

WEST HENDRED

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 SEPTEMBER 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.

Calling All Board Gamers – Children and Adults

Monthly board games evenings will begin **September 8th** in West Hendred Village Hall Run by Max and Jess, who run great Board Games evenings in East Hendred and Oxford. They will bring a large selection of games (bring any you wish to share too) Children's games (4+) include Stomp the Plank, Cluedo, Snakes & Ladders, Backgammon Adults £2.50, Children 50p. Children up to 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Wine, beer and soft drinks available. Come and play your favourite games, learn new ones, meet people, have a good time. First evening Friday September 8th, 6-9pm (extendable if people are still having fun) Next evening: first Friday of the month: Oct 6, November 3.

Holy Trinity West Hendred Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride 9th September

This year's sponsored event is on Saturday 9th September – money raised will be divided equally between The Oxford Historic Churches Trust and Holy Trinity Church West Hendred. We usually receive our portion in late December or early January. Sponsorship forms are in Holy Trinity church for you to take-away. Very limited printed material has been distributed, with almost everything available online from OHCT's website. <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/> OHCT have always been very supportive of us, awarding a grant in 2020 towards the wall plate along the south side of the tower bell chamber, and then in 2021 a grant of £7,000 towards the north aisle roof supports. Most recently, in June they very generously awarded a feasibility grant of £1,100 – the entire net cost of a structural

engineer's inspection and report of the bell frame and its supports.

There are several "old hands", young and old, who anticipate participating. So please join us, either by Riding or Striding yourself, or sponsoring us.

More details will be available from Hugh Rees on 833174 and OHCT's website on www.ohct.org.uk

Proposed New Housing Development In Ardington

Please let the council know what you think- every voice counts.

About a month ago, a plan by the Lockinge Estate to build 30 houses on a field at the edge of Ardington was discussed at meeting of Ardington & Lockinge Parish Council – please see a link to the minutes below.. This proposed development lies within the N Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the northern boundary of which runs along the A417.

So far, all the development we have seen has been on the north side of the A417, as AONB status has protected the south side. If the AONB is broken into, a precedent will be set leaving all the land south of the A417 vulnerable to development, including all the "Springline" villages – Ardington, Lockinge, East and West Hendred.

Development on AONBs is normally only allowed if there is demonstrable local need for the housing, and that it should be within the village envelope, ie as infill (which is perfectly possible in Ardington).

This proposed development is outside the village boundary.

Furthermore, the Vale of the White Horse District Council Local Plan 2031 Part 1 (regulation review 10A approved 2021).has identified enough locations to satisfy local need for housing until 2031.

There can therefore be no justification for the argument that yet more housing is needed, and every reason to defend our AONB and our villages...

At this stage, no formal application for planning permission has yet been submitted, but it's clearly in the pipeline. Quickly communicating your views on this matter to the Parish Council is vital so that they can gauge the strength of local feeling (in either direction). The next meeting of Ardington & Lockinge PC is on Sept. 10th.

Whichever village you live in, please email the clerk on ardingtonandlockingeipc@outlook.com and/or the Chairman on hugaroberts@btinternet.com
Every voice counts.

Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council Minutes
11 July 2023

<https://www.hugofox.com/shared/attachments.asp?f=9c1395e6-2da3-4133-9161-8f1e3870b33c.pdf&o=A&L-Parish-Council-Minutes-meeting-11-July-2023-DRAFT.pdf>

Springline Productions are Excited to Announce the Panto is Back!

Camelot The Panto

Please come to the audition afternoon on Sunday 8th October 3pm to 6pm at Snells Hall, East Hendred

All adults and children year 5 and above are welcome

Rehearsals will be every Sunday from 3pm to 6pm from 15th October to the performance week of 22nd January

Tuesday evenings for adult cast

For more information email:

springlineproductions.hendred@gmail.com

Springline Singers

Our Community Choir, Springline Singers will start again on Thursday 14th September 7.30 to 9.30pm at Snells Hall, East Hendred. Then from 21 September to 19th October the choir will be at West Hendred hall.

If you are interested in joining the choir please why not try a free Taster session on 14th September, please email:

springlineproductions.hendred@gmail.com
to register your interest.

The choir is for anyone aged 16+ who wants to sing. Music includes world music, folk, pop, musicals, sea shanties. No singing experience needed. We are a very friendly inclusive group. Come and improve your health and wellbeing and be part of our community of singers! Just £7 per session.

Vale and Downland Museum Appeal – Beryl Maile

In November the museum will be hosting an exhibition of works by local artist Beryl Maile. We have some works in our collection but are reaching out to the wider community to enhance the display. As Beryl was a resident of West Hendred for some time, we wondered if anyone had any examples of her works, or items related to her that they would be happy to loan to the museum for the duration of the exhibition. It is expected to run from mid November to mid February and we are requesting that any works are with us by mid October at the latest. If you have anything you think would be of interest please contact the Assistant Curator Kirsty Cabot assistantcurator@valeanddownlandmuseum.org.uk or drop in for a chat.

Church Services

The three Parochial Church Councils of the benefice have agreed a new schedule of services which are in place for a trial period of 6 months from June. We hope this will make it simpler to work out further in advance when and where the services are going to take place. The new service times for each church are available on the following link, so you can check back here to confirm when the services are:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/27-538CT/churches/list/>

Do get in touch if you have any questions. Nikolaj Christensen, Rector of the Hendreds and Ardington with Lockinge
The Rectory, Church Street, East Hendred, Wantage OX12 8LA
Tel: 01235 634940

For Sale: Vauxhall Corsa – Ideal for young driver

X reg, 23 years old, yet 51,800 miles, petrol 973CC MOT to Oct 23. Very reliable; low cost – both maintenance and excellent MPG. 5 gear manual, low insurance cost. Full-service history. Sale due to bereavement £750
Contact: Hugh Rees, 01235-833174

For Sale

Hamax Caress Child's carrier seat with fittings for bicycle: £50 ono. Hardly used.
Please contact Anne or Ken on 01235 797405.

The deadline for items for next month's newsletter is 25 September

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

Board Games evenings for children (4+) and adults
Friday September 8th, October 6th, November 3rd. Starts 6pm.
£2.50 adults, 50p children (children up to 12 must be accompanied by an adult)
Wine, beer and soft drinks available.
Come and play old favourites, new games, meet people, have a laugh.

West Hendred Stitches meet on the SECOND and FOURTH Tuesdays in the month.
Further information from Jane Soffe contact 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/ lesson (reduction for more than one family member).
Children 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-defense, 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: 07446469488

Pilates - Mat classes on 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 will be provided. I provide all mats and equipment, but you are of course welcome to bring your own.
Please contact Charlie Prince on 07581 462 317, or charlie@princepilates.co.uk or see 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 -

Thursdays 9.30 – 10.45

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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