

April - July 2003

April 2003

Mon 28th - Hendreds Twinning Group AGM - Snells Hall 8pm

Tues 29th - Community Centre AGM - Snells Hall 8pm

May 2003

Thus 1st - District Elections

Sat 17th - Village Fete

June 2003

Sat 28th - St Augustines Church Fete

July 2003

4th - 7th - Sarceaux visit - Twinning group

August 2003

Sat 31st - Family Show, Mill lane

September 2003

Two's Company - Snells hall

October 2003

November 2003

December 2003

Sat 6th - Christmas Bazaar - Snells Hall

Regular Events

Monday Hendred Ladies Swimming Club (contact Val Bacon on 833403)
Karate 5.30-7pm - Snells Hall

Tuesday Scouts 7-9 pm - Snells Hall
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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, 8pm)
Snells Hall Management Meeting meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month, at 8 p.m. in the Gallery, to review events and to plan ahead. If you have any suggestions, please do come along.
WI (Third Thursday, 7.45pm)

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Events can be included up to 12 months in advance

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EAST HENDRED Bulletin

Clearwater Hampers gains major Enterprise Award

Congratulations to Clearwater Hampers on their prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise (international trade)

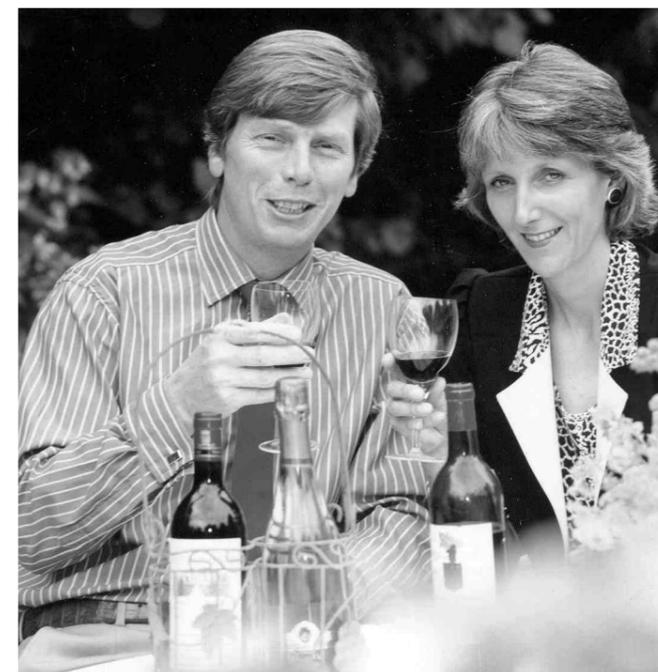
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We are proud of the achievements of Clearwater, as a prestigious and innovative village enterprise and wish Peter and Rachael continuing success.



Peter and Rachael Austin

Best kept village competition

The Parish Council is once more entering the village for this competition and the preliminary round will be judged between 3rd and the 18th May and the final round between 31st May and 15th June, so that the results can be

announced in July. Please bear these dates in mind when tidying up your gardens and road frontages. The Parish Council is very grateful to residents who take the trouble to help keep the village tidy and looking attractive.

Time of year for Elections

There will be an election on May 1st for two district councillors to represent this and neighbouring villages. Don't forget to vote!

candidates for the nine places so no actual election was held, they are as follows: Mrs V Bacon, Mr T Furd, Mr E Eyston, Mr J Francis, Mrs S Francis, Mrs M Pill, Miss S Roberts, Dr J Sharp and Mrs R Sutton.

New Parish Councillors were also elected recently - there were nine

Hendred House Garden Fete

The Hendred House Garden, which is being opened by Wesley Smith from Central Television, will be taking place on Saturday 17th May 12.00-4.00.

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Planning Matters

Since the last Bulletin, the Parish Council has been asked by the District Planning Department for their comments on several local Planning Applications and has received results of some mentioned in the previous issue.

Hollyhock Cottage, in Cat Street, has received permission for the present door to be re-sited in the middle of the side facing the cemetery.

Permission has been granted for a house to be built on the builder's yard at **Towersey, Skeets Bush**. Although this is in fact a 'brown field' site, it is also infilling between the bungalow, Towersey, and the new Berkeley Homes, which replaced the Ridgeway Lodge Hotel.

