

WEST HENDRED

NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 NOVEMBER 2020**

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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**Holy Trinity Church West Hendred –
Food Bank Collection**

Many thanks to everyone who donated so very generously to our appeal in October for the Food Bank. We took 12 very loaded bags of goods to Wantage where they will be distributed as needed. Holy Trinity PCC

**Holy Trinity Church West Hendred
Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride**

This year's sponsored event took place on Saturday 12th September. Fortunately the weather was good – sunny with light winds – not too hot, and no rain!

We're continuing to collect money from sponsors. The total so far is over £456, with quite a lot more to come in. Lizzie and Angela Findley did their striding around Oxford's churches, including St. Aldates, Christ Church Cathedral, the United Reform Church tucked away in Alfred Street, where I encountered them.

Angela mentions: "Our Ride 'n' Stride route this year took us around many beautiful churches in Oxford. A real highlight for us was St Barnabas church in Jericho. This church has an ornate basilica and an unusual square tower in an Italianate campanile style. Definitely a little reminder of holidays in sunny Italy... sadly without the gelato! Visiting so many beautiful, ancient churches, gives a sense of continuity & hope. Thank you all for your support, to help keep these amazing buildings going." Angela
Thank you to all who took part, and all who have sponsored. Hugh Rees

Sponsored walk for 'Response giving' charity

I walked eleven and a half miles on the 10th October, hobbling the last mile to Whitehorse Hill. Having recovered, I have extended the walks to do twenty-six miles in stages until the 31st October. At the time of writing I have walked twenty-two miles. Thank you to those who have donated to the mental health charity. The money is going to last month's requests; a cooker, a fridge/freezer, flooring, towards welcome packs for young people's supported accommodation and a sofa and radio. To donate: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/AnnabelRees or Response Giving – JustGiving

Poppy Appeal 2020

Thank you to all who braved the weather to come to our pop-up Poppy stand at the village hall last Saturday. Although the aim of the event was not to "sell" poppies but to raise awareness of the Poppy Appeal 2020 and to "hand over" paid for Poppy's, many took advantage of the text message service and online donation link when collecting. In essence we were giving away Poppy's and

encouraging donations via text message or online - a new way of doing things.

Poppies are also still available from us or The Hare.

As a reminder the online donations link is:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal>

The text message number is: 70545

POPPY2 for £2,

POPPY5 for £5,

POPPY10 for £10

Thank you for your support. Please wear your

Poppy with pride. Nigel Findley

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

A reminder! Please could we have any completed shoe boxes by Sunday 8th November. Many thanks.

Patsy 835113 and Angela 862912

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred Remembrance Sunday, 8th November 10:45am

This Remembrance Sunday, due to Covid-19 we have a different pattern of services. This coming Remembrance Sunday we are going to have a Morning Prayer starting at 10:45am, followed by the Act of Remembrance at 11am.

Everyone Welcome! Hugh Rees

Holy Trinity Church, West Hendred Christmas Cards POP-UP SALE at West Hendred Village Hall Saturday 14th Nov 1 - 2pm, and Saturday 21st 10:30am to 11:30am

3 different designs featuring Holy Trinity Church, West Hendred. The cards are in packs of 10 (with envelopes), £5 per pack, and are sold in aid of repairs to the Church. Cash and very likely contactless too! We've a new design using a photograph taken in February 2019, printed to similar high-quality of the 2009, and 2011 designs. We've also refreshed the very popular 2009 design, which is re-printed on high-quality textured card, and a limited number of the 2011 design.

The greeting inside the card is

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Also available are packs with no greeting inside the card. Further information from Hugh and Annabel Rees on 01235-833174.

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred WW1 Plaque

To commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War, research was carried out into those who gave their lives from our parish of West Hendred and Ginge. This research showed that the two memorials, one carved in the wooden panels behind the Altar (probably done at about the time of the 1929 restoration) and one picture framed

memorial near the font (post WW1 but earlier than 1929) differed and did not accurately reflect all those who had been killed.

A new plaque was commissioned by Roy Lennox, with help from Nigel Findley and others, so that all those who died in World War One are fully commemorated. The new oak memorial plaque, etched with the names of all those who died has now been installed in the North Aisle. A brass plaque commemorating a soldier who died in the Boer War has also been moved nearby to the East side of the blocked archway. Several options for siting the new plaque were considered, which needed to be formally documented for the faculty petition (permission request) that was submitted to Oxford Diocese in April, and was approved in September 2020. The North Aisle was redecorated in 2019 in preparation for this new plaque.

Our thanks go to all those who made donations, who carried out the research and to those who worked to make it happen. We are proud that we will now remember them all. Hugh Rees

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred Timber Survey and Structural Survey - Bell Chamber Supporting Beam, and North Aisle

In 2009 the church had treatment for Death Watch Beetle. A recommendation was for a follow-up survey to be done about 10 years later, as there is no assured way of eliminating Death Watch Beetle. We had the same Timber specialist survey the church in May this year. The good news was that the Death Watch Beetle treatment has worked well, and there is now a low level of activity. However, the survey did highlight that a supporting beam to the tower's bell chamber needed urgently replacing. The Bell Chamber Supporting Beam was replaced in late September to early October, which cost £4,196. Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT) speedily provided us with a grant of £1,000 towards this.

This year's timber survey also highlighted the timbers supporting the North Aisle's roof. This had been mentioned in the 2009 survey, and our then architect closely inspected the timbers when we had scaffolding for the Death Watch Beetle treatment; he recommended that work on these timbers did not need immediate action. The Timber specialist recommended a survey by a structural engineer, which was done in August. The structural survey recommended urgent action for the North Aisle roof's supporting timbers. This is going to be a big piece of work, and is very roughly estimated to cost over £120,000, maybe more.

