

WEST HENDRED

OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 OCTOBER 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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On the news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen

The church is open from approximately 9am until 6pm.

A book of condolence is available in the church.

There is a message from the Bishop of Oxford on our webpages:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6046/news/87214/queen-elizabeth-ii/>

Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth, for her faith and her dedication to duty. Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of love,
We thank you for the life of The Queen, for her service to our nation, and for her faith in you.
Be close to all of us who mourn, that we may we find comfort and hope in your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.
Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

God Save the King.

Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2022

Last year your shoeboxes brought joy to needy children in Central Asia. Once again this year we are supporting Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal and if you would like to participate through the village collection then please pick up a leaflet from Holy Trinity Church or collect one from either of us. Full details about filling your box are provided in the leaflet and we are more than happy to answer any questions.

As in previous years a donation of £5 per box is welcomed by Samaritan's Purse but this is not mandatory and we welcome ALL boxes. Please could we have completed shoeboxes by

Tuesday 15th November at the latest so that we can get them to the despatch point in time! These boxes bring so much joy to needy children overseas so please do consider taking part in this appeal. Thank you very much for reading this.

Patsy 835113 Angela 862912

Found at the Beer Festival

A wire bangle.

Contact piersdenne@msn.com

Found

A bangle was found between the church and the red barns.

Contact: Rosie Masters 07768 030491

Holy Trinity Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival Communion Service will take place at 9.30am on Sunday 2nd October followed by breakfast! All very welcome. We would still love to receive children's harvest artwork to display in church.

Food Bank Collection –

Holy Trinity Church

Non-perishable donations can be left in church between Thursday 29th September and Sunday 2nd October. Items will be gathered up shortly after the Harvest Festival Service. Many thanks.

Holy Trinity West Hendred Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride

This year's sponsored event took place on Saturday 10th September.

The weather was mostly good – a slight shower or two, a light wind, and the sun shone! I opened Holy Trinity Church at just after 9-10 AM, with the first st/rider, Geoff Bailey, arriving shortly after from East Hendred, who then continued to Ardington and Wantage.

A total of at least 9 st/riders visited the church.

Janice Spearing cycled for Ride & Stride for the first time. She says "This was my first year of participation on Ride & Stride, a worthwhile fundraising event in aid of the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, with half my sponsorship money going to West Hendred Church. I cycled from West Hendred to Radley and back, visiting 18 Churches. I received a warm welcome in those Churches which had hosts. It was an enjoyable yet exhausting day! Thank you to my generous sponsors."

The 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.

OHCT have always been very supportive of us. In February 2021 they also awarded a grant of £7,000 towards the urgent repairs to the North Aisle roof supports.

Thank you to all who rode or strode, and all who have sponsored.

Hugh Rees

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred North Aisle roof - Urgent work to the Church

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, determined in early August that we need a standard bat license, which he has applied for; we hope to receive in 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 have revised the cost from

£32K net in May 2021, to £39,847 net to take into account inflation of building costs. We should be able to reclaim most of VAT. The PCC has reviewed the entire costs, and its current funds, and decided that these funds are now sufficient to proceed with the work, although the schedule will be tight. We need your support. Thank you for the very generous donations from individuals. The total raised so far from grants and donations is £60,744 (including gift aid).

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

Hugh Rees

For Sale – ProForm 450 Cross-Trainer, 'as new' condition, hardly used. £200.00 or near offer. If interested, please call Alan – 01235 861722

For Sale – Vauxhall Corsa – Ideal for young driver

X reg, 22 years old, yet 50,600 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 October. Please email to newsletter@westhendred.net

Warm Home Discount rules updated for 2022-23 – Citizens Advice

As winter approaches, many people will be nervously anticipating the cold

weather and its inevitable effect on their heating bills. The Warm Home Discount (WHD) was introduced by the government in 2011 to offset some of this burden.

For 2022-2023 there have been a couple of significant changes to the WHD: the number of energy suppliers participating in the scheme will increase, and those on disability benefits who don't have low incomes nor high energy costs will not receive the WHD. The value of the WHD payment is currently £150. Nobody needs to apply in order to receive it, with the exception of those living in mobile homes on a park home site (see below). The payment is credited automatically to the consumer's electricity supply account (or credit is directly applied to a pre-payment meter), and energy suppliers have to make this payment by 31 March each year at the latest.

Eligibility for the WHD is ascertained by means of data-matching between energy suppliers and government departments. There are three eligible groups of consumers: low-income pensioner households; low-income people on some means-tested benefits; and households with high energy costs. This last criterion is determined by the type of property you live in, especially its age and its floor area (based on information supplied by the Valuation Office Agency or the Land Registry).

There is an alternative form of WHD for those living in mobile homes on park home sites. For more information about this, visit www.gov.uk and search for "Warm Home Discount". Also see the information under "Check if you'll get the Warm Home Discount in 2022" on <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk> The Citizens Advice consumer helpline is 0808 223 1133 and our Adviceline is 0808 278 7907 if you have other concerns about energy costs.

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 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

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 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.

Please contact Charlie Prince on 07581 462 317, or charlie@princepilates.co.uk or see 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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