

WEST HENDRED

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

DIARY OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Venue	Time
06 October	Book & Plant Sale	WH Village Hall	10 - noon
19 October	Family Service	Holy Trinity Church	9 am
21 October	Youth Club	WH Village Hall	7 -8.30 pm
30 November	Whalebone Band	WH Village Hall	
16 December	Christmas Event	WH Village Hall	2 - 4 pm

Deadline for next Newsletter 25 October 2018

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT HOLY TRINITY, WEST HENDRED

We had a really joyful celebration for our Harvest Thanksgiving taken by the Rev Peter Rice. The heavens opened outside, but it did not dampen our spirits inside. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables, and also dry goods and tinned food. After a stirring talk by Peter, we sang the Harvest hymns, played for us by our guest organist, Stephen Harrison, and then we received Holy Communion. It was good to see several young children also having a lovely time. After the service, breakfast was served in church. Because of the heavy rain we were unable to BBQ, and so Tim H kindly cooked lots of bacon rashers and brought them to fill our rolls. Also we enjoyed wonderful fresh croissants collected for us by David T. Today we have taken the fruit and vegetables to Stirlings Care Home in Wantage. They were gratefully received. The dried goods were taken to the Wantage Food Bank, to help people less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you so much to everyone who decorated the Church, who donated goods and who came to Church to celebrate Harvest and give thanks. Christine Tanner

HOLY TRINITY SERVICES OCTOBER

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

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2018

Leaflets are now available from Holy Trinity church West Hendred or from either one of us if you would like to participate in the 2018 Shoebox Appeal. Your filled shoebox will be delivered to needy children overseas. Instructions, plus guidance about choice of items to fill the box can be found in the leaflet as well

as a label for the age and gender of child. A voluntary donation of £5 per box is welcomed but not mandatory and we welcome ALL boxes. Alternatively, if you would like to help but are not able to prepare a shoebox we welcome donations too. Please could we have completed boxes by Sunday 11th November at the latest so we can take them to our nearest distribution point. Thank you for reading this and we hope you will join us in the appeal this year. Patsy Jenkins 835113 Angela Findley 862912

WEST HENDRED BEER FESTIVAL

The 7th West Hendred Not Just a Beer Festival was held on 7/8th September. The forecast rain was kind enough mostly to stay away and a good turn-out from near and far enjoyed a fun-filled two days. This is a highlight of the village calendar and is only possible because of the selfless hard work of a large team of people. As such it is a true community event and the funds raised will be used to improve facilities for the local community. My sincere thanks to all of you who worked so hard before, during and after the festival - everyone should feel justifiably proud of their achievements. Thanks Tim

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH WEST HENDRED OXFORD HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE OR STRIDE

This year's sponsored event took place on Saturday 8th September. The weather is was good - dry and not too sunny, with a light wind, and the sun even shone some of the time! I opened Holy Trinity Church at just after 9-15AM . A total of 13 st/riders visited the church, which included Charlotte Jenkins, Roy Lennox and also me. Angela and Nigel Findey did their striding around Oxford on foot.

Thank you to all our welcomers and all who helped at the church - especially Janet Trotman and Patsy Jenkins.

Also, thank you to all who rode or strode, either on the day or beforehand. Thank you to all who took part, and all who have sponsored. Hugh Rees

AUTUMN BONFIRES

As you tidy your garden for the autumn, please check the wind direction before you light your bonfires. Be sure the smoke does not disturb your neighbours, especially if they have washing drying outside. Also before you light your fires always check for hiding hedgehogs, rare visitors now.

“EVERY ONE REMEMBERED”

100 years ago at 11:00 on the 11th November 1918 the guns finally fell silent on the world's first truly global war. As we approach the centenary of that momentous date it is worth remembering the over 1 million commonwealth servicemen who did not return to their countries and loved ones. The troops that did return vowed that their comrades lives would not be lost in vain and worked hard to rebuild and regenerate the nation. The memories of the fallen were commemorated through the now familiar Poppy and other traditions such as the Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in London.

The war also generated many pioneers, who had to find novel solutions to the challenges they faced. There were significant advances in medicine, technology and culture. A lot of commonplace items that we take for granted today originated during the war, including zips, stainless steel, tea bags and tanks!

The war also showed that women were the equal of men. By working to keep the country going they built skills and confidence. Then in 1918, women over 30 years old were allowed to vote and the progress to votes for all women began.

