

# Westcott Village Magazine

June 2019

*Happy  
Birthday*



Westcott Cricket Club  
Family Day 23rd June



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## FROM THE EDITOR



I'm hoping it's not too early to say welcome to summer; as I write this it's certainly sunny and warm enough, but just as you get used

to it, along comes a shower of rain. (which actually probably does mean summer's here!)

We have masses of musical attractions this month, even more than usual, both to go and listen to, or inviting you to participate yourself. Singing is very good for mental health, so go on, give it a go. We also have an evening walk organised with the local history group on 19th June where you can learn all about Bury Hill while enjoying the countryside.

On 9th June seven gardens will be open to view as part of Pipp Brook Open Gardens, raising money for the Peace Garden at St John's, and not



only will there be fabulous gardens to admire, but also cake!

You can't fail to notice from the cover that it's the cricket club's 150th anniversary, and there is a Family

Fun Day on 23rd June to celebrate, with a cricket tournament, kids' activities, a BBQ, an auction, and a dog show among other things. I'm sure everyone will have a great time helping celebrate 150 years of Westcott Cricket Club.

There is a note of the date in September for the Westcott Family Tennis Festival, which is always a lot of fun, no expertise needed, and there are some tennis rackets hidden throughout this month's magazine for you to look for.

Some look like this.....



.....and some look like this, and there may be a sneaky one too.



I have counted them many times and keep getting a different number, so the total that I think is correct is at the back but you may disagree. I think they're multiplying and then hiding!

We have a puzzle created specially for the Westcott Village magazine on p75, so I hope you enjoy that, and if you have any other puzzles or similar then please do send them in to me and keep your fellow residents' little grey cells working (we watch a lot of Poirot in our house!) Enjoy flaming June, and see you in July.

**Cath**  
**editor@westcottmag.com**

# ...FROM ALAN JONAS, VICAR OF WESTCOTT



## IF IT LOOKS LIKE AN EMERGENCY, AND SOUNDS LIKE AN EMERGENCY, WHY NOT CALL IT AN EMERGENCY?

Many parts of the world are suffering now from the effects of Climate Change.... droughts, floods, extreme weather are becoming more common. Some of these cases receive wide media coverage.

For example, the recent devastation in Madagascar, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi – an event that is being

described as the “worst natural disaster ever in the southern hemisphere”

It is impossible to say if the storms were directly caused by climate change but experts believe their impact was made worse by the gradual rise in temperature. They point to three factors:-

- First, warmer air temperatures mean more rain is held and then released. Cyclone Idai produced nearly a year’s worth of rain in just a few days - more than two feet in parts of the region.
- Second, the region has been

suffering from sustained drought in recent years, itself a problem associated with climate change. The hard, parched earth was unable to absorb water quickly, increasing the risk of flash flooding.

- Third, rising sea levels mean that storm surges are much more powerful, increasing the risk of the sort of inland flooding seen in the port city of Beira. Sea levels are about a foot higher than a century ago fed by melting ice at the poles.

Other cases of misery caused by climate change are more chronic and under-reported e.g. from the ‘Barnabas Prayer Guide’ 27th March

**OUR FAITH TELLS US WE HAVE TO ACT, BUT NOT DESPAIR. WE HAVE TO RESPOND TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY.**

2019: “Today Mali is in deep despair. Growing climate changes have brought about major floods alternating

with drought... The ugly spectre of tribalism has arisen, coupled with disputes over land. All this has seen many Malians reduced to abject poverty, their animals dead, their crops destroyed by flood or drought, their homes and livelihoods affected. In the midst of this are small Christian communities, affected by these massive forces...In recent times



## ...FROM ALAN JONAS, VICAR OF WESTCOTT

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extremists have targeted their churches for destruction and have killed pastors and other Christians." According to the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) landmark report last autumn, we have only 12 years to keep global warming to a maximum of 1.5C, beyond which even half a degree will significantly worsen the risks of drought, floods, extreme heat and poverty for hundreds of millions of people. 12 years to prevent climate change catastrophe that will affect all people including Britain. "Climate **Emergency**" is the most appropriate description of what we face and need to do. What else can we call it – "Climate...Perhaps we should do something"?

"**Emergency**" emphasises that immediate, positive action is needed by individuals, churches, councils, government and business, by all. Action that aims to eliminate carbon emissions as soon as possible, and, in the mean-time off-set.



We have known about climate change for at least 30 years. The failure in that time to take necessary action means that we are now in crisis. The only appropriate



term left to us is "Climate **Emergency**". These issues are central to Christian concern. Simple "love for neighbours" should tell us we need to act, but also caring for the environment is integral to our understanding of who we are in God. We believe in a loving God who is the creating and sustaining force in the world, and whose glory is reflected in the Creation. We understand that our humanity is inextricably linked with the environment; if we get our lives right with God, all is well but if we do not, disturbance, strain and stress, potential disaster occur.

Our faith tells us we have to act, but not despair. We have to respond to the **Climate Emergency**. Dorking Deanery are holding an open meeting on Wednesday 5th June at St Paul's Dorking to address the issues. (See following page for more detail). Please come ... you cannot ignore an **Emergency**.

"Right now, we are facing a man-made disaster of global scale. Our greatest threat in thousands of years. Climate change."

Sir David Attenborough

# WHAT'S ON AT THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT

## CLIMATE EMERGENCY

An open meeting to focus on how the churches and our local representatives - MVDC & Surrey Councillors, MP - are responding.

WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE 2019 7.30 FOR 7.45 PM  
ST PAUL'S DORKING



There will be input from churches that have obtained Eco "Silver Award". All local representatives are being invited and asked to complete a short questionnaire. No need to reply - just come.

This meeting is organised by Dorking Deanery Synod.  
Contact (Rev'd) Alan Jonas Area Dean for more information  
alchasjonas@aol.com 01306 644868

## A WEEK OF PRAYER IN WESTCOTT AND AROUND THE WORLD



For more details contact Alan, Vicar  
alchasjonas@aol.com 01306 644868

**Thursday 30th May, 7 pm** Ascension Day Communion Service, Holy Trinity

### Sunday 2nd June

Services at Holy Trinity:  
8.30 am BCP Communion  
9:30am Breakfast  
10:15am Celebrate 'All-Age' Service  
6 pm Evensong

### Monday 3rd

– Saturday 6th June

Prayer through the Day

### Sunday 9th June

Pentecost Celebrations  
Services 8.30 am, 10.15 am, 6 pm



**Evening Service is back to 6 pm, April - October**

**A lovely, reflective way to end the week-end.**

**Let's keep an evening service going in Westcott!**

**Alan J Vicar**

## SERVICES AT THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT



We run a regular programme of worship services and other activities for young and old.

