

WEST HENDRED

JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 JUNE 2021**

IMPORTANT! The newsletter will no longer be distributed as a hard copy. 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.

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 with shopping or collecting prescriptions. Please get in touch with any of the following people:

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Firewood

Following the successful removal of an ash tree from the play area we have some very good ash logs available for firewood (they will require splitting as they are quite large). Ideal for next winter. These are available to anyone receiving the Village Newsletter and are free, but we would ask for a voluntary donation to go towards upkeep and improvements to the play area. We want to give priority to those who have been Key Workers. Anyone who would like some please contact Hugo Axel-Berg (07834776197) or anyone else on the Parish Council to arrange collection.

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred

North Aisle roof – supporting timbers

We're making progress with our challenge to repair the supporting roof beams in the North Aisle. The Church's architect and the structural engineer provided a budgetary estimate and outline repair scheme in early January, with an approach that does not require the North Aisle roof to be removed (which would have required external scaffolding).

The architect has now received tender responses from 3 building contractors: giving us a building cost with VAT of £39,000. Once we've added a contingency of c£6,000 and the professional fees for the architect and structural engineer, this gives a total of **£62,000**.

We need your support

We've had a number of very generous donations to the appeal to raise money, which now totals £9,480, and with Gift Aid the total is £11,376.

Allchurches Trust has awarded us a grant of £2,250. We are awaiting the outcome of grant applications to the Garfield Weston Foundation and the National Churches Trust and we are in the process of applying to further potential funders.

This means that the total so far raised /pledged is £40,980 – so we're about two-thirds of the way to achieving our target. Fortunately, we should be able to reclaim most of the VAT.

Other funders want to see significant funding from the local community before making grants. Please can you help secure the future of our church, by donating either online via www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6046/ and selecting "Give Now" from the webpage or contacting the church Treasurer, Roland Jack by email rolandmjack@gmail.com (corrected email address).

Thank you very much in anticipation, Hugh Rees

Scout, Cub, Beaver Update

1ST CUCKHAMLSLEY SCOUTS, Cubs and Beavers - are finally able to meet (outside) once again, for a programme of adventurous, imaginative and community-based activities. If you have a young person who is interested in joining Beavers (6-8), Cubs (8-10½) or Scouts (10½-14), then please get in touch with Doron on 07711 474883, or doron.jensen.scouts@gmail.com

I'd like to add an appeal for further leaders - particularly for our youngest age group - Beavers (age 6-8years).

1st Cuckhamsley are your local Scout Group and we provide adventurous activities for around 60 youngsters every week. We're always seeking new volunteers to join the team. Whether you have experience with working with youngsters or not, you'll be most welcome. Full training is provided and you'll have support from an experienced team.

If you're looking for a way to become more involved in your local community... if you'd like to help plan and deliver varied and challenging sessions... if you enjoy the great outdoors and want to share this with young people... then do get in touch.

You can find out more about 1st Cuckhamsley Scout Group on our website.

<https://www.kascouts.org.uk/our-groups/1st-cuckhamsley> <<https://www.kascouts.org.uk/our-groups/1st-cuckhamsley>>

Thank you, Doron Jensen, GSL, 1st Cuckhamsley

EAST AND WEST HENDRED WI

The WI has continued to meet over Zoom. We celebrated our 100th Birthday in January with one meeting that explored the archives, culminating in us toasting our members past and present while eating a piece of our Celebration Cake previously cut by the President (via Zoom) and delivered to each member in a WI party bag. We're planning a big party when restrictions allow.

From February onwards we had some very interesting speakers, including a fascinating talk by Peter Harbour entitled 'Bakewell to Frankenstein', about animal breeding and how certain breeds evolved. The following month 'The Taxi Drive Poet' entertained us with some hilarious poetry of his working life and last month John Caldicot gave us a heart-warming talk about 'What Happened to Daisy'.

Our future meetings include talks on Observing the Universe, Lost Villages in Oxfordshire, Nell Gwynn and even an Illusionist.

We have restarted our Afternoon Teas in members gardens and in August we are aiming to have an outdoor tea party open for all members.

If anyone would like to 'try us out' please get in touch with: -

Jennie Cosgrave (President) 01235 224467, jen@wpj.me.uk or Margaret Sharp (Secretary) 01235 833367, m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com

If you would like to come along to the next meeting please contact Jennie asap, who will send you the Zoom link.



Figure 1 The WI enjoying their 100th birthday cake over Zoom

Citizens Advice needs volunteer advisers

There comes a time for all of us when we face problems that are too stressful or complicated to sort out alone.

