

WEST HENDRED

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 January 2024**

IMPORTANT! Please can we ask that, if you know of any neighbours who may not have access to the internet, you print a copy off for them and pop it through their door. Thank you.

Happy New Year!

NHS Public Meeting The Future of Wantage Community Hospital

Thursday Jan 11th 7.30 – 9.30pm
Sykes Hall, Tugwell Field,
Wantage OX12 8FA
Free parking

Wantage Town Council

Camelot the Panto - Snell's Hall, East Hendred

Join us this January for a tale of knights, witches, princesses and dames! Friday 26th January at 7.30pm; Saturday 27th January at 2pm and 7.30pm. Sunday 28th January at 1pm

Pay Bar and ice creams at all performances.

All tickets for sale from 1 December
via www.springline-productions.co.uk

Holy Trinity West Hendred Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride - 9th September 2023

We've just got the grand total – £657.00 has gone to OHCT. An impressive total, although not quite as high as in 2022. This year's event was on a very hot day!
This year's total comes from 25 sponsorships. OHCT pays back 50% of the total, a payment of £328.50; this will help towards the major heating improvement.
Thank you to all who have sponsored.
Hugh Rees

Beryl Maile: Artist. Eccentric. Raconteur. 1928-2018

17th November 2023 - 17th February 2024
Vale & Downland Museum,
Church Street, Wantage, OX12 8BL
Free Admission (Donations welcomed)

The Vale and Downland Museum is pleased to be hosting a special exhibition displaying works by talented local artist Beryl Maile. From oil to pen and ink, Beryl Maile's work ranged from moody, sprawling landscapes to humorous speedy doodles and illustrations. Come and see works on display at the museum and share your memories of this much loved local personality.

We would like to thank the members of the local community who have come forward with works to display for this exhibition.

Kirsty Cabot

Assistant Curator

www.valeanddownlandmuseum.org.uk

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred - Heating

We're making much needed improvements to the church's heating. The plan is to install under-pew heaters similar to those at Denchworth Church, and also Childrey Church. Based on the experience of other similar churches, these heaters will not only be more effective at keeping the congregation warm but also cost considerably less to run.

Electric Heating Solutions (EHS), who specialise in church heating and have installed under-pew heaters in several churches in Oxfordshire, have quoted £12,900 net – the church can claim back most of the VAT.

The Parochial Church Council has decided the heating is the priority works to the building, following the completion of the urgent work

to the North Aisle roof. We submitted the works approval application (faculty) for Oxford Diocese's approval as soon as we had received all the documents from EHS that the Diocese need. Our caseworker at the Diocese has said "Church Buildings team will review it and then send our advice on to the Archdeacon." Hopefully it won't take long to get the Diocese's approval, which we need not just for the work itself, but also for grant applications.

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT) have indicated they may be able to help towards the cost and mentioned "So pleased you are progressing with your heating and that you will be applying for a grant from us. The next awards meeting is in February."

We need your support NOW!
Thank you for the very generous donations from individuals. Please help us now by donating towards this. If you have not done

so already, please can you help by donating either online via www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6046/ and selecting "Give Now" from the webpage; or by contacting the church Treasurer, Roland Jack rolandmjack@gmail.com or 01235 831894
Hugh Rees

New member of the West Hendred Newsletter Editorial team required!

We have a vacancy on our monthly newsletter team to join our team of three. It's only a quarterly commitment and quite straightforward editing ... if you'd like to volunteer, please contact Jane John by email: newsletter@westhendred.net

The deadline for items for next month's newsletter is 25th January
Please email to
newsletter@westhendred.net

West Hendred and Ginge Village Hall News

All hall enquiries/bookings should be made via email to villagehallbookings@westhendred.net or www.westhendred.net

The Last Year - 2023

The final lifting of Covid restrictions was towards the end of 2022. This year has seen the return of our regular hirers and classes:

West Hendred Stitches led by Jane Soffe

Pilates led by Charlie Prince, and

Gentle and Hatha Yoga taught by Linda Davey

We've also seen the return of the **Springline Choir** for their rehearsal sessions, and rehearsals of the **Wantage Orchestra**.

