

WEST HENDRED

SEPTEMBER 2020

NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT!

This month's newsletter will not be distributed as a hard copy. Please can we ask that, if you know of any neighbours who may not have access to the internet, you print a copy off for them and pop it through their door. Thank you.

For the most up to date Government advice regarding the Coronavirus, please go to <https://gov.uk/coronavirus>

Your Village Help Co-ordinators

If you need help with shopping of collecting prescriptions. Please get in touch with any of the following people:

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Good Food News!

"ChilliDogs" and "Sole Luna Pizza" will continue to be a food feature in the West Hendred Village Hall car park. From September, they will cover alternate Tuesdays and information will be posted on the West Hendred Village Hall Facebook page.

dogs, 'dirty' pulled pork fries, mac'n'cheese bites, vegan dogs & more! They source all our ingredients from top, independent suppliers and only use 100% compostable packaging & planet-friendly cleaning products! Food needs to be ordered online to pick up at a designated time at www.chillidogsevents.co.uk/online-ordering

When you arrive to collect, just give your name and they'll prepare your food made up fresh. Any questions, feel free to call Steph Ley on 07533243723.

The Engine House Gym

The Engine House Gym in Ardington has an exclusive offer for all Hendred residents!

If you get in touch with the gym and mention 'Hendred', you will be automatically entitled to a free two-week trial at the gym! You don't need to print anything - just mention 'Hendred' when you get in touch - and there's no obligation to join at the end of your trial! The Engine House has an open gym you can use between 6am and 9pm and mainly runs small group exercise classes which are all being held with reduced numbers to enforce social distancing. The Engine House caters to all age groups and abilities and you'll be supported during your trial by a team of well qualified personal trainers! Please email: enginehousegym@gmail.com or call 01235 832681 or search for us on Google, Facebook or Instagram to message us!

Holy Trinity West Hendred

Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride 12th September 2020

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 is going ahead with Ride & Stride, albeit maybe somewhat differently than usual. It is going to be a 'simplified' version. Sponsorship forms are in the church for you to take away. More details are on the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust website, www.ohct.org.uk

As we go to press, there are 86 churches participating. See <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/churches-welcoming-ride-stride/>

OHCT awarded in late June a grant of £1,000 towards the urgent work to Holy Trinity church. This is for the replacement of a defective Bell Tower wall plate along the south side of the bell chamber, due to death watch beetle, and timber rot. The total cost is £4,196 net. Work is scheduled for 3 weeks in September. More details will be available from Hugh Rees on 833174 or OHCT at www.ohct.org.uk

WANTED!

The Village Newsletter is edited every month by one of three editors. One member of the current team is stepping down, so we need someone to take her place. All you need is access to the internet and a basic knowledge of Word. The newsletter usually takes a couple of hours to pull together and you would need to do this just four times in one year.

If you are interested in finding out more, please call Katy Denne on 07769 279031

On the Buses

The current Sunday service on route X32 will be replaced by a new Sunday service from Abingdon to Wantage via Sutton Courtenay, Milton Park, Didcot, Harwell, Harwell Campus and Wantage. Details can be found at www.thames-travel.co.uk

Citizens Advice – Help with Fuel

Did you know that Citizens Advice has advisers who can help you sign up with a new fuel or electricity company, or switch to a better tariff? There's no charge for their time and you won't be steered towards one particular supplier because they are impartial, having no links with any of them.

They offer one-on-one sessions (by telephone at present) and will take a close look at your individual situation. Now is the time to sort it out before winter closes in with cold autumn gales. They can help you understand energy bills and various kinds of tariffs, supporting you if you want to switch and calculating the savings you might make. If you've fallen behind on bill payments, they can also advise you on ways to reduce your debt by budgeting or trying a new payment scheme, for example.

They can also tell you about energy efficiency measures around the house, like draught-proofing windows and doors and installing LED light bulbs. Grants may be available to pay for thermal insulation. Benefit entitlements can be checked and help with claims if you are eligible.

And if you have any complaints against your current supplier, they can help you resolve them.

Relevant information can be found on the website at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/energy or phone the Adviceline on 0300 330 9042.

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.'

We have been working through Government Guidance, and guidance from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) with revisions / updates on opening the hall. This is for specified uses by hirers.

As we go to press, we have just received another update. We've agreed our risk assessment, and are looking to commence hiring with three groups of hirers.

We are anticipating that yoga and pilates groups will be able to re-commence in the hall from September.

SWAP SHOP – closes on Sunday 6th September

Thank you so much to all who have contributed and used the swap-shop outside the Village Hall entrance / foyer. We need to now bring this to a close. If you wish to take any items from the swap-shop, please do so by Sunday 6th September.

WHVH Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on Thursday 20th August. Principal officers: Chair is Hugh Rees, Secretary is Chantal Ligertwood, and Treasurer is Nigel Findley. Trustees are Rosemary Budge, Tony Lewis, Sarah Lloyd and Dave Trotman.

The Bookings team is Jenni Dimbylow, Stefan Povolotsky and Trae White.

We are pleased for the continued support and help of our advisers Jenni Dimbylow, Joff Meston, Penny Meston, Linda Soderstrom and Peter Cook

EVENTS

All events are postponed until circumstances allow. We had all been looking forward to the following events but, given current uncertainties, none of these will now take place until 2021

- Jazz in the Village
- QI Quiz night with curry supper, courtesy of Manjit Kahlon and helpers
- Beer Festival
- Puppy School - It is hoped that puppy classes will start again in October when it is hoped that things will be clearer. For more information please get in touch with debbennison@puppyschool.co.uk or for more information see www.puppyschool.co.uk

The following regular events are also postponed until further advice has been given:

- KONGA - For more information Contact Rachel Lock on 07801 824293.
- Youth Club - For more information, please contact Penny Meston on 01235 832113.
- Mother and Baby/Toddler Group
- Monday mornings'

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- West Hendred Stitchers
- Hendred Stitchers - Further information from Jane Soffe 01235 832554
- Pilates - Mondays 7 to 8 pm on ZOOM, Weds 6 to 7 pm, and 7.20 to 8.20 pm in hall . Charlie is looking to start sessions on in the hall from early September. This is aimed at all ages and abilities and a free taster session is available for any new clients that are interested. The cost is £8 to drop in or £35 for a block of 5. The Wednesday evening classes at the hall will resume from the 9th September and the times are roughly the same: 6-7pm and 7.20-8.20pm. The cost is £11 drop in or £50 for a block of 5. In all cases 24 hours notice of cancellation is required. If anyone is interested please contact me and I can provide more information. 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!

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**The deadline for the next Village Newsletter is
 25th September 2020**

Hand-delivered items – please put your article in an envelope marked “WH Newsletter”
 and deliver to Janet Trotman, Tean, The Milham Tel: 833531
 Alternatively, you can send items for inclusion to
newsletter@westhendred.net