

July - Dec 2002

August 2002

Sat 31st - 'Two's Company' A second visit by popular request, at Snells Hall

September 2002

Saturday 21st - Folk in the Barn, at Snells Hall

October 2002

Tuesday 1st - 8pm, at Snells Hall.

In order to explore fresh ideas for improving the facilities and activities at the Hall the Committee extends an invitation to anyone from the Parish to an informal Social half-hour, with wine and soft drinks.

If you have any suggestions, please do come along.

Friday 11th - Extraordinary general meeting open to all concerning the future of the Heritage Trust, at Snells Hall 8pm

Saturday 19th - Folk in the Barn at Snells Hall

November 2002

Saturday 16th - Folk in the Barn, at Snells Hall

Saturday 30th - Christmas Bazaar, at Snells Hall

December 2002

31st - New Year's Eve Party - Snells Hall

(Pat & Derek Dodd)

March 2003

Sat 29th - 'Come and sing' Stainer's Crucifixion and Faure's Requiem

May 2003

Sat 17th - Village Fete

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- Monthly Downs Golden Age
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EAST HENDRED
Bulletin

A weekend fit for a Queen

The village celebrated the Queen's Golden Jubilee in fine style, surpassing our expectations, starting with two showings of a Film and Slide presentation in Snells Hall on the Saturday, depicting previous royal and related events in the village. This was followed on Sunday by an ecumenical Church Service in St. Augustines celebrating the 50 years of the Queen's reign. During the week-end the Hendred Heritage exhibition on 'The Golden Years at East Hendred - 1952-2002' was open at Champs Chapel.

Monday was scheduled for the main celebrations at national level. Our preparations began early in the day with setting out the Sports Field, organising road closures for the procession route scheduled between 2.30 pm and 4pm. and setting up a pig that needed to start being roasted on its spit early in the day. The main event was a grand procession from the Poplars field (near Hendred House) through the village to the Sports Ground where the main events took place. The route had been suitably decorated with flags and bunting and the floats with many adults as well as children in fancy dress, representing many village organisations as well as the Hendred Estate, vintage vehicles and horses provided a spectacle not seen in this village for at least 50 years. We were pleased that the rain held off and the village turned out in force to watch. The standard of the floats and fancy dress was high; prizes were awarded for the best decorated floats, and the best individual fancy dress, judged by Beryl Maile; the winners are listed below, each receiving a prize or rosette.

Children's races followed at the Sports ground, then teas for the village children, and the presentation by the Parish Council of special commemorative mugs to children living in the village. There were bouncy castles and face painting for the children (all for free!) and plenty of food and drink for the adults. In the evening the carving of the pig started. Disco music was available all day for listening and for dancing to later in the evening. A Royal Knowledge quiz was organised. The finale was lighting the beacon on Runnington Hill by the chairmen of East & West Hendred Parish Councils, as part of a national chain, accompanied by fireworks. What a day to remember!

The Parish Council who took overall responsibility for organising the day has received many letters thanking them for organising this special day which was obviously very much appreciated by the village. The overall comment was that this was one of the first recent events in the village that



Huge crowds turned out to celebrate the Golden Jubilee in East Hendred.

brought everyone together and the crowds along the procession route supported that view. Other comments gratefully received were: "There can't be many villages in Oxfordshire - or elsewhere for that matter who could have topped it — we feel very fortunate to have moved into a village where

there is such heart and dedication", "Thanks for a super day — we especially liked and will treasure the Jubilee mug".

Winners
Best decorated childrens float: 1st prize, Brownies, runner-up St. Amands School

Best decorated adult float: 1st prize, WI, runner-up, Twinning Group.

Best decorated vehicle: 1st Jimmy Townley, runner-up Mr. Lennon

Individuals best fancy dress;
Childrens under 5: 1st Agatha Eyston, 2nd Jack Beaumont, 3rd Courtenay Castle-Palmer

Childrens 5-11 years old: 1st Jack Hampton, 2nd Emily Gold, 3rd Mathew Moss

Adults: 1st Janet Povey, 2nd Christine Duggan, 3rd Betty Beechey.



The procession wound it's way around the streets of East Hendred.

