

WEST HENDRED

JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

DIARY OF EVENTS

9 Feb	Indian Cookery Masterclass	Twilly Springs	FULLY BOOKED
10 Feb	Quiz & Curry Night	WHVH	FULLY BOOKED
19 Jan	Youth Club	WHVH	7.00 – 9.00pm
21 Jan	Family Service	West Hendred Church	9.00am
27 Jan	Coffee, Plant & Book Sale	WHVH	10am – 12pm
3 March	Reeling Party	Snells Hall	

Deadline for next Newsletter 25 January 2018

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride

This year's sponsored event took place on Saturday 9th September. 31 st/riders visited the church on a pleasant late summers day.

We now have the phenomenal final total of **£1020**. This significantly exceeds 2016's grand total of £867-35. Holy Trinity Church receives half of sponsorship, which is £510; this was raised by 5 St/riders and 47 sponsorships, with 106 church visits.

This is a fantastic total! The last time the total exceeded £1,000 was in 2013. Over the last 5 years, West Hendred raised £4,554, and over the last 10 years £9,818. Our participation in Ride & Stride greatly helped our grant application to OHCT in March 2017 towards the cost of the church's lead roof alarm & monitoring system.

Thank you to all who took part - Hannah and Julian Taylor, Roy Lennox, Sally and Tim Hutchinson, as well as Hugh Rees. Thank you also to those who welcomed St/riders to Holy Trinity Church. Finally, a BIG THANK YOU to all who sponsored!

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7	Morning Prayer	9:00
Sunday 14	Morning Prayer	9:00
Ardington	Benefice Communion	10:30
Sunday 21	Family Service	9:00
Sunday 28	Holy Communion	9:00

WASTE COLLECTION DATES

The collection due on Tuesday 2nd January will now take place on Thursday 4th January – this is for the grey bin and food waste. The collection due on Tuesday 9th January will now take place on Wednesday 10th January – this is for the green bin, food waste and garden waste.

More information can be found on the Vale website:
www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/christmaswaste

Garden waste collections will be suspended over the Christmas period, while crews concentrate on collecting all the extra waste from Christmas. Garden waste customers will receive an extra collection in the spring to make up for this. Householders can also find out what to do with all their Christmas waste on the Vale website, along with details of how to recycle their real Christmas trees.

Following the recent snowfall in the districts, the councils would also like to remind residents that in the event of adverse weather, like snow or ice, it may not be possible for collection crews to make all their scheduled collections. If the districts are affected by bad weather, all the latest information about bin collections will be posted on the councils' website.

HENDRED REELING SOCIETY

present "The Northern Lights Reels" at Snells Hall, East Hendred, on Saturday 3rd March 2018. For some light-hearted fun and whatever your dancing skills may be, please do come along to the practice sessions at West Hendred Village Hall from 8.00p.m. – 10.00p.m. on Thursday 15th Feb; Monday 19th Feb and Friday 23rd Feb – ably guided by James Fairbairn, our professional and patient instructor – no need to book – just turn up on the night.

Beginners are encouraged to come along and once you've realised that it is actually pretty good fun, then we hope you will join us on 3rd March for the real event. We will be raising money for the local charity "Style Acre" which supports young people with learning disabilities. If you have any queries or would like a Ticket Application form then please email rachaelaustin@fastmail.fm or ring on 833798.

A message from a resident living on The Greenway:

Dear Newsletter Readers,

I feel compelled to mention what I witnessed in it's entirety from my bedroom window on the morning of 7th December, as it left me feeling incredulous at the idiocy of some people, and far more importantly, the potentially serious result which may have ensued.

My daughter, who only passed her driving test in August and has already had the confidence shattering experience of having an accident when pulling out of the top of the Greenway onto the incredibly busy and hazardous A417 at peak time in the morning, was, once again, at the top of the road waiting to turn right onto the A417. The traffic was very busy as usual and there was no opportunity for her to pull out, as is often the case, and one has to be patient and wait, which is exactly what she was doing. Suddenly, up behind her comes a motorist from in the village who was clearly impatient and was nosing closer and closer up to the back of my daughter's car. Already I was starting to feel anxious for my daughter when then, this motorist goes into reverse (fortunately the vehicle behind it was a considerate and comfortable distance back), and pulls up alongside my daughter's car on her right-hand side, so effectively is in the lane of any traffic which may be wishing to turn in to the Greenway from the main road. And then, to demonstrate the point, shoots across the main road between on-coming cars and heads off towards Rowstock. I understand you have to grab the opportunity to

get across the A417 in the morning/evening at peak times as it is very busy and that a more experienced driver is often more willing to "take a risk" in so doing. None the less, a less experienced one has every right to be nervous and more cautious, especially in view of recent events, I was observing the busyness of the road and I felt it was one of those situations, as sometimes happens, where there simply wasn't an opportunity to "take a chance and go for it", so to speak.

