

WEST HENDRED

DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 DECEMBER 2022**

IMPORTANT! Please can we ask that, if you know of any neighbours who may not have access to the internet, you print a copy for them and pop it through their door. Thank you.

For the most up to date Government advice regarding the Coronavirus, please go to <https://gov.uk/coronavirus>

Your Village Help Co-ordinators.

If you need help please get in touch with any of the following people:

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Say NO to the Rowstock ESSO site Distribution Centre

Say NO to the massive distribution centre and up to 2400 extra HGVs on our roads affecting Wantage, The Hendreds, Rowstock, Harwell, Steventon and Milton, every day and night!!! That's a 400% increase in the number of HGV's on our already congested roads.

We thought we had won, but the distribution centre developers are going to appeal, with a final decision at a Public Inquiry starting on 17th January 2023 at the Beacon in Wantage.

Rowstock Residents Association are putting together a really strong case to take to the appeal. Our barrister thinks we have a good chance. But we need your help.

You can donate at Just Giving

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rowstockresidentsassociationessosite>

or sign up to support us during the Public inquiry admin@r2rra.co.uk

Village Hall Bookings

The Village Hall needs a new member for the Bookings team. This is a voluntary position on the Hall committee. You will help to run the Hall's bookings which range from regular classes for all ages to small and large occasional and one-off events.

Jenni Dimbylow, who has done this brilliantly for nearly eight years, will remain for a short time to help guide the new team member.

The role, shared between two people, takes 3-4 hours a week and involves dealing promptly with enquiries (invariably by email, so access to a mobile device is important), taking bookings, ensuring terms & conditions and other relevant information are sent to hirers, and checking the Hall after events.

If you think you might enjoy contributing to our very active Village Hall in this way, please email Jenni at whvhbookings@gmail.com for further information.

Poppy Appeal 2022

Many thanks to all those that gave so generously to the Poppy Appeal this year and to the merry band of collectors who passionately banged on doors to give every villager the opportunity to donate. The uptake of using a card reader to donate is amazing and I am very grateful not to be counting thousands of 2p pieces! The final total will not be known until early next year, but I sense that this village did more than its bit to help those who are serving or who have served for our country and to those that we remember. Nigel Findley

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

Thank you so much to all who took part in the appeal this year by donating a filled box or by giving donations of goodies or money. They have now been taken to the local collection centre from where they will travel onwards to extremely needy children overseas bringing them love and hope together with messages of

support. Many thanks and Christmas blessings. Patsy and Angela

🎵 **West Hendred Carol Singing** 🎵

Sunday 18th December, 4:30pm.

Meet at the Village Hall for a glass of mulled wine or juice and mince pies. Carolling will start in the warm hall. Weather permitting we'll then carol around the village so don't forget to bring warm clothing and torches along with your voices!

All donations collected are for Helen & Douglas House Children's Hospice.

EVERYONE WELCOME! For more details contact Angela 862912 or Patsy 835113

Holy Trinity West Hendred Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride

This year's sponsored event took place on Saturday 10th September. The total received so far is £828.50, with more still to come. This really is an excellent total!

We're continuing to collect money from sponsors, and we've had additional sponsors too! OHCT pays back 50% of the total; this will help towards the urgent repair of the North Aisle supporting beams.

Thank you to all who rode or strode, and all who have sponsored.

Hugh Rees

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred North Aisle roof – urgent work to the church – started 31st October

As has been widely publicised, urgent repairs to the North Aisle's supporting roof beams are needed. Work by the contractor, Ward & Co, has started at pace. Work is planned to be finished by 27th January.

Our Architect reports, "Following the provision of scaffold access, the church architect and engineer have managed to get a closer look at the beautiful medieval nave roof, agreeing a detailed scope of works with the contractor, Ward and Co. The consultant ecologist has also inspected and temporarily stopped any crevices in the work area where bats might choose to roost and suitable protection has been provided to the traces of ancient polychromatic decoration high on the north wall of the nave."

And our contractor, Ward & Co reports, "Access scaffolding has been put up on the North side of the Nave and the pews below protected for the duration of the work. The organ has also been carefully covered. Now that we have good access, Andrew Townsend, (architect) and Clive Dawson (engineer) have been able to assess and instruct the work required. Materials have been

ordered and work has started." The contractor has also installed a portaloos by the gate. The opportunity is being taken to fix some minor roof leaks that occurred during recent heavy rain. Access to the church building on Monday to Friday is very limited and is at the discretion of our contractor. This is for your safety, and of the contractor's people.

We will be able to have services on Sundays. However, only about half the pews are available. The organ is covered by plastic sheeting to protect it during the work. We're using an electronic keyboard for services.

We need your support

Thank you for the very generous donations from individuals. The total raised so far from grants and donations is £60,744 (including Gift Aid). If you have not done so already, please can you help secure the future of West Hendred's church by donating either 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 01235 831894) Hugh Rees

HEG Community Larder & Roots and Shoots Kitchen

Open every Monday 2pm-5:30pm
Cafe from 2pm onwards and the larder starts at 4pm. You need to be a member of the larder to take food:

<https://forms.gle/WBPn4UbBBf93pKGQ8>

Anyone can join the cafe vibe for Tea & Cake!

