

EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*

Best Kept Village competition

The village has again entered the Oxfordshire Best Kept Village Competition. The first round of judging finished during May but we have yet to hear the result of the initial judging.

Last year, we came third in the *Medium Class* of villages but it is of course hoped that we can do even better this year. Please help by keeping gardens and frontages in good order, and storing dustbins and recycling off the road until collection days.

New Community Policeman

PC Darren James has looked after this village very well as Community Policeman, but has now been transferred to other locations. PC Chris Yates has taken over responsibility for the Hendreds and other local villages, with the support

of two Community Support Officers (based at Milton) as part of a new neighbourhood policing initiative. PC Yates has been attending our Parish Council meetings to report on local problems, as did his predecessor.

Bulletin Editor needed

We urgently need a new Editor for *East Hendred Bulletin* now that Alex Birkhead has left the village.

The *Bulletin* is published up to four times a year, plays an important role in village communications and community, and is now partnered online at www.hendred.org. Together, these efforts are regularly complimented by villagers and others, both for enhancing the village and the high quality of the publication.

If you have the skills, or the interest in being trained to undertake the editing and/or page-layout roles, please contact John Sharp on 833367. This is a great opportunity to become involved with the heart of the village, and also to share or develop your publishing skills. It might be possible for Editor and page layout roles to be split.

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We welcome the newly formed Youth Group, which has started meeting on Friday evenings in Snells Hall (soon to transfer to Wednesday evenings).

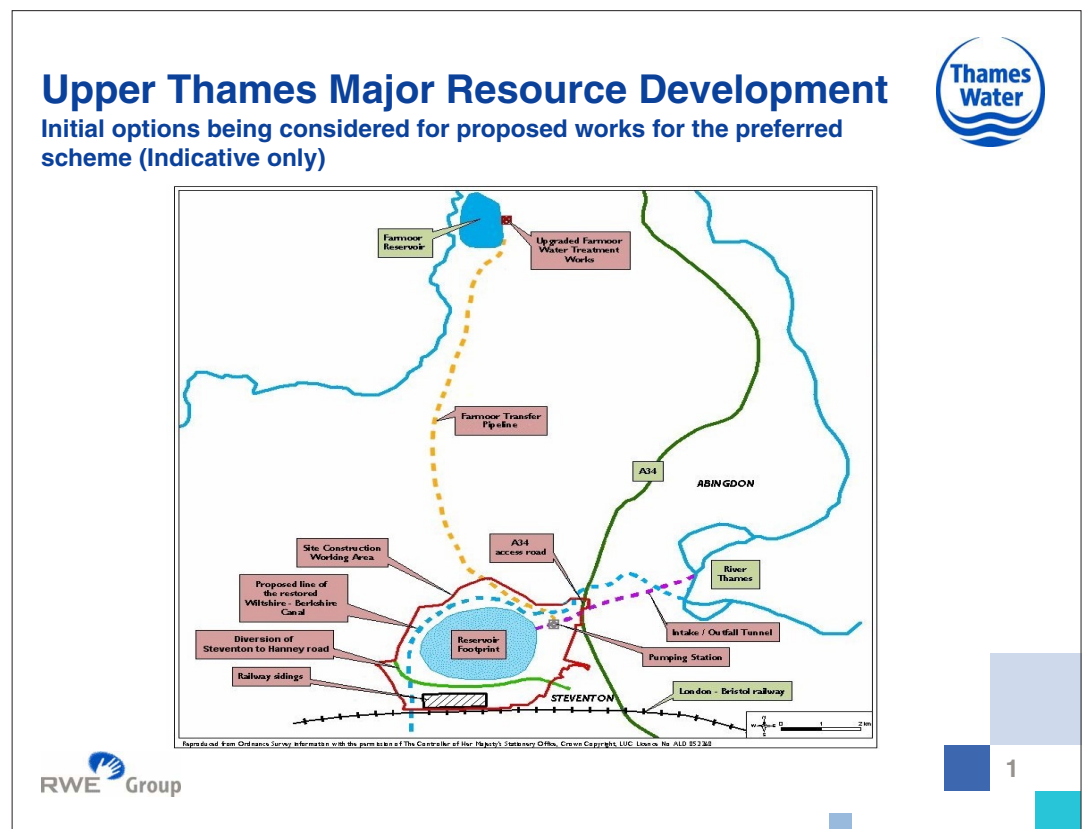
Steventon reservoir update

Thames Water is still reviewing its options for a new reservoir with a decision expected this autumn. However, a schematic outline of the possible reservoir can be seen here, with a pipeline link to the Thames. Several meetings involving local Parish Councils have taken place in recent months, and a visit to the Farmoor reservoir was arranged

by Thames Water last month for local councillors. This was a useful occasion to see a nearby reservoir and the associated facilities, such as sailing, nature reserves, walks etc. We were told that the Steventon one, if built, will cover four-times the area of Farmoor — an inland lake! We are being asked as a parish what particular schemes

we would like to see associated with reservoir, e.g. a footpath and cycle track direct to the reservoir from the village.

