

EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*

Third in 2005 Oxfordshire Best Kept Village Competition

The judges comments were “*East Hendred is a most picturesque village whose beauty and charm is somewhat spoiled by a nondescript appearance. The centre and older parts are extremely well kept, showing evident pride in the houses and gardens. Likewise, the pubs, village shop and hall and school are very well looked after.*”

The village awarded first prize in the medium villages class was Cropredy, second prize went to Tackley.

Last year, our village won second prize in this class— can we get the top prize in 2006?



New Bulletin editor wanted

Alex Birkhead has been our editor for the last two years. He and his family have now moved to West Hendred and this is the last *Bulletin* edited by him. We thank him for all the hard effort involved in producing a top class *Bulletin*. We need a new editor — if you have the skills or would be prepared to be trained to undertake the editing role, please contact John Sharp on 833367.

Merry Christmas...
...or as they say in the US, “Happy Holidays”.

Clearwater Hampers inaugurates new extension

It has been a surprise to many that local business Clearwater Hampers is now despatching almost 100,000 hampers a year. Hidden from the rest of East Hendred on the north side of the A417 (i.e. not within the confines of the area of outstanding natural beauty), the hamper business continues to expand and, some say, resembles a *James Bond* level of undercover activity!

The office space was extended this year from 800ft² to 3,000ft², enabling the 23 full-time office staff to spread their wings and providing much-needed space for the additional temporary staff taken on for the Christmas rush.

Peter & Rachael Austin were proud to host a champagne reception on Friday 11 November, with Ed Vaizey MP formally opening the state-of-the-art premises, together with many local dignitaries and a number of loyal customers and suppliers. Additionally, they very recently confirmed Clearwater’s largest ever order, for 14,000 hampers, and packing for these and other Christmas orders continues apace.



Christmas bin and box days

The district council has released the seasonal “catch up” dates for Refuse, Green Boxes and Brown Bins.

Reopening of Drayton Centre

For reference, the Drayton Recycling Centre is variously suggested to be reopening in February or March 2006.

Christmas tree recycling

The county council is again providing recycling facilities for Christmas trees, including at Charlton Park Garden Centre (Wantage), between 31 December and 9 January.

NORMAL DAY	“CATCH UP” DAY
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Tuesday 3 January	Thursday 5 January
Friday 6 January	Monday 9 January
Tuesday 10 January	Wednesday 11 January
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If you're interested (or can think of someone who might be), please contact Alex Birkhead (West Hendred) on 020-7083-0051 or alex.birkhead@ciworks.com.

Just wondering if anyone hereabouts is interested, as roles could be Hendred- or London-centred. Company (CI Works, www.ciworks.com) is semi-virtual, so working from home fits well. Rates/fees should be reasonable. Relevant experience essential as might be a good PC/broadband setup. Flexible. Starting January onwards.

Sorry about the small print...only space I could get!

from the chair

Although we often think of East Hendred as a “self-contained” village in south Oxfordshire, it is affected by many decisions being taken outside the village. Examples are Thames Water (the new reservoir), Oxfordshire County Council (on locations for new housing in the county and the road structure, the A417 particularly), the Highways Authority (on the future of the A34), UKAEA (on the future of the Harwell site), the District Council (on planning decisions). As a Parish Council, we try to keep up to date with all these developments, often by attending meetings, and to make our input to questionnaires and requests for

comments. We also welcome input from villagers on these issues, either at Parish Council meetings or by post or email. Although we recognise that responses from individual parish councils have limited effect on major decisions, we do also work with other local councils to increase the effectiveness of the response. A good example is our working closely together with Ardington and Lockinge and West Hendred parish councils on the proposed Steventon reservoir and on issues affecting the A417. Our County and District Councillors do attend our Parish Council meetings and we do influence them to respond on our behalf at their level of input. In addition, we are members of the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils and their advice is useful. I am also a member of the Board of the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council and can have an input to the decisions taken

there, based on local knowledge.

We are pleased that the development of our *Parish Plan* is now progressing, and we are very pleased that Dame Jennifer Jenkins has agreed to chair the committee overseeing this. This committee met for the first time on 18 November and four working groups were set up. The number of responses to the questionnaire in the last *Bulletin* was disappointing (with only about 30). We do not think this can be a proper reflection on the level of interest in the future development of this village. Nevertheless, the responses do give us a feel of what the major issues are and we shall be undertaking further surveys later during the development of the *Plan*.

Licensing of pubs, shops and other organisations has been a “hot topic”, both nationally and locally, in the last few months, with the new legislation imple-

mented at the end of November. The role of Parish Councils in responding to requests for extended hours was not clear and we have been in correspondence with the Vale Council, the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils and our MP on this topic. It transpires that not all local Councils have taken the same view on this, with at least one District Council in Oxfordshire accepting responses from local Parish Councils on behalf of their parishioners, whereas the Vale Council decided to interpret “*independent parties*” as excluding Parish Councils. This reflects lack of thoroughly considered guidance from the Government on this important topic.

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

John Sharp

East Hendred – renewable energy?

A feasibility study of the potential for using renewable energy in the village started in 2003, with a small grant from Thames Valley Energy. It was undertaken under the auspices of the Parish Council, which set up a Task Group to undertake the study. Members of this group were Conrad Atkinson, Charles Clayton, Jon Dunsdon, Edward Eyston, John Sharp and Martin Simmonds. The study incorporated a number of case studies, which included providing lighting for a school car park and installation of a solar thermal panel on a village house. A questionnaire to villagers was completed last year, with responses from over 50 residents. Renewable energy systems that were considered

included solar thermal, solar PV (photo-voltaic), ground source heat pumps, wind, water power and biomass. The final report is now complete and the main conclusions are listed below.

- The questionnaire undertaken showed that the great majority of respondents (92%) are concerned about environmental issues arising from the burning of fossil fuels. A large number of those responding (88%) are either “*very*” or “*fairly*” concerned about climate change due to global warming. Most respondents felt that we should increase the use of renewable energy. This supportive attitude towards renewable energy should lead to positive action.

