christ Church, Esher or St. George's, West End until further notice. Darren's institution will take place as planned, but as a small private service - and he will then be able to start his ministry in our Parish.



Darren has been Senior Chaplain in the Anglican Chaplaincy of Norway. He has written a delightful letter to parishioners, which can be found on our website:

<http://www.esherparish.org.uk> "Letter from Revd Darren McCallig.pdf"

We are delighted to welcome both Darren and his wife Annelise to Esher and pray that "normal service" will be resumed as soon as

possible.

The Christmas season at St George's was as popular and busy as ever - with standing room only at both of the Christmas Eve services, and a packed church on Christmas morning.

As you know, the Norwegian Church hold services once a month at St George's - and they particularly value the opportunity to come and worship here on Christmas Eve morning. We are sure that Darren will also enjoy our relationship that exists with them, and thus retain some links with Norway.

The Church calendar now moves us through Lent, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday and into Holy Week and Easter. **SADLY THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER OR ST GEORGE'S WEST END AND SO ALL OUR PLANNED SERVICES FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY AND EASTER HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. PLEASE LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER UPDATES ON THE SITUATION.** In the meantime we send our prayers to you all.

St George's Day falls on Tuesday 23rd April, but luckily we hadn't planned anything special.

The gardens are always beautifully maintained by our hardworking team - but the fence is now becoming overgrown by shrubbery - so we had planned to organise a working party to cut back the growth, which will allow us to treat the fence and gate with a preservative. When this happens - if anyone wants to come and help - you will be more than welcome! Refreshments are always provided!

We are blessed that (although we are tiny) we are a prominent landmark in the village - and are always touched by the generous support that you continue to give us over the years. You are always welcome on a Sunday - but especially remember us if you are planning a baptism or a wedding.

For more information about all our services (at both churches) please do visit our website: <http://www.esherparish.org.uk> Here you can find everything you might want to know about the Parish of Esher including Music on The Green (WHICH HAS ALSO BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE). We put topical notices and a monthly events calendar on the fence outside the church - so please do stop and look to see what's going on as you pass by.

Finally, thank you as always for your continued support and we wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Andrea Lindow and Bridget Williams

STORMS CIARA AND DENNIS

These two storms at the beginning of the New Year caused havoc and left a trail of destruction throughout the UK causing high winds, torrential rain, rivers bursting through flood defences causing major flooding. Not to mention the village green, common and woodlands which were under water for much of January and February.



The village green looking and feeling like a swamp.

Photo: Angela Stockbridge

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 8.00pm, 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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For further information or our complete programme, please contact:

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*Visit our website:

www.dontyzack.care4free.net/cercle.html



THE CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH



The congregation and performers at the West End Carol Concert held on Christmas Eve 2019 in St. George's Church.

The concert is held annually and is always great fun, followed by refreshments in the Village Club.

Photo: Peter Bedford

*Photo: Courtesy
Peter Bedford*

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Above: The article from “British Aerospace presents 75 years”
(Copies will be available in Club to read in full.)

*Photo: Courtesy
Peter Bedford*



Three generations of RAF service: Peter Bedford, Flt Lt Dominic Howard-Williams, and the Mayor's Consort (and former Mayor) John Sheldon



Local residents and dignitaries inspecting the plaque following the unveiling. *Photos: Angela Stockbridge*

WINTERDOWN WI

At the Christmas meeting in December we were entertained by folk singer and guitarist Hector Gilchrist. It was very pleasant listening to Scottish folk songs sung by a Scotsman with a very melodic voice. The committee provided mince pies and mulled wine afterwards. It was not the usual format of the Christmas meeting but there was a chance for everyone to have a little social time before they went home.

Several members went to Polesden Lacey where the theme for December was 'Dressed for Christmas'. They found some of the decorations surprisingly modern and there were some mixed feelings about what they had seen.



