

# **WEST HENDRED**

*May 2017*

# **NEWSLETTER**

## **DIARY OF EVENTS**

5 May	Coffee Morning	WH Village Hall	10.00am
6 May	Coffee/Book/Plant Sale	WH Village Hall	10-12pm
11 May	Parish Council AGM	WH Village Hall	
19 May	Youth Club	WH Village Hall	7-9pm
21 May	Family Service	Holy Trinity Church	9.00am
	Coffee Morning	Holy Trinity Church	9.40am
16-17 June	WH Beer Festival	WH Village Hall	
8 July	Summer Lunch	Manor Farmhouse	12.30pm

**Deadline for next Newsletter 25 May 2017**

## **Parish Council News**

The next Parish Council meeting is on 11th May 2017 at the Village Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting will also be held on this date at 8pm, so join us for a glass of wine and an update on all that's been going on in the Parish over the last year.

Richard Evans, Chairman.

Parish Clerk:

parishcouncilclerk@westhendred.net

(email) or 833466 (phone)

## **M4 Junctions 12 to 13: Bridge Refurbishment – Update WEEKEND CLOSURES**

The programme of weekend closures of the M4 has been revised to not only avoid bank holidays but also the school Easter half term holiday, where traffic flows may increase along the M4. The closures are now currently scheduled to take place from 9pm Friday through to 6am on Monday on the following weekends:

- Friday 31 March to Monday 3 April 2017
  - Friday 5 May to Monday 8 May 2017
  - Friday 12 May to Monday 15 May 2017
  - Friday 19 May to Monday 22 May 2017
- (contingency weekend only)

During these closures a clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A4 (through Newbury, Thatcham and Woolhampton). Confirmed dates for these closures will be displayed in advance on signs along the M4.

## **Neighbourhood Policing Update**

**Rural Crime** – We attended a Land Watch meeting with many of our land owners, farmers and gamekeepers to discuss rural crime and how we can all work together effectively. One of the things that came out of the meeting was that as this is lambing time there will be more animals around and if you are walking dogs on a public footpath that runs through a field with livestock (lambs, sheep, calves, cows etc) then please keep your dogs on a lead. It is an offence to worry livestock and a farmer can shoot a dog worrying the livestock even if it has not yet attacked.

### Crime prevention advice

British summer time is here so longer nights and hopefully the beginning of warmer weather. Below are a few useful tips on how to keep safe and considerate to others over the spring and summer months.

- Enjoy the summer sun but don't overdo it, especially if you're mixing it with alcohol.
- Don't drink and drive - if you start drinking in the afternoon or stay up late socialising, you could still be over the limit either later in the day or the next morning.
- Consider others when socialising outdoors.
- Don't leave dogs in hot parked cars.
- Encourage youngsters to get involved in out-of-school activities.
- Make youngsters aware of basic road safety rules.

- Parents - ask children to respect their neighbours' privacy and quality of life.
- Non-parents – please be tolerant of harmless play.
- Be a good neighbour by offering to draw curtains, take in parcels etc. when others are away on holiday.
- Remember to lock all doors and windows before leaving your home.
- Drivers should be aware of more children playing outdoors.
- Remember to lock all sheds and out buildings.
- Securely store garden furniture, bikes etc. when you're finished with them.
- When in the back garden make sure the front of your house is secure.
- Don't advertise your impending holiday on Facebook or Twitter.

#### Personnel changes

PC Jaime Freer who has been with us for the last year as maternity cover has now left us and we have been joined again by PC Laura Field who has now returned from maternity leave.

#### Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number 101 or if it is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email

[WantageandGroveNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:WantageandGroveNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk).

### **Holy Trinity Church – Lead Roof Alarm – URGENT**

We are getting a roof alarm installed very shortly. There have been a large number of lead roof thefts in Oxfordshire in the last few months – including at Lockinge Chapel, West Hanney, and Childrey. The thieves are very organised and the Smartwater anti-theft metal coating is no deterrent; they often use drones to scout out churches and can work in total darkness.

The alarm system we are getting has video cameras, which means that evidence is taken and false alarms are minimised. The videos are monitored by a control centre. The system has proved effective and is approved by our insurers. Without this alarm not only are we at risk of lead theft, but also our insurers will only pay a small portion of any repair cost. With the video camera alarm system our insurers provide full cover. The system costs £4,148, with a further £2,520 over the next 5 years for monitoring, totalling £6,668. Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT) has already awarded a grant of £1,748. We hope to receive also a grant from the All Churches Trust of £1000.

We urgently need £3,920, which is our funding gap. Please can you help!

Please contact our Treasurer, Roland Jack, with a donation, which can be gift-aided.

Roland's contact details are: Tames Farm Cottage, Ginge Road, West Hendred, OX12 8RP, Tel 01235-831894, email [rolandmjack@gmail.com](mailto:rolandmjack@gmail.com)

### **Coffee Morning Friday 5th May**

There will be a coffee morning in the village hall from 10:00 on Friday 5th May.