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Planning Matters

In the previous Bulletin the following Planning Applications were awaiting approval from the Vale Planners: A house adjacent to **1 Home Farm Close** was refused, as the Planners felt it 'was an undesirable extension of the built up area of the village.' However, this outline plan has been re-submitted recently for the planners to re-consider. Re-siting of an oil tank at **Jasmine Cottage, Ford Lane** got approval and is now in place and repair work to **Orchard Stables House** and retrospective work on a new roof at **7 Newbury Road** were also approved.

Permission for a single storey, flat roofed extension to classroom 5 at **St.Amands School** was sought and approved by the Vale.

Obviously a lot of interest has been taken in the renovating of **Hillside Cottage in Church Street**.

The Hendred Estate has taken a great deal of advice from the Vale over this cottage, which is a listed building, and all the works to be done will be sympathetic to the style of the original building and the Vale have agreed to the plans submitted, but wish to supervise various stages of the re-building process. As this building is so much part of the Church Street scene, we all wait with anticipation to see it finally renovated.

Although a number of objections were received from residents to a two-storey extension at **3 Portway Place**, the Planners did approve, but the Parish Council has since been asked to comment on the large shed erected in the garden of this property.

Demolition of the builder's yard and ancillary buildings, to the rear of **Penny Green, Cat Street**, to be replaced by a house were discussed in May. A number of residents objected to this on the grounds of backfilling, but at the same time several were in favour of replacing the builder's yard and the accompanying traffic, which had gone with it previously. The Vale Planners however agreed to the proposals, subject to various issues including archaeological searches in the vicinity of the works. The Parish Council had no objections for a conservatory at **Mutley Cottage, Horn Lane**, or extensions at **Lowood, Cat Street** and the Planners have approved both.

Application for five houses for Berkeley Homes in the garden of **Fordybrook, Ford Lane** has been withdrawn. There were a number of objections, mostly as the access, although on the Fordybrook site and running parallel to Fordy Lane, could cause dangerous congestion at the Cat Street triangle with the extra traffic involved. Also a plan for access to the development at **Geggs Corner, via Wellshead**, has been withdrawn (approval for a building with access via Horn Lane had been approved subject to builders' lorries not using Horn Lane).

The Hendreds' School has withdrawn their application, pro tem, for a footpath from Fordy Lane through Snells to the Playpark

Residents should note that before putting up wooden constructions in their gardens, i.e. summer houses, sheds, garages, etc and also fences (depending where your house is situated) approval from the Planning Office should be sought. In most cases it is not needed, but please check all the same. In some cases, it depends on the size of the building, height and pitch of the roof. But a quick phone call to confirm what is necessary saves a lot of time and money!

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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from the chair

It is very encouraging to report that the village's contribution to the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations surpassed all expectations. The procession of decorated floats, vintage vehicles and horses through the village on Monday June 3rd included many village organisations and was an amazing sight, with many of those involved in fancy dress and obviously enjoying themselves. A great deal of work went in beforehand on the floats and fancy dress for which we are all grateful. The activities which followed at the Sports Ground were also very well received, from the children's

procession through presentation by the Council of special mugs to the village children, to the final lighting of the beacon and fireworks. Many people helped to make it a great success and we should like to thank them all sincerely for their efforts. I am confident that when viewed in years to come it will be recognised that East Hendred really did participate in grand style in the national celebrations, setting new standards for celebrations at the local level in future royal and similar events. The Parish Council who took responsibility for overall organisation have received many compliments on the success of the day, for which we are grateful. In addition to the local celebrations there were also events at the County level and I had the privilege in representing the village at the Thanksgiving Service at Christchurch Cathedral on the

Sunday, followed by a reception organised by the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire.

As noted elsewhere in this Bulletin the Parish Council has recently adopted the new national model code for its working. Despite some early reservations all Councillors did agree to sign up to the new code and we are now finding out how it works in practice.

This year is the fifth anniversary of the Hendreds twinning with Sarceaux in Normandy, celebrated when the French visitors arrived in the village for the week-end of July 6/7th. For those of us involved in twinning it has provided a very interesting insight into life in a similar sized French village and how they manage their local affairs. The French Maire has much greater responsibilities than a Chairman of a Council, like East Hendred being

for example able to take responsibility for civil marriages. The budget of their local Council is approximately ten times our precept, but the village pays for local highway repairs and some part of the school budget. As such it produces a better ownership of local affairs than we have in this country. Indeed if there are any potholes it is the Local Village Council to which you complain!