The Hendred Estate applied for permission to demolish the wall between **Church Cottage and the Poplars Cottage** in Church Street in order to make a parking space for two cars in the rear garden. As it is appreciated by all residents, the parking in Church Street is a considerable problem and the Parish Council supported the Estates application in this instance, although the Planning Department were not happy because even though the wall is not old, it is adjacent to two listed buildings. However, the Planners have relented and this wall will be demolished in due course.

A third application was made for the erection of a dwelling in the garden of **1 Home Farm Close** in January and for the same reasons given in turning down the two previous applications this has also been turned down by the Planners.

The Parish Council was asked to consider plans involving the three **Stallion Boxes at land west of Grove Farm** - the buildings can be clearly seen from the A417 when driving towards Rowstock.

Two of the buildings are in Milton and one in our Parish. The one in our Parish will be turned into Office accommodation, whilst one of the Milton buildings is to be a house and the other offices.

Our Council pointed out that the access to all the buildings off Featherbed Lane was quite dangerous, and when the Planners gave permission they have stated that access should be from the Milton/Rowstock road.

Another Milton Planning application has been received for East Hendred Parish Council's comments and refers to the possible demolition of the **Acorn Garage** to be replaced by four one bedroomed flats (in front of the Telephone Exchange, but retaining the Japanese car sales business. Apart from Rowstock Corner house and the adjacent bungalow together with the telephone exchange, which lie in East Hendred Parish, the houses in that area are in Milton Parish.

There were no objections from the Parish Council to proposals for a swimming pool at **Mather House, White Road**, or a wall between **Little Mulford's and the Old Cottage** in Church Street and the Planners have consented to both proposals.

An application to change the access into **Geggs Corner, Newbury Road**, where planning consent for a new dwelling to replace the present building have already been given has met with opposition from both the Council and neighbours to the site, the latter being unaware of the details of the application. It was discussed at the Vale Planning meeting on March 31st when the Parish Council chairman presented our case; it was subsequently rejected.

Also waiting for a response is an application to build on land in **Mill Lane adjacent to Green Meadows** using a brown field site. The Parish Councillors visited the site and gave the applicants their support, but noted that access was adjacent to land owned by Thames Water.

The Council has been asked to comment on a proposal to build a house in the grounds of **Portway Villa, Reading Road**. The Council feel that this would be outside the village envelope, and also the access is on an extremely dangerous section of the A417 and have objected. It has subsequently been rejected.

As mentioned previously, if you intend doing any sort of building work on your property, even if it is only putting up a shed, please tell your neighbours and ask their views. In some areas, particularly the Conservation Area of the village even a shed needs planning consent.

TREES - Felling of trees or even trimming them in any way can be a very emotive issue. Here again permission must be sought from the Vale if you are in the Conservation Area (or live in a Listed Building) but even just as important, wherever you live DO TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS. When the Vale receive applications, for tree felling or lopping, they in turn ask the Parish Council for their views, BUT unlike Planning Applications, neighbours are not informed of any work likely to take place. Tell your neighbours what you hope to do before the event takes place.

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

The last few months has unfortunately seen the deaths of several notable village residents, including Lord Jenkins. His death and funeral led to the village receiving national publicity, both in the press and on TV. His funeral in the village Church led to visits by the Prime Minister and his wife, together with several other members of the Cabinet following the funeral. They also joined the mourners at the reception in Snells Hall. Lord Jenkins was buried in the village cemetery - a recognition of the village having been his home for over 30 years. We are also sorry to lose several other villagers of long standing, including Mac Mackinnon, a Parish Councillor as well as being President of the Hendred Sports Club for many years. Obituaries for these and others who have died recently appear elsewhere in this Bulletin.

We are pleased to see the end of

the sewage improvement works in the village - a necessary short term inconvenience to minimise future flooding problems in severe storms. Murphy's the contractor for Thames Water, have been very considerate in carrying out the difficult task of upgrading the sewage pipes in the village. They have also helped the village by installing a new land drain on the edge of the Playpark area and by tarmacing the lane from the Snells footpath to Church Street, for which we are grateful.

The Parish Council has been fortunate in receiving a grant to carry out a feasibility study for renewable energy schemes in the village. We are the only local Council to receive such a grant and hence will be breaking new ground, but will have the help of experts at Thames Valley Energy - the new Unit set up to promote renewable energy in the Thames Valley area.