Everyone is welcome as we build friendships and share life together!

8.30 am: A traditional Communion service with hymns and organ, unless stated.

10.15 am: A 'parish' service, reflecting the people of the Church in Westcott, with organ and music group. Regular creche and children's activities.

4.00 pm: A quiet traditional service, usually 'Evensong'. Communion with prayer for healing monthly.

| DATE      | THEME   | 8:30AM                            | 10:15AM  | 6:00PM                               |   |
|-----------|---|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| 2nd June  | Apprentices of Jesus -<br>Understanding & Reading the Bible | <b>Introducing the Bible</b>      | <b>Book of Common Prayer Communion</b>                 | <b>Celebrate Breakfast Communion</b> | <b>Evensong</b>                               |
| 9th June  |   | <b>Creation &amp; Covenant</b>    | <b>Book of Common Prayer Communion</b><br><br>No music | <b>Parish Communion</b>              | <b>Evensong</b>                               |
| 16th June |   | <b>Exodus &amp; Promised Land</b> | <b>Book of Common Prayer Communion</b>                 | <b>Morning Worship</b>               | <b>Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing</b> |
| 23rd June |   | <b>Judges &amp; Kings</b>         | <b>Book of Common Prayer Communion</b>                 | <b>Parish Communion</b>              | <b>Evensong</b>                               |
| 30th June |   | <b>Exile &amp; Prophets</b>       | <b>Book of Common Prayer Communion</b>                 | <b>Parish Communion</b>              | <b>Evensong</b>                               |

## MID WEEK SERVICES

|            |        |                             |
|------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Wednesdays | 10am   | Communion at St John's      |
| Thursdays  | 8:30am | Morning Prayer at St John's |

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**KING'S MEN**  
CAMBRIDGE

**Holy Trinity, Westcott**  
**Thursday 11th July at 7.30 p.m.**

The King's Men Cambridge are returning to Westcott for another concert, of music old and new, all arranged in the group's inimitable style. **Tickets £15, 07590 652490, or [margaretj.stephen@gmail.com](mailto:margaretj.stephen@gmail.com)**



**COOKIE CLUB**

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## FLOODLIGHTING

The floodlighting for June has been sponsored by Ann Carvalho with thanks to the people who organised the new mellow lighting for the church which we enjoy every night of the year.

If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting, please contact Sarah Massey at [sarah@holyltrinitywestcott.org.uk](mailto:sarah@holyltrinitywestcott.org.uk) or on 01306 887413. (Suggested donation of £75 to Westcott Church Funds.)

We are very thankful to all the sponsors of the lights - your gift is gratefully received as a contribution to both the electricity bill and our general fund.

# The Bible Course



- How the Bible was put together.
- How the Bible fits together as one book, one story.
- How each book of the Bible fits in the one book, one story.
- How to read and understand particular passages of the Bible.
- Help in reading the Bible every day.

All this, and more, in five Sundays and/or five socials  
in June in Holy Trinity.

*Reading & Understanding the Bible  
– one of the 12 key habits for every day,  
to be a Christian, an Apprentice of Jesus Christ.*

# The Bible Course



Explore the BIG story

## ***The Big Picture: Introducing the Bible***

Sermon

Sunday 2nd June

Social, Video, Discussion

Tuesday 4th June

## ***The Big Picture: Creation & Covenant***

Sermon

Sunday 9th June

Social, Video, Discussion

Tuesday 11th June

## ***The Big Picture: Exodus & Promised Land***

Sermon

Sunday 16th June

Social, Video, Discussion

Tuesday 18th June

## ***The Big Picture: Judges & Kings***

Sermon

Sunday 23rd June

Social, Video, Discussion

Tuesday 25th June

## ***The Big Picture: Exile & Prophets***

Sermon

Sunday 30th June

Social, Video, Discussion

Tuesday 2nd July

**All Tuesday sessions 7.45 – 9.30 pm**

Please let Alan, Vicar, know if you intend to attend the Tuesday evening sessions [alchasjonas@aol.com](mailto:alchasjonas@aol.com) 01306 644868 or tear off this slip and return to the box in Holy Trinity:-

\_\_\_\_\_(Name)

I intend to attend the evening sessions on the Bible Course.

## INSECT SOS

It is not only climate change that is threatening future life on earth, but also the ecological crisis which is leading to the extinction of species.

Sixty per cent of known species are insects and they are declining at an alarming rate. In the UK, the number of widespread butterfly species fell by 58% on farmed land between 2000 and 2009. A 2017 report noted a



76% decrease over 27 years in flying insects in German nature reserves.

Insects play a vitally important role in the web of life. They help with pollination, the recycling of dung and leaves, corpse disposal, maintaining healthy soils and are food for birds, amphibians and other creatures.

Without insects, our environment would be in disarray and our food system severely affected – bees pollinate 70 of the 100 crop species that provide 90% of global food.

Two of the main causes of insect loss in the UK are habitat loss and pesticide use.

A hundred years ago the UK had three million hectares of flower-rich grassland. With the advent of industrialised agriculture, 98% of these diverse hay meadows have been lost and replaced with monocultures

– vast areas of a single crop.

Great quantities of pesticides are used to maintain these monoculture crops – up to 20 different pesticides on one field! 16.9 thousand tonnes of pesticides are applied each year in the UK by farms alone. England comprises around 70% agricultural land – half crops, half pasture for feeding animals.

So, what can we do?

We need to make the land more wildlife friendly again. Supporting organic or small-scale farming is a great way to start, as is growing some of your own fruit and veg. Allotments

are one of the richest places for insect life, they capture more carbon in the soil and allotment owners are healthier than their counterparts!

## TWO OF THE MAIN CAUSES OF INSECT LOSS IN THE UK ARE HABITAT LOSS & PESTICIDE USE.



Or allow your lawn to relax a little. Rather than a silenced, manicured strip of green, make life easier, mow less and let nature and the buzz of insects return, content in the knowledge that those wildflower 'weeds' provide some of the best insect food.

