



Pictured left to right: Peter Bedford, Dave Page, [Elmbridge Countryside Team] Jon Moore [Local Historian] and Donald Mungall.

UNVEILING CEREMONY OF NEW INFORMATION BOARDS FOR WEST END COMMON AND THE RIFLE RANGE

West End Common saw the unveiling of two new highly informative notice boards on a spring Friday morning recently.

Designed and built by Elmbridge Countryside Team using local wood and jointly sponsored by the Bill Bedford Pond Restoration Fund and the West End Village Show Committee, the illustrated boards have been sited at Chequers Pond and at the start of the rifle range path on the green.

The board at Chequers Pond highlights the area as a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest, naming all the ponds on the Common, which are home to a significant number of invertebrates and fungi species, some extremely rare.

The second board tells the history of the rifle range constructed in 1859 as a practice ground for the Elmbridge Volunteer Rifle Corps and thought to be in use until the First World War. Jon Moore is credited with compiling the fascinating and detailed insight into the range's history researched over many years.

Tribute is made to local resident and campaigner Bill Bedford, involved in the major restoration of Chequers Pond. As many of you will know, Bill was a decorated World War Two fighter pilot and subsequently went on to be a test pilot for Hawker Aircraft and was the first man to fly the Harrier Jump Jet.

*Report: Steve Kelly, Chairman West End Village Show
Photos: Nathalie Allison, Marketing & Communications, Elmbridge Borough Council*



Pictured above are Peter Bedford, Dave Page, Jon Moore, Donald Mungall [President of The West End Village Show], Steve Kelly [Chairman of The West End Village Show] and various committee members.

HELP WANTED

Young people needed to help the Save the Children charity gala.
Bank Holiday Monday 26th August
2-3pm Arranging chairs in the marquee on the green
9-10pm Dismantling and stacking the chairs
10pm-8am Sleeping in and guarding the marquee, chairs and tables
Free tickets to the gala in return
Contact Roger on 01932 866645 or rogeratsave@gmail.com

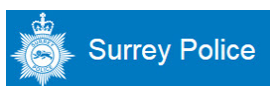
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Save the Children and enjoy our successful
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Starts at 7pm Tickets £20

All seated. Pay bar for wine.
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Evening finishes approx 9pm
Come as a group and picnic
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Sgt 2190 Greg Turner covers Esher

PCSO 13867 Nigel Oates 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

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KEEP YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS SECURELY AT ALL TIMES AND ONCE AGAIN CAN WE REMIND YOU TO REMOVE ALL VALUABLES FROM CARS WHEN PARKED.



Above: Seven newly hatched delightful Egyptian goslings by West End Pond—sadly one has since perished.

Photo: Katie Fernandes

SURREY ARTISTS' OPEN STUDIOS

Eight local artists had a very successful Open Studios event at Rose Cottage, West End Lane where they showed their work and talked about how it was done to 322 visitors over 3 weekends. Taking part were Keira Grahame (silk painting), three painters using acrylic in different ways, (Anne Hunt, Rosalind Moysen, and Gokul Chandrasekaran). Roger Marsden (wood turning), Beryl Hole (ceramics), Janet Stanley (Sculpture) and Dawn Thornhill (light boxes). The weather was mixed and varied between a heatwave and a down-pour but it was a happy event enjoyed by all.

Rosalind Moysen



Roger Marsden, Woodturner

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.

*Relaxed and friendly atmosphere *Free coffee and biscuits from 7.00pm

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Opportunities to improve your French at language workshops.

For further information or our complete programme, please contact:

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www.dontyzack.care4free.net/cercle.html



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ESHER & CLAYGATE CAR SERVICE

Esher & Claygate Car Service is a voluntary organisation that provides transport for residents of Esher and Claygate who have difficulty getting to medical appointments such as GPs, dentists, opticians, physiotherapists and some local hospitals. A friendly team of volunteer drivers use their own cars to take clients to and from their medical appointments for a donation of £3 for journeys within Esher or Claygate and £5 for further afield.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

More volunteer drivers are always needed, particularly from West End and Esher. You can be available to drive as little or often as you like at times to suit yourself.

