



## BOOKSTALL VILLAGE SHOW SATURDAY 25TH AUGUST

The bookstall previously run by the Residents' Association has been one of the delights of the West End Village Show for many years. The demise of the Association threatened to leave a hole in the Show, which takes place this year on Saturday 25th August. So, the Show's organisers have decided to try running the book stall themselves. If you have any good quality books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl records or picture frames that you no longer want, please pass them on to the Show and help raise money for local charities. Contact Grant Ferrett on 07939 830 203 or email [ferrett78@btinternet.com](mailto:ferrett78@btinternet.com). Also, if you'd like to get involved in the Show by helping to set up or run one of the stalls for a couple of hours, we would love to hear from you.

*Grant Ferrett*



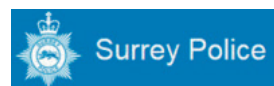
## SUMMER HAS ARRIVED A LAST!

Birdsong at dawn, butterflies, bees and sunshine are in abundance, but sadly there no swans in West End again this year. Let's hope they return to nest in 2019. The green continues to draw people from far and wide to sit and enjoy the surroundings of the pond, wildlife and the Cricket!

## APPEAL TO TRACE OWNERS OF ABANDONED HORSES IN CRANLEIGH



Please share this appeal and help us find them as the owners could be from anywhere. Anyone with information is asked to call Surrey Police on 101 quoting reference PR/ P18148230. See Surrey Police report on page 2 for more information.



## ROYAL AIR FORCE CENTENARY

On 1st April this year, the Royal Air Force celebrated its centenary, having been formed one hundred years ago by the amalgamation of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service. In doing so, it became the world's first independent air force.



The RAF remains at the forefront of the defence of our nation, and continues to be involved in deployments worldwide, and, indeed, last year was at its highest operational intensity in 25 years, particularly in Iraq and Syria.

The centenary is being marked by a variety of special events, activities and other initiatives at local, regional and national levels running until the end of November. The centrepiece of RAF100 will take place on 10th July, with a centenary service in Westminster Abbey, followed by a parade in The Mall and a spectacular flypast of around 100 aircraft over Buckingham Palace.

Associated with this is the RAF100 Aircraft Tour, which will be at Horse Guards Parade in London, over the period 6-9 July, where visitors will be able to get up close to a selection of aircraft on display (including the Spitfire, Harrier jump jet, Chinook helicopter, and replicas of the Typhoon and F-35 fighters). See the RAF 100 website for more details.

Closer to home the RAF continues to support the 55,000 young people that take part in the Air Cadets, including those on 1034 (Surbiton & Esher) Sqn. On 24<sup>th</sup> June we held our annual

inspection, which rounded off a year in which the cadets have been involved in activities such as adventure training in Snowdonia, a wide spectrum of sports, flying, gliding, church parades, collecting for Poppy Day (raising over £15,000), and the "Duke of Edinburgh" (the world's leading youth achievement award). There is more about the squadron on the "1034 air cadets" Facebook page, and we will be recruiting again in September!

*Peter Bedford*



1034 Sqn Annual Inspection

*Photos: Steve Richards*



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**Action Fraud: In the Know**

- ◆ Keyless car thefts. Arrests have been made across Surrey and South London. The arrests relate to 12 offences whereby 13 high performance vehicles were taken from driveways of homes. Please remove all valuables, lock your vehicles and keep your cars, windows, sheds and garages securely locked!
- ◆ **LATE NEWS:** Appeal to find owners of abandoned horses in Cranleigh. In a field just off Horsham Road seven horses were found that do not belong to the landowner. Officers from the Waverley Safer Neighbourhood team attended, gave them water and contacted the RSPCA. We have now seized three of the horses who were in need of immediate veterinary attention, they have been taken to a safe yard and are now under the care of the RSPCA. The other four horses remain at the location. PCSO Felicity Lock said: 'We understand that the horses have been here for some time and we need to locate the owners as they cannot stay where they currently are.'



Surrey Police



*Tulips at Dunsborough Garden.*

May heralds the 'Resolution Meeting' when we have to discuss and vote for the chosen topic to go forward to the NFWI's AGM. As this meeting can sometimes be a bit 'dry' the committee decided to organise a Fish and Chip supper which turned out to be popular and put everyone in a good mood to discuss the resolution which is about Mental Health issues.