- The technology reports generally show that several of the renewable energy sources investigated are not economic for a village of the size and location of East Hendred, but it would be unfortunate to simply abandon all efforts to adopt renewable energy sources because of the cost compared to the current situation for fossil fuels.
- The environmental cost of fossil fuel burning is increasing. The price charged for fossil fuels is also rising and higher fuel prices will make marginal technologies, such as solar thermal, more cost-effective in the future.
- Local policies for planning are

changing to be more positive towards renewable energy projects, so that people who do want to install renewable energy systems should not experience planning difficulties.

- Efforts should be made to persuade people to adopt renewable energy sources where at all feasible and to make information about renewable energy available.
- It is recognised, however, that energy conservation provides the easiest way to reduce the use of fossil fuels. It is likely that the greatest reduction in fossil fuel use within the village could be achieved by informing people of ways in which they can conserve energy.

Thames Water reservoir – 2019?

As noted in our last *Bulletin*, the new reservoir planned for land close to Steventon is back on the agenda. We attended a meeting with Thames Water a few months ago when background information was presented. The local newspaper recently showed pictures of boreholes being driven to test the ground conditions. If this goes ahead (which appears

to be increasingly likely) the timescale is likely to be as shown on the right:

These timescales indicate a long period for construction (~7 years), as massive banks are to be built around the reservoir. During the early decision phases, Thames Water will be holding meetings with stakeholders that include our Parish Council.

There will also, at some stage, be involvement of the public via exhibitions, newsletters etc.

2005	Revisiting site selection decision.
2007 (summer)	Full environmental and impact assessment, detailed engineering and design of full scheme.
2007 (autumn)	Planning application and consents submitted.
2010	Start of phased construction.
2019	Complete construction.

Preparation of Village Plan

In the last *Bulletin*, a short questionnaire was attached to enable villagers indicate their main concerns about East Hendred, as a guide to the main issues that would need development in the new *Village Plan*. Unfortunately, the response was rather poor with only 31 completed questionnaires received. It is difficult to believe that there is such a limited interest in the future development of this village. Nevertheless, the response have provided the planning committee with some guidance on the main issues. In addition, we are pleased that 14 people came forward offering to help with the development of the *Plan*. A meeting of these, together with some parish councillors, was held on 18 November and four groups were set up to progress the *Plan*. These groups will look at the issues concerned with Environment; Housing and Planning; Traffic, Parking, Policing, Security and Village Facilities; and Employment, Tourism and Viability. The next meeting of the Steering Group will be held on 3 February. We are very pleased that Dame Jennifer Jenkins has agreed to chair this group. She has a very wide experience of chairing meetings and is knowledgeable about planning and related issues, as well as having lived in this village for 40 years. It is not too late to be involved — please contact John Sharp (833367) if you are interested.

A review of the main points raised from the responses received is provided here:

Transport

- Parking in village.
- Danger to pedestrians. Off-street parking requirement.
- 30mph limit on A417 (*several comments*).
- Reduce car dependency.
- Parked cars in certain village locations causing problems.
- Difficulty getting out of village onto the A417.
- Damage to verges.
- Need for *Park & Ride* at Milton.
- Provision of more pavements in village and on the A417.
- More bus services.
- More houses in Grove will make access to the A417 even more difficult.
- Access by car to schools should be better managed.
- Cars parked too close to road junctions.
- GP appointments impractical without access to car.
- Access to village hall sometimes limited via Church St. (e.g. for pedestrians).

Housing

- More, affordable housing.
- Insufficient number of smaller, starter homes.
- Retirement and first-time buyer homes needed.
- Sheltered housing complex for retired/older people.
- Too many large properties in village.
- More houses leads to more cars and parking problems.
- High rents.
- Housing should be kept within village location
- Positioning of affordable houses needs careful selection.

Village facilities

- Very good at present but more teenager facilities required
- Need to maintain and keep what we already have.
- Volunteers needed to run a youth club
- Full-time Post Office useful.
- Churches need toilet facilities with disabled access.

- Need larger sports field.
- Stronger links between village schools and school in French twin village.
- Snells Hall key facility for village and provision of subsidised hire rates for village functions.

Policing and security

- Generally OK but some teenager problems.
- Courtesy lighting still limited with more footpath lighting required.
- More active *Neighbourhood Watch* needed (*several comments to this effect*).
- Repeated vandalism to children's playgrounds.
- Dog fouling.
- Community policeman is overstretched.
- More visibility of local policeman.
- Security cameras at selected sites in village.
- Lighting by OAP homes in White Road.
- Petty vandalism problem (e.g. in play parks).

Employment

- Jobs, more offices and tourism mainstay of many facilities in village.
- Good to see job opportunities in villages.
- No objection to more offices (*but more cars...*).
- Sad to see farm buildings being converted into offices.
- Networking/interactive club needed for those working in the village.
- Encourage local companies to advertise in Post Office.
- Central car park needed if more tourism is to be encouraged.
- Many visitors for "*open garden*" days — very popular.

Environment

- Snells is a real asset to village
- Open access to some parts of the village, e.g. Snells.
- Preservation of Snells essential for ambience of Snells Hall and

play park.

- Important to keep green spaces.
- Need cycle path to Wantage.
- Some footpaths have poor surface.
- More encouragement to use green boxes and recycling.
- Skip for "*village*" rubbish.
- Communal composting.
- Good environment in village — let's keep it!

Heritage

- Important to maintain and protect conservation area (CA).
- *Status Quo* is good.
- Heritage in good order and village should be proud of it.
- Enough museums/memorials.
- Village museum to be better publicised (e.g. opening hours).
- Museum and war memorial well maintained.
- More support for village museum needed.
- Raising funds to maintain heritage is a problem.
- Future development to be done sympathetically to protect heritage.
- More encouragement for school children to be involved.

Other issues

- Support for improved energy efficiency.
- Newcomers to village should receive "*welcome pack*".
- Involve young people in this *Plan* development.
- Parish Council does excellent job.
- Apply strictly village "*envelope*" to future building.
- Trial wind generator to see if feasible in village.
- Snells Hall has rate relief from District Council, which should continue to enable hall to operate cost effectively.
- Grants (e.g. from District/County Councils) essential to enable village facilities to be improved.
- Need more volunteers to run village organisations.

