



AFC WESTEND



Welcome to the latest football club news! To be fair not a lot has happened since my Winter report on the actual football front because of the latest lockdown enforced upon us by the dreadful Covid-19 Pandemic. As you all probably know, grassroots football has ground to a complete halt and neither team has kicked a ball since our last matches in early December 20.

So, I'm afraid that there isn't a lot I can tell you on that front and it looks as if the league and all results for 20/21 will be expunged. However, there could be a glimmer of hope on the horizon for us as the Guildford & Woking league that both teams belong to, they are considering running some end of season games in a Champions League format. This will be based on a mini league with 4 teams in each division, the winners of each group will then go through to the next round and there would be a final at the end of it. The proposed dates are to start on the 10th April and run through to the finish in May. This, of course, will mean that if this does take off that we will have to play all these games on away grounds. Our home ground at West End is unavailable due to a lot of planned work that needs to be done owing to the recent massive flood damage and the need to get it up to scratch in time for the cricket season to start.

NEW TEAMS

However, I do have some exciting news for the football club regarding expansion. I have been approached by two separate teams that would like to come and join us at Westend and they both wish to play on Sunday mornings. This will dovetail nicely into the way the club operates as we only have two senior Saturday sides at present. Within the last week or so, Eric and I have interviewed both these clubs and have agreed in principal for them to join us for next season 2021/2022.

SKILLZONE MINI SOCCER

Also, some exciting news hot off the press! The Sports & Social Club Trustees in association with AFC Westend Youth are in the process of speaking to Pleiadleisure who run SkillZone mini football, providing sessions and coaching by qualified staff for youngsters from ages 4 to 16 years old. It is highly anticipated that we will be able to get this venture off the ground and are looking at starting these sessions sometime in July this year. The suggested plan is to run them at the club on a Sunday morning for approx. one and a half hours. Our initial impetus will be to start with the 4 – 7-year-olds Mini soccer groups, which is suitable for both boys and girls of all abilities. It is a fabulous way for youngsters to 'dip their toe' into football.

Further announcements are to follow on an exact start date, but, if you should want any further info then please look them up on www.pleiadleisure.com

Pleiadleisure is a UK based organisation specialising in the coaching, instructing and teaching of children of all abilities aged 4 to 16 in schools, health facilities and sports clubs with expert instruction in the areas of fitness, education and sport. Among our growing clientele are 30+ nursery, primary and secondary schools; the prestigious Foxhills Resort and Wentworth Club, as well as a successful Premier League football club. Pleiadleisure was formed in 2010 merging our brands FunSport and SkillZone Soccer.

Best wishes to you all and let's hope that we can start to get back to some sort of normality after the 29th March when the government roadmap kicks in. It will certainly be good to get back to having a drink at the bar and also a bite to eat from our resident café.

Keith Harris – Club Secretary – AFC Westend



WEST END ESHER CRICKET CLUB

Well this time last year we were about to enter our first pandemic lockdown with so many questions unanswered! This year we have light at the end of the tunnel and as far as outdoor sport is concerned we have the green light to resume activities from early April.

We are gearing up for a full season for both Junior and Senior cricket with open days and training nights starting the 23rd April.....once Government guidelines are clear we will be sending out more specific information on events, BBQ nights etc

Please visit our website www.weecc.co.uk for all information regarding joining the club, events and latest news updates! We have a full fixture list for both Junior (boys and girls) through out the summer and will be running 2 Senior sides in the Fullers league on Saturdays and a friendly Sunday eleven with most games being played at West End.

Please get in touch with me directly by email chairman@weecc.co.uk if you are looking to get back into the game or would like to help us with umpiring and or scoring. You will be made very welcome I can assure you.

Everything crossed for a near as normal summer as we can. Very best wishes.

Mike Bacon (Chairman)



ESHER & DISTRICT RACING PIGEON CLUB

The club, like other sections, has had a very disappointing autumn and winter due to lockdown.

Since racing stopped last September, all pigeon activities have been restricted. Winter months are usually a time when many organisations, at both national and local levels, hold shows, giving fanciers the chance to exhibit their best birds. However, no such shows have been allowed to take place. To add to our woes, in December a restriction was put in place only allowing us to fly our birds for a maximum of one hour around the home loft. This restriction was put in place by DEFRA due to an avian bird flu problem in many parts of the country.

With the likelihood of lockdown soon to be eased, plans have been made for the 2021 racing season. We are scheduled to hold our first race from Blandford on 17th April. Discussions have taken place with French authorities and it is likely that Channel races will take place during the summer. The only thing stopping us now is the avian flu restriction. We are waiting for DEFRA to reissue the general licence for pigeon racing to take place. Fingers crossed.