The outing this year was to Nymans. Luckily the weather was dry and sunny. Sixteen members went by minibus and had a lovely day wandering around the grounds. They were given a guided tour of the ruins which made the visit even more interesting.

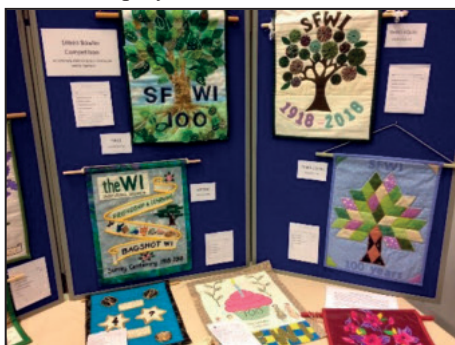


*Members enjoying a day at Nymans.*

**WINTERDOWN WI**

At last winter is over. We were forced to cancel a meeting since I have been President. However the following month we were very pleased to welcome Peter Bedford who gave a talk about his life in Aviation. As he is so well known in the village it was decided to have an open meeting for members' guests to come along too. It was a very enjoyable evening.

The Annual meeting of SFWI was held as usual in Dorking. In celebration of a hundred years of WI in Surrey the Eileen Bowles competition this year was a Centenary Wall Hanging in Patchwork and/ or applique. There was some very impressive work on display.



*Patchwork and applique entries at Dorking Halls.*

Dunsborough House in Ripley is famed for its tulip displays and has an open day in April for the NGS (National Garden Scheme). Several members went along to see them. It turned out to be the hottest day in April for years. The gardens and the tulips were much enjoyed and everyone was glad to sit in the shade afterwards to have a cup of tea.

In June Winterdown WI celebrated its 46<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a ploughmans supper and wonderful lemon and elderflower cake made by Margaret Dollimore. Members were asked to wear a hat with a Commonwealth theme and there were one or two interesting hats on display. The evening was rounded off with a quiz to test everyone's knowledge of the flags of the world. The craft group have been busy making their exhibit for the 'Perfect Pollinator evening' to be held at Wisley at the end of June. This is to be a special evening for Surrey WIs. Wisley will be open to them for the evening with music, BBQs and picnics. Fingers crossed the weather will be fine.



Ann Tennant and Suzanne Hood attaching the wasps, made by members, to the nest. The display of the pollinators can be seen near the Pinetum at RHS Wisley until 25th July and will be worth a visit.

Coming up:

July 5th - **Me and My Hats Felt making and Millinery-**  
*Mrs M Laurenson*

August 2nd - **Adventures in Sudan-** *Mrs Jan King*

September 6th - **Marianne North a Victorian lady traveller and her gallery at Kew Gardens-** *Judy Hill*

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

Article and photos: Caroline Thyer



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Village News team thanks Peter Bedford for his generous donation to the newsletter following his interesting and humorous talk to Winterdown WI on 'Born into Aviation' and to the West End Residents' Association for its donation following the sad disbandment of the committee. We do appreciate all your support.

## WEST END BRIDGE CLUB

### When your partner bids two suits...

In an uncontested auction, let's say the bidding goes—

OPENER	YOU AS RESPONDER
One Diamond	One Heart
One Spade	?

Pause for a moment. What do you know about your partner's hand? Well, he or she has nine cards in the two suits bid—five cards in the first, four in the second. What your partner is asking you to do is to say which of these suits you prefer.

If for example you've only just dredged up your 'One Heart' call on a pretty thin hand with 3 Diamonds and 2 Spades, you'd show your 'preference' with 'Two Diamonds'.

On the other hand, if you had only a singleton Diamond but four Spades, you'd give preference with a bid of 'Two Spades'. That's because the partnership has only a total of 6 Diamonds (5 plus 1), as against a total of 8 Spades (4 plus 4). So the idea is to bid to 'the level of the fit'. This simply means that because you have a fit of eight Spades between you, you contract to win a total of eight tricks on the hand. Remember, in assessing the fit, it's length that counts, not High Card Points.

Suppose you had an equal number of Diamonds and Spades in your hand, say 3 and 3? Then you'd go by what is generally called the 'Five-Four Rule' and give preference to your partner's first-bid suit, Diamonds, since you have between you 8 Diamonds (5 plus 3) and only 7 Spades (4 plus 3).