Profits will go towards the printing of the West Hendred Newsletter, so please do try to come and help to keep the newsletter coming each month.

### **East and West Hendred Church Bell Ringers**

Still desperately seeking, enthusiastic young people to learn the craft of ringing church bells.

Take the challenge of controlling a large rotating piece of metal with only a single piece of rope. Be part of a team to ring for services, festivals, weddings, funerals or just for fun.

Ringing bells can be learnt easily and can be either a simple exercise or a challenge to learn the more complex methods required to ring a full peal.

Anyone between 10 and 90 can ring and it can count as a skill for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. If you are tempted to try. ring Dave Trotman on 833531.

### **Christian Aid Coffee Morning 21<sup>st</sup> May**

There will be a coffee morning with raffle for Christian Aid in Holy Trinity church following the Family Service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 9.40 onwards. All welcome.

Donations of cakes, groceries or raffle prizes will be most welcome and I am happy to receive them beforehand or they can be brought along to church on the morning. Please do come along and support this good cause.

Patsy Jenkins 835113

### **West Hendred Summer Lunch Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 12.30pm to 3.30pm In aid of Holy Trinity Church**

The Summer Lunch will be at Manor Farm House, kindly offered by Lys and Peter Cook.

The internationally famous duck race will have the usual excitement and suspense this year. Downy Duck has been asked to make a celebrity appearance for those who didn't catch sight of Downy's appearance last year.

In mid-April, two of Downy duck's companions waddled across Lys and Peter's lawn to their front door and asked for Downy. They had lost their way in last year's race and are eager to take part in this year's race!

We do need help with the food on the day, as well as people volunteering food items. I'll be emailing on the food items. If you would like to help on this, please do contact Hugh.

We will also be asking for help for stalls, and also for the Friday evening with putting up tents. If you can help with any of these please contact: Patsy Jenkins on 835113  
Sally Hutchinson on 833081 or  
Hugh Rees on 833174.

### **Services at West Hendred Church in May**

Sunday 7	Morning Prayer	9:00am
Tuesday 9	Holy Communion	10:00am
Sunday 14	Morning Prayer	9:00am
	Benefice Communion in Lockinge	10.30am
Sunday 21st	Family Service	9:00am
Sunday 28th	Holy Communion	9:00am

### **Oxfordshire Science Festival 2017**

Are we in control of our own destiny when it comes to sex, food and the future of our planet? Meaty topics at this year's Oxfordshire Science Festival explore everything from solar plasmas to pleasure and insect's knees to the history and fate of humanity.

The evolution debate will be untangled from science fiction with an event asking "is it right to synthesise human genomes?" Meanwhile a chef and a professor will unpick some unusual factors affecting diet and health. Elsewhere, we scrutinise sustainability with the help of the Ladybird Expert Book of Climate Change.

Hear like an insect, build a star or watch a contagious cabaret. Over the weekend, families, adults and kids of all ages can delve into the world of science. The hands-on Explorazone will open in the evening on Saturday 17 June for adults only, so grown-ups can play at being a paramedic, a plasma physicist or prevent a Polio pandemic.

The programme is out in May with events for all. The Oxfordshire Science Festival invites you to look again, look deeper and explore your world 16-21 June.

[www.oxfordshiresciencefestival.com](http://www.oxfordshiresciencefestival.com)

[www.OxSciFest.com](http://www.OxSciFest.com)

[facebook.com/oxfordshiresciencefestival](https://facebook.com/oxfordshiresciencefestival)

Twitter: @OxSciFest

### **The deadline for next month's Newsletter is 25<sup>th</sup> May**

Hand delivered items – please place your article in an envelope marked clearly "WH Newsletter" and deliver to Janet Trotman, Tean, The Milham  
Tel:833531

Alternatively, you can send items for inclusion to our email address:  
[newsletter@westhendred.net](mailto:newsletter@westhendred.net)

## WEST HENDRED AND GINGE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

### Hall Lettings

All hall enquiries/bookings should be made via **NEW MOBILE NUMBER** 07393-826168 or via email to [villagehallbookings@westhendred.net](mailto:villagehallbookings@westhendred.net) . Web Site : [www.westhendred.net](http://www.westhendred.net) .

The Mobile Number has changed so please note the new number.

We've greatly improved our website recently, so please do visit it.

### WEST HENDRED VILLAGE HALL Annual General Meeting Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> March

The AGM was held on Wednesday 29th March. Principal officers are: Chair is Hugh Rees, Secretary is Chantal Ligertwood, and Treasurer is Nigel Findley. Also Trustees are Rosemary Budge, Tony Lewis, Sarah Lloyd and Dave Trotman.

The Bookings team is Oli Barton, Jenni Dimbylow and Steph Colborne.

### REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL INCLUDE:

#### Youth Club – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May (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 6<sup>th</sup> May 10 am – 11:45

Thank you to all who came to the April Sale, and raised £11-30.

Many nearly new cookery and childrens 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 21<sup>st</sup> May 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 [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 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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