

# Bulletin

EAST HENDRED

## Another Hendred Sheard discovered?



Above is the Mazawattee Tea poster discovered during work on Hendred Stores. Who is she? Go to page 9 to read the story so far...

## New village Post Office



The new post office was opened on Monday December 1<sup>st</sup>, which is a big step forward for the village, since the old post office must have qualified as one of the smallest in the country. Tony James now has a lot more space and much better facilities. We thank the Hendred Estate for building the new office, with substantial grants from DEFRA and the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council.

Just as a reminder, online banking facilities are now available with Lloyds TSB, Barclays and Alliance & Leicester. These include both cash withdrawals and cheque deposits direct into your account. (Cheques for your account should be placed inside a bank envelope, obtainable from your bank, together with your paying-in slip.)

The Post Office also has similar arrangements with most other high street banks, such as for

cashing personal cheques against a bank card, and making cash and cheque deposits.

**Don't forget that Special Gift Postal Orders (£10 and £20) and International Phone Cards are also available. These make excellent and useful presents for birthdays and family away from home.**

We hope that as many villagers and organisations as possible will use the village Post Office Banking facilities — "Use it or lose it"!



**Above:** Andrew with Tony, as he closes the old post office for the last time. **Top:** Tony at work in the the new post office.

## Village News Service

### New facility — wired-up village!

We are planning to provide a *Village News Service* via the existing website for those on a new electronic mailing list. Emails will

be sent to this list containing information on village events and news. We plan to restrict the messages to the more significant events

and news so that the number of outgoing emails is limited. We see this new service as a way of communicating information quickly, for example, on planned road works, changes in opening hours of village facilities, Parish

Council news etc. If you would like to receive this information, please send your email address to [webmaster@hendred.org](mailto:webmaster@hendred.org), along with agreement that your name can be held on this list.

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## from the chair

We're already into 2004 yet it seems only very recently that we were celebrating entering a new Millennium! Our last Village Plan was published as long ago as 1969, at a time when we were still in Berkshire, and so an update is now very much overdue. The Parish Council has recently been taking advice from several expert organisations about how to undertake a village appraisal, as well as the management of play parks and provision of facilities for the older village youngsters. We all recognise that our teenagers are not well catered for in the village, but providing suitable facilities raises many problems, particularly in terms of location. The preparation of a village plan looking ahead ten years or so has many advantages,

particularly as such a plan helps with formalising village planning requirements. A substantial amount of work is required to produce a good plan and we are advised that it should involve as many village residents as possible. The Parish Council will be discussing shortly how we can go forward and hope that during the coming year we can make good progress. We hope that many of you will be willing to help with the production of this Plan, so please give some thought to what sort of village you would like to see in the years to 2014 and beyond.

Car parking and narrow roads remain a major issue in the village. The Hendreds School has prepared a Traffic Plan in conjunction with their current application for a new classroom. The Parish Council felt that this Plan did not take a wide enough view of the traffic problems in the village, and did not fully address the school problem. We have, therefore, set up a working group involving Parish Councillors and members of the School Governors to look at traffic

management in the neighbourhood of the two schools. The car park extension at Snells Hall, which is now under construction, will help to reduce some local congestion by providing additional parking in the area of Church Street as well as improving the parking for parents delivering or collecting children to and from the Hendreds School. The recommendations from this working group will also provide useful input to the Village Plan mentioned above.

As part of the village Renewable Energy project, several students from the Department of Architecture at Oxford Brookes University came into the village last December to look at the Abbey Manor barn, owned by the Hendred Estate, which is one of our Project case studies, with a view to producing sustainable designs for its future development. This will form part of the students' project work as part of their MSc thesis and we shall have access to their results. The students are also considering wider issues in the village associated with sustain-

ability. Their recommendations could also provide useful input to our Village Plan.

The opening of the post office in its new location is a real step forward for the village and a bonus for Tony James, the postmaster, who now has proper and more-roomy facilities for his work. We thank the Hendred Estate for their work, supported by grants from DEFRA and the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council. The Parish Council was active behind the scenes in the negotiations needed to secure these grants. The building repairs and improvements to the Village Shop are also very necessary and will provide much improved facilities in due course. Please be patient and continue to support the village shop and post office whilst the building work is underway.

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of Bob Tunney, a parish councillor for many years and chairman for a period. His obituary is on the next page.

Happy New Year to you all.  
**John Sharp**

## Recent presentations at council meetings

In November, Roger Davies (Oxford Playing Fields Association) came and talked to the Councillors about play areas and the responsibilities of managing them. He encouraged the Council to make a Recreational Plan for the village, based on the age profile of the village children. We also discussed the pros and cons of teenage shelters and the problem of siting one in a village. The possible installation of a games wall was also discussed. Roger offered to help the Council with finding suitable funding and obtaining the necessary planning requirements.

