

WEST HENDRED

JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

DIARY OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Venue	Time
16 & 17 June	Not Just a Beer Festival	WH Village Hall	
18 June	Family Service	Holy Trinity Church	9 am
23 June	Youth Club	WH Village Hall	7-9 pm
24 June	Book & Plant Sale	WH Village Hall	10-11.45 am
8 July	Summer Lunch	Manor Farm House	12.30-3.30 pm
9 September	Ride & Stride		

Deadline for next Newsletter 25 June 2017

6TH ANNUAL WEST HENDRED NOT JUST A BEER FESTIVAL

Will be held on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th June in the village hall. Friday 6-11pm is aimed at adults and older teenagers, for drinks and barbeque Saturday 11am to 6pm is for all the family, with games in the park (Aunt Sally, Quoits, Skittles etc), bouncy castle, barbeque and hog roast Saturday 6-11pm there will be live music. Come along and enjoy an expanded selection of beers, ciders and wine. Soft drinks for children are free.

WEST HENDRED SUMMER LUNCH – SATURDAY 8TH JULY - 12-30 TO 3-30 IN AID OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The Grand Raffle tickets on sale! The Summer Lunch will be at Manor Farm House, kindly offered by Lys and Peter Cook. The two companions of Downy duck who appeared in mid-April are eagerly anticipating this year's Internationally famous duck race, which undoubtedly will have the usual excitement and suspense this year. Downy Duck is rumored to make a celebrity appearance. 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. We do need help with the food on the day, as well as people volunteering food items. 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 tents. If you can help, please contact Patsy Jenkins on 835113, Sally Hutchinson on 833081 or Hugh Rees on 833174. Hugh Rees

SUMMER LUNCH – TOMBOLA PRIZES

Do you have any bottles, unused gifts, toiletries or groceries etc you would be happy to donate to the tombola to be held at the Summer Lunch on Saturday 8th July? All items very gratefully received and can be dropped off at The Old Post Office any time from now on, or brought to the stall before the event on the morning of the 8th. Many thanks in anticipation. Patsy Jenkins 835113

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 4 Morning Prayer 9:00am
Sunday 11 Morning Prayer 9:00am
Benefice Communion 10.30 am in East Hendred
Tuesday 13 Holy Communion 10:00am
Sunday 14 Morning Prayer 9:00am
Sunday 18 Family Service 9:00am
Sunday 25th Holy Communion 9:00am

COFFEE MORNING ON FRIDAY 5 MAY

Thank you to all who supported this coffee morning, the profits from which will go to supporting the printing of the Newsletter. Particular thanks to Oli Barton and Jenni Dimbylow who did so much to make it a success. The profits were £82.20 JVT

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all who supported this enjoyable event at Holy Trinity church on the 21st May, and I am very pleased to say that the total of £155.90 was raised which has now been forwarded to Christian Aid. Patsy Jenkins

JOIN THE HOLY TRINITY, WEST HENDRED, '59' CLUB A little history: The late Joan English, who lived in Mill Lane, set up the "49 Club" in 2010 (the village could not sustain a 100 Club!) The aim was to raise funds towards the upkeep of our beautiful old church. Then Last Year the National Lottery increased the

number of bonus balls from 49 to 59. So, as our draw is synchronised with the bonus ball number, in the Saturday draw, we increased the numbers available and changed the name from 49 Club to 59 Club! This also means we need a few more people to take part. How much does the draw cost? This year the cost of taking part has also changed: It's just £1.25 per week or £65 per annum, (or you can pay in instalments if you wish). The prize of £8.00 is awarded each week to the lucky winner! This year the first draw will be on Saturday 27th May 2017. If you would like to join the 59 Club & help preserve our beautiful church.