*Jakki Phillips, Westcott EcoChurch*

# ECO CHURCH

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## ECO TIPS

**Create an insect 'nature reserve' in windowboxes, containers or your garden.**



It is important to grow the right type of plants. Traditional cottage garden plants and herbs are excellent. Beware: even plants sold as "Perfect for Pollinators" or "insect friendly" may have been grown with the use of pesticides, try looking for organically grown plants or grow from organic seed – try [www.seedcooperative.org.uk](http://www.seedcooperative.org.uk)



## Dorking Allotment Holders Association



...have five allotment sites around Dorking and host 'Grow your own' talks by guest speakers. You don't have to be an allotment holder to join. [www.daha.org.uk](http://www.daha.org.uk)

**Government advice** to anyone looking after land (including gardeners, farmers and local authorities) is:

1. Grow more flowers, shrubs and trees
2. Let your garden grow wild
3. Cut grass less often
4. Don't disturb insect nests and hibernation spots
5. Think carefully about whether to use pesticides

[www.gov.uk/government/news/bees-needs-food-and-a-home](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/bees-needs-food-and-a-home)

**Reading:** Dave Goulson is Professor of Biology at the University of Sussex and founder of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. He has written several books on Bumblebees and his latest book 'The Garden Jungle: or Gardening to Save the Planet' will be out in July this year.



**THE GRASS WITHERS & THE  
FLOWERS FALL, BUT THE WORD OF  
GOD STANDS FOREVER.**



# WESTCOTT PEACE GARDEN

## Westcott Peace Garden Progress

During the winter months the Carpentry team at Landbarn Farm has been busy at work! The unique 'Octagonal Oak Bench' destined for the large Yew Tree at the entrance of St John's Graveyard is rapidly taking shape as can be seen in the pictures below taken during a special progress



visit made by Hazel Watson CLR on Thursday 25th April 2019.

The Oak is locally and sustainably sourced oak from Brockham wood, where it has to be thinned out in a managed way. Some symbols of oak leaves will be carved on the bench to



remind future users of the bench of this origin.

It was a real hive of activity with the team cutting the 16 oak legs whilst we were there. The bench is being constructed in modules in the workshop and installed over a period of a few weeks during May and early June in conjunction with preparing the foundations at site.



Judith Packer (Project Manager), Chris Peacock (Lead Carpenter NT), Hazel Watson

Hazel was really impressed by the craftsmanship of the team at Landbarn Farm and delighted that the 'Community Allocation Fund' was being used to make this new bench which will be a focal point and catalyst to facilitate people coming together, whether over a coffee for a chat, a rest after a walk, or just to admire the views over to Ranmore.

## Bench 'Opening' Celebration: Monday 1st July 11:30am @ St John's

We are delighted to announce the 'Opening' Celebration by Hazel Watson with Landbarn Carpenters (NT) on **Monday 1st July at 11:30am**. Complementary refreshments and light snacks available from 11:00 to 13:00 as a special extended café opening. All welcome!

**Judith Packer**

The WWG meeting was unfortunately postponed this month, but we hope to reinstate the Clandon Woodland burial talk in the autumn.

However, on Saturday June 8th it will be mallets at the ready and OPEN GARDEN PARTY as we once again invade Angela Deloford's beautiful garden for a buffet lunch and an afternoon of croquet and other garden games.



Tickets are just £10 for lunch and a welcome drink.

If you've never played Croquet, this is the time to learn with friendly people to teach you the art of battle on the lawn!



Another visit on June 26th (please note change of date) takes us to the Lavender Fields, the cost of £12 includes a cream tea. Transport can again be provided.

For further details, tickets etc contact Jacki Moss, 01306 881481 or email [johnjacki.moss@btinternet.com](mailto:johnjacki.moss@btinternet.com)

**Jacki Moss**

Only one month to the start of WIMBLEDON 2019!

But THREE months till the WESTCOTT FUN  
FAMILY TENNIS FESTIVAL

so lots of time to grab your racket, get down on the  
tennis court and start practising!

In fact you've got the whole summer!!



Don't forget....

The date - Sunday 8th September Noon

The place - Balchins Lane

The contact for more info - Karen Ratzke on [ratzkefamily@aol.com](mailto:ratzkefamily@aol.com)



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## Slow Cooked Pomegranate Ox Cheeks

- |                                |                                      |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2 ox cheeks, cut in half       | 2 bay leaves                         |
| 100g plain flour               | 1 knob of butter                     |
| Freshly ground salt and pepper | 1 large glass of red wine            |
| 1 onion                        | 1.5 cups pomegranate juice           |
| 1 carrot                       | 1 tbsp pomegranate molasses          |
| 1 stick of celery              | Large glug of extra virgin olive oil |

### Method (Serves 2)

1. Pat the ox cheeks dry with kitchen paper, then season with freshly ground salt and black pepper.
2. Toss the cheeks in plain flour, then lightly sear in a pan with a glug of oil, on both sides until nicely browned, then remove from the pan.
3. Finely dice the onion, carrot and celery and sauté in a knob of butter on a medium heat for 6-7 minutes.
4. Place the onion, carrot and celery mixture and with the bay leaves into a slow cooker on a medium heat setting, followed by the ox cheeks, pomegranate juice, molasses and red wine.
5. Cook for six hours. (If cooking in an oven, cook at 150 degrees C for 4-5 hours).
6. When ready, remove the ox cheeks from the slow cooker/oven, and loosely cover with foil to keep warm.
7. Discard the bay leaves and transfer the liquid into a saucepan, bring to the boil and allow to reduce until it is syrupy. Stir regularly.
8. Serve the ox cheeks with butternut squash mash and the reduced sauce drizzled on top, finished with some fresh pomegranate seeds.

## The Westcott Village Pound

Westcott residents, especially those who live near the Green, may have noticed that the village Pound has been fenced off since last year and have been left wondering why. I was as mystified as anybody else and so I contacted the Wotton Estate Manager, Mr George Chapman to find out more.



George was most helpful and explained that, far from anything

sinister, the Pound is in need of some urgent repair and restoration. It is the property of the Lord of the Manor and is therefore the responsibility of the Evelyn Estate. Resulting from many years of neglect, the structure is now in a poor state and the main concern is the north wall, where the entrance is, which is leaning over at an alarming angle and is in serious danger of collapse bringing down the west wall too. To compound the seriousness the north wall is also bowed outward. Having seen the problem for myself I can understand that it needs to be fenced off for



safety reasons. However repairs are due to take place soon.