Parish Council elections are around again. We have the required 9 candidates for the nine places on the council, which is encouraging given the negative publicity that the new model code for Parish Councillors has received nationally. The work of

WI summer events

We have a variety of interesting speakers booked for our meetings in the next few months, and hope that we can live up to our reputation of being friendly and welcoming to anyone interested in coming along to sample our meetings, either as a visitor or with a view to joining for the year. Several outings are also planned for the summer months, so our subscription really is 'value for money'!

TUESDAY April 15th, 7.45 p.m

'A Taste of Oxfordshire' - Pauline Fretter has been researching traditional Oxfordshire recipes, and has promised that we can taste the results of her cookery demonstration at the end.

Thursday May 15th. 7.45 p.m*

Lace Making A demonstration and talk about this traditional craft

by Joan Weaving.

Thursday June 19th. 7.45 p.m*

'Changing Gear: From Tapes to Trowels' - Kate Nicoll, (who many of you will have seen working hard on the new rose beds around the village) is going to talk about her dramatic change of career from being a BBC Radio Producer to training and now working as a landscape gardener. Kate has worked on the restoration of National Trust gardens, and is now busy with the restoration of Hendred House Garden

Thursday July 10th. 7.45 p.m*
Music for a Summer's Evening - Christine Whild

*Preceded by a brief W.I. business meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Visitors welcome to all these meetings in Snells Hall (£1 charge)

the Parish Council has become much more demanding over recent years, with the need both to meet several Government requirements and to operate in a more professional manner, particularly with respect to auditing and risk management. We would like to thank Andrew Brewer, who has decided to stand down for his contribution to the Parish Council over recent years and welcome Val Bacon as the new member taking his place.

Kate Nicoll has spent many hours on the Rose Village project

- selecting suitable roses, preparing the beds and planting the roses, with helpers from the village. We look forward to a spectacular summer display of roses in several parts of the village. Thank you Kate and her helpers.

We were very pleased to hear recently that Clearwater Hampers has won a Queen's Award for Enterprise - a real achievement for a village business being run by village people. We offer them our congratulations and wish them every success in the future.

John Sharp

July exchange visit

Plans are now well advanced for our fifth visit to Sarceaux during the week-end of July 5/6th.

There are at present over 40 members of the group planning to travel to France, many of whom hosted families from the Normandy village last summer. We shall be staying with a family in Sarceaux for the weekend, with entertainment and visits planned by their Twinning Committee. By previous experience it will be a very enjoyable and busy exchange, as well as a great opportunity to meet up again with our French friends and to sample their generous hospitality.

Kate Nicoll organised for members of the Group an interesting visit to the National Trust gardens at Greys Court for a guided 'Snowdrop Walk' in

February, followed by lunch at a local pub and then a visit to the Rowing Museum at Henley.

Many thanks to Kate for organising this.

Bill Dorling and Dave Wadsworth organised a family quiz evening in November in Snells Hall, with strong competition between the different groups. Many thanks to them for organising it.

Our Annual General Meeting is due to be held in Snells Hall on April 28th at 8pm - do come along and hear what we have been doing over the last year and our plans for the future. The Twinning Group provides an excellent opportunity both to get to know more people in this village and also to build a friendship with a similar family in Sarceaux

Post Office goes 'on-line'

- banking facilities now available in the village

Our village Postmaster, Tony James, will be pleased to explain how to set up the arrangements with one of the banks for you to continue to withdraw pension and allowance money 'over the counter' in the village. You can also obtain foreign currency for

your holiday, but Tony does need 4 working days' notice to order it in.

The P.O. continues to open on Mon., Tues. and Thurs. mornings.

Remember, if we don't use our village Post Office, we shall lose it!

Date set for family show

The Organising Committee are pleased to announce that the 2003 show will follow similar lines to those of last year and will be held on the Sports ground on Sunday, August 31st. Please note in your diaries!

Show schedules are being drafted and will be out available as soon as possible. Anyone wishing to help with the organisation of this annual family event is asked to contact Adrian Sessions on 01235 833641.

Children's red noses raise money for charity

Children and parents from Hendreds Primary School joined the rest of the nation in celebrating Red Nose Day and at the same time raised £170 for the Red Nose Charities. Their non-uniform day and wacky hair day

was popular with both pupils and teachers, most of them wearing their red noses for most of the day, as seen in the photo above.

A cake and crafts stall was also held the following day at Wantage Leisure Centre



Pupils from Hendreds Primary School celebrate Red Nose Day



Jubilee roses in place around the village



Kate Nicholl planting at the top of the village

Anyone walking past the village shop in the last few weeks should have spotted that the roses have finally all been planted. More than a hundred yellow roses are settling into the three long beds along the green, the red and white "Rosamundi" fill up the space right outside the shop, and "Great Maidens Blush" on either side of the notice board.

