

# **WEST HENDRED**

## *September 2022* **NEWSLETTER**

**Deadline for next Newsletter  
25 SEPTEMBER 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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### **Richard Tingley**

I am afraid we have to report the sad news that Richard Tingley died on 8th August. He was a proper countryman and happy to share his knowledge and skill with everyone in the Parish. Many of you will have met him whether in the Scouts and in village life or simply in his minibus with his beloved Scamp looking out. He was a great gardener and has tended the garden at Sparsholt Court for over 30 years. But he was much more than a gardener and as a countryman would turn his hand to literally anything with great skill and care. He was certainly a character, he was our friend, and we'll all miss him.

His funeral is at the South Oxfordshire Crematorium on 1st September at 1.00 pm with the wake in the Sparsholt Court Gardens (OX12 8RL) afterwards from about 2.15 pm. The family welcomes his friends to the Crematorium and reception. WHPC

### **The 10<sup>th</sup> West Hendred Not Just A Beer Festival Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

Traditionally we offer homemade cakes for sale on the Saturday, which have been made and donated by kind villagers.

The committee would be grateful if anyone could bake a cake and bring it to the Hall during the morning of Saturday 3rd September.

Thank you!

WHNJABF Committee

### **West Hendred NJA Beer Festival – More Bar Helpers Wanted**

We are asking for more volunteers to help run the Bar at the Beer Festival this year which is on Friday 2nd Sept (evening) and Saturday 3rd September from approximately midday to late evening. You will be in a group of three or four people running the bar at any one time. You can choose when you work, it's good fun and you meet a lot of people!

You will get clear written details of how the system works in advance and enough advice to answer your questions. Most people find that it's a lot easier than they expected. You will get plenty of support from your colleagues on the day and will find that you learn quickly!

There will be summary sheets on the bar to help the buyers make their decisions (and you to answer their questions)

Every beer barrel or cider box will be clearly marked to help you and them.

You will NOT have to take any money!

The punters will either exchange notes & cash OR pay electronically at the door to get token sheets that they will use at the bar and elsewhere. NO MONEY will be involved from your point of view.

If you are interested, please contact Tony Lewis on 07866 428943 [tonylewiswh@outlook.com](mailto:tonylewiswh@outlook.com) to find out more or simply to volunteer.

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

This year's sponsored event is on Saturday 10th September – money raised will be divided equally between The Oxford Historic Churches Trust and Holy Trinity Church West Hendred. We usually receive our portion in late December or early January.

Oxford Historic Churches Trust will, like last year, have R+S with somewhat different arrangements. OHCT are building on what they have learnt from R +S during the depths of Covid, so that much can be achieved in a simpler way. Sponsorship forms are in Holy Trinity Church for you to take-away. Very limited printed material has been distributed, with almost everything available online from OHCT's website.

<https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

OHCT have always been very supportive of us. In August 2020 OHCT awarded Holy Trinity a grant of £1,000 towards replacement of a wall plate along the south side of the Tower bell chamber, and in February 2021 they also awarded a grant of £7,000 towards the urgent repairs to the North Aisle roof supports.

More details are available from Hugh Rees on 833174 and OHCT's website on [www.ohct.org.uk](http://www.ohct.org.uk)

### **Harvest Festival Holy Trinity Church Sunday 2nd October**

Our Harvest Festival communion service will be held on Sunday 2nd October commencing at 9.30am and, as in previous years, it will be followed by a delicious breakfast. Please do come along and join us in our service of praise and thanksgiving and the singing of favourite harvest hymns. If you can't get to the service, you are still very welcome to join us for breakfast afterwards! All very welcome.

#### **A call out to all the children**

We will be decorating the church in the week leading up to Harvest and would love to receive children's artwork on a 'harvest' theme. Drawings, paintings, collages, vegetable animals, whatever you can think of! These will be displayed alongside flowers and other harvest decorations. Please either drop off to one of us or pop them inside the church and we will retrieve them. Alternatively, we can collect them from you.

#### **Food Bank Donations**

We will be supporting the local food bank once again and would very much appreciate

donations of non-perishable goods. These can be dropped off in church from Thursday 29th September or brought along to the Harvest Festival Service. Suggestions of items needed can be found at

[www.wantageandgrovefoodbank.org.uk](http://www.wantageandgrovefoodbank.org.uk)

Many thanks for your support in previous years and it would be lovely if we could help a few people again this year during such difficult times. Patsy 835113 - The Old Post Office  
Angela 862912 - 12, The Greenway  
On behalf of Holy Trinity PCC

### **Holy Trinity Church West Hendred**

North Aisle roof – URGENT WORK TO THE CHURCH – PLEASE HELP CLOSE THE GAP!

As has been widely publicised, urgent repairs to the North Aisle's supporting roof beams are needed. The Structural Engineer, following his inspection in late June 2022, provided his assessment that "In its current condition the roof is safe for continued use of the church provided the proposed repairs can be implemented within the next 6 months." He emphasised that we need to get the repairs done ASAP!

