

# West End Parish Council

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2018



Annually since 2002 West End Parish Council has recognised a resident who has, without direction or reward, shown consistent contribution to the community.

The winner of the Citizen of the Year Award for 2018 was announced at the Annual Parish Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April. The parish council was pleased to award this accolade to Guy Consterdine for the reasons given below.

### **IRON AGE WEST END:**

Monitoring and photographing the progress of the Iron Age excavations of 2017.

Guy kept the village informed about West End's Iron Age past, through local press, newsletters, articles, Facebook, etc., information which may never have been made public if Guy hadn't shown a keen interest and liaised with Martin Grant and Cotswold Archaeology. Following his detailed research, Guy gave a presentation to the WEVS AGM in 2018. This is available online on the WEVS website and links through the parish council website. Guy was also able to secure the agreement of Martin Grant and Cotswold Archaeology to give a presentation to the village when their final archaeological report is ready in 2018.

### **WEST END ACTION GROUP:**

A Co-founder in 2014, Guy is now the Secretary of West End Action Group.

Guy has represented the village majority opinion over the large housing estate developments, including speaking at SHBC Planning Applications Committee meetings and at hearings of Planning Inspectorate appeals, and having meetings with developers. All this information was consistently communicated to WEAG supporters through newsletters, meetings, Facebook, local press. Still active on the WEAG Guy will soon be involved in a forthcoming meeting with Michael Gove and other authorities regarding the infrastructure issues resulting from the new developments

### **WEST END VILLAGE SOCIETY:**

Guy was one of the 4 co-founders of West End Village Society formed in 1973. He was the first Chairman and subsequently served on committee for two decades.

Guy was the producer and publisher of Ena Simmmons' 1977 & 1983 booklets on history of West End and editor of the first 60 WEVS newsletters. He is still active in WEVS writing newsletter articles, lectures and supporting WEVS at local events.

### **VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT:**

Guy was a member of Village Design Statement team, a team which managed and reported on a village-wide survey of residents. The Residents' Viewpoint document, resulting from this survey, was produced by Guy; a remarkable feat in its own right. The Village Design Statement was adopted as a Supplementary Planning Guide for use by the Local Planning Authority and now has to be considered during the planning process.

**FAIRFIELD LANE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION:**

Guy was the co-founder of the Fairfield Lane Residents Association in 2017 and elected as Secretary. Participating in an active first year of existence the lane now has entrance gates, stiles and working parties have improved the lane surface. Guy has liaised directly with Martin Grant and utilities, etc.

Guy has lived in West End for 53 years and is described as 'a pillar of the community'. A worthy winner of Citizen of the Year 2018.