At the December meeting, we had a presentation from Anton Nath from the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) on village appraisals. He explained the benefits of developing such a plan for the future of the village and indicated how other parishes had undertaken the development of their plan. It was important to get input from a wide cross-section of the village and various ways of achieving this were discussed. He pointed out that District Councils are becoming more interested in village plans and take these into account when planning decisions are made. He provided a set of documents on preparing such plans and offered help if we decide to go ahead.

## Meeting of local Parish Council chairmen

Regular meetings have recently been set up between the chairmen of the three local Parish Councils (Ardington & Lockinge, West and East Hendred), to discuss matters of common interest. It is

recognised that in some cases the three Councils working together can exert more effective pressure. Discussion of matters of common concern has already proved beneficial.

## Village precept

Since September, the Council has been reviewing its expenditure both for this year and that planned for 2004/5, so that a precept for the village could be set in December to meet the District Council's deadlines. Last year, the precept was £13,000, which is being used

to cover the costs of the village lengthman, clerk, courtesy lighting, grants to village organisations etc. Allowing for inflation and the likely requirements for the coming year, the Council has decided to precept for a sum of £13,500, all of which will be used to benefit this village.

## Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (OALC)

The chairman of the Parish Council, Dr. John Sharp has recently been elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the OALC,

as one of the representatives for the Vale of White Horse District. The OALC serves the Parish and Town Councils in Oxfordshire.

## Our new *Bulletin* production editor

We welcome Alex Birkhead as the new production editor of this *Bulletin*, since he kindly offered to take over the role following Sam Pentin's resignation. Thank you, Sam, for looking after and maintaining the high standard

of the *Bulletin* for several years. We look forward to working with Alex and appreciate his offer of the appropriate skills and expertise to maintain the quality of this much-appreciated *Bulletin*.

## Warning!

Keep your house doors locked or on a chain. "Distraction" burglars are known to be active in the area.

Do not allow anyone into your house unless you are confident of their identity. Check first by telephone if you are unsure.

## Electoral register

Every year, residents receive a form from the District Council asking them to update the records contained for the Electoral Register. The forms have to be returned to the Vale by about 11<sup>th</sup> October and, unless the information is sent, it is possible that residents can be omitted from the Register and not be able to vote at any elections during the following year. Nowadays, the form lists names of the residents in that particular house — please check that the list contains your name or, if you are a newcomer, cross through the name of the previous occupant and add your name along with the names of all other family members eligible to vote.

The latest list that the Clerk has received contains several people long since moved from the village, or moved to other houses in the village (and on the list twice — and, no, you don't get two votes!) and, worse still, a couple who have been dead over two years.

The Vale Electoral Registration Officer can now take on board newcomers as soon as they take up residence or remove people's names. If you have recently moved into the village, or changed house, or someone in your family is no longer living with you at that address, please contact the Vale and advise them, as soon as possible by speaking to Sharon Beasley, Electoral Services Officer, at Abbey House on 01235 520202 and ask for her department.

## Memorial to Roy Jenkins

Lord Jenkins lived in this village for over 25 years and is buried in the village cemetery. Dame Jennifer and her family wanted a memorial to Lord Jenkins in the village and have been discussing with the Parish Council and the Hendred Estate about the selection of a suitable site. The top part of Snells have been chosen and over recent weeks a new hedge, with several lime trees has been planted. A new wooden seat has been erected on the site where the memorial seat to Olga Ashthorpe

was previously sited. This seat is being stored for the time being and will be relocated close to the Penney Playpark, recognising that Olga was closely involved with the children of this village. We are grateful to the Jenkins family for arranging for this area of Snells to be replanted and for offering to pay for the ongoing maintenance for many years. It will be a great improvement on what was previously a rather untidy area in the centre of the village.

## Improved drainage in Snells

As part of the work undertaken on behalf of Thames Water following the upgrade to our sewage system, a new surface water drain was installed from the lower part

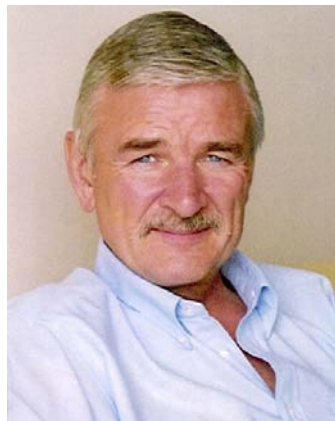
of Snells through to the Lydebank Brook. The recent wet weather has confirmed the efficacy of this improvement to the drainage in this area.

## Basketball post

The Parish Council has a brand new basketball post, awarded as a prize in last year's *Best Kept Village* competition, and is waiting for volunteers with the time to

organise its erection. Village children could benefit from using it — are there any parents willing to take on the project? Please contact the Clerk on 833359.