Last year – one of the most difficult - our 90 advisers advised 9,000 clients on over 20,000 problems. We helped four in five resolve their debt, benefits, employment and housing problems. Many of these were caused by the Covid-19 crisis.

We now need more advisers as we move into the pandemic recovery phase.

Our main offices are in Abingdon, Didcot, Henley and Thame. Since March 2020 our volunteers and staff have been advising the public from home on our Adviceline service. Recently we partially re-opened our offices, in part to train new advisers.

What will you get out of it? You will join a friendly team, meet new people, develop your skills and make a real difference to people's lives.

You'll need to have good listening and interpersonal skills, a willingness to learn and be confident with computers. Full training will be provided.

Henley adviser Amanda says: "I am proud to volunteer with Citizens Advice because they offer crucial support to those that need it most, and my

colleagues, both volunteers and employees, make volunteering a pleasure.”

If you have eight hours a week to spare for the next two years or more and are looking for a satisfying and stimulating volunteer role in your local community, please contact us at:

www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale/volunteer/

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

PUBLIC WORSHIP IN JUNE 2021

Wednesday 2nd June

10 am – East Hendred – Morning Prayer (CW)

SUNDAY 6th JUNE – TRINITY I

9.30 am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)

11 am – East Hendred – Holy Communion (CW)

Wednesday 9th June

10 am – West Hendred – Morning Prayer (CW)

SUNDAY 13th JUNE – TRINITY II

9.30 am – West Hendred - Holy Communion (CW Trad)

11 am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 16th June

10 am – East Hendred – Morning Prayer (CW)

SUNDAY 20th JUNE – TRINITY III

9.30 am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)

11 am – East Hendred – Holy Communion (CW)

Wednesday 23rd June

10 am – West Hendred – Morning Prayer (CW)

SUNDAY 27th JUNE – TRINITY IV

9.30 am – West Hendred - Holy Communion (CW Trad)

11 am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 30th June

10 am – East Hendred – Morning Prayer (CW)

THERE WILL BE NO LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

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

As we go to press, we are at Step 3, and approaching Step 4 on 21st June. We are awaiting further updated Government Guidance from ACRE, as are our hirers, of what may and may not be permitted in the coming weeks. We have been working through Government Guidance, and guidance from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) with revisions / updates on opening the hall. This is for specified uses by hirers.

Village Hall AGM – Thursday 24th June 8pm

The Village Hall charity AGM is bound to be a public meeting and, under the current Government guidelines, we are permitted to proceed with this meeting after June 21st. 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.

This year's AGM will be for both the original charity, West Hendred Village Hall, and the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), The West Hendred Village Hall. At the moment, we are running both organisations in parallel as certain necessary confirmations have been delayed by Covid backlogs.

PUPPY SCHOOL

Puppy School is the UK network of training classes for young puppies. The next 6-week puppy training and socialisation class is planned to start on 20th May 2021.

The start date of next class will probably be 22 July.

This course is for pups who will be fully vaccinated and under 20 weeks at the start of the course. Please get in touch for more information or to book via the website www.new-tricks.net.

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 imaginations and improving social skills.

Class are 9am Saturday mornings at the Village Hall.

For more information contact minikicks18@gmail.com

Boogie Mites – Wednesday mornings Music and dance for preschool children, every Wednesday morning. Contact Lizzie on Lizziel@boogiemites.co.uk

West Hendred Stitchers West Hendred Stitches aim to start again on 8th June, but very dependent on update on Covid regulations call Jane Soffe for details 01235 832554

Pilates - General Mat classes on Mondays and Wednesdays 7-8pm

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

New Children's Online Pilates Class Saturday 9.30-10am ages 5-12, but everyone welcome. Free taster session for children for their first class.

Classes started again in the hall from 19th May. 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 Charlie Prince on 07581 462 317, or charlie@princepilates.co.uk or see Charlie's website for more information about classes etc. www.princepilates.co.uk

YOGA

Thursdays 9.30 – 10.45 am Hatha Yoga - via Zoom

Fridays 9.30 – 10.30 am Hatha Yoga – via Zoom

Tuesdays 10 – 11am – Gentle / chair yoga – via Zoom

Tuesdays 6 – 7 Teen Yoga with mindfulness – via Zoom this half term

I am also hoping to run some extra classes at different times. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me on 01235 863647 or linda@soderstrom.myzen.co.uk

Some classes will be returning to the hall in June. Please contact Linda for further details – new students welcome.

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