

# ***WEST HENDRED***

## ***MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER***

**Deadline for next Newsletter  
25 MARCH 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.**

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

### **Ben, Chris and Olly's Marathon Fundraising Quiz**

Friday 3rd March 2023.  
7:30pm West Hendred Village Hall  
Teams of up to 8 people £5 a person  
Cash Bar, raffle, Ploughman's platters £10  
Email Olly for tickets:  
[oliver@bellinger.co.uk](mailto:oliver@bellinger.co.uk)

### **Hendreds Tennis Quiz springs back! Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Join us for a jolly on St. Patrick's night with our delightful host, Dom Hones. Expect the unexpected, lots of laughter and maybe sport a touch of green!

Date: Friday 17th March 2023  
Where: West Hendred Village Hall  
Time: Arrive 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start  
The entry fee is £14 for members, £16 for non-members, which includes the quiz and supper.  
Teams of 8 are just great. We are more than happy to join smaller groups or individuals together to make 8.  
Register your team/partial team by email at [play@hendredstennis.co.uk](mailto:play@hendredstennis.co.uk)

We don't want you to miss out – the deadline for entries has been extended to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023.  
A percentage of profits will go to the DEC UKRAINE appeal.

### **The Coronation Weekend**

There will be three days of celebrations to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles.  
Monday 1st May – meet at 10:00am at Hendred Stores and take part in a working party to deck the village with bunting.

Saturday 6th May: there will be a Beacon up near the Ridgeway. Set off from East and West Hendred at 6.00pm.

Bonfire lighting at 7.30pm. Horse box bar at the top. Transport will be organised for those who need it.

Sunday 7th May: there will be a village picnic at 2.00pm in Poplars Field. Bring food and drink to share. Horse box bar, fun & games, Sing-a-long with Dom and possibly a tea tent.

Monday 8th May – Big Help Out – community activity – details to be finalised.

A flyer will be distributed to everyone in the village in early April with further details regarding all these events.

### **Village Hall available for Coronation celebrations**

The weekend of the King's Coronation approaches (06-08 May). The West Hendred & Ginge Village Hall is available, at no charge, to any villagers who would like to organise a community event to celebrate the Coronation.

Please contact Stefan on 07460 727374 or Chantal on 01235 834091 to discuss.

### **The Extraordinary Hare**

A message from Mechelle and Callie:  
"We have made the tough decision to close temporarily on a Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, this was an economical decision and we hope to be able to open up on these days again in the summer. However, there is still lots to look forward to.

Quiz nights have now been changed to a Thursday evening at 8pm.

We now serve our delicious breakfast on Saturday & Sundays between 9am-12noon.

Sunday lunches are available from 12-4pm.

We will be having our 4th year celebrations here on March 4th with "Cocktails & Classics" and a DJ later on in the evening.

Live music for St Patrick's day on Friday 17th March.

We are taking bookings for Mother's Day Lunch on Sunday 19th March.

And plans to have our annual Easter Egg Hunt are well underway with hopes to hold a huge picnic afterwards.

Summer picnic hampers will be launching in the summer months.

We are showing the live 6 Nations Rugby every weekend at 14:15 & 16:45 Saturdays & Sundays. Our new Gluten Free & Vegan menus will be going live at the end of this week, so keep an eye out for those.

We would like to thank all our customers for your continued support through this uncertain and tough time."

### **Holy Trinity Church, West Hendred**

#### **Easter Church Services:**

It was wonderful to have so many joining us for our Christmas services at the end of last year. The coming of Jesus into the world as a small baby is everyone's favourite Christian celebration for good reasons, and it's one that has special appeal to children. My goal as rector is to make the churches ever more welcoming to children, young people, and families – all year round. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have ideas for what we could do to make this happen.

In just over a month it will be Easter. We will have services for:

Maundy Thursday, 06 April at 8.00pm at St Augustine's, East Hendred where we commemorate the last supper – with foot washing (participation in this is optional!) and Holy Communion.

This is followed by a service on:

Good Friday, 07 April at 3.00pm, commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus; this latter service is at Holy Trinity, Ardington. All are welcome.

On Easter Day itself, 09 April, the service in West Hendred will be at 9:30am as usual.

I am also hoping to put on a family-friendly service over the Easter period; do look out for information about this, or feel free to contact me directly if you're interested in coming.