They've all been tucked in snugly with landscape fabric and a mulch of composted bark. So weeding should hopefully be a rare chore. They've been fed with bonemeal and horse manure, and had a good watering in with the early spring rains. A hard pruning made sure any signs of damage or disease have been removed. Now we just have to wait for summer to bring us some flowers!

The beds at the entrance of the village have also been completed. An apricot and cream rose called "Heartbeat" has been planted there, and the nursery who supplied all 200 free roses, Paul Chessum of Bedfordshire, have

kindly sent an extra ten free of charge as we actually managed to run out! We decided to give the existing rose bed a last minute reprieve, and will see what a severe pruning as well as a generous mulching might achieve.

Many thanks to the volunteers who made it all possible. My snide references to the lack of male effort brought another two out on a particularly sunny digging day. Whilst the majority of the helpers have been relative newcomers to the village (wishing perhaps to put physical as well as metaphorical roots down into their new abode), we have been joined by Sarah Sheehan whose roots go down a lot deeper than most of us.

We will need to draw up a rota for edging, dead-heading and pruning. So if anyone who was put off by the thought of all that digging and would be happier wielding secateurs and a Sussex trug please contact me on 833573.

Kate Nicholl

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead



The funeral of Lord Jenkins, held at St Augustines church in January

Senior politician, President of the European Union, Chancellor of Oxford University, distinguished author, Vice President of the Hendreds Sports Club, long standing village resident.

Roy Jenkins died on Jan.5th aged 82. He entered parliament in 1948 and his career included many of the great offices of state, serving as both Home Secretary and Chancellor of the Exchequer. He was elected Chancellor of Oxford University in 1987 and continued in this office until his death. He became Britain's only President of the European Commission in 1977. He returned to Britain to co-found the Social Democratic party and later to lead it. He subsequently became the leader of the Liberal Democrats in

the House of Lords.

He and Dame Jennifer moved into St.Amands House in Church Street with their three children at Easter 1965 and became long standing village residents. Lord Jenkins was active in village life, being Vice President of the Sports Club for over 25 years. He opened the Millennium extension at Snells Hall in 1999 and also presented prizes at the annual village show. He was a regular visitor to the village shop when he was at St.Amands and often took his exercise by walking around the village.

The funeral was held in St.Augustine's Church on Jan. 10th, attended by the Prime Minister and several members of the Cabinet. He is buried in the village cemetery.

HARRY JOHN TAMLIN, 1911 - 2003

After a long illness Harry died on February 17th in his 92nd year. He was born, one of seven children, near Torquay. His mother died when he was seven and he then lived with an aunt and uncle who kept trotting ponies. Thus began his life-long passion for horses.

He worked in stables in a Wiltshire village where he met and married his wife Athalie. He was in the RAF during the war and in 1946 came to live in East Hendred to work in John Beary's training stables. Winning horses like Royal Tara, Sportsmaster, Ki Ming, Sanctum and Loppylugs were household names.

When John Beary died Harry worked for Monty Smythe who had taken over the stables. In 1965, after an accident at Windsor

he races his career in racing had to end. Harry loved living in the village. He was well liked and well known.

RON HITCHCOX 1918- 2002

Ron Hitchcox, a familiar face "patrolling" the village, died on 24 November 2002. He was born in Banbury in 1918, and joined Berkshire Police in 1938, serving at Abingdon, Faringdon and Wantage. During the war he saw action with the Royal Artillery in North Africa, Italy and Germany, and resumed his police career in Rowstock and Chaddleworth before returning to Wantage.

After retiring in 1968, he became a council rent collector and later renewed his connections with the police by working in a civilian capacity at Thames Valley Headquarters at Kidlington.

His funeral was held on 5

Malcolm Mackinnon



Malcolm Mackinnon

Parish Councillor, President of the Sports Club, Viticulturer and Village Personality

Mac Mackinnon died on November 23rd 2002 aged 74 after a long illness. He and Mary moved into Corner House in the village in the 1970's with their family. He took an active part in Parish Council activities, being a Councillor from 1976 to 1985. He was also President of both the Hendred Sports Club and Football Club for many years, as well as being Vice President of the Cricket and Tennis Clubs. He was also involved in many village activities, including the annual Christmas Show, a keen tennis

player and opened the vineyard for Village Enterprise and other similar occasions.

