

# **WEST HENDRED**

## **FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER**

### **DIARY OF EVENTS**

<b>2 Feb</b>	<b>The Hive Pop Up Market</b>	<b>WH Village Hall</b>	<b>9–12pm</b>
<b>16 Feb</b>	<b>Coffee Morning &amp; Plant/Book Sale</b>	<b>WH Village Hall</b>	<b>10-12pm</b>
<b>17 Feb</b>	<b>Family Service</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>	<b>9am</b>
<b>22 Feb</b>	<b>Village History Talk</b>	<b>WH Village Hall</b>	<b>8-9.30pm</b>
<b>21/22 June</b>	<b>WH Beer Festival</b>	<b>WH Village Hall</b>	

**Deadline for next Newsletter 25 February 2019**

### **Good Will in the Community**

Looking back at 2018 much was achieved in maintaining good relations between parishioners and generating fun, especially through the excellent voluntary work of the Village Hall Committee, the Beer Festival Committee, the Annual Fundraising Church Lunch and the much-valued Youth Club, to name but a few.

There are, however, a number of "hardy annuals" that tend to mar the peace that we all seek. They include: dog walkers failing to scoop when their ward's poop; careless parking which blocks neighbour's access or narrows the pavement for pedestrians, and cyclists who continue to use the Furlong and some who aggressively force pedestrians to step aside. The Furlong is a footpath and not a cycle path! However, the only concession is for parents cycling with their children to school in East Hendred.

In the great scheme of things, these few but very real irritations could so easily be overcome by respecting our neighbours' well-being and contributing positively to their quality of life. Local councils have limited resources and other priorities and so, realistically, the onus is on us the parishioners to shape relationships and conditions within the village. The Parish Council believe that with, "good will in the community", we can overcome these distractions and continue to improve the village's reputation as a great place to live.

Roy Lennox, Chair of WHPC

### **Wantage Downs Benefice – Next rector appointed**

Just before Christmas Bishop Colin of Dorchester, our Area Bishop, announced the appointment of Reverend Orazio Camaioni as the next rector of Wantage Downs Benefice (West Hendred, East Hendred, Ardington & Lockinge).

The licensing service will be on 7.30pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July at Lockinge. Orazio is completing his three year curacy, and is currently curate in charge at Wantage Parish. His life in Wantage is a little busy, especially until the new vicar of Wantage is instituted in mid-March. Orazio and Sylvia together with their young baby, who is due to be born in the spring, will move into the Rectory before Bishop Colin institutes him.

We look forward to their arrival and commencement at Wantage Downs Benefice. Angela Findley, Hugh Rees, Christine Tanner.

### **The Hive Pop Up Market**

Saturday 2nd February from 9am - 12pm  
MD Creations - crochet and facecloth gifts  
Wendy's mosaics - wildlife themed crafts  
Chocolate bouquets with Kate. Purely Kombucha. Kids Yoga with Emma - kids fun corner. Made by me - reversible clothing  
Neals Yard Remedies with Emma.  
Rosie Redhead. Kirsty's Crafty Creations.  
Taste Buds - jams, chutneys, marmalade's  
BZB Eco Products - Beeswax and Bamboo  
Sesi Refills - refilling all types of soap, laundry and other detergents! (Bring a container or buy one on the day!) Oli Barton's Jolly Good

Brownies. Local Artists Showcase  
Snow bunting Homewares. Old Farm Shoppe –  
TBC. Refreshments/all profits raised donated  
to West Hendred Village Hall Funds/  
volunteers needed! Plus a Swishing Zone!  
What's Swishing? Bring 1 or 2 items of  
clothing you love but just don't use / too good  
for a charity shop? Hand over at the Swish  
Zone and collect a token. The Swishing Area  
will then open at 11am with a full stand of  
donated goods and you can use your tokens to  
exchange for another item. Maximum 3  
"swishes" per person! Adult and Children  
Clothing only. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Bring  
your piggy banks as cash would be preferred.  
Due to lack of WiFi and signal we cannot  
guarantee card machines will work! The local  
Scouts troop and Hendred's Youth Club are  
running refreshments to raise essential funds  
and will also be undertaking a Tombola. Please  
drop any unwanted bottles (booze, bubble  
bath, liqueur etc) or untouched Christmas gifts  
to Penny Meston or bring at 8am on 2nd Feb.  
Marco Polo Bakery are delivering for the event  
and they are taking pre-orders to ensure they  
bring enough stock. You can order via this  
simple form here -  
[https://goo.gl/forms/BeUI17jxZoWLypIv1  
bzbeewraps@gmail.com](https://goo.gl/forms/BeUI17jxZoWLypIv1bzbeewraps@gmail.com)  
More info on social media @bzbwraps

