**WEST HENDRED VILLAGE HALL’S NEW KITCHEN OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING!**
Saturday 25th November 11 am – 12 noon
Join us for teas, coffees and more!
West Hendred’s Village Hall has a brand new kitchen, with professional-grade catering facilities able to offer more versatile menus for larger groups.
Upgrading of the Hall’s kitchen has been achieved thanks to generously donated funds from the West Hendred Beer Festival, West Hendred Parish Council, and village residents. Grants for the new kitchen came from Awards for All England, the small grant division of the Big Lottery Fund, the Doris Field Charitable Trust, as well as from the Magnox Socio-Economic Fund (a community donations scheme established by nuclear-decommissioning company Magnox, which is currently decommissioning Harwell’s former nuclear research facility). With its new professional kitchen, the Hall will now be able to meet an increasing demand for larger parties, including weddings, special birthdays and corporate events.
“Just to say I used the new kitchen yesterday to cater the Christening at the hall and all was working well. The oven and long stretch of worktop (uninterrupted by a tall cupboard) were a dream to use! ” says Oli Barton.
West Hendred Village Hall Committee chairman, Hugh Rees, said: “Our village hall is much loved and an integral part of this pretty rural village. We are hugely grateful to the organisations and individuals that have generously supported this valuable community project and to the Hall’s committee members who have worked hard to achieve its realisation.”
The kitchen was installed ahead of schedule and within budget by Caterplan Solutions.

**The Children’s Society Coffee Morning**
Holy Trinity, West Hendred
Many thanks to all who supported the above on Sunday 15th October and I am very pleased to report that the sum of £163 was raised which has been forwarded on to the charity to help vulnerable children in the UK.  Patsy Jenkins

**Samaritan’s Purse**
**Operation Christmas Child**
Very many thanks for boxes and donations already received. A reminder that we have leaflets if you would like to take part and that we do need your completed boxes by **Sunday 12th November please.** Thank you.  Patsy Jenkins 835113
Angela Findley 862912

**Holy Trinity West Hendred**
**Oxford Historic Churches Ride or Stride**
This year’s sponsored event took place on Saturday 9th September.
A total of 31 riders visited the church on the day, of which 5 were from West Hendred. Roy Lennox did his cycling a week earlier. We’re continuing to collect money from sponsors. The total so far is £554, with quite a bit more to come in. Thank you to all who took part, and all who have sponsored. Hugh Rees

**Holy Trinity Church Services**
- Sunday 5th: Morning Prayer 9am
- Sunday 17th: Remembrance Communion 9am
- Tuesday 14th: Holy Communion 10am
- Sunday 19th: Family Service 9am
- Sunday 26th: Holy Communion 9am

**East & West Hendred W.I**
Meeting on Thurs. November 16th at Snells Hall 7.30pm. Practical craft evening. No judging...just fun!

**WHAT IS THE POPPY APPEAL?**
The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion’s biggest fundraising campaign. Each year an army of volunteers distribute poppies throughout the country, collecting donations to help support the vital work to help the Armed Forces community.

People wear the paper poppy with pride and as a symbol of Remembrance: to remember the fallen Service men and women killed in conflict.

**HOW IT ALL BEGAN:** The first Poppy Appeal was held in 1921, the founding year of The Royal British Legion. Red silk poppies, inspired by the famous First World War poem ‘In Flanders Fields’, sold out instantly and raised more than £106,000. The funds helped WW1 veterans find employment and housing after the war.

This year was the 100th anniversary of the battle of Passchendaele, which remains one of the most notorious battles of the First World War, in which around 550,000 Allied and German troops were killed, wounded or lost. This anniversary was an opportunity to commemorate the service and sacrifice of those who lost their lives during WW1 and in the years since then, also to reflect on the enduring support of the Royal British Legion.

**STILL TODAY,** by offering advice and support to military personnel and their families, the charity urges us: 'Don’t just wear a poppy for the memory of the fallen, wear it for the future of the living.' Please give generously; every penny counts.

(If you are a UK tax payer, your donation could increase by 25% by the government if you complete the Gift Aid details on the Poppy donation envelope) Thank you! NF

**Boxing Day Tug of War**
West Hendred Village Hall. From 1pm West v The Rest Bring your own Christmas picnic/grog Free Christmas cheer and cheesy tunes. Contact Sonya Bashford sonya@you-agency.com if interested in being on a team

**Dog Fouling**
In the interest of people's health and hygiene could you please pick up your dogs faeces and deposit it in to a black bag and dispose of it at home. Or place it in the bins available in the village. Unfortunately the bank behind the post box at the bottom of The Greenway has become a general dog's toilet. Over the last few months I have been cleaning up after these various deposits. Not pretty when you take the mower over them.

