

WEST HENDRED

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 OCTOBER 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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Brigadier Roy Lennox CBE
(1st January 1945 - 4th September 2021)

As a Village Hall Committee member Roy Lennox made a major contribution to the funding and building of West Hendred and Ginge's new village hall. In December 2002 the old hall was declared unsafe. Roy joined the Village Hall Committee and, as a key member, worked with nerve, tenacity and professionalism to raise funds of more than £300,000, to supervise the building of the new hall and to manage its successful opening in 2005 - and stayed on the Committee to be part of its debut years.

As Vice Chairman of the Parish Council in 2017/18 Roy Lennox was instrumental and successful in encouraging Star Pubs and Bars to invest in the then-derelict Hare public house. Star Pubs had

bought The Hare as one of many pubs in a much bigger acquisition some years before. Roy kept up the diplomatic pressure on the Managing Director of Star Pubs with a considered letter-writing programme pointing out the market value of the village, the Council's concern about extended asset decay and the likely opposition to change-of-use development.

Between 2018 and 2020, when Roy took on the role of Chair of West Hendred and Ginge Parish Council, he embraced the Village Plan, which has been used as a benchmark for decision-making in the Council. He was responsible for producing the beautiful First World War Memorial plaque which is installed in Holy Trinity Church and also drew together a written history of those who fell in the war from our villages.

Roy led the Council's decision to install the Children Crossing warning lights on the A417 in the belief that the Council had a responsibility to do what it could to safeguard the schoolchildren crossing a busy road, particularly in the winter months.

Roy was a dedicated "Ride and Strider" - an annual fundraising event for Holy Trinity Church and other churches in the diocese - described in more detail in this Newsletter. Participants bicycle or walk between as many churches as possible on a particular day. Roy travelled by bike and raised a lot of money over the years - as he also did for The Poppy Appeal each year, taking the poppies door to door in the village.

Roy Lennox has been a great all-round contributor to village life and he will be missed by many and remembered always.

WHPC, The WH Hall Committee and villagers

Parish Transport Representative

We are looking for a Parish Transport Representative to be our eyes and ears at meetings (3 per year) chaired by Oxfordshire County Council. It gives us the opportunity to raise our issues directly with OCC and also hear from them what is going on that may affect us. A detailed description is given in this link

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads->

[and-transport/public-transport/parish-transport](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/public-transport/parish-transport) <<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/public-transport/parish-transport>>

If you would like to be our representative, then please contact our Parish Council Clerk: parishcouncilclerk@westhendred.net

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal 2021

Once again, we are supporting Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal and if you would like to participate through the village collection then please contact either of us or pick up a leaflet from Holy Trinity church when open at weekends.

Full details about filling your box are provided in the leaflet and we are more than happy to answer any questions. As in previous years a donation of £5 per box is welcomed by Samaritan's Purse but this is not mandatory and we welcome ALL boxes. Please could we have completed shoeboxes by Tuesday 16th November at the latest so that we can get them to the despatch point in time!

These boxes bring so much joy to needy children overseas so please do consider taking part in this appeal. Thank you very much for reading this.
Patsy 835113 Angela 862912

FREE Dog Training Presentation

Recently, there have been a number of incidents in the village due to dogs being on the loose, one of which sadly involved an attack on and subsequent death of a much-loved family cat.

In the hope that further incidents of this nature can be prevented, we have arranged a free presentation given by a Kennel Club trainer.

It's called DOGS AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITHIN THE COMMUNITY IN PRESENT TIMES and will be held on **Tuesday 5th October at 6pm** at West Hendred Village Hall.

The presentation is designed to be informative and educational, focusing on behaviour, training and control of dogs and the obligations of owners.

We would highly recommend that all dog owners attend, particularly if you are new to dog ownership, haven't caught up with the latest legislation or are interested in learning more about what drives your dog's behaviour and how to manage it.

West Hendred Parish Council

Calling all Funsters!

Springline Productions will at last be staging their long-awaited, Covid-delayed panto - Aladdin. We'll be rehearsing during the autumn, having a

decent break for Christmas and then putting it on in mid-February.

If you've missed singing, dancing and just having some fun, come along and get involved. All offers of help backstage also very welcome in costume, make-up, props, set building/painting. All talent and enthusiasm appreciated. Anyone enthusiastic and over 9 welcome.

For further details contact susieturnbull@monkscourt.co.uk or just turn up!

Hendred Sports Club is looking for new Trustees

This is an exciting opportunity to join the Board of Trustees and contribute to the development of Community sport and leisure locally, no prior experience is necessary. We are currently under-represented by female and younger Trustees. Hendred Sports Club is a charity based in East Hendred providing sport and leisure facilities for East & West Hendred, Rowstock and the surrounding areas.

