

EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*

New Editor

We are pleased that there is a new editor for our village Bulletin. Harriet Gold supported by her father has offered to edit the Bulletin; Harriet is our youngest editor to date and we look forward to her style of editing. Many thanks to Richard Waller for editing the last few Bulletins and we wish him well in his new home in Cornwall.

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Parish Plan - Progress!

Parish Plans provide a way for local residents to say how they want their villages to develop. A steering committee, consisting of local individuals and Parish Council representatives, was formed in 2005 to develop the East Hendred Parish Plan. To collect local input, local residents, organisations and businesses were consulted. In an excellent effort, more than half of the households in East Hendred Parish responded to a questionnaire, which included sections on Environment, Housing, Traffic and Policing, and Amenities, and this information is forming the backbone of the Plan.

A first draft of the Plan has now been produced, so we are moving towards the finished product.

The most important content of the Plan will be found in the Action Plans for each of the sections and these Action Plans will be put on display to give everyone a final chance to comment and provide input.

The Action Plans will be displayed at The Hendreds School Summer Fete (Saturday 16th June), the St Augustine's Summer Fete at Cowdrays (Saturday 23rd June), and the St Amand's School Summer Fete (Saturday 30th June). During the week the displays will be in the Foyer at Snells Hall, until the end of June, and also on the Hendred website: www.hendred.org.uk

Please come along and see what the plans are and take advantage of this last opportunity make your views known before the Plan is finalised.

The Bulletin 40 years on

The first issue of the Hendred Bulletin appeared in 1967, as a one page item. The current issue is No. 109. Interesting items in the first three issues were a discussion on the proposed renovation of the village fire engine, Coulings Close was due for an extension later that year, and an official notice board was needed for the village. A one-way traffic scheme had been proposed by the County for Church Street, Ford Lane and Horn Lane and had been rejected by the residents and the Council. The Parish Council was considering the Parish Plan prepared by the Berkshire Planning Department (subsequently published in 1969 and was the forerunner of the new Parish Plan – see item elsewhere in the Bulletin). One of the Parish Councillors listed was Stan Francis (see item on his recent retirement from the Council.)

Your bulletin needs you!

Do you run a club or society? Have you got something to say which might be of interest to other villagers? Have you experiences to share or reminiscences to recount? Or perhaps a funny story or two...! It's *your* village magazine, so use it!

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from the chair

Since the last Bulletin there have been village elections, resulting in a new Parish Council for the next four years. We welcome Charles Pappenheim and Susan Townley as new Councillors. At the Council's Annual meeting in late April we presented Stan Francis with a certificate thanking him for his long services to the Parish Council, both as a Councillor and Deputy Chairman for many years. We wish him well in his retirement from the Council. The village has received media interest in the last few weeks,

starting with a front page article in the Wantage Herald followed by Val Bacon and myself appearing on BBC's 'South Today.'

I also participated in a Radio Oxford talk show. The topic was the proposed storage of radioactive waste in part of our Parish, which the Parish Council is challenging. We had little notice of the planned media event and had to respond on the day.

Harwell has also appeared in the National Press as one of the possible sites for the new nuclear power stations, although it would appear that Didcot is the more likely site in Oxfordshire.

Nevertheless our Parish is still under threat from radioactive waste storage at its southern boundary and a proposed reservoir at its northern boundary.

All of this will keep the Council busy in the weeks and months to come.

The Oxfordshire Rural Community Council provides support to rural communities in Oxfordshire on village halls, village shops, local housing, transport and in the preparation of village plans.

It is helping this village in a number of ways, by

supporting the Community Centre in the preparation of a grant application for replacing a window and door unit in the hall with a double glazed unit, by helping the Council to develop more affordable housing, by providing support and a grant towards our Parish Plan and more recently in carrying out a transport survey. I am one of 11 Board members for the ORCC and welcome the opportunity to help support rural affairs across the whole of Oxfordshire in this way.

John Sharp

Overhanging Branches

There are a number of places in the village where branches and vegetation overhanging pavements and footpaths are making it very difficult for pedestrians walking by. Please cut back any growth of your hedges restricting access to village pavements. It is the householder's responsibility to make sure that pavements fronting their property are not obstructed by vegetation.