Public consultation on High Volume Low Activity waste (HVLA) by UKAEA

The UKAEA has published a document introducing a consultation process in relation to disposal of waste that will arise from restoring the Harwell site, which will generate a significant volume of a solid radioactive waste

(HVLA). For this material, the level of radioactivity is only just above the legal limits. Some waste of this type (e.g. stones, bricks, concrete, soils, and scrap metal) already exists on the site and is being efficiently managed. Further

restoration work will produce higher volumes of this material.

The consultation phase runs until March 2007, when a final recommendation report will be issued. The process starts with an initial consultation, to January 2006, during which options will be developed by UKAEA and

registered stakeholders will be given presentations. The Parish Council has registered as an interested party and we will be asking for a presentation. Individuals can also register by contacting Paul Atyeo on 01235 43 5134 or by email (paul.ayteo@ukaea.org.uk).

Parish Council business

We occasionally get residents coming to our Parish Council meetings for interest, rather than because they wish to raise a particular issue (*usually planning*). Many of these have commented that they did not realise that the Parish Council was involved in so many different issues. In the last few months, these have included:

- Storage of nuclear waste (responding to the questionnaire from the Committee of Radioactive Waste Management, for which two councillors attended a meeting in Wallingford).
- New reservoir near Steventon. (This is back on the agenda and several councillors attended recent meetings with Thames Water on their future plans.)
- Location of future housing in Oxfordshire (responding to a questionnaire from the County Council).

- Oxfordshire Transport Study (responding to a questionnaire from the County Council).
- Changes to the licensing system affecting the village.
- Part of Rowstock becoming part of East Hendred Parish (a proposal is being considered by the District Council for the houses to the west of Rowstock corner to move from Milton parish to East Hendred).
- Proposed options for changes to the road system near the UKAEA site including new junction connections to the A34 and changes to relieve traffic at the Rowstock roundabout. (The Parish Council is in correspondence with UKAEA on this.) In addition, apart from normal business, the Council has considered and responded on ten planning applications in the last four months, many of which required site visits.

New licensing laws

Most people are aware of the new licensing laws, with District Councils taking over responsibility for licensing the sale of alcohol in pubs, village halls, shops etc. East Hendred has at least six licensed premises (three pubs, village shop, village hall, sports club). Each of these has applied for their new licenses in the last two months. Four of these have previous conditions continued, in terms of hours, conditions etc. Two of the pubs applied for much extended hours, which were challenged by residents living in the vicinity of each. These cases went to local hearings in Abingdon, where three District Councillors act as the committee. Presentations were made by Greene King (supported by the publican), the District Council, local police and by selected residents representing those who had objected in writing. Decisions were then made by the

District Council on revised hours, conditions etc. In both cases, the hours for selling alcohol were significantly reduced from those applied for, finishing at 11.30pm and with 30 minutes for *“drinking up”*. We understand that the Wheatsheaf has recently gone to appeal on this decision.

Surprisingly, the Parish Council was not allowed to represent the several villagers who objected. The new licensing laws identified an *“interested party”* as either a resident or a business located close to the establishment seeking extended hours, or as a group representing such residents or businesses. The Vale Council decided to interpret this to mean that Parish Councils would not constitute an interested party, although other District Councils have taken a different view. This is an indication of the rather rapid introduction of these new licensing arrangements, without full consideration of the implications.

Ride or Stride

Here’s something to think about for next year. Once a year, in early September, the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust runs a sponsored *“Ride or Stride”*.

Vast numbers of churches are open for the event — including all three East Hendred churches, St Augustine’s, St Mary’s, and the chapel in Hendred House — and teams or individuals walk

Church News

This year, Remembrance Sunday fell on Sunday 13 November and there was a ceremony at the War Memorial, after the services at St Augustine’s and St Mary’s. Every house in the village was visited by a poppy seller and, this year, the East Hendred poppy appeal raised the grand sum of £1,005.26 — thank you to everyone who contributed.

card through the door detailing the services for Christmas, including some of the ones listed below.

Please also check the notice board in St Augustine’s churchyard for times of the services there, and also for details of activities such as coffee mornings, lunches for older people, and study groups.

There have been two excellent

Monday 19 December	6:00pm	Carol singers from both St Augustine’s and St Mary’s will be touring the village, setting out from Hendred House. Everyone is welcome to join in, to sing or just listen. And if you enjoy the experience, this year we will be collecting on behalf of Save the Children Fund.
Christmas Eve	3.30pm 7.30pm	Crib Service at Holy Trinity, West Hendred. Carols, readings and quiet reflection, at St Mary’s.
	8.00pm	Mass at St. Mary’s, followed by drinks and refreshments.
	11:30pm	Midnight Mass, St Augustine’s.
Christmas Day	9.30am	Mass, St. Mary’s.
	10.30am	Christmas Communion at St Augustine’s.
	11.15am	Mass at St. Patrick’s, East Ilsley.
6 January	7.30	Mass for the Epiphany, St. Mary’s.

We celebrated the Harvest with the Harvest Festival in church and a splendid Harvest Lunch afterwards for 80 people in Snells Hall. The next festival is Christmas, and a Christingle service was held in St Augustine’s on Sunday 11 December. On Monday 19 December, carol singers from both St Augustine’s and St Mary’s will be touring the village, setting out from Hendred House at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to join in, to sing or just listen and, if you enjoy the experience, this year we will be collecting on behalf of Save the Children Fund. By now you should have had a

Penney Lectures this autumn, first from the Chief Executive of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, then other by the Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, who spoke about Nelson, the Navy of his day and the battle of Trafalgar in this its 200th anniversary year. Coming up in the new year, East Hendred resident Deborah Lavin will entertain us on the history of espionage, and Richard Evans, racing correspondent for the Daily Telegraph, will talk about horse racing. All the Penney Lectures are held in St Augustine’s church and start at 7:30 pm.

or cycle around as many as they want or can manage, getting their sponsorship forms signed.

