

EAST HENDRED Bulletin

1831 Fire Pump — a home of its own

Inaugurated at Snells Hall in front of a distinguished audience, the village 1831 Fire Pump was on show on Saturday and Sunday 6–7 November, after the local November firework displays. Terry Fraser, the Chairman of the Vale of White Horse District Council, was among several honoured guests some of whom had once lived in the village, joining representatives of village organisations and Heritage Helpers, who together enjoyed the opportunity to view some of the work done to maintain the village archives as well as the new home for the fire engine. In the previous few days, the children at the pre-school playgroup and those at the *Mother and Toddlers*' session had already passed favourable comment about the Fire Pump making a fine addition to Snells Garden.

The building and surrounds await some further work and funds, before 100% completion, but for the first time in many years the pump is not tucked away out of site in "borrowed accommodation" and can now be seen in all its glory in the grounds of the Village Hall.

In thanking the many who helped provide materials and funds

for the building project, John Stevenson of Hendred Heritage paid tribute to those — too many to name the complete list — who have put in such fantastic efforts to bring the project to this stage. Serious efforts began around the time of the Millennium



extension project at the hall, when Bogdan Nedelkoff and his team prepared the first drawings, with the support from the Parish Council. Construction, however, stayed dormant while grant sources were approached and, again, both the Parish Council and the Vale promised help and many individuals provided

matching funding. Major grant funding was not immediately forthcoming, due to the need to set up a lease between the two charities involved (East Hendred Heritage Trust and East Hendred Community Centre). Resolution came with an agreement whereby

East Hendred Heritage Trust produced the building, donating it to the East Hendred Community Centre, which in turn proposed leasing back a major portion for the 30 years to come. That hurdle negotiated, the big boost then came from donated materials and labour, ranging from shovelling surplus contractors' soil to complex carpentry using recycled timber donated by the Hendred Estate (much of it from the demolished garages at the Eyston Arms). As Terry Fraser said — "*A wonderful example of cooperative achievement providing a long awaited asset for the Village*".

In the "cage" photograph (left to right) are Peter Mulford (who restored the pump itself in the 1960's) and the constructors — Mike Crossman, Ed Denly, John Stevenson, David Rolfe, John Wilson and Ted Simmons (still drilling!).



Your Village Needs a New...

...Parish Council Clerk

A new Clerk will need to be appointed in early 2005. The deadline for applications is 22nd January 2005.

(See page 3 for further details.)

Colmar 2005

Abingdon and District Twin

Towns Society is planning a visit in 2005 to its twin Colmar, a beautiful mediaeval city in the centre of the wine-growing region of Alsace, close to the German and Swiss borders. It is likely that the trip will last about seven days, including travel. Options for travel are either mid-September or October half term. (The latter would allow those linked into schools to participate.) Travel will be either coach or air. If you might be interested in going, could you contact John Smith (2 Healey Close, Abingdon, OX14 5RL) as soon as possible, indicating your preferred date and method of travel. There is no commitment now — only an indication of possible interest once details have been confirmed.

Waste and Recycling — seasonal changes



Due to Christmas and New Year falling on weekends this year, it is going to take the Vale's waste and recycling crews four weeks to get back to their normal collection days. (Continued. with new dates etc., on page 4.)

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The Parish Council decided at its 14th December meeting to precept for a sum of £14,000 for 2005/06, to be used for village activities. (See page 3 for more information.)

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We still stock all the "old favourites", including Hendred honey, wine from the Hendred vineyards and other locally sourced products, such as bacon, sausages, cheese, free-range eggs and cakes.

Our other services include:

- Groceries, fresh bread, milk, fruit and vegetables.
- Newspapers and magazines.
- Organic meat (via Fellers of Oxford).
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- Ice creams and cold drinks.
- Off licence and glass hire.
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from the chair

A recent headline in *The Times* reported "*Yobs face fines from Parish Councils*". According to the article, neighbourhood wardens employed by Councils would be able to issue on-the-spot fines for antisocial behaviour. The plan is to give Parish Councils powers to let their staff issue on-the-spot fines of up to £40 each. These penalty notices could be issued for dog fouling, graffiti, fly-posting, dropping litter and making excessive noise at night. Legislation is apparently planned at the earliest

opportunity to introduce these new powers. Anti-social behaviour is an increasing problem both in this village and elsewhere. It is interesting to see that this is one of the first recognitions by the present government of the potential for Parish Councils to be involved at a local level in combating antisocial behaviour. We shall have to wait and see how this might work in practice and whether this new scheme will be one way to improve the quality of life in this village.