So if you are looking for a rewarding way to support your community how about joining the team? For full details please ring the Car Service mobile, 07501 029237, and speak to one of our team or leave a message. Alternatively email ec.carservice@gmail.com. Our volunteer coordinator will contact you by phone or email.

Leaflets about the Car Service are available in local surgeries or you can visit the website for more information:

www.esherandclaygatecarservice.com

HOW TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

If you require help getting to and from medical appointments you can book one of our volunteer drivers. Either ask at your GP's surgery or ring the Car Service mobile, 07501 029237, on weekdays. At least two days' notice is required.

We cannot take wheelchairs.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH WEST END

The congregation at St George's continues to thrive during the interregnum. Our search for a new Rector is now well underway – the post has been advertised and we are now hoping and praying that we will be welcoming our new Rector before the end of 2019.

Easter fell late this year, so the daffodils that usually adorn the church inside and out were no more. We are always so pleased to see the flowers return after Lent - and our flower arrangers, as usual, created some lovely displays to complement the Easter Garden.

Easter Garden



Interestingly, it had been drawn to our attention that a church in Yorkshire had created their Easter Garden outside – enabling any passers by to stop and enjoy. We plan next year to try this – and hope that it all stays intact! Wait and see.

We mentioned last time that Andrea and Stephanie had planted about 30 azaleas in the garden. If you've managed to walk around the garden you will have seen the beautiful display of brightly coloured flowers brightening up the dark corner under the oak tree.



Azaleas

Photos: Stephanie Parcell

At the end of our Sunday service on 26th May we had a surprise visit from Rick Fancett. He presented us with a

beautiful original watercolour of St George's called "The Little Church, West End, Esher", which had been painted by his father Gerry in 1993. Gerry, a very successful artist, lived in West End for 30 years. We were delighted with this unexpected gift

which we will display prominently in the church. Our grateful thanks to the Fancett family.

Photo: Rick Fancett



Upcoming events:

West End Village Show – Saturday 24th August.

As usual, Christ Church together

with St George's West End will be making their presence known! Teas will be served in the Village Hall, and cakes, bread, preserves and raffle will be for sale as usual in St George's church. This is our main fundraising event of the year and we really appreciate the support we get from the village and the visitors.



Because it's not possible to man the church during the year to show visitors around – we welcome the opportunity to allow people to come in and enjoy the unique atmosphere of this tiny village church.

Pet Service - 4pm Sunday 22nd September. Please make a note in your diary now for this really fun event. By popular demand it is now the 12th year – and we welcome everyone (with or without pets!). We always have a short talk by a guest speaker from a local animal charity, and the collection for them usually raises about £70. Please do join us.

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 5th 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

CLAREMONT ARTS SOCIETY



You are most welcome to our lectures on art and architecture on the FIRST Wednesday in the month at 8.00 pm at the Yehudi Menuhin Hall at Stoke D'Abernon KT11 3QQ. Guest Fee £5 if you mention the "West End Village News".

We also have day visits by coach to fascinating places departing from Sandown Race Course.

Our next lecture is on the 3rd July on How the European Art Market developed from the Renaissance to the Present - by Dr Tom Flynn.

Dr Flynn tells us how the European art market evolved from a structure of commissioning and elite patronage by wealthy princes of the Italian Renaissance through to the commercial instincts of the merchant class of Holland's Golden Age and on to the impact of the Grand Tour on British taste in the eighteenth century. It's a story of capitalist self-interest, commercial acumen and frequent sleight of hand.

Our next visit is to Belmont House and Provender House near Faversham on Tuesday 2nd July and the following visit is to beautiful Stonor House near Henley on Tuesday 3rd September.



Stonor (Photo: Courtesy of Stonor official website)

For further information please contact Marigold Haworth

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REMEMBERING TONY JOHNS (1932—2019)



Tony Johns spent a happy childhood and early adulthood in West End. In March around 60 friends and family said farewell at St. George's Church, West End where he was a choirboy and pumped the organ bellows! His daughter Sheila and son-in-law Trevor were immensely pleased to be able to bring him 'home' for the service led by The Venerable David Gerrard and are pleased to share some recollections of Tony's connection with the village. They would be pleased to hear from anyone who knew Tony to share their memories.

