West Hendred Summer Lunch
Saturday 8th July – 12:30 to 3:30
In aid of Holy Trinity Church
Grand Raffle tickets on sale!

The Summer Lunch will be at Manor Farm House, kindly offered by Lys and Peter Cook. Entrance is free – yet again! However, we’re having to increase the cost of the lunch slightly this year to £8 for an adult, £4 for a child, or £20 for a family. We think this is still excellent value considering the choice and quality of the food.

The internationally famous duck race is anticipated to have usual excitement and suspense this year.

Let’s look forward to many popular events, including Naming the Rose, Tombola, and a stall with the famed cakes of West Hendred. For a second year, there will be Micro-golf!

The bar will no doubt be well supported. After a very pleasant lunch, you can visit the many stalls and other attractions. Please come along to this very enjoyable occasion to meet old friends, as well as making new acquaintances.

Thank you to all who have already volunteered food items; as we go to press, over 75% of food items have volunteers. Many of you will already have received the emailing on the food items. If you would like to help with this, please do contact Hugh.

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

Summer Lunch – Tombola Prizes

Any bottles, unused gifts, toiletries, groceries etc for the tombola to be held at the Summer Lunch on Saturday 8th July would be gratefully received. Many thanks to those who have already donated. Donations can be dropped off at The Old Post Office at any time from now or can be brought to the stall on the morning of the 8th.

Many thanks in anticipation.
Patsy Jenkins 835113

Coffee Morning – 7th July

Thank you to everybody who came to the last coffee morning in West Hendred Village Hall - we raised £66.40 for Helen & Douglas House.

The next coffee morning is on Friday 7th July from 10-12 & profits will go to the St. Mungo’s homeless charity.

Handy Man available!

I am happy to do jobs over the summer holiday like looking after pets and plants when you are on holiday or walking dogs. I am a very reliable and sensible 14-year-old who lives in East Hendred. If you are interested contact Nicholas Case.

Email me nicholas.case@abingdon.org.uk

Or phone our home phone number 01235 821 276
One Fine Summer Weekend –
The West Hendred
"Not Just a Beer Festival 2017"

The organisation having been done, beers settled & burgers made, festoons of lighting & marquees erected, it was just the small matter of the weather…..and the WHNJABF was blessed with the perfect Friday evening and Saturday.

Friday, being the traditional “beer drinkers” evening, was well attended and ran into the balmy night, under the canopy of lights.

On Saturday, we woke to a fabulous morning and families quickly settled in the playing field, rugs spread and children playing. The new marquee provided shelter from the sun and helped to create great ambience in the evening. This marquee was purchased with the kind and generous sponsorship of Chapman Worth Accountants in Wantage and has been donated to the Village Hall for hiring out to local communities.

Games were played; Splat the Rat, skittles, quoits and Aunt Sally; beers, wines and ciders were quaffed; burgers, hot dogs and hog roasts were enjoyed. Talented local musicians Harry Lloyd and Tom Waddington were joined by a jazz band on Saturday evening, after the fabulous pop-up choir filled the carpark with their joyous singing.

In all, more than 400 people came to enjoy the two days, and the organisers were delighted to see so many of the West Hendred community there, well-supported by East Hendred, Ginge, Ardington and beyond, at what has become a highlight of the village diary.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the extended team, whose hard work make the WHNJABF achievable. There are too many to thank individually, but you all know who you are and my sincere gratitude goes out to you all. In addition, I would also like to thank those of you who sponsored the beer, wine & cider – without your support this festival couldn’t happen.

The accounts are being finalised and this looks set to be the most successful year yet, providing a much-needed boost for the Village Hall Kitchen Appeal and other local causes.

There is already talk of what we should do for next year’s event and it is inevitable that after helping for a number of years, some of the existing team wish to take a rest. So, if you came along, enjoyed yourself and think you might be part of the organising committee for the 2018 festival, please get in touch with me on timhutchinson@outlook.com.

There are still a few souvenir T-Shirts and glasses left, so if you would like to purchase one, please also drop me a line.

Tim Hutchinson

FOR HIRE!!

As the lazy hazy summer holidays approach, don’t forget that our lovely village now has a super-duper Gas Barbecue available for you to hire (as seen at the Beer Festival). The cost is £25.00 (hire cost goes to the Village Hall).

Also available for hire is a white marquee for parties & events (please note, hirers must erect this themselves!)

Please direct any enquiries to Katy Denne on katydenne@hotmail.co.uk
I mentioned in the June Newsletter that in May we had applied for a grant from “Awards for All”. A BIG THANK YOU to Dan Bashford in helping with magic words on key sections of the application. In June Oli Barton sent a thorough and prompt response to queries from Awards for All. Just as we go to press, Awards for All have offered us a grant for £9,844!

I also mentioned that we would be applying to other grant-making bodies. In June we applied to the Magnox Socio-economic fund for a grant; their trustees have kindly awarded us £600, which is great news!

STOP PRESS: The West Hendred Not Just A Beer Festival Committee have written to say that they are contributing a total of £3,200 to the Kitchen Refurbishment Fund – as well as donating the splendid marquee used over the Festival weekend, which can now be offered for hire through the Village Hall.

This generous and timely sum brings us close to the total amount we need …

We've applied to the Doris Field Charitable Trust for £2,000; their trustees will decide in July. The Doris Field Trust has been a great supporter of the Village Hall over many years, so we’re keeping our fingers crossed.

Hugh Rees
WEST HENDRED AND GINGE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We’ve greatly improved our website recently, so please do visit it at www.westhendred.net

HALL LETTINGS
All hall enquiries/bookings should be made via NEW MOBILE NUMBER 07393-826168 or via email to villagehallbookings@westhendred.net

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL INCLUDE:
Youth Club – Friday 21st July Summer Party - 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 16th September 10 am – 12 noon
Thank you to all who came to the June Sale, whose outcome we await as we go to press.
Thank you to all who come so far this year.
The next sale is planned for September. 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 16th July
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, on charlie@princepilates.co.uk or see Charlie’s website for more information about classes etc. 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+)
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
Hugh Rees (Chair) 01235-833174 / 07802-416031
Sarah Lloyd 01235-833373
Music and Barbecue

Join us for our music and summer barbecue event featuring a live acoustic set from the amazing Adam and Lou

Saturday 19th August at 6pm

Tickets £10 per adult including food

A&L Sports Club
Well Street
Ardington

RSVP to Paul to reserve tickets at freewind@me.com
Limited tickets will be available on the door.