At both the **October and November meetings of the Council**, we were pleased to welcome PC Darren James as our new local "bobby". He is the new area Beat Officer from Thames Valley Police, and has now taken over the area of the Hendreds, Ardington,

Lockinge, Hanneys, Denchworth and Goosey. It is important for the village to have a dedicated person to liaise with, although we recognize that he is responsible for a large area. We welcome his note for this *Bulletin* and hope that he will find the time to attend our Council meetings on a regular basis.

Ann Taylor, our **Parish Council Clerk**, is retiring in April after many years of valuable service to the village and we are advertising for a new Clerk (*see separate article*). The Clerk is an important person for the efficient running of the Council and, increasingly, the job depends on being able to use a computer — much of the business can now be done by email. We hope that someone in the village is prepared to take on this interesting

job, leading to a closer involvement with Council activities.

The **1831 village fire engine** is an important piece of our local heritage. We are pleased that it now has a new home in the garden of Snells Hall, where it can be preserved for the enjoyment of both present and future village residents. The Parish Council gave a grant to the Hendred Heritage Trust towards achieving this objective.

The **Village Renewable Energy Project** assessment project is now being finalized, with a questionnaire completed by over 60 residents. The results are currently being analysed and will be published in a later *Bulletin*.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

John Sharp



Village streets

Our roads were built mainly for horses and carts, with **high banks** in many parts of the village. They were, unfortunately, not designed for the large number of cars and larger vehicles that now frequent this village. As everyone knows, this can result in a number of problems. Recently, the banks have been getting damaged in many places (*see photo*); this occurs particularly when a vehicle is parked and a lorry or large vehicle needs to pass, with the result that the wheels damage the bank on the opposite side of the road. It is not practical to widen the village streets in most locations, so that all we can do is to try and ensure that cars are only parked in positions where other vehicles can pass easily. Please help in this respect as, otherwise, our attractive village roads will suffer even more damage.

In the last few months, there have been problems with cars parking down the length of **Mill**

Lane at weekends, as a result of many visitors to football matches at the Sports field. This reflects the growing interest in football, particularly for youngsters, which is to be encouraged. The Parish Council has been discussing options with the Sports Club, but the limited number of parking spaces at the Sports Field is a major constraint. At a recent Parish Council meeting, many residents from Mill Lane attended to explain their difficulties with cars parked all along the Lane many weekends. Ivan Mulford (Chairman of the Sports Club) also attended to explain what steps had been taken to reduce the parking problems. PC James was also present and had been active the previous weekend in helping to minimise the parking problems. It is hoped that the problem can be improved in the short term and the Parish Council will be meeting with the Sports Club to discuss some potential longer-term improvements to parking.

Vacancy for Parish Council Clerk

Our present Clerk (Ann Taylor) will be resigning from her post in April, after many years of service to the village. We are keen to appoint a new Clerk soon so that there is a period of overlap.

The Clerk is the Executive Officer of the Council, responsible for monitoring and balancing the Council's accounts and preparing records for audit purposes and VAT, as well as taking minutes at meetings, managing and distributing documents received for the Council, additionally communicating with relevant authorities and organisa-

tions on behalf of the Council. Training is available for the new Clerk in these duties. Remuneration for the post is based on the Local Council scales for Clerks.

It is expected that the new Clerk will be conversant with computing, but additional training can be provided if required. An increasing amount of business is now done via email. We hope that it will be possible for a new Clerk to be based in the village, as this helps considerably.

Please contact the Chairman or Deputy Chairman in the first instance for more information (John Sharp on 833367 or Stan Francis on 833473). The deadline for applications is 22nd January 2005.

Parish Council precept

Each year, the Council precepts for a sum of money to be collected via the Council Tax for funding village activities during the coming year. Last year, the sum precepted was £13,500, which is about £29 per household, and

all of this is spent to benefit the village. Major items of expenditure are the cost of the Lengthman's monthly salary, courtesy lighting, Clerk's salary, grants to village organisations, insurance, bus shelters, and maintenance of village playgrounds. The Council will need to decide at the December meeting the precept for the coming year.

Researching funding for local projects

The Vale of White Horse District Council has recently set up a self-help database of external funding opportunities for groups looking to secure funding for local projects. It is available on the Vale website (www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk), is entitled "Grantnet", and can be searched for free. Users are

required to register and are then provided with a password that provides access to the site.

In addition, the Vale website also hosts a new section under "Grants" called "information update", where items of news will be posted of particular interest to parishes or local organisations. Use this opportunity to check on available funding for your own project.

