

EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*

Launch of the Parish Plan

The new Parish Plan was launched at an event in the village on Sunday March 9th attended by those involved in its preparation.

Work started on the Plan in late 2005 and many village people and organisations have contributed to its preparation. It has already been circulated as a draft to the District and County Councils and received a good response. East Hendred now joins several other local villages in having an up-to-date Plan which can be used to support planning and development opportunities in the village. It is important that the Plan is reviewed on a regular basis to check on progress. It is encouraging that some of the action plans are already being developed.

Elsewhere in this Bulletin there is a report on a grant application to develop the nature reserve and school footpath, both of which are part of the action plans.

Thank you to all those who provided input to the Plan and particularly to the members of the Steering Committee who met on many occasions to develop individual parts of the Plan.

A summary version of the Plan is being made available to all houses in the village along with this Bulletin. The full document is available on the village web site (www.hendred.org), and hard copies of the full document are also available from the Council clerk.



Hattie Young with the Parish Plan cover which she designed.



Village Nativity Procession

Could we say a big Thank You to everyone who participated and helped us with the Village Nativity Procession, I think you will agree it was a big success and we all enjoyed it very much!

Thank you again, Pam and Val.

Easter Egg Hunt!

Good Friday 21st March to Easter Monday 24th March

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from the chair

March 9th is a special date for several reasons. Not only is it my eldest daughter's birthday but it was also the date that Snells Hall was opened in 1974 (I was closely involved in the preparation for this). More recently it was the day this year that the new Parish Plan was launched after much hard work. East Hendred now has an up-to-date Plan which expresses the wishes of the community in planning for the 21st century, which is very encouraging. A summary of the Plan accompanies this Bulletin. Please look at it as it represents the considered views of many village residents expressed via the questionnaire and many meetings and consultations.

It is important that the Plan is reviewed on a regular basis to check what progress has been made. It is encouraging that some action plans are already well in hand or being developed. An Environment Group has been set up. A start has been made on a village energy audit (through "HENERGY"). Funding for the nature reserve and path to the Hendreds School is being sought, with a hoped-for start date later this year. The proposed extensions to the village Conservation Area (CA) are being considered by the Vale Council, following a timely review of the village CA last autumn. We also already have a "green" column in this Bulletin.

As can be seen from another article in this Bulletin the Parish Council has been busy (again) in

reviewing and providing comments on documents sent to the Council for review. These cover a wide range of interests from the proposed reservoir, to decommissioning at Harwell and assisting the local Councils to develop their own strategies. The Parish Council considers it is important to provide comments on these documents as it is an opportunity to input local views which may hopefully lead to change in the final outcome.

For the coming financial year the Council has decided to increase its precept higher than the rate of inflation to a total of £18,000. All of these funds are available to benefit the village and in particular the Council was aware that several village organisations may be seeking grants

during the coming year.

Since November the Council has allocated grants totalling £1200 to 4 village organisations and £155 to external groups that benefit the village. The Parish Plan has also identified several action plans that will need some level of Parish Council funding for them to proceed.

Parish Council work continues unabated and we are advertising for a Minute Secretary, to assist our current Clerk who carries a high load dealing with the finances, planning and all the correspondence with outside bodies. It is a paid post and also an opportunity to keep up to date and in touch with what is happening in the village.

John Sharp

Wanted- Minute Secretary for Parish Council

Supporting the Parish Council is a time consuming occupation. Our current Clerk carries out many duties, including taking minutes, administering the management of the Council's finances as well as dealing with correspondence and planning applications. Some support for the Clerk is required, in taking minutes at meetings and preparing a draft following the meeting. Meetings are held at 8pm on the second Tuesday each month and last about 2 hours; a draft of the minutes would be expected within 7-10 days of the meeting, ready for checking and approval before circulation to the Council members, mainly by e-mail. Ability to use a computer is an essential requirement. Payment will be made. It is also an opportunity to find out what happens in the village.

Please contact John Sharp (8333657) or Val Bacon (833403) for more details.

Computer Classes

Did you make a New Year resolution to catch up with the younger generation, and learn to use a computer? Would you like to be able to communicate by email with family and friends world-wide, or use the internet to book travel, to find the best price for shopping, or to search for items not available locally?

A new round of classes is planned for the dedicated computer room in Snells Hall, East Hendred. There are only 6 students per class, and we are lucky to have a very patient and experienced tutor, so you will have plenty of opportunity to ask for individual help. New classes can start as soon as enough students are available at the same time as the tutor. Classes are two hours long, and a course of five at weekly intervals costs £48. The most popular courses so far have been Computers for Absolute Beginners, and Email and the Internet. An additional one day course is being planned on learning how to use Ebay (for either buying or selling). It will be in the form of a one-day workshop on a Saturday in April, running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a break for lunch in the middle. Students must be conversant with using a computer, and also preferably be able to take digital photographs beforehand of an item intended for sale. The cost is likely to be about £20 for the day's course.

Please contact Pauline Gardner (01235 833319) or Margaret Sharp (833367) if interested in either of the first two of these courses, or Margaret for the Ebay course.

