

WEST HENDRED

JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25th July 2020**

IMPORTANT!

This month's Newsletter will not be distributed as a hard copy due to the temporary closure of the printing company we use. Please can we ask, if you know of any neighbours who are not connected to the Internet, that you very kindly print a hard copy in your home and pop it through their door. Thank you.

For the most up to date Government advice, please go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Your Village Help Co-ordinators

If you need help with shopping or collecting your prescriptions please get in touch with any of the following people:

Nigel Findley 07900 554537 or
email nigel.findley@westhendred.net

Angela Findley 07775 863350 or
email Angela.findley@westhendred.net

Stefan Povolotsky 07460 727374 or
email stefan.povolotsky@sky.com

TREES

Huge thanks to everyone who submitted such brilliant works for the Tree exhibition, which featured works including textiles, poetry, painting, collage, sculpture, drawings and more. A very special thanks to Mirren Kessling for the idea and for making it happen.

Photos of the exhibition are now available to be enjoyed at home:

<https://m.facebook.com/westhendredvillage/> <

And if you're feeling inspired to make your own creative response to local trees then it would be great to see them put up in your own windows



Great news for the Church

West Hendred church has just received a grant award of £1,000 from OHCT towards the replacement/repair of the Bell Chamber floor's supporting beam.

Church Services

There will be no formal church services at our church until the lockdown is finished. It is planned to open the church for individual private prayer on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday for a limited period each day in line with government advice. The times when the church is available will be announced shortly after social distancing and sanitising facilities have been put in place.

Garden Bonfires

With more people working at home and also looking after children during these lockdown months, it's important to speak to your neighbours if you are planning a bonfire so they don't cause an unnecessary nuisance.

The VoWH District Council is urging people not to light bonfires at this time to protect the respiratory health of the vulnerable and to avoid an unnecessary burden on the NHS. COVID-19 is a respiratory disease and smoke inhalation can impair people's breathing.

So speak to your neighbours if you need to burn garden waste – to agree a convenient time and/or to check in on any health issues they may have.

The DC have a garden waste collection scheme and will provide a brown bin for this purpose. WHPC

Holy Trinity West Hendred Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride – 12th September

This year's sponsored event is hoped to take place on Saturday 12th September – money raised would be divided equally between The Oxford Historic Churches Trust and Holy Trinity Church West Hendred.

Oxford Historic Churches Trust has decided to go ahead with a R+S, albeit with a maybe somewhat differently form than usual. It may be a 'simplified' version. Potential participants are asked to keep the date available – Saturday 12th September. A mailing will be sent out in mid to late July by OHCT to the village's co-ordinator, Hugh Rees. This is anticipated to be contained in a very limited amount of printed material - everything else will be available on line.

Last year's grand total raised here was a fantastic final total of £1,007. Holy Trinity Church received half of sponsorship, £503-50; this was raised by 4 St/riders and well over 57 sponsorships, and well over 100 church visits. This is a fantastic total! Over the last 10 years raised £9,973 for OHCT.

Oxford Historic Churches Trust has just awarded us a grant of £1,000 towards urgent work at the church. This is for the replacement of a defective beam along the south side of the bell chamber, failing due to death watch beetle, and timber rot. The total cost of this repair £4,196.

More details will be available from Hugh Rees on 833174 as OHCT works out ways for this year's event to take place, or on www.ohct.org.uk .



OXFORDSHIRE SOUTH AND VALE CITIZENS ADVICE – NEW TRUSTEES NEEDED

Role: Trustees (Data Protection, GDPR, IT and Fund Raising)

Organisation: Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice

Location: Head Office, Abbey House, Abingdon, OX14 3JD

We are looking for two new Trustees to join our Board and oversee data protection and GDPR, IT strategy and fund raising. We are also keen to recruit Trustees who live in the Vale of the White Horse district.

Trustees are asked to attend six Board meetings a year, held in the evening at various locations (now remotely). Each Trustee oversees a particular aspect of the charity's work.

We are a local charity providing the Citizens Advice service in South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse. Our 160 volunteer advisers and nine full-time employed staff advise 11,000 people each year from four advice centres. Since March, our staff and volunteers have been operating our AdviceLine service from home.

People seek our advice on benefits, debt, housing, employment, relationship and consumer problems. Following advice, nearly three quarters of clients are able to resolve their problem and we help most to find a way forward.