I appreciate the motorist concerned would be unaware of my daughter's situation, but, please, how can you consider yourself a safe and considerate driver?! What was done here was illegal and had the potential to cause an accident. I was very tempted to call the Police or the Highways Agency and report the individual. Please can we have more considerate driving. Living where we do, we have seen far too many accidents at the top of the Greenway over the years and what I witnessed that morning was outrageous and only likely to lead to more.

The Panto is Back! Dick Whittington!

18, 19 & 20 January at Snells Hall.
Tickets available from
Hendred Stores

Thursday 18th, Friday 19th,
Saturday 20th matinee -
Adults £12, Children £8. Plenty of tickets
left.

Saturday 20th, 7:30pm - all tickets £12
(very few tickets left for Saturday, due to
cast and
crew having priority booking).

The deadline for the next edition of the West
Hendred Newsletter is
25 January 2018.

Please email any inclusions to
newsletter@westhendred.net

*We wish all our readers
a very happy & healthy 2018*

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 .

The Last Year - 2017

We've had a really exciting year. We've welcomed **Chantal Ligertwood** as our Secretary.

The big events have been the hosting the **West Hendred Not Just a Beer Festival** in June. **WHNJABF** provided a generous donation to the Kitchen, also a big thank you to **West Hendred Parish Council**, and also **YOU** the village residents. We received grants 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 really big thank you goes to **Dan Bashford** for his invaluable help on the grant applications, especially to the key funder, Awards for All. The New Kitchen and the ideas have evolved and adapted over the years, so we really appreciate your patience while we reached such a fantastic result! The Village Hall now has professional-grade catering facilities, and are able to offer more versatile menus for larger groups. A big *Thank You* goes to **Oli Barton** and her professional expertise – this really came to the fore in responding to Awards for All questions – the grant was awarded in less than 8 weeks, as opposed to the usual 4 months! The Kitchen was installed ahead of schedule and within budget; it was publicised in the Wantage Herald and Oxford Times.

Over the summer and early autumn, we spruced up our electrics, which we needed to do for our new Kitchen. Thank you to all who worked on and supported this unglamorous necessity.

On 25th November, it was the **OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING** of the **Village Hall's new Kitchen**. We celebrated & showed off the new Kitchen and had the arduous duty of eating delicious mince pies, and sipping mulled wine. One Mince pie was not enough!

Of the hall's events

We kicked off 2017 with **JAZZ IN THE VILLAGE**. Ian Millar (Saxophone) and Dominic Spencer (Piano) delighted us with melodic jazz, with improvisations.

Linda has built on her great success of **Yoga and Mindfulness**, adding a session for teens, to help with focussing for dealing with exam stress.

Also in February and April the snowdrop "in the green" sales at the **Coffee Morning, Plant and Book Sales** added spring colour, and a variety of hardy plants. The most recent sale was in October. Over the year, the sales raises £195-45 for the Village Hall.

June brought us to the **West Hendred Not Just a Beer Festival**.

In July, the **Youth Club** held its enjoyable highly summer party and Barbeque, despite the summer rain!

The **Mother and Baby/Toddler Group** goes from strength to strength, and its fame continues to spread far and wide.

The **West Hendred Stitches** have provided a warm and sociable atmosphere to all.

Pilates classes increased the various sessions and success with Charlie Prince.

In September we had the excitement of the work on the new Kitchen. Vast crowds peered through the serving hatch, speculating on what would happen next. In October we ventured into our new Kitchen with excitement and a little trepidation!

The Coming Year - 2018

With our sparkly new professional-grade kitchen, the Hall will now be able to provide for larger parties, including weddings, special birthdays and corporate events.

In February there's **Manjit Kahlon's Indian Cookery Masterclass** with the following evening **QI Quiz hosted by John Lloyd with Indian Curry supper**.

We're anticipating doing further talks. We're firming up on details, and also on the range of subjects. Please do make your comments, and suggestions.

Over the summer (August) our floor will need to be treated to keep it in excellent condition and conserve it. This is so we get many years life from it. We've squeezed an extra year since its previous treatment, because of the kitchen upgrade.

Upcoming events – for your diary

Indian Cookery Masterclass run by Manjit Kahlon – Friday 9th February

For those of you who missed out on Manjit's culinary expertise in 2014, here is an opportunity to find out the secrets of his wonderful Indian cookery. The Masterclass will be held in the evening in Twilly Springs kitchen, kindly offered by Rosemary Budge.

This event is now fully booked.

QI Quiz hosted by John Lloyd with Indian Curry supper - Saturday 10th February, 7.30pm, The Village Hall.

Curry supper, prepared by the Masterclass under the watchful eye of Manjit Kahlon, will be served at half time.

There will be a pay bar serving draught beer, cider, wines and non-alcoholic drinks.

This event is now fully booked.

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL INCLUDE:

Youth Club – Friday 19th January (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 27th January 2018 10 am– 12 noon

Thank you to all who have come and supported book sales in 2017, and raised £195.45!

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 21st January 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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