We are all grateful to Hugh Rees, Roland Jack, and others for their efforts in organising the, now completed, repairs to the church roof. Our beautiful building is now in far better shape both for today and for future generations. Thankfully we received outside funding to cover part of the cost, as well as generous donations from many villagers. Still, this necessary project has put considerable strain on church funds. Our annual running costs are £16k and in addition we need to build up reserves again in advance of any future major repairs. We are thinking about how to make it easy for all who want to chip in to help sustain the church as an asset to the village in the long term. More information will be forthcoming.

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#### **North Aisle Roof:**

The work to replace the north aisle wall plate was finally completed on 9th February. It had been delayed by the cold weather: the temperature was too low for Ward & Co to apply the special paint to the new timbers and metal fittings. The Church's architect has now issued the Practical Completion Certificate. On 10th February the organ specialist serviced and tuned the organ, (which had been covered in plastic sheeting since late October) so that it could be used for the service on the following Sunday.

Thank you to all who have donated so generously towards this major work, so ensuring the future of the church building. Hugh Rees

#### **Citizens Advice recommends Internet-based financial calculators**

As you read these paragraphs, multitudes of people in this country are taking stock of their financial positions and finding plenty of reasons for feeling glum. The near future looks bleak with higher and higher food bills, galloping gas and electricity charges, zooming mortgages. But worse comes if we give way to our mood and allow reasonable concerns to be clouded in uncontrollable fears, so it is important to be calm and objective about our situations. In this respect the "calculator" tool is a big help: it tells us very simply what our financial position is, giving an objective diagnosis, without judging us.

Citizens Advice recommends two calculators in particular. The first is a benefits calculator on the trusted Turn2us website. You might not have thought your finances were so bad that you needed to claim, but you could be eligible to receive benefits and you only need to answer a few simple questions. Go to <https://benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk> and find out.

The second is an energy calculator on the Citizens Advice website which will tell you the cost of using various electrical appliances. For this calculator you need to have some data ready – for instance, how much energy you are consuming and the unit price you pay. Visit <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk> and search "consumer energy".

Another calculator that you might be interested in is one that gives you your own personal inflation rate – i.e. the effect of inflation on your own spending. This gives you an objective percentage figure which you can use to establish whether your bank balance is going to hover above or below zero. The calculator is on the Office for National Statistics website at

<https://www.ons.gov.uk>

Whatever your problem is, volunteers at Citizens Advice are available to help. Call Adviceline on 0808 278 7907. There is much more information on <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>

## **For Sale**

### **Vauxhall Corsa:**

Ideal for young driver, X reg, 23 years old, yet 51,700 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

**The deadline for items for next month's newsletter is 25 March. Please email to [newsletter@westhendred.net](mailto:newsletter@westhendred.net)**

## **West Hendred and Ginge Village Hall News**

Hall lettings – all hall enquiries/bookings should be made via email to: [villagehallbookings@westhendred.net](mailto:villagehallbookings@westhendred.net) or [www.westhendred.net](http://www.westhendred.net)

### **Covid-19**

The restrictions have been lifted. All hirers are kept 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 imaginations and improving social skills. Class are 9am Saturday mornings at the Village Hall. Pause in December  
For more information contact [minikicks18@gmail.com](mailto:minikicks18@gmail.com)

#### **Boogie Mites – Monday mornings**

It's music and dance for preschool children, every Monday morning. Contact Lizzie on [LizzieL@boogiemites.co.uk](mailto: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. Further information from Jane Soffe contact 07455076584

#### **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. 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. Please contact Charlie Prince on 07581 462 317, or [charlie@princepilates.co.uk](mailto:charlie@princepilates.co.uk) or see Charlie's website for more information about classes etc. [www.princepilates.co.uk](http://www.princepilates.co.uk)

#### **Yoga**

Tuesdays	10 - 11am	Gentle / chair yoga (on Zoom)
Wednesdays	10 - 11am	Gentle / chair yoga
Wednesdays	4.45 - 5.45pm	NEW! Hatha Yoga – suitable for beginners and improvers
Thursdays	9.30 - 10.45am	Hatha Yoga – suitable for improvers
Fridays	9.30 - 10.30am	Hatha Yoga (on Zoom) – suitable for beginners and improvers

Please contact me 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 me and arrange for a free trial lesson.  
Linda Davey – British Wheel of Yoga / Yoga in Healthcare Alliance

#### **Village Hall Committee Contacts**

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