

WEST HENDRED

NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 NOV 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.

PLEASE RESPOND! - CONSULTATION A417 Reading Road (West Hendred) proposed Puffin crossing & Bus stop clearways

We are writing to seek your views on the proposal to construct a Puffin crossing (signalised crossing for use by pedestrians only) on the A417 Reading Road in West Hendred, located approximately 30 metres east of its junction with The Greenway. New Bus Stop Clearways with associated 'No Stopping except local buses' restrictions will also be located on the A417, either side of the carriageway in the vicinity of the junction with The Greenway. The proposals are being put forward as a result of road safety concerns raised regarding access for residents, and in particular school children, to and from the bus stops located on either side of the A417 Reading Road. The crossing will also help facilitate residents on the north side of the A417 in crossing the road to access the main body of the village and community facilities such as the Village Hall and the Playground. In light of this, please review the following documents in the link below on the council's consultation portal:

- Public Notice,
- Consultation Plan

https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/westhendred_a417_puffinclearways2024

As stated on the notice, any objections or other representations on the proposals should be submitted by **Friday 8th November 2024**.

Christian Mauz

Senior Officer (TRO and Schemes)

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Network Management/Environment & Highways, Oxfordshire County Council

Ardington Fireworks - Saturday 2nd November

Ardington Sports Field. Gates open 5.30pm, Bonfire 6.30pm, Fireworks 7.15pm. Licenced bar and hot food. Entry Donation £5 per adult / £10 per family (max 5 people).

Sunday 1st December - West Hendred Christmas Fair! 🎄 12noon - 3pm

We are on the hunt for ...

Stallholders: some favourites from last year and some new ... if you know anyone who might be interested in applying, please send them our way. £12.50 per table.

Raffle prizes: if you can donate something that you'd like to win yourself please let us know! Vouchers, wine, spirits chocolates, beauty products, child-friendly prizes ... CASH!

Pretty containers and teacups for planting up bulbs as gifts - we can collect!

Helpers if you'd like to help on the day (or beforehand by selling raffle tickets) we'd love to hear from you!

We have *The Springline Singers* booked to usher in the spirit of Christmas ...

There will be a BBQ and mulled wine and a bar and teas and coffee ... and there is plenty to entertain the children too.

West Hendred Hall Committee - Sarah, Jenni, Stefan, Michelle, Selena, Carolyn, Rosemary, Linda and Ken.

Waste and Recycling notice - extra garden waste weeks

If you are subscribed to our brown bin garden waste service, you can have extra garden waste collected on your normal collection day between **28th October and 8th November**. You will be able to put out a maximum of up to four additional sacks of

garden waste, per brown bin subscription, next to your brown bin.

To be eligible for collection, the extra waste must go in standard sized (60L) black refuse style sacks and should only contain natural garden waste such as cut grass, plants or branches. You can also place it in small boxes /containers totalling no more than a standard bin full. Please do not to leave out rubble or builders' waste bags alongside your brown bins as these won't be collected.

An essential new reservoir for the South East - Progress Update

Thanks to everyone who participated in our summer 2024 public consultation on the new reservoir proposals. We received over 1,500 responses and more than 1,200 people joined our community events. In August 2024, we secured government approval for our Water Resource Management Plan which sets out the action and investment needed to make sure your water supply is resilient and sustainable for the next 50 years and beyond. To inform our design plans, work has now begun on geological surveys, including a clay compaction trial on the proposed reservoir site. You can discover more on our progress by visiting:

www.thames-sro.co.uk/sesro

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal 2024

Last year your shoeboxes brought joy to needy children in Ukraine as well as countries in The Balkans. This year we are again supporting the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. If you would like to participate through the village collection, leaflets are available from Holy Trinity Church or from either one of us. Full details/suggestions about how to fill your box are provided in the leaflet and we are also more than happy to answer questions. As in previous years a donation of £5 per box is welcomed by Samaritan's Purse but this is not mandatory, and we welcome ALL boxes. Please could we have completed shoeboxes by **Wednesday 13th November** latest so that we can get them to the despatch point in time! These boxes bring so much joy to needy children overseas so please do consider taking part in this appeal. Thank you. Patsy **835113** / Angela **862912**

What is Remembrance?