Vale Council Matters

A few points of note have happened since my last bulletin;

The Reservoir

Thames Water are due to publish their Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) in the next few months, which will make interesting reading. The lobby group GARD held a well attended public meeting at the beginning of February to set out their thoughts, and the Reservoir Affected Parishes liaison group has been reformed to co-ordinate information. We will have to wait to see what comes out of the WRMP, but it seems likely that they will press on with their proposals for a very large reservoir between The Hanneys and Steventon/Drayton. No doubt their permitting application will include full details, but it does seem as though there will be quite some impact on local villages, particularly during the (10 year?) construction phase.

Decriminalising Parking

It seems inevitable now that parking control in the Vale will be handed over from Thames Valley Police to the Council. This concerns me as whilst we have been assured that control will not be outsourced to a contractor, experiences of council contracted out parking control in for example London is anything but happy, with sometimes rather dubious practices employed. Also I am worried that whilst Farringdon, Wantage and Abingdon will no doubt be well served, will the man on the moped really come out to East Hendred to deal with our parking problems that at the moment our beat officers and PCSOs deal with? I will continue to monitor this.

Alcohol Ban for village playgrounds

There have been incidences both in East Hendred and Steventon of people drinking and smashing bottles under play equipment in playgrounds which causes a real hazard to children. I have been pressing for alcohol bans for these areas for the Police to enforce to help solve the problem. Our timing has been unfortunate in that of course alcohol drinking is less prevalent in the winter months, which is when the police have visited to collect evidence of anti social behaviour. As they didn't find many clues from these chilly rainy visits they are not currently prepared to support an alcohol ban. As the weather warms up we will need to collect our own evidence to present to the police, so if you do come across broken bottles etc in the playground then could I ask you please to take a photograph and record the time, date and location and send it to me and/or the parish council?

The Old Gaol

We tried hard to allow limited public scrutiny of the competing redevelopment proposals and the future of the Old Gaol prior to the Council making a decision- we thought that this was important as it is a long held public asset, however the Council disagreed. A developer has now been selected, and if all goes well then there will be a substantial capital receipt to the Authority which is good. As the old Gaol was a leisure centre we are lobbying for this money to be ring-fenced for leisure facilities (particularly Wantage Leisure Centre which is in need of improvement) rather than spent on day to day matters.

St Mary's Wantage

Planning permission was granted for the redevelopment of the school for 230 houses in February. There are some good things to come out of this, namely the transfer of some playing fields to public ownership, and a new footpath, but unfortunately the arts/drama block will be lost. This is a shame, and something we lobbied hard to keep.

I hold monthly surgeries, currently in the Millenium Room in Steventon Village Hall although I would be happy to hold some in East Hendred if it was felt there was demand. My next date is the 19th April from 9-10am or you can email me on michael.murray@whitehorsedc.gov.uk or write to me at the Council offices.

Kind regards,

Mike Murray

(District Councillor for Hendreds Ward)

Advice on applying for Grants

Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action (OCVA), (tel. 01865 251946, www.ocva.org.uk) has a dedicated Funding Advice Worker (Katie Cotton). She is based in Oxford, but appointments are available with her once a month in Wantage at the Independent Advice Centre. She can assist potential applicants for funding in the selection of relevant sources of grants, and guide them through the application process.

If your club or project needs funding, it is well worthwhile taking advantage of this advice.

Consultations reviewed since the last Bulletin...

A417 speed limit proposals: the Parish Council responded by strongly requesting that the A417- Featherbed Lane junction be included. After further discussion this is now expected.

Vale District Council- Local development Framework: this is an important draft document which will replace the current Local Plan. The Council responded to the set list of questions in the consultation document and made the following points: It was felt that the Vale Council should support Parish Councils more positively. In particular a lot of effort has gone into the preparation of local Plans and proper account should be taken of these in preparing the Local development Framework. In response to a question on identifying the main options for tackling local issues the Council made the point that availability of local funding is an essential requirement, in particular to achieving the action plans within the Parish Plan. Regarding housing it was noted that East Hendred was listed as one of the villages close to a major centre for local employment with potential for growth (Milton Park and the Harwell-Chilton site). However East Hendred is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and hence an area where the countryside should be protected. The document provided several options for the location of new housing; The council's comment was that spreading some of the new housing amongst those villages with suitable services would be beneficial in supporting and maintaining those services in the future. However it was stressed that new housing should meet local needs and should not consist of only large, expensive houses (as is happening in the village now). Provision for affordable housing was also an important requirement. Regarding economic development the Council suggested the provision of premises for small firms in villages, thus supporting local services. The provision and retention of green space was also very important in rural locations.

Oxfordshire Sustainable Community Strategy: the Parish Council noted the lack of proper consultation with Parish Councils on this strategy. In support for local communities the strategy mentions the development of local plans. This Parish is just completing its Plan, but the implementation of action Plans is a difficult step because of limited funding available. On transport, the Council noted the potential benefit of a park and ride facility operating to Oxford from Milton Park. Regarding environmental issues, the Council expressed a need for design guidelines for new housing, to ensure that new homes fitted in with older buildings in the vicinity. Services in rural areas continued to decline and funding is increasingly being needed to support local facilities.

