

# ***WEST HENDRED***

## ***DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER***

**Deadline for next Newsletter  
25 DECEMBER 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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### **East and West Hendred WI**

East and West Hendred WI have continued with virtual meetings on Zoom. September featured an Illusionist Steve Price, whose tricks, jokes and sleight of hand kept us all captivated. October brought us a visit from the past, Nell Gwynn! In reality it was Lesley Smith, the owner of Tutbury Castle, dressed in full costume with a realistic appraisal of Nell's life.

In August our Afternoon Tea in the back garden of the East Hendred shop was a great success. Nickie Tilbury from the shop catered for us with a delicious tea.

We continue to meet up for Coffee and Afternoon Tea usually in Mather House in East Hendred. Some of our members are very vulnerable and fearful of meeting up in an enclosed space so we are not yet certain when will be meeting back

again in Snells Hall. However, our meetings will continue and in November we have a talk by Bayley Eyley entitled "And you thought talking was easy". December will be our Christmas Party hopefully in Hendred House by kind permission of Ali Eyston.

We have a few members in our WI from West Hendred but would love more. If you would like to join us please contact Jennie, email [jen@wpj.me.uk](mailto:jen@wpj.me.uk) or telephone 01235 224467 and join us free for your first visit.

### **Boxing Day Tug of War**

It's back! 2021 Boxing Day tug of war, at The Extraordinary Hare (with kind permission of Mechelle and team)

East Hendred v West Hendred

Kids' teams

Time: 12.30

Contact Sonya Bashford

on [bashfordsonya@gmail.com](mailto:bashfordsonya@gmail.com)

if you would like to be on one of the teams.

### **Samaritan's Purse Operation**

#### **Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal 2021**

Thank you so much to all those who supported the appeal this year with filled boxes, gifts, wrapping paper and cash donations. I am pleased to say that the shoeboxes have now begun the journey to extremely needy children overseas. The boxes last year brought hope and joy to children in Belarus and Serbia. We will let you know the final destination of your gifts this year in due course. We wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas time.

Patsy and Angela

### **Poppy Appeal 2021**

Thank you to everyone who has taken part, whether donating, volunteering or doing your own fundraising challenge.

This year marked the 100 years of the Royal British Legion, and also celebrated the return of our amazing Poppy Appeal collectors in our village. Without them and without you, we wouldn't be able to continue supporting serving and ex-serving men and women and their families. Also this year

the RBL introduced contactless payments and this has been well received. At the time of writing I am awaiting the final count but I have no doubt that West Hendred has been very generous towards the Poppy Appeal for which I am most grateful.

This year, and for the first time since installation, our Act of Remembrance at Holy Trinity church was conducted in front of the new WW1 plaque, a fitting tribute to the work of Roy Lennox to commemorate our war dead. You may ask why do we need three war memorials in the church? Well the embroidered picture frame by the font was probably produced locally just after the war and include names of all those thought to have gone to war. The carved memorial to the left of the altar is a later example and has the names of those that died as indicated on the earlier picture frame. Following extensive research, a new revised list of names was drawn up and a new plaque was commissioned by Roy to mark the centenary of the end of WW1. The keen eyed will notice that the new plaque has more names on it representing those who died during WW1 from our parish.  
Nigel Findley

### **Come and Sing Carols**

There's a slightly different format for our Christmas carols in West Hendred this year:

We'll meet from 5pm on

THURSDAY 23rd DECEMBER

at the Village Hall for a glass of mulled wine/mulled juice and mince pies and start the caroling in the warm with anyone who wishes to join us.... Then weather & will(!) permitting we'll carol around the village, please bring warm clothing & torches as usual.

All donations collected are for Helen & Douglas House Children's Hospice.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

For more details contact Angela 862912 or Patsy 835113

### **Holy Trinity Church, West Hendred Christmas Cards**

POP-UP sale at West Hendred Village Hall at 1:30 – 2:30pm on Saturdays 27th Nov; 4 Dec and 18th Dec.

There are 3 designs of Holy Trinity Church, West Hendred in packs of 10, £5 per pack. Sold in aid of repairs to the Church.