Mac Mackinnon established the Textra business in 1963, with showrooms in London and workrooms in Keighley. In 1990 the furnishing fabric business faced financial difficulties and as a result the vineyard and Corner House had to be sold and the London showroom closed. The centre of the business moved to Abingdon and the family moved to Sheephouse Barn, where Mac lived until his death.

He planted his first vineyard when the family moved into the village, and by 1978 he was making his own wine, putting Hendred on the map as a wine label. When the family moved to Sheephouse Barn in 1990 he was able to establish a bigger vineyard and a new winery which was constructed by the family, with the least possible interruption to the wine-producing business.

Sheephouse Barn has now also become the centre for the Textra family business.

He survived long enough to watch the promising 2002 grape crop being picked, and to see Textra safely installed in a converted barn alongside his house and the next generation of his family taking over the business.

there for many years, before returning to Hendred. During the 1939-45 war she worked for the late Dudley Wicken in the village shop. She married Herbert Chasney in 1947. He was the landlord of the Plough and Stella joined him there as Landlady.

DORIS BUSHNELL 1913-2003

Died Feb.26th 2003, 96 years of age.

Doris was born in Reading, married to a policeman and had two children, John and Mary. She eventually came to live in East Hendred with her son John and his wife Betty, where she has lived for the last 20 years. She was a keen member of the WI in her earlier years, and loved painting; some of her paintings were exhibited in Wantage. Her other interest was dress making and she gave lessons in this.

STELLA CHASNEY 1909 - 2002

Stella was born in East Hendred, the only daughter of Bertram and Ethel Newman. Stella's father was Headmaster of East Hendred Church of England school for many years. He was a London Royal Academy of Music Scholar and Stella was also a gifted musician. She played both the piano and violin. She trained as a hairdresser in London and worked

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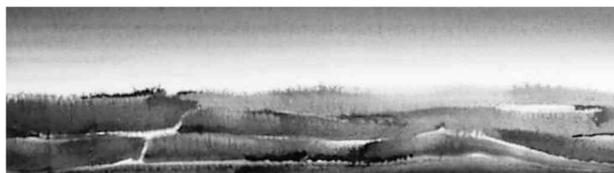


Telephone partners John or Stephen on
Tel: 01235 511541
Mob: 07831 241946

St Augustines Church fete

The fete is being held
on Saturday 28th June
in the grounds of
Cowdray's, Cat Street.
there will be a wide
range of stalls, and
things to do.
For further information
call Jackie on 833473

Paul Kessling



Shepherds Hill 2003

An exhibition of paintings at the
Loyd Lindsay Rooms, Ardington

Saturday 24th to Monday 26th May
Open 10am – 6pm

Seasons on The Ridgeway



This spring has been exceptional for clear skies, crisp mornings and some superb sunsets such as this one on the 26th of January on the Downs above East Hendred. At this time of year I would normally expect to be dodging the rain clouds and getting frustrated at the prolonged periods of rain, but this year has seen a very welcome change.

I am currently working just below the Ridgeway at Ginge, where suddenly the fields have 'greened' and the Ridgeway has quite literally 'sprung'

into life. Green is notorious as one of the most difficult colours to paint convincingly, and right now the range of greens is stunning. I find that I can get a better handle on painting greens when there is a slight mist, or haze, which simplifies the colours and makes them more tonal.

Paul Kessling paints throughout the year and will be exhibiting his paintings at the Loyd Lindsay Rooms in Ardington from the 24th to the 26th of May 10am - 6pm.

Hendred Website re-unites Rumbles and others

A month or so back we had an enquiry about someone said to have worked at Downs Farm, East Hendred in the 1850's. They had a child baptised here. Could we identify whether Rumbles were a village family and place where was Downs Farm?

Some research identified a recorded christening but nothing further here. Family details began to be exchanged and we were looking for Greenaway and Hulcup.

Much reference being made to local maps and old family records as well as head scratching with personal memories. The lady concerned kept on producing more basic information and finally we agreed that she should visit some time and see for herself.

A few weeks later almost the same enquiry came again from a totally different source.

Our reply intimated we were going round in circles and duplicating effort. This lady said she had never heard of the first one by name, - so then we passed on e-mail addresses. Both had used the village web site to seek out more detail about family connections in Hendred.