Village of the Year Competition

The Parish Council decided at its last meeting to enter for the **Oxfordshire Village of the Year Competition**. This has replaced the "Best Kept Village" competition in which the village has been successful on several occasions. The judges will be looking for active, caring and inclusive communities, rewarding community action and community spirit as well as taking into consideration the physical environment. The entry form includes questions concerned with demonstrating village services and activities; East Hendred has quite a good range of these and we hope to be able to convince the judges of our strengths in this area as well as demonstrating a cared for village in terms of its looks. Please help by taking particular care of your frontage and areas adjoining the road.

Response to one of the questions in the questionnaire associated with the Parish Plan identified a strong need to continue entering the competition by an overwhelming majority, (202 to 17) hence our decision to enter this year.



Retirement of Stan Francis

Stan Francis has decided to retire from the Council and would not be standing for the forthcoming election. He has been a Parish Councillor for over thirty years and Deputy Chairman for the last 8 years. He was thanked by the Chairman and the meeting for his work as a Councillor for the village and presented with a certificate in appreciation of his long and dedicated service over many years, both as a Councillor and as Deputy Chairman.

Parish Council Meetings – Open Forum

These are held in Snells Hall on the second Tuesday in each month. The agenda is posted in the village noticeboard prior to the meeting. Like many other local Councils there is an open forum (at 8.30pm) at each meeting when members of the public can raise items of concern. In the past this has been well used by villagers and the Council encourages others to make use of this facility.

Parish Council Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting, held in Snells Hall on April 27th was well attended. Reports on the last year's activities were given by the Chairman of the Council (John Sharp), the County Councillor (Iain Brown) and the District Councillor (Terry Fraser).

In addition the community policeman, (Chris Yates) provided a report on local policing over the year. The chairman said that this was the last year of the current Council's activities and a new Council would be elected in May. During the year there had been a change of clerks with Jan Marples taking over earlier in 2007. The Council continued to take an active part in the Harwell-Chilton Local Stakeholder Group, being involved in the round of consultations (see below). In addition there had been two rounds of consultation concerning the proposed Thames Water reservoir to which the Council had responded. The Council was also a member of the Reservoir Affected Parishes group.

Parish Councils were now involved in many consultations, both nationally and locally. In the past year there had been 9 consultations to which the Council had responded; these included:

- South East Plan (infrastructure issues)
- Oxfordshire County Council Minerals and Waste Issues and Options Consultation
- Department of Trade & Industry – planned closures of part of the Post Office Network
- Oxfordshire County Council - review of Oxfordshire Primary schools
- Regional Housing Strategy Review
- Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CORWM) questionnaire - long term nuclear waste storage
- Nuclear Decommissioning Authority - future end-state of Harwell site

The Council was very concerned to ensure that the village Post Office is retained and its hours possibly extended and had responded accordingly. The Council was pleased to see the start of the village Youth Group and had provided a grant as a start-up fund. Planning had also occupied a considerable amount of the Council's time. During the year there had been 9 applications for new housing, of which 7 had been successful, although the Council had objected to four of these. In addition the Council had reviewed over 15 applications for extensions, garages and porches.

The Council had also been involved in providing comments to an appeal concerning retrospective application for Greensands re change of use to open storage and screening of top soils. Applications had also been received and commented on for the change from a B&B to a Guest-house, use of the buildings at the back, access etc, all involving Greensands.

During the year the Parish Plan has developed considerably which is encouraging.

The Parish Plan group involved several Councillors but has also been formally organised independently of the Council. A questionnaire has been delivered to village residents and the response has been very encouraging. Action Plans are now being developed with the intention of completing the Parish Plan by the summer.

The Council had reviewed its expenditure during the previous year and prepared a budget for 2007/8 and decided to ask for a precept of £16,000. This included an allowance for the expenses of the forthcoming election of £1000.

Spend on the lengthman for his services during the year accounted for about one third of the expenditure. A sum of £2000 had been allocated for grants to village organisations.

