

WEST HENDRED

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 March 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

Easter is at the end of March this year, so there are a few special services to be aware of.

On Sunday 10th March there is Holy Communion at Holy Trinity at 9:30am, or as it's Mothering Sunday you are welcome to join one of the family services at Ardington (11am) or East Hendred (3:30pm).

On Palm Sunday 24th March there is Holy Communion at 9:30am. Many will remember the joyful family service with the donkey last Palm Sunday. All are welcome to try and help us replicate this successful event in East Hendred at 3:30pm.

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

Our New Associate Revd Vicar, John Durant

We are welcoming our new Associate Vicar, Revd John Durant, with a service on Tuesday 27 February, 7:30pm, at Holy Trinity Ardington, followed by a reception at the Loyd Lindsay Rooms with a chance to meet John. All welcome! John will be assisting me by taking some of the Sunday services, weddings, funerals, etc. across the Hendreds and Ardington with Lockinge. John was previously a Chaplain in the British Army and most recently Vicar of Grove. He and his wife Sally have recently moved into a property in Ardington generously provided by the Village Housing Charitable Trust.
Nikolaj Christensen

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred Heating Update

We're making much needed improvements to the church's heating.

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT) has generously awarded £3,000 towards the new heating system.

The Parochial Church Council has decided to move ahead with the new system of under-pew heaters. We're awaiting final permission from the Diocese, who have the application at the top of their list. Hopefully we'll hear the outcome very shortly.

Heating is our church's biggest running cost. Based on the experience of other similar churches at Denchworth and Childrey, these heaters will be more effective at keeping the congregation warm and also cost considerably less to run.

Electric Heating Solutions (EHS), who specialise in church heating, have quoted £12,900 net – the church can claim back most of the VAT.

We need to raise a further £5,000 to close our funding gap.

We need your help NOW 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

Did You See Anything?

There was a break-in to a shed at a house off the Greenway and three adult road bikes were stolen. It happened sometime between Thursday evening, 25th January, and Saturday morning, 27th January. The shed and the bikes were all padlocked and the locks were cut. The thieves would have known they were there and needed a van. The theft has been reported to the police.

If anyone has any information about any suspicious behaviour or camera footage from the Greenway please email newsletter@westhendred.net so the information can be passed back. Please be extra careful about your property. Thank you.

Abingdon Quilters Exhibition

Abingdon Quilters, which includes three groups of enthusiastic stitchers from in and around Abingdon, are holding their bi-annual Exhibition on April 20th/21st 10.00 am - 4.00pm in Drayton Village Hall, OX14 4LG.

All proceeds will go to two local charities:

Flexicare which gives care assistance for people in their own homes; **Maggies** who give cancer care in the centre of Oxford.

On display at the exhibition are examples of the many and varied creations made by the members, along with a sales table.

Trader - Masons of Abingdon - both days.

Amanda Hislop Spotlight Exhibition.

Raffle - Quilts, 3-day Derbyshire Holiday Cottage & other Great Prizes!

Textile Tombola, Demonstrations and Sales Tables, Linus Competition Quilts & Abingdon

Alphabet Quilts

Great Refreshments too!

Cash & Cheques. Cards only accepted by Traders.

Further details from harris.judy54@gmail.com

West Hendred Summer Lunch

Saturday 13th July 12:30 to 3:30pm

In aid of Holy Trinity Church

The Summer Lunch will be at Manor Farm House, kindly offered by Lys and Peter Cook. We're looking to do a big "refresh" for the Summer Lunch event.

We're keen to get your ideas.

Please contact James Hart

deliciousofwantage@hotmail.com

Or Sally Hutchinson sal-lou@hotmail.co.uk

Or Hugh Rees hugh@citidata.co.uk

Hugh Rees

Save the Date! Save the Date!

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

If you'd like to help, please email jenniferdimbylow@hotmail.co.uk

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

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

Thank you!

The Village Hall committee is most grateful to West Hendred Parish Council for a very generous grant of £1,000 towards our winter energy costs.

Also Thank You to

Councillor Sally Povolotsky for enabling a grant from the OCC Councillor Priority Fund towards the installation of our new Heating Save system, and to maintaining the Hall as a warm space for classes and events for all ages.

Current Events

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

Tickets: £12 including supper. Pay bar with wine, beer and soft drinks. Get your teams together and book for a fun evening! To reserve places, please call 07493 710307. Payment at the door, card or cash.

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 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

Village Hall Committee Contacts

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