

THE WEST HENDRED NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2020

DIARY OF EVENTS

17 January	Youth Club (date tbc)	WH Village Hall	7 - 9pm
18 January	Plant & Book Sale with Coffee	WH Village Hall	10am-12
19 January	Family Service	Holy Trinity Church	9.00am
19 January	Coffee Morning	Holy Trinity Church	10.00am
20 March	Jazz in the Village	WH Village Hall	7.30pm

Deadline for next Newsletter 25 January 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Newsletter editorial team would like to wish all the residents of West Hendred & Ginge a very happy & healthy New Year!

CAROL SINGING IN THE VILLAGE

Thank you to all the jolly carol singers; mince pie providers and mulled wine makers who contributed to make the carol singing around the village in December, such a fun event.....and of course, all the generous folk of West Hendred!

Also, a special thank you to the children who sang & collected at each door.

We collected over £200 which will go, together with a share from the crib service, to Helen and Douglas House Hospice to help children & families there enjoy precious time together.

Thank you all so much. We wish you all a Happy New Year!
Angela & Patsy

WANTED - CRIB FIGURES!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Over time we've lost/broken several figures that the children take to make up the crib in church.

Do you have any spare crib figures that you are no longer using? If so, please could you give them to Christine or Patsy or call Angela on 862912 to collect. Many thanks.

THE OLD FORT

You may have noticed that the old fort in the playing field has been removed. Work is progressing well with the installation of the new fort with the groundworks now having been carried out. More news soon!

HEALTHWATCH OXFORDSHIRE

Healthwatch Oxfordshire is an independent charity which acts as a watchdog for health and care services in Oxfordshire.

They are currently looking for new Trustees to join their Board. You can find more information about this at

<https://healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/our-board-members/>

HOLY TRINITY WEST HENDRED & OXFORD HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE

The final total raised by 4 st/riders & nearly 60 sponsors was £1,007 this year. Holy Trinity Church receives half of this figure, which is £503.50. This is a fantastic total! Over the last 5 years, West Hendred raised £5,054, and over the last 10 years £9,973. Thank you to Roy Lennox, Angela & Nigel Findley and Hugh Rees for taking part and also to those who welcomed St/riders to Holy Trinity Church. And, of course, a BIG THANK YOU to all who sponsored!

COFFEE MORNING FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Following the Family Service at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 19th January, there will be a coffee morning with raffle and cakes in aid of The Children's Society. Donations of raffle prizes or cakes will be most welcome. I am happy to receive donations beforehand or they can be brought along to church on the morning. You can find out about the work of The Children's Society at www.childrenssociety.org.uk Please do come along and help to support vulnerable young people across Britain Patsy Jenkins, The Old Post Office 835113

JAZZ IN THE VILLAGE FRIDAY 20th MARCH

Come & listen to Ian Millar on the saxophone and Dominic Spencer on the piano at West Hendred Village Hall on Friday 20th March at 8.00pm. Based in Edinburgh they've been having great success travelling up and down the UK with their popular "*Jazz in the Village*" concerts playing accessible, melodic jazz and telling amusing stories about some of their experiences from the places they have played & visited.

Tickets are £10 (accompanied under 16s free) and on sale at Hendred Stores, East Hendred or email: whvhbookings@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, WEST HENDRED

WE have just started the seasonal celebration here at Holy Trinity West Hendred with the Crib Service starting on Christmas Eve with a wonderful peal of bells, followed by some beautiful organ music

It was a rather nice afternoon, and over 150 people attended our Crib service conducted by Orazio. The children read beautifully, and also sung the carols with great enthusiasm

This year we had a lovely surprise as Nellie the donkey came to visit us. She was perfectly behaved, with her two very loving carers. She came in through the chancel door as the children sang 'Little Donkey', and then walked with the children to the crib to sing 'Away in a Manger' accompanied by the talented West Hendred Orchestra. Everybody sang with great enthusiasm.