Half the money you raise goes to your nominated church, the rest to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, which makes grants to churches and chapels of all denominations towards the cost of major fabric repairs. The Trust has contributed generously in the past to work at St Augustine’s and, each year, a team from St Augustine’s pedals intrepidly around the churches of the Vale. It’s open to

all and everyone who takes part says how much they enjoy it.

This year, we cycled gently around 20 churches and raised over £500. It is a fantastic day out for anyone, but particularly for children who enjoy cycling — you go as far or near as you wish, visit some beautiful buildings where you are warmly welcomed with drinks and biscuits, enjoy the achievement of seeing your form fill up with signatures, and have a great time in a good cause. Why not join in next September?

East and West Hendred Women's Institute

Our membership continues to increase, as we now have more than 30 members who regularly enjoy a variety of different activities both in the village and elsewhere.

Members have recently attended talks, exhibitions and conferences organised by the Oxfordshire Federation of W.Is. in addition to the National Conference held in the Albert Hall.

Different monthly meetings in East Hendred have covered topics as varied as the Wantage Counselling Service, Circle Dancing, Family History and the Registration Service, a demonstration of Batik Dyeing, and Domestic Waste and Recycling Initiatives. The author, Gervase Phinn entertained and amused W.I. members from across the county at a meeting in Oxford while, more recently,

more than half of our members had a very enjoyable expedition to Bishopstone, for a walking tour of the village followed by a delicious lunch cooked by Bishopstone W.I. members. We have also raised money for the Oxford Children's Hospital Campaign, as a very worthwhile local charity.

The programme for the coming few months is:

19 January — New Year Party

16 February — *Life in Gambia* (Rosemary Howden)

16 March — AGM, followed by Members' Reminiscences

Various "extra" day-time activities are also being planned.

Meetings are held in Snells Hall, starting at 7.30pm, and new members are always welcome to our friendly and flourishing W.I. Please contact the President (Jill Broadley, 833291) for further details.

Trophy for 1st Cuckhamsley

Each year the Scout District awards the *President's Trophy* to an individual or group that has demonstrated the true spirit of Scouting.

For 2005, the winner was the local 1st Cuckhamsley Group.

The Group was congratulated on its energy and leadership, which has "managed to turn the Group round from a bit of a dip into the active and vibrant Group it is today. Hardly a week goes by without there being something positive about the Group in the local press. To cap it all you responded magnificently to the appeal for help and support following the Tsunami disaster just after Xmas."

New composting collection service

The district council is promoting the extension to our area of a new collection service for garden waste and cardboard. The service entails an annual fee of £29 and includes a brown wheelie bin that will be emptied fortnightly, to be taken away for composting. For more details, contact the Waste Team on 520202, collect an application pack from the Wantage office, or visit www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk.

Hendreds Twinning Group

Family Quiz, 14 January, 6.30pm

Snells Hall. Question master Bill Dorling. Tickets for adults £4, accompanied children £2. Light supper included. Bar open. Tickets from Hilary Dorling (833636), Jackie Francis (833473), Kate Nicoll (833573) and Margaret Sharp (833367). An event for all the family to enjoy in the dark days of mid winter!

Pot Luck Supper, 4 February

Speaker Paul Kessling. This annual event is always popular. Everyone brings a contribution of food for the buffet and is assured an interesting and varied supper. Bar open. Tickets from committee members above.

Tutored Wine and Cheese Tasting evening, 1 April 2006

Visit from Sarceaux, 2006

The date is now confirmed as the weekend of 8-9 July 2006. A full programme of social events and expeditions is already planned.

From the Beat Officer

Firstly, let's start with some good news. We now have a Beat Office in Ardington. The location is the Reading Rooms, right next to Ardington church. This is all part of the current theme of neighbourhood policing, which aims to create a base actually within Beat Officer Areas, not just run out of the nearest Police Station. As well as providing a base for me within the community, I will be using the Office for weekly surgeries, giving the public the opportunity to come and speak to me if they wish. The times of surgeries will be posted on the Police notice board outside the office. It will also be used by our crime prevention advisor, Sarah Merritt, and, in the short term, by PC Kevin Taylor, until he gets his own Beat Office at Milton. I will of course also continue to work out of the Beat Office at Wantage Police station (*contact number below*).

I have continued to work with, and improve, *Neighbourhood Watch* across the Parishes I look after and we have recently held a meeting at West Hendred. We held a similar event in East Hendred, on 30 November, which was well attended, and we look forward to a more extensive network of groups in the village as a result of the meeting.

Unfortunately, crime figures in East Hendred for this financial year

to date are up, when compared to last year. It is, however, worth pointing out that crime is still relatively low. The main reason for the increase was the rave on the Ridgeway earlier in the year. A considerable amount of additional crime came with it. One other particular area of concern, though, is that East Hendred has suffered two "distraction" burglaries this year. These are where persons bluff their way into homes, very often claiming to be from the water or electricity companies. This is generally a crime that affects the elderly in our communities. So, please be on your guard, always ask for identification and, if necessary, phone the company's office. Remember, a genuine caller will not mind.

I am aware of the great concern amongst many of you regarding the extended licensing hours that are currently being brought in. I hope that in all cases an agreement can be reached that satisfies the public, the Police and the landlords.

PC 4650 Darren James.

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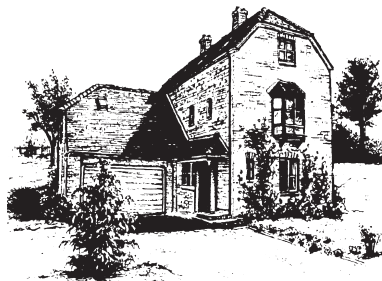
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The 2005 Hendreds' Family show



This year's Hendreds' Family Show, held on Sunday 4 September, moved to the Park and was expanded to include a horse show. Local residents and visitors to the Hendred Heritage stand will know that this was a most appropriate move, as the Park had been the location for the village *Donkey Derbys* of years gone by.

