

# **WEST HENDRED**

## **DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER**

### **DIARY OF EVENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>
02 December	Breast Cancer Coffee Morning	WH Village Hall	10-12
9 & 10 Dec	Christmas Cracker	Snells Hall	7.30 pm
16 December	Youth Club	WH Village Hall	7 – 9 pm
18 December	Family Service	Holy Trinity Church	9 am
18 December	Festive Get Together	WH Village Hall	11.30 – 2
19 December	Carol Singing	WH Village Hall (meet at)	6 pm
24 December	Crib Service	Holy Trinity Church	3pm
07 January	Jazz Event	WH Village Hall	7.30 – 10
28 January	Book & Plant Sale	WH Village Hall	10 - 12

**Deadline for next Newsletter 28 December 2016**

### **FESTIVE GET TOGETHER**

Join us for festive food and drink! Sunday 18th December, 11:30-2pm West Hendred village hall is not going a traditional fair this year. Instead we're having a festive get together with food (soup, bacon butties, mince pies & cake) and bar. Children's craft, raffle and one or two local stalls. Spring Line Choir will be singing at 12:30. It's a hassle free chance to catch up with friends and family at this busy time of year! Donations of mince pies, cakes and items for the raffle will be gratefully received on the day, or dropped into Hill Farm beforehand. We look forward to seeing you there, the hall committee ☺☺☺☺☺☺

### **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday 4th Morning Prayer 9:00 am  
Wednesday 7th Compline 6:00 pm  
Sunday 11th Morning Prayer 9:00 am  
Benefice service EH 10:30 am  
Tuesday 13th Holy Communion 10:00 am  
Wednesday 14th Compline 6:00 pm  
Sunday 18th Family Service 9:00 am  
Saturday 24th Crib Service 3:00 pm  
Sunday 25th Christmas Communion 9:00 am

### **SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

We are delighted to report that a total of 67 shoeboxes were received and are now on the way to bring joy and hope to needy children overseas. We would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who supported the campaign by filling a box or donating money or other items. We should receive an update from the charity in early 2017 letting us know where the boxes went and we will pass this information on through the newsletter. Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas. Angela and Patsy

### **HIGHWAY DRAINAGE WORKS - WEST**

**HENDRED- ROAD CLOSURE** Oxfordshire County Council will be undertaking works to repair the flood overflow culvert that runs adjacent to the bridge over West Hendred Brook on Greenway. This work is due to start the week commencing the 05 December 2016 for up to 5 days. The hours of site activity for the scheme will be expected to be between 07:30 - 16:00 Monday to Friday but are contained within a twenty four hour temporary road closure. The closure will be in place continuously for the duration of the works. The road here is too narrow to accommodate both site works and traffic and a closure is required for safe working. We hope to maintain pedestrian access but this may require supervision past the works by site staff during some operations. Advance signage will be erected prior to the closure coming into force to inform traffic. During the construction period site staff will liaise with residents directly affected by the construction works. If you have any concerns regarding this work please ring Mark Bostock on 07557082526.

### **COFFEE MORNING**

Friday 2nd December in West Hendred Village Hall, 10am-12pm. All proceeds going to Breast Cancer Care.

### **COME AND SING CAROLS**

Around West Hendred on Monday 19th December at 6pm meeting at the Village Hall. All voices welcome! Wrap up warm & bring torches please For more information Contact Patsy on 835113 or Angela on 862912.

### **OXFORD HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE**

This year's sponsored event took place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. 11 st/riders visited the church on a phenomenally wet day As we go to press, there's still a few more sponsorships to collect. So far we have raised over £770 from sponsors! Hopefully we'll raise over £850! Thank you to all who have sponsored, and all who took part. Hugh Rees

### **WARNING LIGHTS ON A417 - CAN YOU HELP?**

We have the urgent on-going problem of our village children crossing the increasingly busy A417, especially in the winter dark. It was a concern mentioned by many villagers in the Community Led Plan. We have investigated the possibility of a crossing and it has, ironically, been deemed unsafe because of where the bus stops to let on/off passengers in relation to the turn into West Hendred. We are looking into obtaining solar-powered Children Crossing warning lights on both sides of the A417. The cost is high: £3,815 (more than half our annual precept). The Parish Council has been given a donation of £500 by the (Not Just a) Beer Festival, for which we are very grateful. We can take some money from reserves but are hoping that there are parishioners who might like to donate money to help us fund these warning lights. We would be most grateful for sums small and large. If you'd like to discuss any aspect of this - our next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 12th January in the Village Hall. The public forum is at 8pm, or we can arrange to meet you at another time if that isn't convenient. WHPC

### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL**

My heartfelt thanks to those who braved the elements and banged on all the doors in West Hendred and to the residents who gave so generously this year. My special thanks to one resident who gave all his car parking change. I took over ten minutes to count but every penny counts. The gift aid envelopes were well used this year so the chancellor will add another 25% to the total. So far we have collected over £550 which is an excellent total for a small village. Thank you NF

**VILLAGE HALL SEEKS SECRETARY** - Could this be you? Our Secretary for many years, Gwen McCourt has resigned as she and Martin have moved to Blewbury. We're seeking a Secretary! Could this be you? Please do talk with Sarah, Nigel, Tony, Rosemary, Dave or myself about becoming Secretary. We'll be at the Village Christmas Party and the Jazz in the Village. Hugh Rees

### **JAZZ EVENT** 7<sup>th</sup> January 7.30 - 10

Our first Jazz event in the village hall! Please come and support us. Ian Millar (Saxophone) & Dominic Spencer (Piano) play high quality, sophisticated, melodic jazz, improvising on standards and original compositions. They regularly perform around the UK – and their new tour includes two other dates in Oxfordshire. "What a lovely and exhilarating performance" "Beautiful soaring magic! I was blown

away by your show, just breath-taking!" "... expect warm, intelligent, reflective human music..."  
Licensed Bar. Antipasti platters for sale on the night. Tickets £10 from Olivia Barton 07917542662. Book Now. Profits will go towards the final costs of the Village Hall's 2017 kitchen refurb.

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, WEST HENDRED**

High quality Christmas Cards are available of Holy Trinity Church. The greeting inside is Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year. The Cards are available in packs of 10 (with envelopes) for £5 per pack, and are sold in aid of repairs to Holy Trinity Church. The cards are on sale in the church, which is open in daylight hours. There are also packs of 10 cards (with envelopes) of the church available, which are plain inside. You can also buy the cards from Christine Tanner, Wainfelin, Ginge Road 01235-833349 Hugh Rees, Mill Farm House, Mill Lane 01235-833174 Holy Trinity Church West Hendred

### **THE HENDREDS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Hendreds School has been under scrutiny during 2016. In March we had a SIAMS inspection (National Society Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) and then more recently at the beginning of November we were subjected to the rigorous of a two day full OFSTED inspection. The staff and governors of the school are delighted to be able to tell you that we achieved the highest 'Outstanding' grade in all areas of both inspections. A couple of quotes from the OFSTED report highlight the school's special ethos and approach to learning. "The personal development of each pupil is at the heart of the school's work, no opportunity is wasted in pursuit of this goal" and "The curriculum is wide ranging, combining essential skills and knowledge with exciting and meaningful experiences". The amount of hard work, time and effort that achieving these fantastic results has taken should not be underestimated. The staff and pupils of the school were brilliant on both occasions, it is not easy to handle the pressure the presence of an inspector places on both teacher and pupil alike! We should acknowledge and applaud what an amazing job everyone at the school has done over the past few years to earn these grades. Ms Tansley has been Headmistress of the school for 26 years and she is ably assisted by an exceptional team of teaching staff who provide our children with a rich and diverse curriculum. We are, as a community, extremely lucky to have them. The school transformed to academy status in December 2013 and is now part of the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST). The support and guidance provided by the team of professionals at ODST has been exceptional. The Governing Body of the school consider these brilliant results to underline the positive influence the move to ODST and Academy status has had on the school. For more information about the school or to view the inspection reports please visit the school website [www.hendreds.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.hendreds.oxon.sch.uk)

Following the successful 2016 West Hendred Not just a beer festival, the organisers are delighted that a 'significant' barbecue has been bought for use at village hall functions (free) and that it is also available for private hire (home based) at £25 per 24 hour period. (The hire fee going towards the village hall fund and gas replacement).

The barbecue is a Napoleon LE 485 RSBI (LE 3 Stainless) Gas BBQ and you can see details for it here: <https://www.napoleongrills.co.uk/bbqs/lex-series-gas-bbqs>

Until secure storage can be arranged at the hall, the barbecue can be found at Piers and Katy Dennes' house in Manor Lane. If you would like to hire it for a private, home based, function or use it at a village hall function please contact Piers or Katy on 821452 or [piersdenne@msn.com](mailto:piersdenne@msn.com).

#### **NEXT NEWSLETTER**

The deadline for the next Newsletter is

**28 December 2016**

Hand delivered items – please place your article in an envelope marked clearly "WH Newsletter" and deliver to:

- Janet Trotman Tean, The Millham (Tel: 833531)

Alternatively, you can send items for inclusion to our e-mail address:

[Newsletter@westhendred.net](mailto:Newsletter@westhendred.net)

#### **SPRINGLINE presents "A CHRISTMAS CRACKER"**

an evening of songs, fun and frivolity!