### **Coffee Morning for the Children's Society**

Many thanks to all who supported this event  
which followed the Family Service on 20<sup>th</sup>  
January and I am very pleased to say that the  
sum of £181 was raised which has been  
forwarded to The Children's Society to help  
disadvantaged children in England and Wales.  
Patsy Jenkins

### **Village History Talk -WH Village Hall**

Friday 22nd February 20:00 until 21:30  
By Kind permission of Dr Sykes, presented by  
Dan Bashford. 'The Rev'd John Buckworth  
Herne, Vicar of West Hendred: Unfulfilled  
Dreamer or Scoundrel?' Admission free, but  
please reserve a place in advance from  
[daniel.bashford@historicengland.org.uk](mailto:daniel.bashford@historicengland.org.uk)  
Bar in aid of the village hall.

### **East & West Hendred WI Charity Quiz Night**

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH in SNELLS HALL,  
EAST HENDRED at 7pm.  
Back by popular demand!! East & West  
Hendred WI are holding a Quiz Night in aid of  
THE WANTAGE INDEPENDENT ADVISE

CENTRE, a local charity supporting and serving  
people within the community. It promises to  
be an excellent evening and we would love  
you to come along with your teams of six.  
Tickets are just £10pp including a Ploughman's  
Supper. You are welcome to bring your own  
drinks. For further details and an application  
form please contact the WI Treasurer, Ann  
Pagett, Fairfield, Mill Lane, West Hendred,  
OX12 8RJ.

### **East & West Hendred WI**

Thursday 21st February  
7.30pm at Snells Hall, East Hendred  
We are pleased to announce our Guest  
Speaker at our February meeting will be  
Barbara Hatley. Barbara will give us  
fascinating details on The History and Meaning  
of Nursery Rhymes – and you thought they  
were just for children!!  
East & West Hendred WI is a vibrant and fun  
place – why not come along and see for  
yourself. Visitors and new members always  
welcome. For more details please contact our  
President, Jennie Cosgrave, on 01235 224467  
or [jen@wpj.me.uk](mailto:jen@wpj.me.uk)

### **February Church Services**

Sunday 3rd	Morning Prayer	9:00
Sunday 10th	Morning Prayer	9:00
	Benefice Communion Ardington	10:30
Sunday 17th	Family Service	9:00
Sunday 24th	Holy Communion	9:00

### **West Hendred Not Just a Beer Festival**

The 8th West Hendred Not Just a Beer Festival  
will take place on Friday 21st and Saturday  
22nd June - what better way to celebrate the  
start of summer! Get the dates in your diaries  
now for what is certain to be another fantastic  
village event. For any further information, or if  
you would like to help out, please contact Tim  
Hutchinson at [tim.hutchinson@outlook.com](mailto:tim.hutchinson@outlook.com)

### **Neighbourhood Policing Update –**

**Burglary:** We have had two reported burglary  
dwellings in December in the Wantage area.  
Are you making it easy for burglars? Please  
review your security, make sure that all of  
your windows and doors are locked before  
going to bed or going out.

**Rural Crime** has been reported across the  
area throughout December, which has  
included some reports of hare coursing and  
some suspicious vehicles, which the Police  
have attended. There have also been reports  
of 4x4 vehicles using the Ridgeway. It is

classified as a restricted byway all year round. This means that only people with a genuine reason can use a vehicle on the Ridgeway (i.e. farmers). People using the Ridgeway in motor vehicles including off road motorbikes will be prosecuted. **Thefts from vehicles at beauty spot car parks:** We are still getting reports of break ins to vehicles at car parks along the ridgeway and Chain Hill/Monument Car Park, Ardington Woods, White Horse Hill, Sparsholt Firs and other locations. We try our best to patrol these areas, but we need help to identify these individuals and we need to encourage people to not leave items within their vehicles, even if they are hidden within the vehicle. If you see any people or vehicles acting suspiciously please report it by calling 101 or 999 if a crime is occurring. **Please do not leave anything in your vehicles!** **Please get in touch/follow us using the following:** Email: [WantageandGroveNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:WantageandGroveNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) Twitter: [@tvpsouthandvale](https://twitter.com/tvpsouthandvale) [www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale](https://www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale) Phone: 101 **Always phone 999 in an emergency**