From PC Darren James, Village Beat Officer

For those of you who are not aware, I am PC Darren James. I took over from the previous Beat Officer, Jon Penrith, at the end of September. I am aware that Jon has been away for some time and that, subsequently, the village has been without a local Beat Officer for the best part of a year. The area I cover is large, taking in both the Hendreds and the Hanneys, and several smaller villages besides. I have, since taking over the Beat, been making myself as visible as possible, and have already met a great many of you.

I am keen to encourage *Neighbourhood Watch*, and have already had success in encouraging more to join the scheme in the Hanneys. I hope to continue this

and carry out similar meetings in the other villages in the near future.

Fireworks can be a problem at this time of the year — enjoy them, but don't abuse them. I do not want to find fireworks being let off in the street! This is illegal and will be dealt with as such.

Christmas is fast approaching; this tends to coincide with an increase in thefts and burglaries. Do not leave presents on display for all passers-by to see, this applies both to your home and vehicle. Remember, they are for your friends and family, not for criminals.

I can be contacted at the Wantage Beat Office, on 776048.

For a crime in progress or life threatening situation, please call 999, or the Control Room on 0845 8 505 505.

PC 4650 Darren James

Health Centre car service

Elderly residents who have difficulty in getting to the Health Centre by bus may use the car service provided by the Independent Information Service in Wantage. There is a charge for this service, which has

to be booked in advance by calling 01235 765348. The cost of a car to take a person to Wantage Health Centre is £6.50 and to the hospitals in Oxford £18. It is understood that the driver will wait for the passenger and then return them to their home, which is included in the fee.

Waste and Recycling — seasonal arrangements

(Continued from front page.)

• DUSTBINS

New day	Usual collection (Fri)
Wed 5 January	31 December
Tue 11 January	7 January
Mon 17 January	14 January
Sat 22 January	21 January

• RECYCLING (Green Boxes)

New day	Usual collection (Tue)
Thu 30 December	28 December
Fri 7 January	4 January
Thu 13 January	11 January
Wed 19 January	18 January

The Vale will also, between 31 December and 9 January, be providing recycling facilities for

real Christmas trees at Wantage (Charlton Park GC), Drayton (WRC) and other locations.

The Vale is aiming to recycle at least 25% of household waste and is highlighting that all of the below can be put in Green Boxes. Exceptions are Christmas wrapping paper and Christmas Cards (take to the Christmas Card Recycling Scheme at Tesco or WH Smith, or a Waste Recycling Centre).

Newspapers	Aerosol Cans
Magazines	Plastic Bottles
Junk Mail	Alum. Foil (clean)
Clothing (good cond.)	Catalogues
Tel. Dirs. (not Yellow)	Shoes (good cond.)
Glass Bottles and Jars (all colours)	
Batteries (in clear bag)	Food Cans (clean)
Car Batteries (place beside box)	
Drinks Cans	Mobile Phones

Village population

Figures from the 2001 Census are becoming available at the local level. The village population in 2001 was 1,092, with almost equal numbers of men and women. The number of households was 411.

Comparing with previous census returns, we can see that the population remains fairly constant; the higher figure in 1971 was the result of families at the Aldfield Estate (AERE Harwell), which was part of the East Hendred parish. This Estate was finally closed in the early 1990's.

Year of census	Population	Households
2001	1,092	411
1991	1,013	405
1981	1,114	416
1971	1,242	431

We hope to have more detailed figures for the village later as, at present, results are only available for the Hendreds ward, which includes West Hendred, Steventon and other villages. This ward had a population of 4,068 in 2001. As noted in a previous *Bulletin*, the residents on the west side of Rowstock are keen to join our parish and we welcome this. A boundary review is currently underway. If they are successful, then the population and number of households in East Hendred parish will be increased.

Dog mess!

Once again, the Council must remind dog owners to clean up after their pets have performed on footpaths and verges around the village. Please bear in mind that a number of residents have front doors opening directly on to the street and they do not want to step outside on to something "nasty" as far too often happens in White Road, in particular. It is helpful,

too, if owners can also clear up any mess their dogs make on grass verges and, in Snells, alongside the footpath — please remember that the Lengthman does not want to clean his mowers after cutting through that, either. Dog bins are sited at the two entrances to Snells, and another by the footpath running parallel to the A417 in Couplings Close (White Road end). These boxes are specifically for dog mess, NOT waste paper or other rubbish.

Olga Ashthorpe memorial seat

Olga Ashthorpe's memorial seat, which was originally at the top of Snells, was in need of urgent refurbishment. This has now been completed, thanks to Ted Simmons. The seat has recently been installed in the Penney Playpark, (see photo) where we feel Olga would have wanted it to be placed, as she

was closely involved with village children all her life.

