

EAST HENDRED Bulletin

Village wins best kept village award

A winner in the "New entry" village section of the competition

Although the village has been entered for the Best Kept Village on a number of occasions in the past (and won it for the medium sized village section) we had not entered it since 1997.

This year we decided to have 'another go' now that the building works had been completed at Snells Hall and the Play Park area, too. However, unknown to us, this year, to encourage more villages to enter, the Lord Lieutenant of the County had decided to make a special award to the best New Entry village which had not entered during the years 1998, 1999 or 2000 (which we had not done).

So you can imagine our surprise and pleasure when we were told that we had won this award against the competition of three other villages in a similar position as ourselves, and also that we had come third in the Medium sized villages.

The Chairman and Clerk attended a special ceremony at Holton Village Hall in July to receive the framed certificate and we will receive a award of £500 also to spend on something special for all the village to use (as yet to be decided by the Parish Council).

The Council would like to say a special thank you to Brian and Les Goodwin for their hard work in the village and also to Ivan Mulford, whose care of the Sports Field got a special mention from the Judges of the competition.

We would like to thank

residents who do take special care of their gardens and frontages. Unfortunately, due to lack of resources it is not always possible for pavements outside your homes to be cleared of weeds and we are grateful for those of you who take the trouble to tidy these up and make sure that any overhanging branches do not cause problems to passers by.

We hope to have a special ceremony later in the Autumn when Hugo Brunner, the Lord Lieutenant, will be available to unveil what ever we have chosen as our prize.

Judges' competition report

We arrived in fair conditions to admire the public areas of the village i.e. the superbly maintained sports field with tennis courts and an excellent pavilion. The green banks in the vicinity of the Hendred Stores and the Eyston Arms are well kept and trimmed. Parking was not difficult during our visit and we noted that car park at Snells Hall was well used. Footpaths are well maintained and the only verges we saw which needed attention were in Orchard Close. The children's special play area at the Sports Centre is excellent and free of litter.

We commend the high number of litter bins, dog litter bins and seats around the village. The telephone kiosk and the



Best Kept village award 2001

two bus shelters were clean and tidy. All the public buildings we saw on the outside i.e. Champs Chapel, Hendred and St.Amand schools and Snells Hall were clearly well maintained and used. Both churches were unlocked (commended) which gave us the opportunity to admire their architectural beauty and concluded both have good congregations. Both churchyards are well maintained. After looking thoroughly in both sections of the burial ground I failed to find a seat! We commend the residents of the village for the high standard of cultivation and beauty of front gardens, hedges and tidiness of stone walls and hedges.

All three public houses were attractive from outside and a credit to the community. The vineyard and trout farm near the A417 are an asset to the village and obviously attract visitors. Particular credit goes to Hendred Stores for their initiative and perseverance which has been recognised by the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council. May the Stores be given again the addition of a sub Post Office. This would be the final accolade. It was a privilege to judge this village and we congratulate the parishioners in maintaining a high level of care and commitment in the community. **Well done.**

STOP PRESS
Good news: Post Office expected to re-open at the end of September for three days a week.

September -Dec2001

September 2001

Saturday 22nd - Pre-school Fete at Snells Hall

October 2001

Friday 5th - Harvest Evensong followed by Harvest supper in Snells Hall

Sunday 28th - Open day at Snells Hall

November 2001

Friday 2nd - Halloween Disco Scouts at Snells Hall

December 2001

Saturday 1st - Christmas Bazaar

Monday 31st - New Years Eve Disco at Snells Hall

March 2002

Saturday 16th - 'Come sing' at Snells Hall

July 2002

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National Rail	0345 484950		

Regular Events

Monday	Hendred Ladies Swimming Club (contact Val Bacon on 833403)
Tuesday	Cub Scouts 6-8pm - Snells Hall Scouts 8-9pm - Snells Hall (contact Iris Newman on 833360)
Wednesday	Owlets (Mother & Toddler) 10 - 11.30am term time (contact Ann Myhill on 862268) Bowls 7.45 - 10pm - Snells Hall (contact Ken Taylor on 833359) Morris Dancing (evenings) (for information telephone 763877)
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Fortnightly	Football Club Bingo 7.00 - 9.30pm (contact Phil Coventry on 833478)
Monthly	Downs Golden Age 1st Thursday at Snells Hall (contact Betty Holliday on 833400) Folk Club at Snells Hall (contact Dave Phillips on 762644) Parish Council Meeting (2nd Tuesday of the month) Snells Hall Management Meeting (1st Tuesday of the month) WI (3rd Thursday, at Snells Hall)

