

WEST HENDRED

NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 NOVEMBER 2021**

Apologies for the delay in the publication of this month's newsletter.

IMPORTANT! 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 please get in touch with any of the following people:

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Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal 2021 – calling for all shoeboxes by 16th November

Many thanks to all of you who have donated a shoebox. It's a quick and easy way to bring joy to children so if you'd still like to take part, the deadline is 16th November. Please contact either of us or pick up a leaflet from Holy Trinity church.

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.
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West Hendred not Just a Beer Festival 2021 (Save the date for 2022)

The 9th Beer festival took place on a beautiful autumnal weekend in early September, we couldn't have wanted for better weather. Nor could we have anticipated the amazingly high turn out on both Friday night and Saturday. It was truly a sight to behold.

Beers were drunk and curry eaten on Friday evening, something that is fast becoming a tradition. Saturday woke to sunshine, fluffy clouds and a full day and evening of great beer, wine, gin, food, games, and excellent live entertainment. It was commented on, more than once, that we'd never seen standing room only and so many people staying until the end. With the Memphis Belles headlining for a second year, more than ably supported by Tom Waddington, The Whoosya, The Hendreds Ukulele group and The Talisman the live music had something for everyone.

A huge thanks goes to our sponsors, Chapman Worth, Larkmead Vets, One Crazy Apple and all the villagers who, once again, sponsored a keg.

The committee is really pleased that numerous local groups have benefitted again this year, the Scouts, Youth Club, Downs Golden Age, Snells Hall, the Church and the Air Ambulance charity.

Of course, the largest benefactor is the West Hendred Village Hall. It is now a proud owner of a new projector and screen for use with presentations, parties etc. We are ordering a new pop-up bar (like the gin bar) for use at events and have requested that additional tables be purchased. This still leaves significant funds available for general maintenance and upkeep.

2022 is the 10th anniversary of the beer festival and we are already in planning mode! The date is set for the 2nd and 3rd of September. The committee are super excited about this and are looking forward to making it extra special. A decade in and several of the committee members are thinking, after 2022, of taking it a little easier. We are therefore looking for the next generation of West Hendred Not Just a Beer Festival organisers to take this to the next level! If you are interested, please contact the committee at info@westhendrednotjustabeerfestival.co.uk and someone will be in touch.

Holy Trinity West Hendred Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride

This year's sponsored event took place on Saturday 11th September. The weather was good – dry, with a light wind, and the sun shone! The total so far is over £330, with quite a lot more to come in.

I did Ride & Stride, with a slight improvement on last year. I wended my way from West Hendred, to East Hendred, and then via Steventon to Sutton Courtney then Abingdon. Thence via Radley and Sandford on Thames, to Littlemore, Cowley, and Iffley. I squeezed in a visit to St. Albans on Charles Street off the Iffley road, with sufficient time to have a good look at its stations of the cross carved by Eric Gill. I managed to visit St. Bartholomew's chapel, just up a lane off the Cowley Road, opposite the "Regal" cinema of old. It's a delightful chapel of the leper hospital founded by Henry I. Then on to St. Clements Church, and then through Mesopotamia to St. Cross, and round central Oxford, finishing at St. Barnabas church in Jericho, with its glorious 19th Century mix of Ravenna and Torcello!

I clocked up 39 churches, and at least 5 more that I visited hoping they were participating, and they were not! Anyway, near ideal weather for the bike ride, and I finished with 2 hours remaining in central Oxford.

Thank you to all who rode or strode, and all who have sponsored.
Hugh Rees

Update on the North Aisle Roof at Holy Trinity Church

The excellent news as the Newsletter went to press was that we've received a grant from the National Churches Trust of £3,700 and an additional £5,000 grant from the Wolfson Foundation.

We've also had some very generous individual donations which total £10,870, (£12,944 with Gift Aid). In mid-September we had received grants totalling £20,500 from various charitable foundations.

The total raised so far from all sources is £58,144 (including gift aid) – so we're almost there (total cost of £62,000). In addition, we can reclaim some, but not all of the VAT, as this depends upon when the money is spent.

We do need your support. If you can donate anything to help secure the future of West Hendred's church, please do. You can donate 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)

Bat update: we've had initial outcomes from the bat survey, and we may have to wait until early summer to start work to protect the bats. We're awaiting the specialist's report.

The PCC has now appointed the preferred building contractor, with provisos recommended by the architect. Also, the roof beams are being checked again for safety in early November by the Structural Engineer.

Hugh Rees

Holy Trinity Church, West Hendred – Announcement

Revd. Dr. Orazio Camaioni has announced his resignation as rector of Wantage Downs Benefice. He is returning to the Roman Catholic Church, with the desire to be at one with his family with regard to practising their faith.

His last service was on Sunday 31st October, All Saints Sunday.

Ministers have already been arranged for Services in November by our Area Dean, Revd. John Durant. He will be arranging ministers for service going forward through the interregnum.

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

Covid-restrictions permitting, John Lloyd's hugely popular QI Quiz evening in the Village Hall, accompanied by Manjit Kahlon's delicious curry supper, is taking place at 7pm on Saturday November 20th. Manjit will also be running his excellent Curry Masterclass the evening before.

As current guidance for village halls stands, we have restricted numbers for the evening to 65 and the masterclass to 8. All tickets have now been sold but if you are interested, please contact to Village Hall booking system to join the waiting list. (whvhbookings@gmail.com <mailto: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.

We are hugely grateful to Manjit and John for again doing this wonderful evening for us all.



Citizens Advice information on vanishing energy suppliers

Many people have recently had the disconcerting experience of seeing their energy supplier break up and go out of business during the recent energy price fluctuations. It sounds pretty drastic, but the situation isn't as bad as it seems.

If you are one of those affected, remember these key facts: first of all, the gas or electricity supply itself won't be interrupted, so don't be concerned about that. Next, you should know that Ofgem, the

industry regulator, will automatically move you to a new supplier. This usually takes a few weeks. Wait for your new supplier to contact you. They will explain what will happen with your new account. But contact the new supplier yourself if you haven't heard from them within two weeks. You can check on www.citizensadvice.org.uk ("check who's taken over your energy supply") if you're not sure who your new supplier is.

While you're waiting to hear from the new supplier, it's a good idea to take meter readings (and a photo of the readings) as they might prove useful later. Make a note of your account balance too. Keep any old bills you have, as these can help prove your payment history, credit balance or debt.

If you aren't happy with your new supplier or tariff, you can switch suppliers. Look at "switch energy supplier" on our website or ring the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133.

Many people are seeing their energy bills increase significantly. If you are one of them, and worried about being able to meet these higher energy payments, please contact Citizens Advice on our Adviceline number 0808 278 7907.

Citizens Advice has slightly different advice for small businesses whose energy suppliers have gone out of business. Please visit the Citizens Advice website.

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. Web Site: 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 are now transitioning our hiring agreements to the CIO

PUPPY SCHOOL

Puppy School is the UK network of training classes for young puppies. Classes run on Thursday evenings from 6.30-7.30pm. The next course with available places will start in early January 2022. Pups must be fully vaccinated and under 20 weeks at the start.

Please get in touch for more information or visit my website www.new-tricks.net. As a Certified Animal Behaviourist I offer various dog behaviour and training services to help families and dogs. Debs.

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 - contact Lizzie LizzieL@boogiemites.co.uk

West Hendred Stitchers. West Hendred Stitchers are back up and running – for more information call Jane Soffe 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.

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.

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