

WEST HENDRED

DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 DECEMBER 2023**

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.

West Hendred Christmas Fair at the Village Hall

This Sunday 3rd December 12-3pm

Thank you to those who have already offered their time and donated tombola items!

If you can give an hour of your time to be behind the Bar and/or help with the teas, we would love to hear from you...

Any tombola items - tins, jars, bottles, gifts, sweets, toys etc - happy to collect from you.

Please contact Sarah on 07798 623601 or email me on sarahlloyd@qi.com

Holy Trinity Church, West Hendred Christmas Cards – Available NOW!

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.

The packs are available now at the church, which is open every day. You can pay by cash, cheque payable to West Hendred PCC

Also, you can pay on-line via the Donate on our home page at

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6046/>

We'll be at the West Hendred Christmas Fair on Sunday 3rd December, 12 noon to 3pm.

We'll have contactless card payment there too.

We have one design using a photograph taken in February 2019, printed to high-quality. We also have 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

Installation of 30mph Limit on A417

As many of you will have seen, the 30mph gates are installed at either end of West Hendred on the A417, the Dragon's teeth painted on the road and the new VAS (Vehicular Activated Signs) are on order.

The Parish Council are waiting for an update on the crossing and will relay any news as soon as it is received.

WHPC

Thames Valley Air Ambulance Clothes Bin at the Village Hall

The well-used red TVAA clothes bin at the village hall carpark is being replaced by a shiny new one probably just after Christmas but by February. The new bin will still benefit the Thames Valley Air Ambulance, it's just a change of contractor. There is a mandatory notice placed on the bin telling the current contractor to remove it, and then the new one should appear. Please pause putting clothes and fabrics into the old bin until the new one appears.

Thank you for your continued support.

Nigel

Samaritan's Purse

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal 2023

Thank you so much to all who supported the appeal this year with filled boxes, gifts, wrapping paper and money donations. I am pleased to say that the shoeboxes have now begun the journey to extremely needy children overseas. The boxes last year brought hope and joy to children in Belarus.

We wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas time.

Patsy and Angela

♪♪♪ Come and Sing Carols ♪♪♪....

Enjoy the simple joy of Christmas!

We'll meet at West Hendred Village Hall at 4.30pm on Friday 22nd December for a glass of mulled wine/ juice and mince pies.

Then start the carolling in the warm with anyone who wishes to join us 😊...

Weather permitting we'll carol around the village so bring warm clothing & torches as usual.

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

Everyone welcome! For more details contact Angela 862912 or Patsy 835113

December Church Services

It was wonderful that so many joined last year's Crib Service in the Village Hall during the church roof repairs. This year we are back in Holy Trinity Church, on Christmas Eve at 3pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, not least, children and the young at heart, and likewise at our service on Christmas Day at 9:30am.

Before that, you are also welcome to join the Christingle service at St Augustine's, East Hendred, on Sunday 10th December at 3:30pm, especially for children but again all ages are welcome; and the Carol Service at All Saints, Lockinge, Sunday 17th December 6pm, or St Augustine's, East Hendred, Wednesday 20th December 6:30pm.

And you are welcome to join the carol singers around the village starting at the Village Hall, 4.30pm on 22nd December; or do listen out for them, collecting donations for Helen & Douglas House children's hospice. Finally, please note there is no Sunday morning service on 24th December, but you are welcome to join the service in Ardington at 11am.

Nikolaj Christensen

Rector of the Hendreds and Ardington with Lockinge

Poppy Appeal 2023

West Hendred have raised £540.10 in cash which is really amazing. I'll update this total when the electronic payment totals come through.

Many thanks to the collectors for their dedication and to you for your generosity to this very worthy cause.

Nigel Findley

Poppy Appeal Organisers

Boxing Day Tug of War

East Hendred, Eyston Arms

26th December

at the rear of The Eyston Arms (with kind permission of Daisy Barton and the team)

East Hendred v West Hendred

Kids' teams

Time: 12.30

Contact Sonya Bashford on

bashfordsonya@gmail.com

if you would like to be on one of the teams.

