

# ***WEST HENDRED***

## ***FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER***

**Deadline for next Newsletter  
25 FEBRUARY 2021**

**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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**[nigel.findley@westhendred.net](mailto:nigel.findley@westhendred.net)**

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### **Parish Council News**

#### **Thank you to Roy Lennox**

After almost 6 years in office, Brigadier Roy Lennox has stepped down from the Parish Council due to ill health. We would like to thank him for his work during this time, especially for producing the WW1 Memorial plaque which is installed in Holy Trinity Church, and for his encouragement of the Village Plan, which is used as a benchmark for decision making. Roy became Chair of the Parish Council in 2018 and led the Council's decision to install the

Children Crossing warning lights on the A417 in the belief that the Council has a responsibility to do what it can to safeguard the schoolchildren crossing a busy road, particularly in the winter months. Additionally, he was instrumental in encouraging the Managing Director of Star Pubs and Bars to invest in "The Hare."

We welcome Hugo Axel-Berg who was co-opted onto the Parish Council at the January meeting.

Dave Clayton (Chair), Julia Evans (Clerk), Dan Bashford, Richard Evans and Sarah Lloyd.

### **Christmas Gifts**

WHPC would like to thank Jasmine and Kitty Spurgeon who created the wonderful gift bags for the West Hendred villagers at Christmas time.

Thanks also go to Angela Findley for her guidance and help, and to Graham Birks at Ardington Bakery.

This village project was supported by Covid-19 ring-fenced funds held by the Parish Council.

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### **Thank you from David and Janet Trotman**

David and Janet Trotman would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their good wishes and support over the last weeks.

David carelessly being in hospital over Christmas with a broken hip and catching Covid (although not life threatening) is

now home and slowly recovering hoping for a warm spring and good summer. Again, many thanks again for all of your support, it makes one glad to be in our village where we all support each other. David and Janet

### **Holy Trinity Church, West Hendred North Aisle roof – supporting timbers – Urgent Work to the Church**

In November's Newsletter, we mentioned a timber survey done in May 2020. This showed that the Death Watch Beetle treatment in 2009 had 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. This 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.

The timber survey also highlighted an urgent problem with 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 in place for the Death Watch Beetle treatment; he recommended that work on these timbers did not need immediate action.

The Timber specialist recommended a survey of the North Aisle's roof beams by a structural engineer; this 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. The initial very, very rough estimates were over £120,000 and maybe more.

The Church's architect and the Structural Engineer were asked to provide a budgetary estimate and outline repair scheme, which they provided in early January. They have devised an approach that does not require lifting off the North Aisle's roof, with the need for external scaffolding; this has already been

reviewed by an experienced Quantity Surveyor, and also by one of the Diocese's experts.

The approach means that the estimate cost is approximately **£56,000**.

This is still a big cost, so we need to apply to major grant-making bodies. As the Newsletter goes to press, we've just submitted an application to Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT), are relatively confident on some matched funding. We'll be applying to some other major funders in the coming weeks. We've also applied to Oxford Diocese for the faculty (their permission) to do the work.

We need your support. Funders want to see significant funding from the local community. We're starting to launch an appeal to raise money towards this urgent work.

Please can you help secure the future of West Hendred's church, by donating either online via

[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6046/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6046/) and selecting "Give Now" from the

web-page or contacting the church Treasurer, Roland Jack by email [rolandjack@gmail.com](mailto:rolandjack@gmail.com)

Thank you very much in anticipation  
Hugh Rees

### **Garden Waste Collection – Brown Bins**

The Vale has advised that the garden waste collection service (brown bins) has been suspended indefinitely, due to staff shortage.

**Please do not put brown bins out.**

### **Dog on the Loose in the Village**

A big black dog, or some reports say a piebald brown and white dog, wearing a blue harness has been seen in various parts of West Hendred.

We have reports that it has killed guinea fowl and chased animals, and we would like help in tracing the owner.

If you can help, please contact the Parish Council.

Or email Sarah Lloyd [sarahlloyd@qi.com](mailto:sarahlloyd@qi.com)  
Many thanks Cllr Sarah Lloyd

## **Citizens Advice needs volunteer advisers**

We can all face problems that are too stressful or complicated to sort out alone. In 2019 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 2020, 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/](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale/volunteer/)

## **Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice: Treasurer and Trustee Needed**

We are looking for (a) a Treasurer and (b) a Trustee to join our Board.

We are a local charity providing the Citizens Advice service in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse. We advise **12,000** people each year and help four in every five to resolve their problems. We are members of National Citizens Advice. Our funding comes from District, Town and Parish Councils and local charities.

**Treasurer** We are looking for an experienced Treasurer with a relevant financial qualification or experience.

Knowledge of charity finance is preferred but not essential. Your main role will be to guide the board on the financial implications of budgets and plans; and work with staff to prepare a budget, monitor our finances and present management accounts.