Vale District Council- Open Space, Sport and Recreation Provision: the Parish Council responded to the several questions in the document as well as commenting that the document was more concerned with green-spaces in urban areas rather than villages. In particular the document did not fully appreciate the difficulties in providing and maintaining adequate green spaces (including sport grounds) in rural locations.

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA)- draft Business Plan: the Parish Council stated that is fully supported the previous response from the Harwell-Chilton Campus Local Stakeholders Group on the planned end-state of the site, which is for a 100% delicensed site by 2020. The Council pointed out that the village is one of the nearest communities to the site and as such, we are anxious to see the end-state reached in accordance with the proposed timescale. Therefore the Council was very concerned about the proposed reduction of funding for decommissioning work and the loss of some key staff. If the timescale were to be extended, the Council would seek appropriate compensation for the extended risk caused by the delay.

Environment Agency- Water for People and the Environment: this consultation sought views not only on the main water resource issues facing communities over the next few decades, but also on how the Environment Agency and others could manage water resources in the future. [It clearly has relevance to the proposed reservoir]. The Council responded to the set series of 14 questions. The points made were that some form of control is needed on water resources, particularly the abstraction of water. Regarding hose-pipe bans, it was suggested that bans in no more than two in every ten years might be acceptable. Metering of water should be encouraged and excessive use charged at a higher rate. Reducing the amount of water used in homes was strongly supported and several techniques were available to achieve this. Water companies should be strongly encouraged to reduce leakage- realistic targets based on what is achieved in other countries should be set and managed through Ofwat or another regulator. Regarding the true environmental cost of water the document suggested that this was not reflected in the price and the Council strongly agreed with this. Higher costing of water would encourage more efficient use and allocation.

More Parish Council News

Proposed Guidelines for grant requests: the Parish Council receives several requests for grants during the year, some from village organizations, others from external groups. In order to assist councillors in making decisions about such requests, some general guidelines were agreed, which included the likely level of grants for organisations in each category. All organisations requesting grants will be asked to provide copies of their latest accounts, and those outside the village should demonstrate how their organisations benefit the village.

Post Office Network- Good News: most of the village will now be aware that the village Post Office has survived the round of proposed closures, for which we are very grateful. Unfortunately Ardington Post Office is on the list for closure. Don't forget that the message for our village Post Office is "Use it or lose it"!

Housing Needs Survey: The Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) has prepared a questionnaire on housing needs which has been distributed around the village. The results from this will be analysed by the ORCC and it is expected that these will show a need for some more affordable/social housing for village people. The Council is negotiating with the Sovereign Housing Association on possible developments. Thank you to all those that filled in the questionnaire and returned it to the ORCC.

Precept: the Parish Council has reviewed its expenditure for the current year and its planned expenditure for 2008/9. The Council decided to increase the precept above the rate of inflation to cover expected increased costs in the coming year and has decided to precept for a sum of £18,000. This will cover the costs of the village lengthman, the clerk, publication of the Bulletin, insurance, subscriptions and fees, maintenance of the bus shelters and playparks, courtesy lighting, and grants to village organisations.

East Hendred Community Centre- Snells Hall

There were fifteen replies in response to our advertisement in Wantage & Grove Review about the vacancy for new Wardens at the Hall. Eventually five candidates (3 couples, 2 singles) were short listed for interview and as a result Sarah and Gary were welcomed to the position, which they took up on February 9th. They have made an encouraging start in fulfilling the various duties that are involved and will become well known to our regular users in due course.

We send our best wishes to Damien and Tracy the previous Wardens and trust that Damien will make a complete recovery after his recent serious operation and be able to enjoy fully the impending new addition to their family.

Work to renovate the Cupola is still on hold. Potential contractors seem to have learned that WREN is involved with a grant application and are adjusting their quotations accordingly!

The refurbished Kitchen will be installed when a mutually suitable period of ten days can be arranged with the contractor that do not interfere with our forward bookings.

The under stage cupboards have been repainted using a new colour scheme which has been approved for the main hall. This work will be done by Richard Harris, who already has been involved in repainting the main foyer and the gents' toilet.

We have approved a scheme prepared by Nick Turrell (Didcot Windows) to secondary double-glaze the stage windows and also to replace the centre ceiling panels below the fluorescent lights with sealed polycarbonate units. These changes will undoubtedly make a significant improvement in reducing heat losses and help to eliminate the cold draughts that emanate from under the stage curtains during hall events.

Please do come along to the Community Centre A.G.M, which will be held on Thursday, 24th April at 8 p.m. We are always pleased to encourage new members on to the Management Committee and to hear any new ideas for improving the Hall facilities.