Silence for about 1 hour at least - then both replied - Never heard of each other before, but both researching their family quoting our man from Hendred as their Great Grandfather.

Small world isn't it especially when back around that time their other grandparent came from Wantage living in Mill Street not very far from the establishment bearing the name of Stevenson in 1850.

This week we have a new interest, - Mr Billyeald is looking for his ancestors - that leads Heritage to existing photographs of a visiting work force from London and a country outing in the 20's. organised by the then owner of Kings Manor Mr Billyeald.

Collectors Collecting and Collections, your Hobbies on Show

The Chapel this year will be home for a series of displays and demonstrations. Particularly for Museums Month in May but we hope that varied displays will be arranged through out the year

Village wise we start right back with Lavinia Smith and her collection at Downside. We have her basic catalogue and the photographs and sketches of what she achieved. Prior to her efforts to tell others more, information here was much for the privileged

Is there anyone in the village today with any real reference to her, her will etc?

Some comments are made in her catalogue but someone must have more- Reading University who are responsible for The Museum of English Rural Life - are not able to add any light on the subject only that Miss Smiths companion Miss X agreed that items kept and displayed at MERL would meet the terms of her will better than being stored in a large packing case at Theale under the nominal ownership of Berkshire County Council Education Department.

Extending the Lavinia Smith concept, we have had several exhibitions held in Hendred under the auspices of the Hendred Society. More latterly Hendred Heritage has picked up this opportunity to tell the village story. This year we aim to identify the new or newer collector.

Those who have an unusual hobby should have the opportunity to put it on show - preferably for a short period and at a time when they could be available to explain how they became aware of that type of collecting, exhibit their collection and explain it's Origins.

These should be small stand-alone exhibits. If possible the other static exhibits will be around be around for short periods. Thee will be some background displays for continuity

purposes and when no one was available to demonstrate etc. and upstairs we will have the usual Hendred Resources of Photo Albums, Slide shows, Computerised records and Reference books.

Come and see for your good selves but best of all bring with you examples of your own hobbies and collections to show and discuss with other residents.

Stepping out from our base at the Chapel

The Parish Council have been generous enough this year to start Heritage on the route towards taking information, stored in the record system, out to schools and other local organisations.

This is part of a long-term project to make better use of our photographs and objects that relate to the historical development of Hendred. The seed corn will we hope bring in enough funds to add to our own funds. We will then be able to purchase a portable digital projector to enable us to display photographs, videos and Cud's. To

this we will add further as time goes by. Some of the smaller objects can be put on show in special containers that will provide security, at the same time as visibility.

It is planned that the projector, though retained and maintained by Hendred Heritage, will be available to all village organisations that can give some degree of security while at the same time contributing to the ongoing costs of maintaining the equipment in good condition.

Memories using the spoken word - Aural History

A small group are in the progress of setting up a series of Aural History recordings. Family memories related to the village. Are you interested in helping either by making history yourself or by helping other record theirs? Contact Sarah Sheehan 833243 or Gill Broadley on 833291.

Heritage Contact - John Stevenson 833312 or Tony (Post Office) James 833471

Rachel Fell Shackleton

Rachel Fell Shackleton
11 April 1921 to 10 December 2002

Rachel moved to East Hendred in December 1968, while she was still working as Clinical Director of the Oxfordshire Child Guidance Service. After her three children had left home in the early 1970s she retired to an equally busy life. For a while, this was divided between East Hendred and a derelict farmhouse in France in the Auvergne, that she bought and restored with a former colleague.

She and her brother Robert, who came to live in the adjacent barn were both keen and compet-

itive gardeners and the garden was opened several times for the national gardens scheme after lots of weeding and cake baking. Rachel took up spinning, weaving and dyeing and made a number of beautiful rugs, which adorn her children's houses.

A service in celebration of her life held at the Quaker meeting house in Faringdon and then at her home on January 18 was attended by about eighty relatives, friends and former colleagues spanning seventy years of her life. They brought and enjoyed good food and frank and funny anecdotes about many aspects of Rachel's life.

Brigid Kelsey (daughter)

Summer is round the corner and so is the cricket season

Hendred Cricket 2003

The putting forward of the clocks brings renewed hope to all those villagers in reluctant hibernation from the sound of willow on leather echoing over the "Best Kept Ground" of the Oxfordshire Cricket Association (OCA) at the Hill Field in Mill Lane, East Hendred.