# Dr. Bob Tunney 1949–2003



*and he was in demand in every classroom — so much for the spare time! Bob did exceptional work with the children and eventually decided to follow the Graduate Trainee Programme to become a qualified teacher. Sadly his illness prevented him completing the course but it was evident that he had found something he really enjoyed doing and that children enjoyed working with him. During his illness, the children kept in touch with Bob by email, continued to enjoy a story he was writing for them and produced some moving prayers for his recovery. News of his death was greeted with great sadness by everyone".*

Bob Tunney died on October 20<sup>th</sup> after a long illness. He was a Parish Councillor from 1987 to 1999 and Chairman for the period 1995–98.

He and Liz, with their two children, moved into the village in 1979, living initially in White Road and then moving to Sheard Studio in Newbury Road. Bob worked locally at the Esso Research Laboratories for several years, before moving to Ethyl Petroleum Additives at Bracknell, and then taking early retirement because of ill health. This gave him the opportunity to start teaching at St. Amand's School, particularly helping the children with computing and improving their skills, which he really enjoyed. He worked there for two years, initially on a voluntary basis, and then started a formal teaching training course, before having to give up because of his deteriorating health.

John Laverty, headmaster at St. Amands, said "*Bob came to Saint Amand's looking for some way in which he could use some of his spare time to support the children in the school. His talent for explaining the workings of computers to young children quickly became evident*

The school has received a generous gift from Bob's family friends and colleagues, which will be used to fund some out-of-the-ordinary computer equipment to be used to continue the work that he was doing so well. The money raised in memory of Bob, totalling more than £1000, was donated to St. Amands School to help the school buy more computer equipment and plant a memorial garden in memory of him. Bob was also a keen sportsman, playing squash for the Harwell team.

During his period as Councillor, Bob served on several of the Council Working Groups, with particular responsibility for the environment. As Chairman of the Council, he initiated the work to establish the Penney Playpark, contributed to the formal twinning of the Hendreds with Sarceaux, and led the introduction of the 30mph limits into the village, which was part of a County initiative. His work for the Council is much appreciated.

We send our condolences to Liz, Helen and Douglas.

## New bus shelter

As a result of requests from users of the local bus service, the Parish Council has arranged for the erection of a new bus shelter on the west side of White Road. We were

helped by a 75% grant from the Oxfordshire County Council, for which we are very grateful. The shelter was erected in December and is now in use.

# Our churches

2003 was a year of goings and comings. St Mary's said goodbye to Father Shaun and welcomed Monsignor John Nelson and Father Anthony from Abingdon to take Mass; and St Augustine's bid a fond farewell to Rev Ernest and Sylvia Adley in August, and in November welcomed Rev Rita Ball as the new Rector of the four churches of Wantage Downs.

On these occasions — and at the many baptisms, marriages and funerals — the churches have been full of villagers and their families, friends and visitors, demonstrating the importance of the churches in the life of the community and how their existence is valued by so many at times of joy and sadness.

Both churches have been delighted to welcome so many through their doors on these occasions, as well as at Easter and Christmas, and hope that more will come more often to worship and thank the Lord for so much that we take for granted.

The churches extend the warmest of best wishes to you all for 2004 and ask you to remember that they are always there to welcome, help and support all who find themselves in need of comfort, advice or fellowship — or just a place in which to sit, rest and ponder for a while in a busy life.

Regular service times are given on the back page of the *Bulletin*, with full details in *The Henchman*.

## Events at St. Augustine's

These days, services are not the only reason for coming to church! Watch our notice board for more information about these and other events.

### Penney Memorial Lectures

(February–March): The series of lectures in St Augustine's, which began last year, has now been named the Penney Memorial Lectures, in memory of the Penney family who lived in the village for many years.

The next two lectures will be in late-February and late-March.

### Come & Sing or Come & Listen

(20 March): There will be a concert of beautiful choral music in St. Augustine's Church at 7.30pm on Saturday March 20th, following previous "come and sing" events, with organist Michael Evans and conductor Anthony Gracie.

Please reserve the date now and come and enjoy singing, or listening, to a selection of great and popular choral music. The rehearsal for singers starts at 2pm. Tickets and details are available from the Conference Secretary, Anthony Gracie (Colts Corner, 01235 821 509), and Hendred Stores.

## East Hendred garden on TV

The Nicoll's recently-created back garden in Mill Lane has been chosen from many hundreds of entries to feature in one edition of a series on ITV1, starting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The programmes are due to run for five weeks, on weekday after-

noons at 2.30 p.m. Kate used the skills learnt during training as a professional gardener to design her own garden. The garden itself will be one of those open for viewing on July 27<sup>th</sup> as part of the Hendred Heritage Open Gardens Event.

### Digital photography and photo-editing course

Wantage Community Education is offering a new course using laptop computers in Snells Hall for anyone interested in improving their skills with the new digital camera and software that they haven't yet really mastered! Several people have already expressed interest and a first course is planned to start, probably on Thursday after-

noons (1–3 p.m.), for five weeks from mid February. A few spaces remain at this time, and there also seems to be sufficient interest to plan a second course, possibly in evenings for anyone not available in the daytime. Contact Sarah Middleton (01235 768540) or Margaret Sharp (833367).

## "Welcome..."

...was the greeting from a large congregation to the Rev Rita Ball on the occasion of her Institution, Induction and Installation to serve as Rector of the Benefice of Wantage Downs.

On the evening of Saturday 22 November, friends from Rev Rita's former parishes in the Newbury area joined with parishioners of our four churches to welcome her and her family to the Benefice. Clergy and representatives from other churches and Christian communities in the Wantage Deanery and beyond joined the Bishop of Oxford and the Archdeacon of Berkshire in the opening procession.

The Area Dean, Father John

Salter, welcomed the packed congregation to this "happy event" (perhaps also to be remembered for the World Cup victory earlier in the day!). In his sermon, the Bishop stressed the importance of collaboration between the Vicar and the people who together are the Church, and he outlined the new Diocesan strategy for "collaborative ministry" to involve clergy and lay members, inter-parish and ecumenically, to lead to a "fresh experience of Christian community and faith".

After the service, more than 200 bishops, old and new, joined the Bishop and the Archdeacon in Snells Hall for refreshments and to meet our new Rector and her family.



Right: Phil Lawrence and Jackie Francis, churchwardens, with Rev Rita Ball and Rev Jean Page, at the celebration in Snells Hall to welcome Rev Rita and her family to the village.

## Village College, Snells Hall

New Computer Courses continue to start at intervals, according to demand. Classes have only six students at any one time using desk-top computers, and are aimed at levels from *Absolute Beginners*, to follow-on courses on topics such as Email and the Internet, Word Processing, Databases and Spreadsheets. As soon as six students are available at the same time as a tutor, a new

class can start up.

These courses are taught by very experienced tutors, and are run in conjunction with Abingdon and Witney College. Christine Long, Community Learning Administrator (tel. 01235 216269) maintains a waiting list of those interested. Please telephone 01235 833367 (Margaret Sharp) if you would like any more information.

## Village Fete — Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

The annual Hendred House Fete will take place on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> in the grounds of Hendred House. There will be a good

range of stalls, entertainment, food and fun. Please note the date in your diary and we hope to see you there.

## Hendreds Twinning Group

### Forthcoming social events

#### **Pot Luck Supper with speaker. Saturday January 31st in Snells Hall at 7pm**

The speaker will be **Kate Nicoll**, and she has chosen the title “*From Tapes to Trowels*” as she will be talking about her dramatic mid-life career change from BBC producer to professional landscape gardener. Kate spoke at a WI meeting last summer, and many non-members were disappointed to have missed her very entertaining talk — so this is your chance! Tickets cost £4 for adults, and £1.50 for children, together with a contribution of food for the buffet tables. The bar will be open.

Non-members are very welcome, but tickets do need to be purchased in advance so that we can keep the range of food balanced. Tickets from Kate Nicoll (833573), Jackie Francis (833473) or Margaret Sharp (833367).

#### **Family Quiz evening**

The new date for the postponed quiz is to be March 13<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) in Hendreds Sports Club. Please make a note of the date in your new 2004 diary!

#### **Sarceaux visit**

It's the Hendreds turn this year to host the visitors from our twin village of Sarceaux in Normandy, for the weekend of July 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup>. They will arrive in the village early on Saturday morning and depart on the Monday morning. We are planning an exciting series of events over the weekend, including a barbecue and pig roast on the Saturday evening and a whole-day visit to Warwick Castle on the Sunday. If you would like to join in, please contact Margaret Sharp on 833367.

## Hendred Sports Club

The Sports Club committee meets monthly to manage and provide a sporting facility for the three member clubs (football, cricket, and tennis). These three, in turn, manage their individual clubs throughout their respective seasons.

All three member clubs are enjoying a healthy existence at present, East Hendred A.F.C. plays on Saturdays, with two teams playing in the *North Berks League* divisions 1 and 3, and on Sunday mornings when another side plays in the *Upper Thames Valley League* division 1. During the summer months, members of Hendreds Tennis Club play almost every day on their newly-refurbished tennis courts, while the Cricket Club plays two league teams on a Saturday, and occasional friendly matches on Sundays.

In addition to adult fixtures, all three member clubs offer thriving

programmes of organised coaching for juniors of all ages in their respective sports. These highly important initiatives are not only designed to ensure continuity of players, but also allow young people to channel their energy towards more positive community and social goals while improving their own skill levels.

Off the playing field, the Sports Club offers a recently refurbished social club with excellent bar facilities, to host members' fund raising or social events. The Pavilion itself sits on our well-respected and picturesque sports ground, which also hosts the annual Family show and other large-scale village functions.

With all of this activity going on, the committee is always on the look out for fresh blood, so if you would like to do your bit for the sporting side of the village, contact Ivan Mulford (tel. 820 316).

## East and West Hendred W.I.

A varied programme is planned for the early part of the year. Most meetings are held in Snells Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m. (speaker at 8 p.m.), usually on the third Thursday of the month and new members are made very welcome. Our membership is growing and we hope that the new programme has something to interest everyone. The annual subscription is £20, payable in January each year, but visitors are also welcome to sample the W.I. meetings on one or two occasions during the year at a cost of £1 per meeting.

Members have the opportunity of attending courses at the W.I. College at Marcham (Denman College) on either a residential or a daily basis. (Our own W.I. arranges local outings during the summer months.)

- Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>** Annual Party (members and invited guests only)
- Feb.19<sup>th</sup>** Demonstration of Parchment Craft (Glenys Duval)
- Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>** AGM followed by “*Travelling over the Sinai on a Camel*” (Betty Collins)
- Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>** “*Local Food and Farmers' Markets*” (Jane Bowler, of Dews Meadow Farm, East Hanney)
- May 20<sup>th</sup>** Business meeting, including discussion of Resolutions to be put before the W.I. National Annual Conference. Speaker to be arranged.
- Jun. 17<sup>th</sup>** Visit to Hendred Vineyard (Mary Mackinnon)

## East & West Hendred Cricket Club

The 2003 season proved one of the most successful in recent years for the cricketers of East & West Hendred. On the field, performances almost produced promotion from the Oxfordshire Cricket Association league division 4, with the team eventually finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The team also tasted an unprecedented run in the O.C.A. *Telegraph* cup, reaching the semi-finals for the very first time.

The playing squad was not only strengthened by injection of new players but also welcomed back a number of previous players from “*sabbatical*”.

This most welcome turnaround in fortunes has encouraged the club to venture into previously unthinkable territory and, for the first time ever in village history, the club will be entering two sides into the O.C.A. League for the 2004 season.

The opportunity for players of all ages and ability to play league cricket next season will obviously create greater demands on the clubs resources — new players, umpires, scorers, ground workers, fundraisers, tea ladies, organisers, and supporters are urgently required to maintain the momentum of improvement currently being enjoyed.

The committee has plans for the new season well underway, with the

fixture list that runs from mid-April to mid-September almost complete. Indoor nets will begin early March, followed by junior coaching and adult outdoor nets starting on Wednesday evenings in early April.

If you are interested in playing next season, or would like to know more details about any of the club's activities, please contact any of the following people:

- Trevor Bacon** (833 403)  
*Chairman & Fixture secretary*
- Ivan Mulford** (820 316)  
*Secretary & Junior coach*
- Richard Ashby Crane** (820 775)  
*1<sup>st</sup> team Captain*
- Ian Clewley** (765 090)  
*Vice-Captain*
- David Buckle** (821 915)  
*2<sup>nd</sup> team Captain*
- John Walker** (532 463)  
*Vice-Captain*
- Duncan Francis** (224 712)  
*Friendly Captain*

If your playing days are over, or you fancy “*non-playing*” involvement on league match days, your support is especially welcome, particularly for umpiring or scoring. Training is available for all skill levels, and you even get paid to do the job! What more could you ask for? Call any of the people above — this year is going to be a tough season for all of us, so your help will be greatly appreciated.

# Snells Hall

## Celebrating 30 years in March 2004

Snells Hall was originally opened on March 9th 1974, following its conversion from the village school, and so celebrates its 30th anniversary in just over two-months' time. The Millennium extension was opened by Lord Jenkins on March 6th 1999 and hence this coming March is its 5th anniversary. In addition, Champs Chapel was refurbished and opened to the public for the first time in March 1974; it also became the meeting place for the

Parish Council. We will be celebrating these anniversaries with an exhibition during the weekend of March 6/7th, and there will be a celebration party (still at the planning stage) for those many village people involved with the hall during the last 30 years. Watch out for more details — and do come along to help us celebrate 30 years of East Hendred having the benefit of owning village hall facilities, now recognised to be some of the best in the County.

## East Hendred Community Centre

**Car parking:** The extension to the hall car park is progressing, with local civil engineers Glanvilles advising us on the design and layout. We now have approval from the Vale Council to remove a tree in the area of the car park, which is considered to be too close to the existing building and will provide considerably more parking space. It is hoped that work can start shortly. The extra parking space will help with major events when the existing park is limited in space. The area will also be useful for recreational activities and will almost double the external space at the hall.