Church Services

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9.30pm St Mary's,
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Parish Communion
10.30pm Each Sunday
Family Communion
10.30pm 1st Sunday
Open Door Service
6.00pm 2nd Sunday
Holy Communion
10.30am Every Thursday

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Planning Matters

A two storey extension at 14 Mill Lane was considered by the Council in March, with no objections, and approved by the Local Planners in April

An application to alter the access into **Wells Head, Newbury Road** was made also in March but refused by the Vale in June as 'the substantial engineering works required for the proposed access would lead to an unacceptable loss of part of the steep grassy bank, which makes an important contribution to the setting of this striking listed building.'

In April an application was made for a conservatory to be added to **Rosewall Cottage, Chapel Square** and received approval the following month.

In May the **Hendred Estate** applied for permission to replace storage and a workshop, on the left hand side of the road going to the Park, with offices and this received approval in June.

The Cottage in Horn Lane requested permission to repair a lean-to on their property together with some internal alterations and approval was given in June.

Willow House, Horn Lane requested permission to add a conservatory in May and approval was received in June.

Riduna, Church Street received approval for their first application, made in November, for an extension to go-ahead. (June 14th)

There were no objections to a retrospective application for two rooflights to be added to a rear elevation at **Orchard Stables**, as long as they were not openable.

A request for three 4-stack antennas and one radio equipment cabin at the **Rowstock Telephone Exchange** was made in July and the Council did not object provided they were in keeping with the Vale guidelines on such structures.

The conversion of the **Apple Store in Featherbed Lane** to a Dwelling requested in May was objected to by the Council and rejected by the Vale on the grounds that the building was unsuitable for residential re-use and in any case was contrary to the VWH Local Plan 1999.

The Council considered that a proposed bungalow in the grounds of **Bowling Over, Horn Lane**, would lead to overdevelopment of the site and possibly prejudicial to both Bowling Over and adjacent listed buildings. The Vale have since rejected this on the grounds that Bowling Over is in the Conservation Area and 'by allowing one house in the area to accommodate a new dwelling it would pave the way for further development of a similar nature, that would individually and cumulatively erode the unique, loose knit, rural character of this part of the village.'

In July consideration was also given to two new properties proposed at **Greensands, Reading Road** - one behind the other and although the council felt that the front one was in keeping with the alignment of other properties on the Reading Road, the other would be considered to be in open countryside. However, the Vale rejected both applications on the grounds that they would be located outside the main built up area of the village, on a site that does not form an integral part of the settlement, and would therefore constitute new residential development in the open countryside, adjacent to the AONB and contrary to the adopted VWH Local Plan.

We await the Vale's decision on plans to **demolish Ridgeway Lodge hotel** and build three properties on the site, to which the council had no objections.

Other Planning applications seen by the Parish Council, but now awaiting Vale decision, include a sixth classroom for **St.Amand's School**, a single storey extension to **22 White Road**, extension to **the Pentagon in Orchard Close**, Demolition of **Geggs Corner, Newbury Road**, and erection of a new dwelling on this site.

A retrospective application to demolish a hedge and put up a fence in its place at **12 White Road** has been received for consideration. Here it should be explained that the Vale Planners need a request for Planning Permission if your intended 'fence, wall or gate would be over 1 metre high and next to a highway used for vehicles; or over 2 metres high elsewhere.' This is a general nationwide planning request, not just a fad of the Vale Council. Also it should be noted that requests for the removal of hedges or trees often need permission (particularly in a Conservation Area), but please check with the Vale first before lifting that axe!

Parish Council

Council meetings are held in Snells Hall at 8pm on the second Tuesday of each month. An Open Forum, in which parishioners may ask questions starts at 8.30pm.

