

WEST HENDRED

April 2024 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 April 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.

Easter Church Services

On Maundy Thursday 28th March there will be a community meal at 6:30pm at Holy Trinity, followed by Holy Communion.

The next day, Good Friday, there will be a Good Friday Walk for all ages between East Hendred and Lockinge including a visit to Holy Trinity. Look out for details on this on the 'Benefice of Wantage Downs' Facebook page or www.achurchnearyou.com

Finally, on Easter Sunday 31st March there's Holy Communion at 9:30am (and don't forget the clocks change).

All are welcome at any of these!

Nikolaj Christensen

Rector of the Hendreds and Ardington with Lockinge

District Councillor Update

Cllr Sarah James - You are welcome to contact me by phone or WhatsApp on 07811 085661 or by emailing

Sarah.James1@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Why so many power cuts and should we expect better? We get power cuts pretty frequently in this ward, and in other rural parts of the district. I feel we should be getting a better service from our local network operator Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN). Power cuts are at best a major inconvenience and for vulnerable groups they can be dangerous. Most central heating will not work when the electricity is out, no matter what the fuel is, and this is a particular risk for the old and young and those with health conditions. If you have any records of when

recent power cuts have affected you, for example how many cuts there have been, when they were and how long they lasted, or the impacts they caused, please do drop me an email. This is something I am going to be following up with SSEN.

Vale of White Horse Green Group is calling for a public inquiry into Thames Water's plans for the SESRO (South East Strategic Reservoir Option) reservoir

Here in the Green Party Group of councillors on the Vale we are very concerned about Thames Water's plans for a 1.5 million cubic metre reservoir in our area. This is one and a half times larger than the reservoir Thames Water consulted on in drawing up their draft Water Resource Management Plan last year. There are significant concerns about flooding risk, safety and biodiversity that remain unanswered, even though the plan for a large reservoir in this location is something Thames Water have been pushing for decades now. A recent briefing for councillors revealed that very recent groundwater modelling carried out on behalf of Thames Water shows a predicted increase in groundwater levels of 1m due to the reservoir at its southern side. It is concerning that this is only coming to light now as local residents have been asking about issues like this for years. As a result, Vale of White Horse Green Group is backing Group Against Reservoir Development's (GARD) call for a public inquiry into the reservoir plans. We have written to the Secretary of State to ask him to exercise his powers to call a public inquiry at this stage.

Cost of Living Help or more information on help available please visit

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/cost-of-living-crisis-advice-and-support/> or phone the Community Hub on 01235 422600 or email

communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred Heating Update

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we're making much needed improvements to the church's heating. After careful research into the alternatives, the Parochial Church Council have decided to move ahead with a new system of under-pew heaters. The electrical contractors we are planning to use – Electric Heating Solutions, who specialise in church heating – have quoted £12,900 excl. VAT for the installation (the church should be able to claim back all the VAT).

We've been agreeing with the Diocese and EHS the precise cable runs, so that the medieval encaustic tiles are not affected. These tiles are a big aspect of the church being Grade One listed. As we go to press, the Diocese have said they are giving permission subject to a revised diagram of the cable-runs from EHS before work commences.

Heating is our church's biggest running cost. Based on the experience of similar churches at Denchworth and Childrey, these heaters will be not only more effective at keeping the congregation warm but will also cost considerably less to run! We need to raise a further £5,000 to close our funding gap. 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 webpage; or by contacting the church Treasurer, Roland Jack
rolandmjack@gmail.com or 07522 908632)
Hugh Rees

Quiz and Fish and Chip Supper Saturday March 2nd

Thank you to all of you who came to a fun and sociable evening, which raised over £560 for the Village Hall. Excellent Fish & Chips, fun quiz questions – and some serious competitiveness.

Snowdrop and Snowbell Pop-up Sale Saturday 16th March

The snowdrop and other plants sale for the Village Hall raised £151-50 as we go to press, with sale remainders continuing. Thank you to all who came, and also those who bought in advance, and also sale remainders.

Thank you!

The Village Hall committee is most grateful to Springline Productions for a generous donation of £1,000 after their highly successful year and brilliant Panto.

The West Hendred Not Just A Beer Festival returns 28-29th June.

If you'd like to help, please email jenniferdimbylow@hotmail.co.uk
Can you help to make it another huge success?!

The West Hendred & Ginge Village Dog Show returns on Sunday 1st September.

Lost

Silver bracelet/bangle, sentimental value. Lost between Ardington and West Hendred church. If found please contact Helen Edwards
newsletter@westhendred.net

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

AGM – Tuesday 11th June, 6-30pm in the hall

The Village Hall charity AGM is bound to be a Public meeting.

Everyone is welcome and we would love to see you there. We are actively looking for new committee members to help us shape the next stage in the life of what is a vibrant and well-used village hall.

Events in the hall

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

West Hendred Stitchers 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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