Some time ago the Countryside Agency on behalf of the Government classified Parish Councils into four groups, ranging from 'vibrant' to 'inactive'. I am pleased to report that our Council was in the top 'vibrant' band, as we should expect it to be from the many activities which we have initiated and the village facilities that we have helped to develop and improve.

John Sharp

New Model Code for Parish Councils

You may have read in the Press about the introduction of a new model code for all Parish Councils in England, similar to that adopted earlier for District and County Councils. Some Parish Councils have objected and all resigned because of reservations about intrusion into private individual information.

Our Parish Council has decided to adopt the new model code after careful consideration and discussion, and is now operating to the new requirements. All Councillors now have to declare any financial interests in the local area, membership of all relevant bodies and organisations and any gifts received over £25 in value. A list of these interests is now held both at the Vale District level and local-

ly by our Clerk and is available for inspection. At each meeting each Councillor is required to declare any interests in matters on the agenda (this was a requirement before), but there is now a personal level of interest where a Councillor can continue to be involved in the meeting and a personal and prejudicial level where he/she has to leave the meeting room when the item is being discussed. It is early days yet to see how well the new system operates in practice but it does provide some complications for those Councillors who have significant financial interests in the parish. However in many ways these people often play an important part in the Community and their involvement in Parish Councils is important.

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The success of the event depended on the many people who helped on the day. Particular thanks to Norman Booth for leading the procession in suitable style with drums, Gavin Beaumont for organ music during the procession and afterwards at the Sports field, Jimmy Francis for organising the kit for the road closures, Peter & Carol Moss for organising the children's games, Bill Dorling for organising the pig and Diana & Tony Wheeler and their helpers for carving it during the evening, Jackie Francis and Margaret Pill & family for arranging the children's teas, Julian Gold for setting up the beacon and fireworks, Ben

Williams for first aid cover, Maria and Emily Nedelkoff for the face painting, Niall Duggan as announcer of events, Ivan Mulford for organising the Sports ground, Derek Dodd for organising the disco, Rachel Sutton for preparing the Royal Quiz, Dave Harper for organising sound and lighting, Phil Ray for videoing the event, and Ann Taylor for organising the children's celebration mugs. Overall organisation of the week-end events was by a committee led by John Sharp and including in addition to several of those already listed above Edward Eyston, John Stevenson, Stan Francis, Andrew Brewer.

Only a few mugs remaining

The Golden Jubilee mugs ordered by and given to the children in the village by the Parish Council have proved very popular.

If you forgot to order a mug for your child, who is a resident and under the age of 17 on the 31st August 2002, please contact the

Parish Council Clerk, who has a few spares. If you would like to purchase a mug as a keepsake for yourself or as a gift for someone else, again please contact the Clerk. Mugs for sale are £5 each - but hurry there are not many left! (the Clerk can be contacted on 833359)

Village Post Office

The Post Office now has a new Postmaster (Tony James) and the new opening hours which are:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am to 1pm.
We are lucky still to have our own Post Office even if it is part time, as many neighbouring villages have now lost their own. Please use your local Post Office whenever

possible as we shall lose it if there is insufficient business. At your local post office you can pay many bills over the counter, buy traveller's cheques and there are still Jubilee coins available. There is also a new issue of Commonwealth stamps due out shortly.

Safety is always a priority

The Council is arranging for signs to be placed at both footpaths between the White Road houses. These signs will request that cycles and motorcycles are not ridden along either footpath between these houses. We have had complaints

from several residents of children riding out of these paths straight on to White Road without taking any care of the traffic passing on the road. These signs are for the general safety of all concerned.

Pre-school is the place to be

It has been another busy year for Hendreds Pre-School. The last Ofsted gave the school a glowing report and with the new Pre-School educational policies in place, new sessions were quickly introduced to accommodate demands for free places.

Now all four year olds are entitled to five free sessions a week for three terms before they start school. This means that there are now four full-time experienced staff at the Pre-School providing, an average of 1 to 8 staff/child ratio, although the ratio is often less. The children are lucky to have such an intimate and caring environment to learn in.

The Pre-School still enjoys its own purpose built premises in the centre of the village and with funds raised by the parents Committee, the children now have a wonderful new computer and lots of new outdoor play equipment. As well as having its own outside garden, the children also make regular visits to the adjoining Lady Penney Play Park.