Born in 1932, Dad was brought up in West End and had a lifelong friendship with the village. He lived firstly as a young baby in Clover Cottage, had a short spell at Winterdown Road (he thought no 12) before he and his mum and dad, Nellie and Bill, settled at 9 Mole Road (later renamed Nightingale Road) where Nellie lived for the rest of her life. They rented from Alf and Dorothy Steadman next door and on the other side was the Skeltons' nursery.

Tony talked fondly of his childhood, a simple lifestyle, including using a tub bath in front of the fire and having his tonsils out on the kitchen table! This shaped a man who, throughout his life, never wanted anything fussy or extravagant.

He enjoyed playing in the woods, swimming in or skating on, the pond, collecting firewood dumped by the Canadians or tuning in with a crystal radio set under the bedcovers - different times! He remembered the green being ploughed for crops; cows in the pond; the troops washing their trucks there; and seeing bombers and later doodlebugs overhead.

He often recounted his early school years spent under Esher Green sheltering from air raids and his dad, being a mechanic, supervised women making Wellington bomber parts.

At Hinchley Wood School Tony was kept on an extra year, as the leaving age changed, he could choose what to do. Not being particularly academic, he chose things like cookery that set him up well for the future. After a brief, unenjoyable, spell in a factory - Parkwood in Sunbury, where prosthetics were made - Tony started work at Garsons Farm where he learnt to plough with horses and moved on to tractors, learning to drive there before ever having a car licence.

He worked with many people on the farm including land army girls and Sicilian workers. He recalled his first beer taken when collecting used hops from breweries and fondly spoke of taking vegetables for display at Chelsea Flower Show in the early 1950s. In the early days the farm kept some livestock that facilitated the staff pig club.

Tony was very happy at Garsons Farm and all his life he was



never happier than when outdoors. He continued there after marriage to Joyce and moving to Molesey, only leaving the farm in 1970 to become a postman (and raise a mortgage) - importantly still an outdoors job. After 27 years of service, he had fond memories of his time on the post, and his round that included Hampton Court Palace.

Tony was an early committee member for West End Flower show and has his name on at least one trophy. At the time he loved to grow chrysanthemums, later his love moved to dahlias, which he entered regularly into Ashford Horticultural Society Shows. He made sure he visited the West End village show each August and the photo shows him with his daughter, Sheila, probably on a show day around 1973 as for some years it became a day for the wider family of aunts and cousins to meet up and picnic.

In recent years Tony's connection to West End strengthened even more when he discovered that as a part of the Garsons new cafe there are some photos of the farm from around 1949 and two were of him and it gave him a great deal of joy to go to visit himself and tell people 'that's me'. Tony and family often visited West End - it was his choice on the day that would have been his and Joyce's diamond wedding in 2016 - and in his last weeks he came back here with Sheila and reminisced about the happy times - he always saw the village as home.

Trevor and Sheila Dowling

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The proud and very protective Egyptian geese with their six remaining goslings. Photo: Tony Currie

VILLAGE NEWS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Village News team would like to thank Lynn Campbell, a former resident of West End, for her generous donation to the newsletter. Such donations are much appreciated and do help with the cost of producing and circulating the newsletter.

WEST END VILLAGE SHOW 65 YEARS OLD AND STILL GOING STRONG!

West End's very own Village Show is back on Saturday 24th August and we're looking forward to everyone joining in.



The annual West End Village Show has been entertaining villagers and visitors alike for 65 years and this year we hope to celebrate in style. The organising committee is hugely grateful to West End residents for making the show possible through generous subscriptions, but why let your involvement stop there? Here are some easy and fun ways to get more involved:

Simply come along and enjoy the day, from 12.00pm:

Smash a plate, ride a teacup, dunk a damsel, see a classic car, watch a dog show, win a raffle prize, buy a book, listen to live entertainment, and much more. All this without having to get in the car or leave the comfort of your village. And if you subscribed, don't forget to bring your membership card for free family entry to the marquee.

