

WEST HENDRED

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

**Diary of events
Sale of Poppies
Harvest Festival Collection**

**25/6 October
17 October**

**Village hall
Holy Trinity Church**

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 or collecting prescriptions. Please get in touch with any of the following people:

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Covid App

As part of the government's coordinated response to Coronavirus, NHS Test and Trace has developed the new NHS COVID-19 app. It is now available for download to all residents of England and Wales. We strongly recommend that everyone over the age of 16 downloads and uses it.

Download the 'NHS COVID-19' app from the App Store or Google Play. There is more information at <https://covid19.nhs.uk>
The app will help you to understand and manage your personal risk and reduce the spread of Coronavirus. The more people who use it, the more effective it will be.

The app requires operating system 13.5 or above if you have an Apple iPhone. It requires Android 6.0 or above if you have an Android phone. If your smartphone is not compatible, you can still access full support from the NHS Test and Trace service.

Sponsored Walk

I am organising a sponsored walk to raise funds for 'response giving' the charitable arm of 'response'- housing for people with mental health issues. I intend to walk as much as I can of the Ridgeway in a day. Watch this space for a date when the weather is right. Please sponsor me or join me doing a sponsored walk for 'response giving'.
Annabel Rees
P.S you can find out more about 'response giving' from www.response.org.uk/giving

Church Services

The church is open for individual prayer on Saturday /Sunday late morning to early afternoon only.

Services are now in a new 2 week cycle of communion service times divided between the parishes. The normal service times for West Hendred in October are:-

Sun 4 th	Holy Communion	9:30
Wed 14 th .	Holy Communion	10:00
Sun 18 th .	Holy Communion	9:30
Wed 28 th .	Holy Communion	10:00

Face coverings are to be worn in the church at all times.

Times of all other services can be found on the benefice web site:

<https://www.facebook.com/Benefice-of-Wantage-Downs-109686177340271/>

Job redundancy: check your rights and talk to Citizens Advice

One of the most serious outcomes of the current pandemic problem is that thousands of people in the UK are losing their jobs. If you are one of these people, and are made redundant or offered voluntary redundancy, it is important that you thoroughly understand your rights and options. The first thing to do if you are at risk of redundancy is to look at your contract of employment, which will spell out your basic rights. Make sure that your company abides by these conditions. Also, consider other sources of help such as your union if you belong to one. Bear in mind that if you have been in the job for less than two years you do not have as much job protection, but if for more than two years, your employer has to follow certain

procedures, e.g. find you another job in the company if possible. You can't be made redundant in an unfair way or for discriminatory reasons. The reason must be a genuine one, i.e. the job you do or the skills you have are no longer needed, or the employer can't afford you, or the business is failing. With technology advancing, sometimes fewer people are needed to do a given job. You might be entitled to receive redundancy pay, which increases with length of service and

has two elements – statutory and contractual. Statutory pay (not paid to those who have less than two years' service) is the minimum that the law says you are entitled to, and is based on your age, weekly pay and the number of years you have worked in the job. Contractual redundancy pay is the additional amount to which your contract may entitle you. If you have been furloughed, the law says that your redundancy pay must be worked out according to your usual wages, not the 80% furlough figure. Bear in mind that if your employer offers you a suitable alternative job and you refuse to take it without good reasons, they can refuse to give you redundancy pay. You can check that your redundancy pay is fair by using the calculator at <https://www.gov.uk/calculate-your-redundancy-pay>

You are also entitled to a paid notice period or pay in lieu of notice, and the employer should give you paid time off for attending job interviews.

All the implications of redundancy are helpfully described on the Citizens Advice website at <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/work/leaving-a-job>. The website also gives advice about claiming benefits or dealing with your debts if you need this. You can talk to an adviser on our Adviceline, 0300 330 9042.

Poppy Appeal 2020

The Poppy Appeal Organisers, volunteers and partners have been working hard with the Royal British Legion staff to ensure that the 2020 Poppy Appeal is able to go ahead and the nation can take part in Remembrance.

