

WEST HENDRED

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Deadline for next Newsletter
25 Dec 2025

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.

Parish Council Minutes

To find the most recent and past Parish Council meeting minutes please follow the link below:

<https://www.westhendred.org/parish-council/meeting-minutes/>

Christmas Church Services at Holy Trinity, West Hendred

Christmas Eve 24th December 3pm

Crib Service

Christmas Day 25th December 9:30am

For more information

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6046/service-and-events/events-all/>

Holy Trinity Church, West Hendred Christmas Cards

We have 2 designs of Holy Trinity Church, West Hendred. The cards are in packs of 10 (with envelopes), £5 per pack, and are sold in aid of repairs to the Church. This is excellent value! The packs will be available at the church, which is open every day.

You can pay by cash, cheque payable to West Hendred Parochial Church Council.

Also, you can pay on-line via the Donate on our home page at

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6046/>

We will be at West Hendred Village Hall's Christmas Fair on Sunday 7th December. We'll have contactless card payment there too.

There is also a pop-up sale at the Village Hall 10:30 to 11am on Saturday 29th November. One design using a photograph taken in February 2019 printed to a high quality, as

well as the very popular 2009 design, reprinted on high-quality textured card. The greeting inside the card is

Best Wishes for
Christmas and the New Year
Also available are packs with no greeting inside the card.

Further information from Hugh and Annabel Rees on 01235-833174.

Wreath Making – last 2 spaces

Come and spend a jolly afternoon with us on Sunday 30th November 3-5pm at West Hendred Village Hall making a Christmas wreath in time to get your front door looking fabulous for the beginning of the festive season. Moss your frame, add a wide range of beautiful foliage and then get creative with dried fruits, cinnamon, berries and cones. Finally choose a beautiful velvet ribbon to finish your masterpiece. No experience necessary and all materials and tools will be provided. £60 per person which includes festive treats and fizz. Contact Sarah Wimborne on 07949605383 or sarahwimborne@gmail.com to book. However, if you are not feeling creative, I would love to make a wreath for you (prices from £55). Or come and buy a beautiful ready-made wreath at the Christmas Fair on Sunday 7th December.

The West Hendred Christmas Fair

is happening in the Hall on Sunday 7th December between 12am and 3pm.

There will be a marvellous array of stalls, fun for children, food to eat, mulled wine and mince pies, and the Springline Choir! This is a Call-Out for helpers - hoping you could do an hour on a rota for:

the Entry table or Bar or tombola or behind the hatch serving soup, sausage rolls and mulled wine.

We are looking for RAFFLE PRIZES, tombola items, bakers of CAKES, and (very important) MINCE PIES!!

If you can help in any way please contact one of us. Thank You!

Selena Adams selena_jane@icloud.com

Jenni Dimbylow

jenniferdimbylow@hotmail.co.uk

Sarah Lloyd sarahlloyd@qi.com

Celebrate Christmas with the Ardington & Lockinge Singers and Friends

The Ardington & Lockinge Singers will be performing a range of captivating choral and instrumental music - plus readings and a sketch.

Ardington Church Monday 22 December at 6.30pm. There will be no charge for the concert but as usual we will be collecting for local charities.

Boxing Day Tug of War East Hendred, Eyston Arms 26th December

at the rear of The Eyston Arms (with kind permission of Daisy Barton and the team)
East Hendred v West Hendred

Kids' teams

Time: 12.30-ish

Contact Sonya Bashford on bashfordsonya@gmail.com
if you would like to be on one of the teams.

Poppy Appeal 2025

A very big thank you to our Poppy collectors, Larkmead Vets and the Extraordinary Hare who had collection boxes and to you who gave so generously for the 2025 appeal. Many gave by using the QR code and added gift aid, the total of which will be known after Christmas. We do know we raised £607 in cash which is wonderful for a small village. Many thanks again.

Nigel Findley

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal 2025

A big thank you to those who have supported the appeal this year. The boxes filled with lovely gifts have now begun the journey overseas to bring joy and hope to needy children.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas time. Angela and Patsy

District Councillor Update: Cllr Sarah James (Hendreds Ward)

You are welcome to contact me by phone or WhatsApp on 07811 085661 or by emailing Sarah.James1@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Latest reservoir plans – Direct impacts in West Hendred Parish

The consultation that is now underway into the reservoir is the last chance for us to feedback on the plans before Thames Water apply to the Government for permission to build it. It is open until 13th January.

<https://thames-sro.co.uk/public-consultations/south-east-strategic-reservoir-option-sesro-statutory-consultation-2025/>

There are some big changes compared to earlier consultations for our area. The land needed for the project is nearly twice the size seen in previous plans. This is to provide replacement space for some of the biodiversity and solar generation that will be lost if the reservoir is built and is affecting local farmers very directly. You can see the new, much bigger project outline in the consultation map book.

Also new is a clear intention to route construction traffic to build the railway sidings via Milton Interchange, Rowstock and the A417 to Grove with roadworks at some local junctions. The railway sidings will be used to bring in most construction material for the reservoir, but it is a major project in its own right and will take two to three years to build.

Please have a look at this consultation online, or at the copy in Wantage Library, and let Thames Water know your views.

You are welcome to contact me too (details above). I will be responding about the impacts on Hendreds Ward and hearing from residents will help me do that.