We're working on getting a budgetary estimate for this major work. This is a big cost, so we need to apply to major grant-making bodies. We've commenced dialogue with some major funders and are relatively confident on some matched funding from Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT).

When we have the budgetary estimates, we'll be launching an appeal to raise money towards this urgent work. Hugh Rees

Pheasants and Partridges

We are again happy to offer dressed pheasants or partridges to villagers in return for donations to the Village Hall of £5 per brace. Please contact Hugo hugo@sparsholtcourt.co.uk or 07834 776197 to collect. Donations may be left with us. Hugo Axel-Berg

Sole Luna Pizza in the Park – Taking a break

Sole Luna are stopping for now (at least for winter) as numbers are too low to justify coming out.

A warm hello from the community support team at the District Council

Supermarket Vouchers are available for residents struggling to afford food and essential provisions. Thanks to some funding from central government we've been able to purchase supermarket vouchers to give to those who are struggling financially as a result of COVID-19.

If you come across someone or a family that is struggling to afford food or other essential supplies, please put them in touch with Citizens Advice or Wantage Independent Advice Centre. Citizens Advice – 0300 3309042

Wantage Independent Advice Centre – 01235 765348

In addition to providing them with a package of advice and support to help them in the longer term, for those who meet the eligibility criteria they may be able to give them a supermarket voucher to provide immediate relief.

This is just one of a range of help that is on offer for anyone struggling as a result of COVID-19. The community hub at South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse District Councils can also signpost people to a variety of organisations that can help with any ongoing support that might be needed. There's also Oxfordshire Food Services Map <<https://foodmap.goodfoodoxford.org/>> and Oxfordshire All In

<<https://www.oxfordshireallin.org/local-support-groups>> websites which have great interactive maps of community support groups, foodbanks, community kitchens and food surplus cafes. These maps will give you their contact details and all the information you need to support someone in need of food. If you require any further information or have any queries, please contact the Community Connector Team at

communityconnectors@southandvale.gov.uk

Lost -Black VW key with a blue/white VW keyring.

Contact Kate Godier by email - Sheila.Botwright@outlook.com

Citizens Advice needs volunteer advisers

We can all face problems that are too stressful or complicated to sort out alone. Last year our 150 volunteers advised over 11,000 people. We helped three quarters resolve their debt, benefits, employment and housing problems. We now need more advisers to help us during and after the Covid-19 crisis. Our main offices are in Abingdon, Didcot, Henley and Thame. Since March, 90 volunteers and staff have been advising the public from home on our Adviceline service.

Recently we partially re-opened our offices, in part to train new advisers. What will you get out of it? You will join a friendly team, meet new people, develop your skills and make a real difference to people's lives. You'll need to have good listening and interpersonal skills, a willingness to learn and be confident with computers. Full training will be provided. If you have eight hours a week to spare for the next two years or more and are looking for a satisfying and stimulating volunteer role in your local community, please contact us at:

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

Driving Miss Daisy, Didcot

Driving Miss Daisy Didcot provide a much needed and valued service bridging the gap between taxis, public transport and voluntary agencies; and primarily helping senior citizens, families and more vulnerable people in the South Oxfordshire district. All of our vehicles are mobility enabled and accessible to all wheelchair types. Each can carry up to 3 passengers and one wheelchair and have ample cargo space. Our drivers are friendly, reliable and will meet and greet you at your door and assist if required. We are all also Dementia Friends, DBS checked and trained in first aid. For anyone who needs support for family celebrations, every trips or appointments, companionship at home or out and about or help with accessible holidays, to name a few, Driving Miss Daisy Didcot may just be the service you're looking for.

Brand New for 2020, we also now offer a Pick, Pack & Wrap service for Christmas. We will personally choose gifts from the client's brief, deliver them to their door and wrap them over a brew and a natter.

If you think we can be of help to you or someone you know, please contact us on 07308 475489, didcot@drivingmissdaisy.co.uk, or visit our website: drivingmissdaisydidcot.co.uk

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

WEST HENDRED AND GINGE VILLAGE HALL NEWS HALL LETTINGS

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

PUPPY SCHOOL

Next course started on 19th October and bookings are now being taken for vaccinated puppies under 20 weeks at the start. Thanks Deb For more information please get in touch: debbennison@puppyschool.co.uk or for more information see www.puppyschool.co.uk

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Further information from Hugh and Annabel Rees on 01235-833174.

Pilates - Mondays 7 to 8 pm on ZOOM, Weds 6 to 7 pm, and 7.20 to 8.20 pm in hall

Charlie has started sessions on in the hall from early September. "I will now be 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 who are interested. The cost is £8 to drop in or £35 for a block of 5.

The Wednesday evening classes at the hall resumed 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. Please contact me and I can provide more information.

Charlie Prince on 07581 462 317, or charlie@princepilates.co.uk

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

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

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL WOULD USUALLY INCLUDE:

Konga every Friday term time. 9.30 - 10.30 am £5 per class - **POSTPONED**

For more information Contact Rachel Lock on 07801 824293.

Youth Club - **sadly cancelled for the foreseeable future**

For more information, please contact Penny Meston 01235 832113.

Mother and Baby/Toddler Group Monday mornings' – POSTPONED

West Hendred Stitchers - **POSTPONED**

Please note that Hendred Stitchers is postponed for the duration due to COVID-19

Further information from Jane Soffe 01235 832554

Village Hall Committee Contacts

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