East & West Hendred Cricket Club is a true melting pot of village life, uniting not only our two villages but also bringing together people of all ages and backgrounds in both "mortal" (OCA League Division 4, Saturday) and "friendly" (Sunday afternoon) combat.

Last season, teams were regularly made up of players born in each of the decades from the 1940's to the 1990's. The fortunes of our league side benefited from the return of younger players from schools and Universities to rejoin the ageing and ailing limbs of the assortment of biologists, bricklayers and bankers bravely holding the fort (especially with the bowling). Last year's "Players Player" travelled each Saturday from

home in Clapham to enjoy the fresh air and exercise in the peace, beauty & tranquillity of the Oxfordshire countryside, the conviviality of participation in team sport, and the beer.

New players are always welcome so, whether you are new to the villages, have friends who might fancy a game, or if you have lived locally for a while and have never taken the plunge with us - NOW IS THE TIME! The club is dedicated to the enjoyment of all its members, families are welcomed and there's no discrimination in any area - Kimberley O'Neill (Ms) was a star of the Hendred Youth Team of the 1990's - and all players take their turn on the tea rota (though some do "delegate upwards"). If you fancy umpiring (League umpires receive £18/match, a free tea, everyone's appreciation and all the respect they can earn), or scoring (scorers receive any necessary training, a pencil, scorebook and access to the team eraser), we can get you involved.

Anyway, here are some dates when you can come along and have a look or take up where you

left off last season - we look forward to seeing you and having even more fun this season:

Indoor Nets at Wantage Leisure Centre, on four Sundays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on 23 & 30 March and on 06 & 13 April.

Outdoor nets begin at Mill Lane on Sunday 20 April preceded by groundwork - 14:30 p.m. start.

Children, Youth & Adult Training and Nets will be held on Wednesdays at Mill Lane 18:30 to 19:30 for children and 19:30 onwards for adults. Beginning on Wednesday 9th April. The children's session is run by a newly qualified coach ably assisted by other adults and, on occasion, a local sports teacher. Because of the success of this training and the large numbers involved, help is always welcome - contact Ivan Mulford (see below).

First Matches:

Traditional Friendlies against Balliol College, Oxford (A, 14:00), Oxford, and against Blewbury (H, 14:30) on Saturday and Sunday 26 & 27 April resp.

First League game Fringford (H) Saturday 03 May 14:00

This year we have arranged a tour to Yorkshire over the weekend 18/19/20 July. Prospective participants should contact John Walker on 01235-532463 and consider extra practice, especially on their accents. (We suggest you begin with "Eh up, Fiery Fred, wot's tha' want - a ruddy bucket?"; this apparently being the recommended reaction to a dropped caught and bowled. Further, more advanced phrases and more realistic, but less-printable, adjectives will be provided at nets and groundwork sessions.)

Regular Groundwork on Tuesday and Friday evenings start on Tuesday 01 April (no fooling) and continue throughout the season until September.

If you'd like to know any more please ring Duncan Francis on 01235-224712 and/or Ivan Mulford on 820316.

Phil Goodliffe (820228) and Adrian Francis (810147) were recently elected "League" and "Friendly" Captains.

Phil Goodliffe, 27 March 2003.

Village Sewage Improvements

As noted in our last Bulletin Thames Water had decided to upgrade part of the village sewage system, particularly the length from the village across to West Hendred to mitigate the effects of flooding in severe storms. The works undertaken by Murphy's, a contractor for Thames Water, turned out to be more extensive than many of us had realised. The existing pipe needed replacing with a much larger diameter one, and as a result the kick-around area adjacent to the Snells Playpark had to be dug up, and the gates into Snells removed. Reinstatement of

the gates has now been completed, but further work is planned on the ground adjacent to the Playpark once the ground is dry, including reseeding with grass. A short section of sewage piping was also replaced in the High Street, which should also reduce flooding problems in this area. We were very pleased with the co-operation from the team working for Murphy's, including displaying notices to their drivers to respect village speed limits!

Bogdan Nedelkoff has supervised the works on behalf of the Parish Council and we are very grateful for his assistance.

Computer Courses

Snells Hall Village College (in association with Abingdon and Witney College)

These courses continue to be popular with students from the local villages as well as from further afield. The small class sizes (max. 6 students), friendly tutors, ease of parking for those coming by car and the possibility of patient individual help from the tutors in such small groups have all contributed to their appeal.