As the Pound is a protected structure, any work will need to be done with great care and this will be done using traditional skills and materials as advised by Mole Valley District Council. The north wall will be dismantled by hand and the stones and bricks will be individually numbered and recorded, and will then be taken away and stored for security. The wall will then be rebuilt using the original materials using a traditional lime mortar mix. It was decided to wait until the weather was better before work commences, to allow the mortar to set more effectively.

The word Pound, also known as a Pinfold, is of Saxon origin and means an Enclosure, the person in charge of the Pound was known as a Pinder and his job was to inter any stray farm animals found wandering about the village which would only be released to the owner on payment of a fine. Any farm animals not collected were auctioned off and the proceeds went to the Lord of the Manor. One such Pound Keeper of old went by the splendid name of Zephaniah Greenstreet of Chadhurst Farm (now the site of Cradhurst Recreation Ground.)



# Happy Birthday



## Westcott Cricket Club Family Day 23rd June

Pimms Tent  
Beat the Goalie  
Bouncy Castle  
Kid's Games  
Magic Show



Cricket  
Tournament



**FREE ENTRY - BBQ - DRINKS - GAMES**

**Gates Open 12:30**

**BBQ from 1:00**

**Dog Show 2:00**

**Auction 4:00**

It is unclear exactly when the Pound was built but it is most likely to date from the medieval period. Most villages, like Westcott, would have had a Pound in the 16th and 17th centuries, and a clue lies inside the Pound on the east wall in the form of galletting. This was a process where small pieces



of flint or stone would be pushed into the wet mortar during construction, creating a pleasing and decorative appearance, but it was also thought to protect the building

and animals from witches and evil spirits. Galletting was common and is widely seen in Surrey villages, but the practice declined over the 19th century. A good example can be seen on the wall of 'The Granary' at the bottom of Westcott Street.

The Pound is constructed of Leith Hill sandstone, with brick quoins which form uniform corner and end sections. An interesting feature is the cross carved into one of the large sandstones. Although it has weathered and eroded over the years it is still clearly visible on the west wall (facing Westcott Street) to the right of centre. It is 4 ½ x 3 inches. Research has revealed it to resemble a 'cross moline', which is a cross whose four points are flared out or forked. This type

of cross is associated with St Benedict of Nursia, and is widely used as an emblem by the monks and nuns of the order of St. Benedict. How and why it came to be there is a mystery. Was it carved in situ or did it come from a demolished ecclesiastic building and re-cycled or, like the galletting, was it to ward off evil spirits? I don't suppose we will ever know, but as you walk past, take a little time to see if you can see it.

Hopefully, the Pound will soon be restored to its former glory and will remain a unique feature of Westcott for many years to come. My thanks to George Chapman of Wotton Estate and to Heather Woods for their assistance in writing this article.

The next WLHG event will be the Village Walk on Sunday 9th June together with the Mole Valley group - details to be circulated. The WLHG will have a stall at Westfest on Sunday 7th July 12 - 4 pm and members are asked to help with the installation and manning the stall. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th September with the AGM and a lecture - Surrey's Listed Buildings - by Nigel Barker Mills. Members are reminded that we have lost our Events Co-ordinator and our Chairman this year and we appeal for some bright sparks to fill these roles for the WLHG.

**Jeff Davies**



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## **Tom Guilder's Retirement**

With the support of the village and Tom's patients, the WVA successfully raised around £2,000 towards gifts that Tom and Elaine had chosen. We also put on a lunchtime farewell party, hosted in the village, to which Tom had invited around 35 people.

The Guilders had decided that some new garden furniture was what they really wanted and on learning that they enjoy fine dining we also surprised them with a voucher for a meal at the Michelin star Clock House restaurant in Ripley.

Tom is also planning, before his final departure, an afternoon tea and cakes farewell party for all his patients to drop in and say their last farewells on Saturday 29th June, further details will be advertised at the Riverbank Surgery. We will all be sorry to see Tom go but wish him and Elaine a very very happy and enjoyable retirement.

## **Hut Development**

Disappointingly, it has not been

possible for the Hut Trustees to reach an agreement for the development which was to see a Doctor's Surgery and dispensary, a Community Centre, six houses and car parking on the Hut site. The financial aspects of the proposed agreement with the NHS/Dorking Medical Practice, and the Hut's constitution rules precluded an acceptable agreement.

The Village Association, working with the other village organisations including the Church, the Reading Room, and the Hut, will be initiating a feasibility study to look at all potential sites within the village which together can be utilised to deliver the best outcome for our medical, leisure and community care needs. The priority is to identify an alternative site for the Surgery/Dispensary within the village so that we stand the best possible chance of retaining this facility within Westcott.

We are also working together to define a Village Hall building that will meet the needs of the whole village. This will be a larger facility than the original proposal (from October 2017), incorporating facilities identified by all potential village users. The Hut Trustees may then decide to use this specification to progress a planning application for the Hut site.



## Westcott Baby Meals

The Westcott "Baby Meals" service, started 15 years ago by Holy Trinity Church, provides a hot meal for the family of new babies across the village. We have over 30 volunteer cooks within the village community and we're all delighted to help during what can be a time of massive upheaval and adjustment. It's a gift that is welcomed by recipient families.

If you live in Westcott and you're expecting a baby or know someone who is, OR if you'd like to join our cooks' rota we'd be delighted to hear from you - please get in touch!

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## **WVA Draft New Constitution**

A meeting of proposed Trustees was held to approve the new constitution and the application has been registered with the Charity Commission. Disappointingly, the Charity Commission is advising that there is up to six months delay in processing and approving new applications. This means we may not be able to vote the new Constitution into being until the AGM in October. In the meantime we will continue to operate under our existing constitution.

## **Your Village Association**

I am delighted to say that James Leaver and Nick Lund have agreed to join the committee and I am hopeful that we will bring the committee up to a full complement of 10 members shortly. We are very keen to improve the diversity and in particular the gender mix of the committee to ensure it is representative of the village population. Please talk to any member of the current committee about joining us - things are changing and we are very keen to make the WVA a force for positive change in the village.

## **The Crown and Indigo Spice Properties**

A number of you have written to me to ask what is happening to these

two properties, both of which are prominent within the village - particularly the latter, which you cannot fail to notice as you enter the village from the west.

The owner of Indigo Spice has registered an appeal against the refusal to grant planning permission, which neighbouring residents and landowners and the WVA all objected to on the grounds that there was inadequate parking provision. Once the planning appeal has been heard and the outcome known we will be in a position to put pressure on the owner to improve the look of the building.

