

WEST HENDRED

JANUARY 2017 **NEWSLETTER**

DIARY OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Venue	Time
07 January	Jazz Event	WH Village Hall	7.30 – 10
15 January	Family Service	WH Village Hall	9 am
28 January	Book & Plant Sale	WH Village Hall	10 - 12

Deadline for next Newsletter 25 January 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

CHRISTMAS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The bells rang out on Christmas Eve calling people to the Crib Service in the beautifully decorated Holy Trinity church. 179 congregants filled the church. Candles were lit, carolling voices sang out, Michael Evans at the organ was accompanied by the West Hendred Orchestra and seven children read in beautiful, confident voices while others helped bring the Nativity figures up to the crib. On Christmas Morning almost 50 people celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with bells ringing, candles alight, carols, communion and Christmas greetings to one another. Thank you to all who made our Christmas celebrations at Holy Trinity so special.

CAROL SINGING

On Monday 19th December, we were treated to a group of carol singers touring the village singing the old familiar carols enthusiastically. They were collecting donations to help Helen House Hospice for terminally sick children, and a total of just over £170 was collected and has been sent to them. Many thanks to the singers and all those who so generously donated to the collection.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1	Morning Prayer	9:00
Sunday 8	Morning Prayer	9:00
Ardington	Benefice Communion	10:30
Sunday 15	Family Service	9:00
Sunday 22	Holy Communion	9:00
Sunday 29	Benefice Communion	10:30

£62.20 DONATED TO UNICEF

A big thank you to everyone who helped Tom Rehm to raise money for UNICEF at the Christmas market in West Hendred. Due to your generosity and kindness Tom was able to raise £62.20 which has been transferred to UNICEF. Happy New Year! Anke, Guenther and Tom.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH WEST HENDRED OXFORD HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

This year's sponsored event took place on Saturday 10th September. 11 st/riders visited the church on a phenomenally wet day. Harry Taylor, accompanied by Julian, did his St/ride on 22nd October, which was a really sunny day. They wended their way to East Hendred, then on at a good pace via Chilton, Upton, Blewbury, Aston Upthorpe and Aston Tirrold, South Moreton, finally finishing at East Hagbourne. We now have the final total of £827-35, with donations of £40. This gives a grand total of £867-35 for West Hendred's efforts as part of the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust's Ride and Stride 2016. Holy Trinity Church receives half of sponsorship, which is £413-67; this was raised by 3 St/riders and 55 sponsorships, with 86 church visits. This is slightly more than last year's total of £835, and given the weather, it's a quite amazing total. Thank you to all who sponsored or took part - Harry and Julian Taylor, Roy Lennox, and Hugh Rees. Thank you also to those who welcomed St/riders to Holy Trinity Church. Hugh Rees

JAZZ IN THE VILLAGE

West Hendred Village Hall 7th January 7:30 to 10PM
Ilan 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 - from Olivia Barton on 07917-542662, o.barton@mangetoutcatering.net
Book Now! Profits will go towards the final costs of the Village Hall's 2017 kitchen refurb.

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 4th 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 15th February; Monday 20th February and Friday 24th 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 or ring on 833798.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next Newsletter is
25 January 2017

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

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. Web Site : www.westhendred.net. We've greatly improved our website recently, so please do visit it.

JAZZ IN THE VILLAGE – SATURDAY 7th

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 Book Now! Profits will go towards the final costs of the Village Hall's 2017 kitchen refurb.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY - SUNDAY 18th December

A really BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came to the Village Christmas Party and made it such a great day. A special THANK YOU to those of you who helped make it run smoothly. In particular, all things technical, excellent food, including mince pies and cakes, amazing sell-out soup, the raffle, the excellent bar, the Springline choir for very festive carols. Also THANK YOU to all those who worked in the kitchen, and behind the scenes, provided support and enthusiasm, including help with erecting and removing the tent. We also used new improvements to our technical facilities, kindly funded by the Beer Festival! The Village Party raised a fantastic £602-65! THANK YOU to all who came and supported us! A Fabulous total! Well done to all involved!

The Last Year

We've had a wide variety of events this year. Linda has expanded her very successful Yoga and Mindfulness, adding to the variety of yoga sessions. Also in February and March the snowdrop "in the green" sales at the Coffee Morning, plant and Book Sales added spring colour. At the end of April, Martin Spray had us all riveted at his extremely well attended talk on "From Slimbridge to Bridgewater Bay". In July, the Youth Club held its highly successful summer party and Barbeque - they have just had their Christmas Party which was great fun! September brought us to the West Hendred Not Just a Beer Festival. The Mother and Baby/Toddler Group goes from strength to strength, Sally Hutchinson has completed her fabulous organising, and ensured its fame continues to spread. The West Hendred Stitchers have provided a warm and sociable atmosphere to all. Pilates classes increased the various sessions and success with Charlie Prince. The Ballet, Tap and Modern classes with Bernadine Soul have great popularity. And finally, in a different format, and also later than in previous years, we had the Village Christmas Party, which was very enjoyable and successful. Over the summer, we spruced up and smartened our fence, which should be good for many years – Thank you to all who worked on, supported or donated towards this unglamorous necessity. In September additional new chairs and trolley arrived, kindly supported by a grant from the Doris Field Trust, which has supported the Hall over the years towards our hall, and the chairs we got in 2009. We also said Farewell to Gwen McCourt, our Secretary for many years, as she and Martin have moved to Blewbury.

The Coming Year

We start the year with JAZZ IN THE VILLAGE (details above) We are looking to arrange further talks on a range of subjects; we're firming up on details Please do make suggestions. With the Kitchen Refurb, we've made excellent progress, and have preferred option, and firmed up on details. We've obtained quotes, identified potential grant-making bodies. We're aiming to make grant applications by the Spring.

WEST HENDRED AND GINGE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL INCLUDE:

Youth Club – Friday 20th January (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 28th 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 raised £20-05. In 2016 you've already raised £254-63 for the Village Hall. 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.

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 15th January 9AM

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

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

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 10th 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

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