Enter the competitions

In the marquee there are 124 classes to enter, something for everyone, adults and youngsters alike. Look out for the Showstopper 65th Birthday Cake category! A variety of races in the children's sports, expertly run by West End Playgroup is a highlight. Bring your four-legged friends along to the Dog Show and the Tug of War at 4.00pm is always a spectacle. See the show programme for full details, available at Garsons or online at www.westendflowershow.co.uk. And remember to enter by Tuesday 20th August (entry to the sports events and Dog Show is on the day).

The marquee opens at 1.30pm and prize giving is at 4.30pm.

Exhibit your Arts & Crafts

A favourite attraction – Arts & Crafts are for sale at the Show. The Arts and Crafts marquee will be displaying and selling an array of artwork and locally hand made items. If you'd like to display and sell your own arts and crafts, please contact Lee McOwan at leemcowan@btinternet.com for further information.

Spread the word

Make a day of it and invite friends and family to come and enjoy the show with you. You can help us publicise the show by telling people about it, and by sharing our updates on social media: [facebook.com/westendvillageshow](https://www.facebook.com/westendvillageshow) or follow us on Twitter on [@wendvillageshow](https://twitter.com/@wendvillageshow)

Every year, profits are donated to local charities and good causes. Following last year's successful show, we were delighted to make donations to Esher Friends of Guiding, Village News, Princess Alice Hospice, Oxfam and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. We are also working towards the provision of a public access defibrillator in the village.

However you choose to take part on the day, we look forward to seeing you there. Fingers crossed for sunshine!

Steve Kelly, Chairman, West End Village Show

Photo: Angela Stockbridge



BUTTONS & BOW The Busy B's—Over 60s Club

As always we have been busy organising holidays and outings,

In April we celebrated with an Easter Tea, with bonnets and Easter eggs for all. The first holiday to Eastbourne was very much enjoyed in the company of others.

In May members visited the beautiful gardens at Exbury where the Azaleas and Rhododendrons were just wonderful.

We were delighted when the Duke and Duchess of Sussex's baby 'Archie Harrison' was born on the 6th May.

In June a trip on the River Thames from Windsor with a Ploughman's lunch and afternoon tea was enjoyed by members.

Trips are planned to Eastbourne, Littlehampton and a holiday in the Isle of Wight.

We will also be holding a Charity Teatime. This will be for the charity Crohns and Colitis UK. It will be held in the Village Club on Monday 30th September from 1.15pm to 4.30pm. Tea and Coffee will be served with cake and our usual Grand Draw will take place with wonderful prizes. Please do come along and support us and the charity.

Every 30 minutes someone in the UK is diagnosed with Crohns Disease or Ulcerative Colitis.

Are you feeling lonely? If so, do come over to the Village Club on a Monday afternoon between 2.00 and 4.30pm and meet us, have a chat and find friendship. Any enquiries call me, Betty, on 01372 465937.

Betty Bowpitt

A VIEW OF WEST END

Mmmm smell that West End air! I take in a big nose full and my nostrils twitch in the breeze. Off we go! Enthusiastically I try to set the pace but am told to slow down. Panda's not at the window today and all is quiet in the road even with the building works currently going on. We head on towards the green and the smell of the pond pulls me towards it. Boy, the ducks look pretty good and I'm sure those Egyptian geese are up for a game but we march on. Sometimes life is very disappointing but then, it all perks up. I'm FREE! I run and prance as fast as I can to feel the wind blow through my long hair. Then I see some friends. Well, I think they're friends. I slow to make sure and crouch a bit to make myself look smaller. And yes! They smell just fine. We have a good end to end chat and move on.

Flossie joins us today. It's always fun to go out with a fellow walker. She is brown and shiny like a conker in autumn and has a voice like Margot in 'The Good Life'. I quite like watching TV when I'm dozing in the evening although I do draw the line at The Yorkshire Vet. A bit too near the knuckle for me. Anyway where was I? Oh yes, Flossie, she thinks running and having muddy fun is a little beneath her but I persevere. They say my type take a long time to grow up so without shame I enjoy every day I'm given. Even my voice is like a small child which is just as well 'cos I have two girls at home and the three of us enjoy a bundling roll around on the floor. When Mummy calls the girls for tea, I'm there too. When they're called to go out, I'm there too. When they're in trouble I'm there too although I look down my nose to make it quite clear it wasn't me. Us girls have to stick together.