You can pay by cash, cheque payable to West Hendred PCC, and very likely contactless payment! Or on-line via the Donate on our home page at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6046/> There is one 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**

North Aisle roof – supporting timbers – URGENT WORK TO THE CHURCH

The structural engineer checked the church at the beginning of November, and at the moment considers we're safe for the next 6 months, which will take us up to the start of May. He's also indicated (should the situation deteriorate), the mitigations we can do so we can still use the building. We've had initial outcomes from the bat survey, as the church has bats which are protected species. The architect is anticipating that the Bat Specialist will carry out his further survey work in April, possibly running into May. Hopefully, if the level of bat activity is low, then work could commence in early summer. However, if the bats are rare and/or numerous, works are likely to have to be postponed until October.

We need your support.

The architect has received the building cost quote (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. However, building costs have increased since the tender responses were received, so we may well need your further support when we get closer to the start of work.

Thank you for the very generous donations from individuals which now 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. 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 webpage; or by contacting the church Treasurer, Roland Jack [rolandmjack@gmail.com](mailto:rolandmjack@gmail.com) or 01235 831894  
Hugh Rees

### **West Hendred Parish Council**

would like to thank all residents of The Greenway for maintaining the grass in front of your properties. This land is registered as the Village Green for the Parish of West Hendred, and its care is one of the Parish Council's responsibilities. Your ongoing support in maintaining the grass is appreciated.

Historically bulbs have been planted in the Green. However, we request that no other planting takes place without first consulting the Parish Council. Due to ongoing concern over the health and appearance of the Green, written permission is required from the Parish Council to put a skip on the grass and we request vehicles are not to be

parked on the grass as it causes damage. Causing damage to a village green is an offence under section 12 of the Inclosure (sic) Act 1857.

The Parish Council is commissioning a Tree survey to determine the condition of all the trees that we are responsible for, including the trees on The Greenway. The survey results will tell us which trees require attention and we will plan any necessary work accordingly.

Many thanks,

Julia Evans

Clerk to West Hendred Parish Council

**The deadline for items for next month's newsletter is 25th December. Please email them to [newsletter@westhendred.net](mailto:newsletter@westhendred.net)**

### **Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride 11th September**

The weather was good – dry, with a light wind, and the sun shone! As we go to press, there's still a few more sponsorships to collect. The total so far is over £755, with some more to come in. This is a really good total, especially given these Covid times. OHCT pays back 50% of the total; this will help towards the urgent repair of the North Aisle supporting beams.

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

Hugh Rees

## **West Hendred Services etc. – December 2021**

Wednesday 1st December 7PM Compline / Night Prayer

Wednesday 8th December 7PM Compline / Night Prayer

Sunday 12th December 9-30AM Holy Communion

Wednesday 15th December 7PM Compline / Night Prayer

Sunday 19th December 3PM to 3:30 PM Advent Carols and readings at /outside WH Village Hall

This is short service of about 30 minutes of Advent Carols and readings for Advent.

Our organist, Michael Evans, will be playing a small selection of carols.

Please wrap up well, as due to Covid circumstances, we're anticipating having the service outside.

Afterwards, there will be mince pies.

If you would like a particular Advent carol, or to read, please do say.

Wednesday 22nd December 7PM Compline /Night Prayer

Thursday 23rd December 5pm Carol singing around West Hendred (start at Village Hall)

Saturday 25th December 9-30AM Christmas Day Communion

Hugh Rees,

[hugh@citidata.co.uk](mailto:hugh@citidata.co.uk)

## **THE 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)

[www.westhendred.net](http://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 transitioning our hiring agreements to the CIO.

**The QI Quiz and Curry Supper** evening was again a great success, despite having to have slightly reduced numbers. A huge thank you to John for some Really Interesting questions (with a number of unexpected answers), to Manjit and Kirsty for another brilliant Masterclass ("It was the best thing we've done in years!" Ian and Paul) and for managing all the food on the evening, along with the cooks who produced excellent curries, to the Budes for the use of their kitchen, to Dave Trotman for sorting the sound, to everyone who helped set out (and clear up) the Hall. Finally, thank you to all of you who came and made it such a wonderful event.

### **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](http://www.new-tricks.net) As a Certified Animal Behaviourist I offer various dog behaviour and training services to help families and dogs. 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 imaginations 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:**

Boogie Mites – every Wednesday morning

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

### **West Hendred Stitches**

West Hendred Stitches have started again in June, and are 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.

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](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 – 10.45am 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

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

Not sure if yoga is for you? Contact me and arrange for a free trial lesson.

Linda

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