The owners of The Crown have spent a lot of time talking within the village and engaging with new architects to design a housing development of seven 2/3 bed dwellings. The village Association welcomes this and has written in support of the Planning Application.

As always we love to hear from you, so please do write to me on any issues regarding the village and the WVA will do their best to address them.

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Summer is certainly on its way again. Many thanks to our neighbours Kayleigh and Laurence Shanks for raising over £1,000 for the Anthony Nolan Fund at the Reading Room in a night of great fun over a balmy Easter. We can still offer Hall availability for summer weekend parties celebrating christenings, birthdays and anniversaries and the use of a separate self-contained Meeting Room ideal for up to 6 persons or by a piano teacher using our own well-tuned piano at just £5 per hour.

The Martial Arts team are planning to add Tuesday early evening sessions for all ages this month so if you have not yet been able to join the weekend sessions do call Alan Richings for more details on 07711 954466.

The Reading Room is supporting WESTfest on Sunday 7th July by running the Pimms and soft drinks stall. We are looking for energetic volunteers to help us setting up and serving between midday at 4pm that day at Cradhurst. Any volunteers please do call the Reading Room number 07967 286636.

Put a note in your diary for the annual Westcott Gardeners Summer Show on Saturday 13th July.

More information from the Reading Room website [www.westcottreadingroom.org.uk](http://www.westcottreadingroom.org.uk) or by phone on 07967 286636.

**Alan Reif, Chairman.**

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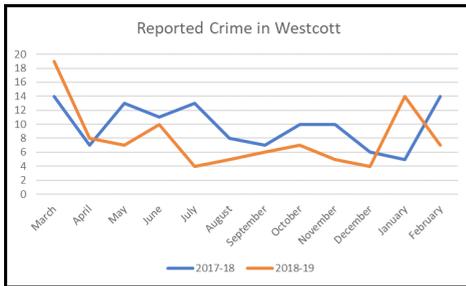
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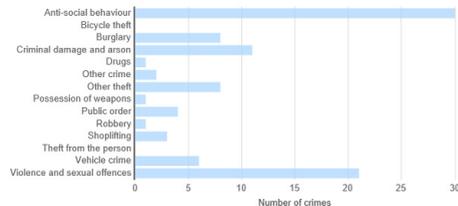


## Crime Down in Westcott

Surrey Police latest figures show that reported levels of crime have fallen in Westcott – down by 18% compared to the previous 12 months.



In only three of the last twelve months were more crimes reported than the same month the previous year. The largest category of reported crime is anti-social behaviour:



12% of the reported crimes remain under investigation, 3% have been resolved locally and in 85% it was

concluded that no further action was required.

Please do keep reporting crimes and suspicious activity, if you see something out of the ordinary in Westcott. Surrey Police are able to put together patterns of behaviour when they see the fuller picture.

## Online Crime

Our local police team are keen to highlight though that local crime doesn't just happen locally.

Online crime continues to be a significant issue and more police resources continue to be drawn into this



area. Westcott residents can help the police team by being aware of what is going on online, particularly where children are at risk.

Breck's Last Game is a short film about a 14-year-old boy who was murdered by a man he met on a gaming site. It can be found on the Surrey Police website or on YouTube.

The film was made to raise awareness of online grooming and carries an important message – "do you really



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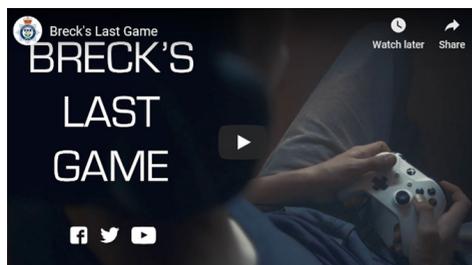
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know who your online friends are?"



It was provided to schools across Surrey from September last year as part of a wider resource pack and has already been shown to children across 66 schools in the county as part of controlled screenings. Many secondary schools now adopt the resource as part of their yearly curriculum.

The film is at the heart of the latest, multi-agency project to help raise awareness of child exploitation. Breck's Last Game is about Surrey teenager Breck Bednar who was killed by Essex computer engineer Lewis Daynes in 2014.

Daynes ran an online server where Breck, and several of his friends, played games online. It was through this forum that Daynes groomed Breck over 13 months – telling him a series of lies, turning him against family and friends and eventually luring him to his flat on the promise of handing over a fake business. Through the use of avatars, the film captures the events leading up to Breck's

death and also features the real 999 call made to police by Daynes.

Breck's Last Game carries a trigger warning and a notification that, if it were to be screened at a cinema, it would carry a 15 certificate.

## Operation Makesafe

Taking this further locally, Surrey Police have launched Operation Makesafe, an initiative focused on making sure that people working in the business sector are aware of the early warning signs of child sexual exploitation (CSE) and, where necessary, alert police officers to intervene to stop any young person coming to harm.

Local and national evidence shows that CSE can take place in hotels, pubs, cafes and places licensed to sell alcohol.

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spot the warning signs and have the confidence to report their concerns by talking to their supervisor and calling 101, quoting 'Operation Makesafe'.

Child Exploitation isn't always easy to spot, but there are signs to look out for, so businesses are being provided with campaign posters and training sheets to raise awareness among their customers and staff. Don't ignore your gut feeling that something isn't right. Say something if you see something.



## Operation Sportsafe

Due to an increased number of child safeguarding disclosures in



recent years, safeguarding children in sport is a national focus and for the first time, sports clubs and organisations have been included in the statutory

guidance "Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018)".

Our local police team want to ensure sports clubs are informed and equipped on how to safeguard children in Surrey. The principle is the same as Operation Makesafe and triggers the exact same response from the police team.

## Domestic Abuse



Domestic abuse is about power and control and can take many forms.

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If you want to get help you can contact Surrey Police on 101 (999 in an emergency), or through the Surrey Domestic Abuse helpline who offer independent, confidential support, information and access to specialist

services to anyone who has been affected by domestic abuse - whether they are still in the relationship or not.

Local support services can advise on:

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run by yourSanctuary and is available everyday (including weekends) from 9am to 9pm on 01483 776822.

If there is someone experiencing Domestic Abuse that you want to help, you can find out more about this on the HealthySurrey website.