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Do you ever ask,

Where is the train timetable? What's on at the Didcot cinema?
What can I put (or not put) in the recycling box? How do I contact the football club?
What's the phone number of the pub? What's on in the village this weekend?
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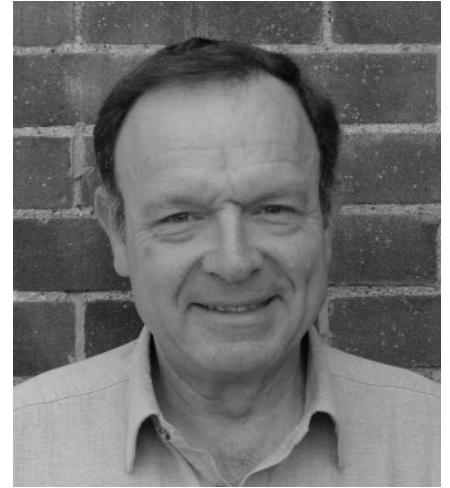
Parish Councillor Profile No. 4 Charles Pappenheim

Occupation: Electronics engineer specialising in the oilfield

Previous occupations: As a student I smashed cardboard boxes for John Lewis, but was unfortunately promoted to the vegetable department

Hobbies: Planting things, fixing things, reading things

When & why did you move to the village?: 2000. It was near to a good school and on the school bus route, less than an hour from Heathrow (well, that's what my wife told me), in a village, and the house was just what we were looking for. At the time I didn't realise what a brilliant choice it was.



What is your favourite place in the parish?: On top of our garden shed- the view is wonderful

If you had unlimited funds to spend on a project for the village what would you do and why?: Buy a big field and plant a walnut orchard, to rescue the land from boring crops and give people a nice place for picnics and squirrel-shooting parties

What is your favourite piece of music?: "Grand Piece Symphonique" by Cesar Franck

What is your favourite book?: "The Steam Pig" by James McClure

What is your favourite film?: "Hud", directed by Martin Ritt, starring Paul Newman

What is your greatest fear?: The results of global warming

What is your idea of perfect happiness?: A braai with all my family

What would your motto be?: Noli illegitimati carborundum

How would you like to be remembered?: By my friends

What's On? - Find Out!

You can receive a weekly email telling you what's on in the Hendreds, simply by sending an email message to: events@hendred.org
Every week, this list of events is sent out to more than 130 people in the village.
The list can also be seen on the village website, www.hendred.org.

East Hendred Entertains' Charity Shop

Open every Friday 1-4pm, in the tin hut on Newbury Road. All proceeds being ploughed back into village charities. If you have any items suitable please contact Val Prior or Vanessa Hendy on 833973. Thank you for your support- especially Hendred Stores.

A Rare Treat to boost Autism Research

The John Lewis Partnership is holding the first 2008 public opening of its private garden, The Longstock Water Garden in Stockbridge, Hampshire on Sunday 6 April to raise funds for Autism Speaks, the only registered charity in the UK set up solely to raise funds for research into the causes of autism.

The Longstock event comes just four days after the first United Nations-declared World Autism Awareness Day, 2nd April 2008. Autism Speaks intend to use this rare fundraising opportunity not only to boost cash for research at universities across the UK, but also to raise the profile of Autism Speaks in the South-East.

"The promise of Spring has its parallels in what Autism Speaks is doing," says Head of Events, Lynn Hart: "hope and help for thousands of families affected by autism throughout the UK is within our grasp. Please come to join us and experience Spring at its most delicate and enticing in The Longstock Water Garden on Sunday 6th April, 2-5pm?"

Entry for adults is £5 and children £1. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance please go to www.autismspeaks.org.uk or ring Lynn Hart on 01491 411569/lynn.hart@autismspeaks.org.uk.

Aladdin

Aladdin was staged at Snells Hall, East Hendred for four nights in January 2008. Nothing could prepare players, crew and spectators for the warm reception and fun that was enjoyed by one and all during and after the pantomime. Reactions included, "the most I have laughed for a long time" to "the best value for money spent on an evening out". Most of all, people were genuinely thrilled that a good number of local people had been brought together by the experience.

The pantomime went ahead after East Hendred residents Susie Turnbull, Lorraine Clayton and Liz Tunney met up with Kevin Martin and Sara Hildebrant who had previous directing and production experience. They all agreed to try to put on a panto and advertised in the surrounding villages for interested parties to come forward. The resulting group known as Springline (in recognition of the local springline villages) then went into rehearsal in late autumn to produce the first village pantomime to be performed in several years. Springline's efforts were boosted by a loan from the East Hendred Parish Council and sponsorship from Oxford-based chartered accountants Hunter Marshall.

Tickets went on sale on the 1st December 2007 and within a few days, the penultimate and last nights were sold out. Aladdin played to large audiences on the first and second nights too. In addition to rehearsing, members of the cast and a long list of supporting crew set about building sets and gathering props and costumes. Impressively, those involved ranged in age from seven to over eighty years old. Over 54 villagers joined in the fun, 27 of which formed the cast. A whole range of hidden talent was discovered amongst a very willing group who came from a good spread of the villages.

Help was also at hand from those not directly involved with the production. Ken Taylor, Snells Hall committee treasurer, did a sterling job of fitting in the group's needs at a difficult time of year, particularly when there were no resident caretakers looking after the hall. Some regular users of Snells Hall also gave up one or two of their sessions during a busy winter schedule so that all



necessary rehearsals could go ahead.

