

EAST HENDRED Bulletin

Hendreds' Family Show Plant Stall



The 2004 show is our tenth, and the most ambitious yet!

This year's fund-raising for the Hendreds' Family Show starts on Sunday 23rd May, with the ever-popular Plant Stall. The stall will be set up in the rear gardens of The Plough and our grateful thanks go to Fred and Suzy for the use of their lovely gardens. This is the tenth Show and we really want to make it special, including a trophy to mark the occasion and extension of the children's categories.

The Show schedule is currently being prepared and there will be several new Children's trophies to be awarded, including "French

Bean Plant". At the Plant Stall, there will be the opportunity for young growers to purchase French Beans plants in time to bring to the show on Sunday 5th September.

Please keep a look out for news of other *Family Show* events on posters.

If you feel you can help in any way, we would love to hear from you. Please either visit our website, www.hendredsfamilyshow.org, or call Rachel Sutton (833491). Note the date — Sunday 5th September 2004.

The Plough Charity Pram Race

To coincide with the Hendreds' Family Show Plant Stall, The Plough is holding a *Charity Pram Race* with both Junior and Adult Races. Full details are posted in The Plough and application forms are available from early May.

What's that? You haven't got a pram? Don't worry — if it has wheels and can be pushed the organisers want to see it there.

Wantage Hospital reprieved

The Wantage Hospital has been reprieved and will continue to serve the local community. The Parish Council and villagers have

been active in supporting the move to retain the hospital, recognising the benefit to this and neighbouring villages.

Heritage update...

Work is set to start within days on a temporary storage building in the grounds of Snells Hall

to provide equipment storage for the Community Centre and East Hendred heritage Trust. The Hendred Fire Pump will also be kept here.

Evolution of UKAEA Harwell

The brochure accompanying this issue describes the history and recent evolution of the Harwell site, from a centre for nuclear research to a campus for a wide-ranging set of science and business activities, and it can be seen that the UKAEA's current role is to manage the environmental and restoration programmes on the Harwell site. Research on the site is now under-

taken mainly by AEA Technology plc, as well as by an increasing number of new businesses. There is also an Innovation Centre designed for start-up businesses. The site is close to our village and has provided work for many villagers both in the past and now. Please look at the brochure and if you need further information contact Nick Hance on 01235 436909.

Village Shop refurbished



During the last few months, the village shop has been refurbished, both inside and out. The roof to the southern end has been replaced and one window at the front removed, making the frontage now more symmetrical and in style with its past. The brickwork, supporting beams and windows have all been repaired.

The modifications reveal the original character of this Grade 2-listed building and, at the same time, provide more up-to-date shopping facilities. Inside, the old ceiling has been removed, opening up the attractive vaulted roof area and the floor has also been replaced. The shop layout has been completely redesigned to incorporate a new delicatessen food service area as well

as a custom-made counter and shelving, thus allowing a greater range of services to be offered. The shop floor is now pushchair and wheelchair friendly, with a ramp planned shortly for the main entrance. The Hendred Estate team undertook the structural work very sympathetically.

Andrew and Joanne Bunting welcome you to their newly refurbished shop, which coincides with their fifth anniversary as shopkeepers at Hendred Stores. Both the shop and the recently constructed post office attached to it provide the village with much improved facilities. We are lucky to retain both an imaginatively stocked shop and a working post office in these days when many similar villages are losing these facilities.

Village Notice Board

The notice board in the High Street, near the telephone box, has recently been refurbished by Ted Simmons (pictured here putting the final touches under the watchful eye of Parish Council Vice-Chairman Stan Francis). Charlie Sharps in the Estate workshops originally built the notice board.



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from the chair

Planning, not surprisingly, remains a key issue with the Parish Council. It is the main topic for which members of the public attend our meetings. At each, we review new planning applications and, in most cases, will have visited the site to see, on the ground, what is being proposed. The Parish Council provides local input to the District Council, which makes the actual decision and our input can be very important to the outcome of these decisions.

Planning guidelines exist within the *Local Plan* published by the Vale of White Horse District Council. The current version was fully accepted after various

consultation stages in 1999, with initial work having begun seven years earlier. A new draft *Plan* has already reached its consultation stage, with a publication time frame of 2011. In addition, there is also an *Oxfordshire Structure Plan* that is a key input to the local *District Plan*. Last September, a *Deposit* draft of the *Oxfordshire Structure Plan* was published, covering the period to 2016. Planning is only one of the topics considered in these plans, as they also encompass guidelines on transport, environment, community services, leisure, economic development and tourism.

At the local village level, these plans provide an overall framework for planning, and applications that do not meet the policy guidelines will usually be rejected, quoting the relevant policy as the reason. We have noticed that recent rejections for proposed development in our village are already quoting draft guidance

from the forthcoming *Local Plan to 2011*. Hence, as Councillors, we need to be up to date with the relevant guidance.

East Hendred is one of 22 villages identified in the draft *Local Plan* as a "larger village", having a reasonable range of services and facilities. In these villages, new housing will be limited to infilling and minor development and redevelopment of up to nine dwellings on sites within the built-up area of the village. An interesting new aspect of this draft policy is that 50% of the dwellings on new sites that can accommodate four or more dwellings are to be "affordable" for local people. Affordable means being of a size and type to meet local housing needs. Given current house prices in this village, interpretation of this will be interesting, to say the least. We have been trying for some time to add to the limited amount of "affordable" housing stock that we have,

but finding suitable sites is the main limiting factor. Hence, this new policy should help, provided it gets accepted during the forthcoming consultation stages.