### Notes

- The only time your partner won't have five cards in his first-bid suit is with the awkward 4-4-4-1 distribution.
- If you see no chance of a game for the partnership, you can give preference by saying 'No Bid' leaving your partner in his second suit.
- If as a Responder you have a good hand, you may well need to jump a level to show you're being enthusiastic rather than merely giving passive preference.

Our friendly Bridge Club meets every Tuesday afternoon at West End Village Hall. If you are thinking of joining, it's Rubber Bridge with Chicago each first Tuesday in the month. Ring Kay Moulton for full details on 01372 464775.

*Clive Craigmile*

## A TRIBUTE BY TONY BAUMANN

### MURIEL LEIGHTON BAUMANN 'PATRICIA' 1923– 2018



Affectionately known as

Patricia, Mother was born in 1923 in Stone, Staffordshire on St Patrick's Day, and christened Muriel Leighton. However her Father said he would not call her anything but 'Pat' or Patricia.

In 1927 the family moved to Newcastle under Lyme where Pat went to school. She was offered a scholarship to a music academy, however war intervened.

In 1941 Mother's age group were called up, most of them didn't want to go into the munitions factory, so Mother enlisted in the RAF as an airwoman and was sent to Emsworth, near Cheltenham. She was then posted to London and was based behind Selfridges in a hostel. She trained on signals at the GPO in the Strand, following which she was posted to Abingdon.

Pat remembered those days well, there were many parties and this is where she met Teddy early in 1943. It was a whirlwind romance and they were married on 29<sup>th</sup> June that year in Penkhill, Stoke on Trent. Dad's crew were guard of honour. The reception was at home with a cake made of one layer of cake sugar and the other a layer of cardboard. Pat's Mother had to buy everything for the wedding on the 'black market'. They honeymooned in Colwyn Bay, North Wales, but on their wedding night, Dad couldn't get rid of his flying crew.

Pat was posted to Bletchley Park and for a period she was responsible for receiving messages, coded in all languages and these were given to the top 20 code breakers to decode. After the war in 1945 Pat and Teddy moved to London and bought a flat in Stamford Brook, Chiswick. She then joined at the start of Brook Street Bureau, established in 1946, by Margery Hurst.

In 1953 Pat and Teddy moved from London to the leafy suburbs of West End, Esher, Hawkshill Way, a quiet road in those days. The house was designed by Roger Simmons.

The family complete, Long Meadow was to be our long standing family home. Pat really enjoyed her garden, it was a labour of love for her.

As many of you will know, Pat's insatiable appetite, over the years, to be involved in the community and various committees, in 1957-1960 it was the Young Wives, which rolled into Wednesday Circle in the 60's and 70's. Mother was also a strong supporter of Christ Church, Esher, having worked with four Rectors on Church committees, and was Lady Chairman of the Esher Stewardship in 1966. In 1984 joined the Residents' Association, later becoming Chairman., as well as West End WI, and was Chairman in the early 1990's. Pat also joined NADFAS and became a Heritage volunteer as a Claremont Park guide for many years. She also supported the Princess Alice Hospice. Pat was awarded the Jubilee Silver Salver in 2004, by the Esher Residents' Association for her loyal contribution of over 30 years. At the age of 81 years she still played Bridge in West End.

Sadly the garden and her staircase became big challenge and in 2017 October she moved into Sunrise Senior Living in Esher. Mother had five good months there, apart from the last couple of weeks, where she battled with a lung infection. We celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, on St Patrick's Day, in hospital. The consultant gave me an update, saying 'your Mum's been asking for Sherry', so I said 'what do you think?', he replied 'she can have as much Sherry as she likes!!' Patricia, amongst many things, loved the three 'S's, Sugar, Salt and particularly Sherry, which we believe the latter kept her going to the grand age of 95.

*Pat will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.*

*Photo: Margaret Dane*

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## WEST END VILLAGE HALL



The Village Hall held its AGM at the end of May, and I thought it would be helpful to summarise some of the key points from my Chairman's report for those who were not able to attend the meeting.