The Show organisers wish to thank Mr Edward Eyston and the Hendred Estate for allowing us to take over the field and for their help and support.

The show was well supported by exhibitors, with 513 items on display in the Exhibition Marquee from 42 *Open* class and 40 *Children's* class exhibitors. The winners list appears below.

At the time of drafting this piece, not all the show statistics were available, but Gill says there were 80 dogs in the dog show.

The bar and barbeque proved popular and our thanks go to Malcolm Prior for manning the barbeque for us on such a hot day.

We had some wonderfully supportive sponsors this year (again, our main sponsor was Infineum (SMILE) and UKAEA) and, without them and our helpers, we simply could not put on such a great event. Than you everyone.

If anyone would like to join the committee or help us next year, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Adrian Sessions on 833641, or any committee member via our website, www.hendredfamilyshow.org.

<i>Hendred Family Show Top Tray</i>	First.....	Mick Childs
	Second.....	David Atkins
	Third.....	Not awarded
<i>Hendred Family Show Top Vase</i>	First.....	Julia Cottee
	Second.....	Mick Childs
	Third.....	Adrian Sessions

SPECIALIST CLASSES

<i>Morland Cup</i>	Collection of vegetables.....	Mick Childs
<i>Denly Cup</i>	Arrangement of flowers & vegetables.....	Mick Childs
<i>Agatha Eyston Cup</i>	Most overall points - Specialist Collections.....	Mick Childs

OPEN CLASSES

<i>Edwin Cottee Memorial Cup</i>	Most points Chrysanthemum/Dahlias.....	Mick Childs
<i>Tudor Joinery Rose Bowl</i>	Most points in the Rose classes.....	Julia Cottee
<i>Bill Ballard Memorial Shield</i>	Winner of the Mixed flowers class.....	Julia Cottee
<i>AEA Cup</i>	Most points in the Flower classes.....	Mick Childs
<i>Speckled Hen Cup</i>	Winner of the Runner Beans class.....	David Atkins
<i>Dave McDowell Cup</i>	Most points in the Vegetable classes.....	David Atkins
<i>Wheatsheaf Cup</i>	Winner of the Heaviest Onion class.....	Mick Childs
<i>Pill Family Shield</i>	Winner - Heaviest Marrow class.....	Mick Childs
<i>David McDowell Memorial Cup</i>	Most points - Veg/Novelty Veg classes.....	David Atkins
<i>Eyston Arms Cup</i>	Most points - Novelty Veg classes.....	David Atkins
<i>Tom Riggs Shield</i>	Most points in the Fruit classes.....	Avis Atkins
<i>Thomas More Eyston Cup</i>	Best produce exhibit in the show.....	Mick Childs

(for his 'Morland Cup' collection of vegetables)

The Royal Horticultural Society - Banksian Medal..... **Mick Childs**

<i>Bradley Cup</i>	Most points in the Floral Art classes.....	Elaine Hayes
<i>Plough Cup</i>	Winner of the Floral table decoration class.....	Jean Harbar
<i>West & East Hendred W I Plate</i>	Flower arrangement using fresh material.....	Audrey Chasney
<i>Hendred Stores Plate</i>	Most points in the Preserves classes.....	Betty Beechey
<i>Gordon Harwood Trophy</i>	Decorated (Iced) Cake.....	Kay Mulford
<i>Hendreds' Family Show Cookery Plate</i> (Classes 51-56 - for the sweeter tooth!).....		Kay Mulford
<i>DJM Telecommunications Cup</i>	Most points in the Cookery classes.....	Kay Mulford
<i>Harris Family Cup</i>	Overall Best Handicraft Exhibit.....	Kath Sutton
<i>Hare Cup</i>	Most points - Needlecraft classes.....	Margaret Day
<i>R&M Pest Control Tankard</i>	Most points - Photography classes.....	Shared between Phil Childs and Derek Day

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

<i>The Mrs John Beary Cup for Young Gardeners</i> (For ages 8 - 16).....	Emily Mulford
<i>Sutton Shield for Child's Heaviest Marrow</i> (Growers aged 16 or less).....	Oscar Clayton
<i>Peter Waite Cup</i>	Pepper plant..... Alexander Grillo
<i>George Edward Frederick Eyston Cup</i> (EH Resident).....	Reuben Barksfield
<i>Miniature Garden Cup</i>	Aged 7 & under..... Bethany McConville
<i>MacKinnon Shield</i>	Most points in the Aged 7 & under Classes..... Alex Lundyates
<i>Miniature Garden Cup</i>	Aged 8 to 11..... Hester Gaylard
<i>Brownies Shield</i>	Most points in the Aged 8 to 11 Classes..... Charlotte Bambridge
<i>Jenny Owen Cup</i>	Floral Art for ages 12 to 16..... Katie Thimbleby
<i>MacKinnon Shield</i>	Most points in the Aged 12 to 16 Classes..... Harriet Gold
<i>The Maureen Pill Cup</i>	Best overall exhibit in Children's Classes..... Charlotte Bambridge (for her Vegetable 'Dragon')

OVERALL TROPHIES

<i>Clearwater Shield</i>	Family with the most points in show.....	The Mulford Family (Kay & Emily)
<i>R & M Pest Control Trophy</i>	Most overall points in show.....	Mick Childs
<i>E.H. Parish Council's Millennium Cup</i> (Resident with the best non-produce exhibit).....		Phil Childs (for his 'Koala' photo)
<i>Chairman's Trophy</i>	Chairman's choice.....	Kath Sutton (for her knitted Nativity Scene)

Christmas Bazaar and Collection of Shoe Boxes for Ukraine Christian Ministries

This year's Bazaar was held on 3 December in Snells Hall and, as usual, was opened by Father Christmas who stayed to meet the village children in his grotto. The hand bell ringers and mulled wine set a festive theme for the afternoon.