On a day to day basis, the children have access to painting, playdough, I.T. books, dressing up, various construction table top activities and other supervised activities. The afternoon sessions cater for older children who bring in a packed lunch and focus on pre-reading exercises based on the letters of the alphabet and number work in preparation for

school. The Pre-School continues to have excellent links with both primary schools in the village and both reception teachers visit the children in Pre-School before they move on to their next setting.

Hendreds Pre-School is very much part of the village and the village is itself a rich resource for the children. This years topics have drawn a lot from what happens in East Hendred. In the autumn the children learned about harvest and apples and were able to visit an orchard in the village. Another popular topic was on homes and houses and the children were able to see new houses being built in Orchard Lane and also to see some very old houses in the village. Bob the Builder, of course, played a big part and lots of construction of all kinds went on inside the classroom.

This term the children have been learning about Spring as a time for growth and birth. They have looked at planting seeds, tadpoles and were lucky enough to walk up to the Hendred Estate Farm to visit the lambs and even hold one if they wanted.

If you have a child approaching three years or would like to visit or receive further information, please contact Jayne Robson on 832691.

Road repairs - at last!

The roads and pavements in the village have been deteriorating for some time, despite the Parish Council's regular complaints to the Highways Authority.

However in recent weeks some potholes have been repaired and sections of pavements refurbished, which is very good news. We wonder if there is any link to a recent Oxford Mail article headed 'Pupil's lives at risk, governor claims', which refers to potholes in Church Street and the

risks to children going to school along this route, raised by our Rector with the Highways Authority. According to the article the deputy area engineer for the County Council said that they would be repairing the potholes as soon as possible and arranging for more permanent patching work to be carried out later on.

It would seem a sad reflection on getting work done at the local level if the Press have to become involved, to pressurise action.

Annual Show set for September

The Hendred Show organisers are pleased to confirm that this year's show will be held on Sunday, 1st September. The full schedule of classes for the 2002 show will be available later.

Gill Hines will again be running the ever popular Exemption Dog Show.

We will again have use of a marquee set up on the Sports Field in Mill Lane. It is hoped to use this for an evening of entertainment on Friday 30th August. More details will be published in due course - look out for our posters.

If we are to make the show a success we again require a group

of willing helpers on the day of the show and are particularly keen to hear from anyone willing to run a BBQ. In addition, we will be more than pleased to see local organisations and groups setting up stalls. Could anyone help obtain and look after a Bouncy Castle?

We also need to expand the size of the organising committee in order to introduce new ideas and views for the future success of shows in the years ahead.

All offers of help of any kind would be gratefully received and these should be routed through the Show Chairman, Adrian Sessions (Tel: 833641.)

Fifth Anniversary for Twinning with Sarceaux

The first week-end in July saw 44 French visitors descend on the Hendreds from our twinned village of Sarceaux in Normandy, all to be hosted either in or near the two villages. A full range of activities had been planned, starting with a welcome in Snells Hall, with each French family receiving a Jubilee celebration mug. We were presented with a framed photograph of the villagers in Sarceaux taken during Millennium year, including 15 families involved in the Twinning. A visit then followed to the Steam Museum and shopping at Swindon, with a pig roast and barbecue at Snells Hall on Saturday evening, with traditional English games of skittles and Aunt Sally (much enjoyed by the children as well as the adults). Many of the visitors and hosts were divided into mixed teams, with the team, led by Joel Baloché getting the most points and all being awarded winners' medals. During the evening a specially iced cake was cut to celebrate the five years since

signing the twinning charter.

On the Sunday all the French visitors and English hosts (in their own coach) visited the Historic Dockyard at Portsmouth, where there is a wide range of attractions. We had some satisfaction in taking our visitors around the HMS Victory (Nelson's flag ship at Trafalgar) since they took us last year to William the Conqueror's birth place at Falaise. The evening meal was at the University in Portsmouth, since they had the capacity to feed 100 assorted hungry French and English visitors on a Sunday evening. Finally we took our guests to the 'Still & West' pub on the harbour front, to sample typical English pub hospitality, before they needed to join the queue at the ferry port for the night crossing to Le Havre and home.

Overall everyone had an excellent week-end, even if short, and an invitation to return to Sarceaux during the weekend of July 5/6 2003.

