

WEST HENDRED

AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER

Diary of Events

20 August	Family Service	Holy Trinity Church	9.00am
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Deadline for next Newsletter 25th August 2017

Another Successful Beer Festival

Who would have thought that a weekend in the middle of June drinking beer, eating roasted hog, hot dogs and burgers, listening to local musicians and jazz in a small village that is West Hendred would have been the highlight of so many people's summer?

It's true. We've heard of people travelling great distances to be a part of this year's Festival. But importantly, at the same time the festival retained its purpose of being a local event for local people, with a local firm proudly being the main sponsor. Comment was made about the number of 'West Hendredians' and indeed East that came to the event; a sure sign that this is a good, inclusive community festival.

Yes the weather was fabulous; yes the enhanced choice of beers was very welcome and yes, the Chapman Worth Chilli Burger sold out in record time!

As the main sponsor of the Festival, we were delighted with the way the event passed off. Our sponsorship meant that we all enjoyed more live music than ever before; it facilitated the purchase of the marquee, which provided some welcome shade, and it enabled more money than ever to be donated to local causes. The sponsorship also has a lasting effect in the raising of funds for the village hall in that the marquee is now available for local residents to hire.

Of course, none of this would have been possible if it had not been for the army of volunteers. Thank you to all of you. As with all local events, the success is much dependant on the local community being involved and the organisers of the beer festival are keen to enlist the help of 'new blood'. So if you are interested in being involved please get in touch with Tim Hutchinson.

We hope you enjoyed the weekend as much as we did and we look forward to seeing you again next year, when the seventh West Hendred Not Just a Beer Festival will be held in June.

With kind regards

Matthew and Anna Chapman

Chapman Worth Chartered Accountants, Wantage

Contact: 01235 77 00 84

West Hendred Summer Lunch – Saturday 8th July

This was held on a lovely summer's afternoon in the beautiful garden of Lys and Peter Cook and we thank them for their hospitality again this year. The many stalls and games were busy throughout and the lunch was enjoyed by all. The duck race provided some excitement as the event drew to an end. A very big thank you to all who helped behind the scenes, setting up and dismantling, and those who ran the various stalls and tents. Thank you to those who produced such delicious dishes, baked wonderful cakes and donated prizes for the raffle and tombola.

A BIG THANK YOU too to those of you who came and spent your money all in a very good cause. We hope to see you again next year!

All of West Hendred Parochial Church Council

I just wanted to add in my additional thanks to everyone who so generously gave of their time and trouble to be available to help with the setting up, running and clearing up at the West Hendred Summer Lunch last weekend. These things take a lot of behind the scenes hard graft and the willingness of so many to pitch in, as and when, or if, needed makes such a difference. Very much appreciated by everyone involved, I know, but I just wanted to add in my pennyworth! Thank you, big time!

Best wishes

Elizabeth

This year's Summer Lunch in aid of Holy Trinity Church raised over £1,500. This is a crucial contribution to the church's running costs, which in 2016, totalled £18,301 – that's £352 per week. It's

a substantial sum for a relatively small community to raise; last year our income of £17,584 did not quite cover it.

Our biggest expense (which many people may not be aware of) is the Parish Share, which we pay to the Diocese of Oxford. Their big cost, c. 82%, is clergy stipends, training and pensions. This year our Parish Share is £8,026.

If you would like to support your village's church with a one-off donation or regular giving, please do contact Roland Jack, our Treasurer, by email rolandmjack@gmail.com or phone 01235 831894.

Best wishes
Roland Jack (Treasurer) and Hugh Rees
(Churchwarden)

West Hendred Village Hall Upgrade – Grants Awarded

We're there – just about! In July's Newsletter, we mentioned we'd applied to Doris Field Trust who have been a great supporter of the Village Hall over many years. We'd asked for £2,000, and they've granted us £1,000, which is still generous.

We've just about enough in the bank, so we've decided to proceed. The catering outfitters have just confirmed they can commence on 4th September, and complete by the end of September. This is excellent news! While the work is going on the Hall will still be available, and we've asked the Catering Outfitter to help ensure that hirers that need quiet can continue with their sessions.

IF you would like to help us over the line, it's not too late to donate. If you would like to, you can drop off donations in envelopes marked Village Hall at our Treasurer Nigel Findley's house, 12 The Greenway.