Members outside the main entrance to Polesden Lacey and one of the more traditional Christmas scenes in the house: Photos: Micki Scales

In January Paul Whittle gave a very interesting talk about Florence Nightingale 'The Lady with the Lamp'. Towards the end of the month several members braved the mud and had a very enjoyable walk around Shere and a lovely lunch at the 'Dabbling Duck' Café.

Sixteen members gathered at Cote in Esher for what seems to have become an annual 'January dinner' event. Going out for a meal as a group seems to be one of the most enjoyable of activities for members.

Steve Roberts a retired policeman came to talk about 'Protecting yourself from Scams'. His talk was very helpful for members and his recommendation to always 'Stop – Think – Check' before agreeing to anything.

We were invited to Claremont school for the dress rehearsal of their annual production. This year it was 'We will rock you' based (loosely) on the music from 'Queen'.

It was very entertaining and all pupils have the opportunity to take part from the juniors to the seniors. We are always made very welcome and offered refreshments in the interval.

The speaker arranged for the March meeting was unable to come and cancelled at the last minute. Thankfully our Programme Organiser was able to find a speaker at very short notice and Rosemary Horton came to give a talk about 'cheese'. It proved to be very interesting and Rosemary is a very good speaker. We had a very good attendance at the meeting.

Coming up: 2nd April – Clandon Park 'The fire and the future'
7th May - Resolutions and VE Day commemoration
4th June – Summer get together and plant sale
2nd July – 'So far so good'

Caroline Thyer

Winterdown WI meet on the first Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in West End Village Hall. Visitors and new members are always very welcome. Contact: Secretary, Ann Tennant on 01372 466725 or visit our website: www.winterdownwi.co.uk

DEFIBRILLATOR

OUTSIDE VILLAGE HALL

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MOORE PLACE GOLF COURSE



A great deal of opposition has been expressed by various Resident's Associations in Elmbridge in respect of any development on areas of Green Belt land. Esher Residents Association is particularly concerned in respect of both Sandown and Moore Place. This picture shows part of the Moore Place golf course. All of the golf course will be lost if Elmbridge Council fails to approve Option 4 of their Local Plan and the owners of this land are allowed to proceed with the construction of some 250 houses.

Doug Fryer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION (COVID-19) CORONAVIRUS VILLAGE NEWS ON-LINE

In view of the Government's and Public Health experts' guide-lines regarding self-isolation and social distancing, and in the interest of the health and safety of our volunteers, we will not be delivering the newsletter to every household this month as we have done in the past. We will, therefore, email a copy to all members of the Village Club and to those for whom we have email addresses. If you are not a member of the Club and wish to receive a copy of the newsletter please contact:

Angela Stockbridge 07817 498531 or email angelastockbridge1115@gmail.com

Copies of Village News can also be found on the AFC Westend website: www.afcwestend.co.uk and on Garsons community page - <https://www.garsons.co.uk/about-us/garsons-in-the-community>

NEW DEFIBRILLATOR FOR VILLAGE HALL



A new defibrillator is now located outside the Village Hall. The committee of the West End Village Show is proud to have initiated its purchase and has joined forces with the Village Hall in sponsoring this public facility.

Proceeds from the Village Show are donated annually to local charities and good causes and this is one of them. The continued support from residents of the village is much appreciated and this life-saving initiative is aimed at 'giving back to the community'.

To help someone who is in cardiac arrest effectively, a defibrillator needs to be found as quickly as possible, so the central and well-known location of the Village Hall was felt appropriate. No training is required - anyone can use it. Clear instructions are on the outside of the unit. It's just a matter of dialling 999, giving your location and you will be given a code to open the box.

Defibrillators are also available at Garsons and at the Village Club during opening hours.

Steve Kelly, Chairman

WEST END BRIDGE CLUB

When to delay drawing trumps

Some bridge-players regard it as practically a religious duty to draw trumps immediately, and only then set about getting their Contract. Often this is the best course, but there are important occasions when you need to hit the DELAY button. Here are two of them:

1) When you must ruff in dummy in order to score extra tricks:

Declarer	Dummy
Spades are Trumps ♠ AKQ8	♠ 432
♦ A543	♦ 2

If as Declarer you bashed out Ace, King, Queen of Spades straightaway, you would clearly kill the value of your three small trumps in Dummy. Instead play the Ace of Diamonds, then trump a small Diamond with Dummy's Two of Spades. Return to hand, possibly with a trump if there is no other safe way. Now lead another Diamond and trump it with the Three of Spades.