The inscription on the seat states "This seat was provided by public subscription in memory of Mrs. Olga Asthorpe, Clerk and Councillor, 1958–1982". As well as being an active Parish Councillor, Olga was a teacher at the Hendreds School for many years and many older people in the village remember being taught by her.



Church News

Vision and strategy

St Mary's, East Hendred, along with all parishes of the Portsmouth RC diocese, have been invited by Bishop Crispian Hollis to set aside time to reflect on his renewed vision, called "Growing Together in Christ — Communion and Mission". This is a process of exploring the faith and evangelical mission each of us received

in baptism, and the sharing of our experience of God.

Parishioners met during November to consider these issues and give feedback to the bishop. Further sessions are planned for the New Year. From these gatherings, the hope is that a vision for the diocese will emerge which all can feel they have had a share in. The process will culminate in the formation of a diocesan strategy to be considered at a Diocesan Pastoral Assembly, in July 2005.

Burns Supper, January 22nd

St. Augustine's Church Social Committee is organizing a Burns Supper for the village on Saturday January 22nd 2005, at Snells Hall. This will be an authentic Burns night celebration with a four-course meal, which will include the piping in, and the traditional address to the Haggis. After the meal, there will be the toasts to Robbie Burns and the Ladies, and

this will be followed by Scottish dancing in which all may participate (tuition given!).

Tickets will be £20 and will be limited to 80.

If you would like to reserve a ticket, please contact Jill Broadley (833291) or Jackie Frances (833473). Final numbers will be required by January 15th, to enable seating plans to be made.

This is the first Burns Supper at Snells Hall so let's make it a success.

Sunday Squad

At St. Augustine's, we've started a new group for children. We meet on the third Sunday of each month in the "tin hut" just up the Newbury Road from the church, at 10:30 am (during the church service). Come

along if you like singing, stories and generally being creative. Parents can collect their children from the church at 11:30 am, which leaves them free to go to the service if they want — or to get on with something else. For more information, contact Rev. Rita Ball (833235).

Christmas services at St Augustine's

Advance notice of the special services for Advent and Christmas at St. Augustine's church:

- **Sunday 19th December, 8.00 am — Holy Communion.**
- **Sunday 19th December, 10.30 am The Christmas Story in words and music.** We hope the children of the village will take a special part in this service.
- **Monday 20th December — carol singing around the village.** Assemble 6.30pm at the bottom of Hendred House drive.
- **Friday 24th December, 11.30 pm — Midnight Eucharist for Christmas.**
- **Saturday 25th December, 10.30 am — Parish Communion for Christmas.**
- **Sunday 26th December, 11.00 am — a Benefice Communion Service for St. Stephen's Day.** Held at Holy Trinity, Ardington.

Everyone is welcome to all of our services. Please come and help us celebrate the festival of Christmas.

Christmas services at St Mary's

- **Christmas Eve, 7.30 pm — carols, readings and quiet reflection.**
- **Christmas Eve, 8pm — Mass.**
- **Christmas Day, 9.30 am — Mass.**

Volunteers to help primary school children with reading

Voluntarily Reading Help, a national organisation, is looking to recruit volunteer reading helpers to enthuse children with reading and writing challenges. Volunteers are provided with free local training, support, books, games and travel expenses by VRH. They might then give a couple of sessions a week to provide one-to-one attention at a local primary school. The VRH asks that,

if you feel you would like to help make

a difference for children, please to contact Hilary Burr on 0845 4500329, oxfordshire@vrh.org.uk, or at VRH, Oxford Community School, Glanville Road, Oxford OX4 2AU.



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East Hendred Community Centre

Snells Hall now has the added attraction of the original and beautifully restored 1831 Fire Pump, which is being displayed in a temporary building that has recently been constructed in the Hall grounds. All those involved, through the aegis of East Hendred Heritage Trust, are to be congratulated on a splendid outcome from their efforts. This undoubtedly will attract a great deal of interest from Hall visitors.

The Management Committee would like to thank Cyril and Duncan Smith for repairing and repainting the windows and gables at the front and sides of the Hall, including the entrance porch. This has considerably improved the appearance of the building and was long overdue.

Stephen Crook, of R & S Construction, was engaged to

repair some faulty guttering and pipe work, as well as replacing several broken slates, for which we are most grateful.

We are arranging for some broken slabs in the patio to be replaced and for the whole area to be grouted, which will help to prevent the unsightly growth of sycamore seedlings.

A completely new Snells Hall signboard has replaced the former one that was made for us long ago by Mr. Norman Mulford. Many thanks to Bob Everill and John Hill for the physical efforts involved in preparing and exchanging the signs and to Mr. Alan Payne for the excellent art work.

Another recent unusual use of the Hall was as an accommodation base for several members of the Institute of Archaeology, who have been excavating Scutchamer Knob.

East and West Hendred Women's Institute

Activities enjoyed during the last few months have included: a summer supper party in a member's garden; a fascinating visit to North Moreton and Long Wittenham churches (led by Norman Francis); a talk about the pleasures, rewards and problems encountered in Puppy Walking for Guide Dogs for the Blind; and a demonstration of the art of making flowers out of sugar paste. Our November meeting was thrown open to a wider audience than usual, as we were fortunate to have Elaine Binning and colleagues from Dreweatt Neate presenting "*An Evening of Antiques*". (Elaine's family lives locally, and she is a familiar face to many fans of the Sunday evening *Antiques Roadshow* on BBC1.)

Several members enjoyed listening to Edwina Curry addressing a wider W.I. audience from across Oxfordshire in Oxford Town Hall. She was predictably a very lively and amusing speaker, entertaining her audience with political anecdotes and then answering questions about the Margaret Thatcher years, salmonella in eggs, and, yes, even her relationship with John Major!

Our membership is going from strength to strength, and plans are well in hand for a very varied and interesting new programme of speakers, demonstrations, social events and excursions for 2005. Further new members are very welcome. Please contact the Secretary, Jill Broadley (833291) if you would like more details.

Hendreds Twinning Group

38 villagers enjoyed a **visit to a French Christmas Market at Lille**, which is also the current *European Capital of Culture*, over the weekend of 11–12 December.

The next event will be a **Pot-Luck Supper** on 5 February, with Norman Francis as the speaker. Tickets are available from Hilary Dorling (833636) or Margaret Sharp (833367). Do come along as

it promises to be an entertaining evening.

Next year's exchange with Sarceaux will take place over the weekend of 1–4 July, travelling by coach via a ferry to our French twin village. Please put the dates in your diary as the weekend will be very good value and an opportunity to see French life at close quarters.

Snells Hall Village College

Classes at the Village College continue in January, covering computing, the internet, and French conversation. The Snells Hall Computer Room has just six computers, so students receive plenty of individual attention from the experienced tutors appointed by Abingdon and Witney College, which also administers the bookings. Several hundred students have already benefited from the tuition on offer in the friendly environment.

Computers for Absolute Beginners (tutor: Pauline Gardner)
— Mondays, 10:00–12:00,
17 January–28 March 2005,
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Introduction to the Internet (*Email and the Internet*, Pauline Gardner)
— Tuesdays, 14:30–16:30,
18 January–29 March 2005,
ten weeks, £67.

French Conversation (Natalie King)
— Thursdays, 19:00–21:00,
20 January–31 March 2005,
ten weeks, £67.

Please telephone Christine Long (216269) at the College to register or for more details of courses on offer. Other courses could be provided if there is sufficient demand.

Please contact Margaret Sharp (833367) if interested in courses on alternative topics in Snells Hall.

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The 10th Hendreds' Family Show, 2004

The organisers were determined this year to build on the Hendreds' Family Show's ever increasing success, but were concerned that their good fortune with fine weather over the previous nine years might run out. With extra marquees in place, everyone was delighted to wake to a dry, bright day that would bring out supporters in their hundreds to guarantee success.

The Show was officially opened by Alison Booker, of BBC Radio Oxford, and the show trophies were presented by Dame Jennifer Jenkins and Mrs Jackie McDowell for the Open and Childrens' classes, respectively.

To celebrate the 10th Show, there were a number of special attractions, including a Martial Arts display, tethered hot air balloon rides, a puppet show of fairy tales, juggling, *Uncle Wiggy's* magic show and face painting. These were in addition to the ever-popular vintage vehicles, dog show, barbeque, raffle, car boot sale, and auction of exhibits.

Once again, the local community was a tremendous support and help, and the show

organisers wish to thank the following in particular:

Sponsors: SMILE – Infineum Community Relations Team; RWE Nukem; UKAEA; B2M Solutions; The Plough Inn (and Fred Trigg); SensorShop (and Bruno Branson); MM Bellingers & Sons; and Mrs Mary MacKinnon.

Events Organisers: Gill Hines (dog show); Eddie Denly; Fred Day and David Chennells (vintage vehicles); Glyn Evans (Junior 5 a side football); and The Sports Club.