This year the Royal British Legion have created a Centenary field of Thanks at the National Memorial Arboretum, planted with poppies from well-wishers. I have added a Poppy in memory of my paternal grandfather Arthur Boulton. He joined the army in 1914, won a gallantry medal around Ypres in 1916. He was commissioned and returned to the lines in early 1917 only to be chlorine shell gassed later that year. Luckily for me he survived the war and was demobbed in 1921 having supervised the removal of unexploded shells in Belgium. He became a bank manager in London and never spoke of his war record, indeed my father had no idea until we visited Kew records office where my grandfather's regimental and medical records still exist.

The families of our village who lost men have recorded their names on two memorials in our Church. Each year these names are recited and their sacrifice recalled during our Act of Remembrance. This year Roy Lennox has gathered together research and discovered the history of many of these men. Some interesting anomalies have also been uncovered and one extra name, a non local who is buried in our churchyard, will be added to our list. To further commemorate the sacrifice of these soldiers, there will be a new memorial unveiled at the Church gate on 11th November and a tree and plaque will be planted in their memory.

However you choose to commemorate the "Generation who changed the world", by attending events or simply by giving generously to the Poppy sellers and wearing your Poppy with pride.. "We will remember them" Nigel Findley

EARTHWORKS

Just to keep you all in the picture. Our earthworks at the pumping station site were halted in June by haymaking and subsequently harvest. We are about to resume those works which will of course cause some noise. This time we have smaller machines which I hope will cause less noise than before. We are also at a time of year when daylight restricts our evening work to a much earlier time. I hope we don't disturb anyone. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. Ed Clayton 07733 363 711

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

We have still been receiving reports of hare coursing and poaching and we ask people to be vigilant when in the rural areas. If any suspicious activity is seen please call either 101 or if it is a crime in progress 999. We continue to carry out rural patrols day and night to deter and detect those offenders. We have still had some incidents at the beauty spot car parks where vehicles have been broken into. We have managed to recover some property. Please ensure that nothing is left in your vehicle when leaving it in these locations. We continue to patrol these areas.

WHALEBONE IN WEST HENDRED

Shortlisted for the music performance of the year, national rural touring award 2018, Whalebone are bringing their unique acoustic instrumental folk music to West Hendred for one night only. Friday 30th November Tickets on Sale NOW.

whbookings@gmail.com £10 per ticket Bar and light food available on the night <http://www.whalebone-music.com> for more information

YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU!

The newsletter team are looking for another editor to join the team.

We like to run with 3 editors, this means you only have to edit the newsletter 4 times a year. A good knowledge of word is very helpful.

For more information please email the newsletter or contact Katy Denne on 821452 or 07769 279031

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next Newsletter is

25 OCTOBER 2018

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 email to villagehallbookings@westhendred.net
Web Site: www.westhendred.net

Bookings Team - Vacancy

We currently have 1 vacancy in the West Hendred Village Hall bookings team. These voluntary positions are a good way of being part of village life, helping the hall run smoothly and being part of a great team. The workload isn't large (approx. a couple of hours a week) and is shared between the 3 booking officers, so cover is provided if a member of the team is unavailable. Full guidance and support will be given. No previous experience necessary. Please contact villagehallbookings@westhendred.net if you would like more information about the role.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Sunday 16th Dec – Christmas event & Hall opening pictures formal unveil 2-4pm Please get this date in your diary! We will have the formal unveil of a Beryl Maile picture donated to the Village Hall, and also the formal unveil of pictures etc. of the hall's opening on 12th June 2005. Do come along for your mince pie, and mulled wine, tombola, raffle, and childrens lucky dip. Proceeds are to the village hall's winter heating bill.

Sunday 7th October - Pop Up Shop 11am to 4pm. Elegant Merino - a local business based in The Hendreds We're having a Pop Up Shop at West Hendred Village Hall on Do come along if you can and browse our gorgeous new autumn styles and cosy accessories, all 100% New Zealand-made from the finest quality merino wool www.elegantmerino.co.uk

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL INCLUDE:

KONGA every Friday term time. 9.30 - 10.30 am £5 per class. NEW! Konga is a fusion of Boxing, Cardio, Dance & Sculpting set to the hottest sounds of music. This fitness routine is designed to get results through increasing fitness levels and redefining your physique. Can burn approximately 700 calories from one class. For more information Contact Rachel Lock on 07801 824293.

Youth Club – Third Friday – 19th October 7 pm to 8-30 pm

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 6th October 10 am – 12 noon

Thank you to all who came to the September sale which raised £26-11. Thank you for your support! Many nearly new cookery and childrens books! Also a variety of hardy plants, and an October special of Quinces! 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 21st October 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 started again on the 11th September

Thursdays 9.15-10.45 am Yoga for beginners and improvers Classes started again on the 13th September

Thursdays 11-12.15 Gentle yoga Classes started again on 13th September 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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