Friday 9th December and Saturday 10th December.  
Both evenings at 7.30 at Snells hall.

Both evenings audience will be seated at tables.

Friday £12 pp inc bread and cheese. Pay Bar

Saturday £25 pp inc glass of fizz, 3 course supper and BYO drinks

Tickets for sale at Hendred Stores from Monday 14 November.

#### **FOR SALE**

•  
Samsonite large hard shell silver grey suitcase Upright handle and two wheels  
Excellent condition, used once. Cost £150. Accept £40

•  
John Lewis White bathroom tallboy. One cupboard and three shelves. Self assembly  
Cost £225. Accept £40

•  
Pretty green/pink floral "Sheridan" lined curtains 137 cm drop x 167 cm width £20

•  
Green roman blind 116 cm (W) x 107 cm (H) £15

TELEPHONE: 07758 730164

## WEST HENDRED AND GINGE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

All hall enquiries/bookings should be made via mobile number 07444-871149 or via email to [villagehallbookings@westhendred.net](mailto:villagehallbookings@westhendred.net) Web Site : [www.westhendred.net](http://www.westhendred.net) We've greatly improved our website recently, so please do visit it.

### **VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY** - SUNDAY 18th December 11:30 to 2PM

Join us for festive food and drink! Instead of our traditional Fair, we're having a festive get together with a bar and food (soup, bacon butties, mince pies & cakes). Children's crafts, one or two local stalls and a fabulous raffle. It's a hassle-free chance to catch up with friends and family at this busy time of year! Donations of mince pies and cakes (and last-minute additions to the raffle) will be gratefully received on the day. We look forward to seeing you there! The Village Hall Committee.

### **JAZZ IN THE VILLAGE** – SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> January 7-30 to 10PM

Ian Millar (Saxophone) & Dominic Spencer (Piano) play high quality, sophisticated, melodic jazz, improvising on standards and original compositions. Doors open at 7-30pm, concert starts at 8PM Licensed Bar. Antipasti platters for sale on the night. Tickets £10 each – Tickets from Olivia Barton on 07917-542662, or [o.barton@mangetoutcatering.net](mailto:o.barton@mangetoutcatering.net) Book Now! Profits will go towards the final costs of the Village Hall's 2017 kitchen refurb.

**YOUTH CLUB** – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party - 7 pm to 9pm We're having our Christmas party, £2 per child. The Youth Club meets usually on the third Friday at 7 pm. Please contact for more information, Penny Meston. Adult helpers are urgently needed! Anyone interested in helping to run the youth club should contact Penny. We need adult helpers to go on a Rota. If we get enough, it could mean only helping once or twice a year as it is a monthly Youth Group. Please contact Penny: 01235 832113.

**COFFEE MORNING, PLANT, AND BOOK SALE** – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 10 am – 12 noon Happy Christmas and New Year to all who have come to book sales in 2016! Thank you to all who came to the late November sale, which we await as we go to press. This year you've already raised £234-58 for the Village Hall. The next Sale may be in early January. Many nearly new cookery and children's books! Also a variety of hardy plants. All proceeds are for the Village Hall. Please contribute - Hugh and Annabel on 833174.

### **REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL INCLUDE:**

**MOTHER AND BABY/TODDLER GROUP** Monday mornings' 10.15am to 11.45.

Get together in the hall and meet/chat to other local mothers. Fathers welcome too. Just drop in

**WEST HENDRED STITCHERS** - meet on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays in the month 10am - 4pm. Open to everyone who'd like to stitch with friends in a warm and sociable atmosphere. Beginners welcome. Work on individual projects. Tea & coffee provided. Bring own lunch. Further information from Jane Soffe 01235 832554

**FAMILY SERVICE** – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9AM

The Family Service at 9AM will be in the Church.

**PILATES** - Monday evenings 7 to 8 pm, Wednesdays 6 to 7 pm, and 7 to 8 pm

Please contact Charlie Prince on 07581462317, or email [princepilates@hotmail.com](mailto:princepilates@hotmail.com)

**BALLET AND TAP AND MODERN** – meet on Wednesdays from 3.50 to 5.20pm. For 3 – 11 year olds – You can join anytime. Contact Bernadine Soul for details between 10am & 4pm on 01235 510710

**YOGA CLASS** - Beginners and Improvers – Thursday mornings 09.15 – 10.45. For more information and to enrol please contact Linda Soderstrom on 01235 863647 Gentle yoga – Thursdays 11 – 12.30

There are a couple of places in a 'gentle yoga' class on Thursdays 11 - 12.30. Please call for more information. Yoga and Mindfulness for Teens – Mondays 5.45 – 6.45 New members welcome. For more information on any of these classes and to enrol please contact Linda Soderstrom on 01235 863647.

### **Village Hall Committee Contacts**

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