We are members of national Citizens Advice, which sets the advice standard and supports and audits us. Our funding comes from district, town and parish councils and local charities.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please contact Jon Bright, the Director, via jon.bright@osavcab.org.uk

Please apply via

www.citizensadvice.org.uk/oxfordshire-south-vale

Citizens Advice can help you through financial difficulties

If you are facing financial problems in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, Citizens Advice can help find a way forward.

Citizens Advice research has revealed that currently over 13 million people are unable to pay, or expect to be unable to pay, at least one of their household bills. These bills are higher than usual in any case because the population is spending more time at home during the lockdown. For 11 million of these people, a missed bill could have drastic consequences: eviction, the bailiffs, or disconnection.

It is vital that you do not give way to despair, feel isolated with your problems and consider that you have to solve them all by yourself. For instance, Citizens Advice can help maximise

your income with a benefit check if your working hours have dropped or if you are made redundant. We can help you decide on the best way to manage your debts in your individual situation. Get in touch with us by telephone on Adviceline (0300 330 9042). There is also a lot of useful information on our website <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk> where you can also chat online.

Pizza in the Park

Big News.... we are delighted to announce the return of 'Pizza in the Park' on the 14th July.

Soleluna Wood Fired Pizza will be visiting the village hall carpark every 2 weeks on Tuesday evenings from 5pm until 7.30pm serving delicious wood fired pizza.

We are only taking pre-orders one day in advance through our link:

<https://order.storekit.com/soleluna-wood-fired-pizza/menu>

Or you can order by phone on **07445815764** and we will give you a time slot to come and collect thereby keeping customers separated and adhering with social distancing rules. We are looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday!!!

Daniel and Amira.

www.pizzasoleluna.com

Planning Applications

If you're interested in keeping up to date with the latest planning applications, details can be found on the Vale's Applications and Planning Decisions site. You can choose the type of alerts you receive; you can opt for just planning, here is the link:

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application/planning-application-register>

or

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news-and-events/keep-me-informed/email-alerts>

They will only send details of planning applications within your local area, so you won't be bombarded with everything.

Wine from the Douro in East Hendred

Award winning Portuguese wine available in East Hendred.

Most of us have been hit by the impact of COVID-19 in one way or another. I run a family business in Portugal producing wines and port and sell mainly to restaurants through our importers around the world. We are determined to keep employing the 60+ staff - all who are locals; some who have worked for us over many generations.

We are trying to sell more online directly from our vineyard, selling at special COVID-19 prices!

Our wines have won many awards and accolades. We sell through Berry Bros in the UK as well as supply Waitrose with their In Partnership Douro Valley Reserve red wine

Contact Sophia Bergqvist, Quinta de la Rosa sophia@quintadelarosa.com

FREE TO YOU

FREE ride on-tractor and trailer, suitable for children aged 5 and under.

Please collect from Galliards Barn, Manor Lane. Call Sarah 07811103522

Toddler climbing frame available!

Suitable for children aged 7 and under, this climbing frame is robust and fun. It's not in great condition visually as it's had lots of wear and tear, but can definitely provide a diversion in the garden!

Please collect from Bramley Tree Barn, Manor Lane. Call Kate on 07785 370479.

TAKE-AWAY MENU FROM THE EYSTON ARMS!

Available from Tuesday 19th May - for the moment we will be closed on Sunday and Monday evenings.

Call 07833 271445

Orders can only be placed from 2pm on the day up to an hour before you'd like to collect
Collection is from 5pm-8pm

Dog walking for charity

From Milly Haddon, age 10

I am looking for dogs to walk to raise money for the NHS. I am a responsible 10 year old who loves dogs. Please send my mum an email if you want your dog to be walked. Her address is kate@katehaddon.co.uk

The deadline for next month's newsletter is 25th July.

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



Tin Hut, East Hendred
Saturday 8am – 1pm
Sunday 12pm-3pm

Support small businesses and shop local with bakery, flowers and household refills.

The Hive Market
Sunday 12th July
10am – 2pm

Snells Hall car park
East Hendred

Featuring:

Great British Mead
LoveBeer
Local Honey
Tin Hut Cycles
Local Fudge Maker
Neal's Yard Remedies
Ray of Soap
Local Artists
New Local Baker (Blewbury)
Charlotte Berry Silversmith
Street Food Stalls

WEST HENDRED AND GINGE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

HALL LETTINGS

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

Covid-19

The Government requires that 'Community centres, youth centres and similar', must close with the exception that 'Facilities may remain open for the purpose of hosting essential voluntary or public services, such as food banks or homeless services.'