When I'm out I like to get as muddy as I can 'cos I think it makes me look attractive in a sporty kinda way. Come on, I say lying in a muddy puddle, you don't know how cool it feels on your skin till you try it but Mummy doesn't seem to agree and I get showered off at home with stuff that smells like coconut. I prefer eau de renard personally but for some reason that's not popular with the family.

I'm very much looking forward to the dog show again this year at the West End Fete and I hope to see lots of you there. You see, I am one of life's optimists, let's face it, living in West End is pretty good and I'd be happy to pass the time of day with you if you're out walking, so do say hi if you see me, I'm the flat coat with a pretty turquoise collar who lives at the at the top of the hill.



Indy's Dog Blog

Photo: Angela Stockbridge

WEST END BRIDGE CLUB

The Day of the Minnows

West



A,x,x



K,Q,6,4,3,2



A,x,x



x

East



x,x,x



A,5



K,x,x



A,4,3,2



West as Dealer picked up a useful-looking 13 points with six Hearts and a singleton Club. Pretty soon he found himself as Declarer in a contract of four Hearts (East-West vulnerable). North led the King of Clubs, covered by Dummy's Ace. West totted up his tricks. Quite simple. 5 trumps out against me. Should split 3-2. That's 6 trump tricks plus four top tricks in the side suits, Bob is your uncle.

West cashed the Ace of Hearts, and led over to his King. Uh-Uh. South discarded. So the trump split was 4-1 not 3-2. Already it was too late—West had to lose a trick in each suit, "Sorry, partner. Horrible trump break."

Do you see what West should have done? He should try and use his small 'minnow' trumps to ruff Clubs in his own hand—to sneak them under the radar, as it were. He does this as a precaution against the 4-1 split, rather than optimistically assume it will be 3-2. What's more, the process has to start at Trick Two, by trumping Dummy's 2 of Clubs with a small trump in his own hand. West does this before he

even knows how the trumps will break. This is considered 'good technique'.

So at Trick 2 he trumps the 2 of Clubs, and then plays his King of Hearts. Both North and South follow. Now over to the Ace of Hearts, on which South discards. West doesn't groan about bad splits, he continues by ruffing another small Club in his own hand, and then uses his third entry to Dummy, the King of Diamonds, to ruff Dummy's last small Club. Result: contract made with all West's trumps working full time.

This is one of the ways to combat the 4-1 trump split, which incidentally happens around 28% of the time.

Our friendly Bridge Club meets every Tuesday at West End Village Hall. If you're on your own, we'll find you a partner. Please ring Kay Moulton on 01372 464775 for details.

Clive Craigmile

ESHER GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH



Hi there fellow West Ender's,

Ryan here from Winterdown Road and Pastor of Esher Green Baptist Church.

Just an update on some things that you may be interested in over the next few months. So here we go:

Marriage Course starts September (dates to be confirmed shortly) - The Marriage Course is for any couple, whether you have been together for one year or 60 years, and whether you feel you have a strong relationship or could use some direction. 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 or to register interest please contact us 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!

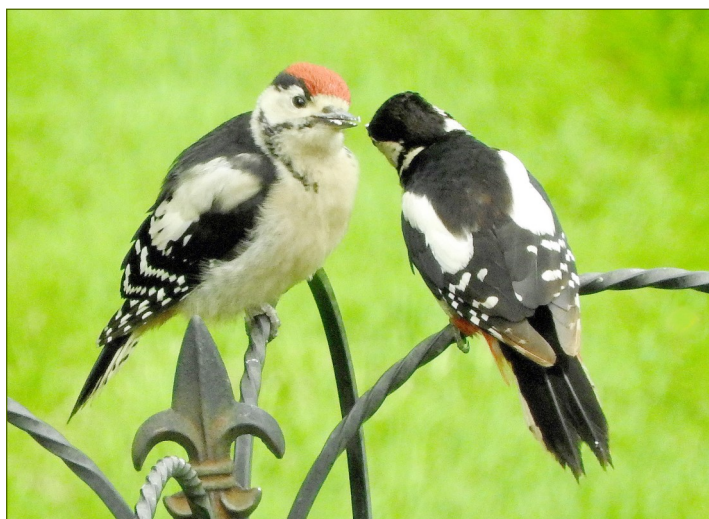
Every Blessing to you all and look forward to seeing you as we share this awesome summer together in our beautiful village!

