

# **WEST HENDRED**

## **NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER**

### **DIARY OF EVENTS**

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15 November	"Our Planet, Our Future"	WH Village Hall	7.00pm
17 November	Family Service & Sunday Club	Holy Trinity Church	9 am
22 November	Youth Club (date to be confirmed)	WH Village Hall	7-9pm
23 November	Book and Plant Sale	WH Village Hall	10 am-12
15 December	Christmas Fair	WH Village Hall	12 – 4pm

**Deadline for next Newsletter 25 November 2019**

### **WEST HENDRED AND GINGE VILLAGE DOG SHOW - Sunday 22nd Sept**

After the blue skies on Saturday, which allowed very kind volunteers to put up the Village marquee, and tea & bar tents, Sunday morning was an emotional rollercoaster with torrential rain for several hours. Miraculously, the rain stopped at 1 o'clock and held off all afternoon, allowing the Show to take place and people to stay dry. I'm told dogs don't mind one way or the other!

There was a marvellous array of dogs and handlers in the parade ring, brilliantly MC'ed as usual, by Ed Boddington (aka Bod). Tim Hutchinson & Rosemary Ryder had a hard job judging who should get the beautiful Larkmead-donated rosettes, Trae White-designed certificates, and the generous prizes donated by so many kind companies and individuals. Congratulations go to the "Best in Show" winner - a lurcher puppy called "Trouble". Special thanks to Liz Townsend without whom the Show could not have happened. We raised £812 (including generous donations) which will go towards our fundraising for new equipment in the Playpark. The happy news is that we have raised enough to place an order for the Play Fort with its double slide and climbing wall, so thank you for being a part of that effort! Our next challenge is to replace the Play trail...

*Sarah Lloyd (On behalf of WHPC)*

### **Reverend John Buckworth Herne (Vicar of West Hendred 1810 to 1852)**

By kind permission of Dr Sykes, a PDF summarising research into this unconventional clergyman is available to anyone interested. Please email [daniel.bashford@historicensland.org.uk](mailto:daniel.bashford@historicensland.org.uk)

### **YELLOW HOUSEHOLD FORMS**

In the coming days, staff from South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils will be visiting homes whose occupants have not updated their details following requests via the yellow 'Household Enquiry' form. The council needs this information to make sure everyone who is eligible to vote is able to do so in forthcoming elections.

In August the two councils sent yellow letters to all homes across the two districts requiring people to confirm who currently lives in their property. They then issued reminders in September. All households that did not respond by 5 October will now receive a visit from a council officer to confirm their details.

All staff making the household visits will be carrying ID so if someone knocks on your door please feel free to ask to see their ID before answering any questions. Residents can still avoid receiving a visit by confirming or updating their details immediately at [householdresponse.com/southandvale](http://www.householdresponse.com/southandvale) <<http://www.householdresponse.com/southandvale>>. You will need the 2-part code on the yellow letter or reminder to do this.

Important – by law, each household must confirm their details, even if they are correct. Anyone who fails to do so could be fined up to £1,000.

Residents who do not have access to the internet can confirm their details by completing and returning the form that comes with the letter. If your details are correct you can also confirm this by phone or text – the details required for this are included on the yellow letter.

## **POPPY APPEAL 2019**

The poppy appeal is now in full swing and your support is much appreciated.

What is Remembrance?

Remembrance honours those who serve to defend our freedoms and way of life. We will remember them. We remember the sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth. We pay tribute to the special contribution of families and of the emergency services. We acknowledge innocent civilians who have lost their lives in conflict and acts of terrorism.

Remembrance does not glorify war and its symbol, the red poppy, is a sign of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. Wearing a poppy is never compulsory but is greatly appreciated by those who it is intended to support. When and how you choose to wear a poppy is a reflection of your individual experiences and personal memories. Remembrance unites people of all faiths, cultures, and backgrounds but it is also deeply personal. The Act of Remembrance could mean wearing a poppy in November, before Remembrance Sunday. It could mean joining with others in your community on a commemorative anniversary. Or it could mean taking a moment on your own to pause and reflect. Everyone is free to remember in their own way, or to choose not to remember at all.

In every act of remembrance, we honour the memory of the fallen and pledge to care for the living. We will remember them.

## **THE SCHOOLREADERS NETWORK**

The Schoolreaders network match volunteers to schools who need people to listen to children read in local Primary Schools. These children often have very little one on one time with an adult either at home or at school and their reading and confidence suffers. Once they leave Primary School, there is no provision in the curriculum to work on basic literacy and children who don't read to the required standard are unable to access their secondary education.

