

# ***WEST HENDRED***

## ***FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER***

### **DIARY OF EVENTS**

3 Feb	Village Coffee Morning	10.00am – 12.00pm	WHVH
16 Feb	WI Meeting	7.30pm	Snells Hall
17 Feb	Youth Club	7.00pm -9.00pm	WHVH
19 Feb	Family Service	9.00am	Holy Trinity Church
25 Feb	Coffee, book & plant sale	10.00am – 12.00pm	WHVH

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

### **M4 Junctions 12 to 13: Redhill and Dark Lane (Bradfield) – Bridge Refurbishment**

Long-term monitoring has found that the two bridges which carry the M4 over Ashampstead Road and Dark Lane, near Bradfield in West Berkshire, require extensive repair due to chloride-induced corrosion.

The scheme is scheduled to start in mid-February 2017 and is expected to take seven months to complete. Work will primarily be undertaken during day time hours, however some activities will be carried out at night when necessary.

#### **Traffic Management**

In order to carry out the work as efficiently and safely as possible, the following traffic management restrictions will be in place:

- 24 hour narrow lane running in contraflow on both carriageways with a 50mph speed limit
- Overnight lane closures (Monday to Friday, 9pm to 6am)
- Overnight closures of the M4 between junctions 12 and 13 (Monday to Friday, 9pm to 6am)
- Daytime lane closures over weekend periods (9pm Friday through to 5am Sunday)
- Closure of Dark Lane beneath the bridge – Monday 6 March to Thursday 4 May
- Closure of Ashampstead Road beneath the bridge – Monday 13 March to Friday 26 May

#### **Weekend Closures**

During work to demolish and install the bridge deck beams, specialist working methods and equipment will be required which will include large cranes that'll sit across all lanes of the motorway.

Due to this there will be a requirement to close the M4 east and westbound carriageways between junctions 12 and 13 for entire weekend periods (9pm Friday through to 5am Monday).

The weekend closures are currently scheduled for:

- Friday 31 March to Monday 3 April
- Friday 7 April to Monday 10 April
- Friday 5 May to Monday 8 May

The planning of all roadworks is led by safety – for both road users and workers alike. These full weekend closures are required due to nature of the activities to be undertaken which cannot be done using other methods of traffic management.

During these closures a clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A4 (through Newbury, Thatcham and Woolhampton). Confirmed dates for all closures will be displayed on signs along the M4. Significant delays are expected during these weekend closure periods, and it is advised that you plan ahead of your journey to allow for extra time or avoid this route where possible.

We would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused during the works. If you have any questions or if you'd like you know about the work please contact Highways England's customer control centre:

Phone: 0300 123 5000

Email: [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk)

Web: <http://www.highways.gov.uk>

Local Twitter: @HighwaysSEAST

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Post: Highways England, Bridge House, Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ

## West Hendred Not Just a Beer Festival 2017

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual WHNJABF is scheduled for **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June** this year. Essentially the format will be along similar lines to previous years (why spoil a winning formula?), but with an expanded range of activities, facilities and entertainment.

Over the past five years the festival has raised (in total) more than **£10,000**, all of which has been invested back by improving facilities in the village (mostly through the Village Hall). This has only been possible due to the extreme hard work of a wide group of villagers and by the participation of everyone who has come along to enjoy the event. Enormous thanks to everyone who has taken part in the last 5 years!

We are looking for new blood to help (the current incumbents aren't getting any younger!!). This can be by running the event itself (serving beer, preparing/cooking the food, helping with activities etc), in the organising beforehand, or even just coming up with new ideas to make each successive year even better than the last.

If you are interested in being involved in any way, please contact Tim Hutchinson at [tim.hutchinson@outlook.com](mailto:tim.hutchinson@outlook.com)

### Procession through the Village

On Thursday 2nd February, at just after 2pm, there will be a walking procession to follow the hearse from the Wilkins' home in Mill Lane to Holy Trinity, where a service for Nikki will be held.

Please be aware of these timings for any journeys you are planning.

## Village Coffee Morning

The next village coffee morning is to be held on Friday 3rd February from 10.00am to 12.00pm and all proceeds will be going to the Oxfordshire RSPCA. There will be a representative there offering information about animals in the county in need of re-homing. Pop down for a coffee, cake and a chat...all welcome!

## Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

An update from the 2016 campaign. The 67 shoeboxes collected in our villages were distributed to needy children in the **Middle East**. This year we are unable to state exactly which country they went to. The charity states "Due to the political and religious sensitivities within some of the countries we deliver to, and for the safety of our ministry partners living in these restricted areas, we cannot divulge the names of the countries."

We would again like to thank all the people who supported the campaign and hope you will join with us later this year for Christmas 2017.  
Patsy and Angela

## BT Public Telephone Box

Eyesore phone box gone!

I am delighted to tell you that at long last the derelict phone box has been removed by BT. We are very grateful to Peter Cook and his tenacity over several years in overcoming BT's foot-dragging.

In some ways the phone box saga started over 25 years ago when the then Parish Council agreed to replace the old red box outside The Old Post Office with a new style box outside the Hall. In its day, the box did give a good service not least to pre-mobile chatting teenagers. For some years now, however, it has been hardly used, and frequently not worked. It has morphed into abandoned industrial waste from another era. We salute its passing.

## Wantage Gardeners Association

Wantage Gardeners Association is a friendly, not for profit organisation, seeking to promote gardening in the community by providing fertilisers, composts and a wide range of gardening essentials at very reasonable prices.