Fundraising events in the coming months are; a Children's party Saturday 11th November, and a second Indian cookery course run by Manjit Kahlon followed by an Indian meal and QI quiz night hosted by John Lloyd in February next year.

The West Hendred Not Just A Beer Festival Committee's generous contribution to the Kitchen upgrade has really helped. Their donation of the splendid marquee and also the Barbeque will help by providing rental income as well as being used for future events at the Hall.

The Hall is a great facility for all of us, and the much-needed modernisation of the Hall's kitchen will benefit so many of us as users and hirers.

Hugh Rees

Another West Hendred wedding to celebrate!

Edward Williamson, who grew up in West Hendred, is getting married on Saturday 29th July.

The whole event including parking will take place up the field at Moors House in the Millham.

The celebrations are due to finish at 2.30am but it is hoped that there will be minimal noise disturbance up until then.

Contact if required: Robert on 07831 158612

Alfred Wiggins

I have been researching the local village war memorials and find that Alfred Wiggins, on the WW1 list in Holy Trinity, West Hendred, is also on the memorial in East Hagbourne, where he was working when he enlisted. Hagbourne always ring the bells on the 100th death-anniversary of WW1 men and for Alfred this will be on 16th August.

The bellringers are always delighted when family members turn up for the ringing - the last couple were treated to a tour of the tower. I have contacted some relatives of Alfred online but wonder whether there is anyone still in West Hendred who would be interested to know about this? (There is no service, only the ringing)

Thank you in advance,
Valerie Andrews

East & West Hendred W.I

Summer Party on 17th August at Snells Hall.

7pm start. Catered buffet and guest speaker Kevin Little 'Fishy Tales'.

MEMBERS only this meeting.

Music and Barbecue, Ardington and Lockinge Sports Club

Saturday 19th August 6pm. Join us for our music and summer barbecue event featuring a live acoustic set from the amazing Adam and Lou.

Tickets £10 per adult including food.

RSVP to Paul to reserve tickets at

freewind@me.com

Limited tickets will be available on the door
A&L Sports Club Well Street, Ardington

Holy Trinity West Hendred Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride – Saturday 9th September Sponsorship forms available in the church

Ride and Stride 2017 is now only weeks away so it's time to pump up your bike tyres, clean your walking boots or polish your stirrups. Hopefully it cannot be as wet as last year! Let's hope the weather on St Swithun's bodes well for this year's event.

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.

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. Sponsorship forms are now available in the Church, or from Hugh Rees on 833174.

Dog Fouling

Thank you to everyone who is now picking up after their dogs. The Furlong has been so much nicer! Thank you, Jenni

Services at West Hendred Church in August

Sunday 6	Morning Prayer	9.00am
Sunday 13	Morning Prayer	9.00am
	Benefice Communion at Lockinge	10.30am
Sunday 20	Family Service	9.00am
Sunday 27	Holy Communion	9.00am

South Oxfordshire & Vale of the White Horse Citizens Advice Bureau

Citizens Advice of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse consists of 150 volunteers who give advice to about 10,000 clients per year.

The advice areas we cover are debt and money, consumer affairs, family and relationships, housing, employment, health, law and the courts, immigration.

The Citizens Advice service comprises a network of local Citizens Advice, all of which are independent charities, the Citizens Advice consumer service and national charity Citizens Advice. Together we help people resolve their money, legal and other problems by providing information and advice and by influencing policymakers. For more see the Citizens Advice website.

The advice provided by the Citizens Advice service is free, independent, confidential and impartial, and available to everyone regardless of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion, age or nationality.

To get advice online or find your local Citizens Advice in England and Wales, visit citizensadvice.org.uk

You can get consumer advice from the Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 04 05 06 or 03454 04 05 05 for Welsh language speakers. Local Citizens Advice in England and Wales advised 2.5 million clients on 6.2 million problems in 2014/15. For full service statistics see our publication Advice trends.

Citizens Advice service staff are supported by more than 21,000 trained volunteers, working at over 2,500 service outlets across England and Wales.

The deadline for next month's Newsletter is 25th August

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

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 . 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 – On holiday until September, third Friday - 7 pm to 9pm

The Youth Club held a very enjoyable Summer Party, with BBQ, despite the summer rain!

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 come so far this year - you've already raised £121-75 .

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 20th August 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

Village Hall Committee Contacts

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