Beryl Maile: Artist. Eccentric. Raconteur. 1928-2018

17th November 2023 - 17th February 2024

Vale & Downland Museum,

Church Street, Wantage, OX12 8BL

Free Admission (Donations welcomed)

The Vale and Downland Museum is pleased to be hosting a special exhibition displaying works by talented local artist Beryl Maile. From oil to pen and ink, Beryl Maile's work ranged from moody, sprawling landscapes to humorous speedy doodles and illustrations. Come and see works on display at the museum and share your memories of this much loved local personality.

We would like to thank the members of the local community who have come forward with works to display for this exhibition.

Kirsty Cabot

Assistant Curator

www.valeanddownlandmuseum.org.uk

Holy Trinity West Hendred

Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride

This year's sponsored event took place on Saturday 9th September.

We're continuing to collect money from sponsors. The total so far received is £560.00 with more to come in.

OHCT pays back 50% of the total; this will help towards the major heating improvement.

Thank you to all who have sponsored.

Hugh Rees

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred - Heating

We're making much needed improvements to the church's heating. The plan is to install under-pew heaters similar to those at Denchworth Church, and also Childrey Church. Based on the experience of other similar churches, these heaters will not only be more effective at keeping the congregation warm but also cost considerably less to run.

Electric Heating Solutions (EHS), who specialise in church heating and have installed under-pew heaters in several churches in Oxfordshire, have quoted £12,900 net – the church can claim back most of the VAT.

The Parochial Church Council has decided the heating is the priority works to the building, following the completion of the urgent work to the North Aisle roof. We submitted the works approval application (faculty) for Oxford Diocese's approval as soon as we had received all the documents from EHS that the Diocese need. Our caseworker at the Diocese has said "Church Buildings team will review it and then send our advice on to the Archdeacon." Hopefully it won't take long to get the Diocese's approval, which we need not just for the work itself, but also for grant applications.

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT) have indicated they may be able to help towards the cost and mentioned "So pleased you are progressing with your heating and that you will be applying for a grant from us. The next awards meeting is in February."

We need your support NOW!

Thank you for the very generous donations from individuals. Please help us now by donating towards this. If you have not done so already, please can you help 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

Firewood for sale

Seasoned, dry hardwood (oak, ash, and beech).
Sawn and split last spring.

Stored indoors, to burn now.

Dumpy bulk bags. 0.5m x 0.5m x 0.5m £35

A great thank you present or Christmas present!

Free delivery locally

Ed Clayton 07733 363 711

New member of the West Hendred Newsletter Editorial team required!

We have a vacancy on our monthly newsletter team to join our team of three.

It's only a quarterly commitment and quite straightforward editing ... if you'd like to

volunteer, please contact Jane John by email:

newsletter@westhendred.net

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

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

Current Events

The West Hendred Christmas Fair Returns! Sunday, December 3rd 12-3pm

Great selection of stalls, Festive BBQ, Mulled wine, tea and mince pies, Super Tombola, Face painting and Glitter tattoos, and Guess the Weight of the Christmas Cake. Carols from the Springline Choir.

Entry £3 includes a cup of tea or mulled wine (under 12s free)

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 07455 076584.

Kyokushin Karate Club - from September on Mondays

Attention all beginners! Ready to kick-start your karate journey? Join our Kyokushin Karate Club in West Hendred Village Hall from September onwards on Mondays. The costs of the training will be £6 per lesson (reduction for more than one family member).

Children's class from 5-5:45pm

Adults class 5:45-7pm

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: 07446 469488

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 462 317, charlie@princepilates.co.uk or visit my website:

www.princepilates.co.uk

Yoga at West Hendred Village Hall

Gentle/Chair Yoga

Tuesdays 10 – 11 am (on Zoom)

Wednesdays 10 – 11 am

Hatha Yoga

Wednesdays 4.30 – 5.45 pm

Thursdays 9.30 – 10.45 am

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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