**Trustee** We are looking for a new Trustee to contribute to the work of the Board as it navigates the uncertainties of a post-Covid world. Each Trustee oversees a particular aspect of the charity's work.

There are seven Trustee board meetings each year, held in the evening of the third Tuesday of every other month

**What's in it for you?** You will make a truly positive impact in your local area by ensuring that OSAV CA is sustainable and addresses the needs of the community. You will build relationships with trustees, staff and volunteers; and build on your governance skills.

We welcome applications from all sections of the community so that we have a diverse board that reflects our clients and communities.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please contact Jane Richardson (Chair)

[jane.richardson@osavcab.org.uk](mailto:jane.richardson@osavcab.org.uk) or Jon Bright (Chief Officer)

[jon.bright@osavcab.org.uk](mailto:jon.bright@osavcab.org.uk)

The deadline for items for next month's newsletter is 25 February. Please email to [newsletter@westhendred.net](mailto:newsletter@westhendred.net) or hand to Janet Trotman, Tean, The Millham

## **Church Services in February**

On a separate sheet are all the services in the Benefice for the month of February. All services are open to the public, and those with the Facebook symbol will also be live streamed on the Benefice of Wantage Downs Facebook

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

## **WEST HENDRED AND GINGE VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

### **HALL LETTINGS**

All hall enquiries/bookings should be made via email to [villagehallbookings@westhendred.net](mailto:villagehallbookings@westhendred.net)

Web Site: [www.westhendred.net](http://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.

### **WiFi at the Village Hall**

**The Village Hall now has WiFi!** WHVH now has high speed broadband. This was one of the most mentioned items in the Village Plan questionnaire. Free WiFi will be available for future hirers of the hall.

### **PUPPY SCHOOL**

Puppy School, and the fun, follow on course of Super Pup, are currently running online. No face-to-face training is allowed under the present restrictions, but help and advice is available virtually. Stay safe everyone and enjoy your pups whatever their age. Deb Bennison

For more information please get in touch [debbennison@puppyschool.co.uk](mailto:debbennison@puppyschool.co.uk) or for more information see [www.puppyschool.co.uk](http://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. We will reassess the situation in according to government advice.

For more information, please contact Penny Meston on 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

### **Pilates – General Mat classes on Mondays and Wednesdays 7-8pm on Zoom**

This is aimed at all ages and abilities, places are available for anyone who is interested.

**New Children's Online Pilates Class** starting Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 9.30-10am ages 5-12, but everyone welcome. Free taster session for children for their first class.

Please contact me and I can provide more information.

Please contact Charlie Prince on 07581 462 317, or [charlie@princepilates.co.uk](mailto:charlie@princepilates.co.uk) or see Charlie's website for more information about classes etc. [www.princepilates.co.uk](http://www.princepilates.co.uk)

### **YOGA**

Thursdays 9.30 – 10.45 am Hatha Yoga - via Zoom

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](mailto:linda@soderstrom.myzen.co.uk)

New students welcome! Linda

### **Village Hall Committee Contacts**

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Sarah Lloyd 01235-833373

## PUBLIC WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY 2021

### TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 – PURIFICATION OF B.V.M. (CANDLEMAS)

10 am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP) 

8 pm – East Hendred – Holy Communion (CW)

*Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – St Blasius of Sebastopol*

10 am – West Hendred – Holy Communion (CW Trad)

*Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February - St Agatha, Martyr*

10 am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)

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### SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY – SEXAGESIMA – 2<sup>nd</sup> BEFORE LENT

9.30 am – West Hendred - Holy Communion (CW Trad)

11 am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP) 

6 pm – Lockinge – Evensong (BCP)

*Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February*

10 am – East Hendred – Holy Communion (BCP)

*Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February*

10 am – Ardington – Requiem Holy Communion (BCP) 

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### SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY – QUINQUAGESIMA – NEXT BEFORE LENT

9.30 am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)

11 am – East Hendred – Holy Communion (CW)

### WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY – ASH WEDNESDAY

9.30 am – West Hendred – Holy Communion with Ashing (CW Trad)

11 am – East Hendred – Matins, Litany, and Commination (BCP)

8 pm – Ardington – Holy Communion with Ashing (BCP) 

*Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February*

10 am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)

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### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY – LENT I

9.30 am – West Hendred - Holy Communion (CW Trad)

11 am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP) 

*Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February*

10 am – East Hendred – Holy Communion (BCP)

*Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February*

10 am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP) 

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### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY – LENT II

9.30 am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)

11 am – East Hendred – Holy Communion (CW)

 *Services marked with this symbol will also be live-streamed on the Benefice of Wantage Downs Facebook page*