We had a very large number of entries for the children's competitions — many thanks to all those who worked hard to produce such a high standard of entries. The *Main Draw* again had a wide ranging collection of prizes, donated by individuals and local companies. Many thanks to all those who helped to make this

event successful. Proceeds are being shared between St. Mary's Parish, St. Augustine's Church, Hendreds Sports Club and the Community Centre

A magnificent total of over 300 shoe-boxes was collected at the Bazaar and sent out to the Ukraine via the charity UCM, which works with disadvantaged

children in very poor areas of the Ukraine. Boxes were made up by local schools and by enthusiastic groups of office workers, as well as by individual families. Thanks to everyone for their generosity and particularly to the staff and parents of St. Amand's school, for supplying 120 of the boxes — well done!

Response from Parish Council to Oxfordshire County Council's Housing Distribution Questionnaire

As a result of the SE Plan requiring a decision on the proposed location of 21,000 homes in Oxfordshire between 2016 and 2026, Parish Councils were invited to vote for Option 1 (focus on Bicester and Didcot) or Option 2 (focus on the south of the County — Wantage/Grove/Didcot), or to provide an Option 3 (which we did). Our response was sent in late October and appears below:

East Hendred Parish Council is not in favour of either Option 1 or Option 2. Both demonstrate a lack of co-ordination of infrastructure planning with the proposed housing development in Oxfordshire.

We are most strongly opposed to Option 2, which concentrates the required housing in the south of the county. This is not feasible without major infrastructure development, particularly of the road system. Of serious concern to this community is the A417, which passes close to this village, and is extremely busy at peak traffic times, making entrance to and exit from this village very difficult. Further housing developments in Wantage and Grove can only exacerbate this.

A second major problem is the A34, which many village residents use daily to access Abingdon, Oxford, Newbury, the M4, and the M40. The A34 (two lanes in each direction) is the main route from

Southampton to the Midlands, and is already very heavily used and vulnerable to delays caused by accidents/breakdowns, resulting in frequent traffic hold-ups. An increase in housing provision in the Didcot/Wantage area will result in additional traffic on this road, causing more delays, which may have national as well as local implications.

In addition, it seems very likely that a massive reservoir will be built at Steventon in the near future, which will generate more traffic on local roads, particularly the A34. It is reported that the Government has indicated that there will be no resources to widen/improve the A34 for several years. Another factor is the Strategic Rail Authority's proposal to reduce the number of trains on the Didcot-London service. Trains on this route are already over-crowded at peak hours and any increase in passengers, which would surely result from a substantial increase in housing in the area, would exacerbate this, particularly if proposed service cuts are made.

The Parish Council proposes that some of the planned housing should be built in larger villages throughout Oxfordshire. The number per village would need to be limited, but given that (perhaps) 200 of the 300 Oxfordshire villages could accept some additional housing,

this implies a rate of 3–4 new dwellings per annum in each village over a ten-year period (giving a total of 6,000–8,000 houses). Any additional houses required to meet the overall total required for Oxfordshire should be built in the towns as proposed in Option 1.

Care would need to be taken to ensure that a defined proportion of the housing built in villages was "affordable", in order to ensure that villages are socially-balanced communities; at present, in this village, most new houses tend to be large and expensive.

The advantages of this proposed distribution of houses are seen as:

- Demand for affordable village housing could be met.
- Existing village facilities — such as schools, shops, post offices, village halls and churches — could be retained, maintained and improved. (If the houses were provided as in Options 1 and 2, such facilities would have to be built.)

The impact on the road network of vehicles from new dwellings would be more widely spread. Nevertheless, roads such as the A417 (which serve several villages) would need to be upgraded. Such development would follow the traditional pattern of settlement in Oxfordshire, with a balance between small towns and villages.

Helen & Douglas House — seeking volunteers



Volunteers are being sought for a new scheme created for Friends of Helen & Douglas House, which is designed “to support and motivate willing volunteers who wish to work alongside the fundraising team of the Oxford hospice”. The scheme invites people to set up representa-

tive and fundraising Groups in their own area, effectively becoming the local “face” of the hospice.

Groups will receive training, guidance and much practical and moral support. Oxford’s Helen and Douglas House hospices support children and young adults with life-

shortening conditions, looking after over 200 in a year, but costing over £3m to run (and 95% funded from voluntary contributions). People interested in setting up or joining a Group should contact Joanna Mitchell on 01865 794749 (jmitche11@helenanddouglas.org.uk).

Parish Council Response to NDA Draft Strategy for decommissioning UK nuclear sites

Proposed Nuclear Decommissioning Authority’s (NDA) timescale for decommissioning the UKAEA Harwell site

2006.....	Eastern area of site restored.
2011.....	Site active drains decommissioning complete.
2015.....	Liquid Effluent Treatment Plant LLW operations complete.
2016.....	Building B462 Waste Stores Complex — RHILW operations complete.
2018.....	Building B459 Active Handling Facility— decommissioning complete.
2020.....	Building B220 Radiochemistry Facility — decommissioning complete.
2025.....	Final site clearance and closure.

(Sent November 2005)

1. The Council welcomes the above-planned timescale for final clearance of the UKAEA Harwell site (by 2025). However, it is aware that this is very dependent on a long-term waste depository for intermediate level waste (ILW) being available by about 2015. Given that the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CORWM) does not report until 2006 and its recommendation will not include a suitable location, it is likely that the next stage of finding a suitable site will take up to ten years (particularly if it includes a public inquiry). Assuming at least five years is required to build the repository, this would mean that the Harwell ILW waste could not be moved until at least 2021, thus

delaying the final site clearance.

2. We are aware of the NDA proposal to consider regional stores for ILW waste, both to overcome the problem identified (in 1, above) and also to reduce costs. We would be extremely concerned if the current UKAEA Harwell ILW waste store was to be considered as a regional store, both because it is close to this Parish and because of the transport issues involved and we would object strongly to this proposal.

3. The management of both the Harwell and Winfrith sites (as one package) is planned to be put out for tender in 2007/8. The selection of a suitable management contractor for the UKAEA Harwell site is of particular concern to this Council because

of the proximity of the site to our village. We note that cost savings are intended in this process. It is of paramount importance to us that management of safety and environmental protection are not subjected to any cost savings, and we would wish that this is made very clear in the tendering process. We would also request that, through the local stakeholder group, we are consulted on the terms of the tendering process and its scope.