Artist visits school



Norman Hayes with Diana Robson, Rory Green and Lauren Darby.

Norman Hayes, an Oxfordshire artist, worked with the children at The Hendreds in preparation for their production of Along Came Man, a cantata composed by Lynn Marsh exploring the relationship between humankind and the planet. The songs encourage the children to regard themselves

as stewards of the earth, and in this photograph you can see Norman Hayes creating a pastoral scene, incorporating local buildings. "A fantastic opportunity to develop their art skills" said Headteacher Liz Tansley. "He's a real cool artist", said Henry, 5!

Successful Cuckhamsley

Both The First Cuckhamsley Cub and Scout Groups continue to thrive in the village. This is due to the dedicated work of Cub Leaders Robin Gray (Akela) and Thelma Glanville (Bagheera) and Scout Leader Richard Tingley, supported by Simon and Debbie

This year the Cubs attended the District Camp at Horley, near Banbury with 5 other Cub Groups - orienteering, making shelters, branding, bread making over open fires as well as enjoying the zip wires and waterslides made for an enjoyable and exciting weekend. The Group also gained success at the Area Swimming Gala, held in Wantage, where they came 3rd this year out of eight groups.

The Scouts have had a very busy year; activities have included, canoeing, sailing, air rifle shooting, two camps at Dartmoor, backwoods (out-back) cooking, hiking and a guided tour of Kidlington Airport. This year, the Summer Camp is to be held

in West Wales, and the Scouts look forward to meeting up with a Welsh group under the guidance of Iris Newman, their previous Akela. To help subsidise some of these activities Cubs and Scouts are fundraising. One of the ideas is to collect aluminium cans which are taken in bulk to recycling centres where they are worth 1p per can. If you would like to help with their recycling activities, please bring your cans to Cubs or Scouts during normal school term time.

For more information about joining Cubs or Scouts or if you feel you have time to help the Leaders with organised activities please contact:

Cubs: Robin Gray 01235 769787
Scouts: Richard Tingley 07771 545006
Scouts: Monday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Cubs: Tuesday 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Snells Hall, East Hendred

Dangerous cars causing alarm

There have been several complaints about cars being abandoned in the village (generally left by non-residents) and the Council is asked to take action, but this takes quite a considerable time. The Vale will remove cars

for us, but not until ownership of the vehicle has been established and the Police, for obvious reasons, will not tell us the name and address of car owners. The Police will contact the owner and request removal of the

Fete helps loan repayment

The Annual Hendred House Fete held on Saturday 11th May enjoyed splendid weather and stalls operated by village organisations benefited from the excellent attendance. About £2700 also was raised, specifically to be shared between St.Amand's School Trust, St.Mary's Endowment Trust and The Community Centre. The Management Committee wish to thank Sue, especially, and all those who worked so hard over many months to ensure the success of this event. As a result of this and other fund raising activities £2000 will be returned to two hall guarantors in the near future. The outstanding sum of £3000 of interest free loans will be repaid to three guarantors before 2003 as committed.

Booking forms for Snells Hall have been highlighted to emphasize the conditions that authorised representatives of hiring groups (Discos, parties, weddings etc.) accept responsibility for but sometimes

fail to keep. In particular arrangements for teenage and 18-25 year old parties have been revised. These are due to be restricted to village only families. Adult representatives are expected to clearly appreciate their responsibilities before, during and after such an event so that everyone can have an enjoyable time without the potential for problems that can so easily spoil such occasions.

The raised area to the north side of the hall has been earmarked for recreational use and as an overflow car park. The level has been raised recently by the addition of suitable spoil and when this has consolidated an environmentally green surface will be incorporated as soon as funds become available.

Computer Courses started in January this year and have now been completed. The Village College will be open for new courses from September - please see below.

New Computer Courses

A new round of courses is planned to start in mid-September in the Village College in Snells Hall. Courses on offer include:

- Computers for absolute beginners
- E-mail and the Internet
- Computers and You (word processing, spreadsheets, databases)
- Desk top publishing

Taster courses of a total of 6 Hours are available in a number of topics, then longer courses lasting between

10-15 weeks, with a two hour teaching period each week. Tutors are supplied by Abingdon-Witney College. Teaching is in small groups of six, and students benefit from individual tuition and a friendly atmosphere in pleasant surroundings. If you are interested in the above courses or want to acquire other computer skills please contact John or Margaret Sharp on 833367 to discuss possible times and dates - most courses can be arranged to suit students requirements.

Parish Boundary Review

The Vale Council is undertaking a review of Parish Boundaries and we have raised the question of Rowstock, since at present it is within three different parishes. There are five houses to the south of the A417 and east of the old Acorn garage are in our parish whereas most of the remainder along the A417 are in Milton parish. Many residents in Rowstock have asked if they could be part of the East

Hendred parish as they use facilities in our village. However Milton Parish Council has voiced strong objections to this. Our view is that it is for the residents to decide. If they wish to be part of our parish and the Vale Council decides that a change to the existing boundary should be made we shall welcome them into our community.

vehicle and once it has been agreed that the car has been abandoned, then the Vale will arrange for the car to be taken away by the breakers' men. The Council would ask parents to make sure that their children do not

play on or near abandoned cars, which can be very dangerous. The Clerk will do her best, in conjunction with the Police and Vale, to make sure that such cars are removed as quickly as possible.




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ARE YOUR CHILDREN OVER 8 AND BORED?

Would they like to be part of a group who take part in interesting and challenging tasks ?

Have they thought about becoming a Cub or Scout?

Both the Cubs and Scouts meet in East Hendred once a week
Cubs contact: Robin Gray 01235 769787
Scouts contact Richard Tingley 07771 545006

FOR REALLY REWARDING VOLUNTARY WORK, READ ON.....

Volunteer Reading Help, the charity that helps children to read, is growing and needs your help. Our next training course for new volunteers will be held in October, and we are looking for people who have a genuine interest in books and helping children. VRH has been established in Oxfordshire since 1973 and works in primary schools with children aged 6-11 who are struggling to read. We have many schools in your area on our waiting list for new volunteers. Volunteers receive training before going into school twice a week to work individually with 3 children, sharing books and friendship, and helping to develop their confidence in reading.

It's a really rewarding way to spend 3-4 hours a week during term-time. If you would like to know more, please contact us. Your involvement could make a real difference to a child's life.

Contact: Virginia Carter or Hilary Burr
Volunteer Reading Help Telephone 01865 744284

The Magical Recovery

Just before the opening of Museums Month, Sam found the upper part of the Drum and Fife Band collecting box which was stolen from the Chapel Last Year. Thank you for keeping your eyes open and realising it was important to us. The old wooden box was made by Jabez Castle who lived in Cat Street and superintended a lot of the building work for the old village hall in 1910. How old the box is we do not know but it is now looking very good since Jonathon Francis and a friend managed to create an old looking base plate repair the top and French polish the whole. Thank You all three.

Concert in Church

In April Norman Francis and friends put on another splendid fund raising effort for the Trust. By using St Augustine's Church and the stage borrowed from the Hendreds School his group of singers provided an impressive sound. Janet Povey had sold so many tickets that the church was almost overflowing. After taking out the costs over £500 came to both the Trust fund and the church, a much needed boost this year since with so many other events taking place for other groups the opportunity for the trust to create other serious fund raising efforts has been small.

Jubilee

Jubilee celebrations may be almost over for many of the village streets which were well decorated, the Chapel rejoiced in the provision of a flagpole which had served a previous incarnation as a boat mast. We plan to keep it around for future use and may even hoist the flag every time we are open. We will need a special flag for that - any ideas that incorporates the village its resources and history with origins going back to the Carthusian Monks of 1414.

Heritage played its part in those celebrations both in preparation work, an early day slide show and presentation in Snells Hall with John Sharp playing a key role by utilizing the technology kindly provided through the generosity of UKAEA via many individuals including Andrew Brewer. We might be encouraged to do that again later in the year if there is sufficient interest. Ron Foster is in the early stages of a fourth audio visual production this time about Kings Manor, Champs Chapel and the Wheatshaf. In the Monday parade the 1831 Fire Pump had an easy outing, the horses were declared redundant in favour of a tractor drawn trailer, thanks to Ed Denly. A double advantage there since Heritage Helpers could have a ride and take photographs while dam-

age to the ancient wheels was entirely eliminated by the use of a ramp and a winch.