## Shere Swimming Pool Club

### Extraordinary General Meeting called for June 12

While the basic pool structure has recently been confirmed as sound, much of the supporting infrastructure, such as the water treatment plant, is in urgent need of upgrading. To discuss any matters in advance of the meeting, please contact me at [chairman@sherepool.org.uk](mailto:chairman@sherepool.org.uk) or call me on 07860 163796.

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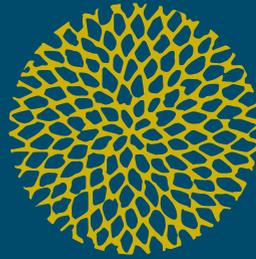
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# SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS C of E PRIMARY

This term continues to be busy with so much to look forward to. All staff and children are looking forward to WESTfest, The Abinger Medieval Fair, Sports' Day and celebrating our popular Fathers' and Grandfathers' activity afternoon. Year 4 and 6 are eager to attend their residential trips in June. Year 4 will be spending four days at New Barn Field Centre, in Dorset. Year 6 will be challenged and their resilience tested by a variety of activities at Thames Young Mariners and High Ashurst Outdoor Education Centre.

Below are some highlights from the summer term so far:

## Years 3/4 Dodgeball Competition

On Friday 29th April, ten children from Year 3 and 4 took part in a Dorking Schools dodgeball festival at St Martin's School. This is the first time we have attended this event but the children thoroughly enjoyed their games and the festival. Surrey Hills All Saints were voted the top team for



showing sporting values: teamwork, determination, self-belief, honesty, respect and passion. They were also delighted to finish as festival winners. Congratulations to the team.

## Forest School



A big thank you goes to F@SH our PTA for their great fundraising efforts. We now have a lovely new shed in our copse at

the Abinger site, which will be used by our Forest School. Also, thank you to the parent volunteers who helped assemble the shed. Our new equipment can now be stored securely and safely.



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us to a fantastic parade of Easter themed bonnets. They came in many shapes and sizes and covered all Easter themes from bunnies and lambs to eggs and feathers! It was spectacular and we would like to thank all those who supported their children in creating such fabulous head wear.

## School Council, Cake Sale for David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation

Finally, we would like to congratulate Natalia, Anna and Toria for raising £80 for the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation from their recent cake sale.



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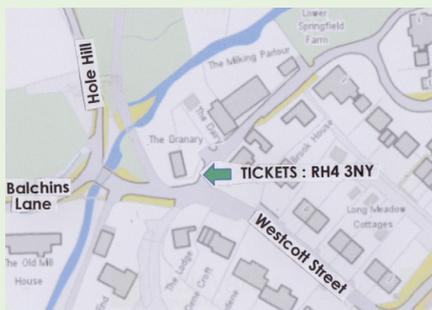
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# PIPP BROOK OPEN GARDENS

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(not necessarily to 'Garden Question Time' levels!)

Let's hope we have fine weather on the afternoon of Sunday 9th June for your stroll around these gardens and, at any stage, you can pop into the grounds of Lower Springfield Farmhouse for tea and homemade cakes.

All funds for the event will go towards the planting within the Westcott Peace Garden which is being established in the St Johns Chapel closed graveyard grounds.

It will become a peaceful sanctuary for villagers for rest and reflection surrounded by local wild life and views towards the wonderful North Downs.



**Edwina Gordon**

## FROM TOM GUILDER

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*It has been my absolute privilege and honour to have been Westcott's G.P. for the last 30 years. There have been so many memorable moments over this time, memories I will treasure forever. Many of you I have known since birth, and many of you have become personal friends. I have been overwhelmed by the wonderful comments, gifts, cards and good wishes I have received and for*



*the very very generous donations made which have allowed Elaine and I to adorn our garden with the garden furniture in the picture. I cannot express our gratitude, thank you all.*

*I would like to thank Westcott Village Association for organising the farewell lunch and presentation. In particular my thanks go to Tim and Ian Way for all their kind thought, effort and time they gave. Also a special thank you to Andrew and Edwina Gordon for so generously hosting the farewell in their beautiful house High Trees. They went to an enormous amount of effort and I found it particularly appropriate that it was held there, as that is where it all began 30 years ago.*

*There will be an open afternoon tea at Riverbank on Saturday 29th June (tbc) as a way of thanks, for anyone wanting to come and say cheerio.*

*It is with great sadness that I must now finally leave you all in the capable hands of Dorking Medical Practice.*

*Thank you and Goodbye*

*Doctor Tom*

## DESERT ISLAND DISCS



### **Andy Johnson**

Our third castaway is someone who is often looked up to as he cleans windows across the village. What you may not know is that he also has a wonderful way with wood and is a talented musician. He is Andy Johnson.

### **Andy, I believe your connection with Westcott goes back a long way?**

Yes, I was born in Hendon and lived in Cricklewood until I was 6, but then we moved to our house in St John's Road. It was a general store then, and my dad gave up his job as a draughtsman to fulfil my mother's dream of getting out to the countryside. They ran the shop and I remember being given leftover sweets from the jars in the front bay window. After a couple of years, though, we needed more space so we converted it back to a house and Dad started working as a draughtsman again.

### **So when did music first feature in your life?**

When I was young, we'd go up to London for family parties at my grandfather's house. It was a big house, always full of people. Various aunts and uncles played instruments – piano, accordion, even the bones and spoons! – so our family parties were eventful and full of music and song, which means I've always associated music with happy times.

### **Were your parents musical?**

Not really! My mum played the piano a bit but my dad wasn't musical at all. However, he was obsessed with all things American and I get my interest in blues, old time and country music from him.

### **And other influences?**

I was influenced by my older sister's tastes. I remember her playing music like Bowie and The Sweet. Then she got into punk, which appealed to the rebel in me! So my first choice is Neat Neat by The Damned. I can see myself as a skinny 14 year-old dancing to this in lime green bondage trousers, a snakeskin t-shirt, bleached spiky hair and a chain and padlock round my neck!

### **What a picture! And were you playing anything yourself at this stage?**

Yes, some friends and I formed a punk band called The Vultures. We played in the Crypt Club under St Martin's Church and did various gigs including one at Ashcombe School, where two teenage girls asked me for my autograph. After that I was really sold on it! I loved performing – it was all I wanted to do. And I've been in bands on and off ever since.

