

WEST HENDRED

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 May 2022**

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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IN THIS ISSUE

We're excited to share lots of activity in the village over the next two months, including:

- Details of our Jubilee lunch on 4th June
- Collecting memories for display in the church
- Jubilee Beacon lighting on 2nd June
- Parish Meeting; Focus on Young People on 12th May
- Hendred Owls Women's Institute Bingo evening on 18th May
- Fundraising plea for Church repairs
- West Hendred Summer event on 9th July
- Women's Cycling Tour on 11th June



YOU ARE INVITED

**Lunch at West Hendred &
Ginge Village Hall
at 12.30pm on Saturday June 4th
in celebration of the Queen's Platinum
Jubilee.**

**We'll be providing a complimentary lunch of
Coronation Chicken + vegetarian option,
followed by brownies.**

There will be a paying bar (cash or card).

**To reserve your place(s), email
villagehallbookings@westhendred.net
or call 833174.
Tell us if you are vegetarian.**

**We can only seat 120, so it will be first-come,
first-reserved.**

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

Collecting Memories for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee....

In commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee this year we're creating a display of written memories and photographs in our church to celebrate her reign.

To do this, we'd love to gather stories and photographs of previous celebrations: street parties, parades, dressing up, corgies, crowns etc. Perhaps you have photos from other Jubilees or even the Coronation itself?

We're happy to help with transcribing any memories for you, and we'll copy any photos you have and return the originals to you.

We would love to see memories of West Hendred and the surrounding villages, but are happy to hear memories from wherever you were celebrating. To share your memories, please contact Angela on 01235 862912 or angela.findley@westhendred.net – Thank you!

Thursday 2nd June – Jubilee Beacon Lighting

At 8.15pm on Thursday 2 June, a beacon will be lit, up towards the Ridgeway.

Meet at West Hendred Village Hall at 7pm to walk together to Ginge.

The villages hope to come together in Ginge, at the end of the Private Road at 7.30pm before walking up the chalk track. Please bring a torch or lantern with you! There will be a pay bar at the top to buy a glass of something, so bring some money.

Please be aware that the ground will be uneven and it will be dark by the time you walk home.

For those of you who would like to join in but are worried about the distance, we hope to be able to provide some transport to do shuttle runs.

Please contact Hugo in advance on 07834 776197 to book a space(s) in a vehicle or by email to Julia parishcouncilclerk@westhendred.net

Invitation to Older Children, Young Adults + Youth Organisations

The Parish Council are holding their Annual Parish Meeting on **Thursday 12th May at 7pm.**

We would like to hear from you about the good things and the things you'd like to change about living in the Village.

Covid has made the last couple of years difficult to navigate and we'd like to talk about whether there's anything we could be doing as a community to help in the future.

Email your ideas to Julia Evans parishcouncilclerk@westhendred.net or come and join us on **12th at the Village Hall at 7pm** to tell us your thoughts and ideas.

Adult reps for youth organisations also very welcome. Refreshments provided.

HEG Community Larder

Hendreds Environment Group (HEG) has launched a Community Larder in East Hendred (but open to everyone nearby) as a way to save food that supermarkets would otherwise send to landfill.

- It's not a food bank – it's for everyone who doesn't want good food to be wasted as well as those who want to save money.
- You're not depriving those who need help more than you – there's plenty for everyone; each week we're sent a generous amount for all our subscribers.
- It's not all nearing its Best Before date – that's only one of many reasons supermarkets send food to the scheme.
- It's not just junk stuff you wouldn't buy – there's different stock every week, and a huge variety, including plenty of fresh fruit and veg.

The weekly subscription is £3.50 or £7, entitling you to around 14 or 28 items. (There's also a one-time £10 joining fee.) Come along and see for yourself on Monday afternoons, from 3:30 to 6:00pm, at the Mill Lane Sports Club, East Hendred.