Representatives of local parishes have been meeting together to share common local concerns, as a group entitled *Reservoir Affected Parishes (RAP)*. East Hendred Parish Council is represented on this and regular reports are given to monthly



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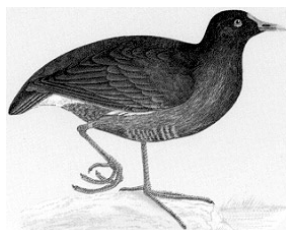
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from the chair

At the annual parish meeting in early May I reported a busy previous year with many changes (e.g. new Clerk, new County Councillor and a new Community policeman). A particular feature of the past year has been the number of consultations requiring a response from the Parish Council. There have been a total of nine, which require considerable time and effort from the Councillors. However, we feel it is important that we do respond even with the recognition that our input may be marginal, and the combined comments from many different Parish Councils can have weight.

As we are situated close to the UKAEA Harwell site (indeed, part of the site is in our parish), we are asked to input our comments to their consultations, particularly on decommissioning. The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) has taken over responsibility for decommissioning the UK nuclear facilities, including Harwell, and we have responded to their draft strategy which was circulated for comments last year. The planned clean-up date for the Harwell site is 2025, although there are several stages that need to be agreed before this end date can be achieved, e.g. a national store for intermediate level waste. As a Council, we take an active role in the activities of the Harwell-Chilton Local Stakeholder Group, both at the main meetings and by providing a representative on their working

group. Our District Councillor, Terry Fraser, was also appointed last year as chairman of the Stakeholder Group.

Planning remains a major topic for the Council, with three or four applications each month. In the last few months, we have received several controversial applications, to which we have objected. These have included several retrospective applications for one site in the village. At least one of these has gone to appeal and the Council is closely following these stages. East Hendred is an attractive village and hence it is important that new proposals for development are very closely monitored.

It is encouraging to see the progress with the *Parish Plan*, with four active groups developing individual topics. The related stall at the May Fête was successful, with good feedback from village

residents. It is very important that all parishioners take an interest in this document as it progresses, as it will eventually be used as a blueprint for the development of this village over a 10–15 year timescale. Hence, it will not be appropriate to say “*I wasn’t asked*”. You have an opportunity at the drafting stage to make your views known — please use this opportunity.

We are sorry to be losing our Clerk, Bill Falkenau, due to pressures of work. As a very experienced Clerk (to Wantage Town Council), we have benefited considerably from his inputs, with improved procedures, such as standing orders and financial procedures. We are currently advertising for a new clerk (see p.4) and hope that we will be able to appoint one as soon as possible.

John Sharp

East Hendred Parish Plan

The *Parish Plan* is now beginning to take shape. Four groups are actively working to address the topics of environment; traffic, security and policing; housing and planning; and village facilities and employment.

The last Steering Committee meeting was held on 31 March, when reports from all four groups were presented. Useful contacts have also been made with the Vale District Council, Oxfordshire Rural Community Council, the Highways Department (Oxfordshire County Council), the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and UKAEA Harwell.

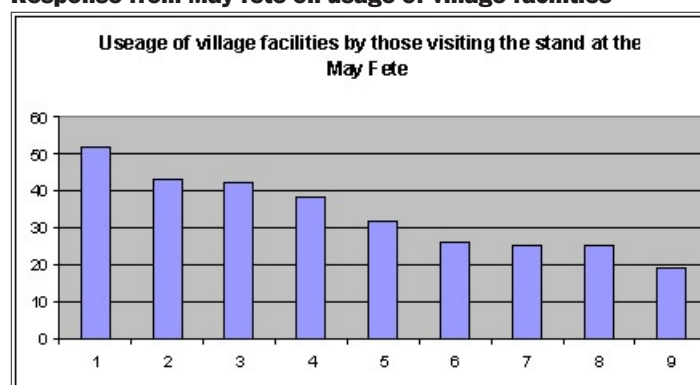
It was agreed at the March meeting to set up an information stall at

the May Fête (held on 20 May), with displays on each of the four main topics. A stream of visitors came to the stall and some very useful feedback was obtained from village residents. Responses are shown to questions posed on traffic and parking by the Group responsible for that topic, and to usage of village facilities and the need for additional facilities in the village. A considerable amount of useful data was also obtained by the Environment group regarding the question “*How green is your Parish?*”, and people also had the opportunity to show their favourite places in the Parish on a large map. The data gathered will be analysed and will help shape the Plan’s view’s on the way forward

regarding the interaction between the parishioners and the flora and fauna of the area. The Housing & Planning Group sought responses on whether the village had sufficient communal

green open spaces and on future housing needs. This information will be used to identify future steps and the main topics to be included in the next questionnaire.

Response from May fête on usage of village facilities



Key: 1 = Village Shop; 2 = Post Office; 3 = Public houses; 4 = Village Hall; 5 = Churches; 6 = Schools; 7 = Village museum; 8 = Playgrounds; 9 = Sports ground (including tennis).