**Home for village fire engine:** The concrete slab has now been laid at the rear of the hall and we are discussing plans with Hendred

Heritage on the design of a suitable building for the fire engine and for hall storage.

**Fund raising:** A *Favours Auction* is planned to be held on Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, in conjunction with the Preschool and the Hendred Heritage, both of which have space leased at the hall. Keep a note of this date in your diary and look out for further details.

**Anniversary celebration:** This March is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Snells Hall, as well as the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Millennium extension. A celebration event is planned — *see details above*.

**Bookings:** As a reminder, bookings should be made with the wardens, Martin Acock or Jane Mucklow, on 833561.

## Fly-tipping and other rubbish

East Hendred is considered to be a pretty village and we have been fortunate in winning the Oxfordshire (and Berkshire) Best Kept Village Competition on several occasions. Unfortunately, there are a mindless few who wish to use the place as a "tip" and throw the remains of their "takeaways" all around White Road and other sites in the village, when there are waste bins available in several places. Not only is this habit unpleasant, it is unsocial and could cause vermin! Please take your take-

aways home to devour, or bin them tidily together with your empty cigarette packets! Fly-tipping is illegal and there is a hefty fine of a £1,000 for such actions. If you have a large article too big for the normal dustbin collection, please telephone the Vale on 01235 520202 and ask to speak to the Waste Management group and they will make arrangements for its collection (there is a £15 charge involved). Otherwise, make arrangements to take it to the Drayton Waste Disposal depot.

## Shoe Box Collection for Ukraine Christian Ministries



A magnificent total of 354 filled boxes (a new record for the village) was on display at the East Hendred Christmas Bazaar on December 6th. St. Amand's School collected over 150 boxes, which is a magnificent achievement. John Hendy and his wife, of UCM, came along to the Bazaar and were very grateful for everyone's gen-

erosity. The boxes are being sent to disadvantaged children in the Ukraine. We also put together a substantial collection of clothes for babies and small children, which were equally welcomed. John also helped to draw out the winning tickets for the Main Draw later in the afternoon.

## East Hendred Christmas Bazaar

Father Christmas made one of his first appearances of the season at the Bazaar in Snells Hall, and roast chestnuts, mulled wine and mince pies all contributed to the festive flavour of this traditional event. The number of entries in the children's competitions was a new record and many of these entries were of a very high standard. As always, the Main Draw had a large

selection of prizes, and the display was judged the best-decorated stall for the day. The total raised was about £1,400, to be split equally between Hendreds Sports Club, St. Augustine's Church, St. Mary's Parish and East Hendred Community Centre. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the afternoon such an enjoyable and successful village occasion.

## Green boxes

Please note that the *Green Box* collection does not allow for the collection of old *Yellow Pages* telephone directories (because of the yellow paper, they cannot be recy-

clered), cream and yoghurt or fruit juice cartons nor cardboard (i.e. cereal packets and soap boxes). Please put these items out for the general waste collection.

## Dog mess

Once again, there have been complaints about the unsocial behaviour of some dog owners, who do not clear up after their pets have "performed". Residents do not want to walk around the footpaths constantly watching where they

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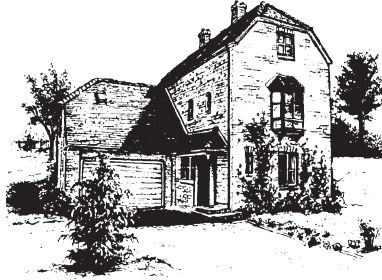
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Contact: Virginia Carter or Hilary Burr  
Volunteer Reading Help Telephone 01865 744284



# Hendred Heritage

## — retrospect 2003

*Collectors Collecting & Collections*, Hendred Heritage's topic for 2003, encouraged several unexpected people to display their hobbies.

**March** saw the Trust incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee and formal negotiations on extending the Chapel lease.

The *Exhibition* opened on time at **Easter**, and the garden was tidied for the *Best Kept Village* competition.

With garden responsibility now returned to the Trust, we considered less labour-intensive displays. The old water trough was lowered to improve visibility of the contents, and moved closer to the Chapel wall. In theory, this was designed to catch the drips off the roof for the planted flowers, but proof (rain!) was a long time in coming.

In **June**, a successful bid was made for assistance with the purchase of a digital projector to display computer-held images. We can now provide displays in the Chapel (and elsewhere) with limited preparation work.

**August's Family Show** provided an opportunity to show-off both this 2003 machine as well as the 1831 Fire Pump.

While the Fire Pump is still officially homeless, groundbreaking for its new home in the grounds of Snells Hall started in **September**.



In the same month, the planning permit was instigated and the new seven-year Chapel lease approved by the courts and signed.

This all provided another reminder of the need for more volunteer effort to assist with maintenance. With paintwork essential (the Chapel railings had not been treated for many years), a great team carried out this work in late-October, including those railings

around the War Memorial, in time for ceremonies in November.