### Key statistics

Income up about 8% to just over £24,000  
 Routine expenditure down slightly to just over £14,000  
 Total expenditure including one-off repairs just over £23,000  
 Accumulated funds up about 3% to £34,800  
 Lettings up about 8% to a total of 635 lettings over the year  
 Lettings ratio 58%

### Usage and Lettings

The Hall is very well used, and has an enviable occupancy rate. The lettings ratio of 58% represents the ratio of sessions used to the total sessions available over the year. The hall is fully booked for morning and afternoon sessions during term time, and is well used at weekends throughout the year, particularly for children's parties.

Over the last year we have lost a couple of regular users and the vacant sessions have been taken up by West End Playgroup.

We do have sessions available during the evenings, at weekends, and daytime during Playgroup holiday, so please check our website if you are thinking of renting the hall.

Our regular users represent groups from across the village and beyond, and include West End Playgroup and Forest School, Winterdown WI, French Circle, Yoga, Zumba, Ember Manor Lodge, and our very own art house cinema. A full list of users can be seen on the Village Hall website, and I would encourage you all to support our users.

We review our lettings rates regularly, and find that our rates are very competitive compared with other halls. The majority of our lettings are to charities, and we need to ensure that our rates are affordable for our users whilst providing sufficient income to maintain and improve the hall.

### Essential repairs and improvements

Fifteen years ago we received a substantial Lottery grant to extend and refurbish the Hall. The high level of usage does put a strain on our facilities and there is a constant level of wear and tear that we need to attend to.

Over the last few years we have undertaken a rolling programme of routine repairs and improvements, but we now have to undertake a range of more expensive works.

Many of the halls in the area have substantial property assets or financial reserves of several hundred thousand pounds, and these funds provide a healthy buffer to underwrite costs for repairs and improvements. The Village Hall is leased from the Church, and has traditionally retained modest reserves, which has meant that improvements have generally been funded from cash flow. This has put a severe limit on the funds we can allocate for improvements.

Last year we had to replace the timber floor to the main hall, at a cost of just under £10,000. Our next project is to overhaul the kitchen, and this is planned for the autumn half term. Other essential works include refitting the toilets, renewing the tiling to the entrance hall, improving the lighting, and works to the glazed entrance. These works will cost considerably more than we have in our reserves, and could total £40,000 or more.

### Donations

Over the next year we will be seeking help from village organisations and Elmbridge to help raise the funds required to maintain and improve the hall for the benefit of the village.

The Flower Show has always been very supportive, and over the last couple of years has made donations totaling £1300. This year Steve Kelly (the new Flower Show chair) and Fiona Cameron (Secretary) put on a memorable fund raising dinner for the Village Hall, raising about £3000 to be put towards the cost of improvements. This was a really wonderful evening, bringing together people from across the village, and as Eileen Pocklington said at the time, the Hall has never looked better in the 50 years she has lived in the Village (see below).

If you would like to help us with fund raising do please contact me.

### Management

The hall is overseen by a trustee committee of 11 users and villagers, five of whom take day-to-day responsibility for different management areas. These unsung heroes put in very many hours of their own time to ensure that our charming and delightful village hall runs as smoothly as possible.

### And finally...

We recognise that we have work to do to keep the hall looking its best, but it is encouraging to get so many comments from our users telling us how much they love the hall and its unique setting.

A few years ago a former mayor of Elmbridge referred to West End Village as the jewel in the crown of Elmbridge, and the village hall is one of two or three emblematic buildings at the heart of our village. So, please continue to support our village hall and its users, and help maintain its position at the centre of life in West End.

*Robin Crane, Chair, West End Village Hall Committee*  
 crane987@btinternet.com

**Contact details:** West End Village Hall  
<http://www.wevh.co.uk/>

## VILLAGE SHOW COMMITTEE DINNER

Saturday 24th March saw the Village Hall transformed into an evening dining venue, decked out with white tablecloths, large scale photographic village scenes framed in lights. The occasion

was hosted by the Village Show Committee in order to raise funds for a new kitchen facility for the Hall. Sixty local people sat down to a four-course dinner with entertainment provided by jazz duo, Eve.



The organisers were extremely grateful to Garsons for their generosity in supplying many of the ingredients and to Compass Catering for their loan of equipment. They would particularly like to thank their

helpers on the night and the villagers who kindly supported the event by buying tickets and raising a healthy amount of money. A great time was had by all!