Others: Army Cadets (superb car parking control); Dave Harper (electrics); Niall Duggan (PA); Jayne Sessions and Mike Harris (for work in the marquee); the Scouts (additional tents at short notice); Helen Young (barbeque); Sue and Clare Prior (bouncy castle); Libby, Karen and Janet (registration and prize card administration); all those who sold raffle tickets, programmes etc.; the show judges and exhibitors; and everyone who made a contribution before, during or after the show.

The show would be nothing without you all.



Family Show trophy winners

Our congratulations go to the winners of the following prestigious awards. Well done everyone!

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The Royal Horticultural Society'sLinda Harford
Banksian Medal

Garden News Top Tray 1st: Mick Childs,
2nd: Linda Harford;
3rd: Ken Robey
Garden News Top Vase 1st: Mick Childs;
2nd: Adrian Sessions;
(3rd place not awarded)

SPECIAL AND OVERALL TROPHIES

The Hendreds' Family ShowLinda Harford
10th Anniversary Trophy (for her collection of vegetables)
Clearwater ShieldThe Sessions Family
(family with most overall points)
R & M Pest Control TrophyLinda Harford
(most overall points)
Chairman's TrophySam Wright
(for his miniature garden)

BEST IN SHOW TROPHIES:

Thomas More Eyston Cup (produce) .Linda Harford
East Hendred Parish Council'sHela Brown
Millennium Cup (Non-produce)
The Maureen Pill CupDaisy McDowell (for her poster)
(children's exhibit)

OPEN CLASSES

The following exhibitors were awarded the trophies listed below:

Mick Childs(*Agatha Eyston, Morland, Denly and Edwin Cottee Memorial Cups, David McDowell Memorial Cup and Eyston Arms Cup*)
Linda Harford(*AEA Cup, Wheatsheaf Cup and Tom Riggs Shield*)
Arthur Newton(*Tudor Joinery Rose Bowl and Speckled Hen Cup*)
Adrian Sessions(*Bill Ballard Memorial Shield*)
D Atkins(*Dave McDowell Cup*)
Bruno Branson(*Pill Family Shield*)
Jean Harbar(*Bradley Cup and Plough Cup*)
Helen Young(*West & East Hendred W.I. Plate*)
Karen Harrington(*Mrs Knibbs' Plate*)
Linda Perry(*Hendred Stores Plate*)
A Chasney(*DJM Telecommunications Cup and joint winner of Hendreds' Family Show Cookery Plate*)
C Sessions(*joint winner of Hendreds' Family Show Cookery Plate*)
Kath Sutton(*Harris Family Cup*)
Margaret Day(*Hare Cup*)
Richard Sutton(*R&M Pest Control Tankard*)

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

The following exhibitors were awarded trophies:

Luke Pill(*Mrs John Beary Cup for Young Gardeners for ages 8-16*)
Molly Lindsey(*Sutton Shield for Child's Heaviest Marrow*)
Anna Wright(*Peter Waite Cup for French Beans*)
Elana Lindsey(*George Edward Frederick Eyston Cup*)
Shelby Gibbs(*Robeys Cottage Cup*)

UNDER 7-YEARS' OLD:

Agatha Eyston(*joint winner of MacKinnon Shield*)
Hattie Young(*Miniature Garden Cup and joint winner of MacKinnon Shield*)

8-11 YEARS' OLD

Bethany Lundyates(*Brownies Shield*)
Sam Wright(*Miniature Garden Cup*)

12- 16 YEARS' OLD

Katherine Lundyates(*MacKinnon Shield and Jenny Owen Cup for Floral Art*)

Christmas Bazaar 2004

Record collection of shoeboxes

Father Christmas returned to the village on Saturday 4th December to open the annual Bazaar in Snells Hall. There was a very welcome, larger-than-usual attendance and the event achieved

a surplus of about £1,200, to be shared between the main organisations involved. As in previous years, there was a collection of shoeboxes for the Ukraine Christian Mission,

which helps disadvantaged children in that country. Janet Hendy came along to receive these on behalf of the Mission and thanked everyone who had contributed towards a record collection. St. Amands School provided over 100 boxes involving most of the children. Chilton School, Hendreds Pre-school, Hendreds School and the staff of the Chilton Garden



Centre all participated with their collections of boxes. In addition, many individual families brought boxes making up the grand total of 283 for dispatch to the Ukraine.