### **HM Revenue and Customs Alert What you need to know -**

Action Fraud has experienced an increase in the reporting of malicious calls, voicemails, text messages or emails to members of the public purporting to be from HMRC. The fraudsters state that as a result of their non-payment of tax or other duty, the victim is liable to prosecution or other legal proceedings such as repossession of belongings to settle the balance but can avoid this by arranging for payment to be made immediately by method such as bank transfer or by iTunes gift cards. If the victim is hesitant, the suspect makes a threat such as immediate arrest, bailiffs or in cases where the victim appears to be of overseas origin; deportation. Often, the period for which the tax is allegedly due is distant enough to guarantee the victim will have little, if any, paperwork or ability to verify the claims. Once the money is paid the suspects sever all contact.

### **What you need to do -**

Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information. Just because someone knows your basic details (such as your name and contact details), it doesn't mean they are genuine. Instead, contact the company directly using trusted methods such as a known email address or phone number. No genuine organisation will ask you to pay

taxes, bills or fees using iTunes Gift Cards, or any other type of voucher. Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Under no circumstances would a genuine bank or some other trusted organisation force you to make a financial transaction on the spot. If you receive a call, text or email of this nature and have not lost money, report this as a phishing attempt to Action Fraud.

### **Have you been a victim of crime or**

**abuse?** Victims First provides free emotional and practical support to all victims and witnesses of crime or abuse, as well as family members of victims. It is available across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire and can provide help regardless of whether or not the crime has been reported to the police. A Victims First Officer can discuss any emotional or practical needs you may have and work with you to put a tailored support plan in place. This could involve referring you to a specialist service such as services for victims of sexual violence and domestic abuse. A Young Victims Service is also available to anyone under 18 and works with young people to help them cope with the effects of crime. To speak to a Victims First Officer about any of the services and to receive support please call 0300 1234 148. You can also find more information or make a referral for support online at [www.victims-first.org.uk](http://www.victims-first.org.uk)

### **The deadline for next month's newsletter is 25<sup>th</sup> February**

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](mailto:newsletter@westhendred.net)

### **FOR SALE**

**Ladies** Stockli Edition V1 skis, Salomon bindings S710, length 1.64 m, for beginner or intermediate skier, height of approx 5ft 6in - 5ft 9in. Also ski bag £30. **Men's** Rossignol skis Z7 length 1.76m, for intermediate skier height approx 6ft.2in. Also ski bag £45.

Photos available. 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](mailto:villagehallbookings@westhendred.net) Web Site: [www.westhendred.net](http://www.westhendred.net)

**Bookings Team – Vacancy** We currently have 1 vacancy in the West Hendred Village Hall bookings 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](mailto:villagehallbookings@westhendred.net)

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**The Hive Pop Up Market - Monthly Market - Saturday 2nd February – 9am -12 noon**

**Village History Talk - Friday 22nd February 20:00 to 21:30** By Kind permission of Dr Sykes, presented by Dan Bashford

**The Revd. John Buckworth Herne, Vicar of West Hendred: Unfulfilled Dreamer or Scoundrel?**

### **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** The Youth Club meets usually on the third Friday at 7 pm, this month - Friday 15th February. 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 16<sup>th</sup> February 10 am – 12 noon**

Thank you to all who came to the sale on 19<sup>th</sup> January, and raised £68-50. Many nearly new cookery and childrens books! Also a variety of hardy plants, and tall snowdrops and very early snowdrops on sale "in the green". 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 17th February 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](mailto:charlie@princepilates.co.uk) , or see Charlie's website for more information about classes etc. [www.princepilates.co.uk](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> January **Thursdays 9.15-10.45 am Yoga for beginners and improvers** Classes started again on the 10<sup>th</sup> January **Thursdays 11-12.15 Gentle yoga** Classes started again on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 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**

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