Reports on the Council Working Groups followed, and were presented by individual Councillors. The main points were:

- The allotments continue to be well used.
- The village Bulletin was produced three times during the year, and served a useful vehicle for information and village news. Unfortunately the editor was leaving the village. It was hoped a new editor could be found. The village web site had been updated and a new news and information service had been introduced which was welcomed.
- Courtesy lighting has been maintained and improved during the year. Low energy bulbs are being fitted to minimise the energy bill.
- Maintenance of the two Playgrounds has been a continual activity for the Council, with regular monthly inspections and an annual inspection by Wicksteeds. It is planned that goalposts can be provided for the kick-around area adjacent to the Penney Playpark.
- The Council had contributed to a recommendation by the local Stakeholder Group that the final end-state for the

Harwell site should be fully de licensed by 2025.

Grants for village organisations

The Parish Council budgets each year for grants to village organisations and during 2006/7 made grants totalling a sum of £1900 to six organisations. A similar sum is budgeted for the coming year. In many cases the Parish Council grant has acted as a starter grant for organisations to seek funding from other sources.

Both the District and County Council have grants available as well as sources like the National Lottery fund.

In the past relatively small Parish Council grants have led to very significant grants from other sources, making possible improvements to the village amenities which do not then have to be fully funded from the parish precept. Local support for a project is usually a condition for accessing larger grants elsewhere.

Contact the Clerk for further information.

Parish Councillor Profile No.1 Edward Eyston.

Occupation: Farmer & landowner

Previous occupation:
Chartered Surveyor

Hobbies: Shooting, fishing, mowing the lawn and keeping the children under control

When & why did you move to the village?: 2001. To try to keep the locals under control

What is your favourite place in the parish?: The High Street from Champs Chapel down to Newbury Road.

If you had unlimited funds to spend on a project for the village what would you do and why? Create a young persons' theme park because they deserve a place of their own

What is your favourite piece of music?: Jerusalem (I'm obviously a closet member of the WI!)

What is your favourite book?: My diary when it's empty of meetings

What is your favourite film?: The Italian Job (2 fingers to the foreigners)

What is your greatest fear?: The French in charge of the EU

What is your idea of perfect happiness?: A peasants revolt.

What would your motto be?: Rude not to.

How would you like to be remembered?: As little as possible



Extreme Bulletin reading!

Send us your pictures of the Bulletin being read in interesting situations and locations and the best will be published each quarter.

We've started you off with this slightly contrived photo of Alice Gold reading the "Bulletin" hanging from an alpine chalet roof in Grand Bornand, France!

St Augustine's

This year's Summer Fete in aid of St Augustine's church will be on Saturday 23rd June in the beautiful gardens of Cowdray's, Cat Street. As last year the fete will open at noon, when ploughman's lunches will be available, and continue till 3:30pm, by which time we'll be serving tea, cake and ice-cream. Wantage Silver Band are coming to provide musical entertainment, and there will be many stalls including plants, cakes, books, bric-a-brac and 'nearly new'. There'll also be a raffle, a bottle stall and a children's tombola, and games for all ages. And this year we are holding a children's Fancy Dress Competition, with prizes for the most original fancy dress from recycled materials. Judging in three categories (under 5 years, 5-8 years and 9-11 years) between 1:30pm and 2:00pm. Bring the family for a traditional English summer garden fete.

Meanwhile St Mary's is also inviting us into the garden, for a 'Feast of Favours' on Friday 29th June. John and Penny Clement invite you to a drinks party in the garden of King's Manor (opposite the Eyston Arms) from 6pm until 8pm, at which favours will be auctioned to raise funds to replace the heating system at St Mary's church. From approximately 8pm there will be a special fundraising supper at the Eyston Arms (cost £15 a head) during which more favours will be auctioned. To book your place, or to offer favours to be auctioned, call Penny Clement (tel: 833234) or email: johnclement@btconnect.com

We'll be back in the garden in August, for St Augustine's traditional lunch in the Rectory garden. This year it will be on Sunday 19th August, following the morning service, at about noon. Everybody is welcome, but it helps to know how many people are coming so please call Jackie Francis (Tel: 833473) in advance.

This year's Ride or Stride in aid of Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust will be on Saturday 8th September. Traditionally St Augustine's fields one or more teams of cyclists who amble around the local villages visiting churches of all denominations, being offered refreshments, with a lengthy stop for a picnic lunch.

There are few pleasanter ways of spending the day, and it's in a good cause. Families are especially welcome to join in. Sponsorship forms and contact details will be in the church nearer the time.

At the end of the summer yet another tradition is the celebration of the harvest, and this year's Harvest Festival in St Augustine's will be on Sunday 30th September, followed by Harvest Lunch for the whole parish in Snells Hall.

In case it sounds as though all we do is eat, let me reassure you that the times of our services are on the notice boards outside both churches, and for St Augustine's also on the website www.acny.org.uk/4745/

Looking further ahead, this year St Augustine's has the honour of hosting the Confirmation service for our local area (when Bishop Stephen will confirm new members as full members of the Anglican Church). This will be on Thursday 18th October. If you are interested in finding out more about the church – with a view to confirmation or not – please contact the Rector, Rev Rita Ball (tel: 833235).

More information about all of St Augustine's services and village events, and those in the other parishes in the Benefice of Wantage Downs, can be found in our Parish Magazine, *The Henchman*. This is published 10 times a year and will be delivered to your door for the bargain price of £3 a year. *The Henchman* contact in East Hendred is Stan Francis, so call him (Tel: 833473) to be sure you get your regular copy.



Pupils from the Hendred's School taking part in the "Education Sunday" church service

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The Green Column

The response to the Parish Plan indicated that not only is there considerable interest in environmental issues such as energy saving, waste management, and care of the natural environment, but also that local information about such topics would be welcome. One suggestion for providing such information is to have a Green Column in the Bulletin. For this column to be effective, contributions will be needed, not only from the environmental experts amongst us, but also from others who would like to share tips on topics such as energy saving, or plants to survive global warming. Contributions are welcome from those at school, who probably know more about environmental issues than most of us, and from older people, for example about how they saved energy during World War II.

Another suggestion to take forward environmental issues identified in the the Parish Plan is to continue, and hopefully expand, the Environment Group, which was involved in helping to prepare the Parish Plan. During our meetings we had some lively debates, and I certainly learned a lot. To take this group forward, new members are needed. You don't need to be an environmental expert, just have a willingness to set out on an adventure to explore practical ways that we can help to ensure that our children and grandchildren will inherit the beautiful environment which all of us who live in East Hendred are privileged to enjoy. The Parish Plan will be proposing projects that you may like to become involved in; for example, a community orchard, and a nature reserve.

Julie Pearce, a member of the Environment Group, has written the first article for the the Green Column. If you would like to write something for a future Green Column in the Bulletin, or are interested in being involved in the Environment Group, please contact Val Bacon (01235833403 or valbacon@btinternet.com).

Are you green with your waste?

Did you know? At present the waste arising from each person in the Parish, **every year**, is expected to reach a massive **369kgs** (or **813.41 pounds/58.10 stones**) by 2008. Many people are either reluctant to take part in a scheme, for a variety of reasons, or indeed do not know what facilities are actually available. We hope, through this column, to be able to give information that will help Parishioners to better manage their waste.

For example, whilst 94% of those people who responded to the Parish Plan Questionnaire said they use a green box, 63% use a water butt and 66% said they have a compost bin, only 33% have a brown bin. Why is this? Many said they did not know how to go about obtaining a brown bin. The easiest and quickest way is simply to telephone **The Vale of the White Horse District Council Waste Management Team** on (01235) 520202 and ask for one! Alternatively you can email them on waste.team@whitehorsedc.gov.uk; or write to them at **VWHDC, Abbey House, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 5LW**.

(By the way, these are the same contact points should you require your first or indeed another green box). Brown bins are by far the best way of getting rid of those grass cuttings, weeds, leaves, hedge & tree clippings, cut flowers and of course cardboard. However, another reason for non-use of a brown bin is the perceived cost - £29 per year at present. Whilst this may sound a lot of money, did you know that in actual fact the cost of transporting your green waste by car from the

Parish to the nearest recycling centre averages out at approximately £32 per year – and this does not take into consideration the wear-and-tear on your vehicle. So get yourself a Brown Bin - you know it makes sense.

Youth Club- every Wednesday evening

The East Hendred Youth Club provides a chance for young people in the village to meet and enjoy various activities on Wednesday evenings at Snells Hall.

More help is needed to keep the club successful.

Would you like to take part?