The Parish Council is also looking to prepare local planning guidelines, probably in the form of a *Village Design Statement*, which will include guidance for the design of all future development in the village, based on its character. It can also ensure that new developments are in harmony with their settings and make a positive contribution to the immediate local environment. We are informed that the District Council Planning Department does take proper account of *Village Design Statements* when making decisions on individual applications. We would welcome input from the village on this, and offers of help would be gratefully received.

John Sharp (telephone 833367 or email j.v.sharp@btinternet.com)

Parish Council Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting was held in Snells Hall on Thursday 6 May and provided an opportunity to hear of Parish activities over the last year. Presentations were given by the Chairman, Parish Councillors, the Clerk, Terry Fraser and Richard Farrell (our District and County

Councillors) and school governors, as well as by representatives of the three organizations that have received grants from the Parish Council in the past year (Community Centre, Hendred Heritage Trust, St. Augustine's PCC). A report of the meeting will be included in a future *Bulletin*.

Harwell Local Liaison Committee

This committee meets three times a year and aims to provide local groups and organisations with progress reports on activities at the Harwell and associated sites, as well as reports from the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate and the Environment Agency on their site inspections.

East Hendred Parish Council is one of the local Councils having a permanent representative on the Committee. The terms of reference for the committee have recently been reviewed and it has been decided to add a representative from the Hendred Estate to the Committee, as the largest landowner adjoining the site. Future meetings will also place more

emphasis on the activities of the several organisations sharing the location with Harwell. In particular, the Committee will receive more regular reports from the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, which is now constructing the *Diamond* project, one of the largest UK scientific facilities to be built in the last ten years.

The Parish Council also has regular meetings with the Harwell management and, at the last meeting, it was suggested that since the site is close to this village it would be appropriate for a brochure to be included with the village *Bulletin*, describing the history and recent evolution of the site.

Bulletin archive to be made available

John Stevenson of Hendred Heritage is driving a project to capture back issues of the *Hendred Bulletin* in an up-to-date

electronic Adobe *Acrobat PDF* format. Around 95% of back issues will hopefully become available in this format.

Restoration of Harwell's Western Storage Area

The Western Storage Area at Harwell, which is close to the outskirts of this village, was used by the UKAEA for the storage, treatment and disposal of chemical waste between the late-1960's and 1996. The waste was disposed of in shallow pits dug into the underlying chalk rock, with each pit typically a 4m (13.1ft) cube.

Disposal of solvents from the waste resulted in pollution of the groundwater and a groundwater containment plant has been in operation at the site since 1993 (the operation of which has been regularly reported to the Parish Council).

The next stage is to remove the wastes, then packaging them into drums for disposal at licensed facilities offsite. This will remove the source of pollution. Work to remediate the waste burial pits started in 2003 and it is planned that the first waste materials will be excavated this Spring, with completion expected by the summer of 2005. The Parish Council has been fully appraised of the works planned and two Councillors visited the site recently to review the safety precautions and to see how any person on the bridleway or working on the Hendred Estate land close to the site would be informed, should an emergency arise.

Electoral Roll, continued...

As mentioned in the last *Bulletin*, there are a number of residents not included in the latest copy of the *Electoral Roll* and the Council reminded residents to make sure that they are on it in order to be able to vote. However, it has since been pointed out by the Vale Council that the *Electoral Roll* is often checked by banks, building

societies and others lending money for mortgages and other purposes so, if your name does not appear it, it can not be confirmed that you are actually living at the address you state and so financial transactions etc. could be held up because of the lack of this information. So, please make sure you are on the *Electoral Roll*.

Village Plan

The last *Village Plan* published for East Hendred is dated 1969 and is now very much out of date. Councillors have been considering options to produce another plan, which would form a valuable document for the future, particularly for planning purposes.

Several villages have produced a *Village Design Statement*, which sets out guidance for the design of all development in a village, based on

its character. This can help influence how new buildings fit into the village, thus promoting developments that are in harmony with their settings and that make a positive contribution to the immediate environment.

A workshop is being organized in May by the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council to discuss preparation of village plans and several Parish Councillors will be attending to learn more about the process of producing a village plan.

Local housing needs

The Parish Council invited Suzanne Wellers, the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council's Rural Housing Enabler, for a discussion on local housing needs. Part of her role is to assess such needs and she is also an independent advisor who can liaise with the District Council and a local Housing Association. She explained that affordable housing is normally supplied on a rental basis. She also set out the guidelines needed to pursue the need for housing:

1. Survey the housing situation.

2. Establish a working group.
3. Identify a suitable site.
4. Check site with planners.
5. Apply to Housing Services for funding.
6. Build — usually by regulated social landlords with Housing Corporation funding.
7. Residents move in.

The major problem in this and other villages is finding a suitable site. A questionnaire to be included in a future *Bulletin* was discussed, to identify needs, and Suzanne offered to help with it.

Travel Plans for village schools

A group consisting of three Parish Councillors and two school governors has been meeting to discuss traffic issues relating to children going to, and coming back from, the schools in the village, with particular concerns for their safety.

Initially, the priority has been on the Hendreds School, since the County Council has asked for a *Travel Plan* to accompany the

planning application for the new classroom there. Traffic patterns have been monitored, based on site surveys and through questioning of pupils at an assembly. The possibility of a path from Snells Hall (the preferred parking place for parents) through Snells to Fordy Lane is being reviewed, given the dangers of children walking to school via Church Street. It is planned that later meetings will address traffic issues associated with St. Amands school.

Green box and rubbish collections

You will have noticed that when sending out the *Rates* information, the Vale of White Horse also includes several other leaflets of importance, including the one detailing rubbish and green box collection days around Bank Holidays.