There is an ongoing programme of new courses starting from April onwards for absolute beginners as well as for those who are already more confident on a computer. Certificates are awarded for those completing the

courses successfully, and past students have included people needing to upgrade their skills to improve their employment opportunities, young mothers looking to return to work, as well as those looking to join the 'silver surfers'. A waiting list is maintained of those interested in particular courses, with their available times, and new courses can start as soon as there are 6 people able to attend at the same time each week.

Enquires to Margaret Sharp (833367), but all formal bookings still have to go through Christine Long, Community Learning Administrator, Abingdon and Witney College, tel. 216269

Renewable Energy for the Village?



Ludbridge Mill - local water power

The Parish Council has been successful in obtaining a small grant from Thames Valley Energy (a new unit sponsored by the Countryside Agency as part of their Community Renewables Initiative) to undertake a feasibility study of developing renewable energy sources for the village. The Government has set a national target of 10% of electricity to be generated from renewable sources by 2010, to help meet the requirements for overall reduction in greenhouse gases. Most of the village energy at present is generated from gas, electricity, with some wood burn-

ing for space heating.

The feasibility study will concentrate mainly on the community buildings e.g. village hall, sports club, schools, but also on the village businesses. Hendred Estate is closely involved in the project, with interests in biomass, energy crops etc. In addition the study will investigate the potential for solar and wind energy in the village. Energy audits of selected village facilities will be undertaken, both to identify the potential for energy savings and for replacement of existing sources by renewables. We will have the support of

Soccer school comes to Hendred

Glyn Evans Soccer School - football in the community takes place every Saturday morning between 10.15 and 11.30am, at Mill Lane, East Hendred Football Club. It costs £30 for an eight week course, and both boys and girls are welcome, as well as mixed ability players. So come along and learn new football skills and techniques, whilst also meeting

new friends and having fun enjoying the game.

If you are interested in your child joining in please call me - Glyn Evans - on 01235 770372 or try my mobile 07881932459 or even email:glynsoccerschool@aol.com

Teas and coffees are also available for the parents, if you want to watch your kids having fun.

experts within TV Energy on particular technologies. One of the important aspects for the project to consider is that the village has a designated Conservation Area and is part of an Area of Outstanding National Beauty (AONB). This will affect the acceptability of some renewable energy devices. The project will also investigate the availability of future grants for installation of renewable energy schemes, several of which are already available.

We hope to be able to work with the two local schools and the pre-school in promoting to the children the benefits of renewable energy for the future.

We are fortunate in having good expertise within the village, including an architect and chartered engineers with knowledge of renewable energy systems and an interested landown-

er. The Group met with a representative from TV Energy on March 20th, and will be attending the launch of the TV Energy scheme at Friars Court in April. Friars Court near Clanfield is a working farm growing energy crops, with a wind and solar power unit. TV Energy also has in-house technical expertise which we will be using during the study.

The project is planning a questionnaire for village households (in the next Bulletin) and is due for completion at the end of the year.

Members of the Group are Edward Eyston, Bogdan Nedelkoff, Conrad Atkinson, Charles Clayton and John Sharp. Anyone interested in contributing to the project should contact John Sharp (j.v.sharp@btinternet.com or on 833367) or other members of the group.

Community centre - Snells Hall activity report

Wardens.

We are pleased to announce that, after interviewing several promising candidates, Martin and Jane were selected as new Wardens. They are settling down well in this important and onerous job. Both have full day-time occupations so it would be a great help if all regular users make an extra effort to leave the premises in a clean and tidy state after use.

Extension Car Park

The Committee is awaiting the results of two grant applications, which, if successful, will enable us to go ahead and complete the area alongside the hall as an extension car park. Even with promised voluntary effort, it is estimated that these works will cost about £18,000! So if anyone has a deep, or shallow, pocket, we would be grateful for any donations large or small.

Fund Raising

The annual Christmas Bazaar and

Come and Sing Events have taken place. We would like to say a big thank you to anyone who has helped to make these occasions successful. Our next major event is The Village Fete to be held on Saturday, May 17th at Hendred House. Draw tickets are already available and can be obtained through members of the three main participating organisations, viz. The Community Centre, St.Mary's Church and St.Amand's School and of course on the big day.

Snells Hall is widely acknowledged as being a splendid venue for events ranging from a small meeting to a grant occasion. The AGM of the Management Committee is to be held on the Main Hall on Tuesday, April 29th at 8 p.m. Please do come along and support our efforts made on behalf of the village. We would welcome any ideas and suggestions for improving the arrangements at the Hall.