Ryan Ahern

Esher Green Baptist Church (6 Park Road, Esher, KT10 8NP) – www.esherchurch.org

A GREATER SPOTTED WOODPECKER FEEDING HER YOUNG SON

Don Tyzack captured this wonderful image in his garden in East Horsley!



WEST END CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

THROUGH THE WINDOW

They can't resist a gawping stare, they must have that second look,
I'm standing here with not a stitch, my life an open book,
People pass, they come and go, shoppers comments bawd and vile,
While I hold still, an awkward pose, wearing nowt but a Mona Lisa smile.

Soon I'll be who they want to be, dressed in designer wear,
Standing in a perfect life, I observe without a care,
They emulate their Media celebs, the must haves bought on plastic,
Shame on you, you wannabees, you're not all that fantastic,
Swamped by debt, milking credit cash cow,
I gloat and think, who's the dummy now?

By Sheila Lucas

Right:
Another of
Don Tyzack's
super shots—a
Great Reed
Warbler recently
seen on the
Somerset
Levels.



WINTERDOWN WI

The speaker at the March meeting was Dr. Fran Handrick. She told us about the Old Order Amish and gave us an insight into the lives of the people living and working under this order. Her talk was well received by the members. The following month the speaker was Tamas Kiss from Ildiko's Artisan Chocolates in Bookham. Tamas gave an interesting talk on the history of the cocoa growing areas of the world and we had samples of his chocolate to try.

The Emlyn Vale group meeting was held in April. Margaret Bond gave a talk on MI9 and its role during World War II. There was also a competition for the best decorated Easter egg. Members had provided lots of cake and this was enjoyed at tea time.

We held our annual Bridge Tea in April. This was well attended and we provided tea for 48 people. There was also an outing to London in April, members enjoyed lunch at Zed El before a guided walk around Piccadilly in the afternoon. We visited Slyfield Cottage garden in Stoke D'Abernon. This garden is new to the NGS garden scheme and opened for the first time this year. The owners were very welcoming and we spent the afternoon admiring the garden and enjoying tea and cake afterwards.



Members at NGS garden in Stoke D'Abernon.

At our meeting in May we discussed and voted on the two resolutions to go forward to the AGM of the NFWI which was held in Bournemouth at the beginning of June. Margaret Dane gave a very amusing report on her experience at the SFWI annual meeting which had been held in Dorking in March.

We celebrated the 48th Birthday of Winterdown WI at our June meeting. As it was the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings we marked the occasion by wearing red, white and blue clothes. We had stories and anecdotes from members

who remembered that time. There were displays of food allowances during rationing, a sugarless cake, spam fritters and corned beef sandwiches, examples of the fare available at that time. We also had to have proper cake. A sponge cake decorated as a Union Jack was more popular than the sugarless one!

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

Report and Photo: Caroline Thyer

LOCAL ARTIST'S SUCCESS

Local watercolour artist Jenelle Latcham had a painting selected for Chelsea Art Society's annual exhibition in June. You can see the painting, 'Pot with blue door #3' on her website: www.jenellelatcham.com

For those of you who love trees, Jenelle has made two paintings of the stump on the traffic island at the corner of West End Lane and West End Gardens, where two large Horse Chestnut trees were removed last year. Both paintings are on her website.



'A Jagged End' by
Jenelle Latcham

VILLAGE NEWS WEST END

Please make a diary note of the
copy dates for next two editions:

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Winter: Friday 22 November

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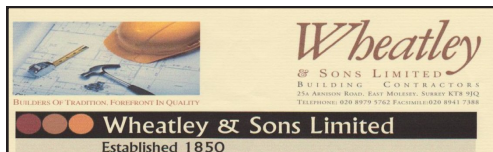
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