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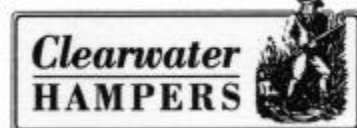
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from the chair

The good news since the last Bulletin is the village winning a Best Kept Village Award in Oxfordshire, to our delight and with a little surprise. We qualified for a newly created class - new entries, since we had not entered the competition since 1997. We have an award of £500 to spend on a new village amenity, which is currently being discussed by the Council.

On a sad note we have lost several notable village residents during the last few months. Obituaries appear elsewhere in this Bulletin for David McDowell, who carried out much of the landscaping work

for the Penney Playpark and Paddy Sheehan, a Parish Councillor who joined the Council in 1995 and took an active interest in its work, and was a member of three working groups. We shall miss them both and send our condolences to their families. As a result of Paddy's death there is a vacancy on the Council, which has been advertised. As a result of this the Council is allowed to co-opt a person to fill the post.

Parts of the village have suffered recently in two heavy storms, with flooding including overflowing of the sewage system. A Flooding Action Group has been set by the Council to identify steps to alleviate the problem. The changing weather pattern is causing much too frequent overloads of the drainage and sewage systems. These problems need to be addressed urgently.



The village noticeboard and team who erected it.

Exhibition of results for local residents

Didcot Transport Issues Study

Didcot is changing; with a brand new town centre and residential development, transport and access in and around Didcot will be altered significantly. We are holding a community consultation event which gives the people of Didcot and the surrounding villages the opportunity to mould the future of transport in their area.

The exhibition is to be held on the evenings on the 20th September (between 5pm and 8pm) and 21st September (between 4pm and 7pm at the Civic Hall in Didcot. The event will also take place on Saturday 22nd September between 10am and 5pm. This session will include the workshop sessions as well as a further opportunity to view the exhibition, meet the Transport Issues team and discuss the emerging proposals.

We welcome the new location board, for the benefit of our visitors, delivery drivers and new residents (see below). It is now in place by the village shop and the village map will be completed and displayed shortly. It is a late Millennium project, partly funded by the Vale District Council.

The electronic record of the village during year 2000 was finally available at the Family Show on September 8th. It contains a great deal of information about the village, its people, organisations, businesses and particularly of the many special events held during Millennium year. It is a lasting record of our village which will be seen by future generations as an indication of life at the beginning of the 21st century in an Oxfordshire village. A great deal of work has gone into producing this, using specialised

expertise, for which we are all very grateful. A special insert in this issue highlights some of the village Millennium events, which are included on the record.

We are pleased to see that a small piece of Hendred's heritage is now replicated in our twin village of Sarceaux in Normandy. The kissing gate at the top of Snells caught the interest of our French visitors on a previous occasion, to the extent that they commissioned a duplicate version to be installed close to their Mairie.

Plans are already in hand to organise the village celebrations for the Queen's Golden Jubilee next June. If you have any suggestions on how the village might commemorate this very special occasion, please contact me.

John Sharp

A busy year for the WI

The first half of the WI year has been a busy one. Membership is increasing, and to accommodate everyone comfortably we've had to move back into the main hall of Snells Hall, which has meant changing our regular meeting day to the third Thursday in the month.

Our speakers so far this year have covered a wide variety of topics and interests. These have included the development of shopping at Sainsburys via its origins as a family business in the 19th century through wartime retailing (ration coupons and bomb damage), to the modern supermarkets we are all familiar with. The next month, Jo Noble entertained everyone with a most amusing account of her life and career as an actress, then in July we had a slide-show tour of Oxford (given by a professional guide). August saw us at our garden meeting, held in a member's garden, where we enjoyed a picnic supper and Norman Francis' lively description of the human stories behind the lovely 15th. century mediaeval buildings at Ewelme. (We hope to arrange a group visit to Ewelme in September.) The WI took part in the Hendred House Summer Fete in May, and plan a coffee morning

in aid of Helen House. We are definitely 'alive and kicking', and offer not only excellent speakers but the opportunity to make new discoveries and new friends. Our 'open' meeting in October gives you a chance to do some Christmas shopping, but visitors are welcome at all our meetings (£1 charge) to sample what the WI is like. Once sampled, we hope that you will join us as full members!