Look on Facebook for @HEGCommunityLarder or email heglarder@gmail.com for more information. Sign up in advance at www.sofea.uk.com (under Purpose Projects - Community Larder - and choose the HEG option)

We're looking for another newsletter editor to join the team. This is a very easy way to contribute to village life, with a time commitment of a couple of hours every 3 months. All you need is basic Word skills. If you're interested, please get in touch with Jane John on 07887744214

It's not all Jam and Jerusalem!

THE HENDRED OWLS WI - the new name for East & West Hendred WI.

Our new committee has started a complete overhaul, resulting in an exciting programme of events. We are launching this new format on **Wednesday 18th May at Snells Hall from 7:15pm.**

Our launch event is a BINGO night with wine. Bring your friends, it's free entry, a small charge for wine and refreshments will be made, games are free.

Along with the bingo, we'll share our programme for this year, including wine tasting, mindfulness, eco living, and a festive visit to Hendred House this Christmas.

For more details contact us via thehendredowlswi@gmail.com <<mailto:thehendredowlswi@gmail.com>> and follow us on Instagram @hendredowlswi

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred

We've almost reached our fundraising target – can you give us a helping hand?

We've already had some very generous donations, for which we're very grateful. In October we received a grant from the National Churches Trust of £3,700 and an additional £5,000 grant from the Wolfson Foundation. We've also received grants from Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, Garfield-Weston Foundation, Allchurches Trust, Warner bequest as well as our patron, Corpus Christi College. 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/ and selecting "Give Now" from the web-page; or by contacting the church Treasurer, Roland Jack (rolandmjack@gmail.com or 01235 831894)

Next steps are further bat surveys in May and June with the bat specialist so he can further assess the bats. Hopefully he can then give the formal license with repair work starting mid to late summer.

The roof beams will also be checked again for safety in May.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY West Hendred Summer Event – Saturday 9th July – mid-day/afternoon In aid of Holy Trinity Church

Our annual West Hendred Summer Event will be at Manor Farm House this year, kindly offered by Lys and Peter Cook.

We're keen to get some new ideas going this year about what kind of Summer Event we can do in these Covid/Post-Covid times. We're currently considering lunch, with entertainment ranging from our famous duck race, raffle, tombola, plants, and a Bar.

Downy Duck has been spotted waddling through the daffodils to prepare for a celebrity appearance. However Downy will need help running the Duck Race, and selling the ducks. Can you help?

We will also be asking for help for stalls, and putting up tents and marquees on the Thursday or Friday evening.

If you can, please contact Patsy Jenkins on 835113, Sally Hutchinson on 833081 or Hugh Rees on 833174.



Help get our roads repaired!

Oxfordshire County Council created OXTOG – Oxfordshire Together – to mobilise and support a team of volunteers around the County to help look after their own roads, pavements and public rights of way. As part of OXTOG there is a growing team of volunteers known as **Fix My Street Super Users**.

The Super Users are, in effect, the 'eyes and ears' of the County Council Highways Officers and are trained to report and action certain road repairs, specifically potholes and damaged kerbs, on low-speed, minor roads using Fix My Street.

The Volunteer Co-ordination team at Oxfordshire County Council is currently recruiting more Fix My Street Super Users in this area. The training takes place online in small groups.

If you already use Fix My Street and can walk around your town or village regularly (or even daily) and would like to find out more, please contact:
volunteercoordinationteam@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Witness the thrill of women's professional cycling in the Vale of White Horse on 11 June

The Women's Tour returns to the Vale of White Horse on Saturday 11 June.

Following successful events in 2019 and 2021, this will be the final year that The Women's Tour will visit Oxfordshire. For 2022, the county will host the sixth and final stage of the Tour in what promises to be a spectacular finale.

On the day, the riders will race through the Vale's three towns – Faringdon, Wantage and Abingdon – as well as nearby countryside and villages, giving a great opportunity for thousands of people to see the action. Villages on the route include: Little Coxwell, Fernham, Uffington, the Hendreds, Harwell, Radley and Kennington.

Communities across the district are being encouraged to mark the occasion – this could be as simple as lining the route to cheer the riders on, putting up bunting, flags, or cycling inspired artwork, creating a cycling themed window display or having cycling themed events.