Local businesses and organisations also pitched in to support the pantomime. St Amand's school hall was used as a rehearsal space in addition to Snells Hall. Hendred Stores, Q Gardens and Ardington Stores kindly agreed to sell tickets. Oxford Spires scaffolding rigged poles for lighting and Sarah Sheehan loaned her clavichord for rehearsals. The Eyston Arms provided their piano for the main event. Thanks to the success of the show, Springline is hoping to upgrade the stage curtain system at Snells Hall and has already made a donation to St Amand's School whose facilities were of great use. Encouraged by the excellent reception to Aladdin, Springline is discussing plans for the next production. If you missed out this time, join in the next panto, work on which will start this autumn! Check for further details on the website www.springlineproductions.com

A DVD of the Saturday performance of Aladdin is also available at the East Hendred village shop for the modest sum of £5:00, with all proceeds going towards our next production.

Extreme Bulletin Reading!



Congratulations the the intrepid band of adventurers who braved rain, gales and fog to conquer Snowdon over the New Year!

Pictured on the summit with their copy of the Bulletin are: James Nicoll, Keith Mitchell, Dominic Brackenbury, Ben Mitchell, Ian Rees, Dominic John, Jane John, Fergus Nicoll, Ollie John, Sairah Rees and Gary Brackenbury.

1st Cuckhamsley Scout Group

We are currently urgently looking for adults to fill a number of roles, both uniform and non-uniform. This is a fantastic opportunity to become involved in the local community, meet new people and support a voluntary organisation that spans the globe!

Roles vacant:

Beaver Scout Leader: Manages and leads the operation of the Beaver Scout section. Runs the Beaver meeting with the help of an Assistant Beaver Leader, parent helpers and Young Leaders.

Assistant Beaver Leader: Supports the Beaver Scout Leader in managing the operation of the Beaver Scout section.

Beaver Parent Representative: Liaises with the Beaver Leader and parents, organises parents help rota for meetings. Needs to be the parent of a child attending Beavers.

Cub Parent Representative: Liaises with the Cub Leader and parents, organises parents help rota for meetings. Needs to be the parent of a child attending Cubs

Group Scout Leader: Ensures the effective operation of the Scout Group and the development of Scouting within the Group. The GSL also has an overview of the other roles within the Scout Group and the Group Executive Committee. Attends Group Executive meetings, 5-6 a year and District GSL meetings, 4 a year.

Group Chairman: Assists the GSL in the effective operation of the Scout Group, by leading and supporting Group administrators. Attends Group Executive meetings, 5-6 a year.

Neither the GSL nor the Group Chairman are required to regularly attend the weekly Scout group meetings. A background in Scouting or having children in Scouting is not a requirement either. An interest in the local community, Scouting, enthusiasm and the ability to work as part of a team is much more important.

Appointment Requirements: To understand and accept the Scout Associations Policies and have a satisfactory CRB clearance. Training would be given for all the roles apart from the Parent Reps, for whom it is not necessary.

Please get in touch with Jane John 821909 or a pack leader if you would like to be involved.

Full details can be found on the Scoutbase website

http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/#sec_223

Hendreds Pre-School Christmas Happenings

In late November Hendreds Pre-school was part of the cheery and festive West Hendred Christmas Fair where we had a successful stall. Following our decision not to actively fundraise for a year but rather to promote the pre-school, we focused on a professional, informative stall. We also offered children the opportunity to decorate a photo frame. It was a sell out and grateful mums and dads were able to tick granny's gift off the list. All in all, it was a thoroughly enjoyable event.

A fun packed time was had by all (Oh no it wasn't!! Oh yes it was!!) when the children went to Oxford to watch Aladdin. The festivities did not stop there, as Father Christmas made his annual visit to pre-school on 20th December. A little early you may think, but he was a pretty busy guy on Christmas Eve!

But amongst all the tinsel and glitter we did not want to forget what Christmas is really all about. The Rev Rita Ball visited the children to discuss what happened on that very first Christmas those couple of thousand years ago. This fitted in very well with the other studies the children have done on different cultural events that happen in our society today.

If would like to know more about us, please don't hesitate to contact us on 01235 831555 or visit our website www.hendredspreschool.org.uk

Happenings at St Amand's RC Primary School

Dragons Den eat your heart out! Earlier in the term, at St Amand's Primary School, all the children enjoyed a maths week. We saw all sorts of entrepreneurial skills coming to the fore as the children used their numerical talents to raise some money for charity. Not only were mini Easter eggs and hand made cards being sold by classes 2 and 3, but a healthy option was also available from class 6 who were selling smoothies at playtime. Not to be out done, class 5 were running a mini fete and class 1 provided refreshments at the new St Amands Café. Unfortunately this was only open for a limited period of time, much to the disappointment of the parents and carers who are collecting their children at the end of the school day!

Not only were the children scratching up on their shapes and numbers (well, it wouldn't be maths week otherwise) but the week ended with a fun filled evening of Bingo for parents and children. So it's eyes down, two little ducks, quack quack (that's number 22 for those who don't know) and don't miss those two fat ladies!- of course- no teachers implied! Who said that maths can't be fun?

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East and West Hendred Cricket Club

The Annual General Meeting was held in February and the officers of the club elected for the 2008 season.

They include:

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Second Team Captain: David Jones

Second Team Vice-Captain: Nigel Bateman

The match manager for the friendly fixtures is Robert Snook.