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Hendred Roses

The roses on the village green are now in their fourth year and looking their best yet. The landscape fabric was removed last year having done its job of shading out the perennial weeds. Now that the roses are fully established we are beginning to underplant with spring bulbs to give some interest before the roses come into flower. We are also putting hardy geraniums underneath in an attempt to thwart the annual weed growth. So far they have avoided pests and diseases without recourse to any spraying. They are pruned hard, given an annual feed and mulched with home made compost and they seem to thrive on the regime. They do need routine maintenance, however, and we are looking to extend the small group of loyal volunteers to keep them looking at their best throughout the summer. We are aiming to have them as an added attraction for the next Village Garden Open Day on June 24th and we might even be ready for the National Rose Society inspection and photo shoot threatened by Mr Harkness at his recent Penny Lecture!

The main task of pruning, weeding and mulching has been completed (ably aided by Chris Ball and his French side kick?) Even the aptly named Flora Nicoll was spotted helping her Mum, Kate, to pull out some impressive thistles on the bed next to the Eyston Arms.

Now the dead heading rota needs to be got underway. The yellow roses (Arthur Bell, Top Rose and Yellow Floorshow) are all repeat flowering, so really benefit from the spent flowers being removed to allow others to follow on.

The old fashioned Rosa mundi and Great Maiden's Blush only flower the once, but still need the odd hair cut to keep them in shape.

If anyone would like a challenge and is willing to adopt the rose bed at the entrance to the village it is in dire need of some TLC. The rose "Heartbeat" is struggling with neglect and the constant flow of traffic on the A417. If you would like your five minute wait as you turn out of the village to be more fragrant and easy on the eye please contact Kate Nicoll on 01235 833573, or just get the fork and barrow out and start weeding!



Farming Focus



What a recent spell of weather extremes we have been experiencing! October 06 had the highest monthly rainfall total that I have recorded since starting record keeping in 1993. This had the effect of causing serious soil capping in the fields and hindering the emergence of our newly planted crops. These thin plant stands would not normally have been too much of a problem because with spring and the combination of warmth, moisture and fertiliser, cereal crops branch out (tiller) to compensate for sub-optimal plant populations. Unfortunately the 'tillering' month of April was the driest I have ever recorded with nil rainfall in the gauge, causing complete lack of fertiliser uptake and very little tillering. May was subsequently another record breaker having the highest May rainfall since 1993 and the fifth highest monthly total of any month since 1993!

This May rain saved our spring sown beans and barley and helped our winter wheat but we still go in to harvest with too few wheat ears per square meter and yields will probably be well below our 5 year average.

(Luckily weather problems around the world combined with record low world wheat stocks have caused the world wheat price to rise at a dizzying rate in the last few weeks).

On the livestock front, the sheep enjoyed lambing during the warm dry spell in late April/ early May and weather losses were minimal although overall numbers were disappointing with fewer triplets than usual.

For those of you who have not yet seen them the 'Hendred' herd of pedigree South Devon's are happily grazing with calves at foot in the fields around Hill Farm (steak lovers amongst you should start making table bookings at the Eyston Arms for autumn 08!)

Julian Gold, Farm Manager, Hendred Farm Partnership

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Thank you to John Hill- retiring Deputy Chairman of the East Hendred Community Centre

At the AGM of the East Hendred Community Centre held on May 1st in Snells Hall John Hill's retirement from the committee was recognised by a presentation of a framed painting of Snells Hall. John had been deputy chairman for over 20 years and had been actively involved in all the major improvement works to the hall, including the building of the pre-school extension and the major Millennium addition, opened by Lord Jenkins in 1999.

He was thanked by the chairman (John Sharp) for his very long service to the hall and reminded of his award after the opening of the Millennium extension for "wooden dowel turning and brick cleaning".

John spent many hours preparing dowels to cover up the steel bolts in the new arches in the gallery as well as cleaning up the brickwork which is now a smart feature of the foyer.

These are just a few of the unusual and wide-ranging jobs that John undertook for the hall over his long service. We wish him well in his retirement from hall activities.



EAST HENDRED COMMUNITY CENTRE- Snells Hall

The newly elected Management Committee re-appointed John Sharp and Ken Taylor as Chairman and Hon. Treasurer respectively, Charles Pappenheim agreed to act as deputy Chairman and Lesley Hunter continues as Minute Secretary.