To see the full route map visit whitehorsedc.gov.uk/womenstour <<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/womenstour>>.

You can find more information about the event on the official Women's Tour website <<https://www.womenstour.co.uk/>>.



Basic guidelines for hosting Ukrainian refugees – Citizens Advice

If you are one of those who have generously offered to host Ukrainian refugees, you need to know what is involved.

The government hasn't yet released complete details of how the "Homes for Ukraine" scheme will work, but as of the time of writing (mid-April 2022) the following guidelines apply:

First, you can volunteer for someone from the Ukraine to come to the UK and live with you. If you know of specific Ukrainians whom you wish to host, those people can apply to come to the UK. If you don't know of any particular people you want to host, you can sign up to be matched with one or more people. In either case, your local council will pay £350 per month per sponsor or property. You must be able to provide the right kind of accommodation: it can be a spare room or an empty property, but it must be safe, suitable and

large enough. The local council will visit you to make sure that the living space is appropriate. In addition, safety checks will be carried out on both hosts and guests, including police and criminal records checks.

Before you apply for the scheme, do check with your mortgage provider and/or your home insurance company, if applicable, to ensure that they have no objections. You must be willing to let the refugee(s) stay with you, or in your separate accommodation, for at least six months - the longer the better. You may not charge them rent. Your guests will have the right to work and study, claim benefits, use the NHS, go to school and attend free English classes.

Citizens Advice can help with claims for benefits and other necessities. Our website at www.citizensadvice.org.uk has relevant information which is constantly updated as new rules are publicized. You can also telephone the Citizens Advice Oxfordshire South and Vale Adviceline on 0808 278 7907.

Support for Long Covid

In March the Office for National Statistics reported that approximately 1.7 million people in the UK were experiencing self-reported long Covid. Over half of these had symptoms such as fatigue, loss of sense of smell and inability to breathe, for at least a year. This can have a far-reaching impact.

In the short term, if you are employed and ill, sick pay may be available and there is information about this on our website www.citizensadvice.org.uk if you think you are not receiving the correct amount. If your income has dropped, an online benefit calculator will show whether you may be entitled to additional financial help, such as Universal Credit, Council Tax Reduction and Personal Independence Payment (PIP) etc. Details of how to claim benefits, including contact numbers, are on our website. An unexpected drop in income means that debts can quickly mount up and it is better to take action to manage the situation sooner rather than later. You can talk to an adviser on our Debt Helpline: 0800 240 4420. There is also a link to webchat in the debt section of our website.

If you are being dismissed from work due to long-term illness, there is also advice about this on our website, or you can speak to an adviser by phoning Adviceline: 0808 278 7907.

There is ongoing research into long Covid as so much is still unknown, and new groups are forming to provide information and mutual support.

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

We have received updated Government Guidance / Advice from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) regarding the lifting of Plan B restrictions. All hirers have been fully informed as part of their booking process, which continues to include the need to do a risk assessment.

REFRESHED CAR PARK and HALL EXTERIOR

As we go to press, the builders are finishing renewal of the paving and car park area. Painting of the hall exterior is following on, and we anticipate this completing in early May.

Village Hall becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

The new charity is "The West Hendred Village Hall", charity no. 1192220. We're there !

JAZZ IN THE VILLAGE – SATURDAY 19th MARCH

Thank you to all who came for an excellent evening of Jazz by Ian Millar and Dominic Spencer. We just broke even on our first event post-lockdown. We hope to do similar events in the coming months.

CURRENT EVENTS

PUPPY SCHOOL

The next course is due to start in early June. Pups need to be vaccinated and under 20 weeks for the first class. Please get in touch for more information about this nationally accredited course, or visit my website www.new-tricks.net. I'm a Certified Animal Behaviourist (CAB) and also offer 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

Boogie Mites – Wednesday mornings. Music and dance for preschool children - contact Lizzie LizzieL@boogiemites.co.uk

West Hendred Stitchers.

West Hendred Stitchers meet on the SECOND and FOURTH Tuesdays in the month. For more information call Jane Soffe 07455076584

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.

Village Hall Committee Contacts

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