4. The Council notes that the views of stakeholders on the site end-state will be considered. We welcome this and look forward to further consideration on this issue. One issue very relevant to this Council is the current limited road infrastructure serving the Harwell site and any growth of the site will need to take this into account and provide suitable resources for upgrading it.

The Council welcomes the NDA’s intent to provide more funding and support for activities that would benefit the social and economic life of local communities. East Hendred parish, as one of the three parishes in close proximity to the UKAEA Harwell site, would expect to benefit from this.

Times of Change

Hendred Heritage Trust and Champs Chapel Museum

The East Hendred Heritage Trust is pleased to announce that, as from 1 January 2006, Deborah Lavin will take on the task of being Chair of the Trustees and Jean Salmon will take over the position of Chair of the Management Committee.

As to the future of the Heritage Trust and the Museum, a "brainstorming" session as to the "way ahead" has already been led by Deborah Lavin, deliberately designed not to get into detail on any one theme but to take into account new ideas from new faces. Spreading the load as far as possible, and encouraging new faces to take part in defined projects was one outcome. Many questions remain to be clarified but the major point of total agreement is that the Museum is important to the village and should be retained for the future, actively promoting "Yesterday's Heritage for Tomorrow".

The style of operation needed for the modern village remains unresolved, for the time being, and will have to take into account the current activity regarding the new *Village Plan*.

John Stevenson has agreed to celebrate his retirement by taking on the newly created Archivist position, working mainly from home, bringing records up to date and preparing for greater use of the Trust archives in future outreach projects.

The Trust reaches a cross roads and needs your assistance with setting future directions, as well as providing some different type of volunteer effort. Perhaps you may just find time to think about contributing to the future of the Chapel Museum activities? The present team, with the help of many generous donations, has been able to create a new Fire Pump House and restore the Sheard painting of the *Jumble Sale*, while doing much to improve our exhibitions, archives and storage, through physical contributions as well as fundraising co-ordination. Some still say the Fire Pump is Hendred's best kept secret, hidden in the "secret garden"

at the rear of the Snells Hall. If you find it, the pump is on view and, on an autumn or spring day, in a very peaceful surrounding. As to the *Jumble Sale* painting by Professor Sheard, listed in the book *Treasures of Oxfordshire*, it now takes pride of place amongst other objects of its kind and is lit to perfection. Let your opinions be known...

Another fine year for Heritage

2005 saw the Tenth Anniversary of the formation of East Hendred Heritage Trust, which is the Charity that enables the continued operation of the museum activities. The season has been busy and culminated in a special exhibition event in Snells Hall to gather residents memories of the 1939-45 period.

Earlier this year, the Trust was lucky enough to gain a grant towards extending our *Sixty years On* exhibition coverage to produce audio memoirs of the wartime period reflected by those who live in Hendred.

One does not need to emphasise that the number of people who were actually around during that period are getting fewer, so serious historians seek to ensure that such memories that do remain are not lost. This means that the memoirs that Hendred people can provide will not only serve locally, but in the National Archive as well. The Chapel display was extended and, to date, there are a few voice recordings and some written words. The appeal has also produced some memorable items from resident's own archives, as well as some useful stories and extra photographs.

Latterly, the emphasis was on Burma, thanks to some surprising

finds and the help of Robert May and Sylvia, whose father served during the campaign in Kohima and Imphal.

Did you know that Charlie Hiskins, at that time an RAF aircraftman "chippy", was surprised to find his Newbury Road neighbour, Ted East (then in the Berkshires), knocking on his tent flap in Burma?



Did you know that Lewis Northcote of the Royal Artillery Survey regiment was one of those in the landing craft that entered Rangoon by sea, to a rapturous welcome from the local population, with no Japanese firing a shot that day?

Did you know that John Stevenson might just have carried them by ship across the Bay of Bengal from Madras to the Burmese coast, or that Heather Beary (enjoying the delights of South East Asia Command operations planning in Ceylon) might have known all about the plans?

Memoirs of 1939-45 — more keenly wanted

We are sure there are still more memories around that period and more contributions towards recordings are keenly needed to meet the year end deadline.

Photo: Heather Beary, Arthur Newton and Charlie Hiskins swap memories of the South East Asia campaign. Heather was in the WRNS with Mountbatten's HQ staff, Arthur was a Chindit with Orde Wingate, and Charlie Hiskins was with the famous RAF squadron of *Hurricane* fighters (which were converted to carry bombs in close support of the troops working their way down through Burma, and thus renamed *Hurribombers*). Pictured in the Chapel, in front of the special display relating to the campaign, which includes Lewis Northcote's actual jungle green uniform that he wore at the time.

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East Hendred Summer Soccer School

Children from the East Hendred Summer Soccer School met the players and manager of Scunthorpe United at their away game at Swindon Town, on Saturday 22 October. Swindon Town manager Iffy Onuora also signed autographs and photographs with the children. The children were the winners of the Summer Soccer School's end of season competition, which capped a season that saw the children comprehensively outplaying their parents and beating them easily in a game of football. At the end of the session, each child then demonstrated to the parents the skills that they had learned throughout the summer.

The aim of the Summer Soccer School is to help the children acquire new skills and build their self-confidence, whilst having fun. Little emphasis is given to the tactics, positions etc. of the game of football itself. Despite this, the team of boys and girls again acquitted themselves very well at the Hendreds Family Show football competition, winning one of their games and drawing another.

The East Hendred Summer Soccer School was established in May 2002, to provide organized football coaching for children aged 5- to 10-years-old and takes place every Monday evening

from May until October at the Mill Lane Sports Ground. It was launched by Keith Stiles, the Chief Scout for the Reading FC Football Academy (12–18 year-

throughout the Summer, the school has continued to thrive for the fourth year running, regularly attracting between thirty and forty children. Previous winners of the end of season competition were

Josh Pentin (who won a football shirt personally signed by Wayne Rooney) and Oliver Base (who won a football signed by Wayne Rooney and other members of the Everton football team).



olds) and the South Oxfordshire Development Officer for Reading FC. Thanks to the continuing support of the parents who give their time to coach the children

Grove Rugby Football Club '05-'06

The rugby season has got off to a great start at Grove and there was a festival on 2 October in which all age groups (Under7's through to Under 13's) participated.