WI Programme (All meetings on Thursdays, at 7.45 p.m.)

- Sept. 20th
'Know your meat'
Calnan Bros. (Butchers)
- Oct. 18th.
'History of Costume Jewellery'
Adrian and Jane Jeffries
(An 'open' meeting with the chance to do some Christmas shopping, since the speakers will have a sales table)
- Nov. 15th.
'A Year in the Garden'
Debbie Barber
- Dec. 13th.
'Christmas Ideas'
Pauline Fretter
- Jan 17th 2002
New Year Party
- Feb. 21st
Helen House
- March 21st.
AGM
- April 18th.
Tesco Supermarket

A runaway success!

This year's Family show (held on The Sports Ground) was fortunate enough to have dry weather. There were almost forty trophies to be won and we were delighted that many were awarded to first-time exhibitors.

Following the success of the Millennium celebrations last August, we again extended the show to provide a range of family fun and entertainment during the afternoon and evening. There was Gill Hines' very popular Exemption Dog Show, the display and auction of show exhibits, car boot sale, pony rides, classic and vintage vehicles, raffle, BBQ, teas, bouncy castle, Wantage Silver Band and various stalls including the village's Millennium Record. In addition we were delighted that the Car and Real Ale People stopped off to let us see 25 of the most spectacular vehicles, ranging from a humble Morris Minor to the latest Bentley. The evening entertainment was also a success. The organisers would like to thank everyone who supported the show.

We are grateful for the sponsorship received from UKAEA and that Dr John McKeown kindly agreed to present the trophies. We are also grateful to Stuart Prior (and helpers) who's Party in the Park (which raised £500) helped the show funds. Some of the winners in the 2001 Family Show were as follows:

Childrens Classes Winners Trophies awarded:
Sam Childs: The Maureen Pill Cup (Best overall Children's exhibit), Miniature Garden Cup (8-11)
Amy Brewer: Sutton Shield Child's Heaviest Marrow (16 or less)
James Brewer: MacKinnon Shield (Most points 7 & under) and Miniature Garden Cup (7 & under)
Jenny Brewer: Brownies Shield (Most points 8-11)
Laura Butler: MacKinnon Shield (Most points 12-16) & runner up in the The Maureen Pill Cup.
Open and Members classes
Winner Awarded trophies including:
Ken Robey: The Royal Horticultural Society - Banksian Medal, Dave McDowell Memorial Cup
Thomas More Eyston Trophy (Best in Show - Produce), Dave McDowell Cup
Mick Childs: Garden News Top Vase, Agatha Eyston, Morland, Denly and Eyston Arms Cups
Julie Cottee: Garden News Top Tray, Edwin Cottee Memorial Cup, Tom Riggs Shield
Arthur Newton: AEA Cup, Tudor Joinery Rose Bowl, Bill Ballard Memorial Shield
Pauline Fretter: East Hendred Parish Council's Millennium Cup 'Best in Show (Non-produce)'
 Chairman's Trophy and R & M Pest Control Tankard

Airey cup played at Hendred

The club is in Division 3 of the Oxford Cricket Association, which consists of 9 Divisions containing 82 teams. It was thus a great honour for the club to be invited to stage the final of the Airey Cup for First and Second Division teams on Monday 27 August 2001 (the Late Summer Holiday).

This is a tribute to the excellent condition of the sports field and, in particular, the cricket square. In preparation, the South end of the ground now has a new and beautifully constructed sight screen and much effort was put into the decoration of the ground. All of this was master-minded by Ivan Mulford,

who also organised all the work required. Our gratitude goes to him and to his band of helpers.

A crowd of about 300 witnessed what the "Oxford Mail" described as "scintillating" and "sparkling displays" and "one of the tightest finishes in OCA League history as Garsington crept home off the last ball to snatch the Bosch Power Tools-sponsored competition from Hanborough's grasp at East Hendred".

One of the umpires, a veteran of many years experience, volunteered his view that the cricket square was the finest he had ever seen, anywhere.