Over the past three years we have seen significant growth in the number of adult and junior members and we are planning on growing further.

If you are interested in understanding more or would like an informal chat about what is involved, please contact the Chair of Trustees David Jones on 07782 326 065 or via email at

dkjones31@gmail.com

Election of Trustees will take place during the Annual General Meeting on the 18th November.

www.hendredsports.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.

Thank you for the very generous donations from individuals which now total £10,870, (£12,944 with Gift Aid). We have also received grants totalling £20,500 from various charitable foundations. The really good news is that the Garfield Weston Foundation has provided a grant of £5,000. As we go to press, we are awaiting the outcome of a grant application to the National Churches Trust; NCT have bundled our grant to Historic England's "Grants for Programmes of Major Works 2021/22"; we're eagerly awaiting their response.

We've initiated a bat survey, as the church has bats which are protected species. This is a crucial "must do" and affects the options for building work. Observations by a bat specialist have shown that there are soprano pipistrelle and a Myotis species of bat inside the church, and outside flying in and over the churchyard are noctule, soprano pipistrelle, common pipistrelle, a Myotis species and long-eared bats, an interesting collection often going un-noticed.

The total raised so far from all sources is £49,444 (including Gift Aid) – so we're about 80% 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/ and selecting "Give Now" from the web-page; or by contacting the church Treasurer, Roland Jack (rolandmjack@gmail.com or 01235 831894)

Hugh Rees

Holy Trinity West Hendred Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride – 11th September

This year's sponsored event took place on Saturday 11th September. The weather was good – dry, with a light wind, and the sun shone! I opened Holy Trinity Church at just after 9-15AM, with the first st/riders of Geoff Bailey and a small group from East Hendred and Wantage, arrived shortly after. They then continued to Ardington and beyond. A total of at least 15 st/riders visited the church – a good total compared to many other churches. Thank you to all who rode or strode, and all who have sponsored.

With deep sadness we note that the late Roy Lennox was a keen St/rider over many many years. He usually cycled from the Shrevenham area back to West Hendred. The last year he cycled was 2019, when Roy avoided the roads almost completely, doing a loop from West Hendred to Ginge, and then Ardington, Wantage, and then back via Ardington, then East Hendred and finishing in West Hendred. Roy participated for at least 20 years, probably for several years more, during which he raised at least

£6,000 in sponsorship for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust.

Hugh Rees

STOP PRESS NEWS!

Holy Trinity Church has been awarded by National Churches Trust £3,700 and an additional £5,000 on behalf of the Wolfson Foundation.

Citizens Advice on coping with Universal Credit shortfall

This year, the month of September ushered in more ominous portents than chilly winds and dark nights: the Government reduced Universal Credit payments by £20 a week. This move could put many floundering people in a critical situation. Rising prices and the coming end of the pandemic furlough have joined other negative trends to put millions in serious debt, unable to pay vital bills and about to see life get even worse.

But, if you are in this position, remember that support and help are available and you need not suffer alone.

Take charge of your situation. Start by making a list of what you owe and add up what you need to pay out each month. This list puts your financial position clearly in front of you in black and white. Next, prioritise your debts. There is advice on the Citizens Advice website to help you do this: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money>. Some bills are more urgent than others. Rent or mortgage arrears, gas and electricity bills and Council Tax count as priority debts as there could be serious consequences if you don't pay them.

Get in touch with the companies to whom you owe money. Not everybody feels confident about doing this but the organisations expect such calls and they might be able to help by letting you pay smaller amounts over a longer period or even take a temporary payment break.

The government-backed Breathing Space scheme could also give you extra time to pay. See our website for details or www.gov.uk.

If you are eligible, you could get 60 days during which your creditors can't contact you, take any action against you or add interest and charges to your debt. A Citizens Advice adviser can check your debts to see if they are covered by the scheme.

If you need more specific support or don't feel able to manage your situation alone, call the Citizens Advice debt helpline on 0800 240 4420.

It really helps to make personal contact with somebody who understands. You can also call our Adviceline free on 0808 278 7907 (Monday

to Friday 9 am to 5 pm) or try our webchat (click on "chat with us online about debt").

Citizens Advice needs volunteer advisers

There comes a time for all of us when we face problems that are too stressful or complicated to sort out alone.

Last year – one of the most difficult - our 90 advisers advised 9,000 clients on over 20,000 problems. We helped four in five resolve their debt, benefits, employment and housing problems. Many of these were caused by the Covid-19 crisis.

We now need more advisers as we move into the pandemic recovery phase.