This year, in its 99th year, there will be more ways than ever before for people to support the Poppy Appeal, 2020, but there will be NO house-to-house collections as social distancing cannot be guaranteed and NO hand-held collections in any locations. There will be manned and unmanned Poppy collection points in the usual places near the markets and supermarkets. Although cash will be accepted we actively encourage those who can to donate online especially this year at: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/poppy-appeal>. This link will take you to the Poppy Appeal "donate" page and guide you through the process. It's very straight forward and will help with gift aid if you wish. In West Hendred unless we are in lockdown we plan to have a manned table at the Village Hall where you can pick up your Poppy and other items on the weekend of the 25/26th October and on Sunday 8th November. The National Service of Remembrance is planned to be held at the Cenotaph. Local church services and acts of remembrance will proceed if government and local restrictions allow. Hopefully by Remembrance Day the new memorial plaque to those who died during WW1 from our village will be installed and dedicated in its rightful place in Holy Trinity Church, West Hendred.

Although these are strange times we are calling on you all to take part and wear your Poppies with pride to show your support for the Armed Forces community in this the 80th year of the Battle of Britain.
Nigel Findley Poppy Appeal Organiser

Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal 2020

It is time to launch the 2020 shoebox appeal for needy children overseas. Last year the shoeboxes from this area were gratefully received by children in Serbia and Belarus. We understand that times are difficult but would very much appreciate any donations you feel able to give. Leaflets explaining all about filling boxes are available at weekends from Holy Trinity Church West Hendred or from either of us. As in previous years a voluntary donation of £5 is welcomed but not mandatory and we welcome ALL boxes. Please note that sweets and toothpaste are no longer allowed. We will need to receive your completed boxes by Sunday 8th November at the latest in order to transport them to the nearest collection point. The website samaritans-purse.org.uk has lots of information about the appeal and you can also donate or pack a shoebox online if you wish to do so. Many thanks, Patsy 835113 Angela 862912

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred – Food Bank Collection

Sadly, due to the coronavirus restrictions placed upon us, we are unable to celebrate Harvest in our usual way this year however we would like to support the local food banks as we have done in previous years. Therefore the church will be open for donations of non-perishable goods only on Saturday 17th October. Tinned goods, rice, pasta, tea/coffee, biscuits etc. all very welcome and will be collected up at the end of the day. Let's hope that next year we will be able to return to the robust singing of harvest hymns followed by a delicious breakfast!

Patsy Jenkins on behalf of Holy Trinity PCC

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred Oxford Historic Churches Ride or Stride

This year's sponsored event took place on Saturday 12th September. The weather was good – dry, with a light wind, and the sun shone! I opened Holy Trinity Church at just after 9-25AM, with the first st/riders of Geoff Bailey and a small group from East Hendred and Wantage, chomping at the bit. They then continued to Ardington and beyond. A total of at least 21 st/riders visited the church – quite an increase from last year. St/riders for West Hendred included Harry and Julian Taylor, The Haigh family. Lizzy and Angela Findley did their striding around Oxford's churches, where I encountered them several times! Thank you to all who helped at the church, and also to all who rode or strode or sponsored.
Hugh Rees

Bracelet Charm Found

Last month my daughter found a bracelet charm near the fort in the playing field. Please would the owner contact me at martin.ackland@bioch.ox.ac.uk

The deadline for items for next month's newsletter is 25th October. Please email to newsletter@westhendred.net or hand to Janet Trotman, Tean, The Millham

Welcome to Anne Pagett who has joined our editors team

WEST HENDRED AND GINGE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

All hall enquiries/bookings to villagehallbookings@westhendred.net

Website: www.westhendred.net .

Covid-19

As we go to press, we've just received another update regarding "Rule of 6"; undoubtedly further clarifications will be received. We've agreed our risk assessment, and are looking to commence hiring with three groups of hirers:

PUPPY SCHOOL

Next course is 19th October and the waiting list is open for vaccinated puppies under 20 weeks.

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

PILATES

Charlie is now running the Zoom class on Monday evenings at 7-8pm. 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 have resumed : 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 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

Thursdays 9.30 – 10.45 am Hatha Yoga (**back in the hall**)

Fridays 9.30 – 10.30 am Hatha Yoga – via Zoom

Tuesdays 10 – 11am – Gentle / chair yoga – via Zoom

Tuesdays 6 – 7 Teen Yoga with mindfulness – via Zoom this half term

Linda is also hoping to run some extra classes at different times. If you are interested would please contact her on 01235 863647 or linda@soderstrom.myzen.co.uk

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL WOULD USUALLY INCLUDE:

Konga Classes - POSTPONED

For more information Contact Rachel Lock on 07801 824293.

Youth Club - POSTPONED

For more information, please contact Penny Meston on 01235 832113.

Mother and Baby/Toddler Group Monday mornings' – POSTPONED

West Hendred Stitchers - POSTPONED

Further information from Jane Soffe 01235 832554

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