Request for new village facilities

Facility	Responses
Coffee shop/tea rooms	9
Community recycling and composting	4
Youth club	2
Bus service after 8pm	2
Aerobics/fitness class	1
Double buggy access to Snells	1
Support team to help older people in their homes	1
More usage of Snells Hall for classes	1

Response from the May Fête on Traffic and Parking issues

Question	Yes	No
Would you support a Parish Council-led request for a roundabout/traffic lights at the A417/White Rd junction?	57 (98%)	1
Would you support a scheme to reduce on-street parking on bus routes in the village?	53 (96%)	2
Would you support a traffic calming scheme in the village? E.g. chicanes or ‘Smiley Face’ speed warning?	69 (87%)	10
If a central village car park was available, would you use it to reduce on-street parking?	20 (56%)	16

Consultation on high volume, low activity (HVLA) radioactive waste

UKAEA Harwell is currently consulting on the future disposal of large volumes of low level radioactive waste, which will arise from decommissioning of the Harwell site in the next several years.

It is estimated that the quantity of this waste could be as much as 100,000 tonnes (5,000 truck loads) and will generally be solid material, such as bricks, concrete, soil and scrap metal. The level of radioactivity is low, but it still means that the material cannot be disposed of in normal ways.

Various options are being proposed for the disposal of this waste, both on and off site. If the latter is selected, there could be significant problems with transport of this volume of waste to another site. Much of this waste is within the part of the Harwell site located within the East Hendred Parish, hence our communication of major concerns about the manage-

ment of its disposal. Our overall comment provided for the first round of consultation was:

"This Parish Council represents a community of ~1,100 people immediately adjacent to the site where HVLA waste could be stored. In particular, the Meashill trenches are in this parish and options ON4 and ON6 specifically make use of the existing trenches there. Although we recognise that this waste is low level activity, we still consider most of the issues as very important or crucial, particularly in view of the very large volume of it. Consideration of the full impact on local communities should be a critical consideration in identifying a solution."

Where is the "planning gain" for this Parish if there is major storage of waste in its area?

We shall continue to liaise closely with the Harwell management on this issue.

Annual Parish meeting

This was held in Snells Hall on 8 May. Reports of the Council's activities over the past year were given by the Chairman, District and County Councillors, school Governors, representatives of the Council's working groups and the Clerk.

Special reports were given on the development of the Parish Plan and the progress with the proposed Thames Water reservoir at Stevenston.

In his report, the Chairman noted that it had been a time of change with a new Council Clerk, a new County Councillor and a new Community policeman, a revised Harwell/Chilton local stakeholder group (on which the village is represented), and the setting up

of a group of parishes affected by the planned reservoir (RAP). It had also been a busy year with the Council responding to nine separate consultations, including the SEERA plan, the County Council review of future housing requirements, green spaces in the village, and three different consultations concerning UKAEA Harwell (mainly concerned with storage of radioactive waste and the future of the site).

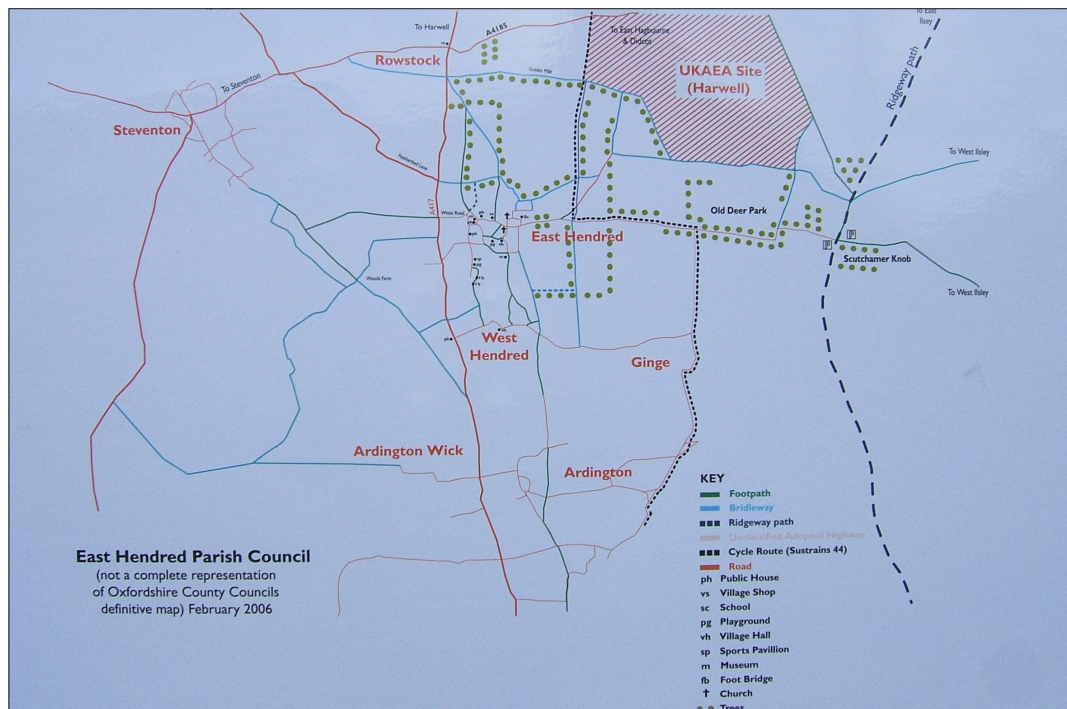
The Parish Council had also been concerned about the new licensing regulations and how they might affect the village, but found that it was unfortunately not allowed to represent village views due to a decision taken by the local District Council (due to a lack of clear guidance in the Act).

Village footpath map

A map has been prepared by the Council as a guide to local walks

and footpaths close to the village. It shows footpaths, bridleways and local cycle tracks, as well as local roads and landmarks.

It is displayed in the notice board close to the village shop and there is a plan to print a smaller version for use by walkers and ramblers.



New Village Clerk needed

Our current Parish Council Clerk, Bill Falkenau, has decided to give his notice due to pressure of work. We are very grateful for his work for the Council and are now looking for a new Clerk to take over in July.

The Clerk is responsible for monitoring and balancing the Council accounts and preparing records for audit purposes and VAT, as well as taking minutes at meetings, managing and distributing documents received by the Council and communicating with relevant authorities on behalf of the Council. Training is available for the new Clerk. 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 computing training could be provided if required. An increasing amount of Council business is done by email. Much of the work can be done from home.

If you are interested in this role, please contact the chairman (Dr. John Sharp, 833367) or the Deputy chairman (Stan Francis, 833473) as soon as possible.

Bridleway route changing

Hendred Estate is changing the route of the permitted bridleway that runs from the Lynch to the Icknfield Way,

in the area of Park Hill. This bridleway is not a public right of way but a route that is used by the public

with the owner's consent.

Having notified the County and Parish Councils, the Hendred Estate has decided to close the existing route in order to facilitate easier

arable cultivation. Copies of a plan showing the existing and proposed bridleway will be available in the village. The changeover will take place with effect from 31 August 2006.

Parish cemetery clean up

As part of a recent clean-up operation at the Parish Cemetery, the large lime tree by the entrance was extensively pollarded on safety grounds, on the advice of our tree surgeon. He assures us that it will grow back in a couple of years. We were grateful for a contribution from the Parish Council to complete this work.

On the same day, a decision was taken to remove two old lawnmowers on health and safety grounds.

Many thanks to those who helped on 1st April. We hope to have another working party in the autumn, details of which will be posted on the Cemetery gates.

Phil Lawrence, Churchwarden, St Augustine's

St Augustine's

By the time you read this, we'll have celebrated St Augustine's Day with a busy weekend of events — talks, exhibitions, concerts, visits and services — and we hope that you enjoyed visiting our beautiful and ancient Parish Church.

Everyone is invited to a Coffee Morning at 'Tj-Ni', Horn Lane (Clara Williams' house) on Thursday 29th June, from 10:30am – 12:00 noon, in aid of the church altar linen. And it will soon be time for our Summer Fête, once again in the beautiful garden of Cowdray's in Cat Street, from noon onwards, on Saturday 15th July. There'll be stalls of all descriptions, games and children's activities, music and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there.

Another annual event is the Barbecue in the Rectory garden, this year on Sunday 3rd September. Everyone is welcome — phone the Rector, Rev Rita Ball (833235)

for details. Looking further ahead, the village Harvest Lunch will be on Sunday 1 October this year — lunch for all in Snell's Hall following the Harvest Festival service in church — and we're planning a Silent Auction on Saturday 18 November. These events are always an opportunity to pick up the most surprising bargains.

In the last edition of the *Bulletin*, I told you about the annual sponsored Ride or Stride event, when teams or individuals walk or cycle around as many churches in Oxfordshire as they want or can manage. This year, it will be held on Saturday 9th September, and Graham Broadley is looking for volunteer cyclists from East Hendred. If you would like to spend a very pleasant day pedalling round the countryside, give Graham a call (tel: 833291). Children are welcome — the route will be tailored to suit the participants.

The Boneshaker 2006

Entries are now invited for this year's *Boneshaker* duathlon, following the success of last year's inaugural event.

The *Boneshaker* — which consists of a 5km run, followed by a 20km cycle ride, and a further 5km run — takes place this year on Sunday 17th September. As before, the course takes the runners and cyclists from the sports field at Ardington, around the village, up and over the Ridgeway, and back into the sports field. The *Boneshaker* can be tackled solo, or can be entered as a relay team of two or three.

We are particularly keen to attract more team entries this year — from companies, sports clubs, keen gym bunnies looking for outdoor exercise, fundraisers hoping to raise money for charity through sponsorship, or just mates from the pub

who love a challenge. All shapes, sizes and abilities are welcome!

Over 100 participants took part last year, with universal praise being given both to the beautiful route, and the friendly villagers who volunteered to marshal. All the profits from the event were divided between the Ardington Playground appeal and the Hendreds Primary School.

This year's event promises to be bigger and better, so to ensure that you don't miss out please visit www.bone-shaker.co.uk for all event details and to download an entry form. Alternatively, please call Graham Birks on 767079. Graham would also love to hear from you if you would be interested in marshalling the event.

Go on — blow the cobwebs out of your trainers and oil your bike!

St Augustine's Sunday Squad

FOR CHILDREN, 4 YEARS AND ABOVE.

We meet every third Sunday in the Rectory Room (Tin Hut), from 10.30, finishing at 11.30.

Come along and 'Join the Club'

For more information, please contact Reverend Rita Ball 833235

We have been running Sunday Squad now for over a year and have a regular group of children who come along. We have room for some more children and would love to welcome any 4 year olds and above along to our Club.