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 listening and interpersonal skills, a willingness to learn and be

confident with computers. Full training will be provided.

Henley adviser Amanda says: "I am proud to volunteer with Citizens Advice because they offer crucial support to those that need it most, and my colleagues, both volunteers and employees, make volunteering a pleasure."

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/

The deadline for items for next month's newsletter is 25th October. Please email to 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 www.westhendred.net

Covid-19 In early August we received the updated Government Guidance / Advice from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) on how Halls and their hirers should endeavour to ensure the safety of all users. All hirers will be fully informed as part of their booking process, which includes the need to do a risk assessment.

Village Hall becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

We will be transitioning our hiring agreements to the CIO from now on.

We will be winding up the original charity at its year-end of 30th September.

QI Quiz and Curry Supper Saturday 20th Nov and Curry Masterclass Friday 19th Nov

Covid-restrictions at the time permitting, we are delighted to announce the return of John Lloyd's hugely popular QI Quiz evening, accompanied by Manjit Kahlon's delicious curry supper, at 7 pm on Saturday November 20th. Manjit will also be running his excellent Curry Masterclass the evening before. As current guidance for village halls stands, we will have to restrict numbers for the evening to 65 and the masterclass to 8. Tickets, at £20 per person, will be on a first-come, first-served basis and only available through the Village Hall booking system (whvhbookings@gmail.com). If revised Hall guidance and risk assessment permits, we will increase the number and then include people/groups from the waiting list. The Curry Masterclass will take place at Twilly Springs, thanks to the Budes offering their kitchen for this again, from 6.30pm to approximately 9.30pm on Friday 19th November. There is no charge for the Masterclass but participants will be asked to help transfer the food from Twilly to the Village Hall and to serve it on the Saturday evening. Book through Village Hall booking system (whvhbookings@gmail.com), with subject of "Curry Masterclass". We are hugely grateful to Manjit, John and Sarah for again doing this wonderful evening for us all.

PUPPY SCHOOL Puppy School is the UK network of training classes for young puppies. The next 6-week puppy training and socialisation class is planned to start on 20th May 2021. The start date of next class will probably be 22 July. This course is for pups who will be fully vaccinated and under 20 weeks at the start of the course. Please get in touch for more information or to book via the website www.new-tricks.net.

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 imaginations and improving social skills. Class are 9am Saturday mornings at the Village Hall. For more information contact minikicks18@gmail.com

Boogie Mites – Wednesday mornings Music and dance for preschool children, every Wednesday morning. Contact Lizzie on Lizziel@boogiemites.co.uk

West Hendred Stitches West Hendred Stitches aim to start again on 8th June, but very dependent on update on Covid regulations call Jane Soffe for details 01235 832554

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 19th 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 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 Thursdays 9.30 – 10.45am Hatha Yoga – suitable for improvers

Thursdays 11.15 – 12.30pm Hatha Yoga – suitable for beginners

Fridays 9.30 – 10.30am Hatha Yoga (on Zoom) – suitable for beginners and improvers

Tuesdays 10 – 11am Gentle / chair yoga (on Zoom)

NEW! Tuesdays 6.15 – 7.30pm Hatha Yoga (starting 12th October)

NEW! Teen Yoga with mindfulness – looking for a sport or skill for Duke of Edinburgh? Please contact me - time and day to be confirmed. New students very welcome! Please contact me for further information on 01235 863647 or linda@soderstrom.myzen.co.uk. Not sure if yoga is for you? Contact me and arrange for a free trial lesson. Linda

Village Hall Committee Contacts

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PUBLIC WORSHIP IN OCTOBER 2021

Friday 1st October

10 am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)

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SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER – HARVEST FESTIVAL (West H. & Ardington)

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

11 am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP)

6pm – Lockinge – Evensong

Wednesday 6th October

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

Friday 8th October

10 am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP)

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SUNDAY 10th OCTOBER – HARVEST FESTIVAL (Lockinge & East H.)

9.30 am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)

11 am – East Hendred – Holy Communion (CW)

Wednesday 13th October – St Edward the Confessor

10 am – West Hendred – Holy Communion (CWTrad)

Friday 15th October – St Theresa of Avila

10 am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)

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SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER – TRINITY XX

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

11 am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 20th October

10 am – East Hendred – Holy Communion (BCP)

Friday 22nd October

10 am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP)

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SUNDAY 24th OCTOBER – TRINITY XXI

9.30 am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)

11 am – East Hendred – Holy Communion (CW)

Wednesday 27th October

10 am – West Hendred – Holy Communion (CWTrad)

Friday 29th October

10 am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)

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SUNDAY 31st OCTOBER – ALL SAINTS

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

11 am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP)