

WEST HENDRED

AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 AUG 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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West Hendred Summer Lunch - Saturday 9th July - In aid of Holy Trinity Church

The Summer Lunch raised over £1,285 for Holy Trinity Church.

This was our first post-covid Summer Lunch, which we managed to organise despite various covid attempts to disrupt it! A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the Summer Lunch possible - from those who put up and took down the marquees and ferried tables and chairs across and back to the Hall, to the stallholders and to the organisers of the duck race and skittles, to all those who cooked and prepped the food and cleared and washed up afterwards, including villagers who originally just turning up to deliver a dish and then stayed to help.

And the weather stayed sunny, and warm for us! The range of excellent quiches was extraordinary, the salads varied, the puddings and cheeses delicious with hardly a crumb left over!

Thank you for the many donations that were received for the raffle, tombola. One of the raffle winners was our bat specialist, who was delighted to win a selection of wines, "Made my day thank you! Something I can make good use of !!"

All of this helped to make it such a success both socially and financially. Over half of the lunches were paid using our new contactless payment reader – another success for the day. A big thank you to Lys and Peter Cook who provided once again the idyllic setting of their garden and the stream for the occasion. And finally THANK YOU to all who came and made it such a fun afternoon!
Hugh Rees

Vounteers Needed

Are you a mum, dad, grandparent or carer? We need people with your experience to volunteer at **Home-Start**, S.Oxfordshire.

Being a parent is hard for everyone; for some it can be overwhelming. Some of us have a fantastic support network of family and friends to help, some of us don't. With your knowledge and experience as a mum, dad, grandparent or carer, you could be the vital support a family needs and make a big difference to their lives. Join us and if you could give as little as two hours a week to support a parent and their children, then please get in touch. Tel: 01235 511152 Email: admin@homestartso.org
Home-Start S. Oxon 197 Broadway, Didcot, OX11 8RU

Supporting families across most of the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Council areas

Downs Golden Age

The DGA is a well-established club for all the older residents of East and West Hendred and further afield. We have members who come from far afield as Wantage and Abingdon. On Thursday 1st Sept we are holding an Open Afternoon at Snells Hall for anyone to come along to see if they are interested in joining our

friendly club. As well as delicious tea at 3pm there will be a talk by a representative of the local charity Parkinsons.me.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at Snells Hall for either lunch or tea and we have an array of interesting speakers. We always welcome new members. Its only £20 per year which covers all the lunches and teas, speakers and subsidised outings. For more information please contact

Susie 833797 or susie@monkscourt.co.uk

Springline Singers – The Community Choir

Springline Singers, your Community Choir, will re-start on Thursday 15th September at 7.30 to 9.30pm. at West Hendred Village Hall. The six week term will finish on Thursday 20th October. After a week's break we start again on Thursday 3rd November. £7 per session or £35 for the term.

The choir is for anyone aged 16+ who wants to sing. Music includes world music, folk, pop, musicals, sea shanties. No singing experience needed. We are a very friendly inclusive group. Come and improve your health and wellbeing and be part of our community of singers!

For more information, please look at the Facebook group page

Springline Singers or

susieturnbull51@icloud.com

More help is on the way for people who are struggling to pay their food, energy and other related bills.

Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire district councils have opened a voucher scheme to support households who can't afford to pay for life's essentials. The scheme is part of the Government's Household Support Fund (HSF) which was extended by the chancellor in the recent budget. A portion of funds allocated to Oxfordshire County Council have been allocated to Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire district councils as part of a wider support package across the county, which includes help for children eligible for free school meals through the holidays.

Funding is limited and the scheme is open initially to people who have not had support from it before. However, the councils will open it to second applications if funds remain.

Cllr Helen Pighills, Cabinet Member for Healthy Communities at Vale of White Horse District Council said: "Whether it's a change in circumstances or the rise in the cost of living that's causing pressure - we urge people in

financial difficulty who have not already received assistance from this fund to apply for the help that's now available."

Cllr Maggie Filipova-Rivers, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing at South Oxfordshire District Council said: "Financial issues can affect us at very different times in life. Struggling to afford to pay the bills is a reality for many, and we want residents to access this help for that very reason."

The funds are not restricted to people in receipt of benefits and there is no requirement that residents must be employed or must be unemployed. In contrast to previous schemes, a portion of the funds will be allocated specifically to support pensioner households. To find out about the scheme and to complete an application form please visit the councils' webpages:

- whitehorsedc.gov.uk/household-support-fund
- southoxon.gov.uk/household-support-fund

The scheme will end in September 2022, unless funds are spent sooner.

Holy Trinity West Hendred Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride – 10th September

Money raised will be divided equally between The Oxford Historic Churches Trust and Holy Trinity Church West Hendred. Last year we raised £805 and Holy Trinity Church received £402-50; OHCT says a thank you for all your past support and encouragement – it is greatly appreciated and last year's entire Ride & Stride raised £93,597.

Very limited printed material available online from OHCT's website. <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

In August 2020 OHCT has awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the replacement of a defective Bell Tower wall plate along the south side of the bell chamber, due to death watch beetle, and timber rot. The work was completed in September, totalling £4,196 net. In February 2021 OHCT awarded a grant of £7,000 towards the urgent repairs to the North Aisle roof supports, where the total cost is £62,000.

There are several "old hands", young and old, who anticipate participating. So please join us, either by Riding or Striding yourself, or sponsoring us.

More details are available from Hugh Rees on 833174 and OHCT's website on

www.ohct.org.uk

**Holy Trinity Church West Hendred
North Aisle roof – supporting timbers –
URGENT WORK TO THE CHURCH**

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 we go to press, we await the outcome of the late June visit by our bat specialist, Colin Menendez. He is awaiting the DNA analysis of bat droppings. Colin reported in mid-July “no DNA result yet. Sometimes if the first analysis does not give a clear result they run a second test; they are pretty efficient at the university”. Once the DNA analysis has been received, our bat specialist can then assess which licence type we need.

A low impact licence would enable the work to commence sooner, but a standard licence would need to await Natural England, which could take 60 days. The Structural Engineer provided in early July his assessment for safety. He has emphasised that we need to get the repairs done soonest. Hopefully the repairs will start in late summer or autumn.

We need your support. Thank you for the very generous donations from individuals. The total raised so far from grants and donations is £58,144 (including gift aid) -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 webpage; or by contacting the church Treasurer, Roland Jack rolandmjack@gmail.com or 01235 831894

Table tennis table

Table tennis table on wheels, complete with bats, balls and net. All very good condition. Free to a good home in West or East Hendred (or a contribution to the WH Village Hall fund)
Contact: Neil Ashman 07719 005289

For Sale -Vauxhall Corsa – Ideal for Young Driver

X reg, 22 years old, yet 50,000 miles! Petrol 973CC Very reliable; low cost – both maintenance and excellent MPG. Low insurance cost. Full-service history. Sale due to bereavement £750

Contact: Hugh Rees, 01235-833174

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

The Hendred Owls WI

Our summer social and craft evening is on Wednesday 17th August.

Doors open 7:15pm at Snells Hall, East Hendred. We’ve had plenty of new members join us in the last couple of months so this presents us with an opportunity to get to know each other and chat some more. If you are still curious as to what Hendred Owls is all about then come along as a visitor and join in with our craft and relax over a glass of wine. Our Wine Tasting evening has been rescheduled towards the end of September and will take place at Hendred Vineyard. This will be a members only meeting.

We’ve a chippy supper in the pipeline before we move into ecoliving and yoga in the autumn programme. To stay up to date with what’s going on please follow us Facebook @hendredowlswi and Instagram @Hendredowlswi or email for monthly newsletter at

thehendredowlswi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

WH Stitchers are looking for new members

We are a group of ladies who love to sew and chat, and we would like to invite more ladies to join us. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 10am - 4pm in West Hendred Village Hall. The hall is light and bright so it’s perfect for sewing. Our ladies range from beginners to the experienced, we support each other with ideas and have developed great friendships as a result. Many of us love to sew patchwork for ourselves, but we have also created charity quilts for the Linus Project and we can knit, crochet, cross stitch and make lace. Whatever your stitch, please feel free to either call us or drop in to meet us on one of our Tuesdays.

Jane Soffe (07455076584)

3 Keys on a keyring found

Contact Nigel Findlay 0700554537

THE WEST HENDRED AND GINGE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

All hall enquiries/bookings should be made via email to villagehallbookings@westhendred.net or 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.

The AGM of The West Hendred village Hall charity was held on 12th July. Hugh Rees was re-elected chairman, Nigel Findley as Treasurer and Chantal Ligertwood as Secretary. Jenni Dimbylow, Rosemary Budge, Sarah Lloyd, Tony Lewis and Stefan Povolotsky were elected as Trustees, with Peter Cook, Penny Meston, Jane Soffe and Linda Soderstrom appointed as Advisers. In spite of Covid restrictions, the Hall's funds remain healthy, thanks to a good group of regular users alongside one-off events.

CURRENT EVENTS

Puppy School is the national network of certified puppy tutors. Classes run in WHVH on Mondays at 6.30pm 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 – Every Monday morning

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

West Hendred Stitches meet on the 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. 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 Contact me and arrange for a free trial lesson.

Linda Davey – British Wheel of Yoga / TeenYoga Teacher

Village Hall Committee Contacts

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