The Millennium clock

As part of the preparations for the final, a "Millennium Clock" was installed in a prominent place at the front of the pavilion. It is of 30 inches diameter and so the time is visible from all parts of the cricket field. It carries the words "Funded by

the village to mark the year 2000". Two thirds of the funding came from half the proceeds of the Summer Millennium Celebration of 17 August 2000; one third was donated by the Millennium Committee. Our thanks go to everybody concerned.

A little note for gardeners

Please note that garden waste (weeds, etc.) will not be collected by the dustman unless they are put in one of the special green plastic bags obtainable from the One-Stop-Shop in Wantage (Grove Street).

Flooding Problems - are they due to the exceptional weather?

A heavy storm on July 7th led to serious flooding of part of the High Street and the lower area in Snells. In both areas the sewage system overflowed and this led to at least three houses (4 Smithy Cottages, Rose Cottage and Sparks Farm), as well as the footpath through Snells close to the new Playpark, being flooded with a mixture of water and sewage, which is totally unacceptable. As a result the Parish Council has set up a Flooding Action Group, which called a meeting on July 27th, inviting representatives from the Environment Agency, the County Council Highways Department, Vale District Council, UKAEA, Thames Water and the Hendred Estate to sort out the problem. Everyone but Thames Water turned up for the meeting, which included an inspection of the sites. Overall there were positive suggestions and the identification of remedial measures to improve the position. Some actions have already been taken and some are still in hand. Thames Water sent a letter to the Council before the meeting stating that exceptional weather had led to the problem and they considered that the sewage system was adequate.

However on August 9th another heavy storm led to flooding in the same two parts of the village, again with sewage overflowing into houses. Photographs were taken of the flooding and the Press notified of our problem. As a result the Oxford Mail, Wantage Herald and Oxford Times all carried sympathetic articles, requesting urgent action, particularly by Thames Water. A further meeting of the Flooding Action Group took place on Aug. 17th, and identified further steps to alleviate the problem, given its frequency. We hope that no more serious storms arrive before these measures are in place and that Thames Water do now appreciate that improvements to the sewage system are urgently required.

On a related issue there has been water flowing down the High Street for over six months, with damage to the road surface and foundations. We have reported this to Thames Water several times who initially stated that the water was coming from one of the village springs, several of which were active in the early part of this year. However we were able recently to get a chemical analysis of the water (courtesy of UKAEA), which showed that the water was in fact mains tap water, and not spring water. Thames Water are now responding to this and we hope a repair will be carried out shortly.

A new guy in town

Welcome to our new County Councillor

Richard Farrell was elected as the new County Councillor in June and has since been a regular attendee at our Council meetings. We look forward to building a good working rela-

tionship with him. He is also a District Councillor, but represents other local villages.

We should to say thank you to Colin Lamont who was the previous County Councillor, for his interest in our village and helping to sort out local problems during his period of office.

Le Weekend Magnifique

A large party of local residents had an amazing activity packed weekend staying with our twinning friends in Normandy at the beginning of July. There were 41 in our group, (the largest yet to visit Sarceaux) ranging in ages from 6 to over 80, and coming mainly from the Hendreds but also from several surrounding villages. It was great to have more of the younger children and their parents with us this time, especially as many of the host families have young children themselves.

We set out on Friday evening, travelling by luxury coach from the Plough, via the P & O overnight ferry to Le Havre, and managed to cram an extraordinary range of activities into one weekend. We stayed in private houses and many of the hosts organised their own parties with family and friends for other meals, so we all experienced something of family life in France and were made to feel very welcome. Our hosts organised visits to Falaise with its castle where William the Conqueror was born, a museum of working automata which had been made originally for the window-displays of smart shops



The official opening of the kissing gate during the twinning groups summer trip to Sarceaux.

in Paris, and a vintage car museum, as well as an evening barbecue and a picnic lunch both held in a marquee in the playground of the village primary school. A visit to a supermarket and a quick look at the picturesque old port of Honfleur were even fitted in on the way home.