There are several new hirers

Kyokushin Karate started in September.

We have also hosted the weekly **Home-schooling Group**

We hosted evenings of **Board Games**, which ran a few sessions, but sadly not continuing – always worth trying something new!

West Hendred Christmas Fair returned on 3rd December – the first post-Covid.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came, to the excellent stall holders, to all of you who donated items for the tombola and raffle, and the children's second-hand stall. Thank you for the Face painting, Glitter tattoos, and Guess the Weight of the Christmas Cake. Thank you to The Springline Choir who really kicked off Christmas with carols. Also THANK YOU to all the volunteers. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to those who provided food at the BBQ, and also from the kitchen and the bar. The BBQ, mulled wine, tea, tasty soup and mince pies added to the occasion!

The Fair raised over £1,500 for the Hall – a big and really helpful contribution towards the heightened energy costs which are hitting so many village halls, as well as domestic users.

The hall continues to be a popular venue for children's parties and other celebrations.

A new energy-saving system has been installed, which also includes an online booking system. This should improve managing the heating, which is the Hall's biggest running cost.

THANK YOU for the generous contribution of £1,000 from the Beer Festival's outstanding funds – this has really helped towards our running costs in 2023.

The Coming Year - 2024

We look forward to 2024. We're anticipating a Quiz and Fish & Chip supper (late Spring), hopefully also the return of the Beer Festival. There are quite a number of other events at the planning stage.

The Hall continues as a real hub for our village, available for a wide range of activities and personal events.

Please do consider joining us – you'll be very welcome, as the small band of us are looking to expand the Village Hall's activities in 2024!

Current Events

West Hendred Stitches - SECOND & FOURTH Tuesdays in the month 10am-4pm

West Hendred Stitches meet on the SECOND and FOURTH Tuesdays in the month.

Any craft. We are a self-help group i.e. We help each other and share our knowledge. We have a lovely light hall with easy access. Coffee & tea provided. Please bring your own lunch.

You are welcome to visit. Call me, Jane Soffe, for details on 07455 076584.

Kyokushin Karate Club - from September on Mondays

Attention all beginners! Ready to kick-start your karate journey? Join our Kyokushin Karate Club in West Hendred Village Hall from September onwards on Mondays. The costs of the training will be £6 per lesson (reduction for more than one family member).

Children's class from 5-5:45pm

Adults class 5:45-7pm

Beginner-friendly classes designed to empower you. No experience required! Discover the art of self-defence, build strength, flexibility and confidence. Expert instructors will guide you every step of the way, ensuring a safe and supportive environment. Reserve your spot today and unlock your full potential! Call or message now: 07446 469488

Pilates - Mat classes Wednesdays 6 -7pm

Classical and modern Pilates exercises, incorporating myofascial release techniques to alleviate stress and muscle tension. We focus on maintaining and improving the 6 main Pilates principles: Breath, concentration, control, precision, centring, and flow.

All levels welcome. I will provide modifications and more advanced versions of the exercises to suit different abilities. I provide all mats and equipment, but you are of course welcome to bring your own. Please get in touch to book your first session or for more information please contact:

Charlie Prince on 07581 462 317, charlie@princepilates.co.uk or visit my website:

www.princepilates.co.uk

Yoga at West Hendred Village Hall

Gentle/Chair Yoga

Tuesdays 10 – 11 am (on Zoom)

Wednesdays 10 – 11 am

Hatha Yoga

Wednesdays 4.30 – 5.45 pm

Thursdays 9.30 – 10.45 am

Please contact me for further information on 01235 863647 or linda@soderstrom.myzen.co.uk

Not sure if yoga is for you? Contact me and arrange for a free trial lesson.

Linda Davey – British Wheel of Yoga Teacher and Yoga Therapist / Yoga in Healthcare Alliance.

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