The bat specialist, following DNA analysis of bat droppings, determined in early August that we need a Standard bat license; he was promptly instructed to apply for this to Natural England, which should be received in mid to late October – a legal requirement before work commences. Our Architect has been keeping the preferred contractor informed of events; the contractor says they can commence in early November, however they are looking again at cost. As we go to press, the Architect is progressing the cost with the contractor. The indications are that the building cost has increased from £32K net in May 2021 by over 15%, and not more than 25% i.e. a further £5K to £8K net. We should be able to reclaim most of VAT. We expect a firmer cost in the next couple of weeks.

#### **We need your support NOW – PLEASE HELP US CLOSE THE GAP**

Thank you for the very generous donations from individuals. The total raised so far from grants and donations is £60,744 (including gift aid), including a £1,000 donation just received we go to press. Our funding gap is c £4K to £7K net. Please help us now to close the funding gap, so we can get this very urgent work done as soon as possible. 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

### **Pair of Lagerfeld glasses found**

On track past Upper Farm, Ginge to Ridgeway.  
Contact Victoria 07980303720

### **The Arts Society Wantage**

(Formerly NADFAS) meets monthly in The Beacon 10.30 - 12noon.

Sept. 23rd. - "Vienna - the Melting Pot of European Culture" - Peter Medhurst

Oct. 28th. - "Selfies, Celebrity & the Victorian Carte de Visite" - Mark Hill (from the Antiques Roadshow)

Visitors welcome - £10 (pay on door). Annual sub £50 including refreshments.

For further info contact

[clemdavies2010@sky.com](mailto:clemdavies2010@sky.com) 01235 764037

<http://www.theartssocietywantage.org>

### **For Sale - Vauxhall Corsa – Ideal for young driver**

X reg 22 years old, yet 50,400 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

### **Residents urged to check their voter registration details**

Residents across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse are being urged to check the details on a letter they will receive from their district council from the end of July.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils will be sending a 'Canvass Communication Form' to all homes which requires the occupants to check the details of everyone over the age of 16 living there. Local authorities need to do this each year to ensure the electoral register is up to date.

The letter people receive in July/August will depend on whether or not records indicate that there has been a change in the registered voters at their property – for instance, if a registered voter recently moved in then that address will receive a yellow letter, but if the occupants have remained the same since the last election, they will receive a green letter.

#### **What you need to do:**

#### **If your household receives a yellow letter:**

Once you have checked the details, please visit [householdresponse.com/southandvale](https://householdresponse.com/southandvale) to either confirm that everything is correct, or to update the information for your property. You will need the two-part code on the letter to do this.

#### **If your household receives a green letter:**

**if the details are correct** – you don't need to do anything, you can simply keep the letter for

your records or shred it and put it in your recycling bin.

**if the information is not correct** – please visit [householdresponse.com/southandvale](https://householdresponse.com/southandvale) to update the details for your property, you will need the two-part code on the letter to do this. In either case, the letter will explain exactly what you need to do – it is very important that you read it carefully.

If you are required to either confirm or update your details, please do so as quickly as possible – this helps to ensure that the councils will not need to contact you again to confirm the information. Mark Stone, Electoral Registration Officer for South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils, said: "When you receive your letter, if you need to update your details, please do this as soon as possible. It's very easy to do and only takes a couple of minutes, and it is also helps to ensure that people in your household will be registered to vote in next year's local elections." For information about how our Elections team holds, uses and stores personal data please

visit [southoxon.gov.uk/electionsdata](https://southoxon.gov.uk/electionsdata) or [whi  
tehorsedc.gov.uk/electionsdata](https://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/electionsdata)

Communications

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils 01235 422400

[www.southoxon.gov.uk](https://www.southoxon.gov.uk) | [@southoxon](https://twitter.com/southoxon)

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### **How Safe is your Electric Blanket?**

Free electric blanket checks in Oxfordshire, make sure your blanket is safe to use this winter.

Join us and bring a friend for free refreshments and information about keeping safe and well.

September 2022:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Oxford City

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> South Oxfordshire

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Cherwell

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> West Oxfordshire

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Vale of White Horse

Collections from your house if you can't get to us, from 3-7 October. Booking information: To book your safety check call 01865 895999 option 3 or email

[duty.officer@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:duty.officer@oxfordshire.gov.uk) Pre-booked appointments only on a strictly first come first served basis.

**The deadline for items for next month's newsletter is 25<sup>th</sup> September. Please email to [newsletter@westhendred.net](mailto:newsletter@westhendred.net)**

## The West Hendred and Ginge Village Hall News

All hall enquiries/bookings should be made via email to [villagehallbookings@westhendred.net](mailto:villagehallbookings@westhendred.net) or [www.westhendred.net](http://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.

### Current Events

#### 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 usually include:

#### Boogie Mites – Every Monday morning

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

#### West Hendred Stitchers 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](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

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](mailto: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

### Village Hall Committee Contacts

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