Whilst we were there we took part in the opening ceremony for a replica of the East

Hendred 'kissing gate' (similar to the one leading into the footpath through Snells), which has been sited close to the Mairie. The Sarceaux version had been made by a local firm, as a memorial to their Deputy Mayor (Claude Gravier) who had been tragically killed in a road accident earlier in the year. Claude had been actively involved in setting up the Twinning arrangement, and was one of the first group of Sarceaux residents to visit us here in early 1997.

On return the children involved (from both the village primary schools) were invited to write up their own impressions of the experience. The entries were of a high standard, and James Nicoll, aged 8, was awarded the first prize, although all the entrants received a gift token as it was difficult to select the best account! Some extracts from the entries:

"The house we stayed in was very different to most English houses and had a lot of balconies" (Harriet)

"My first thoughts when I arrived were that everyone was easy going. The minute we got in the house we were entertained by our family, who worked very hard to achieve

that and they did!" (Tom)
 "We had lots of delicious food and drink (the grown-ups had lots of alcohol). We went to lots of parties and saw lots of new french people ----" (James)
 "While we were in Sarceaux our hosts officially opened the new kissing gate. This was fun because all the adults had to go through and kiss each other the traditional way. Luckily the children didn't have to!" (Natalie)

"On the way to the ferry port we stopped at a little harbour town called Honfleur and then we drove to a MASSIVE shop where you could buy basically anything!!!!!" (Verena)

"Thank you for organising such a fun weekend in Sarceaux" (Ella)

The return visit for our Sarceaux friends is already booked for the corresponding weekend next year (July 6/8, 2002), and we hope that we shall be able to return their hospitality with various expeditions and activities planned for the two full days that they will be here.

Anyone interested in joining the Twinning Group should contact Margaret Sharp on 833367, or Jackie Francis on 833473.



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A few ups and downs for the Museum

Exhibitions

The 2001 Exhibition "Celebrations 1935 - 1953", continues running at Champs Chapel on Sunday afternoons 2.30 to 4.30 until October. Alternatively book a special party visit. Ring Norman Francis who will make special arrangements.

The 2002 chosen subject 'Celebrations 50 year Reign'. Opening May 1st with a special display for the Jubilee Holiday in June. Your memories are needed.

Museum Visitors

2001 visitor numbers are down. Attendances follow the rural trend throughout the country; Foot and Mouth restrictions seem to still have a big knock on effect.

Fire Pump Display Project

Hendred's museum revenue is small; we rely on your Gift Aid and Grants to make progress in improving facilities for the collection. The application for grant aid to improve the gallery display at Snells Hall and to permanently display the 1831 Fire Pump there is moving again. For this more promises of volunteer time are needed, with

your Gift Aid this is an essential contribution when seeking matching funding. With helpful advice from the outside authorities we can carry out a vast amount of work to secure the future of our village heritage, without the burden of overheads many organisations have to carry.

County, District, and Parish Councils are each under pressure to limit their budgets. The Council for Museums Archives and Libraries is the long name, (re: source for short,) for the body, which is set to provide countrywide funding and expertise for our Heritage activities. The new South East Museums Agency is now operating. They and the Local Heritage Initiative, part of the Heritage Lottery Fund, are targeted for a very high percentage of the £40,000 estimated project cost.

Losses

The Hendred Drum and Fife Band collecting box, was removed recently whilst the Museum was open. This loss (fortunately the box had been emptied the week before so only a few coppers) is great loss to our own confidence that visitors would treat our

archives and objects with respect. If anyone should come across the box or it's remains Heritage will forever be grateful for it's return.

Hendred - Past and Future

The Museum uses talents supplied by young and old, carrying out many differing activities.

We regret the recent passing of Dave McDowell, Robert Shackleton, Peggy Shackleton and Paddy Sheehan. Each has left a mark on Heritage activities from the talents they provided. This included enhancing traditional museum techniques. Today a combination of computer, and audio / visual equipment, is now available to display still pictures, show videos and play audio CD's and tapes.. Guided access is available for those who wish to use. We also need winter volunteers to improve the indexing systems and search out new information for next year. New helpers bring in other ideas and our heritage is visible for more to see.