Remembrance honours those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life. It unites across faiths, cultures and backgrounds to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. Remembrance does not glorify war and its symbol, the red poppy, is a sign of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. Wearing a poppy is never compulsory but is greatly appreciated by those who it is intended to support. Please wear your poppy with pride. When and how you choose to wear a poppy is a reflection of your individual experience and personal memories, but we will remember them. Eighty years ago, we remember the D-Day landings and the battle of Normandy, and the battle on Monty Cassino.

Best Wishes, Nigel

Church administrator wanted for our 4 beautiful Downland churches

Help us administer and revive our churches as we try to make them work for our wonderful, diverse communities, tucked into the Downs between Wantage and Didcot. Home, on-site or hybrid working. 11 hours per week for a 2-year initial contract. Flexible hours may be possible. Salary negotiable based on experience and skills.

Please follow this link for more details: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/27-538CT/news/137935/>

Application form and more information available from Nicolaj Christensen:

rector@wantagedowns.org

The deadline for applications is

Monday 28 October.

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 are aiming to be at West Hendred Village Hall's Christmas Fair on **Sunday 1st**

December. We will have contactless card payment there too. Also look out for pop-up sales, which we're hoping to do in November and closer to Christmas. We have one design using a photograph taken in February 2019 printed to high-quality, as well as the very popular 2009 design, re-printed 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**

Holy Trinity West Hendred - Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride – 14th September

This year's sponsored event took place on Saturday 14th September. I opened Holy Trinity Church at about 9-15am, and then headed off to East Hendred, visiting St. Augustine and St. Mary's church. Then, on to Steventon – with fortunately no delay at the level crossing, which has happened several times in recent years. There's an ancient causeway path from Steventon to Milton – not the easiest for cycling! On to Sutton Courtney then cycling by the Thames to Abingdon, visiting 9 churches. And then to Radley, with tree-trunk posts holding up its roof, as well as the woodwork from the House of Commons that Charles the first wanted for his parliament in Oxford during the Civil War.

I crossed over the river at Sandford Lock and had my packed lunch at Sandford-on-Thames. Then via Littlemore, Cowley, wending to Iffley, and then St. Bartlemas Chapel, just off the Cowley Road, which was open this year. This former chapel to a leper hospital founded by Henry I is an oasis of tranquillity. On to St. Clements church off the Marston Road, then the Russian Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker on Ferry Road, Marston. I cycled across to the University Parks, then central Oxford with its great variety of churches.

I finished at the Greek Orthodox church in Canterbury Road in North Oxford, and chatted with the priest, who kindly signed my form. Such a great variety of churches in both style and setting! I clocked up 52 churches. Money continues to come in from sponsors. The total so far received is £292, with quite a lot more yet to come. Thank you to all who have sponsored.
Hugh Rees

Help!

One of our newsletter editors is stepping down due to other commitments. We really need a third person to step up and volunteer to help. All you need is basic knowledge of how to use Microsoft Word and a few hours of your time 4 times a year - that's it! Please email Jane John to find out more newsletter@westhendred.net

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

Sunday 1st December: West Hendred Christmas Fair, 12 noon-3pm

We have The Springline Singers booked to usher in the spirit of Christmas. There will be a huge variety of stalls, a BBQ, mulled wine, tea and mince pies, and a Raffle! And there is plenty to entertain the children too. Entry £3 includes a cup of tea or mulled wine (under 12s free).

Pop-Up Christmas cards Sales – Saturday mornings 23rd November & 7th December

Christmas cards of Holy Trinity Church, West Hendred for sale: £5 for 10 cards!

Aiming for 10.10am on both dates. Cash, or contactless. Christmas Cards already for sale in the church.

New dog training classes – now started on Tuesdays and Fridays

At 17.15-18.15 and 18.30-19.30 each week. Classes are run by a IMDT qualified dog trainer. Suitable for puppies and dogs (all ages) once fully vaccinated. Bespoke training classes to tackle all 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.

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 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

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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