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Sheard painting leaves East Hendred for restoration after 80 years

A large oil painting by Professor W.F.M. Sheard entitled *The Jumble Sale*, and sometimes known as the Hendred Feast, began its journey to restoration, thanks to grant aid from East

For several years, the painting hung in the village school, now Snells Hall. After the school's closure, it was transferred first to the previous village hall in Cat Street and then to Champs Chapel (the home

The painting should return to Champs Chapel Museum in late March 2005, fully restored. East Hendred Heritage Trust is extremely grateful to all those who have given support, either in terms of funds or effort, bringing the end

of another project, started some ten years ago when the Trust was formed, into sight.

The accompanying photograph shows restoration-artist Claire Waterhouse in her studio, contemplating the beginning of her project.



Hendred Parish Council, the Vale of the White Horse District Council, and Awards for All. This has been backed by a 50% matched-funding contribution from local benefactors.

The painting, which is described as one of the "Treasures of Oxfordshire", has been housed in many places since it was created in the 1920's. Professor Sheard, who lived in Newbury Road, used known Hendred faces to illuminate the painting, which shows the rural dress of the time.

of the East Hendred Museum). The Chapel proved too damp and cold so, for the past few years, it has been stored on a wall in Hendred House.

The total grant from Awards for All allows for the painting to be fully restored and, on return to Champs Chapel, it will be stored in a specially designed environmentally protected case. This will maintain the integrity of the painting for future viewing by the public. No more assaults from ink-impregnated blotting paper in the old village hall, or even the occasional misdirected basket ball at the Youth Club!



BBC Storytelling Project

95.2 FM **BBC** RADIO OXFORD

BBC Oxford is hunting for local people to participate in its *Storytelling Project*, both writing and recording a two-minute piece about their lives. Help is being offered and there is no cost, with the Project running for a year. Day-long workshops are being organised to stimulate creative writing, support creation and recording of the script, along with editing and "burning" of CD-ROMs.

Anyone is free to apply to take part, as long as they can make the commitment to all the sessions. Stories can be about anything — from the first time you saw your true love, to being flown home from holiday in a plaster cast. The best will go out "on air" and all will probably go on the BBC Oxford website. There are four to a group, typically with four sessions, and the scheme will normally run on the third floor of the studios on the Banbury Road in Oxford. However, the most important parts are obviously the storytelling days

and the recording so, if a local group thinks it might be interested in sessions run just for them, or for a village to "host" sessions closer to home, they are invited to make a request. To take part or to learn more, **contact Abigail Uden at BBC Oxford** (08459 311 444; abigail.uden@bbc.co.uk; 269 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7DW). *The Bulletin* also has more information.

BBC Radio Oxford also drew attention to:

- **Something on your mind?** If there's something in the "neighbourhood" bothering you, why not contact anna.lindsay@bbc.co.uk or go to www.bbc.co.uk/ican.
- Judith Paskin is looking for people to contribute **short works of fiction and poems to broadcast on air** (judith.paskin@bbc.co.uk or the same phone number as above).
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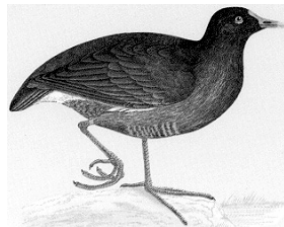
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Planning Matters

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

During August, Councillors visited **Cobbler's Cottage in Cat Street**, to inspect plans for a possible extension. Concern was voiced at the amount of excavating that might be involved if a cellar was also installed, and councillors finally objected on the grounds that they considered the siting, design and form unsympathetic to the character of the cottage. As yet, no comments have been received from the District Planners.

Councillors also objected to the proposal for a **pair of semi-detached houses**, on a site **adjacent to St. Amand's School** in St. Mary's Road, and concern was shown by neighbouring residents with regard to nearby trees and the spring line, which has caused flooding. The planning proposal finally went before the Planners in October, after a further delay while measurements and other matters were dealt with, and was approved.

Extension plans to **Mayfield, White Road**, were considered, with no objections from the Parish Council and these were approved by the Vale.

Erection of a detached garage and workshop at **Woodbine Cottage, Cat Street** was not objected to and the Vale approved, with the request that materials used should be sympathetic to the listed building adjacent.

Plans for extensions to **6 Mill Lane** were not objected to, but it was understood that the Vale Planners requested that a new bedroom window should be re-sited so that it gave privacy to the neighbours.

There were no objections to a **new car park** opposite **Building 462** at AERE, and this was later approved.

New plans were received for a house on land adjacent to **Towersey, Newbury Road**. Although a previous set of plans had been approved, the new ones were for a larger house with garage and extra accommodation. The council was concerned that the extra accommodation should not be sold off separately in the future and the Vale Planners have confirmed that this arrangement should be made.