It was noted that mainly due to increased expenditure on heating and lighting (£2228) hall insurance (£1860), Services (£1385) plus repairs and renewals (£2768) during 2006, the hall operating account had made a net loss of £1260. Although the hall continues to be well supported both by village organisations and other users it will be necessary to consider how to keep income and expenditure in balance without becoming uncompetitive.

A 2 metre high close-boarded fence has now been installed to the rear of the Hall. It is generally agreed that this has much improved the appearance of the western boundary, which will be further enhanced by adding suitable plants along the bordering garden.

The outcome of our application for grants from Oxfordshire County Council and the Vale of White Horse District Council is awaited before any work can be started on replacing the fire exit doors to the south and west of the Main Hall with double glazed units.

WREN (landfill waste resources) has been approached for a grant to enable the original cupola to be renovated. We thank East Hendred Parish Council for providing starter grants for both of these projects.

Hendreds Twinning Group

At the beginning of July a group of 35 members will be leaving East Hendred to travel to Sarceaux in Normandy for the tenth exchange visit. We are promised an entertaining and packed weekend programme, including an open air village event with traditional local dances and a visit to Monet's Garden at Giverny on the Sunday.

In May the Twinning Group organised a very popular visit to the Malvern Flower show by coach from the village, with a pick up stop in Wantage. In June the Twinning Group will be responsible for the teas in Snells Hall for the Open Garden week-end and in September providing "bacon butties" to sustain the participants in Ardington's "Boneshaker" challenge event.

A Christmas Market trip is also planned, probably to Birmingham for the German Market and shopping in the re-vamped Bullring Centre on Saturday Dec. 8th. More details will be in the next edition of the Bulletin.

East & West Hendred WI



Our villages' friendly W.I., with 37 members, continues to flourish, with a very varied and interesting programme.

Recent meetings have featured presentations explaining first the progress with the construction of the new Wantage Nursing Home, nearing completion by the charity Sanctuary Healthcare, behind the Wantage Community Hospital, and on another occasion the operation of the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance, which now flies from RAF Benson. On a lighter note, members joined with a large group of members of other local W.I.s for a very entertaining and amusing account of the making of the series 'Vicar of Dibley', given by Paul Mayhew-Archer, one of the script writers for the series.

The fitter and more energetic members have enjoyed fortnightly walks of around 5 to 7 miles, regardless of weather conditions, always finishing with the opportunity for a pub lunch – or at least sinful coffee and cakes!

We are adding our voice to those of many thousands of other women nationally, in support of a resolution urging the continued provision and support for Community Hospitals throughout the country.

This resolution will be put to a vote at the AGM of the National Federation of Women's Institutes at the Albert Hall and if, as expected, it is passed with a substantial majority, it should have strong political influence on policy decisions for the NHS.

Our June meeting has Catherine Bearder, talking about 'A Woman in Politics – Trials and Tribulations for a Woman', and then in July Mel Rees' amusing talk is entitled 'My Family and Other Setbacks'.

We hope for fine weather in August, when a Summer Garden Supper is planned, to be followed by a very varied selection of reminiscences of our members' early lives.

Several members are taking the opportunity of attending an 'Antiques Roadshow' style event, with Lars Tharp as the expert, for a whole day in Oxford with several hundred other members of other Oxfordshire W.I.s., and trips out to for example Mapledurham, Kew, Coughton Court and the Royal Academy Summer Show are also available.

New members are always welcome, and can come as visitors to sample one of our meetings first in return for a small donation. Please contact the President, Jill Broadley, 01235 833291, for further details.



A well earned lunch at the Victoria Arms, Marston, after a recent WI walk

All meetings start at 7.30 pm in Snells Hall

June 21	A Woman in Politics- (Trials and tribulations for a woman)	Catherine Bearder
July 19	My Family and Other Setbacks	Mel Rees
Aug. 16	Summer Garden Supper	Members' Reminiscences
Sept. 20	Owls- Their History and Preservation (3 live owls)	Chrissie Harper
Oct. 11	Water Colour Card Maker	Carole Waechtler
Nov. 15	Forensic Science	John Manlove

From the Village Archives

Faces of Oxfordshire: East Hendred joined the pa- rade with the Hendred House Open Weekend and Eyston Family Exhibition.



Blessed with perfect weather in between two bad weekends, the opening of Hendred House and Gardens was a great success, making a magnificent total of £1800 for the Hendred Heritage Trust and bringing exciting additions to the Chapel Archives relating to the Eyston family and the village generally.