Internal painting and electrical work to install donated storage heaters was also completed before **December**, when a fund-raising event was held at Snells Hall to encourage those who produce the festive season's flower displays.

Late-breaking news is that the foundation slab for the Fire Pump

home is complete and that both the Parish Council and the District Council have approved grants to help restore our 7ft by 4ft Sheard painting of village faces at a jumble sale.

To those who have helped maintain a special village resource in 2003 — Thank You! Heritage Helpers wish everyone a Prosperous Year in 2004.

John Stevenson

## Sheard in Hendred

How many today know of Professor Sheard and the variety of his work?

Sheard lived and painted in East Hendred from 1901 to 1921 but to be able to display this village oil painting to public view we need more funds. Unfortunately, two

of our grant applications for this project have failed on qualification grounds, Although a third has been submitted, this will require us contribute 50% in matching funds.

Could you help with this initiative? You could perhaps celebrate this very full year of the East

Hendred Heritage Trust activities by making a *Gift Aid* donation to preserve another example of village history in the Chapel or encourage your friends to participate in similar efforts in the coming years.

## A new Hendred Sheard?

The refurbishment and expansion of Andrew and Joanne's Hendred Stores has already delivered more than an expanded Post Office, with "*discoveries*" including first a Fleet Air Arm notebook left behind by Michael Wickens (relating to his 1950s training to handle aircraft in the Navy) and now a vintage poster for Mazawattee Tea, possibly by Professor Sheard.

The poster depicts an elegant young lady serving afternoon tea on a tray, set around 1915. Found in the interstices of the shop, it is not in perfect condition (like our

Sheard jumble sale picture) but is still of significance at a time when we are investigating Professor Sheard's work.

In the village museum, there is a tea caddy and poster from Megawattee Tea, showing "*village faces*".

Should this indeed be a Sheard advertisement from c. 1915, it also raises the interesting question of whether the model was from East Hendred. Although not immediately recognisable from the village faces of other locally painted Sheards, perhaps you recognise her?

## Thank you for help from Village Teenagers

The media tend to denigrate the teenagers of this country at every chance. I have recently found the opposite to be true. Just before Christmas, returning from the village shop with a bag, my leg gave way, dumping me on the kerbstone, unable to stand up even. Then, two young lads on bicycles came by and stopped.

"Are you all right?"

"No"

"Do you need help?"

"Yes, please"

The bicycles zoomed off and, soon, a lady and gentleman arrived followed by the lads to check that all was under control. The adults got me up and helped me to get home. Those lads knew exactly what to do and I was both surprised and most grateful to them and also to the adults, none of whom I knew. Thank you to them all.

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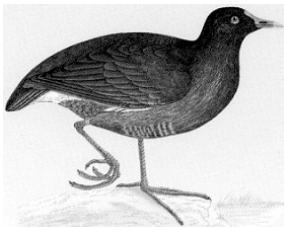
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## Planning Matters

Since the last Bulletin, the District Council has asked the Parish Council for comments on the following Planning Matters:

**Two semi-detached cottages on land adjacent to St. Amands School** were considered by the Council in **September**. Several neighbours opposed this application, with concerns about overdevelopment of the site, the effects of the spring line on a new dwelling, and the amount of traffic using the road to the site, together with worries regarding the safety of the school-children during possible building works. The application was later withdrawn.

Plans for **alterations and extensions to Skeats Bungalow, off the Lynch**, were viewed and there were no objections, nor to those for **1 Reading Road**, and both of these applications were given the go-ahead by the Vale Planners.

In **October**, several applications were received. These included re-building of the garage at **Ty Ni Horn Lane**, together with a room above — no objections and the Vale agreed.

A New Tractor shed at **Green Meadows, Mill Lane** — no objections, but plans for site layout to be agreed with Vale.

Two-storey rear extension at **Brandelhow, Orchard Lane** — no objections, and agreed by the Vale.

A rear, single-storey extension was proposed at **Wells Head, Newbury Road** but the Council were of the view that, as this property was a listed building, the extension needed very careful design and agreed to wait to learn of the Vale Conservation Planner's comments on this matter. It is understood that he would like to see some amendments to the proposals and a new application will be made.

The Estate has asked for permission to put in a new window at **the Shop** and a disabled access, and to repair the southern-facing wall. The Council welcomed the proposed changes and had no objections.

The **Hendreds School** has applied to extend the present building, to make better use of existing facilities and to add a fifth classroom. The School was requested by the County Council to include a traffic plan with its planning proposals. The Council supported the school with its application for an extension, but was concerned about the content of the attached traffic plan.

There was an application to turn a barn into two letting rooms at **Manor House, in Allins Lane** — there were no objections and this has been approved.

