

# ***WEST HENDRED***

## ***AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER***

**Deadline for next Newsletter  
25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**IMPORTANT! The newsletter will no longer 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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### **SAVE THE DATE!**

#### **9th West Hendred Not Just a Beer Festival 3rd and 4th of September.**

The committee of the West Hendred Not Just a Beer Festival is in full planning mode, having settled on the 3rd and 4th of September to, once again, bring the villagers, their family, friends and other local communities 24 hours of excellent beer, food and entertainment. Further details to follow, but for now the renowned 'Curry and Beer' night returns on Friday the 3rd, and on Saturday all the great events, beers, food, entertainment and games, with the return of the Melodic Belles headlining the entertainment.

Please save the date, spread the news and if you would like to help in any way, please contact Tim Hutchinson on 01235 833081 or by email on [tim.hutchinson@outlook.com](mailto:tim.hutchinson@outlook.com) Help is appreciated behind the beer, wine and gin

bars; in the catering department from the morning of Thursday the 2nd onwards; the family enclosure and on the door.

#### **Holy Trinity West Hendred Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride 11<sup>th</sup> September**

This year's sponsored event is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September – money raised will be divided equally between The Oxford Historic Churches Trust and Holy Trinity Church West Hendred. Oxford Historic Churches Trust will, like last year, have R+S with somewhat different arrangements to previous years. OHCT are building on what they learnt from last year. They consider that much can be achieved in a simpler way, and so they will be using a similar approach to last year.

The list of participating churches will be on OHCT's website and be updated as the day approaches. Participants are asked to keep the date available – Saturday 11th September. There will be very limited printed material distributed, with almost everything available online from OHCT's website. Sponsorship forms will be available in Holy Trinity Church. Last year's final total raised was £848-50. Holy Trinity Church received half of sponsorship, which was £424-25; this was raised by 9 St/riders and well over 30 sponsorships, more than 100 church visits. In August 2020 OHCT awarded a grant of £1,000 towards replacement of a wall plate along the south side of the Tower bell chamber which had failed due to death watch beetle, and timber rot. The work was completed in September, with a total cost of £4,196 net. In February OHCT awarded a grant of £7,000 towards the urgent repairs to the North Aisle roof supports, where the total cost is expected to be about £62,000. More details will be available from Hugh Rees on 833174 and OHCT's website on [www.ohct.org.uk](http://www.ohct.org.uk)

## **Holy Trinity Church West Hendred North Aisle roof – supporting timbers – URGENT WORK TO THE CHURCH**

In February's Newsletter, we provided the background to the urgent repairs to the North Aisle's supporting roof beams. The Church's architect and the structural engineer provided a budgetary estimate and outline repair scheme in early January. They have devised an approach that does not require the North Aisle roof to be removed (which would have required external scaffolding).

The architect has received the tender responses from 3 building contractors; this gives us a building cost with VAT of £39,000. Fortunately, we should be able to reclaim most of the VAT. With the professional fees for the architect and structural engineer, and contingency this gives a total of **£62,000**.

### **We need your support**

We've had a number of very generous donations from individuals which now total £10,080, (£12,096 with Gift Aid). We have also received grants totalling £15,500 from various charitable foundations.

As we go to press, we are awaiting the outcome of grant applications to the Garfield Weston Foundation and the National Churches Trust and hope to hear from them in mid-July to mid-August. Regrettably the Doris Field Charitable Trust has not provided a grant. However, we are in the process of applying to further potential funders.

The total raised so far from all sources is £43,596 (including gift aid) –we're just over two-thirds of the way to achieving our target. Other funders want to see significant funding from the local community before making grants. If you have not done so already, 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 by contacting the church Treasurer, Roland Jack ([rolandmjack@gmail.com](mailto:rolandmjack@gmail.com) or 01235 831894) Hugh Rees

### **Grab A Jab**

The vaccination of all adults over the age of 18 continues. Walk-in clinics in Oxford have delivered over 800 first dose COVID-19 vaccinations to people aged 18 or over as part of the 'grab a jab' weekend (26/27 June). To date, over 765,500 COVID-19 vaccinations have been delivered in Oxfordshire since the start of the programme.

More walk-in clinics will be available to those aged 18 or over for first dose vaccines:  
Iffley Road Sports Centre, Acer Nethercott Hall, Iffley Rd, Cowley, Oxford OX4 1EQ,  
Tuesday 6 July - Friday 9 July, 9.30am to 7.30pm. The last entry is at 7pm apart from Friday 9 July which closes at 6pm, last entry at 5.30pm. Enter via pedestrian walkway from Iffley Road, not from Jackdaw Lane.  
East Oxford Health Centre, Manzil Way, Cowley OX4 1GE on Saturday 10 July, 9am-5pm. All the latest on walk-in clinics can be found at [oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk](http://oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk)  
<<http://oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/>>

No appointment is necessary, and no proof of identity is required (although helpful) to allow people aged 18 or over to 'grab a jab.'