After a Bank Holiday, rubbish collections are usually a day later than usual and do take a week or so to catch up with the normal schedule. It is important that rubbish is put out on the eve of the specified day and not the wrong day as this can cause a lot of unwanted mess around the village if bags are attacked by animals

in search of items with interesting smells emitting from the bags!

However, it is always a good idea to doubly wrap bones and chicken carcasses before disposing of them as passing cats and dogs usually rout them out and, unfortunately, the dustmen do not clear the mess left on paths.

Please note that the following are the collection days following the June bank holiday:

Bank holiday "Normal"

Green Box	Wed 2 June	(Tue 1 June)
Dustbin	Sat 5 June	(Fri 4 June)

Special Constables being recruited

The search is on to find more motivated and community-minded people to become Special Constables in the Abingdon, Faringdon, and Wantage sectors of the Thames Valley Police, Southern Oxfordshire Police Area.

Rod Attewell, the Chief Area Officer for the Special Constabulary, points out that *"in Thames Valley Police we have a selection and training programme that ensures the recruits we appoint are of a high calibre, and we are able to meet the demands and challenges of modern day policing"*, further noting that he believes *"those who join us gain a real sense of achievement, have the opportunity to test themselves and their abilities and meet people from all walks of life"*.



If you are interested in finding out more about how to become a Special Constable, please call the Special Constabulary on 01865 846612 or you can find more information and application forms on the internet at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk/recruiting/indexsp.htm.

Garden waste disposal

Do you have a problem with disposing of garden waste?

The Parish Council is reviewing whether there should be a place for the disposal of garden waste in the village, where residents could bring their waste to be either shredded or composted. Garden waste can be disposed of via the normal waste

collection service, but needs to be placed in green sacks, which cost approximately 67p each (sold in bundles of 10). The Council feels that provision of a special area could help restrain fly tipping of garden waste around village areas. Councillors are reviewing this option and looking for a suitable site.

Village street signs.

There has been some confusion recently, regarding repairs to broken street signs in the village and the provision of missing ones.

If residents find that the sign to their road is either broken or missing, please do not contact the Vale,

but do also please let the Parish Council Clerk know so that she can check for herself and then advise the Vale accordingly. This saves confusion when looking for a sign because ambiguous instruction has been given, which has been the case in the past.

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Celebrations

Easter is the most important time in the Church's year and we celebrated it with many different events.

As well as services throughout Passiontide and Easter, the congregations of St Augustine's and St Mary's joined together for a procession of palms on Palm Sunday, while Good Friday saw the annual walk around the Benefice with walkers from all four of our churches (East and West Hendred, Ardington and Lockinge) joining for all or part of the day. The weather was beautiful, especially for our picnic at Betterton before the long trek back through Ginge. There was also a very popular Easter-themed children's activity day at the rectory — so popular, that we plan to hold more activity days in the future. Watch the *Bulletin* and our notice board for details — all children (and teenage helpers) are very welcome.

As always at Easter, St Augustine's church was decorated with magnificent displays of flowers. For one of the team of volunteers who undertake this task, this Easter was a major anniversary — exactly forty years ago, several of the "flower ladies" retired and Norman Francis was persuaded to step in to fill the gap. He's been providing decorations that have delighted everyone who visits the church at every Easter, Harvest and Christmas ever since. Thank-you, Norman — and please don't even think about retiring!

Another big celebration in the Church of England marked the

tenth anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood. The Reverend Jean Page was one of the first women to be ordained in the Oxford diocese and, on Sunday 25 April, we held our celebration of her ordination anniversary in a United



Benefice service at St Augustine's. The preacher was Right Reverend John Bone, the former Bishop of Reading, who ordained Jean ten years ago. After the service, the celebrations continued in the church, with wine and a special cake with ten candles.

St Augustine's annual Gift Day is on Saturday 22 May. Our Rector, Reverend Rita Ball, and members of the church will be on hand between 10am and 4pm to welcome everyone who would like to make a gift to help with the upkeep of this wonderful ancient building. This is also a chance to have a good look round so come

The following week, on Saturday 29 May, St Augustine's Summer Fête will be held in the garden of Cowdray's, on Cat Street. There will be lots of stalls including cakes, books, toys, bric-a-brac and plants, as well as a tombola and children's games, teas and ice creams. Everyone is welcome.

and look for your family's name in the *Registers of Baptisms and Marriages*; climb the tower and see the workings of the unique faceless clock; learn something of the history of the church; and find out what's going on today.

Sunday 30 May is the feast of Pentecost, when St Augustine's and St Mary's will hold a joint "Songs of Praise" in St Augustine's church at 6pm. Come along and sing your favourite hymns!

60th Anniversary of D-Day at Harwell

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of when British troops flew from RAF Harwell on the evening before D-Day in 1944, the annual open-air commemoration service at the Harwell Stone will be a larger affair than usual.

The Service will commence with a low-level flypast by four *Gazelle* helicopters of No. 7 Squadron AAC(V), Netheravon at 5.30pm on Saturday 5 June.

The open air service lasts about 30 minutes during which the colours of Royal British Legion Units throughout Oxfordshire will

be dipped in salute and wreaths laid. The *Last Post* and a *Lament* will be played by soloists.

Senior managers from UKAEA, Rutherford Lab and Diamond Light Ltd will also lay wreaths on behalf of their staff. It is hoped that children from Chilton School may take part.

Arrangements are being made for a local band to play during the afternoon and the bells in nearby Chilton Church will be rung in honour of those who fell in the liberation of Europe.