The coaches for the junior sections are:

Under 11s: Pete Beckley

Under 13s: Steve Barksfield

Under 15s: Ivan Mulford

Indoor net practices have been going on for several weeks. Players over 15 are very welcome to join us at the Sports Hall at Josca's School in Frilford between 10.30 and 12.30 on Sunday mornings. A small charge is made for use of the facilities. One of the nets is devoted to the bowling machine, which provides a very intensive form of batting practice. Outdoor practice at the sports ground will commence on the evening of Wednesday 16 April for both seniors and juniors.

The Oxfordshire Cricket Association (OCA) League fixtures start on Saturday 3 May. The First XI will play at home against Freeland in OCA Division 2 and the Second XI will play away against Marcham Second XI in Division 8. There will be three friendly fixtures in the previous weeks and the first fixture will be away against Abingdon Vale on Sunday 20th April, starting at 1.30. Overall, there are over fifty senior fixtures on the list and there will be a full programme for the juniors. A printed fixture list will be available several days before the season starts.

An enormous amount of voluntary effort is required in organising and carrying out preparation of the ground and square and in coaching the youth sections. We would be grateful for any assistance you can offer in this. The club has a reputation in the OCA and elsewhere for providing excellent facilities and we wish to maintain that standard.

If you wish to join the club for next season, please contact Ivan Mulford (Tel 820316).

Farming Focus

'Whether' has been uppermost in our minds again; whether or not to sell quantities of harvest '08 crops at the present high forward prices.

I have written in previous bulletins about the rising commodity prices but this trend has accelerated in recent months. The combination of record low world wheat stocks, poor harvests around the world in 2007, increased demand for cereals and oilseed rape to be used to make bio-fuels, high oil prices, etc, have all conspired to push up the prices of these commodities. Unfortunately price volatility has also increased massively partly due to investment funds sensing an easy profit and moving money out of traditional stock markets and into the agricultural futures markets. In the past prices would only vary about £10-£20 per tonne through the whole season. Now this range can be achieved in a single days' trading, it sometimes makes one feel more like a stockbroker than a farmer!

Unfortunately input prices are rising as fast as our output prices, with massive increases in fertiliser prices in particular but also in fuel, machinery, sprays etc. The demand for all inputs has shot up worldwide as everybody tries to plant wall to wall crops on every available acre, (especially in the old Eastern Block countries where lots of fallow land is being brought back into production after years of neglect.)

Closer to home, we have spent the winter period out loading grain from last harvest and maintaining and repairing the machinery fleet. The rams have been running with the ewes during December & January and lambing will start in early May.

We have a fairly large area of overwintered stubbles in an environmental scheme designed to provide food supplies for birds during the winter. These have to be left undisturbed after harvest until February 14th after which they can be cultivated and planted with spring crops. This scheme can be very stressful because it can be very difficult to make seedbeds in the spring unless you are lucky with the weather (the traditional way of getting spring seedbeds is to plough in late Autumn /early winter and let frosts act on the ploughed ground which then falls apart easily in the spring with very little cultivation needed).

Luckily this year we had a good spell of dry weather in late February which allowed us to loosen the stubbles with deep tines and plant straight in to them without having to resort to ploughing up unweathered soil which would be difficult and costly to work down.

News from St Augustine's and St Mary's

By the time you read this, Lent will be almost over. The Lent Lunches, hosted by this year by St Mary's (St Augustine's turn next year) will all have been eaten; the liturgy preparation sessions at Holy Trinity Monastery will have come to an end; and the joint Palm Sunday procession through the village will have taken place.

On Maundy Thursday (20th March) there are services at both churches (7:30pm in St Augustine's, 8:00pm in St Mary's) and a watch is kept until midnight- the start of Good Friday – as the disciples watched in the garden of Gethsemane while Jesus prayed. You may welcome the chance of a period of quiet and reflection, in St Amand's Chapel in Hendred House, or the parish church of St Augustine- or both.

With luck by the time you read this there may still be time for you to join St Augustine's Good Friday walk. This offers a sequence of services through the day in the different churches of the benefice, timed so that you can easily walk between them. Start at St Augustine's at 8:15am, and you will reach West Hendred in time for Matins at 8:30am. Coffee awaits in the Loyd Lindsay Rooms at 9:45am, to fortify you in time for a reading of the Passion from St John's Gospel- the story of Good Friday- in Holy Trinity, Ardington, at 10:15am. On to Lockinge, for a children's service at 11:30am. After an interval for a picnic lunch (bring your own picnic), its back to St Augustine's in time for the Meditation of the Cross at 2:30pm. This is a day for all the family, young and old, whether walking or travelling by car between the churches. It's a very special occasion, a day unlike any other day in the year, when people from all three parishes join together and follow the footpaths that have linked our churches for generations. (It's also the only day you see dogs in our churches!)

The crowd ebbs and flows as people come and go; some walk, some travel by car. Everyone is welcome for any part of the walk and the worship.

At St Mary's there's a Good Friday service at 3pm, and a vigil on Saturday night from 8pm. Then follows the great festival of Easter, with celebration services in both churches (Mass in St Mary's at 9:30am, Easter Communion in St Augustine's at 10:30am- expect lots of flowers and singing).

