

WEST HENDRED

MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 MAY 2024**

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.

District Councillor Update - Cllr Sarah James

You are welcome to contact me by phone or WhatsApp on 07811 085661 or by emailing Sarah.James1@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

What do you want from your council in the next 4 years? Vale of White Horse is setting a new council plan for the next 4 years. Please let us know what you think of what is proposed. This has a real impact on how the council will use its resources – we need to hear from residents to get this right.

Three top priorities are proposed: affordable housing, climate and nature recovery, and sustainable and inclusive communities.

Comment by 14th May at

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/hea-rt-of-the-vale>, email:

jointheconversation@southandvale.gov.uk, or call 01235 422425 for alternative formats such as paper copies, large print or translations.

Cost of Living Help - for more information on help available please visit

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/cost-of-living-crisis-advice-and-support/>,

phone the Community Hub on 01235 422600 or email:

communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

Public Inquiry into Thames Water's plans for the SESRO (South East Strategic Reservoir Option) reservoir – live petition details

Details of the concern over proposed plans by Thames Water for a 1.5 cubic metre reservoir

in our area were set out in April's newsletter. There is a live petition organised by GARD running at the moment. Please see the link below for details:

https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/stop-thames-water-s-plans-for-a-devastating-mega-reservoir?share=d0b13a83-261c-4ba4-a606-03067cdf28de&source=email-share-button&utm_medium=socialshare&utm_source=email

West Hendred Summer Event in aid of Holy Trinity Church – Saturday 13th July 12-30 to 3:30pm

The Summer Event will be at Manor Farm House, kindly offered by Lys and Peter Cook.

– Your Views Meeting at Village Hall Tuesday 14th May 6-30pm

We're looking to do a big "refresh" for the summer event. So, we've arranged a meeting at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 14th May**.

This is a further session to the very productive session on 16th April. Several people were not able to get to the first session. Also, we've had several offers to help with this year's event. We're keen to get the views of those who have not been involved before and for new ideas as to the form the event might take ... what would you like your summer event to be? ... we're looking to make changes and to involve new people ... how could you help? Please do come along and give your thoughts and ways of how to help get this to happen.

If you're not able to come to the meeting, then please do put forward your thoughts:

Please contact James Hart on

deliciousofwantage@hotmail.com, Sally

Hutchinson on sal-lou@hotmail.co.uk or

Hugh Rees on hugh@citidata.co.uk

The annual Meeting of Parishioners

- to elect churchwardens and other trustees is taking place on **Monday 20th May, 7:30pm**, at the Church.

Nikolaj Christensen

Rector of the Hendreds and Ardington with Lockinge.

Holy Trinity Church West Hendred Heating Update

As in previous newsletters, we're making much needed improvements to the church's heating. This new system uses under-pew heaters, more effective at keeping the congregation warm, yet considerably less costly to run! Heating is our church's biggest running cost. We've finally achieved the Diocese's agreement of the precise cable runs, so that the medieval encaustic tiles are not affected (a big factor in being a Grade 1 building). The Parochial Church Council decided in February to move ahead with a new system. Electric Heating Solutions, the electrical contractors we're using specialise in church heating; they will be installing the new heaters in mid-May. EHS have quoted £12,900 excl. VAT (the church should be able to claim back VAT). Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust has awarded a £3,000 grant. We need to raise a further £5,000 to close our funding gap. **We need your help NOW!** Thank you for the very generous individual donations. If you can, and haven't already, please consider helping us now. You can donate online via www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6046/ and selecting "Give Now" from the web-page; or by contacting the church Treasurer, Roland Jack rolandmjack@gmail.com or 07522 908632.

Hugh Rees

Notice on access to the Cemetery

In May-June this year unfortunately the roof of Luke House (next to the cemetery) needs major repairs. Health and safety regulations require scaffolding to be erected right round the house, including where it borders the path to the cemetery. The scaffolders have been instructed to leave good clearance for anyone using the path through to the cemetery, including for wheelchair users. They have also been instructed to ensure continued access for any grave-digging

machinery and coffin-bearers in case this may sadly be required.

You will be able to access the cemetery throughout this time.

Sincere apologies to the community for any inconvenience caused.

Stella Clarke and Hugh Rees

The West Hendred Not Just A Beer Festival returns 28-29th June

If you'd like to help, please email jenniferdimbylow@hotmail.co.uk. You can help to make it another huge success!

The West Hendred & Ginge Village Dog Show returns on Sunday 1st September.

Found

Certina watch found at Ginge Brook on 10th April. If you are the owner please email ajmarie@btinternet.com

Come and join the West Hendred Newsletter Editorial Team!

We have a vacancy to help us gather information for this monthly newsletter to join our team of three. So, 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 May. 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

AGM – Tuesday 11th June, 6.30pm in the hall

The Village Hall charity AGM is bound to be a public meeting. 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.

Current Events

Snowdrop and Snowbell "IN THE GREEN" pop-up sale – remainders total

The snowdrop and other plants sale on 16th March for the Village Hall has continued to have remainder sales. The final total raised is £201. Thank you to all who came, those who bought in advance and also those who bought sale remainders.

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 - on Mondays

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

Children's class from 5.00pm - 5.45pm. Adults class 5.45pm – 7.00pm

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 462317, charlie@princepilates.co.uk or visit my website: www.princepilates.co.uk

YOGA

Gentle / Chair Yoga: Tuesdays 10 – 11 am (on Zoom) / Wednesdays 10 – 11am

Hatha Yoga: Wednesdays 4.30 – 5.45pm / Thursdays 9.30 – 10.45pm

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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