Many of our visitors remarked on the beauty of Hendred and the way the village and its delightful surroundings are maintained.

The next Heritage event is on Sunday 24 June, when no fewer than 19 gardens will be open to the public and their owners on hand to chat to green fingered visitors. Put the date in your diaries! Be there! The day is sure to bring forth more reminiscences, further funds enabling us to keep Champs Chapel open with interesting exhibitions, and perhaps also new finds for our displays and records.

At the same time remember to see the new exhibition in Champs Chapel, which links the Eyston family with the Faces of Oxfordshire over the centuries.



The Eyston honeymoon couple's return to the village in 1930.

Whenever a new Chapel display is put on or an event held much of the pleasure for the Heritage Helpers' dedicated efforts is the material that seems always to turn up from unexpected places or the information that is researched from local sources. This photo, which came from one of our newer village residents, has a fascinating story behind it. It all began with a small phrase in the write-up of the Eyston family records produced by Norman Francis. He noted that when Lady Agnes and Thomas More Eyston returned to the village after their honeymoon visit to Rome they were met by car at the station. On reaching the White Road the car was stopped and ropes connected, so that the couple completed their return being pulled into the village by hand. Then, quite independently, a visitor to the Chapel told us he had bought on e-Bay an old photograph showing a car being dragged through the village by men on ropes! Thank you Norman for the information about your Grandfather and thank you Mr and Mrs Rees for the ability to copy the photo.

Pop in to Champs Chapel to see a larger copy and add your guesses about the people illustrated nearly 80 years ago.

Family Histories

The photograph was not the only new item that turned up for the Chapel displays. We have a new family tree for the Hine family and have been able to display the Besley tree together with some of the recent donations given by that family including a very old tea service used in the village shop over 150 years ago.

Our village is unusually fortunate in still having many families who have been living and working here for generations. We hope in future to display more family trees will show the networks and links that underpin our community and connect our past and our future.

From the Village Archives continued

Old Records

We also were asked to do some research into suffragette connections in the village. Miss Stillwell was one, together with Miss Garnett.

This letter from the files is nothing to do directly with the suffragette cause but it does go to show that the concerns of village residents 80 years ago still have a resonating theme with some of the concerns of today.

Geggs Corner
Newbury Road
East Hendred

4 March 1926

Dear Sir

Your son advised me to write to you about the high rating of this wooden bungalow - he said you would see to my sending in an appeal to have it reduced. It is true that I have one more room than in Lammas Cottage, but the three small bedrooms here do not take up as much floor space as one bedroom and half of the second bedroom, at Lammas Cottage.

May I also ask you to use your influence with the Council to have the pathway that passes this cottage renovated a bit?
Yours truly,

A Stillwell

Accreditation - Champs Chapel as a recognised mu- seum.

We are at present wrapping hot towels round our heads and racking our brains to complete the complicated application that will continue to make us eligible, as a fully integrated museum, for grants to put our ever-expanding collection on display and to identify the details and origins of our holdings at the same time providing for some of the training and equipment that is required to meet modern standards.

Believe it or not, our tiny museum and its small band of volunteer helpers are required to go through the same formal processes as the British Museum or the Ashmolean!

One of the most challenging tasks ahead of us is gradually to produce a catalogue of a standard to meet national requirements. If we are to continue as a fully fledged Museum we urgently need more people who can spend an hour or two from time to time either in research activities or in helping with the record keeping, and we appeal to our friends and neighbours in the village to work with us. The examples quoted above from the existing archives illustrate some of the interesting hidden assets.

CAN YOU PLEASE SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO TO HELP US?

Please contact any of the Heritage Trust members: Heather Beary, Alexandra Eyston, Norman Francis, Tony Hine, Robin Hine, Tony James, Jennifer Jenkins, Deborah Lavin, Peter Mulford, Jean Salmon, and John Stevenson.

**YOUR HELP WILL BE IMPORTANT AND WARMLY AP-
PRECIATED.**

East Hendred Boys FC

The under 10's entered two teams into the Henley 6 a side tournament on Sunday May 20th. Both teams won their group stages without losing a game and between the two teams only conceded two goals. The two teams then played out an excellent final which was narrowly edged by East Hendred A one nil. All of the boys played some excellent football and thoroughly deserved their success.