Easter is the biggest festival in the church year, so perhaps it is not surprising that after it there is a bit of a lull. The next event at St Augustine's is the Summer Fete on Saturday 21st June. Following the success of last year's fete, it will be held at Snells Hall, starting at noon. There will be stalls of all sorts and excellent Ploughman's Lunches, so put the date in your diaries- we look forward to seeing you there.

As our parish church, St Augustine's also plays host to other events- concerts and the Penney Lectures, for example, have been held in the church for some time, and recently there was a recording session, of songs by our local composer Anthony Gracie. The next concert in the church will be by 'The Five Voices' on Saturday 19th April, in aid of the village Museum and the church. Now that the pews in the south aisle have been removed and we are waiting for the new plaster on the wall to dry, we have acquired a very pleasant open space which is a real asset and has opened up new possibilities. For example, the launch of the Parish Plan on 9th March was held in the church because Snells Hall was fully booked. It seems fitting that the document that will help shape the future of the village was launched from its oldest public building.

The Downs Golden Age

The DGA meets at Snells Hall on the first Thursday of every month for approximately two hours for either for tea or for lunch. There is always a small raffle and a Bring and Buy Stall.

The club main fundraising events are three Bridge Drives also held at Snells Hall. The DGA is a very friendly club and would welcome new members. Please ring Betty Holiday on 01235 833400 for more information.

The dates and speakers for 2008 are as follows:

6th March: See *Oxford in 35 mins*- Jean Warr, Blue Badge Guide

3rd April: Bring, Buy and Bingo at West Hendred Hall

8th May: *An Artic Summer*- Graham Wren

12th June: *It's a wind-up- spinning & fabrics*- Jane Soffee at Hendred House

3rd July: Summer Luncheon

7th Aug: AGM

Tea 3pm- September, October, March, April, May, June

Lunch 1pm- November, December, January, February, July, August

There are also several outings by coach or car arranged for the summer, some for the whole day and some for just half.

Wednesday 7th May: Visit to Ardington House, at 3.00 pm, transport by car

Tuesday 4th June: Southampton, 2 Hour river trip on River Test & Itchen. Departs at 9.30 am, transport by coach

Monday 7th July: Waterperry Gardens. Beautiful area for picnics. Dining area for lunches/tea/snacks. Departs 10am, by coach.

East and West Hendred Women's Institute

It has been another good and busy year for the East & West Hendred W.I. The W.I. Year started in April with an excellent presentation by The Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Service. We are truly "lucky" - if that is the right word - to be in an area where the NHS is supported by such a wonderful and efficient service. The May meeting dealt with Resolutions, followed by a Beetle Drive, with its usual fun and hilarity.

The Guest Speaker for June was Catherine Bearder, who spoke about her life as a politician in a talk entitled "A Woman in Politics". Moving on to July and we had Mel Rees as our Speaker. Mel's talk, entitled "My Family and Other Setbacks" was very funny. August saw us having our Annual Garden Party at the President's house - unfortunately the weather was somewhat inclement and part of the evening had to be spent indoors. But as is usual we had an absolutely marvellous time. The September meeting brought us Chrissie Harper and her Owls - and the superlatives came rolling in from everyone who was able to attend. In October we learnt how to make greetings cards from Carole Waechter using stencils and watercolour paints. A local scientist, Kathy Manlove, came to speak to us in November about Forensic Science and all its various and varied component parts. In December we were once again very privileged to go to Hendred House, where a very pleasant evening was spent with our Hostess, the lady of the manor, Ali Eyston.

Into 2008, and the January New Year Party. Our guests at this event were the Hazzaz Belly Dancers, and what a wonderful evening we all had, with many of our members showing their amazing talents on the dance floor. February brought us Brian Lowe, who spoke to us concerning many unusual buildings and artefacts in Oxford, about which we knew virtually nothing - a most enlightening evening. We are now again in March, when we have our AGM, with a special Guest speaker, Barbara Gray, from the Oxfordshire Federation of W. I's Headquarters in Tackley.

Extra visits are arranged throughout the year, most recently in March to the Miele headquarters in Abingdon for a fascinating cookery demonstration using their state-of-the-art kitchen equipment. We all enjoyed sampling the results, and were tempted by their new range of steam ovens (which the demonstrator predicted would replace microwaves in luxury domestic kitchens before much longer).



W.I. Members planting hyacinth and daffodil bulbs for sale at the Christmas Bazaar.

Our programme for the next few months includes a coffee morning on May 21st, and a theatre trip as well as the regular 'third Thursday' meetings at 7.30 p.m. in Snells Hall:

April 17th: Thelma Sanders "A Light Entertainment"

May 15th: Discussions of the Resolutions to be put before the National Federation meeting in Liverpool later in the year, followed by Ron Foster's presentation on the History of East Hendred.

June 19th: Liz Alchemy "Colour Profiling".

The more energetic members join for a 6 to 8 mile walk on a Wednesday morning, once every fortnight, choosing a different route each time.

Our W.I. has gained a reputation for being both friendly and welcoming (with a membership of over 40), and potential new members are always invited to come along and sample a meeting.