People who attend a walk-in clinic for their first dose will have their vaccination record updated online and will then be able to book in their second dose appointment using the national booking system.

If you are aged 18 or over, you can also book a vaccination on the national booking service (people do not need to wait to be invited).

Get Tested: Further call for 18-29 year olds to get tested as cases in Oxford now highest in the south-east. Additional COVID-19 testing facilities for people aged 18 - 29 in Oxford will continue to be available after cases in the city jumped from 296 to 946 this week (ending 2 July), with 80 per cent falling in this age group.

More than a thousand young people took part in PCR testing at temporary facilities over the weekend. Oxfordshire County Council and Oxford City Council is asking for more people aged 18 - 29 to now take part with three walk-in mobile testing units open for business from Tuesday 6 July - Sunday 11 July, 10am - 8pm (no appointment is needed):

South Park (St Clement's end)

The Blavatnik School of Government, Walton Street (on the right-hand side of the front of the building)

Manzil Way Gardens, Cowley Road.

Anyone age 18- 29 booking a PCR test without symptoms needs to select the option 'I have been advised to get a test by my local council, health protection team or healthcare professional' Cllr Sally Povolotsky (She/Her)

## **Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice-Trustees Needed**

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

We are looking for new Trustees to join our Board. As well as broad experience, we would particularly welcome those with skills in governance, IT strategy or fundraising.

We encourage applications from people of any age, background or identity and are committed to equality and diversity.

We are a local charity providing free, confidential and independent advice to help people in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of the White Horse resolve their problems.

The main issues people bring us concern benefits, debt, employment, housing, relationship and consumer problems.

Following advice, four in five people are able to resolve their problem and we help most to find a way forward. We also use evidence to influence policies and practices that affect people's lives. Our **145** volunteer advisers and **15** FTE staff advise about **10,000** people each year from **4** Advice Centres. Since March, our staff and volunteers have been operating our Adviceline service from home.

We are members of National Citizens Advice, which means we have access to its services, resources and support and it sets and audits our advice standards. However, as an independent charity, we are responsible for running our own affairs and much of our funding comes from District, Town and Parish Councils and local charities.

Trustees are asked to attend 6 Board meetings a year, held in the evening at various locations (although remotely for the moment). Each Trustee is encouraged to take an interest in a particular aspect of the charity's work.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please contact Jon Bright, the Director, via [jon.bright@osavcab.org.uk](mailto:jon.bright@osavcab.org.uk) Please apply via [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/oxfordshire-south-vale](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/oxfordshire-south-vale)

## **Volunteers (non-advice roles) needed at Citizens Advice**

It's not widely known that Citizens Advice needs volunteers to help manage the organisation, as well as volunteers to provide advice. In particular we are looking for people who can offer a day a week to help us with our Research and Campaigns work, our new website, IT support, fundraising administration, maintaining links with towns

and local communities, organising events with MPs (planned for autumn), preparing case studies, interviewing people for our e-newsletters, office administration and more.

Our main offices are in Abingdon, Didcot, Henley and Thame. Since March 2020 our 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 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/)

## **Curly Cottage Sewage Connection**

We wanted to let you know about an upcoming aspect of our building project that will unfortunately have an impact on you. We are, after 15 years of struggling with a very old and decrepit septic tank, connecting Curly Cottage to mains drainage.

Unfortunately, this means that we need to dig up the road to make the mains connection. All necessary applications and licences have been secured by our contractors Gorman Construction. We are also aware that members of the village have contacted the Council about these works as they are concerned about the adjacent Yew Tree. We wanted to confirm and hopefully reassure you that we have secured specific permission from the Vale of The White Horse planning department for the delicate task of digging a trench for a pipe adjacent to the wall. This trench will be dug by hand to avoid roots. We have had no control over when the council decided the work should be done and it has now been scheduled for the week commencing the 9th August.

A diversion through Ginge will be in place for the duration of the works, which could take up to 5 days. The duration is due to the heavy traffic that uses the road; our contractor is liable for the work for an extended period and they have to be sure their surface is capable of carrying the load. Rest assured if it can be done more quickly it will be.

We want to apologise for this inconvenience and we hope you understand this work is important for us. If anything changes we will let you know as soon as we hear. If anyone has any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Simon and Rosie Masters

### **National Lottery Local Connections funding**

A message from The National Lottery Community Fund! It's short notice I'm afraid, but perhaps you have an idea already or you know there are people in your community who could do something to address loneliness?

'We have £2M to do some small grant funding £200-2.5K to help address loneliness. It's aimed at small orgs in England with income around the 50-70K mark. The closing date is 6/8/21. Applications are easy and short. If there is anything you can do to promote this fund please do, including sending around any of your networks'.