### **So what about your second choice?**

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## DESERT ISLAND DISCS (cont.)



about 17, I moved into a shared house in Finsbury Park and started busking to supplement the dole. A guy called Jamie Prigmore – a ginger-haired homeopathic doctor – was living in the same house and introduced me to an album called Heart Attack and Vine by Tom Waits. It blew my mind and I've loved Tom Waits ever since. My chosen track is On the Nickel. I love what he writes about – gritty, earthy stuff – and his heartbreaking ballads.

### **And your next record?**

This is the live version of Red House by Jimi Hendrix. No-one beats Hendrix on guitar! When I was living in Kensal Rise in my dad's house, I made a huge Andy Warhol-style picture – about 8 foot square – from black and white copies of Hendrix photos. I'd sit there in my room just playing guitar and staring at it – he was such an influence. I was working as a builder then and also trying to get a job in a recording studio, as well as auditioning for bands.

### **So you moved around a fair bit, but I think your next song became significant after you returned to Westcott.**

Yes, this is the one that's special for my partner Lorraine (Loz) and me. It's called The Little Things in Life by Green on Red and we used



to sing it together in the car. As soon as we heard it, it became "our song". I met Loz about 30 years ago when I was hitching a lift to Dorking and she picked me up in her white VW Beetle. Then a few weeks later our paths crossed again in Applejack's winebar in Dorking and we've been together since then.

### **And later you formed another band with local friends...**

Yes, I formed a rock band called Big Stick around my mid 20s, and we were heavily influenced by a band called Pearl Jam. We wrote our own material and played in pubs, London venues and festivals, rehearsing in Backline Studios in Guildford, which was owned by a friend. In fact, our first gig here was at The Cricketers – in the restaurant area above the main pub. It was a small room with the kitchen behind. We gave it the full rock set, but afterwards the landlord discovered that half the crockery in the kitchen had bounced off the shelves and smashed. We weren't asked back!

### **...which takes us to record number 5, doesn't it?**

It does – it's Elderly Woman Behind the Counter in a Small Town by Pearl Jam. This reminds me of coming back to Westcott after living in London. A friend lived in the flat above the Old Bakery (my brother-in-law was the baker) and we'd go back there after an evening at The Cricketers. We'd put Pearl Jam on, crank it up and wail away to the

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music! I had a rock and roll mindset at the time, and wasn't expecting to live much beyond 30, so I didn't feel particularly connected to any one place and wasn't bothered about responsibilities. But Loz soon put a stop to that!

### **So I believe your sixth record reflects how things changed once you settled down.**

Yes, it's Sssh Baby by Rory McLeod. When Loz was heavily pregnant about thirteen years ago, we went to see this guy in concert. The song's about his love for his child and his wife, so I went up in the break and requested it. He dedicated the song to Loz, much to her embarrassment.

### **And you also have Loz to thank for your next track. Tell us about that.**

After we'd had Nelly (now 12), Loz bought me some banjo lessons with Papa Falloon for my birthday. He performed round here in the 80s, and after I'd had lessons he invited me to play with his band. I'd do a guest slot whenever he played locally, including once at The Prince of Wales, where we performed this song, Duelling Banjos, to a packed audience.

### **And now to your final choice.**

It's not my final choice, but Nelly made me promise to mention a little song called 'I Can See The Sea'. Nelly, Flo (our younger one) and I once sang it together on a seaside holiday – me

on the ukelele and the girls singing on either side. But my last record is Prospect Lane by Seasick Steve. I always played it in the car and everyone would sing along.



### **And if you could only have one, which would it be?**

On The Nickel. I'd happily listen to it endlessly.

### **What about a book?**

I'd choose Fup by Jim Dodge, a beautiful, strange little story about a man who makes moonshine. A real feel-good book.

### **You're also allowed to take one item. What would that be?**

A good quality knife to carve wood. I'd whittle musical instruments and maybe even carve pictures of my kids.

### **And to finish, how would you sum up what music means to you?**

It's like a thread that has run through my life. It's always been there for me, getting me through good times and bad.

Andy, thank you so much for sharing your Desert Island Discs.

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**Romney Marsh Medieval Churches**

We arrived at the Rose and Crown pub in Old Romney where we were greeted by the publican with coffee/tea and biscuits and by John Hendy our guide for the day.

Romney Marsh lies between Hythe and Rye on the southern Kent coast and our first visit was to the church of St Clement in Old Romney, it was here that our guide gave a brief history of the Marshes and the churches. Many of the mediaeval churches on the Marsh were involved with smuggling and all made good places for the smugglers to hide their contraband goods before distribution. Indeed, in one church the font was used as a hide. Since the early 1980s fourteen of the churches have been looked after by 'The Romney Marsh Historic Churches Trust'.



St Clement's Church in Old Romney is a CofE parish church

and one of the oldest in Kent and originally constructed in the 12th century, though there is evidence of an original structure dating back to the 8th century, a late addition to the church is a 'minstrels' gallery'. The box pews are painted pink, this was carried out in 1963 during the filming of the Walt Disney production of 'Dr

Syn: The Scarecrow of Romney Marsh' and provided funds for much needed restoration work.

Our next visit was to the church of St George in the small hamlet of Ivychurch.



Due to its size St George's is known as 'the Cathedral of Romney Marsh' and is mainly a 14th century building. The tower and west end being added about 100 years later, there are some reminders of an earlier church which



are found at the east end. The building is mainly constructed of Kentish ragstone but with some Caen stone (shipped from France). After leaving this church we returned to the

Rose and Crown where a substantial Ploughman's lunch awaited and a few of us sampled the local cider.

Next was the church of St Mary the Virgin at St Mary in the Marsh. Another 12th century building built of Kentish ragstone that superseded an earlier Saxon church. In the 13th century the chancel of the Norman church



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was extended to the present east wall, the north and south walls were pierced by the insertion of arches and the north and south aisles were added. Inside the church is a plaque commemorating Edith Nesbit, author of The Railway Children, who lived at St Mary's Bay and is buried in the churchyard.



Our final church of the day was that of St Peter and St Paul in Dymchurch a 12th century Norman church, dating from about 1150. It is built from the same Caen stone as are many of the other Romney Marsh churches, including Canterbury Cathedral, filled in with Kentish ragstone. The original Norman design of the church stood until 1821 when the building was enlarged to accommodate the flourishing

congregation of the town. Inside the church the large Norman chancel arch remains, while outside two mediaeval scratch dials can still be found, one inside the porch and one on the south wall of the nave. On leaving this church we said farewell to our guide and a donation was made to the Romney Marsh Historic Churches Trust.