*Article: Steve Kelly*

*Photos: Steve Kelly and Angela Stockbridge*



## WEST END PLAYGROUP & FOREST SCHOOL

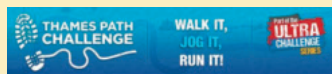


West End Playgroup and Forest School has been a part of village life since 1975. In 2012, and then again in 2016, the playgroup achieved an Ofsted Outstanding in all areas. The inspector who visited noted that "Children are very happy, confident and eager to learn." "All children make consistently high rates of progress from their starting points." (Ofsted April 2016).

Running from the lovely Village Hall, the playgroup and Forest School sessions provide a stimulating and nurturing environment for all children from 2 to 5 years old. The playgroup is run by a dedicated team, who are well qualified and have many years of experience. The hall provides three play areas, comprising two indoor areas for creative and messy play, as well as an outdoor area with bikes, cars and scooters. In addition to the large variety of activities available, the playgroup also offers a structured program of weekly topics. The daily routines include: key person circle time, snack time, music & movement, messy play, nature walks and Forest School. The playgroup team arrange outings to Legoland, Bocketts Farm and organise visits from key members of the community including the Fire Service. West End Playgroup is a not for profit organisation and has an active Parent Committee who organise social and fundraising events throughout the year. West End Playgroup have vacancies for September and can be contacted on 01372 469157 or by visiting the website at [www.westendplaygroup.com](http://www.westendplaygroup.com).

*Helen Goodman*

## THAMES PATH CHALLENGE 2018



Nick my fiancé and I have lived in the village for around 18 years all together and have a daughter. We both work at Garsons farm, Nick is the Farm Shop Assistant Manager and I work in the garden centre. We are taking part in the Thames path Challenge 2018 on the 8th and 9th of September 2018. This is to raise £1000 for the Princess Alice Hospice. This charity is wonderful and has given so many people in Surrey comfort and care when they need it.

The charity helped my Uncle Chris Spurdell when he was battling cancer and when he went in to the hospice he was treated with so much dignity and care around the clock and they extended that arm to us, his family. When Chris sadly passed away at the Hospice the door was not simply shut, but left wide open for us. They do all this and so much more all for free. So as our way of saying 'thank you' we are taking on the Thames Path Challenge. We will be walking 100km (62 miles) continuously from Putney bridge, following the Thames tow path all the way to our finish line at Henley-on-Thames.

We would welcome any donations and support from our lovely West End village and Esher communities. You can read our full story and more on our Just giving page.

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kerry-and-Nick-Ruddle](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kerry-and-Nick-Ruddle)

Or you donate by text, simple text PAHC70 £3 to 70070.

Wish us luck and fingers crossed we make the target and the finish line!

*Kerry Ford*

## ST GEORGE'S CHURCH WEST END



The major news in recent weeks is that two of our key clergy will be moving on. Our Curate, Nate Kurtz, held his last service on 24th June, and will become the Assistant Vicar of St. Mary's, East Molesey. Our Rector, Stefan Collier, will become the Rector of Christleton, in the Diocese of Chester, and his last Sunday in the parish will be 5th August. We thank them both very much indeed for their outstanding work in Esher Parish, and wish them all success in their new roles. We will write further on this in the next edition of the Newsletter but, in the meantime, there is much work going on behind the scenes in order to provide continuity of services as we face the challenges ahead.

Turning now to other issues, since our last update the key dates in our calendar have been Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday and Easter – all of which were well attended. It was particularly lovely to have such a wonderful display of flowers after their long absence during Lent.

You may have spotted the excellent turnout on Saturday 21 April, when many of us pitched up with our cleaning and gardening gear to give St George's our annual spring clean inside and out. The ages of our helpers ranged from 3 to 80+ and we all did a brilliant job. It was spectacular team-work! You may then have heard us when, in true St George's spirit, we all returned later in the afternoon to celebrate the arrival of our brand new hymn books, all of which have been donated by members of our two congregations. We had a short service during which a few favorite hymns (and a few new ones we had to learn!) were selected – and our singing was enhanced greatly by the presence of Stuart, our Director of Music and the choir from Christ Church. The new books are now at both Christ Church and St George's and are available in normal font, large print and with music.