Cost of Living Help:

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/cost-of-living-crisis-advice-and-support/>

- Tel: 01235 422600 - Email:

communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

Need help with energy bills? Better Housing Better Health is a free service for Oxfordshire residents to help you keep warm and save money on energy bills -

<https://www.bhbh.org.uk/> or 0800 107 0044.

Holy Trinity West Hendred Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride – 13th September

This year's sponsored event took place on Saturday 13th September. Money continues to come in from sponsors. The total so far received is £781, with a handful of sponsorships yet to come in. OHCT pays back 50% of the total. Thank you to all who have sponsored, including the those who have sponsored me in the last couple of weeks
Hugh Rees

Table Tennis in East Hanney

A friendly table tennis club is run every Friday morning at the Hanney Memorial Hall from 10:00 to 11:00, £2.50 on the door. Everyone is welcome from beginners to seasoned players. For more information contact Martin Ackland 07564938304.

Gigaclear street works update

A quick reminder that there are roadworks in Church Street, Ardington with 2-way signals from 25.11.2025 - 3.12.2025 and School Road, Ardington with 2-way signals from 2.12.2025 - 8.12.2025.

Primary School Applications

The poster is on the WHPC website:
<https://www.westhendred.org/news/>

If your child was born on or between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you need to apply for a primary school place now. You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. Deadline for applications is 15 January 2026
Apply online at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions – it's quick, easy and secure.
You can get free access to the internet at many of our libraries and children's centres – ask for details at your local facility.
For help and information: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions
Email: admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Tel: 01865 519800 Option 2

Oxfordshire County Council - Help us fix potholes faster, free park and ride journeys and driving at 70

Click on the link below to access the information

<https://mailchi.mp/oxfordshire.gov.uk/youroxfordshire4oct25-3385132?e=bf100c19cb>

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

Events at the Village Hall

The West Hendred Christmas Fair

is happening in the Hall on Sunday 7th December between 12am and 3pm. There will be a marvellous array of stalls, fun for children, food to eat, mulled wine and mince pies, and the Springline Choir!

Christmas wreath making workshop – Sunday 30th November 3-5pm

(Details in newsletter) Contact Sarah Wimborne on 07949605383 or sarahwimborne@gmail.com to book.

Dog training classes

Tuesdays and Fridays 18:30-19:30 training foundations

Mondays 6.30-7.30 graded classes

Tuesdays and Fridays 17.15-18.15 graded classes.

Graded classes are suitable for dogs who have completed their training foundations. Suitable for puppies and dogs (of all ages) once fully vaccinated. Bespoke training classes to tackle all of your training issues. We work on recall, loose lead walking and much, much more. Come and train your dog with us, make new friends and have fun. Please message Kriss on 07809 283700 or email admin@krissyscanines.co.uk to book.

New Strength & Tone Yoga classes with Tash from Flowing Flamingo Yoga

When: 6:10-7:10pm every Thursday

Come and join Tash for a higher energy MUST TRY Yoga class that includes the use of light weights (1kg or 2kg) to add resistance and power to your workout. You can also practice without weights too if you'd prefer. Perfect for you if you want to introduce Yoga and mindfulness into your life with the added extra of strength training without having to go to the gym!

All levels are welcome, including complete beginners to both Yoga and Strength training. It's a small and welcoming community where empowerment is at the core of what I do. If you have any questions please feel free to drop me an email info@flowingflamingo.com Book via my website: www.flowinflamingo.com

Sign up to my mailing list to receive 50% off two classes: <https://www.flowinflamingo.com/contact>

Wednesday Pilates Classes

Pilates is a great way to unwind in the evening. It can help relieve stress and general muscular aches and pains and improve overall fitness through increasing strength, flexibility and mobility.

Sally Bensoussis, a Level 3 certified Body Control Pilates Master Matwork Teacher with over 10 years teaching experience, runs Pilates classes in the Village Hall Wednesdays 7.30-8.30pm. Classes are generally booked and paid for in blocks of 5 weeks with the cost for the block being £60.

To enrol, please get in touch: sally@pilateswithsally.co.uk or 07776 137994.

Check out my website www.pilateswithsally.co.uk for information about me and my classes

Springline Singers Thursdays 7.30-9.30pm

Springline Singers, your community choir, welcomes anyone who loves to sing. We sing a range of music from pop to folk, spirituals to classical. Come and join us at West Hendred Village Hall on Thursdays at 7:30-9:30pm.

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

Any craft. We are a self-help group i.e. we help each other & 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

Yoga at West Hendred Village Hall

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

Wednesdays 10 – 11am

Hatha Yoga Wednesdays 4.30 – 5.45pm

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

Village Hall Contacts

Hugh Rees (Chair) 01235-833174 / 07802-416031; Stefan Povolotsky 07460-727374

THE WEST HENDRED AND GINGE
**VILLAGE HALL
CHRISTMAS
FAIR**



**7TH
DECEMBER
12 MIDDAY TO 3PM
OX12 3RP**

Craft and trade stalls, Tombola, Best Ever Raffle, Iona's famous 'Guess the weight' Christmas Cake, Lucky Dip, Sweet Treats, Wreaths, Nina's Sausage Rolls, Festive Bar, Christmas cards and much, much more...

Grab your family and friends and come join us for some festive fun, eat, drink and be merry.

You are also welcome to join us Carol singing, which will be led by the amazing Springline Singers,

**ENTRY IS £2
WHICH INCLUDES A MULLED WINE
(OR SOFT DRINK)**