We also sell potatoes, garlic and onions at bulk prices and offer 30% discount on Kings professional quality seeds to members.

The shop can be found in Springfield Road in Wantage, behind the Scout hut and we re-open on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9 – 12.**

Please visit the web site at [www.wantagegardeners.org.uk](http://www.wantagegardeners.org.uk) for full details.

## Hendred Reeling Society

If your New Year's resolution is "to try something new" then please join us for some fun at our "Garden Party Reels" on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in Snells Hall, East Hendred. We will be holding 3 practice sessions where **BEGINNERS are encouraged to come along** to West Hendred Village Hall – just turn up – no need to book. These will be from 8.00p.m. – 10.00p.m. on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February; Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at a cost of £2.00 per person per session. We are fortunate to have a professional, patient and helpful instructor so now is the time to bite-the-bullet and give it a whirl! If you have any queries please email [rachaelaustin@fastmail.fm](mailto:rachaelaustin@fastmail.fm) or ring on 833798.

## Message from Citizens Advice

Are you struggling with debts? Citizens Advice can help.

More people saddled with unmanageable debts are turning to Citizens Advice, leading the charity to call for people to seek help before they reach crisis point.

Citizens Advice is now urging people who are failing to keep on top of their debts to seek advice early, so that they have the best chance of managing their debts. An adviser stressed: "We will discuss your individual situation and look at the options available to you, so that you can make an informed decision about the best debt management for you."

For further help visit [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk), phone 03444 111 444 or drop into your nearest Citizens Advice. For locations and opening hours see [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale) Citizens Advice Oxfordshire South and Vale is an independent charity that provides the local Citizens Advice service.

## Your Newsletter needs YOU!

The West Hendred Newsletter is currently being edited by two people. We would love to find a third person to join the gang which would mean that each editor would work on just four editions per year. You'd need to be able to use Microsoft Word and thrive on a bit of juggling around with words and spaces. Hey, what is there not to like? If you fancy joining in the fun, please contact either Nicola Prescott on 832026 or Katy Denne on 821452.

## East & West Hendred WI

The next meeting will be at Snells Hall, East Hendred, on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm for a talk by Chris Lowe on the story of the RNLi. Visitors welcome.

## Spring into action with the Hendreds Tennis Club

Hendreds Tennis Club is welcoming new players to join – from complete beginners to seasoned pros, with family and individual membership available. Club mornings run on Sundays from 10 o'clock and on Wednesday evenings during the summer months.

With junior and adult coaching opportunities, tournaments, local leagues, friendly matches and social events during the year, you don't want to miss out! The club is now registered with the LTA, which means members can also benefit from entry into the Wimbledon ballot.

To register your interest in joining, you can email the club at [play@hendredstennis.co.uk](mailto:play@hendredstennis.co.uk), visit the website to find out more at [www.hendredstennis.co.uk](http://www.hendredstennis.co.uk), or simply turn up on Sunday mornings. Hope to see you soon.

## February Church Services

Sunday 5	Morning Prayer	9:00
Sunday 12	Morning Prayer	9:00
Lockinge	Benefice Communion	10:30
Tuesday 14	Holy Communion	10:00
Sunday 19	Family Service	9:00
Sunday 26	Holy Communion	9:00

## FOR SALE

Victorian Chest of Drawers & Mirror which has been painted and slightly distressed in "Old White". It's a nice chunky piece with four deep drawers. Overall height including mirror is 93cm. Width 107cm. Depth 53cm.  
£150.00 O.N.O.  
Call Katy on 821452

## NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next Newsletter is **25 February 2017**

Email [newsletter@westhendred.net](mailto:newsletter@westhendred.net) or send handwritten articles to:

- Nicola Prescott, Summerleigh, The Millham (Tel: 832026) or
- Katy Denne, Fieldfare, Manor Lane (Tel: 821452)

## WEST HENDRED AND GINGE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

### HALL LETTINGS

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.

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

Thank you to all of you who came and enjoyed Ian Millar (Saxophone) & Dominic Spencer (Piano) play melodic jazz, improvising on standards and original compositions, as well as the scrumptious food and drink. The event raised £ £566.01 towards the final costs of the Village Hall's 2017 kitchen refurb.

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL INCLUDE:

#### Youth Club – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February (tbc) - 7 pm to 9pm

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 25<sup>th</sup> February 10 am – 12 noon

Thank you to all who came to the January sale, which we await as we go to press.

Many nearly new cookery and childrens books!

Also a variety of hardy plants, and tall snowdrops on sale "in the green".

All proceeds are for the Village Hall. Please contribute - Hugh and Annabel on 833174.

**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 Stitches - 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 19th February 9AM

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

#### Pilates - Monday evenings 7 to 8 pm, Wednesdays 6 to 7 pm, and 7.15 to 8.15 pm

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

### YOGA CLASSES

Mondays 5.45 – 6.45pm **Yoga and mindfulness for teens** (for ages 15+) Focusing on strength and flexibility as well as strategies to deal with exam stress.

Tuesdays 6 – 7pm **Yoga and mindfulness for teens** (for ages 13+) **NEW!** Free trial lesson on 10<sup>th</sup> January. Ideal as sport or skill for Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Thursdays 9.15 – 10.45am **Yoga for beginners and improvers**

Thursdays 11 – 12.30pm **Gentle yoga**

For more information on any of these courses and to enrol, please contact Linda Soderstrom on 01235 863647

#### Village Hall Committee Contacts

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