The church looked lovely, and all enjoyed the singing of the Christmas Carols.

Thank you to everybody who contributed to the preparation of the service.

On Christmas morning we had another lovely service with many attending our Christmas Communion where we gave thanks to God for the birth of Jesus. People donated generously to the church and Helen & Douglas House. Thank you Christine Tanner

January Church Services

Sunday 5th	Holy Communion	9:00
Sunday 12th	Morning Prayer	9:00
Benefice Communion	Lockinge	10:30
Sunday 19th	Family Service	9:00
Childrens Society	Coffee Morning	9:30
Sunday 26th	Holy Communion	9:00

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Hand delivered items – please place your article in an envelope marked clearly 'WH Newsletter' and deliver to Janet Trotman, Tean, The Millham Tel: 833531 Alternatively, you can send items for inclusion to our [email address: newsletter@westhendred.net](mailto:newsletter@westhendred.net)

WEST HENDRED AND GINGE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

All hall enquiries/bookings should be made via email to villagehallbookings@westhendred.net
Web Site: www.westhendred.net

The Last Year - 2019

We've made really good use of our sparkly new professional-grade kitchen with a range of events and have hosted a rich variety of talks over this year.

We commenced in late February with Dan Bashford's Village History Talk on "*The Revd. John Buckworth Herne, Vicar of West Hendred : Unfulfilled Dreamer or Scoundrel?*" - a colourful, unconventional and varied character who provided much interest and entertainment.

In May, our Local Endurance Coach Bernard Wilkins gave us his talk, "*The Four Minute Mile!*" to celebrate the 65th anniversary of this landmark sporting event.

In November, Martin Spray's "*Our Planet Our Future*" provided us with the positive changes in direction needed to confront the environmental crisis facing us. In Martin's compelling and interesting talk, he mentioned that we can all make a contribution in the right direction by growing native flowers, and creating rain water ponds.

We hosted The Hive Pop-up Markets from February to June.

We also hosted the West Hendred Not Just a Beer Festival in June which raised a considerable sum for the Village Hall fund and other local concerns.

We've also hosted the Springline Singers for their various practices / rehearsals.

We welcomed New to You Clothes Sale in October.

In mid-December, many of you came along to the village Christmas event and celebrated with the Youth Club and Carol Singers, eating delicious mince pies and supping mulled wine.

On behalf of all who manage and run The Hall, we are all really grateful to everyone who initiated, organised, contributed to and participated in all the events and work to maintain our thriving Hall.

Linda has continued to build on her great success of Yoga and Mindfulness adding a session for teens, to help with focussing for dealing with exam stress. She's also running sessions for Yoga for beginners and improvers, as well as Gentle Yoga

Charlie Prince has kept us spectacularly fit with her Pilates classes on Monday & Wednesday evenings.

On Friday Mornings, Rachel Lock has also run her KONGA fitness routines, set to the hottest sounds of music.

In January, February, and early April the snowdrop "in the green" sales at the Coffee Morning, Plant and Book Sales, added spring colour, and a variety of hardy plants. Over the year, the sales raised £293.32 for the Village Hall.

In July, the Youth Club held its enjoyable highly summer party and Barbeque.

The Mother and Baby/Toddler Group continues to go from strength to strength.

The West Hendred Stitchers have provided a warm and sociable atmosphere to all.

The Coming Year - 2020

In March, we have "Jazz in the Village" (details in the main body of this Newsletter) and in the Autumn we're planning another Manjit Kahlon's Indian Cookery Masterclass, followed by an event the following evening.

We are anticipating holding further talks and are currently firming up on 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 and can burn approximately 700 calories from one class.

For more information contact Rachel Lock on 07801 824293.

The Youth Club meets on Friday usually at 7.00pm on the third Friday in the month.

Please contact for more information, Penny Meston on 01235 832113.

Coffee Morning, Plant, and Book sale – Saturday 18th January 10 am to 12 noon

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. 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.