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♫♫♫ **COME AND SING CAROLS ♫♫♫**
Enjoy the true spirit of Christmas by singing carols around West Hendred. Meet at 6pm on FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER at West Hendred Village Hall or join us en route. Remember to wear warm clothing and bring a torch or lantern. All funds collected are for Helen & Douglas House Children’s Hospice. EVERYONE WELCOME! For more details contact Angela 862912 or Patsy 835113

**DECEMBER CHURCH SERVICES**
- Sunday 3rd Morning prayer 9:00
- Sunday 10th Morning prayer 9:00
- Benefice Communion Lockinge 10:30
- Sunday 17th Family Service 9:00
- Sunday 24th Crib Service 3:00
- Monday 25th Christmas Communion 9:00
- Sunday 31st Morning Prayer 9:00
- Benefice Communion East Hendred 10:30

**SAMARITAN’S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2017**
We are very happy to say that we received a total of 51 filled shoeboxes together with separate donations of money and toys. Many, many thanks for your generosity and kindness in supporting this campaign. Each box will bring will bring joy and hope to a needy child overseas as well as letting them know that someone is thinking of them and cares for them. Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas. Patsy and Angela.

**POPPY APPEAL 2017**
A very big thank you to all who gave so generously during the Remembrance period. Also, a huge thank you to those gave their time around the village selling poppies on the doorsteps. Thankfully the weather this year was better than last year. The total raised so far is £345, more to come and gift aid yet to be added. It looks as though we’ll beat last years total of £507.

**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, for a maximum of 8 people, will be held in the evening in Twilly Springs kitchen, kindly offered by Rosemary Budge. There is no charge for the Class as participants will be cooking the meal for and preparing and serving it at the following evening’s Supper. To register, please contact villagehallbookings@westhendred.net or call Rosemary on 07721 013577.

**QI QUIZ HOSTED BY JOHN LLOYD WITH INDIAN CURRY SUPPER - SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 7.30PM**
The Village Hall. Tickets: £15 per person.
Tickets can be reserved by emailing villagehallbookings@westhendred.net or phoning Sarah Lloyd on 01235 833373.

BOOKING opens 11th December 2017.

Teams can be any number up to max of 8 people. QI prizes for the winning team ... plus a few surprises along the way.

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.
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 summer day. Roy Lennox was in the saddle a week before the formal date. He started at Ashbury, and cycled along the B4507, following the line of the Ridgeway along its side. Roy visited the Springline villages, which he said meant that his route was continually going up and down hills. Roy felt in need of WD40! The real challenge was particularly the portion from Compton Beauchamp, then on to Woolstone, Kingston Lisle and Sparsholt. By going a week early, Roy said that the big difference was that the churches were unmanned churches, however this reduced his journey time by about an hour. As we go to press, there’s still a few more sponsorships to collect. So far we have raised over £890 from sponsors! Hopefully we’ll raise over £925, and maybe over £1,000! Thank you to all to took part, and all who have sponsored. Hugh Rees

HENDRED SPORTS CLUB VILLAGE SURVEY

Exciting times are afoot at Hendred Sports Club down Mill Lane, East Hendred. We have a new board of trustees and some money available for investment as a result of recent local housing developments. Today we offer organised cricket, football and tennis. Our ambition is to increase participation in sports and leisure within East & West Hendred, Rowstock and the surrounding areas by having something to appeal to everyone. We would like to know what you and your families think! Please take a couple of minutes to fill in the attached questionnaire to help us with our plans. Please pop your responses back to the Village Shop as soon as you can or email us at hendredsportsclub@gmail.com

Wantage Silver Band Carols

Members of Wantage Silver Band will be touring the village on the morning of Sunday 10 December playing familiar carols and Christmas tunes to help raise funds for their celebrated bands. Why not have your request for a favourite carol ready.

CHRISTMAS CARDS OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, WEST HENDRED

High quality Christmas Cards are available of Holy Trinity Church, The greeting inside is Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

The Cards are available in packs of 10 (with envelopes) for £5 per pack, and are sold in aid of repairs to Holy Trinity Church. The cards are on sale in the church, which is open in daylight hours. There are also packs of 10 cards (with envelopes) of the church available, which are plain inside. You can also buy the cards from Christine Tanner, Wainfelin, Ginge Road – 01235-833349 Hugh Rees, Mill Farm House, Mill Lane – 01235-833174

BRIAN AND CLAIRE HARDISTY ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME FOR THEIR PIANO ...

It is a Berry, which we bought second-hand about 15 years ago. It was apparently formerly a school piano, and was well used to heavy use and heavy treatment, and withstands it all without any problems. It has cables attached underneath the keyboard to allow an organ pedal attachment to be connected, but we didn’t realise this when we bought it, and have never used them. Presumably they could be removed. It hasn’t been tuned for a few years, but keeps its tuning very well. All the keys, hammers etc are in excellent condition.

Complete with piano stool. The woodwork is in good condition.

For more info, contact b.hardisty@btinternet.com

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next Newsletter is 25 December 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
HALL LETTINGS
All hall enquiries/bookings should be made via email to villagehallbookings@westhendred.net.
Web Site : www.westhendred.net

OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING! of the Village Hall’s new kitchen – Saturday 25th November
Thank you to all who came and made this event such a success! Thank you to all who performed without dereliction their arduous duty of eating the delicious mince pies, and supping mulled wine. One Mince pie was not enough!

UPCOMING EVENTS – FOR YOUR DIARY
Indian Cookery Masterclasses course followed by Indian Meal AND QI Quiz. Indian Cookery Masterclass run by Manjit Kahlon – Friday 9th February QI Quiz hosted by John Lloyd with Indian curry supper - Saturday 10th February, 7.30pm, The Village Hall. BOOKING opens Monday 11th December! For full details, please see the larger item earlier in the Newsletter.

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL INCLUDE:
Youth Club – Christmas Party Friday December 23rd - 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. Beginners welcome. Work on individual projects. Tea & coffee provided. Bring own lunch. Further information from Jane Soffe 01235 832554

Family Service – Sunday 17th December 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. Classes start again 12th September.
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).

Village Hall Committee Contacts Hugh Rees (Chair) 01235-833174 / 07802-416031
Sarah Lloyd 01235-833373