

# **WEST HENDRED**

## **JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER**

**Deadline for next Newsletter  
25 July 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.

### **Gard Reservoir News Update**

A Freedom of Information Request by GARD (Group Against Reservoir Development) has obtained the Environment Agency's advice to DEFRA on Thames Water's draft Water Resource Management Plan which recommended that Thames Water is not allowed to publish this plan. "We recommend that: Thames Water is not allowed to publish its plan. The company should make further changes as set out in Section 3. These changes will require regulators to review them before the company's plan is allowed to be published. We also advise that due to the public interest shown in the consultation that Defra considers whether further public scrutiny is required before the plan is published." DEFRA have not made a decision either way yet, and this may be why. Thames Water's new round of consultation and plans may have been planned all along, but it may also be prompted by this advice from the EA.

### **The events are**

- 27/06/24 Sutton Courtenay Village Hall - 2pm-8pm
- 29/06/24 Royal British Legion, East Hanney - 10am-4pm
- 01/07/24 Abingdon Guildhall - 11am-5pm
- 05/07/24 Loyd Lindsay Rooms, Ardington - 11am-5pm
- 09/07/24 Didcot Civic Hall – 2pm-8pm
- 15/07/24 Milton Hill House, Steventon - 2pm-8pm
- 18/07/24 Marcham Centre – 2pm-8pm

You can sign up, but you don't need to.

**Cllr Sarah James, Vale of White Horse District Councillor for Hendreds Ward and Leader of the Green Group**

### **Public consultation on proposals for South-East Strategic Reservoir Option (SESRO)**

A new reservoir located to the south-west of Abingdon in Oxfordshire. This follows the publication last year of our revised draft Water Resources Management Plan 2024, setting out the measures that we propose taking to protect future water supplies and decrease the likelihood of water shortages during prolonged periods of drought.

You can find out more about our plans for the South East Strategic Reservoir Option at

<https://thames-wrmp.co.uk/projects/sesro/>

You can find out more about our revised draft Water Resources Management Plan at [thames-wrmp.co.uk](https://thames-wrmp.co.uk)

During June and July we're holding a series of community information events in various locations around the proposed reservoir site. You can find out about these and register to attend by visiting our website at <https://thames-wrmp.co.uk/news/events/> We've written to potentially affected landowners, as well as to local residents and businesses, about the SESRO public consultation.

### **Sally Harding**

### **Community Engagement Officer**

### **On behalf of Thames Water - Strategic Resource Options – Engagement Team**

(The dates and times of the Thames Water community information events are as shown in the Gard update - Editor)

### **Oxfordshire County Council**

### **Consultation – West Hendred proposed 20mph Speed Limits**

Oxfordshire County Council wants to make our built environments safer and more attractive places to walk and cycle. To enable this, 20mph speed restrictions are being used to help promote alternative modes of transport for local travel.

We're therefore asking for your views on the proposal to introduce a 20mph speed within West Hendred, replacing the existing 30mph speed limit on the road south of the A417 Reading Road in its entirety. The proposals are being put forward following concerns raised by the parish over road safety, and form part of a countywide programme of works that seeks to deliver 'a safer place with a safer pace' for the residents of Oxfordshire. Details are available to view on the Councils consultation portal at the address below: [https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/westhendred\\_20mph2024](https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/westhendred_20mph2024)

Any objections or other representations on the proposal should be submitted by Friday 05th July 2024.

**Every Sunday** in term time there is a Family Church service for all ages at St Augustine's Church, East Hendred, starting at 3:30pm. This term our theme is meeting God outdoors, loving the natural world, and becoming more eco-aware in all we do.

Rather than a traditional service where people stay at their seats most of the time, these services involve everyone in activities, crafts, and games around the church. If coming by car please park on High Street. For any questions please message Rev. Nikolaj Christensen [rector@wantagedowns.org](mailto:rector@wantagedowns.org)

### **West Hendred Summer Event - lunch and so much more! Come rain or shine!**

Saturday 13th July - 12-30 to 3:30pm

In aid of Holy Trinity Church.

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

We're doing a big "refresh" for the Summer event, with lots of stalls and things for kids. We've had very productive consultation sessions in the last few weeks.

We're going to be having more things for children, such as Teddy Tombola, Pre-loved Toys, and also, hopefully, a tuck shop. We'll be keeping some favourites, such as the Duck Race, Bowls, Name the Lobster, the Garage Game and cake stall.