Please contact Angela Findley on 862912 or angela.findley@westhendred.net or Roland Jack: rolandmjack@gmail.com for more information. If you already take part: Thank you for your support & we hope you're happy to continue..... And Win!! AF

COME AND JOIN THE POP-UP COMMUNITY CHOIR! SATURDAY 17th JUNE NO AUDITION – JUST FUN! Come and join the Community Choir for a performance at the West Hendred "More than Just A Beer Festival" on 17th JUNE at approx 3pm. There will be just 2 rehearsals to learn 3 songs but adults must be able to come to both rehearsals. Children are welcome and don't need to come to the Friday night rehearsal if it's too late for them:

1. Sunday 11th June from 3pm-6pm at Snells Hall
 2. Friday 16th June from 7pm-9pm at Snells Hall
- ALL AGES WELCOME – NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY – JUST ENTHUSIASM!

To register your interest for this event or for more information please email susie@monks court.co.uk or ring 833797

HOLY TRINITY WEST HENDRED OXFORD HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE – SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

This year's sponsored event will take place on Saturday 9th September – money raised will be divided equally between The Oxford Historic Churches Trust and Holy Trinity Church West Hendred. Last year's grand total of £867-35 comprised £827-35 of sponsorship, and £40 donation. 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 was an amazing total, given the very wet weather on the day. West Hendred's support and contribution to Ride and Stride was very helpful in our grant application to OHCT for the roof alarm; they have offered us a grant of £1,748 for the alarm. Sponsorship forms will be available in late June from Hugh Rees on 833174. There are several "old hands", young and old, who will be participating. So please join us, either by Riding or Striding yourself, or sponsoring us.

WEST HENDRED VILLAGE HALL – KITCHEN UPGRADE

The plan to improve the kitchen facilities at the Village Hall has moved forward in the last couple of months. When the hall was rebuilt, a basic kitchen was installed on a tight budget.

Since then, hirers and users have asked for a more fit for purpose kitchen and one that professional caterers could use. There is near-unanimous agreement among those who run regular events that a more functional kitchen of modern standards would offer greater potential, with refreshments and meals no longer limited to pre-prepared dishes. A large number of enquirers for the use of the hall for functions use other venues due solely to the fact that we are unable to offer adequate catering facilities. Professional caterers also find the space is inadequate. Having appraised several options, it was agreed that the most cost-effective and least disruptive one is to upgrade the existing kitchen, with professional units and appliances that adhere to current food hygiene standards and best practice. Having sought and received quotations, the Village Hall Committee has selected one that they consider robust, good value and competitive. The total cost will be £28,163. We have allocated a contingency from the Village Hall's funds, while ensuring sufficient for the hall's day-to-day needs. Since 2011, fundraising events and donations from the Parish Council and the Beer Festivals of 2015 and 2016 have raised £11,000. In mid-May, we applied to Awards for All for a grant of £9,844; our application is now in the 4-month consideration process. We will shortly be applying to other grant-making bodies and the 2017 Beer Festival has kindly said they anticipate making a donation towards the new kitchen - so please do support the Beer Festival! We need your help to complete the funding so will be holding further fund-raising events in the coming months to raise the remaining £2,000. Please do support these events. Hugh Rees

HENDREDS TWINNING GROUP

Our Feast of Local Food (a delicious and varied Sunday lunch) in late March was a very successful fund-raising event as well as being enjoyed by the 60 diners. Julian Gold (Hendred Estate Manager) was a very interesting after-lunch speaker, talking about the benefits of their sustainable and "high-tec" modern farming techniques. The proceeds gave a good boost to the Twinning Group's funds, assisting the offer of very subsidised places to accompanied school-age children going on the July visit to Normandy. The weekend exchange visit to Sarceaux in early July will celebrate the 20th anniversary of signing the Charter with this village near Argentan in Normandy. Everyone will be accommodated with French families, giving all a unique insight into French family life. A special celebratory meal is planned, complete with a firework display. Our group of 24 local residents and families will travel by coach from East Hendred to Sarceaux via the Portsmouth-Caen ferry. Our ages range from 8 to 81. Margaret Sharp, 833367, m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com Lesley Lewis, 863184, lesleylewiswh@outlook.com