They have a number of partner schools in this part of Oxfordshire and if anyone feel they have a little time each week, they can be matched to local children where they can make a real difference to children's lives. Volunteers will get a huge buzz from this valuable work. If you feel you can join the team, please contact Laura Kenyon-Slaney on 01235 760061 or 07817 248666

## **SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2019**

Many thanks for the boxes we have already received and a reminder that if you are preparing a shoebox please could we have it by **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November** at the latest, as we will be delivering them to the collection point the following day. Thank you.  
Patsy 835113 Angela 862912

## **HOME-START**

Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire is looking for new volunteers to support local families with young children who are experiencing difficulties. Are you a parent, or have experience working with young children, and can spare 2-3 hours per week giving friendly practical and emotional support? Full training and on-going staff support given. Please contact 01235 511152 or email [admin@homestartso.org](mailto:admin@homestartso.org) for more information.

## **OUR PLANET, OUR FUTURE – WORKING FOR A BETTER WORLD Friday November 15th West Hendred Village Hall 7pm**

A talk by Martin Spray, CEO Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, on positive changes in direction needed to confront the potential environmental crisis facing us - and which we have created. Martin will give practical examples of the work being undertaken by his organisation.

Entrance £10 – but no charge for 12-18 year olds (it is your future, after all) to include light refreshments. There will also be a cash bar. To book tickets, email [Whvhbookings@gmail.com](mailto:Whvhbookings@gmail.com)

## **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS NEW DESIGN!**

A new Christmas Card design is being prepared for this coming Christmas, using a photograph taken in February 2019 and will go on sale in mid-November. The cards will be available in packs of 10 (with envelopes), and are sold in aid of repairs to Holy Trinity Church. The greeting inside the card will be *Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year*. There will also be packs available with no greeting inside the card. Mock-ups of the new design are already on display in the church. Please note that there are also a limited number of the 2011 cards still available.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING REPORT

Sunday 6th October to Sunday 13th October saw a national operation to target rural crime. The South & Vale Police area ran a week long operation as part of this, which included high visibility patrols, especially at 'hotspot' areas, visits to farms and rural businesses with enforcement of any offences. This included partnership working with Council enforcement Officers to target fly tipping.

Burglary remains a force priority. The Wantage & Faringdon Team have assisted with enquiries following some recent burglaries in this area, including one in Ardington on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. There was a burglary on the road between Reading Road and Ardington Lane. The incident took place between midnight and 7.33am on 2nd October after offenders gained access to a secure container at the property. A Honda quad bike was stolen. A vehicle which was blocking the door to the container had been broken into and moved by releasing the handbrake. The Ref number is 43190304500. If you have any information on this crime please call 101 or report it online [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/report-a-crime](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/report-a-crime) and quote the reference number.

Halloween - We would like you to enjoy yourself this Halloween but please only visit properties that welcome trick or treaters which will be lit up and decorated. If there is signage in the window that states that they do not want to be disturbed then please do not call on these properties. If you would like a poster that says *No Trick or Treat* then please visit [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk) where you can type Halloween in the "search" and it will allow you to print one.

Have Your Say - please come along and speak to a PCSO about any local concerns. PCSO Gary Kirby will be at Savages, London Rd, Blewbury on Saturday 26th October 3.30pm -4pm.

Please get in touch/follow us using the following:  
E-mail: [WantageandGroveNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:WantageandGroveNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)  
Twitter: @tvpsouthandvale  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale](http://www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale)  
Phone: 101 & always phone 999 in an emergency

## NOVEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd Nov:	Morning Prayer	9:00 am
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Morning Prayer	9:00 am
	(Benefice Communion Ardington	10:30am)
Sunday 17th Nov:	Family Service	9:00 am
Sunday 24th Nov:	Holy Communion	9:00 am

The deadline for items for next month's newsletter is 25<sup>th</sup> November. Please email them to [newsletter@westhendred.net](mailto:newsletter@westhendred.net) or hand deliver to Janet Trotman, Tean, The Millham.

## CITIZENS ADVICE ENERGY ADVICE DRIVE

Our local Citizens Advice is launching its annual initiative to help people in financial need who find it hard to pay their energy bills. The project, called the *Energy Advice Programme (EAP)*, is live now throughout Oxfordshire South and Vale and includes comprehensive steps to help people who have to spend a significant proportion of their income on fuel bills. At an EAP appointment our advisers, depending on your particular problem, can help you understand energy companies' tariffs and bills; provide information and support on switching tariff or supplier; give advice on energy efficiency measures and list any grants available to pay or these; carry out benefit entitlement checks. They can also help you apply for the Warm Home Discount and the Priority Services Register, if applicable. The Citizens Advice website [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) will give you more information. You can also telephone their Adviceline on 03 444 111 444 or visit a local branch of Citizens Advice during opening hours. Details of office locations are on [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale)

## PHEASANTS & PARTRIDGES

If anyone would like pheasants or partridges this season then please contact Hugo Axel-Berg [hugo@sparsholtcourt.co.uk](mailto:hugo@sparsholtcourt.co.uk) or 07834776197 They will be free to those in the Village (or a voluntary donation to the Village Hall) if you take them in the feather. For a modest cost (which will again be donated to the Village Hall) oven-ready birds will be available. Last year this raised over £100.

## CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE Hugh Rees

We're continuing to collect money from sponsors but so far have collected over £450. This year I went from West Hendred, via East Hendred to Steventon, and then directly on to Drayton & Abingdon with its many churches. Peachcroft beckoned, and then Radley with its tree-trunk roof pillars and bits from the Houses of Parliament that didn't quite make it to Oxford in the Civil War. From Radley, I went to Kennington, Sandford to Littlemore then Cowley, and back via Rose Hill to Iffley. Then to St Alban the Martyr which had a special exhibition of the carvings and tapestry designs of Eric Gill, who carved their stations of the cross. On to St Bartlemas Chapel, just off the Cowley Road (a real hidden gem, being the chapel of a former leper hospital). Then to visit the Quaker Meeting House on St Giles. Other gems included St Barnabas in Jericho, a glorious mixture of English Ravenna meets Torcello, as well as the Greek Orthodox church in Canterbury Road. Thank you to all to took part, and all who have sponsored.

## WEST HENDRED AND GINGE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

HALL LETTINGS - All enquiries/bookings should be made via email to [villagehallbookings@westhendred.net](mailto:villagehallbookings@westhendred.net). Web Site: [www.westhendred.net](http://www.westhendred.net)  
Village Hall Committee Contacts: Hugh Rees (Chair) Tel: 833174 / 07802-416031 & Sarah Lloyd Tel: 833373

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Christmas Fair** – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Mid-day / afternoon. Involving Mince Pie competition, bacon butties and Carol Singing.

**Our Planet, Our Future** - Working for a Better World - Friday, November 15th 7pm  
Please see article in this newsletter for details.

### REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL INCLUDE:

**KONGA** every Friday term time. 9.30 - 10.30 am £5 per class! Konga is a fusion of Boxing, Cardio, Dance & Sculpting set to the hottest sounds of music. This fitness routine is designed to get results through increasing fitness levels and redefining your physique. Can burn approximately 700 calories from one class. For more information Contact Rachel Lock on 07801 824293.

**Youth Club** – Friday 22nd November (tbc) - 7 pm to 9pm

The Youth Club meets on Friday usually at 7 pm – third Friday in the month. Please contact for more information, Penny Meston. Adult helpers to go on a rota are urgently needed! Anyone interested in helping to run the youth club should contact Penny on 01235 832113.

**Coffee Morning, plant, and book sale** – Saturday 23rd November 10 am – 12 noon

Thank you to all who came and supported the September sale, which raised £22.00. So far this year you have raised £254.67. Many nearly new cookery and childrens books! Also a variety of hardy plants, and fantastic summer plants. All proceeds are for the Village Hall. Please contribute - Hugh and Annabel on 833174.

**Mother and Baby/Toddler Group**

Monday mornings' 10.15am to 11.45. Get together in the hall and meet/chat to other local mothers. Fathers welcome too. Just drop in

**West Hendred Stitchers** - meet on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays in the month 10am - 4pm. Open to everyone who'd like to stitch with friends in a warm and sociable atmosphere. Beginners welcome. Work on individual projects. Tea & coffee provided. Bring own lunch.

Further information from Jane Soffe 01235 832554

**Family Service – Sunday 17th November 9AM – in the church.**

The Family Service and Sunday club at 9AM will be in the Church.

**Pilates** - Monday evenings 7 to 8 pm, Wednesdays 6 to 7 pm, and 7.15 to 8.15 pm. Please contact Charlie Prince on 07581462317, or [charlie@princepilates.co.uk](mailto:charlie@princepilates.co.uk) or see Charlie's website for more information about classes etc. [www.princepilates.co.uk](http://www.princepilates.co.uk)

### YOGA

Tuesdays 6-7pm Yoga with mindfulness for teens. Focusing on strength and flexibility as well as strategies to deal with exam stress & aid relaxation. Ideal as sport or skill for Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Thursdays 9.15-10.45am Yoga for beginners and improvers

Thursdays 11 – 12.15 Gentle yoga (including chair yoga)

Not sure if yoga is for you? Come along for a free trial lesson! For further information on any of these courses and to enrol, please contact Linda on 01235 863647 or [linda@soderstrom.myzen.co.uk](mailto:linda@soderstrom.myzen.co.uk)