As we go to press, ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) has been informed that Halls may be able to open on Monday 6th July if they feel ready to do so. There will not be a requirement to open. ACRE suggests

- Which hirers want to come back in July and how will the social distance rule affect them?
- Will it be possible to have doors and especially windows open?
- Could you ask the hirers in the hiring agreement to make sure only a certain number of people use the loos and the kitchen at any one time so that distancing can be adhered to?
- Could there be a one-way system?

WEST HENDRED VILLAGE HALL Annual General Meeting

We would usually be announcing the date for the Village Hall's Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Charity Commission has provided guidance on the current situation, which is to provide an Annual Report to them, and run the AGM following the lifting of the current Government restrictions.

Our AGM is bound to be a Public meeting, so we have to await the lifting of the current Government restrictions.

Everyone is welcome at our AGM! We would love to see you there. We are actively looking for new committee members and advisors to help us shape the next stage in the life of what is a very vibrant and well-used village hall.

We will arrange the AGM date, and publicise in the Newsletter following the lifting of the current restriction. If you'd like to discuss what's involved before the AGM, here are our contact details:

Hugh Rees (Chair) - hugh@citidata.co.uk

Nigel Findley (Treasurer) - nigel.findley@westhendred.net or 862912

Chantal Ligertwood (Secretary)

Tony Lewis - tonylewiswh@gmail.com

Rosemary Budge - rosemary.budge@westhendred.net

Dave Trotman - davetrot@aol.com

Sarah Lloyd - sarahlloyd@qi.com or 833373

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

- Rescheduled 'Jazz in the Village'
- QI Quiz night with curry supper, courtesy of Manjit Kahlon and helpers, early November
- New beer festival date

JAZZ IN THE VILLAGE - POSTPONED

Ian Millar (Saxophone) & Dominic Spencer (Piano) play high quality, sophisticated, melodic jazz, improvising on standards and original compositions.

We're looking to re-schedule later in the year

PUPPY SCHOOL - classes are now available online.

Our face-to-face classes Puppy School classes have temporarily been replaced by weekly puppy training classes hosted via the internet

Introducing 'Puppy School Online' – virtual puppy training classes in the comfort and safety of home! Classes are now up and running with clear demonstration videos along with individual coaching. The six-week course is taught with small groups live each week. Isolation friendly and child friendly.

For more information please get in touch. debbennison@puppyschool.co.uk or for more information see www.puppyschool.co.uk

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL WOULD USUALLY INCLUDE:

KONGA every Friday term time 9:30 – 10:30 am £5 per class! - POSTPONED

Konga classes will recommence once the government lifts the current lockdown'

For more information Contact Rachel Lock on 07801 824293.

Youth Club - sadly cancelled for the foreseeable future Please note Youth Club is sadly cancelled for the foreseeable future. The Youth Club meets usually on the third Friday at 7 pm. Please contact for more information, Penny Meston. **Adult helpers are urgently needed!** Anyone interested in helping to run the youth club should contact Penny. We need adult helpers to go on a Rota. If we get enough, it could mean only helping once or twice a year as it is a monthly Youth Group. Please contact Penny: 01235 832113.

Mother and Baby/Toddler Group Monday mornings' – POSTPONED

West Hendred Stitches - POSTPONED Please note that Hendred Stitches is postponed for the duration due to COVID-19 Further information from Jane Soffe 01235 832554

Pilates - Mondays 7 to 8 pm, Wednesdays 6 to 7 pm, and 7.15 to 8.15 pm on ZOOM

Although Pilates classes have stopped at the hall, I am now teaching online through Zoom. It's £5 a session (payable in a block of 5 for £25). 24 hours notice of cancellation is required, otherwise it will be a charged late cancellation at the class price. I'm keeping numbers to a maximum of 13. I'm happy for new clients to try a taster session at £5 and then decide if they would like to sign up to a block. The classes are running at the usual times. If anyone is interested please contact me and I can provide more information.

Charlie Prince Pilates Please contact Charlie Prince on 07581 462 317, or charlie@princepilates.co.uk , or see Charlie's website for more information about classes etc. www.princepilates.co.uk

YOGA - classes are now available via Zoom. Sadly we are unable to meet at the hall at the moment but my classes are now available via Zoom. Currently the classes are: Thursdays 10 – 11am – Hatha Yoga Tuesdays 10 – 11am – Gentle / chair yoga Tuesdays (time tbc) – Teen Yoga with mindfulness. I am also hoping to run some extra classes at different times. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me on 01235 863647 or linda@soderstrom.myzen.co.uk New students welcome! Linda

Village Hall Committee Contacts

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