To join the Food Larder please use this link:

<https://www.sofea.uk.com/purpose-projects/community-larder/>

Every Tuesday we cook! This is from waste food and to save energy. Next week's offer will be a surprise and we do share on Facebook on @HEGCommunityLarder

We ask for a minimum donation of £1 a head and it's the cheapest take away around - it's much better for the planet to have one kitchen cooking for 50+ people than 20+ homes cooking.

We are suspending Friday's warm space for now - due to lack of demand and we will survey residents' needs through newsletters and links.

Tin Hut Cycles

Need a bike (in a box) building this Christmas? We also do gift vouchers for bike servicing and have plenty of stocking gifts, follow us on Facebook @tinhutcycles for pop up events and sales (ideal for stockings)

Email: tinhutcycles@gmail.com

Life Drawing Class

Wednesday 7th December 7:45pm-9:30pm
With Greg Whiteman, last class of 2022!
Sessions from £10 (£15 with help and materials)
To book on please email:
greg@gregwhitemanart.co.uk

Church Services West Hendred

– All welcome!

Of particular note is the Crib Service at 3pm on Christmas Eve, at the Village Hall (due to ongoing repairs at the church).
Nikolaj Christensen, Rector of the Hendreds and Ardington with Lockinge
Tel: 01235 634940

For Sale: Vauxhall Corsa

X reg, 22 years old, yet 51,000 miles! Petrol 973CC MOT to Oct 23. Very reliable; low cost – both maintenance and excellent MPG. Low insurance cost. Full service history. Sale due to bereavement. £750
Contact: Hugh Rees, 01235-833174

The deadline for items for next month's newsletter is 25 December. Please email to newsletter@westhendred.net

Holy Trinity Church

Wednesday 7 th , 7pm	Compline / Night Prayer
Wednesday 14 th , 7pm	Compline / Night Prayer
Wednesday 21 st , 7pm	Compline / Night Prayer
Sunday 11 th , 9:30am	Holy Communion
Christmas Day 9:30am	Holy Communion

West Hendred Village Hall

Sunday 18 th 4:30pm	Carol singing around the village, with mulled wine & mince pies. Starts at Village hall
Christmas Eve, 3pm	Crib Service with refreshments afterwards

St Augustine's Church Carol Service, East Hendred

Friday 23rd December: Christmas Nine Lessons and Carols Service at 6.30pm.

The Hendred Grotto

Full of artisan, crafted, locally sourced and independent items. All made to last and to create memories. Gorgeous winter candles, jewellery, gifts and Christmas Eve excitement with plenty of twinkly lights! In East Hendred (inside the old Tin Hut).
Sunday 4th December 2pm-6pm
Thursday 8th December 5pm-8pm
More December dates to come, follow us on Facebook or Instagram "hendredsgrotto"
Thank you for supporting small and independents this Christmas #shopssmall

THE WEST HENDRED AND GINGE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Hall Lettings

All hall enquiries/bookings should be made via email to villagehallbookings@westhendred.net

Web Site: www.westhendred.net

Covid-19

We have received Government Guidance/Advice from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) regarding the lifting of Plan B restrictions. All hirers have been fully informed as part of their booking process, which continues to include the need to do a risk assessment.

CURRENT EVENTS

Mini-kicks

We offer fun and imaginative football coaching sessions for children aged 18 months to 7 years old, enhancing their football skills as well as using their imagination and improving social skills.

Class are 9am Saturday mornings at the Village Hall. Pause in December

For more information contact minikicks18@gmail.com

Post Covid-19 book and Christmas card sale

Saturday 3rd December 10:30am – 12.00pm

Yes! it's the first post-Covid-19 book sale. We've selected from our vast choice! Many nearly new and children's books. Proceeds are for the Village Hall. Christmas Cards in 3 designs, Pack of 10 for £5 proceeds to the Church. Hugh and Annabel on 833174.

Boogie Mites – Monday mornings

It's music and dance for preschool children, every Monday morning. Contact Lizzie on

Lizziel@boogiemites.co.uk

West Hendred Stitchers - SECOND and FOURTH Tuesdays in the month

West Hendred Stitchers meet on the SECOND and FOURTH Tuesdays in the month.

Call me for details. Thanks very much, Jane Soffe contact 07455076584

Pilates - General Mat classes on Mondays and Wednesdays

This is aimed at all ages and abilities. Places are available for anyone who is interested.

Zoom Pilates continues to be held on Mondays at 7-8pm.

Wednesday evenings are now back for face-to-face classes in the hall at 6-7pm and 7.15-8.15pm.

Please contact me and I can provide more information. Charlie Prince on 07581 462 317, or

charlie@princepilates.co.uk or see my website for more information about classes etc.

www.princepilates.co.uk

YOGA

Thursdays 9.30 – 10.45am Hatha Yoga – suitable for improvers

Fridays 9.30 – 10.30am Hatha Yoga (on Zoom) – suitable for beginners and improvers

Tuesdays 10 – 11am Gentle/chair yoga (on Zoom)

Tuesdays 5.30 – 6.30 Teen Yoga with mindfulness – looking for a sport or skill for Duke of Edinburgh? Please contact me. New students very welcome!

Wednesday 10-11am Move Together- Gentle Yoga. Still a couple of places available

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/TeenYoga Teacher

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