During the afternoon, members of the public may look at several exhibi-

tion displays and take tea in a large marquee set up on the South Rugby Field, which is adjacent to the Stone. Other attractions are being arranged. (Toilets will be available.)

At the 50th anniversary, ten years ago, over 800 people turned out for the service and it is expected that large numbers will do so again. Local TV, radio and press will attend and interviews are already being carried out with some of the veterans in advance. The Harwell service will be the first of a series of special services taking place throughout Europe that weekend and, consequently, is an important occasion.

For further information, please contact Nick Hance MBE on 01235 436909 or at nick.hance@ukaea.org.uk.



Hundreds Twinning Group Visit from twin village Sarceaux

We are expecting about 45 visitors this year from our French twin village, Sarceaux, including many families who have been to the village before.

They will be here from early Saturday morning, 3 July, through to Monday morning on 5 July, staying with host families in and around the Hundreds.

A full programme of outings and social activities is planned, including a *Pig Roast* on the Saturday evening and a whole-day visit by coach to

Warwick Castle on the Sunday.

There may be some spare seats on the coach so, if anyone would like the chance of meeting our French visitors and visiting Warwick for the day, please contact Margaret Sharp (833367) or Jackie Francis (833473).

Fundraising has been successful over the winter months, with a very well attended *Pot-Luck Supper* and talk by Kate Nicoll in January, and a *Family Quiz* in the Sports Club in March, which was much enjoyed as well as being very competitive.

Hendred House Garden Fete

The Hendred House Garden Fete is taking place on Saturday 12 June from midday to 4pm.

Come and spend the afternoon in the beautiful grounds of Hendred House. There will be many stalls and attractions, from cakes through tombola and china smashing, to a duck race on the moat. Try your hand at skittles and *Aunt Sally*. Soak the "willing" victims in the stocks pillory. Let the kids try the roller coaster and the *Go Kartz*, or slide the chute of the giant fun fair. Watch the dancing by *Bizz Kidz*.

Hendred House's private chapel will be open and private tours organised. Buy a *Grand Draw* ticket for a chance to win a DVD player plus many more prizes.

Enjoy a barbecue lunch and the bar will be open. (Refreshments will be served all afternoon.)

Will you buy the winning ticket for the "barrow of booze"?

Entrance to the fete is 50p per adult, with under-16's free.

Lots to see and do in a fun-packed afternoon. Remember the date and we'll see you there!

Village organisations that would like to have a stall at this year's fete should contact Sue Roberts for details (833451). Have you got some free time on Saturday 12 June and are willing to help either with setting up, clearing up, or across the afternoon? If yes, please ring Sue Roberts (833451). All help will be greatly received.

East and West Hendred WI

Our membership is growing, and more new members are very welcome to join a friendly group with a varied programme of interesting speakers and outings planned for the coming months (*details of some of these are in the village diary on the back page*).

As part of a countrywide organisation, we do have a voice on a national stage and current issues of concern include funding for air ambulances, the growing of GM

crops in the UK, and trafficking in women and children.

A delegate from the Wantage area will carry the votes from this WI (and others in the area) on these issues to be counted at the *National Conference* due to take place in Sheffield in a few weeks' time. Politicians have learnt to take note of the consensus views of the WI, as evidenced by the discomfiture of one Prime Minister at an earlier *National Conference*!

Sheard Painting — update

Our successful grant application to *Awards for All* has been followed by the publication of a Barry Hitchcox photograph of the painting in the *Treasures of Oxfordshire* booklet produced by FAMOS. That booklet of over 150 colour reproductions is distributed countywide to all schools and contributing

organisations. Locally, copies can be bought for £9.95. If bought in the Chapel, some funds go directly into defraying Heritage costs.

The actual restoration of the painting and provision of a cabinet and environmental control is expected to be completed early next summer.

The tale of two bugles...or maybe more

The wonders of modern IT impact on the so-called sleepy world of archives and museums. In Champ's Chapel, at least most times, is the paraphernalia of the Hendred Band (actually a very loose term, since elements originated all over the place) and the last instrument played in the outside world was the side drum, with which Norman Booth led the *Jubilee Parade*.

So, imagine my consternation, when John Sharp announced that a bugle marked "East Hendred Scouts 1913" was being offered for sale on the internet. Thankfully, a very quick check soothed a disturbed Stevenson; ours was still nestling beside the Fifes and Drums.

So, John set out to bid on eBay and, now, Hendred has two bugles (thanks to the generosity of the Sharp family) but the plot thickens.

When something like this turns up one just has to start to ask questions but there were no firm answers from the seller — "bought at a car boot-type sale" and now space was needed. The seller had enjoyed the bugle, but now also wished to move on. The investigation then centred on any records about Scouts in Hendred in 1913. Some remembered a Colonel Daughlish, but the

current Cuckhamsley Scout Group knew little. The internet was then used again to search for information available regarding Scouts in Oxfordshire today.

Probing deeper led to very incomplete records for the period beginning to come to light in the village archives, with much cross-referring to family names such as Hine, Stone, Cleaver and Stibbs. Then, a newspaper report of a meeting at Hendred House, together with a review of Scouts patronised by Lady Wantage in Lockinge Park. The important breakthrough was a reference to equipment once held, including the bugles — there were, at one time, five.

Who has the others? One is said to have been with bugler Herbert Chasney, which some say was kept in the Plough, while another bugler was Baden Stone. Another clue there — Baden once gave a lady a bugle. So, where is number five?

Solve these *Puzzles from the Past*, please, and we can put together another story that may match the one about the Sheard "Blue Lady" *Mazawattee* poster (where our quest for information was reported in the *Oxford Times* in March).