We do craft activities — for example, we have made Easter Gardens, Mobiles and Christmas Boxes — we

sing sometimes, and we listen to stories from the Bible, both from the New and Old Testament.

All in all, we have a fun time.

Between now and Christmas, we are building up our 'Sunday Squad Jesse Tree' with stories from the Old Testament, including *Joseph and his Coat of Many Colours*, *Moses in the Bullrushes*, and *Jonah in the Whale*.

The Hendreds' Family Show

In 1995, when three residents of East Hendred decided to re-launch the Hendreds' Family Show, they could not have imagined how the show would grow into one of the most popular annual events in the local calendar.

The name for the re-launched show was chosen to clearly indicate that it was a family event run for and, hopefully, by residents of both East and West Hendred.

The Show committee membership has changed over the years, but four members from 1995 remain, namely Adrian Sessions (Chair) and Mick Childs — two of those behind the re-launch — together with Rachel Sutton (Show Secretary) and Janet Bradley. Eddie Denly is President and Jackie McDowell, Patron. The Show is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society.

In 2000, the Show moved from Snells Hall to The Sports Ground and hosted the first of Gill Hine's Kennel Club-approved Dog Shows, which now taken place each year.

Following the success of the 10th Hendreds' Family Show, the committee was asked to include a Horse Show in 2005, and this resulted in another move, this time to 'The Park' on the Hendred Estate. With the additional space, Glyn Evans asked to organise a junior 5-a-side football tourna-

ment. Other new attractions included a fairground roundabout, vehicles from the emergency services, a dog agility display, a static owl display, puppet show and jugglers.

For those who like statistics, the 2005 exhibition/competition marquee displayed 513 items in 82 classes (42 adult classes and 40 children's). The Dog Show involved over 80 dogs.

This year's show takes place on 3rd September 2006 and the organisers again hope to offer a mix of new and regular attractions, which means you can expect to see a variety of stalls, exhibits, displays, and the opportunity to buy refreshments.

The show has always received excellent support through local sponsorship. UKAEA has supported the show almost every year since 1995, while the main sponsor in 2005 was Infineum's 'SMILE' group. Sponsorship and volunteers to help remains the two highest organisational priorities for the show in 2006. If you would like more details on how to offer help or sponsorship, the organisers would be delighted to hear from you. Contact can be made by phone to the committee members detailed below, or via email through the show's website, www.hendredsfamilyshow.org.

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Show Secretary	Rachel Sutton	833491
Treasurer and Webmaster.....	Fred Trigg	0118 9310 685
Registrations Secretary	Karen Phillips	834568
Trophies Secretary	Mick Childs	833456
Non Exhibition Items	Bruno Branson	833348
.....	Martin Simmonds	833544
.....	Helen or Sam Young.....	834046

East and West Hendred W.I.

We now have a flourishing and active W.I., with a varied programme of social events and outings planned in addition to the regular monthly meetings. These monthly meetings are usually held on the third Thursday in the month, in Snells Hall, at 7.30pm.

Members have recently enjoyed a guided tour of the magnificent historic parts of the Bodleian Library in Oxford, including the underground book stacks and the eminently func-

tional but rather 'Heath Robinson'-looking conveyor-belt system used for transporting requested books underneath Broad Street to and from the New Bodleian building.

Future visits include a trip to Kelmscott Manor in September, and lunches in local pubs.

A group of the more enthusiastic needlewomen among the membership is proud to be involved in the construction of a giant wall hanging intended for dis-

play in the main atrium of the Diamond Project at Chilton. The hanging consists of a variety of images relevant to the scientific research, which will be taking place once 'Diamond' is up and running in 2007. Women's Institutes from across Oxfordshire are each responsible for making one section of the huge hanging, and all completed panels will eventually be assembled following the

designer's master plan to make up a spectacular and colourful hanging.

Forty warm jerseys, some teddies and knitted blankets have been made by the knitters amongst us for despatch via two different small charities to Kosovo and the Ukraine.

New members are very welcome to join. Please contact the President, Jill Broadley (833291) for details.

June 15th	Single-handed granny sails up the River Gambia (Eleanor Tims)
July 20th	Friends of Llangollen Musical Eisteddfod (Briony Newport)
August 3rd	Evening Garden Party in a member's garden
September 21st	Gaining an insight into the Associated Country Women of the World (Mais Appleton)
October 19th	Planning your garden for the 'WOW' Factor (Rachel Myers).

Hendreds Twinning Group

2006 Visit from Sarceaux, July 8-10

A slightly smaller than usual group of visitors from Sarceaux will visit the Hendreds this year, arriving early on Saturday 8 July, after an overnight Brittany Ferries crossing to Portsmouth. The planned activities include a Barn Dance with a cold buffet meal on the Saturday evening. Sunday will be a whole day visit to London (by coach) with trips on the London Eye and on a river boat. The visitors will all be accommodated with families in East and West

Hendred and surrounding area.

We hope that as many other people as possible will join in the weekend's activities, including non-members.

Tickets for the **Barn Dance and cold buffet meal** in Snells Hall on **July 8th** for those not hosting French visitors cost **£9 per adult**, and **£3 per child**. In addition, each person is expected to bring a contribution to the food (salad or dessert, to be agreed beforehand). The tickets represent a good value evening out, as wine and soft drinks will be included in the ticket price, in addition to the Barn Dance and the meal.

