

WEST HENDRED

FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 FEBRUARY 2024**

Come and join the West Hendred Newsletter Editorial Team!

We have a vacancy - join our team of three and help us gather information for this monthly newsletter. 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

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.

20mph in the Village

West Hendred Parish Council did, as requested by the parish, apply to be included in OCC's 20mph zoning through the village. To keep you all updated we have been told we are 'on the list' and this is likely to be implemented later in 2024. If the Council receives any further updates, we will of course pass them on.

CAMELOT THE PANTO this weekend at Snell's Hall, East Hendred

Have you got your tickets? If not, why not? For **last minute** seats for this fun-filled, family friendly village Panto:

www.springline-productions.co.uk

Friday 26th January 7.30 pm / Saturday 27th January 2pm and 7.30pm / Sunday 28th January at 1 pm. Bar and ice-creams at all performances.

Quiz and Fish & Chips Supper, Saturday 2nd March at 7.00pm

West Hendred Village Hall. Tickets £12 per person, includes supper. Pay Bar for wine, beer and soft drinks. To reserve places, please call 07493 710 307. Payment at the

door, card or cash. Get your teams together and book for a fun evening!

A message from Jane Soffe

A Big Thank You to everyone for their wonderful kindness and messages to me and my family when my dear husband Brian passed away after a long illness. It has been a great comfort to us all. Thank you all, from Jane Soffe, also our daughter, Emma, and the grandchildren Thomas and Kaitlyn. Not forgetting my sons Peter and David to whom Brian became a father figure.

South Oxfordshire District Council Joint Local Plan

Join the conversation! Take a look at proposals and draft policies to address local challenges and unlock future opportunities, including climate, housing, environment, community facilities and more! View documents, find out more on local events and complete the survey before 11.59pm on 21 February 2024

www.southandvale.gov.uk/JLP

Drop-in events include: Wantage 31 Jan / Abingdon 03 Feb / Didcot 10 Feb.

Carol Singing ... a big THANK YOU

Thanks to all those who came carol singing around West Hendred before Christmas. It was great to hear such joyful voices young and old... even one from the other side of the world! Our carol singing raised an amazing £189.47 which, along with a share of the Crib Service collection, sent over £320 to support Helen & Douglas House Childrens Hospice. Even better during December 2023 an anonymous benefactor is doubling all donations to the hospice which makes your donations doubly great! Thank you so much for all your generosity - have a very happy new year! Angela Findley.

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred

Heating update - 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 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 that improved heating is the priority for the building. The final details were received from EHS in mid-November, and we promptly submitted an application to the diocese for their permission.

Further details were provided just before Christmas. In discussion, our diocese caseworker mentioned "There are no negative comments on the proposal". We then submitted a grant application to Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, which was just before the newsletter went to press. Hopefully we'll hear the outcome in mid-February. We need your support NOW!

Thank you for the very generous donations from individuals. If you are able to and haven't already done so, please consider helping us now by donating towards this.

You can donate online via

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6046/ and selecting "Give Now" from the web-page; or by contacting the church Treasurer, Roland Jack

rolandmjack@gmail.com or 01235 831894
Hugh Rees

The deadline for items for next month's newsletter is 25th February. 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

Brian Soffe - It is with sadness that we note, belatedly, the news of Brian's passing. Brian was on the Village Hall Committee for quite a number of years in the late noughts and early 2010s. He invariably provided very helpful, straightforward and practical input to our meetings, and in supporting events at the hall. Amongst his many other talents, Brian was our brilliant Father Christmas at a decade of village Christmas Fairs. Brian's wake was held in the Village Hall.

Current Events

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Snowdrop and Snowbell "IN THE GREEN" pop-up sale – Mid Feb to Mid-March

Pop-up sales – 4 varieties of snowdrops – also snowbells – all "in the green". The first since Covid! Timing depends on the weather. Keep your eyes peeled for emails!

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 07455076584

Kyokushin Karate Club - on Mondays

Attention all beginners! Ready to kick-start your karate journey? Join our Kyokushin Karate Club in West Hendred Village Hall on Mondays. The cost of the training is £6 per lesson (reduction for more than one family member). Children's class from 5.00pm - 5.45pm. Adults class 5.45pm – 7.00pm 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: 07446469488

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 462317, charlie@princepilates.co.uk or visit my website: www.princepilates.co.uk

YOGA

Gentle / Chair Yoga: Tuesdays 10 – 11 am (on Zoom) / Wednesdays 10 – 11am

Hatha Yoga: Wednesdays 4.30 – 5.45pm / Thursdays 9.30 – 10.45pm

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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