

# ***WEST HENDRED***

## ***APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER***

**Deadline for next Newsletter  
25 April 2026**

**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/>

### **Good Friday Community Walk and Reflection**

Good Friday, 3 April: Walk starting 10am at St Augustine's in East Hendred, getting to Holy Trinity West Hendred around 10:45, then on to Ardington and ending at All Saint's Lockinge around 12:30. Join us for a short time of reflection at any or all of the stations. The pace of the walk will be set to accommodate everyone. Feel free to bring a picnic to enjoy at the end.

### **Holy Trinity Church Services**

Easter Day, 5 April (and every Sunday): 9am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity West Hendred. All welcome!

### **West Hendred Summer Garden Party Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**3:30pm to c.6:30pm – free entry  
In aid of Holy Trinity Church**

The Summer Garden Party will be at Manor Farm House, opposite the Village Hall. Thank you to Lys and Peter Cook for lending their beautiful garden.

We will have raffle tickets available from late May.

We're moving to Sunday late afternoon/ early supper time, so families with children can

have their early evening meal at the Garden Party.

Join us for fun, stalls, cakes, salads and hot dogs. Bring the family along for this annual village event.

There will be the famous duck race, fabulous raffle and a chance to catch up with neighbours and friends.

We're looking to involve new people. Could you be one of them? If you can help, please contact Hugh Rees on [hugh@citidata.co.uk](mailto:hugh@citidata.co.uk)

### **White Horse Reservoir (formerly SESRO)**

Cllr Hugo Axel-Berg attended a Parish Council briefing by the Thames Team on 5th March when Thames gave an update on progress so far (the Statutory Consultation and exploratory works and tests on site) and what the next steps are (the Development Consent Order). We anticipate further Parish Council briefings as the project develops. We are therefore setting up a location on the Parish Council website

<https://www.westhendred.org/parish-council/> for all received information for your use.

Hugo ([haxel-berg@westhendred.org](mailto:haxel-berg@westhendred.org)) will also be the point of contact on the Parish Council for all reservoir matters.

### **Grove & Wantage Extravaganza Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

The Extravaganza returns this year as a collaboration between The Ray Collins Charitable Trust and Grove Rugby Club. The collaboration brings together two pillars of the local community to deliver the biggest and most inclusive family event in the area. Running from 12pm to 10pm at Grove Rugby Club, the Extravaganza will feature live music, arena displays, children's entertainment, community group showcases, fairground, inflatables, craft stalls, and a wide range of food and drink vendors. The

collaboration aims to strengthen community spirit, support local families, and raise vital funds for those in need across OX12. The collaboration marks a new chapter for the event, combining the Trust's long-standing commitment to supporting vulnerable residents with the Rugby Club's deep roots in local sport, youth development, and community engagement. The partnership is also supported by Grove Parish Council and Wantage Town Council, ensuring the event remains safe, accessible, and welcoming for all.

Shaun Galloway, Chair of Trustees at The Ray Collins Charitable Trust, said: "*The collaboration with Grove Rugby Club is a perfect example of what makes our community special. By working together, we can deliver an event that brings joy to thousands of people while raising essential funds for local families. We're incredibly grateful to the Rugby Club, our councils, volunteers, performers, and everyone who helps make the Extravaganza possible.*" Nigel Dixey, Chairman of Grove Rugby Club said "*that he was proud that the club were working with the Trust to produce a community event where everyone would be welcome. Entry is free. The range of events and activities should be attractive to all age groups and demonstrates the importance of sport and charity working together for the benefit of the whole community.*"

Proceeds from the Extravaganza will support the Trust's work providing emergency food, essential household items, mobility equipment, wellbeing support, and community events for residents across Grove and Wantage.

Local businesses, performers, charities, and community groups are invited to take part, host stalls, or volunteer on the day. Stallholder and sponsorship opportunities are now open.

### **Sound Bath - WH Village Hall**

**Sunday 19th April - 5pm to 6pm**

Deep Relaxation through Healing Sound

£15 pp - Book via paypal

<https://paypal.me/SSilvester112> (using Friends/Family option - stating name, event and email) or via [sam@whatseatingyou.co.uk](mailto:sam@whatseatingyou.co.uk)

Experience deep rest and inner balance with our immersive Sound Bath session.

Lie back, get comfortable, and allow the soothing vibrations of Tibetan singing bowls, gongs, chimes and drums to gently wash over you. These ancient instruments create calming sound frequencies that help quiet the mind, relax the body and reset the nervous system.

Each session begins with a short guided relaxation, followed by around 45 minutes of restorative sound designed to melt away stress and bring you back to a natural state of calm. Many people leave feeling lighter, clearer and deeply relaxed.

No experience needed — simply bring something comfy to lie on and a blanket and pillow (plus eye mask if you have one), lie down and receive.

Please note: Sound baths are not suitable for those with sound-induced epilepsy. If you are in the first trimester of pregnancy, please let me know. If anyone has a hearing aid or tinnitus, then sound baths usually works well.

#### **IRONING**

Looking for person to do basket of ironing fortnightly.

Good rate paid.

Please contact Sarah on 07798 623601.

**The deadline for items for next month's newsletter is 25<sup>th</sup> April. Please email to [newsletter@westhendred.net](mailto:newsletter@westhendred.net)**

## West Hendred and Ginge Village Hall News

All hall bookings should be made online via the hall website: [www.westhendred.net](http://www.westhendred.net) Enquiries should be made via email to [villagehallbookings@westhendred.net](mailto:villagehallbookings@westhendred.net)

### Events at the Village Hall

#### **AGM – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 6pm in the hall**

The Village Hall charity AGM is 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.

#### **Save the date, The West Hendred Beer Festival will be 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

We look forward to welcoming you all back for a fantastic weekend! The Beer Festival Team

#### **Dog training classes at West Hendred Village Hall**

Class times:

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](mailto: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 – Regular meetings paused after the end of March**

West Hendred Stitchers have been meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the month for many years. Any craft. We are a self-help group i.e. we help each other and share our knowledge.

Because of the reduced numbers now coming to the Stitchers' days, at the end of March we will pause the regular hall bookings. Instead, from time to time, the stitchers will book summer weekend sessions, subject to the availability of the hall.

Call Jane Soffe with any questions or for more detail on 07455 076584.

#### **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 Linda for further information on 01235 863647 or [linda@soderstrom.myzen.co.uk](mailto:linda@soderstrom.myzen.co.uk) *Not sure if yoga is for you? Contact Linda 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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**Village Hall Contacts:** Hugh Rees (Chair) 01235 833174 / 07802 416031, Stefan Povolotsky 07460 727374

# Garden Opening for Flexicare



Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2pm-6pm  
Larkbeare, 85 Cumnor Hill, OX2 9HX

Entrance free  
but donations to Flexicare

Teas & sale of  
homemade preserves  
and plants

Early Spring flowers  
in an Arts & Crafts garden  
including small fritillary  
meadow



Your support raises funds for Flexicare, a charity providing a free, specialist sitting and support service for families with a severely disabled child across Oxfordshire. **Scan this QR code to donate**, or visit <https://flexicare.enthuse.com/donate#!>



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## FUN Run & Walk 2026



## ENTRIES NOW OPEN



Run Categories:

**5K • FUN RUN**

**1K CHILDRENS RUN**

**SUNDAY MAY 10TH , 11AM**

**SCAN HERE TO ENTER**

**FR - AGE 8-17 , £5, 18+ £8**

**1K - AGES 4-11 -£4**

**WALK - £4**

- Medals for Finishers
- Cake & BBQ after



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