Alterations to the roof of the garage at **Penang, Orchard Close** received no objections and were approved by the Vale.

Plans had previously been received to extend **The Sun Dial, Horn Lane** and these had been approved, but now the owners had put forward new plans to demolish the bungalow and replace it with a larger property. Councillors had no objections, but it has since been advised that the plans have been withdrawn and the owners are re-considering an extension, for which new plans have now been received for consideration.

Five, two-storey houses on the Gibbs Garage site at Rowstock (**The Japanese Connection site**) were given approval, but have since been withdrawn. This application is in the Milton Parish but, as neighbours, East Hendred PC was asked to comment.

Demolition of **Rowstock Cottage** (up the lane, by the side of the Acorn Garage) to be replaced by the erection of a four-bedroom house was considered — this house being in our Parish. The Council considered that this cottage had considerable character and was of listed-building status, but the Vale indicated that it was not a listed building. However, Councillors felt that the proposed dwelling was too large for the site and access, as the lane was too narrow and so would make access difficult particularly with the neighbouring telephone exchange and extended mast antennae (recently approved) and the houses on the garage site. At that time, the Council had not been made aware of the withdrawal of the five, two-storey houses mentioned above, but there were three houses agreed for the other part of the garage site. Comments from the Vale are still awaited.

Plans for a single-storey extension for **Old Barn, Old Road** were considered, with no objections and the Vale has approved these.

Councillors were disappointed that the **Appeal** for two houses in the front garden of **Sheard's Studio** was agreed to by the Planning Inspectorate, despite being refused by the Vale and objected to by the Parish Council. It was felt that the Inspector was not sympathetic to villages with Conservation Areas and the type of building already in the vicinity.

An agricultural **barn** on land to the rear of **Greensands** was refused by the Vale, as it "*represents development in the open countryside which has not been justified on agricultural grounds*".

If you are proposing to add an extension to your home, even a conservatory, please check with the District Planning Department first. Some conservatories do need permission, if the new building is nearer to the road than the rest of your dwelling. Always discuss any planning proposals with neighbours — they do not want to hear it from the Vale first!

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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December 2004–Spring 2005

DECEMBER

- Sun 19 *Christmas Story*, St. Augustines, 10.30am
- Mon 20 *Carol Singing* around the village
- Fri 24 *Christmas Eve Service*, St. Mary's, 7.30pm
- Fri 24 *Midnight Eucharist*, St. Augustines, 11.30pm
- Sat 25 *Christmas Day Service*, St. Mary's, 9.30am
- Sat 25 *Parish Communion*, St. Augustines, 10.30am

JANUARY 2005

- VILLAGE COLLEGE** (new, ten week courses)
- Mon 17 *Introduction to the Internet* (Pauline Gardner)
- Tue 18 *Computers for Absolute Beginners* (Gardner)
- Thu 20 *French Conversation* (Natalie King)
- Thu 20 **WI - New Year Party** (members/guests only)
- Sat 22 *Burns Supper* (St. Augustine's CSS, Snells)
- Sat 22 *Deadline, applications for P.C. Clerk*

FEBRUARY 2005

- Sat 5 *Pot-luck Supper*
(speaker Norman Francis; Twinning Group)
- Thu 17 **WI - OXFAM's Work** (Mary Rousseau)

MARCH 2005

- Thu 17 **WI - AGM, followed by**
Members' Reminiscences

MAY 2005

- Sat 21 *Hendred House Fete*, 12:00–16:00

JULY 2005

- 1–4 *Sarceaux Exchange Weekend* (Twinning Grp)

Regular Events

MONDAY

- Hendred Ladies Swimming Club**
(Val Bacon, 833403)
- Dancing class** 4–5pm, Snells Hall
- Karate** 5.30–7pm, Snells Hall
- Junior Football** 6.30–7.30pm
Mill Lane Sports Ground (Ian Rees)
- Scouts** 7–9pm, Snells Hall

Tuesday

- Cub Scouts** 6–8pm, Snells Hall
(Robin Gray, 769787)

WEDNESDAY

- Mother & Toddler Group**, 10–12am
Snells Hall (Karin Borland, 821548)
- Bowls** 7.45–10pm, Snells Hall
(Ken Taylor, 833359)
- Stretch & Flex** 4–4.45pm, Snells Hall
(Nadine Hunt, 811961)

THURSDAY

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SATURDAY

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- Pre-school**, every morning, 9–12am
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- Downs Golden Age**, Snells Hall
1st Thursday (Betty Holliday, 833400)
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3rd Thursday
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