Councillors viewed the site for the proposal of two houses in the front of **Sheard's Studio, Newbury Road**. Concerns were raised about the overdevelopment of this site in the Village Conservation Area and that the design of the proposed buildings would not be in sympathy with the other houses in that area. The Parish Council has objected and it appears that some neighbours are generally opposed. We await the outcome from the Vale.

The final application for 2003 was for an extension to the living room at **63 Coulings Close** in line with the porch. Still awaiting Vale's comments.

## APPEALS

The Council has been waiting for the results of two Appeals — (1) house in the garden adjacent to **1 Home Farm Close** and (2) another in the garden of **Portway House on the Reading Road**. The first, in Home Farm Close, was finally agreed by the Inspectorate, which *"did not feel that this would set a precedent for other similar dwellings and did not think there were any similar sites"*. The Inspector had *"noted the concerns of local residents regarding parking and highway safety but thought there would be a relatively small volume of additional traffic to the area"*.

The second appeal (Portway House) has been dismissed, as the Inspector concluded *"that the proposed development would be harmful to highway safety interests"*. This is because of the access, and she went on to say in her report *"Notwithstanding that vehicles would be able to emerge from the site in the forward gear, the restricted visibility would mean that vehicles emerging from the proposed access would give insufficient warning to other motorists thereby giving rise to inherent traffic hazards for all road users"*.

## 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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**Amenities (General):** Margaret Pill, Jimmy Francis and Stan Francis

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**Utilities Group:** Tony Ford, Edward Eyston, John Sharp, Stan Francis and Jeremy Bird.

**'Greenfingers' Group:** John Sharp and Kate Nicol (co-ordinator of the rose village project).

## Council Representatives on Other Bodies

**Harwell Liaison:** John Sharp

**School Governors:** St.Amands - John Dewar.

Hendred School - to be appointed.

**Snells Hall:** Ken Taylor

**Sports Club:** Jimmy Francis

**Howard-Spicer Fund:** Mary Mackinnon and the Clerk

**Transport:**The Clerk receives the correspondence, but would be only too happy if there is an interested resident willing to fill this position (vacated by Paddy Sheehan).

**Wantage District Forum:** Rachel Sutton and Tony Ford (this group has been disbanded for the time being).

## Information

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### Mobile Library

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# The Village Diary

January–September 2004

## JANUARY

Sat 31 Twinning Group, Pot Luck Supper and speaker, Snells Hall

## FEBRUARY

Thu 19 WI - Demonstration of Parchment Craft (Glenys Duval)

## MARCH

6/7 Community Centre anniversary and celebration, Snells Hall. Anniversary of Champs Chapel opening to the public

Sat 13 Twinning Group, Family Quiz Evening, Sports Club

Thu 18 WI - AGM followed by "Travelling over the Sinai on a Camel" (Betty Collins)

Sat 20 Come & Sing, St. Augustines Church

Mon 29 Hendred Heritage, AGM, Champs Chapel

## APRIL

Sat 3 Favours Auction, Community Centre, Hendred Heritage, Preschool, Snells Hall

Thu 15 WI - "Local Food and Farmers' Markets" (Jane Bowler of Dews Meadow Farm, East Hanney)

Tue 27 Parish Council, Annual meeting, presentation to the village, Snells Hall

## MAY

Thu 20 WI - Business meeting, Speaker to be arranged

## JUNE

Sun 6 Hendred Heritage, Chapel display on D-Day anniversary

Sat 12 Village Fete, The Poplars field

Thu 17 WI - Visit to Hendred Vineyard (Mary Mackinnon)

Sun 27 Hendred Heritage, village gardens open day

## JULY

3-5 Twinning Group, Sarceaux visit to Hendreds,

## AUGUST

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## SEPTEMBER

Sun 5 Family Show, Sports Field

## Regular Events

- Monday** Hendred Ladies Swimming Club (contact Val Bacon on 833403)  
Dancing class 4-5pm - Snells Hall  
Karate 5.30-7pm - Snells Hall  
Scouts 7-9 pm - Snells Hall
- Tuesday** Cub Scouts 6-8pm - Snells Hall (contact Robin Gray on 769787)
- Wednesday** Mother & Toddler Group 10 - 11.30am term time (contact Karin Borland, 821548)  
Bowls 7.45 - 10pm - Snells Hall (contact Ken Taylor on 833359)  
Stretch & Flex 4-4.45pm-Snells Hall (contact Nadine Hunt on 811961)
- Thursday** Brownies - at Snells Hall (contact Linda Harris on 832691)
- Saturday** Soccer School - at Mill Lane Rec (contact Glyn Evans on 770372, mobile: 07881932459, email: glynsoccerschool@aol.com)
- Weekdays** Pre-school 5 mornings & 2 afternoons (contact Helen McAlister on 431233)
- 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)  
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