At last, after much deliberation, the roof of our little church is going to be fully repaired and treated with a specialised product, which should protect it for the next 10-15 years. Our funds will be hugely depleted, but it must be done to ensure the church's future. Work is due to start in July. We know that our next major challenge will be to have a thorough inspection of the floor prior to renovating and replacing it. The next event will be the annual West End Flower Show and as usual, St George's will be open to all on Bank Holiday Saturday (25<sup>th</sup> August). It's amazing how many people take the opportunity to come in and have a look around – and we will have a raffle and our home-made bread and cake stall. The ladies of Christ Church will also be serving delicious cream teas and refreshments in the village hall all afternoon.

Last, but not least, our final event of this season will be our wonderful **Pet Service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm.** It's a wonderful way to celebrate our pets – so please make a note in your diary and join us, with or without your pet. Everyone is welcome.

We are always pleased to welcome newcomers to our regular Sunday services – so if you have wondered about joining us one Sunday – we can assure you of a warm welcome. Lovely hymns and music, friendly faces and coffee/tea and biscuits after the service. 9am every Sunday (except the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month). We look forward to seeing you.

For more information about all our services please do visit our website: <http://www.esherparish.org.uk> where you can find everything you might want to know about the Parish of Esher including Music on The Green. 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. In the meantime, 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. Finally – thank you as always for your continued support and have a happy and sunny summer.

*Andrea Lindow and Bridget Williams*



## WEST END RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

In the last edition of the Village News, I reported that we would be discussing the future of WERA at our AGM on 19 May 2018. Agendas were delivered to over 350 households in the village in advance of the meeting. At the AGM, the decision was taken to formally dissolve WERA as all members of the Committee stood down and there were no volunteers to succeed them in their roles. Going forwards, West End residents should contact their local Councillors or Esher Residents Association (ERA) regarding local matters such as highways and planning. West End resident David Bramley has agreed to represent West End on the ERA committee and will pass on relevant information through the Village News.

At the date of the AGM, WERA held funds of £1,805, mainly generated from the book and jewellery stall at the annual August show, and participants agreed that the decision on how to utilise these funds (less outstanding expenses) should be put to the community. Residents in attendance put forward 4 options for the use of funds which are outlined below and approximately 350 households in West End were hand delivered a voting slip.

In total we received 63 votes and the results are as follows (note several residents asked to allocate funds across more than one option):

1	Donate funds to Esher Residents' Association	12.4 votes	19.7%
2	Donate funds to the Village Hall for improvement projects	26.15 votes	41.5%
3	Donate funds to the Village News	20.45 votes	32.5%
4	Donate funds to a new community group for future benefit of the village	4 votes	6.3%

As 74% of the vote was split relatively evenly between the Village Newsletter and the Village Hall, we therefore decided to share the funds 50/50 and will present a cheque to Di Gibson on behalf of the Village Hall and Angela Stockbridge on behalf of the Village Newsletter.

On a separate note Doug Fryer has informed me that the yellow lines painted recently appear to have taken account of the representations made by local residents as they have been reduced in length from the original proposals. It only remains for me to thank my fellow committee members Anna Brain, Doug Fryer, June Bramley and Jane Sharland for all their hard work and commitment over the time they have been members of the WERA committee and to thank the community of West End for its support and participation over the years.

*Mark Bisson, Acting Chair*

## ESHER GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH



Hi there fellow West Enders,

Just an update on some things that you may be interested in over the next few months.

So here we go:

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September a night of comedy and magic with Tom Elliott** - Described by Miranda Hart as 'Such Fun', Tom Elliott tours the UK and abroad with a show that combines comedy, audience participation, illusion and his thought provoking story of finding lasting joy and faith. Delivered with Tom's infectious enthusiasm, energy and clean humour, this life affirming show is great for the whole family to enjoy.

Come and see Tom Elliott at Esher Green Baptist Church. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets are £7 for adults and £3 for under 18's visit our website [www.esherchurch.org](http://www.esherchurch.org) to book your tickets. *Book early as the show is likely to sell out quickly!*

**Marriage Course starts 20<sup>th</sup> September** - The Marriage Course is for any couple, whether you have been together for one year or 51 years and whether you feel you have a strong relationship or are struggling. The course takes place on Thursday evenings for 7 weeks from 7.30pm till 10pm and includes a romantic candlelit meal for two (including wine).

Each session has practical talks from DVD covering topics such as building strong foundations; the art of communication and resolving conflict. There is NO group work and any discussions will only take place between you and your partner.