As well as the lunch, there will be a hot-dog stall (£2) and hopefully an ice cream stall. There will be a bar with beer, Pimms and wine, as well as orange juice, lemonade and other soft drinks.

Entrance is free – yet again! Lunch is £10 for an adult and £5 for a child under 12.

Children under 5 continue to be free.

We think this is excellent value for two courses and a choice of cheeses, with quality food and a wide choice. Payment can be by card or cash. Please come along to this very enjoyable occasion to meet and make new acquaintances. How could you help?

If you would like to run a stall, or your own ideas for stalls, please do say.

Can you offer items for the Cake Stall?

We'll be putting up the marquee and beer tent from 6pm on Thursday 11th July.

We would be very grateful for donations towards the tombola and items can be dropped off with Hugh and Annabel at Mill Farm House – the thatched house on Mill Lane. Tins, bottles, toiletries, candles, unused gifts etc. or anything else you can think of, all welcome.

We do need help with the food on the day, as well as people volunteering food items.

If you would like to help, please do contact Hugh on 833174, or [hugh@citidata.co.uk](mailto:hugh@citidata.co.uk)

### **Holy Trinity West Hendred**

Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride – 14<sup>th</sup> September.

This year's sponsored event is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September – money raised will be divided equally between The Oxford Historic Churches Trust and Holy Trinity Church West Hendred. Oxford Historic Churches Trust will provide every limited printed material, with almost everything available online from OHCT's website at <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

Last year's sponsorships final total raised was £657; Holy Trinity Church received half i.e. £328-50. In June 2023 OHCT very generously awarded a feasibility grant of £1,100 for the entire net cost of a Structural Engineer's inspection and report of the Bell Frame and its supports. In February 2024 OHCT also awarded a grant of £3,000 towards the new heating system, which was installed in May.

More details will be available from Hugh Rees on 833174 and OHCT's website on [www.ohct.org.uk](http://www.ohct.org.uk)

**West Hendred PCC** is looking for a new treasurer, as Roland Jack is retiring at the end of the year. If you would consider taking it on and would like to know more about what it involves, our churchwarden, Hugh Rees, would very much like to hear from you.

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Emma Marsh is now practising her **Women's Health Physiotherapy** from her garden cabin in West Hendred, offering treatment for pre and post-natal symptoms; bladder/bowel or vaginal prolapse symptoms and for post gynaecological surgery or pelvic pain.  
emma@womensphysiotherapy.co.uk

**The deadline for items in next month's newsletter is July 25<sup>th</sup>. Please email to [newsletter@westhendred.net](mailto:newsletter@westhendred.net)**

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

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)

### **AGM – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

The West Hendred Village Hall, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), held its AGM on June 11<sup>th</sup> in the Hall. As a CIO, we have now established (in addition to the Board of Trustees), a Management Committee which is primarily responsible for events and hirings in the Hall. The Board of Trustees comprises Hugh Rees (Chair); Nigel Findlay (Treasurer); Chantal Ligertwood (Secretary); plus Rosemary Budge; Sarah Lloyd; Stefan Povlotsky and Peter Cook (advisor). Ken Pagett will be joining as a Trustee soon prior to succeeding Nigel as Treasurer, who retires on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> after 17 years invaluable service. The new Management Committee comprises from the Board of Trustees Sarah Lloyd (Chair); Stefan Povlotsky; Rosemary Budge; Nigel Findlay (Treasurer) plus Ken Pagett; Carolyn Birkhead; Jenni Dimbylow (Secretary); Selena Higgs; Linda Soderstrom and Michelle Tanfield. After many years invaluable service (for which we are hugely grateful) Tony Lewis has retired as a Trustee.

## **Events at the Hall**

### **West Hendred Stitches - SECOND & FOURTH Tuesdays in the month 10am-4pm**

West Hendred Stitches 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 07455076584

### **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: 07446469488

### **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](mailto:charlie@princepilates.co.uk) or visit my website: [www.princepilates.co.uk](http://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](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 Teacher and Yoga Therapist / Yoga in Healthcare Alliance

**And finally...SAVE THE DATE!** The Hendreds and Ginge Dog Show RETURNS Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

## **Village Hall Committee Contacts**

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