Day trip to London, Sun. July 9th

Tickets are available on the coach to London for anyone interested, at a basic cost of £15 per adult (£10 child).

There may be spare (cheap, group-rate) tickets for the London Eye (£11.70 adults/£5.85 child) and/or the river trip (£9.00 adults, £4.50 child), otherwise it's an easy way to have a day in London 'doing your own thing', with travel to and from East Hendred. Please contact Margaret Sharp on 833367 if you are interested. The coach will leave the village at 8.00am, and everyone will rejoin the coach at about 3pm for a one hour

trip around London with commentary, before returning (back around 6.00pm, depending on the traffic).

Our visit to Sarceaux in 2007 will be the tenth anniversary of the establishment of our formal link with the Normandy village, and an extra-special celebratory weekend is being planned for the weekend. The date will be the **second weekend in July 2007** (Friday July 6th-Monday July 9th 2007). Please put this date in your diary now.

Hendreds Twinning Group gratefully acknowledges financial assistance from the Vale of the White Horse District Council.

East Hendred Community Centre

The repair and renewal programme of work at Snells Hall is virtually complete. Installation of a new 15kW Dimplex *Electrique* ducted warm air system was undertaken last September, to replace the former 12kW *Enviwarm* unit that had been coping valiantly for more than 30 years. This is a great improvement, according to feedback from our hirers as we are now able to provide an adequate level of controllable heating at all times.

The toilets, kitchen, main hall and the cellar entrance have all been redecorated (thanks to Colin Willis), improved new, low-energy lighting installed in the toilets, and better quality external lights added to illuminate the entrance ramp, the main car park and the key safe — itself a much needed security measure.

Users will have noted the seven smart new upholstered side chairs in the foyer, and the 50 new blue polypropylene stacking chairs in the hall. There are also ten new lightweight folding tables to replace the very ancient wooden trestles (originally purchased from W&G Supplies, we believe). These are stored in the Committee Room, where new curtains

have also been hung (thanks to Penny and Mary Mackinnon, and Tetra Limited). The stage window curtains, together with the patio and fire exit curtains have been dry cleaned.

Thus, we are attempting to maintain our premises to the highest standards within necessary financial constraints, though it must be acknowledged that a great deal of management effort is being provided by unpaid volunteers, who sometimes feel unappreciated.

Although the hall's fees are set at a very competitive level, these inevitably were increased on March 1st due to rising charges in our electric-

ity, water, fire security and insurance bills this year. Unfortunately, there has been a recent significant increase in the insurance premium due to revaluation requirement, which has set the rebuilding costs at £800,000 — up 38% on our previous indexed linked figure! As a consequence, the total insurance premiums have risen from about £1,800, to £2,500 a year.

Although the weekday evening

and weekend bookings have almost reached saturation, with an average of 40-50 separate events each month, we are now concentrating on trying to generate fresh daytime use of the premises so that the extra income will help to finance this large increase in expenditure. All ideas will be most welcome. (Snells Hall Management Committee, 833359)



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Hendred Heritage Trust and Champs Chapel Museum

We are into the Summer Season, gardening and other delights, such as the Museum OPEN on Sunday afternoons. Do drop by soon...

This year's new display

There is a new display in the Chapel, particularly on the ground floor. This summer's theme is designed to mirror the deliberations in the village about the next *Hendred Plan*, which is set replace the current one now at least 20 years old.

The display starts by showing something of the immediate past, demonstrating some of the reasons why Hendred is where it is.

Ron Foster has produced a new short audio/visual presentation about the village, lasting 10 minutes. This adds to his other three village shows, and he has also supplemented the static archive photos to make an interesting show on the Chapel computer, which is now downstairs in the east corner.

This year, the ground floor has been more open for the displays, as well as for easy browsing of some of the 3,000 photographs and texts about the village that make up the *Heritage Archives*.

The Archives...new contributions and unexpected uses

The request to the various clubs and organisations in the village for the up-to-date story on their activities has already highlighted the 40th anniversary of the Downs Golden Age. Betty Holliday has now sent her book to the printers, and excerpts will be on show. The East and West Hendred Women's Institute have also submitted text, as have the Downs Society of Bellringers. We hope other organisations will soon follow suit.

These kinds of community resume not only meet the present demand for readily available background to village, but also provide valuable and unexpected resources when added to the *Archives*. A recent example involved Trevor Bacon, who was able to add to his history of the Cricket Club by consulting some of the *Heritage Archives* about people who were active in earlier years, as well as giving background to the Coates' gift of the land for use as an area

for sports and recreation.

Another useful bit of historic reclamation was the last letter to the Westminster Bank about the funds of the Youth Club together with the account number. The bank had put the account into cold storage after a number of years but, even after all this time, funds have now been reclaimed for use by the resurrected Youth Organisation, helped by the evidence produced.

Still pondering

East Hendred Heritage Trust is still in the Big Think Stage about future activities, following last year's brainstorming session — which has not, as some might think, disappeared into oblivion! The Museum is still active...

Deborah Lavin will welcome ideas for the future direction of the Trust Activities while, in the Museum, there is ample opportunity for practical day-to-day help with exhibits and archives.