Exhibition Subjects

For the rest of the summer this years new displays are the brain child of Peter Mulford and Norman Francis - 50 Golden Years in Hendred. They remain on show. There is an added attraction of the ability to view the pictures and videos that were taken over Jubilee weekend. In all today we can provide you with hours of browsing events, village history, and personal reminiscence. Interested? Come and see for yourself on a Sunday afternoon or make an appointment to bring family and friends at another time. Our exhibitions always seem to spark off some memories and also produce new items for the collection. This year is no different. We have much new stuff.

Plans for the next exhibition topic are not yet set in tablets of stone, some say People. A topic that has arisen from youngsters, as a result of this years display, is Hobbies and Collections. That should prove attractive to young and old alike and will fit well with the changing trends towards museums being used more and more, as a day to day source of information and interpretation of the life and changing patterns for the local community including our thriving schools. 2004 has been decreed National Horticulture year so Gardens will be in vogue. Watch this space.

Look Ahead for the Trust

Future plans will also be shaped by one or two key decisions this autumn. The 7 year arrangement to use the Chapel after the Parish Council Lease runs out in March 2003. The Hendred Estate are today more agreeable to a longer lease and for the Trust to seek Heritage Lottery Funding opportunities we need to own or have at least a 30 year lease. The Trust would like to accept this opportunity. Your support will be essential to consolidate the work started over 30 years ago, rather than let all be lost to the immediate local community as has happened before.

Under the auspices of, first, the Hendred's Society, then the Parish Council and its Museums Working group, followed by the setting up of the independent East Hendred Heritage Trust there a successful attempt to establish some form of permanency to our village record collection. The Trust has demonstrated a professional approach and recently been recognised as a Registered Museum. We now must address the 30 year look ahead.



Sam Callard (10) from Mayfield, White Road who with his brother Joe (8) found the Drum and Fife Collecting box stolen from Champs Chapel. The box was badly damaged and much weathered. It has been completely restored to it's old likeness by Jonathon Francis and a friend.

To this end we propose an Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Trust when all Residents, Supporters, and Helpers whatever age can come and express their views on the way ahead. **Please mark your diary to come and ensure a lively debate on the future of the Trust.**
Extraordinary General Meeting
open to all Friday October 11th at 8pm Snells Hall
Regular Chapel Opening
Each Sunday 2.30.4.30 till October then first Sunday in the Month 2.30 - 3.30

Special Openings by arrangement ring John Stevenson 833312
Evenings this Autumn - Collection reviews and photograph identification 1st Mondays at the Chapel 7.30pm Now and Then Review for this Year Snells Hall just before Christmas Date to be announced.
With a bring and show session for you open to all Friday October 11th at 8pm Snells Hall
New or Old. As long as it will come through the hall door.

Speakers announced for the WI

Our numbers are growing, but we are always happy to welcome new members to our varied and interesting programme of speakers and activities. The programme for the next few months is:
August 8 - Garden Party at Iris Langmead's (Colt Corner, Horn Lane) Members only on this occasion
Sept. 7 - Visit to local churches with an expert and knowledgeable (Norman Francis), followed by garden tea party
Sept. 19 - Sylvia Brown 'Tales of a Milkmaid'
Oct. 17 - Peter Seldon 'A Light-hearted Look at Family History'
Oct. 30 - Group Meeting at Letcombe Regis (7.30 p.m.)
Nov. 21 - Mrs. Young 'The Himalayas'

Dec. 12 - Hendred Bell Ringers
The normal time of our meeting is 7.30 p.m. for the business part of the meeting, followed by the speaker at 7.45 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month in Snells Hall, East Hendred. Visitors are welcome to sample our meetings, but why not join us with a year's membership? There are many opportunities for visits both locally and further afield, also for day and residential courses at the WI's College (Denman College, Marcham) throughout the year, but full members have priority on all of these, and they are usually over-subscribed!
Further details from the Secretary, **Pauline Fretter, 9 Home Farm Close, East Hendred Tel. 01235 832592**

Queens Golden Jubilee



Jubilee floats travelling through the village.



St Amands Float - runner up best childrens decorated float.



Horses leading the procession.



Pre-school and Owlets lead the procession.



Twinning groups entry - runner up best adults decorated float.



Hendred Primary School float.



Brownies winning entry - best decorated children's float.



East and West Hendred WI - best adult decorated float.