Many thanks for your co-operation.
Anne, Pykelle, The Greenway.

**Neighbourhood Policing Update**
‘You said we did’/ Priorities
Rural Crime. During September we held a two night operation to help combat rural crime working with gamekeepers, farmers and landowners who act as spotters for suspicious activity and have direct contact with police officers on the ground. Although it was pretty quiet we did seize an air rifle from one male and also stop checked many vehicles gaining useful
intelligence on who is out and about in our rural areas late at night. Also during the month two vehicles were seized that were suspected in being involved in hunting offences, four persons arrested and five dogs seized.

**Crime prevention advice**

Over the last month there has been an increase in theft from vehicles across the area. Vehicle criminals are opportunists, and most vehicle-related crimes can be prevented by taking simple security measures. Always lock your car, wind up the windows and close the sunroof, even if you’re only leaving it for a few minutes.

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

Thames Valley Police website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk

Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk today.

This allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they would like to receive them. The Thames Valley Police Twitter account is kept up to date with what we are up to; please follow us @TVPSouthandVale

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**Do you need more people to get involved in your community?**

Are many of the positions of responsibility within your community held by only a few? If you answered ‘Yes’ to either question, you should attend the up and coming FREE CFO event:

**Attracting the Unusual Suspects**

**Date:** 14 November 2017  
**Time:** 9.45am to 1:00pm  
**Venue:** Islip Village Hall, Church Lane, Islip. OX5 2TA  

The event will be facilitated by Grant Hayward, whose company Collaborent, is all about creating opportunities, making connections and solving problems in business and local communities. We know succession planning is difficult and that most work falls to a few in the community, so let’s start a discussion to see how we can change this.

To register:  
Either book direct with Eventbrite:  
**Attracting Unusual Suspects**
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/attracting-unusual-suspects-tickets-37645383355%20

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**The deadline for next month’s Newsletter is 25th November**

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 email address: newsletter@westhendred.net

**HARD CORE & RUBBLE AVAILABLE!**

Free, but you need to come to collect it from Manor Lane. Approx. 1 tonne

**FOR SALE**

Tall chest of drawers...painted pale pink!  
Four full width drawers. Two half width drawers H98cm W90cm D43cm  
Perfect for a girl’s bedroom  
£80.00 o.n.o.  
Phone Katy on 821452

**FOR SALE**

Two John Lewis wooden curtain poles and hooks, perfect condition. One is 140 cm long, one is 176 cm long. Both 9 cm circumference.  
£8 for small pole, £12 for larger pole or £18 for both.  
2 cream lampshades suitable for central hanging light. £4 each or £7.50 for both. Tel 07758 730164
WEST HENDRED AND GINGE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

HALL LETTINGS
All hall enquiries/bookings should be made via email to villagehallbookings@westhendred.net
Web Site : www.westhendred.net
We’ve greatly improved our website recently, so please do visit it.

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Upcoming events – for your diary
Indian Cookery course run by Manjit Kahlon– Friday 9th February 2018 followed by
Indian meal and QI Quiz hosted by John Lloyd – Saturday 10th February 2018
Childrens Party – Saturday 11th November 3 – 5pm
This event regrettably has been cancelled.

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL INCLUDE:
Youth Club – Friday November 17th TBC (third Friday) - 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 27 January 2018 10 am – 12 noon
Thank you to all who came to the October sale and raised £51.45. Thank you to all who have come and supported book sales in 2017, and raised £195.45! The next sale will be in January.

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.
Further information from Jane Soffe 01235 832554
Family Service – Sunday 19th November 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
Tuesdays 6 – 7pm Yoga with mindfulness for teens. Focusing on strength and flexibility as well as strategies to deal with exam stress and aid relaxation. Ideal as sport or skill for Duke of Edinburgh awards.
Thursdays 9.15-10.45 am. Yoga for beginners and improvers
Thursdays 11-12.15 Gentle yoga
For further information on any of these courses and to enrol, please contact Linda on 01235 863647. (British Wheel of Yoga and TeenYoga teacher)

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