Do please let your opinions be known about the way ahead for the Trust.

Appeals for contributions

The appeal last year for the '60 years on' anniversary project has produced some memorable items from residents' archives and some useful stories, too, as well as extra photographs.

Three visitors entertained us with their youthful memories of being evacuated here with a boys' school from East Ham, which sparked further stories from those present in the Chapel. It was very cold that day and the visitors were also delighted to be able to warm up while looking at the changes in the Plough during their lunch break!

One item committed to our archives as a result of that visit was a recording of the service in St Augustine's where two of these wartime evacuees read lessons at a special Morning Service, with one of them having travelled from New Zealand as part of the anniversary event. Each remarked on the especially pleasant impact their wartime stay had had on their lives and commented on the warmth of the welcome given them on their return.



Our own, new website — www.easthendredmuseum.co.uk

Communications about village history and the Chapel Museum are being extended with the establishment of our own website.

This allows us to present sources of information about the village history, and also to enjoy and encourage access to other museum sites and information sources. East Hendred Heritage Trust material is now available online at www.easthendredmuseum.co.uk.

The site will carry links to the national *24 Hour Museum*, as well as the County Council Museum Service site. Each of those, in turn, leads to other sources of information within the Museums Libraries and Archives network. Today, those three national resources are working closely together to enable much greater flexibility in information provision.

We hope to post a great deal of our references and archival materials online, but we first have to be sure that there is agreement to

Chapel Water — Unusual Uses

The dehumidifier in Champs Chapel, which helps to keep the exhibits dry, provides the daily gallon for the flowers in the troughs outside. Surplus will be sold!!!! (Barbara Smith caught doing the honours.)

publish and that related copyright matters are adequately covered. Mrs Mahala Addenbrooke's booklet text sits on the site initially, and older images, along with a few newly and specially donated ones.

You can of course come and browse the collection in the Chapel itself although, regretfully, you cannot currently browse the website completely live in the Chapel since we lack an internet connection there.

A broadband connection in the Chapel might be a new target for a grant, or perhaps a nearby villager could generously donate wireless bandwidth on some Sunday afternoons.

Can you help? Does anyone have a photograph of the recent barn fire in Newbury Road?

The Archivist, aka John Stevenson

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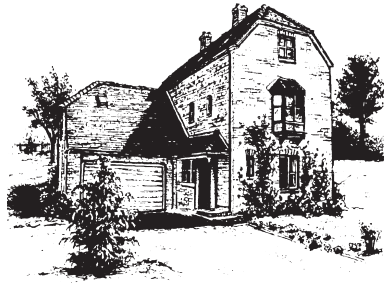
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The Club (the Owls) recently held their *Annual Player of The Year Dinner Dance* at Goring & Streatley Golf Club. Amongst the guests were Denis & Sue Mulford of DJM Telecom who continue to provide us with invaluable sponsorship for which we are eternally grateful. Also present were our President (Barry Holliday), Vice-President (Mike Day) as well as Ray Wood and Tom Brewer from The North Berks League. A most enjoyable meal and evening was had by all and the awards handed out were as follows:

My thanks go also to Jimmy Francis for providing the best cup of tea in the Saturday and Sunday leagues, Carol Mead for washing our kits, Mark Smith for a first class job as Secretary, and Keiron Day for the unenviable task of Treasurer.



We have to say *Bon Voyage* to Keiron Day, one of our longest serving players, as he and his family are moving to a new life in Cornwall. He will be sorely missed by everyone at the Club both on and off the field. We wish them good luck and every happiness for the future. We are lucky in having

first-class facilities, which are the envy of many visiting clubs. This year, we were able to purchase new 'Premiership-style' goalposts with the help of a grant from the Parish Council, for which we are grateful, along with funding from The Football Foundation together with our own resources. This enabled us to maintain the playing surface more easily by being able to remove them after each game. Can I please ask that villagers and users of the sports field help us to do this by staying off the playing surface and, in particular, the goalmouths at all times. Your cooperation would be much appreciated.

The Football Club in the past — and certainly when I was growing up in the village — was an integral part of village life and well supported. It is disappointing to see that support has dwindled considerably over the years to a point where — were it not for less than a handful of willing people — the very existence of the club would again be at risk.

A great deal of work, time and effort is required in running a football club and, indeed, also finance, even at this level. The Club needs new blood to share the workload and continue to provide first class facilities for people to play football in the village. If you feel you can help in any capacity, please contact me .

Steve Mulford (Chairman),
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Goal of the Season	1st Team	Keiron Day
.....	Reserves	Kevin Thimbleby
.....	Sunday Team ...	Barry Fisher/Robbie Snook
Top Goal Scorer	1st Team	Paul Harriott
.....	Reserves	Tyrone McGill
.....	Sunday Team ...	Jason Fisher
Man of the Match Award ..	1st Team	Keiron Day
.....	Reserves	Garry Hendry
.....	Sunday Team ...	Vinnie Cooper
Chairman's Trophy		Neil Thimbleby
Clubman of the Year		Keiron Day
Dream Team Winner		Keiron Day
Mervyn Day Trophy		Sam Baring
Mgr's Man of the Season ..	1st Team	Sam Baring
.....	Reserves	Nick Patrick
.....	Sunday Team ...	Vinnie Cooper
Players' Player of the Year	1st Team	Keiron Day/Sam Baring
.....	Reserves	Stephen O'Neill
.....	Sunday	Tom Rudkin

Hendreds Tennis Club

The new season is well under way at the Hendreds Tennis Club. We had a very good year last year, helped by the good weather, with Friday club nights proving popular. The season culminated in the Annual Tournament, which was

a great success, with the largest number of entrants for many years. We began this season by bringing the tennis club into the 21st century with its own website and an online booking system for the courts. The address is

www.hendredstennis.co.uk. The site also contains details of forthcoming events and club news, as well as enabling members to book the courts very easily from home.