Here is a link to our

website [https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/local-connections-fund-round-](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/local-connections-fund-round-2)

[2 <https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk%2ffunding%2fprogrammes%2flocal-connections-fund-round-2&c=E,1,FcCEB4y5itoLkPE-KKRazF2-TvZ2YJ752aptJ2\\_LgCw\\_NrLvKAR2k6OSnDvqiH6JQrdkSYWXfskqzwyamqd3oasMJuUV1TGBIXq7UU1Hlc5TtL5yioOiSUGEAU,&typo=1>](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk%2ffunding%2fprogrammes%2flocal-connections-fund-round-2&c=E,1,FcCEB4y5itoLkPE-KKRazF2-TvZ2YJ752aptJ2_LgCw_NrLvKAR2k6OSnDvqiH6JQrdkSYWXfskqzwyamqd3oasMJuUV1TGBIXq7UU1Hlc5TtL5yioOiSUGEAU,&typo=1)

The National Lottery say 'This might be a good opportunity for the village halls.... They are

great at getting people together and it's only very simple activities we are expecting'.

Do you know any groups who might benefit? or might you want to plan a summer event outside to bring people together and to advertise your hall?

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The deadline for items for next month's newsletter is 25<sup>th</sup> August. Please email to [newsletter@westhendred.net](mailto:newsletter@westhendred.net)

**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) **OR** [www.westhendred.net](http://www.westhendred.net)

**Covid-19** As we go to press, we have had the government's mid-July announcement. We are awaiting further updated Government Guidance from ACRE, as are our hirers, of what is permitted and how, in the coming weeks. 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.

### **Village Hall becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)**

We mentioned in January that we had applied to the Charity Commission for the Hall to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), which the Charity Commission has approved. This is so that the hall's Trustees will no longer have unlimited financial liability. We have in the last few days had a new bank account set up—all a lot slower than in non-Covid times.

We have been transferring the assets of the original charity to the new CIO. We are working with our auditor so that we transfer our various contracts and arrangements to the CIO. After this is all done, the original charity will be wound up.

**PUPPY SCHOOL** is the UK network of training classes for young puppies. Classes run on Thursday evenings from 6.30-7.30pm. The next 6-week course is planned to start mid-September for pups who will be fully vaccinated and under 20 weeks at the start. Please get in touch for more information or book via my website [www.new-tricks.net](http://www.new-tricks.net). I am a Certified Animal Behaviourist so also offer a range of other dog behaviour and training services. Thanks Deb 🐾

**MINI-KICKS** We offer fun and imaginative football coaching sessions for children aged 18 months to 7 years old, enhancing their football skills as well as using their imagination and improving social skills. Class are 9am Saturday mornings at the Village Hall. For more information contact [minikicks18@gmail.com](mailto:minikicks18@gmail.com)

### **REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL WOULD USUALLY INCLUDE:**

**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.

### **Boogie Mites – Wednesday mornings**

It's music and dance for preschool children, every Wednesday morning. Lizzie on [LizzieL@boogiemites.co.uk](mailto:LizzieL@boogiemites.co.uk)

**West Hendred Stitchers** have started again in June, and are very dependant on update on Covid regulations, further information from Jane Soffe 01235 832554 Thanks very much, Jane.

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

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

**New Children's Online Pilates Class** Saturday 9.30-10am ages 5-12, but everyone welcome. Free taster session for children for their first class.

Classes started again in the hall from 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Zoom Pilates continues to be held on Mondays at 7-8pm

Wednesday evenings are now back for face-to-face classes in the hall at 6-7pm and 7.15-8.15pm.

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) **Charlie Prince**

**Yoga - Thursdays 9.30 – 10.45 am Hatha Yoga** – back in the hall (please note that Covid distancing measures are still in place and a maximum of 10 students). During July and August this class is pay-as-you-go and there may be spaces available – please call to book a slot.

There are also places in the following:

**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

**From September** I will also be running an evening class on Tuesdays and a lunch-time class on Thursdays in the hall. Please contact me for further information 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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**PUBLIC WORSHIP IN AUGUST 2021**

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST – TRINITY IX**

9.30 am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)  
11 am – East Hendred – Holy Communion (CW)  
6pm – Lockinge – Evensong

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August

10 am – West Hendred – Holy Communion (CWTrad)

**FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

10 am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)  
6pm – East Hendred – Holy Communion (CW)

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**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – TRINITY X**

9.30 am – West Hendred – Holy Communion (CW Trad)  
11 am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August

10 am – East Hendred – Morning Prayer

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August

10 am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP)

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**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

9.30 am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)  
11 am – East Hendred – Holy Communion (CW)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August

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

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August

10 am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)

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**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST – TRINITY XII**

9.30 am – West Hendred – Holy Communion (CW Trad)  
11 am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August

10 am – East Hendred – Requiem Holy Communion (BCP)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August

10 am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP)

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – TRINITY XIII**

9.30 am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)  
11 am – East Hendred – Holy Communion (CW)

*Live streaming of services is suspended for the time being.*