Fire pump new home — update

Meetings with the Parish Council and the Community Centre look set to enable the erection of a temporary building in the grounds of Snells Hall to house the village fire pump.

The long predicted grant application to the "Your Heritage" fund has been delayed and may not yet be finalised until next year, after

which we still have to build. In the interim, the gift of a substantial garage constructed from moulded concrete panels will allow progress in the quest for a home at Snells Hall. Lease arrangements with the Community Centre for use of the site and further grant applications will continue.

Snells Hall show — autumn repeat

The Heritage Group staged a show of village history to emphasize the 30-year anniversary of the opening of Snells Hall after its conversion from village school.

Much of the show was presented upstairs and some found it difficult to get there. So, by popular request,

we hope to provide a repeat performance in the autumn; this time, in the main hall during the afternoon, with at least one computer query point so that you may check your memories or add to our descriptions of *Who What Where and When*.

Village gardens open day

On 27 June, 15 gardens will be open as well as the two vineyards. Along with their gardens, large and small, the Eyston family will also be opening St Amand's Chapel, with teas being served in the Conservatory.

This complements 2004's exhibition theme in the Chapel, of "2004 the year of Gardening", and the celebration of 200 years of the Royal Horticultural Society.

Snells Hall

Snells Hall 30th anniversary

On Sunday 7 March, Snells Hall celebrated its 30th anniversary.

The Hall was opened on 9 March 1974 by Lewis Northcote, the then Chairman of the Parish Council, following the fire, which destroyed the old hall in Cat Street in February of that year.

The old Church of England school and headmaster's house had been bought for the princely sum of £7,700 and then converted into a village hall. During the subsequent 25 years, it has served the village in many ways, with the table (right) listing the main activities during this period.

The preschool extension was added and opened in March 1998 and, at this time, plans were made to undertake a major extension with *Millennium* grant funding. The hall was one of a few accept-

ed countrywide to be upgraded as a 21st century village hall and work started that year. The new extension was opened by Lord Jenkins on 9 March 1999 and, hence, this March was also the 5th anniversary of the opening of the Millennium extension.



A celebration lunch was held in the hall on Sunday March 7, attended by over 100 people who had been involved in supporting the hall over the 30 years, including several who had left the village and came back especially for the event. Dr. John Sharp, the hall chairman, wel-

comed those attending and outlined the main activities during the three decades that the hall has been open. He was pleased that Snells Hall was now recognized as one of the leading halls in the county, which was a real benefit to the village. Terry Fraser, the District Councillor, said that the village should appreciate having such a hall with its many facilities, as such halls were proving

difficult to sustain in many parishes these days. He thanked all of those who had helped create the hall as it is today and hoped that villagers will continue to provide time and effort in the future. The Hendred Heritage Trust had laid on an exhibition of photographs, drawings, maps and other mementos relating to the hall, which was much appreciated by those attending.

Major events concerning Snells Hall, 1969 to 2004

- 1969 Establishment of the East Hendred Community Centre to raise funds and acquire a site for a new village hall.
- 1971 Initial public meeting — proposed development of the old Anglican school site. The opportunity to lease land on the village allotments site also considered, involving constructing a new hall.
September, public meeting held — Decision taken to purchase the old School, the schoolhouse and surrounding land, and to modify it as a village hall (voting: 41 for, 7 against).
- 1972 Planning permission obtained, grants applied for, and a major fundraising effort underway. Tenders received for building work.
- 1973 East Hendred Community Centre registered as a charity and construction work underway. (Major fund raising continuing.)
- 1974 February, fire destroys old village hall in Cat Street.
9 March, Snells Hall opened by Lewis Northcote. Entertainment provided by village organisations.
March, Hendreds Playgroup moved to Snells Hall.
- 1976 Hendred Players' first production of *"With vacant Possession"* in Snells Hall October, first prize awarded to Snells Hall by local CPRE for improvements to the hall's surrounds. Accepted by Olga Ashthorpe on behalf of the Hall Committee.
- 1977 July, work at Snells Hall undertaken by six teenagers (under the supervision of George Ridge) as part of the Government's Job Creation Programme.
- 1980 April, *"Reels on Wheels"* — Village hall film shows, organised by the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council.
- 1980 Indoor bowling club started in Snells Hall.
- 1981 July, pig roast and entertainment to celebrate Royal Wedding.
Best Kept Village Hall in Oxfordshire.
- 1983 Bar area created in previous storeroom.
- 1986 November, Snells Hall placed 4th in Oxfordshire *Best Kept Village Hall* competition.
- 1987 March, hall granted full bar licence.
- 1988 Closure of Thrift Shop after 16 years of fundraising and service to the village.
- 1990 April, new porch added — work by Community Services Team from Vale of White Horse District Council.
- 1991 March, Badminton played in hall, using equipment on loan from Rural Community Council.
Death of Lord Penney (founder trustee of the hall).
- 1992 September, presentation by Lady Penney to John Stevenson of framed picture of the Old Church of England School, on his retirement from the Committee.
December, payphone installed in hall.
- 1994 Snells Hall used as a temporary Post Office for the village.
December, Snells Hall selected for energy improvement scheme — Oxfordshire scheme launched in Snells Hall by Robert Jackson.
- 1996 Initial planning started for extension to house Pre-school
- 1997 March, application to Millennium Commission for 21st Century Village Hall. Outline application successful.
October, award of £41,800 from Millennium Commission for 21st Century Village Hall. Planning permission for extension approved.
- 1998 March, extension for Pre-school opened by Joyce Hutchinson (Leader of Vale District Council). Lease for 35 years agreed with Pre-school.
9 March, building work started on Millennium hall extension.
April, fundraising to part-fund extension started (target £10,000).
- 1999 6 March, opening of Snells Hall 21st Century hall extension by Lord Jenkins. School bell refurbished and rung for the occasion.
Summer, new computer room opened as a local centre for adult learners week.
November, Village College opens, in conjunction with Abingdon College.
November, Vale Council Design Award for Snells Hall extension — presentation to Bogdan Nedelkoff.
- 2001 Spring, Snells Hall awarded Millennium grant to replace part of the heating system and lighting fittings.
- 2003 Summer, lease granted to Hendred Heritage Trust for storage space at Snells Hall.
Autumn, work started on new home at Snells Hall for Village Fire Engine, in association with Hendred Heritage Trust.
- 2004 January, works started on extension car park and additional recreational area.
March, 30th anniversary opening of Snells Hall. Fifth anniversary of the opening of the Millennium extension.