For more information and to book your place please visit our website [www.esherchurch.org](http://www.esherchurch.org)

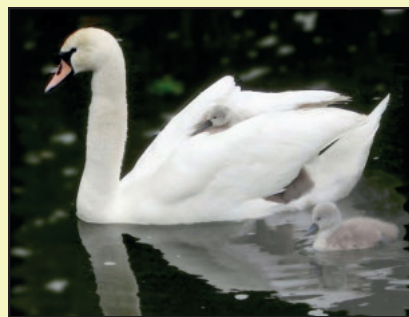
**Film Club (second Monday evening of the month – 7.30pm)** - Our popular Film Club also starts up again in September. So why not come along and sit back in front of our massive cinema screen while enjoying free drinks (including wine), nibbles and great company. A great opportunity to make new friends and see great films!

And don't forget our Sunday morning service at 10.30am every Sunday!

Every Blessing to you all and look forward to seeing you as we share this awesome summer together!

*Ryan Ahern*

## THE SWAN SANCTUARY



The Swan Sanctuary, based in Shepperton, has been working with the community for many years. It is safe to say that without the support of this community we'd have struggled. We are incredibly lucky to have an amazing group of volunteers that range from our rescuers that span most of Surrey and beyond. Our medical team that provided first aid and ongoing care. Our indoor team that helps feed, clean and care for our many patients. Our amazing maintenance team consists of retired gentlemen that keep our hospital building and 8 lakes neat and tidy. This year we were able to honor our volunteers, and in April we were awarded The Queens Award For Voluntary Service. A well deserved award and proof of how vital volunteers can be.

We have been working tirelessly over the last few months raising abandoned Cygnets and Ducklings that have been abandoned or injured, rescuing families of swans that have been attacked by dogs, saving juveniles that have wandered in to the wrong area and on the 24th June some bright pink swans! As you can imagine we have had our hands full!

People have lost touch with wildlife and it would appear we have lost respect for other living things. Now's the time to stop, look at the world around you and see all of the amazing creatures and sights before they are gone. Lets all work together and teach our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbours and students that we can live alongside and support wildlife. Show them how amazing it can be!

*Article: Gemma Nelson, The Swan Sanctuary*

*Photo: Mute Swan and Cygnets, Pyrford Lock by Don Tyzack*





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## LOCAL RESIDENTS ENJOYING THE LATE SPRING SNOWFALL ON 4TH MARCH



Elyan and Joy Roberts enjoying sledding on the green



Harry Wilson with his snowman complete with hat and gloves!

Not in the picture was his pet dog keeping watch and father, Alan, directing operations!

*Photos: Angela Stockbridge*

## EMBER MANOR LODGE WELCOMES NEW MASTER



At our March meeting we welcomed a new Worshipful Master in the person of Bro Adam Guzy – now Worshipful Brother Adam. Adam was installed into the Chair by his father, seen here just behind and to the right of Adam as you look at the picture.

Adam isn't standing on chair, he really is big lad, so no one is going to argue with any decisions he might make during his year in office. One of the most important of those decisions being the menu for the Festive Board, the dinner, we enjoy after the meeting. We are already seeing the tastes of a younger generation in those choices and Home Cooking by Elizabeth has produced, for our delight, Chicken Cordon Bleu in March and then Lamb Rogan Josh at our May meeting; a far cry from the Steak and Kidney Pie beloved by the older generation. It is a learning curve but we are enjoying the experience.



Adam is the Great Great Grandson of our first Master who was installed into the Chair in 1925, followed by his Great Grand Father in 1936 and his Grand Father in 1964, chronologically named William, Sidney and James Patching. The Patching family ran a very successful Electrical business and an associated cycle shop in Molesey. Jim Patching had no sons but two of his three daughters married a Freemason, or at least Jim soon saw to it that they were. Jim's daughter Christine became Mrs Steven Guzy and one of the results of that union was Adam. Steven was Master in 1993 and now we have Adam in 2018 – quite a dynasty.

When I joined Ember Manor in 1965 Adam's Great Grandfather was at the height of his influence in the Lodge and I enjoyed his company for several years – while it is hard as it is to believe, in those far off days, I was a young upstart listening to those older members of the Lodge and then, I admit, doing my 'own thing'. So it seems we have gone full circle!

*Derek Richardson – Worshipful Master of Ember Manor in 1972*



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