Planning Matters

EHE 14020/2- New dwelling at Muster Point, Featherbed Lane. The Parish Council objected to this application on the basis that it was outside the built-up area of the village and not near an existing group of dwellings. The Council was also not convinced that a suitable case had been made that it was essential to meet the needs of an agricultural, equestrian or other rural enterprise. It was subsequently rejected by the Vale District Council Planning Department..

EHE/4797/30- Hendreds Estate Units 4 & 5, window extensions. There were no objections to this application.

EHE/1965/16- Greensands - change of use from a dwelling to a Guesthouse and associated items. This was a retrospective application. The Council had no objection to the change of use but were concerned about the status of the proposed access road to Featherbed Lane. The application has since been rejected by the Vale Planning Department.

There were no objections to the following applications:

EHE/3756/17 -Ludbridge Mill, erection of two storey rear extension. It was subsequently approved by the Vale District Council Planning Department.

EHE/14793/2 - Coulings Close. Erection of a front porch. The Vale Council has since granted permission.

EHE/3936/2 - Chestnut Cottage, repairs and alterations to existing garage.

EHE/20094- Stoney Hedge House, Skeats Bush,. Erection of conservatory.

EHE/4155/4- Cottage Horn Lane, renovation of roofs of existing rear extension.

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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Information

POST OFFICE

Mondays, Tuesdays &
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COLLECTIONS

Weekdays
7:00am & 16:15pm
Saturday
7:00am (Village Shop)
Sunday
11:00am (Village Shop)

REFUSE COLLECTION

Dustbin Collection

Friday

Recycling (Green Boxes)
Tuesday

Brown Bin (Garden waste
& Cardboard)
Thursday (fortnightly)

MOBILE LIBRARY

Alternate Wednesdays

White Road
11:15am

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June - September 2007

JUNE

- Sun 10 Cricket match - friendly vs Abingdon Vale 2pm Sports ground.
 Fri 15 West Hendred & Ginge youth club. Visit form the A team. Team games etc
 Sat 16 Hedfred School summer fete. 2pm-5pm
 Sat 16 Cricket matches, 1st at home 2nd's at Minster Lovell
 Thu 21 WI - *A Woman in Politics - Catherine Bearder*
 Sat 23 St Augustine's Fete - Cowdray's, Cat St.
 Sun 24 Village Gardens Open Day

JULY

- Fri 6 - 9 Twinning Group visit to Sarceaux
 Thu 19 WI - *My Family and Other Setbacks*
 Sat 21 Barn Sale at Set Barn, Orchard Lane. Proceeds to youth club. 2-4.30pm

AUGUST

- Thu 16 WI - *Garden Party*

SEPTEMBER

- Sun 2 Hendreds Family Show - Sports Ground
 Thu 20 WI - *Owls, their History and Preservation*

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)
W. Hendred Toddler Group 10:15-11:45
 West Hendred Village Hall
 (Sally Hutchinson 07748 582478)
- TUESDAY** **Cub Scouts** 6.15-7.45pm, Snells Hall
 (Robin Gray, 769787)
Beaver Scouts 56pm, Snells Hall
 (Deborah Fuller, 769461)
Kick Boxing 8-9.30pm, Snells Hall
- WEDNESDAY** **Mother & Toddler Group**, 10-12am
 Snells Hall (Karen Borland, 821548)
Bowls 7.45-10pm, Snells Hall
 (Ken Taylor, 833359)
Youth Club, 7-9:30pm, Snells Hall
- THURSDAY** **Brownies**, Snells Hall
 (Linda Harris, 833126)
- SATURDAY** **Soccer School**, Mill Lane Rec
 (Glyn Evans, 770372, 07881932459,
 or glynsoccerschool@aol.com)
- WEEKDAYS** **Preschool**, 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, Snells Hall
 2nd Tuesday
WI, 7.30pm, Snells Hall
 3rd Thursday
Sunday Club, 10.30am, Rectory Room
 (Tin Hut) 3rd Sunday

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

Family Service

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

Parish Communion

11.00am 2nd Sunday
 10.30am 3rd/4th Sunday

Benefice Communion

11.00am 5th Sunday
(see Noticeboard for venue)

Sunday Squad

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

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