East Hendred Community Centre

Car parking: The hall car park extension, albeit with a temporary surface, is now being used successfully, particularly for major events when the existing park is inadequate. As soon as the present surface has bedded down sufficiently, finishing material will be applied and the boundary with the Play Park completed and landscaped.

Our thanks to Julian Gold and The Hendred Farm Partnership for their valiant efforts to generate this facility and to the local civil engineers, Glanville Consultants (particularly Phil Hodgson), in conjunction with Bogdan Nedelkoff, for their advice on the design and layout.

Fundraising: A big thank you to Anthony Gracie and all the participants (especially the last minute replacement organist!) for another excellent *"Come and Sing"*. St. Augustine's and the Community Centre's funds benefited as a result, to the tune of more than £130 each. Well done!

Village College Computer Classes

There is a new, ten -week series of *Village College Computer Classes* courses due to start in early May.

Mondays (10am–12am), starting 10 May, *Computers for Absolute Beginners* (£58)

Wednesdays (12.30am–2.30pm), starting 5 May,

Email and the Internet (£58)

Wednesdays (2.45pm–4.45pm), starting 5 May, *Desk Top Publishing*

The tutor for each class is Pauline Gardner.

If you are interested, please leave your name and contact details with Christine Long (01235 216269) at Abingdon and Witney College. Christine also maintains waiting lists if these courses are over-subscribed and, as soon as six more students are available at the same time, a new course can be started.



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

Cricket season underway Rugby at Grove

The cricket season has already started and the club has its *First XI* in Division 4 of the Oxford Cricket Association (OCA) League and the *Second XI* in Division 9. We also have about ten friendly fixtures on Sundays throughout the season (*see fixture list below*) and can therefore cater for cricketers of all ages and abilities, with an emphasis on enjoying the game. This is the first season in the East & West Hendred Cricket Club's history when we have entered two teams in the OCA League. The league season continues until 11 September.

Cricket training is held on Wednesday evenings from April to September for both children (6pm–7.30pm) and adults (7.30pm onwards). Youth Coaching is for boys and girls of eight years and above. Groundwork is carried out on Tuesday and Friday evenings, from 6.15pm. If you are interested in playing or would like assist in

MAY

15, Sat	1st v Kennington	H 2pm
	2nd v Westcott 2nd	A
22, Sat	1st v Westcott	A
	2nd v Uffington 2nd	H 2pm
29, Sat	1st v Fringford (Cup)	H 2pm
	2nd v E. Oxford (Cup)	A

JUNE

5, Sat	1st v Radley	H 2pm
6, Sun	Fr. v S'hampton Acad.	H 2.30pm
12, Sat	1st v Swinbrook	A
13, Sun	Fr. v Letcombe	A
19, Sat	1st v Stonesfield	H 2pm
	2nd v Chipping Norton 2nd	A
26, Sat	1st v Fringford	A
	2nd v Oxford Rescue 2nd	H 2pm
27, Sat	Tel. Cup Qtr Final (1st)	

JULY

3, Sat	1st v Oxenford	A
	2nd v Oxford Rescue 2nd	A
4, Sun	Fr. v Britwell Salome	H 2pm
10, Sat	1st v King Sutton	A
	2nd v Yarnton	H 2pm
11, Sun	Os Cup 3rd Round (2nd)	H 2.30pm
17, Sat	1st v Dorchester	H 2pm
	2nd v Chinnor 2nd	A
18, Sun	Tel. Cup S. Final (1st)	H 2.30pm
24, Sat	1st v Kennington	A
	2nd v Hanney 2nd	H 2pm
25, Sun	Fr. v Sunningwell	H 2.30pm
31, Sat	1st v Westcott	H 2pm
	2nd v Uffington 2nd	A

Hendred Sports Club

Based in Mill Lane, East Hendred, the Sports Club provides a sporting facility for people of all ages from the village and local area and is always keen to welcome new faces.

The Club is the home of East Hendred Association Football Club, Hendred Tennis Club, and East & West Hendred Cricket Club. There are also plans to re-start the Hendred Boys Football

ground preparation, umpiring or scoring, please contact any of the following people:

Trevor Bacon (833403,
Chairman and Fixture Secretary)

Ivan Mulford (820316,
Secretary and Junior Coach)

Richard Ashby Crane
(820775, First team captain)

Ian Clewley (765090,
First team Vice-Captain)

David Buckle
(821915, Second team captain)

John Walker (532463,
Second team Vice-Captain)

Duncan Francis
(224712, Friendly Captain)

Forthcoming fixtures

All Saturday fixtures are OCA League (1st 11, Division 4), (2nd 11, Division 9) or *Cup* unless appended (Fr.) to denote friendly and start at 2pm, unless stated. Sunday friendly fixtures start at 2.30pm, unless stated.