Following this last visit we had just a short journey to the village hall where the local WI laid on a splendid tea of a selection of home-made sandwiches and cakes.



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The artefacts, which shed light on Dorking's past, challenge the accepted version of local history, with new information about Box Hill, the Dorking hens, cycling, and local work and pastimes - and radishes. How the wooden chest came into the folk museum's possession is unclear, but it is fascinating to discover a link between Leasingstede and Dorking.

Leasingstede Museum is an ongoing artwork by Jane Williams, who says "Dorking and the surrounding area has a vibrant and rich history. I am



Jane Williams

d e l i g h t e d that, in the exhibition 'The Days of King Dor', I can reveal aspects of this history which will have escaped the notice of even your

most diligent local historians. Treasures like the coins from the reign of King Dor, which were found by metal detectorists f r o m Leasingstede Museum, bring Dorking's past to life. Who owned the coins? What did they buy with them? They are also shinier and bigger than most coins from the Dark Ages in Surrey."



One of the Museum's popular guided **Town Centre Pub Walks** is open for individual bookings on Sunday 23rd June at 11am, starting from the Halifax on Dorking High Street, opposite the Surrey Yeoman. Join us in a stroll through Dorking's past as told around its many hostelries, pubs and inns, both past and present. See some of their 'hidden' features and hear about how the local residents behaved - and misbehaved - through the words of a heroic policeman of Victorian times. The tour lasts an hour and a half. See website for details, further dates and bookings. Group bookings can be made for the pub walks or any of our other popular guided walks through the website.

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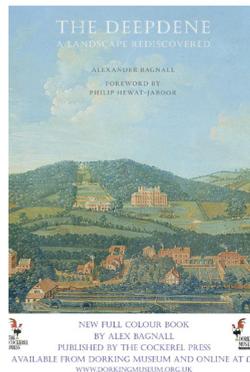
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The Ladybirds choir, directed by Helena Twentyman, will sing a selection of songs celebrating Carol Channing and Buddy Holly, and also marking the rugby world cup. The proceeds will support the Concert Club, which provides social evenings for visually-impaired adults and the elderly. There will be tea and cake after the concert!

The Martineau Singers will be marking International Make Music Day with a concert of jazz classics. The singers will be led by conductor Harry Sever, with his jazz trio, and there will be a fully licensed bar so you can relax and enjoy the music!

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## 150 not out

Westcott Cricket Club celebrates its 150th birthday with a fun day for the whole village at 12.30pm on Sunday 23 June. Here we look back at the club's history.

On a chilly first Sunday in May, Westcott Cricket Club played out a tense but good-natured draw with local rivals Dorking at Pixham Lane. The result extended our good start to the season, and continued a cricketing tradition in Westcott stretching back at least 150 years.



Around 114 years earlier – on what looks to have been a warmer day – our predecessors had posed for a team photograph, flanked by the umpires in their flowing white coats and straw boaters.

The club would already have been at

least 35 years old when the picture was taken. Some of the team may even have featured in an even earlier junior eleven thought to date from the 1880s.



The earliest record we have of the club is a match between Westcott and Milton and Sutton Ramblers which took place on 20 July 1869. That sunny Tuesday was remembered in a sonnet composed by Sutton cricketer, Thomas Martin. Sutton won, but Martin acknowledges that “the prettiest village that e'er met my gaze” was neither Sutton or Cheam, but Westcott. Whatever the result, we will be celebrating the match this year when we mark a century and a half of cricket in Westcott.

Where some of the earliest photographs, kindly sourced for us by the Westcott History Group, were taken is one of the most abiding mysteries of the club. There is evidence that the club has played at its current Stable Meadow ground since at least 1920. Where it all began is less clear. There are tantalizing clues in Martin's poem which refers to a “meadow at the



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## WESTCOTT CRICKET CLUB (cont.)



foot a hill” where a “murmuring brook turned round the old mill.”

Piecing together the club's history has not been made easier by misfortunes which have befallen successive pavilions on the Stable Meadow ground. In the eighties, a fire destroyed the clubhouse and took most of the club's archive with it. That building boasted a colonnaded frontage, which current player Paul Downman recalls shimmying up for sixpence. It had replaced a previous pavilion which was wrecked by a German plane returning home from a sortie over London. It jettisoned a bomb in the outfield, which deposited enough earth over the building to destroy it.

Some precious memories are included in papers kindly sent to the club in the mid 2000s by Dick Noakes from his home in Knoxfield, Australia. Dick had lived in Westcott from 1939 to 1957 and played cricket from the late 1940s. He recalls a visit to the ground in the mid-fifties by the Surrey groundsman, Bert Lock, who had been invited to advise on a problem with square. He was collected from the station and, after a quick inspection at the ground, was taken to The Crown for lunch. The club was shocked subsequently to receive a bill for 25 guineas for his professional services.

Judging from the papers from the 1984 club AGM, the main preoccupations

of the officers of the club – money and the condition of the ground and buildings – were largely the same as now. My predecessor as Chairman, Len Edwards, in his 1984 report exhorted the members of the club to make a bold effort to repair the club's deck chairs to encourage more spectators.

Despite all the challenges, the club has continued to play a central role in the life of the village for at least 150 years. This final photograph – dating from September 1935 and more obviously taken at Stable Meadow – includes the then Vicar, the Rev Fredrick Henry Salzmann, in the front row.

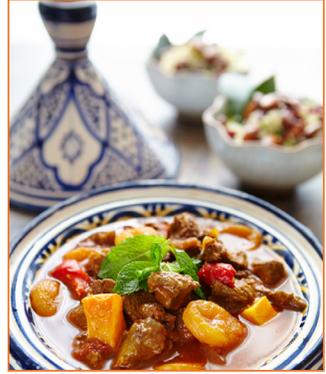


We hope that everyone in the village – whether you are a cricketer or not – will want to join our birthday celebrations on Sunday 23 June. Look out for the advertisement in the magazine for more details of the event – it promises to be a great day out for the whole family!

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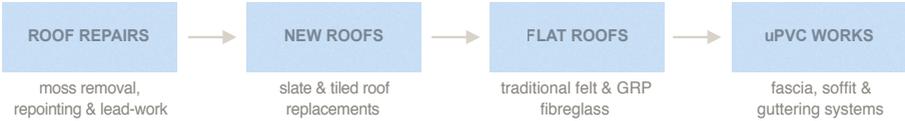


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