If you would like more information or would like to join, please contact Alex Pearson on 862844 or Helen McAlister on 832926. Friday nights are now club nights where members or prospective members can turn up and play from 6.00pm, so do come along if you are interested.

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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:

Renewal of application for extension of storage and distribution unit, Ludbridge Mill, Reading Road: there were no objections.

Demolition of bungalow. Erection of three new detached houses with car ports, 7 Orchard Lane. The Parish Council objected to this application because the site is adjacent to the village Conservation Area, meaning that development should not be permitted which adversely affects the setting. It was also considered that the open space currently enhances the local character, in particular the view down the High Street, while erection of three, two-storey houses would adversely affect it. There were also highways concerns, since Orchard Lane is a bus route. The application was subsequently withdrawn.

Change of use at Greensands: the Council agreed to object to this retrospective application as it was contrary to *Local Plan* policy E13 with regard to the impact of vehicle movements on local road networks. The number of HGV movements of 40 was considered excessive for a storage activity, as were the associated staff number of 18. The application has since gone to appeal.

Revised internal layout, Units 4 and 5 High Street. The Council had no objections to this application.

Application re. UKAEA Harwell Western Storage Area: There was no objection to the proposed works.

Erection of dwelling adjacent to 1 Home Farm Close: this had previously been approved on appeal. It was agreed not to object to the application, but advised that the reduction in size and removal of gable end from the previous application was appreciated.

Demolition of rear extension, erection of new extensions at Penny Green, Cat Street: the Council agreed to object to this, as it was in the village Conservation Area and there was concern that the proposed changes were substantial in size and scale and detrimental to a listed building. The application has since been approved by the Vale Planning Department.

Window changes to 13 Newbury Road: it was agreed not to object to the application.

Retrospective application at Greensands re. road and hard standing: the Council agreed to object to this application for the following reasons — the size of the hard-standing was excessive and detrimental to the rural/agricultural nature of the property; and the development, in being used to accommodate a large number of vehicle movements, was contrary to *Local Plan* policy E13 in having an adverse impact on local road networks. It was noted that the road provides access onto Featherbed Lane, which was weight-restricted and unsuitable for large vehicles.

Change of use, Wood Farm Barn, Wood Farm Road (retrospective application): The Council objected to this application as the proposed change of use was considered unsuitable for this site. Access is via a single track road with no passing points. It was also noted that the junction with the A417 is unsuitable for use by HGVs and other commercial vehicles, and not conducive to highway safety. The application was subsequently rejected by the Vale Planning Department.

Erection of utility room, Glendale, Orchard Close: the Council agreed not to object but to express concerns about the possible over-development of the site and the possible increase in on-street car parking. The application has since been approved by the Vale Planning Department.

Tree re-pollarding at The Cemetery, Cat Street: there was no objection to the proposed works.

Greensands – Retrospective application for guest house and ancillary buildings: it was agreed not to object to the use of the main property as a guest house but to object to the provision and use of the ancillary buildings to support it. These had been put on land that was formerly open and agricultural and it was felt that development on such land could set a precedent for similar elsewhere in the village, with a resultant adverse impact on the open countryside.

Garage at Little Mulfords: there were no objections to this.

Eyston Arms — enlargement of beer garden etc. and removal of railing and dwarf wall: the Council considered that the delineation of the footpath was welcomed but there were concerns about the detrimental effect on a listed building of moving the railings and dwarf wall. Councillors preferred the area in front to remain open and grassed.

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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- Thu 15 **WI** – *Single-handed granny sails up the River Gambia* (Eleanor Tims)
- Sat 17 **Hendreds School Fête**

JULY

- 8–10 **Visit from Sarceaux**, Twinning Group
- Sat 8 **Barn Dance**, Snells Hall (Twinning Group)
- Sun 9 **Trip to London**, Twinning Group
- Sat 15 **St Augustine’s Summer Fête**, Cowdray’s
- Thu 20 **WI** – *Friends of Llangollen Musical Eisteddfod* (Briony Newport)

AUGUST

- Thu 3 **WI** – *Evening Garden Party*

SEPTEMBER

- Sun 3 **Hendreds’ Family Show**
- Sun 17 **Boneshaker duathlon**, Ardington sportsground
- Thu 21 **WI** – *Gaining an insight into the Associated Country Women of the World* (Mais Appleton)

OCTOBER

- Thu 19 **WI** – *Planning your garden for the ‘WOW’ Factor* (Rachel Myers)

Regular Events

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MONTHLY

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1st Thursday (Betty Holliday, 833400)
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