

WEST HENDRED

JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 JUNE 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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Hendred Owls WI

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 15th June. We would love to see more ladies from West Hendred and surrounding villages. For our next event Kate Prichard will talk about her work at the Oxford Botanic Garden as glasshouse curator, and the ability of plants to save the planet. Doors open at 7:15pm so come and catch up with friends over a glass of wine (tea, coffee and soft drinks also available). Members free entry, suggested donation of £5 for non-members. Our programme for the year can also be found on Facebook.

Jubilee Cake Decorating competition

Create a showstopper fit for the Queen. Entry costs £2, available from the village shop. There are three age group categories: Children under 12, Teens under 18, and Adults. Bring your cakes to the marquee 1pm Sunday 5th June. Please ensure your name is clearly attached somewhere on your cake stand/plate. Winners announced at 2:30pm with prizegiving. It's up to you as to whether you then enjoy eating it as part of your afternoon picnic.

Walking the Walk with the Moonwalk 2022

The Moonwalk is primarily in aid of Breast Cancer and is an annual event, this being the first one for a couple of years. We began our walk at 11.15 pm and arrived back at Clapham Common the following morning at 8.25am. The last 6 miles were very tough and there were moments when I really did not think I could put another foot forward! But, we did it! And it was worth every step!

I want to say a very big "Thank you" to all who supported me on this marathon walk. Your donations have given me a personal total of over £900 and our team tfd effort is in the region of £2000 with which we are delighted and immensely grateful.

Sally Hutchinson

West Hendred Parish Council hopes that everyone safely received their delivery of 2 mugs per household to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There are some mugs left over - and they are for sale at £7.50 each. Payment can be made in cash, by cheque or by bank transfer to West Hendred Parish Council a/c no. 50956090, sort code 20-90-91. Please contact Sarah on sarahlloyd@qi.com or Julia parishcouncilclerk@westhendred.net

HEG Community Larder is going amazingly well, with nearly 100 members and processing between 500-700kg of food waste every week. Not bad for our first 3 months, and a huge credit to the volunteers who help us every week. If you want to join the larder please click on the link here and make sure you choose HEG Community Larder as your base <https://www.sofea.uk.com/purpose-projects/community-larder/>

Meanwhile are going to be trialing a Food Community Kitchen to help those in need with some cooked meals every week from some of our food waste.

We are always left with fresh fruit and veg at the end of sessions and we want to use this to benefit our community even more, by cooking it up rather than composting the excess.

Like all of the the HEG Schemes we are reliant on kindness and generosity, we don't have an income stream. Any donations people wish to give in food or a few £, would help get us going. Do get in touch with us if you can help! There's no formal "set up", and we want to keep this scheme fluid and be able to respond as needed. Please do pass this email onto friends / people you know locally, touch base with anyone who would like some help or to come along to the larder!

We are hugely grateful to Snells Hall committee in East Hendred for free use of the kitchen for the next few months. Volunteer help is always welcome, we will use the kitchen from 0800-1200 hrs every Tuesday starting (we hope) from 31st May. Food will then be dropped / available for collection from Snells Hall (we will do a table collection in car park / details coming soon!)

We hope you will support this expansion to our efforts, a roster will be drawn up around weekly volunteer needs. You will need to complete an online course in food prep / hygiene, at your own cost (less than £15) and other information will be sent accordingly.

I am sure many of you can understand the difference a home cooked meal or two can make to people's lives every week, and that alongside the Community Larder we are truly helping people in our villages every week, and processing food waste.

Thank you, Sally Povolotsky and the HEG food waste team. Email - HEGLarder@gmail.com

Can you help?

We're looking for another newsletter editor to join the team. With a team of 3 we can each edit 4 newsletters a year. 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

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred

As has been widely publicised, urgent repairs to the North Aisle's supporting roof beams are needed. The architect has received the tender responses; this gives us a building cost with VAT of £39,000. With the professional fees for the architect and structural engineer, and contingency this gives a total of £ 62,000. As the church has several species of bats which are protected by law, this affects when the repair work can be done. The bat specialist visited in May and reported:

"The bat surveys started last autumn at the church have resumed. This is in preparation of the planned repair work in order to make sure the church's bats are not adversely affected by the work.

The May survey once again found plenty of activity by bats with a mix of species flying through and over the churchyard. Most activity has been by common pipistrelle (who also use the interior of the church) and this time noctule and long-eared bats. There was the excitement of a possible barbastelle bat, which is an uncommon woodland bat in Oxfordshire and relatively rare in Britain restricted to southern Britain. It is an unusual-looking bat, with silky fur and pug-like face.

The roof beams were checked for safety in early November by the Structural Engineer; we're awaiting a further check in mid-June. Hopefully the repairs will start mid to late summer.

Thank you for the very generous donations from individuals. The total raised so far from grants and donations is all 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

**West Hendred Summer Lunch—
Saturday 9th July – 12-30 to 3:30** in aid of Holy Trinity Church. The Grand Raffle tickets now on sale!

West Hendred Summer Event will be at Manor Farm House, kindly offered by Lys and Peter Cook. We'll be having the Summer Lunch also be having raffle, tombola, skittles / bowls / plants, and a Bar. We're also hoping to have the Duck Race. Can you help?

Entrance is free – yet again! Lunch is at 2019 prices, of £8 for an adult and £4 for a child under 12. Children under 5 free. We do need help with the food on the day, as well as people volunteering food items. I'll be emailing on the food items in early June. If you would like to help on this, please do contact Hugh on 833174.

We would be very grateful for donations towards the tombola and items can be dropped off with Patsy at The Old Post Office at any time from now onwards. Tins, bottles, toiletries, candles, unused gifts etc. or anything else you can think of, all welcome. We will also be asking for help for stalls, and also for 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.

THE WEST HENDRED AND GINGE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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) 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

The builders have completed the renewal of the paving and car park area.

Painting of the hall exterior is all done – we're thoroughly spruced up for the Jubilee

CURRENT EVENTS

PUPPY SCHOOL

The next course is due to start at 6.30pm on Monday 6th 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 Canine Behaviourist (CCB) 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

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL USUALLY INCLUDE:

Boogie Mites – Monday mornings

It's music and dance for preschool children, every Monday morning. Contact Lizzie on LizzieL@boogiemites.co.uk

West Hendred Stitches - SECOND and FOURTH Tuesdays in the month

Further information from Jane Soffe contact 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. 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

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

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

Tuesdays 5.30 – 6.30 Teen Yoga with mindfulness – looking for a sport or skill for Duke of Edinburgh? Please contact me.

New students very welcome!

Wednesday 10-11am Move Together- Gentle Yoga. Still a couple of places available

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 Davey – British Wheel of Yoga / TeenYoga Teacher

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