That would be at least 2 extra tricks towards your contract target.

2) When you want to offload some urgent discards

♠ xx	Contract: 4 Spades
♥ K,Q, x,x	Vulnerability: West/East
♦ J,10,9,x	Lead: Jack of Diamonds
♣ 10,9,8	

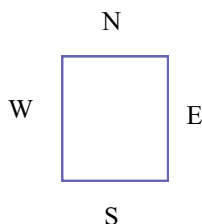
Declarer

♠ K,Q,10,5,2

♥ J,9,x

♦ A,K,x

♣ Q,x



♠ A,x

♥ A,x,x,x

♦ x,x,x,x

♣ K,x,x

Dummy

♠ J,x,x,x

♥ x,x

♦ Q,x

♣ A,J,x,x,x

The bidding was optimistic. West opened One Spade, North passed, and a gung-ho East jumped to Four Spades. North Led his top-of-a-sequence Jack of Diamonds. Declarer, as soon as he saw Dummy, breathed a sigh of relief to have avoided a Heart lead. He took his Queen of Diamonds, then without touching trumps, he cashed his Ace, King of Diamonds, discarding a small Heart from Dummy. Only then did he broach trumps, securing his contract by the skin of his teeth. (If he'd drawn trumps at once, he'd have gone one down as North-South would have inevitably come in with the Ace, cashed two top Hearts, and still have had the King of Clubs to come).

Our friendly Bridge Club meets every Tuesday at 1.30pm at West End Village Hall.

Ring Kay Moulton on 01372 464775 for details.

Clive Craigmile

BUTTONS & BOW (The Busy Bs)

It might be a few weeks into 2020 but the club has been as busy as ever.

Valentines Day was celebrated by presenting all our members with a Red Rose and special tea. That's not where it ends though! We will be celebrating all the Saints this year.



St David's Day was celebrated with tea and a Bara Brith cake. The room was decorated with arrangements of daffodils and a local violinist played classical music.

Shamrocks were worn on St Patrick's Day and we all enjoyed a performance of Irish comedy.

It's time to get out those Easter Bonnets and enjoy the entertainment and the Easter Tea.

A Cream Tea will be provided for all on St. George's Day.

Celebrations to mark St. Andrew's Day will also be held in November.

Members will be organising an event for Memories of WW2. What are yours?

The first outing to Worthing was a 'breezy' event, but dry, blowing those wintry cobwebs away.

Other outings planned are: "Kent Life" in May, followed by "Westerham" and "Chartwell" in June.

Monthly Lunches are still very popular.

If you would like to join us and our activities then pop in to the Village Club one Monday afternoon from 1.30 to 4.15pm.

Our door is always open and you will be made very welcome.

Need to know more?

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Betty Bowpitt



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A Vintage Tea was held recently in the Village Hall. Catering was provided by 'Home Cooking by Elizabeth' who also decorated the room and tables beautifully.

LOST & FOUND!

Lynn Bezant recently received a redirected letter together with the menu giving names of West End ladies providing the superb buffet for the West End Residents' Christmas Supper Dance in 1996. The letter addressed to 'Stella' (presumably Stella Lyn) is dated 21 November 1996, and was found in the office at Clandon School, arriving at Lynn's some 14 years after the event!

And what great parties they were. Happy Memories!

Left: Don Tyzack sent in these lovely images of Thrushes captured in Great Ridings Wood near his home in East Horsley



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WEST END PLAYGROUP COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS UPDATE)



West End Playgroup & Forest School

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On the advice of the Department of Education and in consultation with Surrey Early Years, I regret to inform you that West End Playgroup will be closed until instructed by the Government to re-open.

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