AUGUST

1, Sun	Os Cup Semi Final (2nd)	A
7, Sat	1st v Radley	A
	2nd v Watlington 2nd	H
14, Sat	1st v Swinbrook	H
	2nd v Hanney 2nd	A
15, Sun	Fr. v GTs	H
21, Sat	1st v Stonesfield	A 1.30pm
	2nd v Minster Lov. 2nd	H 1.30pm
22, Sun	Telegraph Cup Final (1st)	
28, Sat	2nd v Chesterton 2nd	H 1.30pm
29, Sun	Os Cup Final (2nd)	
30, Mon	The Hendred Match	H 2.00pm

SEPTEMBER

4, Sat	1st v Dorchester	A 1.30pm
5, Sun	Fr. v Wantage	A 1.30pm
11, Sat	1st v King Sutton	H 1.30pm
12, Sun	Fr. v Steventon	A 1.30pm
19, Sun	Fr. v Blewbury	A 1.30pm

Club next season, although these are in the early stages. The Club Room (with bar and kitchen facilities) has recently been re-decorated and is an ideal location for parties (adult and children), meetings, and functions of all kinds for up to 60 people. For details of charges and availability, please contact Ivan or Kay Mulford on 01235 820316.



U7s with the Webb Ellis Cup (on display at the tournament)

The Hendreds have become established feeder villages for Grove Rugby Football Club, one of Oxfordshire's leading amateur clubs, and one with a strong-youth section.

Grove RUC was founded in 1972, following an influx into the area from Valleys of South Wales — and was initially know as the Grove Welsh. The Club is well established and continues to go from strength to strength, developing as a playing force, its facilities and its community outreach (especially schools). The club also organises a number of social events.

The villages have been major contributors for many years to what is a thriving and fun club throughout the age groups. Players from both East Hendred schools and many others in the region fill the ranks — and local dads have been roped in to help coach, including Edward Boddington, Johnny Dewar and Anthony Morgan. We're not yet sure whether a full XV is represented by the Hendred across the youth section (it would range from 4ft to 6ft players!) but Johnny Dewar led the coaching of several in the under-seven (U7) group, whose "A" team just came an impressive second as reserve champions for the County in the huge Oxfordshire festival at Chipping Norton (and the under-16s were County Champions for the fourth successive year). Most of the Grove teams did very well and all had a great time on a sun-drenched Sunday.

At the youngest levels, the emphasis is firmly on fun (no "contact" at this level and lots of participation, exercise and grins) and the

turnout in the season just ended was very strong. U7 is the youngest for competitive play — but five- and six-year-olds also play for fun at U6 — and the age groups go to U16 for the junior levels with all the children seeming to love the team and club atmosphere (and the chance to run around in the rain from September to April, surprisingly enough!). Please note that new Rugby Football Union (RFU) guidelines suggest that children do not start playing until they near their 6th birthday. Contact rugby starts at U9 and is taught well and with care — but the "touch" game is equally exciting to play and watch. The Mini and Junior teams (over 300 girls and boys up to the ages of 17) train every Sunday and the five Senior and Veteran sides train on other days of the week.

Rugby is great fun and, along with developing basic rugby skills, the Mini level helps develop general coordination and fitness in a great atmosphere overseen by parent coaches (a number of whom have undertaken formal RFU training). The season is now over, but starts again on the first Sunday in September, so why not put a note in your calendar on 5/9/2004 to come and give it a try next season? We could see a Hendred XV, yet...

Contacts: Club: 762750. Minis: Dave Jones (766390, youthchairman@groverfc.co.uk), Nigel Dixey (223719, youthsecretary@groverfc.co.uk) or John Dewar (Hendred/U8s next season, 820170) or Edward Boddington (U7s next year, 833659). <http://www.groverfc.co.uk/>.

The (mixed) U7 team in action



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Planning Matters

The Vale Planning Department asked the Parish Council for its comments on the following *Planning Applications* since the last *Bulletin*:

January 2004 — erection of a conservatory at **9 Couplings Close**; there were no objections and this was subsequently passed by the Vale.

Wells Head, Newbury Road — repairs, strengthen and conserve with internal alterations; no objections from the Parish Council; also passed by the Vale.

63 Couplings Close — **single-storey extension**. The Parish Council did not object, but asked the planners to consider an objection from a neighbour. However, this application was passed by the Planners.

The Vale gave **permission** for a barn to be turned into **two letting rooms at Manor Farm, Allins' Lane**.

The **Appeal** for a house to be built in the grounds of **2 Portway Villas, Reading Road** was dismissed as the Inspector considered "that while the proposed development would not be harmful to the character and appearance of the surrounding area, this did not outweigh her concerns as to the harm it would cause to highway safety interests. Notwithstanding that vehicles would be able to emerge from the site in 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".

February 2004 — **extensions and alterations to The Sundial, Horn Lane**. On this occasion, the Council made a site visit, as is often the case as it helps members to envisage the owner's proposals *in situ*. The Council had no objections, but requested that the Planners placed a *106 order* so that the "granny flat" extension could not be cut-off from the main property at a future date, that trees planned for removal should be restricted, and that the remainder should continue to screen the property. This application was passed by the Planning Department.