The club is looking for recruits into the Under-7's and Under-8's and there are already a number of boys and girls who play from the Hendreds and who benefit from the coaching and really enjoy themselves. Sunday morning training starts at 10:15am and finishes by midday. There are matches against other clubs every fortnight. Annual subscription is £25 and the season runs through to May.

Parents are welcome to watch and there are first-class refreshments!

If you are interested in further details, please contact Edward Boddington on 01235 861 509 or bod@hmg.tv.

For further details, see www.groverfc.co.uk.

Photo: Under-8's squad, which is in its last season before "contact" Rugby starts next year.





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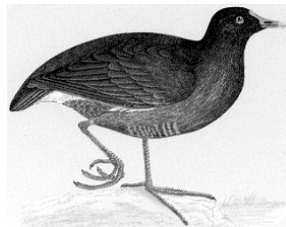
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Planning Matters

Since the last *Bulletin*, the Parish Council has been asked to comment on the following planning applications in the parish, by the Vale District Council:

2 White Road, two-storey extension; the Council had no objections to this application and it was approved by the Vale Planning department.

Inglenook, Cat Street, first-floor rear extension with dormer window. Internal alterations and French door. The Council had no objections to this application.

6 Mill Lane, amendment to original planning approval. The Council had no objections to this application.

Wye Cottage, Orchard Lane, erection of a conservatory. Again, the Council had no objections to this application.

Verdley, Orchard Close, erection of a double garage with playroom above. The Council objected to this application on the basis that the development was too large. The dormer windows would be intrusive for neighbours and the application was not in accordance with the *Local Plan*, with concern that the playroom might be used for commercial purposes. The Vale Planning Department subsequently rejected the application.

Land adjacent to 1 Home Farm Close, erection of a dwelling. This followed a successful appeal and the Council agreed to support the development, subject to the parking arrangements being confirmed as suitable and the vehicle turning-area being kept clear. The large size of the proposed property was noted.

Land to rear of The Cottage, Chapel Square, erection of a dwelling. The Council agreed to object to the development, as being totally inappropriate. It contravened *Local Plan* policy *HE1* with regard to improving or enhancing a *Conservation Area* and policy *HE15* with regard to its adverse effect on a listed building (Cobblers Cottage). The application has since been withdrawn.

Ludbridge Mill, Reading Road, renewal of application for extension of storage and distribution unit. The Council had no objections to this application.

Land off Meashill Way, Harwell Business Centre, replacement of communications tower. The Council noted that the proposed mast was very tall and large, but unlikely to be generally visible within the parish. It was agreed to note the application.

The Council has also supported the Vale Planning Department in its enforcement notice on the **Greensands property**, concerning change of use of the land from agriculture to storage etc., which had gone to appeal.

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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Hendred School - John Hedgecock

Snells Hall: Edward Eyston

Sports Club: Jimmy Francis

Howard-Spicer Fund: Mary Mackinnon and the Clerk

Transport: The Clerk receives the correspondence, but would be only too happy if there is an interested resident willing to fill this position

Information

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Weekdays

7.00am & 16.15pm

Saturdays

7.00am (village shop)

Sunday

11.00am (village shop)

REFUSE COLLECTION

Dustbin Collection

Friday

Recycling (Green Boxes)

Tuesday

MOBILE LIBRARY

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White Road

11.15am

Church Street

11.35 - 11.50am

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DECEMBER 2005

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JANUARY 2006

Sat 14 **Family Quiz**, Snells Hall (Twinning Group)
 Thu 19 **WI - New Year Party**, Snells Hall

FEBRUARY 2006

Fri 3 **Parish Plan Steering Group**, Snells Hall
 Sat 4 **Pot Luck Supper**, Snells Hall (Twinning Grp)
 Thu 16 **WI - Life in Gambia**, Snells Hall

MARCH 2006

Thu 16 **WI - AGM, followed by Members Reminiscences**, Snells Hall

APRIL 2006

Sat 1 **Tutored Wine & Cheese Tasting Evening**, Snells Hall (Twinning Group)

MAY 2006

Sat 13 **Come & Sing**, St. Augustine's Church
 Sat 20 **May Fete**, Poplar Field

JULY 2006

8–9 **Visit from Sarceaux** (Twinning Group)
 Sat 15 **St. Augustine's Church Fete**, Cowdrays

Regular Events

MONDAY

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
 (Richard Tingley, 07771 545006)

Tuesday

Cub Scouts 6.15–7.45pm, Snells Hall
 (Robin Gray, 769787)
Beaver Scouts 5–6pm, Snells Hall
 (Deborah Fuller, 769461)

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Brownies, Snells Hall
 (Linda Harris, 832691)

SATURDAY

Soccer School, Mill Lane Rec
 (Glyn Evans, 770372, 07881932459,
 or glynsoccerschool@aol.com)

WEEKDAYS

Pre-school, every morning, 9–12am
 Snells Hall (Jan Marples, 821422)

MONTHLY

Snells Hall Management Meeting, 8pm
1st Tuesday in the Gallery
Downs Golden Age, Snells Hall
1st Thursday (Betty Holliday, 833400)
Parish Council Meeting, 8pm
2nd Tuesday
WI, 7.30pm, Snells Hall
3rd Thursday

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Mary

St. Mary's, East Hendred
 Tel: 833269

Sunday Mass

9.30am St Mary's,
 East Hendred

Parish Church of St Augustine of Canterbury

Rector: Rev. Rita Ball
 Tel: 833235

Parish Communion

10.30am Each Sunday

Family Communion

10.30am 1st Sunday
(Children are welcome at all our services but will find this service particularly appealing.)

Holy Communion

11.00am Every Thursday

Sunday Squad

10.30am 3rd Sunday
(Fun stuff for children.)

The Bulletin

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