Michael Charlton (Chairman)

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WEST END GOLF SOCIETY

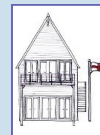


Any person wishing to join the WEGS can call

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THE VILLAGE CLUB

PLEASE VISIT THE WESSC WEBSITE FOR THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



www.WESSC.org



WEST END MOTOR CLUB

With so much spare time on our hands there was no excuse not to get our classic cars repaired and serviced ready for better times (and weather!). But Roger took the challenge to the limit - rebuilding (of necessity) his little car engine **single handed** as reported in previous issues, but a quick word for the uninitiated - the engine is that noisy thing under the bonnet, and honestly, how many of you can't even find the bonnet catch?!

One fine afternoon last October, Roger and I got down to some overdue work. My 92 year old Austin 7 Fabric Saloon had been asleep for several years, not turned a wheel, and it was due a wake up call. We checked fuel, oil, water, plugs and points. Replaced a corroded battery cable, borrowed a battery and tried the starter. First pull ... nothing. Second pull ... vvrooom!



Above: Roger's little car with my Nippy and Fabric

Sounded good. So I pumped up the tyres and drove up and down the road. I had thought the clutch needed attention, but it survived that test.

Apart from the clutch there were quite a lot of other jobs that really needed to be done, such as king pins and rear springs, and after a lot of thought I decided against do-it-yourself and packed the little saloon off to a nice man in Kent who specialises in making Austin 7s feel and go better. At the time of writing (mid February) most of the work is reported to be done and I am hoping to see it back in West End quite soon - give me a wave.



Above: Fabric on her way

Roger's little car has had a quiet winter under Lockdown 3, just a few runs around his local block trying out various adjustments and is now beginning to go like he had hoped it would from the beginning. There is one job remaining for when it is possible to visit the West End Club once more and that is to hold a ceremony when 'little car' will be formally named 'lockdown' - and duly anointed.



Above: Lockdown Special

West End Motor Club - Life Under Lockdown - (again)

As we are all looking for a cautious lifting of restrictions we hope that our weekly outdoor morning coffee meetings can soon resume. We drive our classic cars to a local takeaway outlet and over socially distanced bacon rolls and coffees discuss when the pubs will be open again! We also look forward to a resumption of the Sunday morning outdoor breakfast meetings hosted by Alan Greenwood at his Chobham premises.

All dressed up but nowhere to go - roll on OPENUP! - again

Text and photos Ken Berry and Roger Brown

EMBER MANOR LODGE

The winter flowering cherry in our garden is in full bloom, a magnificent tree planted by Pam, my wife, aka head gardener, many years ago. Its origins are veiled in mystery, Pam claims it was found in the woods by one of our sons while out playing but why such a sapling should by growing wild is a mystery. Wherever it came from it is a beacon of hope heralding the coming Spring which we sincerely hope will be less traumatic than the Spring of 2020!

The cherry tree was flowering the last time we had an Ember Manor Lodge meeting in the Village Hall in March last year - a whole year has passed and I am afraid I have become quite used to going nowhere and doing very little, particularly in the Winter months. The cumulative effect of the likes of our Masonic Lodge being unable to meet must have made the management of The West End Esher Sports & Social Club and the Village Hall very difficult and our thanks to all the volunteers who have kept them afloat. Then there is the caterer that we use and haven't commissioned for over a year who is holding on to his business where many others have fallen by the wayside - all our members are looking forward to that first meeting after lockdown when we can begin again.

It is as though time has stood still for a year and The Master and nearly all the officers of the Lodge have agreed to carry on for another year, I think the first time this has happen en bloc. Ember Manor is preparing to celebrate its centenary, we were formed in 1925, and even during the hostilities of 1939 - 1945 we didn't miss any meetings.

We are looking forward to seeing all our friends again - Zoom has been a useful tool and kept us alive but there is nothing like a chinwag over a glass of something lively to lift the spirits. If you catch me at the bar of the Club when freedom is restored, I look forward to standing a round - mind, you will need to be quick.

I can't help wondering how the World will look when our cherry tree flowers next year.

Derek Richardson - Past Master, Ember Manor Lodge 4740

WOMEN FREEMASONS

There are two Grand Lodges for women interested in becoming a Freemason

For more information, please contact [Freemasonry for Women](#) and the [Order of Women Freemasons \[OWF\]](#)

There have been, to my knowledge, two other Lodges in Esher - one met in the School on Esher Green around the 1890's and the other, which I visited, met in St Georges Church when it was founded in 1948, later in the St Georges Hall, and the members afterwards dined in The Bear. Both long gone, the former, Claremont Lodge, somehow made its way to Croydon where it still meets and the other, St Georges (Esher) Lodge gravitated to Surbiton. *School Rooms*, Park Road, Esher, Surrey 1880 - 1885 Initially met in Molesey, hence the name, moved to Surbiton in the late 1930's but have made our home since 2005 in West End.

PLEASE HELP FIND OUR LADDER!

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WEST END

OUR CHURCH LADDER IS MISSING!

St George's Church roof ladder, which was stored behind the WESSC is missing. We wish to wash down the church exterior and cannot do so without it. So if you have borrowed it, or know where it is, please contact Andrea on 01372 462041.