Erection of two new houses in the grounds of Fordybrook and extension to the main house — again, the Councillors visited the site. None of the councillors had any problems with the extension to the main house, but were concerned that the two new houses were very large and would encourage more traffic using that part of Ford Lane/Cat Street, which was the main route for children walking to the Hendreds School. There was a proposal for wider access to be made for Fordybrook, but Councillors were not happy about this and objected to the two houses and new access. However, late in March, the Council learnt that this application had been **refused by the District Planners** as follows "In the opinion of the District Planning Authority the proposed development does not constitute development within the main built up area of the village, nor does it form a natural completion of the existing pattern of development on a small site which is visually contained by well established, strong physical features that clearly form an integral part of the settlement. As such the proposal is contrary to the Adopted Vale of White Horse Local Plan in particular policy H5 and the First Deposit Draft Local Plan to 2011 in particular policy H10".

As Hendred shares its boundary with Milton (in the Rowstock area) and Harwell (on the Harwell Business Park), the Parish Council is also asked to comment on plans for these places, too. The demolition of **The Acorn Garage** (with the erection of two semi-detached houses in its place) was considered and, although the Council had no objections to the houses, they were concerned regarding the close proximity of the adjacent BT telephone masts. It is now understood that this application has been passed.

The **Harwell** proposal to **demolish the restaurant** and replace it with offices, for which there were no objections. No response from DPA as yet.

The Vale **Planners refused** planning permission for two houses in the grounds of **Sheard's Studio**, which was mentioned in the previous *Bulletin*, as follows "The layout of the proposed dwellings on the site and their relationship to the road are contrary in form and appearance to the prevailing character of this edge of the village location. Given the position of the site within the Conservation Area and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty the proposal would therefore result in a form of development at odds with and harmful to the loose-knit character of the area". It was also contrary to various VWHDC *Adopted Plan* policies.

March 2004. Councillors visited **Kings Manor** to view proposals to demolish a pair of garages, reinstate the west window at the barn, and to erect an internal gallery in the barn and erect a double garage. Councillors had no objections to these proposals and they have subsequently been passed by the Planners.

Councillors also visited 'All Winds' on **The Lynch**, to see proposals to raise the roof (in line with the next bungalow) and include four bedrooms and a balcony. Councillors did not object to the extensions being proposed, but did object to the balcony and this was being re-considered. The Council understands that these plans have been passed.

Councillors had no objections to a **Portacabin being erected at Building 462** on the Harwell campus, nor to a new access to the security gate at Fermi Avenue, also on the Harwell Campus. There were no objections to proposals to a rear single- and a two-storey extension at **6 Couplings Close**. Both applications were permitted by the DPA, although in the case of 6 Couplings Close, the first floor shower room had to have a non-opening window with obscured glass on the western face.

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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Parish Council Groups

Working groups

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Task groups

Affordable Housing: John Sharp, Rachel Sutton, Margaret Pill, Val Bacon and Stan Francis

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Youth Issues: Edward Eyston, Tony Ford, Stan Francis and Margaret Pill

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

Council Representatives on Other Bodies

Harwell Liaison: John Sharp.

School Governors: St.Amands - John Dewar.
Hendred School - John Hedgecock.

Snells Hall: Ken Taylor.

Sports Club: Jimmy Francis.

Howard-Spicer Fund: Mary Mackinnon and the Clerk.

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

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May–December 2004

MAY

- Mon 10 *Computers for Absolute Beginners* course starts (Village College)
 Thu 20 **WI** - Business meeting, speaker: Tony Gracie
 Sat 22 *Hendreds Pre-school Fete*, 1.30pm–4.00pm
 Sat 22 *Annual Gift Day*, St. Augustine's
 Sat 29 *St. Augustine's Summer Fete*
 Sat 30 *Songs of Praise* (St. Augustine's and St Mary's)

JUNE

- Wed 2 Green box day (post-Bank Holiday)
 Sat 5 *60th Anniversary of D-Day*, Harwell
 Sat 5 Dustbin day (post-Bank Holiday)
 Sun 6 Chapel display on D-Day anniversary, Hendred Heritage
 Sat 12 *Hendred House Garden Fete*
 Thu 17 **WI** - Visit to Hendred Vineyard (Mary Mackinnon)
 Sun 27 *Village Gardens Open Day*, Hendred Heritage
 Tue 29 *St Amand's Sports Day*, 1.15pm.

JULY

- 3-5 Sarceaux visit to Hendreds, Twinning Group
 Sat 10 *Hendreds School Summer Fete*
 Wed 14 *Juniors Concert*, St Amand's School, afternoon
 Thu 15 **WI** - Speaker: Dair Farrar-Hockley
 Thu 15 *Juniors Concert*, St Amand's School, evening
 Fri 16 *End of Term/Leavers Disco*, Hendreds School

AUGUST

- Thu 26 **WI** - *Summer Supper Party*

SEPTEMBER

- Sun 5 *Hendreds' Family Show*, Sports Field
 Sun 5 *Junior Season* starts, Grove Rugby Union Club

OCTOBER

- Sat 2 *Casino Night* (for Hendreds School)

Regular Events

- Monday** Hendred Ladies Swimming Club (contact Val Bacon on 833403)
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 Karate 5.30-7pm - Snells Hall
- Tuesday** Scouts 7-9 pm - Snells Hall
 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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Snells Hall		The Independent Advice Centre		765348
<i>Bookings</i>	833561	Tourist Information, Wantage		760176
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Village News Service (significant events/news only):		Vale of White Horse District Council		520202
<i>Email webmaster@hendred.org to subscribe</i>		Wantage Civic Hall		764696
OTHER		Wantage Health Centre		205800
Didcot Leisure Centre	811250	Wantage Library		762291
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<i>Church Street Practice</i>	770245			
<i>Newbury Street Practice</i>	763451			
Emergency				
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