

WEST HENDRED

JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 January 2022**

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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**New Rector - Your Parish Needs You!
Have your say!**

Dear Parishioner,

Sadly, we are currently in another period of Interregnum whilst waiting for the appointment of a new Rector to our Parishes of West Hendred, East Hendred and Ardington and Lockinge, following the departure of Orazio at the end of October.

The good news is the views of the Parishioners are important with regards to the new appointment.

So, if you feel strongly about the "type" of Rector you would like to have in our community, please email me with your comments before the end of December and I will do my level best to ensure they are heard/taken on board in the election process

which will take place at some point in the months ahead.

With best wishes for a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year,

Sally Hutchinson

Secretary West Hendred PCC & Electoral Roll Officer

**Congratulations to Nellie Morris
(formally of The Greenway)
on her 100th Birthday on Christmas Day
Love from all the family**

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred

Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride

This year's sponsored event took place back on Saturday 11th September.

Fortunately, the weather was good – dry, with a light wind, and the sun shone!

As we go to press, we've just got the grand total – a very impressive £805 has gone to OHCT, with a late £40 coming direct to Holy Trinity Church. 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 have sponsored
Hugh Rees

**Sunday 19th December - Advent Carols
and Readings at/outside West Hendred
Village Hall**

We had short service of Advent Carols and readings held outside. We were all wrapped up warm.

We haven't had an outside Carol Service before, so it was all a real experiment!

Our organist, Michael Evans, played a small selection of well-known carols.

The younger people read excellently, surpassing the adults! We were led in prayers. Afterwards, we ate mince pies. Many village families attended, and we totalled 16 children and 32 adults. Thank you to all carolled, all who read, all who helped, and all provided mince pies, refreshments and other treats.
Hugh Rees

Thank you...

to all the hardy Carol singers who braved the dark to bring some Christmas joy to the village. Fortified by mulled wine & mince pies the merry band made a (mostly!) harmonious choir & raised over £260 for Helen and Douglas House children's hospice. Apologies to any households we 'missed' but there is still time to donate if you wish?

Thank you to all who sang, donated mince pies, mulled wine or money!

A special thank you to the strong singers for keeping us in tune & the families with young children who add a joy & excitement to Christmas.

Wishing you all a Happy & Healthy New Year -
Patsy & Angela

The deadline for items for next month's newsletter is 25th January 2022. Please email to newsletter@westhendred.net

Citizens Advice availability over Christmas holidays

At the darkest time of the year, it's good to know that Citizens Advice is there to support you. If you're in difficulties and need help or advice over Christmas and New Year, you can call us on 0808 278 7907 (Adviceline). The line will be open on 24 and 29-31 December, then from 4 January onwards.

If you normally pick up supplies at a Food Bank, remember that the opening hours could change over the holidays. It's a good idea to check with the Food Bank before you set out. Also bear in mind that if you have a pre-payment meter for your energy supplies and can't afford to top up, you can get temporary credit. Your supplier might add this credit automatically, but if they don't, ask for it. Check the supplier's website and go to

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy> for more information.

For Sale

Ikea Desk with pull out keyboard shelf and small drawer. In good condition with a few marks. Blue and beech finish.
Height 72cm, depth 60cm, length 110cm.
Donation to West Hendred Church accepted as payment.

Jane 07887744214

THE 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 We have received updated Government Guidance / Advice from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England). All hirers will be fully informed as part of their booking process, which includes the need to do a risk assessment.

The Village Hall becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

We have now completed our transition to a CIO charity, a process that has taken a little longer than anticipated due to Covid-related delays.

The Last Year - 2021

Over the year, we've had various updates of the government's Covid guidance/advice from ACRE and CommunityFirst Oxon.

The Village Hall now has WiFi which is freely available for hirers of the hall. We also have the Storage container in full use. Getting everything sorted out for this has taken quite a bit longer due to Covid. We've received generous support from the Vale of White Horse District Council to see us through these Covid times.

Events in the Hall

The West Hendred Stitchers got back into action in June as well as Pilates with Charlie Prince and Yoga with Linda Soderstrom, both of whom have had Zoom/online, and "in the hall" sessions.

The Puppy School with Deb Bennison has been in high demand, with sessions through the year. Mini-Kicks commenced in June on Saturday mornings, and Boogie Mites on Wednesday mornings. The Hall hosted The West Hendred Beer Festival in early September. In mid-November, the QI Quiz and Curry Night and Curry Masterclass were a great success, with thanks to Manjit and John for a wonderful evening. In mid-December the West Hendred Advent Carol Service was held next to the Hall, using the carpark, which worked really well. We've lost Konga; other previous regulars are postponing until better Covid times. My thanks to the Committee, to our hirers and to everyone who has used the Hall and helped us through a difficult year.

The Coming Year - 2022

We're hoping that postponed events, such as Jazz in the Village, can proceed in the Spring. Please do let us have your comments and suggestions. We're also planning to redecorate the outside of the Hall and have a major spruce-up of the Hall exterior and car-park area.

Hugh Rees

Current Events

Puppy School

Puppy School is the UK network of training classes for young puppies. The classes at West Hendred have a maximum of 5 pups per course. The next course with available places begins in late February 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 also offer various other dog behaviour and training services for dogs of any age. 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

Regular Events at the Village Hall would usually include:

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

West Hendred Stitchers West Hendred Stitches started again in June and are very dependent on updates on Covid regulations - call me for details. Thanks very much, Jane.
Further information from 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. 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 Charlie Prince on 07581 462 317, or charlie@princepilates.co.uk

See Charlie's website for more information about classes etc. www.princepilates.co.uk Charlie Prince

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 (started 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

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