CHURCH ROOF ALARM

Following the article in last month's newsletter about the need to install a video-linked alarm to protect the lead on the roof of Holy Trinity church, the alarm is currently being installed by Ace Defence, one of Ecclesiastical Insurance's approved installers. The total cost over the next five years for installation, monitoring and maintenance will be £6,668. We have now received two grants towards this: one for £1,748 from the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and one for £1,000 from the All Churches Trust (which we only just got as the Trust is not making further grants after the end of May). This left a funding gap of £3,920. Our appeal for help meeting this resulted in a number of generous donations. However we still have some £3,500 to cover, so if any further residents of the parish were able to contribute, the Parochial Church Council would be most grateful. Again, the person to contact is the Church Treasurer, Roland Jack, who can provide Gift Aid forms so that we can receive a 25% tax refund if you are a taxpayer (Roland Jack, Tames Farm Cottage, Ginge Road, West Hendred, OX12 8RP; tel: 01235 831894, email: rolandmjack@gmail.com RJ

CRIMINAL DAMAGE ON THE GREENWAY

The tree-lined Village Green that runs along the side of the Greenway is an integral part of West Hendred. It is with sadness that we must report criminal damage to the Village Green by the cutting down of one of our trees. Sometime over the last couple of months, someone has cut down one of our Silver Birch trees near the Post Box on the corner of Mill Lane. This particular tree was planted in memory of Linda Bullard who gave so much to the village. This incident comes soon after the Parish council had to write to a resident on the Greenway who had damaged a neighbouring Silver Birch tree on the Green. The Village Green is owned by the parish for the benefit of all residents in the parish. Under Section 12 of the Inclosure Act 1857, "to undertake any act which causes injury to the green" without permission is a criminal offence and we have therefore reported this incident to the police who are investigating. If you have any information regarding this incident can you please either inform the Parish Clerk or contact the Police directly quoting the crime reference number 43170117830. The Parish Council will be replacing the lost Silver Birch tree at an expense to us all because of the criminal action by person or persons as yet unknown. Richard Evans West Hendred Parish Council, Chairman

NEW HOME FOR POND FISH

Steve and Elaine Willis are shortly moving away from the village to Sussex.

We have a pond with around 9 fish....golden carp, shibumkins, goldfish. We can't take them with us and our buyers do not want to look after them. A new home is needed. If anyone in the village has a pond and would like to take care of our fish please call or email.

THE EAST & WEST HENDRED WOMENS INSTITUTE
will have their
usual monthly meeting at
WEST Hendred Village Hall on Thursday 15th June.

The talk will be Medical Detection Dogs given by Geoff Richardson.
7.30pm for 8pm. Visitors are always welcome.
We ask for a donation on entry.
Tea/coffee and a friendly chat with our members after the talk.

THINGS FOR SALE

TWO TEAK STEAMER CHAIRS WITH DARK GREEN CUSHIONS

REASONABLE OFFERS 07976 229 210

CAN SEND PHOTOS BY EMAIL IF REQUIRED

1. Two small bedside lamps (John Lewis) - white shade, chrome base. Brand new. £6 each or £10 pair
2. Two medium table lamps (Marks and Spencer). As new. Blue base, cream shade. £7.50 each or £12 pair
3. Pair Blue/green/ yellow lined pencil pleat curtains (M and S) for medium size bedroom or living room double window - to fit window pole width approx 150 cm (60") and drop 128 cm (50"). £10. NOTE: also 2 cushions (£5 pair) and double duvet cover (£7.50) in same material - as new condition.
4. Pair Sanderson floral lined curtains made by John Lewis in cream/peach/green - suitable for small window, same drop as above but single width. £10 pair. NOTE: we also have full length curtains in this material, suitable for double french windows or similar. £50
TELEPHONE 07758 730164

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next Newsletter is
25 June 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 NEW MOBILE NUMBER 07393-826168 or via email to villagehallbookings@westhendred.net. Web Site :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.

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL INCLUDE:

Youth Club – Friday 23rd June (TBC) - 7 pm to 9pm. The Youth Club meets usually on the third Friday at 7 pm.

For your diary: The Youth Club's Summer Party is on Friday 21st July. 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 24th June 10 am – 11:45

Thank you to all who came to the May Sale, and raised £16-45. 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 18th June 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, 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+) 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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