Come, look, listen, and help yourself.
John Stevenson. 19th August

Computer courses continue this Autumn

Another round of computer training courses (in conjunction with Abingdon-Witney College) starts in September in Snells Hall. All courses start the week beginning Sept. 17th.

Computers for Absolute Beginners (OCN course) (Tues. 7-9pm or Wed. 1-3pm).
Computers & You (Word processing, spreadsheets, databases: - leads to the RSA qualification -CLAIT1) (Tues. 9.30-11.30am or Thurs. 7-9 pm).
E-mail and the Internet (OCN level 1) (Mon. 9.30-11.30 am or Mon. 7-9 pm or Wed. 9.30-11.30am).

Courses last either 11 or 15 weeks, and cost between £40 and £55 (plus exam. fee) according to length.

There are only 6 students on each course so you get individual attention.

In addition there will be one taster course which is free for 6 lucky students, called

'Computing for Absolute Beginners', on Friday Sept. 14th 9.30 -12.30 am. Registration required. We also hope to be able to run a one term course on Web-page design.

Individual Learning Accounts may be available (tel. 0800 072 5678); if eligible there could be substantial grants towards the costs of these computer courses. All enrolments and details of course fees via Abingdon and Witney College Admissions Office (01235 555585, or 216269). Forms available from the College, or Snells Hall (foyer) or J. Sharp (833367) or K. Taylor (833359).

Over 150 students ranging in age from 20-80+, have now benefited from the training courses at Snells Hall . Why not join in and take this local opportunity to update your skills and take advantage of modern technology, for employment, interest or leisure use?

Snells Hall update

The excellent facilities at Snells Hall are appreciated and well used by our regular village organisations. The hall also is widely recognised as a splendid venue for Weddings, parties, receptions, business meetings and so on.

We are pleased to report that it has been acknowledged that the premises afford ideal accommodation for Brownie Pack Holidays. Indeed this year seven different packs drawn from across Oxfordshire will have used the hall for this purpose.

Apart from the income from regular and other bookings, additional funds are generated through the computer training courses held in the I.T. Room.

Despite this, extra fund raising events are still needed especially to repay our Guarantors, who generously made Interest free loans available to finance the Phase 2 extension. The income from the village fete

this year (which raised about £900 for each of the participating organisations and also rewarded the efforts of individual stall holders) and the coffee morning, held in July at Colt Corner by kind permission of Iris Langmead, has enabled us to repay another £1000 to one of our guarantors, but this still leaves £8000 outstanding which we are committed to repay before the end of 2003.

The recent 'exceptional' rainstorms have shown up the poor state of one of the old parts of the hall. In particular the semi-flat roof over the toilet block may have to be replaced at considerable expense.

An open afternoon is planned for Sunday Oct 28th, starting at 2pm. Come along and see what your village has to offer. The village college will also be open - to try out the village website or the Millennium Electronic Record.

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Lost and found

In response to a few enquires we have had about items and animals that have been misplaced or found, we have decided to set up a special section within the Bulletin. Hopefully we can reunite these stray items with their original owners.

Lost

Pink Mini Mouse

Lost at Peney Playpark on Tuesday 24th August during the early evening. Quite a large new soft mini mouse with a cherry on the front. A special new toy which is sorely missed. Please contact Jane Robson on 832691 if you have information on its whereabouts.

Home-start in Southern Oxfordshire

Do you have a couple of hours a week to spare?

Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire is a voluntary organisation offering support, friendship and practical help to families with pre-school children.

Being a parent is not easy whatever your situation; many parents feel exhausted and overwhelmed by the stresses of family life with under fives.

Home-Start volunteers are all either parents themselves or have parenting experience. We can offer you a free course of preparation which will include topics such as child development, relationships, confidence

and community resources. Could you offer

2-3 hours a week on a regular basis to visit one or two families in their own homes?

We have been based I Didcot for twelve years and our service now covers the Vale and South Oxfordshire.

If you would like more information about the scheme or becoming a volunteer, please contact:

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Death of a distinguished resident and Parish Councillor

**Patrick Timothy Sheehan
1929 - 2001**

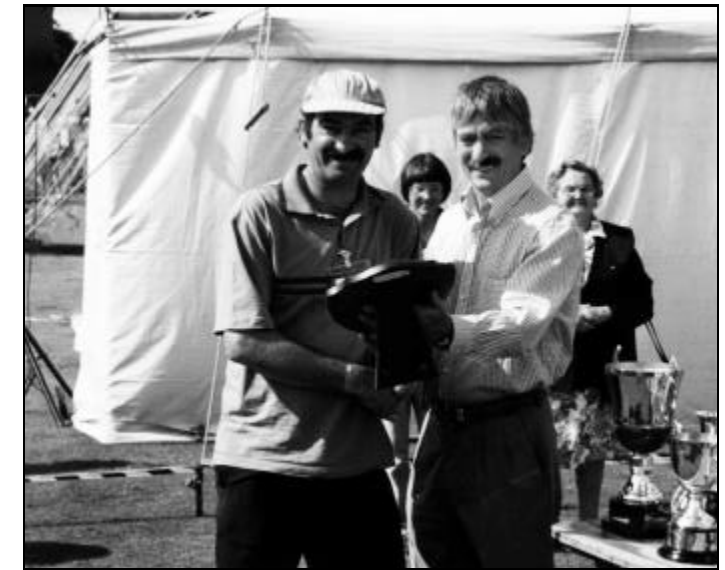
We record with regret the death of Patrick Sheehan on 17th July 2001 aged 72 years. Paddy, as he was affectionately known to everyone, was born of Irish parents in Aldershot. He was the second son of Lieutenant Commander Jeremiah and Anne Sheehan. He was educated at Portsmouth and Farnham Grammar Schools. Paddy entered the Navy as a Cadet in 1946. He was commissioned in 1949 and travelled extensively during his Naval career as a Supply and Administration Officer. His last position was a Commanding Officer of HMS

Pembroke from 1982 to 1984. On retirement from the Navy Paddy was awarded the C.B.E. Later he took up a post of Sub Treasurer of the Inner Temple from where he finally retired in 1994.

Paddy met his wife Sarah in Bermuda in 1962 and they married the same year. He became interested in Village affairs and joined the Parish Council in 1995 quickly becoming an active member.

Paddy had a strong personality, was sometimes controversial but more often very amusing. He will certainly be remembered.

He is survived by his widow Sarah, his children Clare, Joanna and Tim.



Dave McDowell presenting an award at the Village Millennium Show last year

A colourful village character

**Mr. David McDowell
(27th August 1948 to 1st May 2001)**

The village was shocked to learn of the tragic death of Mr David McDowell in a road accident. He was one of East Hendred's best known and colourful businessmen.

Dave was the founder of both Aasvogel, the recycling company and David E McDowell, building contractors. He said that it was through his building work that he had identified the need for recycling in the area. From humble beginnings, Aasvogel has grown to a fleet of 13 lorries working from a waste transfer station at Grove and this year, won the prestigious title of Oxfordshire's New Business of the Year.

Despite running two businesses, Dave was very keen to be involved with the village and contributed much to it, giving willingly of his valuable spare time. Among the beneficiaries of his generosity were the Penney Playpark and the Hendreds' Family Show.

Dave carried out a great deal of the preparation work for the playpark, working around some appalling weather conditions. At the official Playpark opening

ceremony, he delighted the younger village residents by arriving in his bright yellow helicopter, setting it down near the playpark and allowing them to climb all over it. The Parish Council is seeking a suitable way to permanently recognise Dave's contribution to the Playpark project.

Dave had provided sponsorship to the Hendreds' Family Show since it's re-launch in 1995 and, in addition, had presented the show's trophies on two occasions including last year's Millennium Show. In acknowledgement of his unflinching support, the Show committee have dedicated a new cup in Dave's Memory which was awarded for the first time at this year's show on September 8th. The award went to Ken Roby.

At a funeral service in the parish church, attended by a very large congregation representing many of Dave's interests, his neighbours, friends and family, there was touching reminders of his Irish background with a poignant musical contribution coming from his own band members.

The sympathy of the village goes out to both Jacqui and her daughters, Daisy and Erin, in their great loss.



Paddy Sheehan