East Hendred Youth Club

East Hendred Youth Club is fast approaching the end of its second year and continues to grow in support. Still meeting once a week, we now have a membership of around 60 young people, and a regular attendance of more than 30. We are delighted to welcome new young people on an almost weekly basis which is most encouraging, and it's great to see some of our original members having passed through, coming back as "seniors" to help with activities!

Future events include Active Ten20, joining us with their latest giant inflatable; a song and dance competition; five-a-side football, and our very own youth club website.

Please let Elaine or Val know if you are able to help - eyes, ears and good humour are all that is required!

Hendreds Twinning Group

Coach Trip to Gardeners World Live Sat 14th June 2008 at Birmingham NEC

Now in its 16th year, BBC Gardeners' World Live 2008 promises to be bigger and better than ever, with a tantalizing mix of show gardens, floral displays, practical demonstrations, entertainment and shopping opportunities in spades.

One of the centrepieces of the show is the Gardeners' World Magazine Celebrity Theatre where familiar faces including Monty Don and Joe Swift take to the stage to share their invaluable advice on Saturday.

If you're interested in growing your own fruit and vegetables, don't miss the Grow Your Own area and stage. Expert gardeners will give practical demonstrations and advice on growing and using fruit, veg and herbs. You should also look out for the Sustainable Living section if you want some ideas on how to 'go green' in your garden.

More than 100 nurseries will have stands in the RHS Floral Marquee, displaying to the highest standards in their hopes of winning one of the coveted RHS medals. You'll find every plant you could ever imagine, plus some more you couldn't! More details at <http://www.bbcgardenersworldlive.com>

The coach leaves Wantage at 8.45am, East Hendred at 9am. We will depart Birmingham NEC at 5pm with return to East Hendred at approximately 6.30 pm and Wantage at 6.45 pm (dependent on traffic)

Combined coach and entrance ticket is £30 for HTG members, £30.50 for non-members (this represents a significant saving on the walk-in ticket price of £22.50)

Please book no later than 28 March by contacting Hilary Dorling on 01235 833636 or hilary@familydorling.fsnet.co.uk

Visit from Sarceaux, July 5th - July 7th 2008

We are expecting a return visit of between 30 and 40 French visitors of all ages from our twin community of Sarceaux for a packed weekend of visits and social activities. We anticipate providing a meal and entertainment for everyone (hosts, French visitors and twinning group members) in Snells Hall on the Saturday evening, and a whole day expedition by coach on the Sunday- the destination is still under discussion! We are hoping to find local host families for all the visitors; if you are interested in this or in taking part in the week-end activities please contact Margaret Sharp on 833367, or M.L.R.Sharp@btinternet.com.

Feast of Local Food

The committee once again took up the challenge of supplying a delicious and interesting meal with as many of the ingredients as possible sourced from within a 10 mile radius of the village for over 80 people in Snells Hall. 'Food miles' are always in the news, and this was a way of promoting produce available locally from the producers or from members' own gardens and allotments. Jane Bowler, of Dews Meadow Farm Shop, spoke after the meal about her experiences in developing a market for local food, based on their original pig farming. This is the second successful "Feast of Local Food" organised by the Twinning Committee and it is likely that it will be repeated in the future.

Two recent letters from members of the Twinning Society in Sarceaux

Local elections take place in March 2008, in common with the whole of the rest of France, for the Council in Sarceaux. There are several candidates standing who are well known to our friends in the Hendreds (Christian Grée, Nicole Baloche, Cyrille Esnault, Raymond Labroche as well as Jacques Gréard).

Jacques Peltier is retiring after having served three terms of office (one as a Councillor and the last two as Mayor of the Commune of Sarceaux). Jacques Gréard heads the list of nominations, and 8 of the existing 15 councillors are standing again for re-election. The elections take place in two stages, the first on March 16th and the second on the following Thursday when the 15 elected councillors will select the new Mayor from amongst their number. The new Mayor will serve for a term of six years. *Jacques Gréard (who recently retired as Headmaster of the Sarceaux Primary School).*

It has been a very active few months in Sarceaux, with plenty going on in the way of both social activities and sports events- particularly football and cycling.

The Sarceaux Twinning Society held its annual fund raising evening on March 1st, and it was again a great success. About 180 people from the village enjoyed a dinner dance at Ecouché. This is one of the main social events of its kind in the year for the whole community to enjoy.

Sarceaux must be an attractive place to live, because at least five new houses have been built here recently!

Hoping to meet our friends in the Hendreds very soon, and kind regards. *Annie Minnebo (President of the Comité du Jumelage in Sarceaux)*

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The Hendreds Environment Group

Henergy- Saving Energy in the Hendreds!

Residents of East and West Hendred keen to save money on their fuel bills and to reduce their impact on the environment are signing up to Henergy. Henergy is the Hendreds Environment Group's project to help Hendreds householders save energy at home.

As a first step participants are filling out a Home Energy Check from the Energy Savings Trust, in exchange for a free low-energy light bulb. Each household will get a tailored report based on this form with estimates of their energy usage and tips on reducing it. In a years time we can do the check again to see how well the Henergy group of houses has done at reducing its energy usage and carbon emissions.

Henergy will be promoting different aspects of energy saving- from the big hitters like loft and cavity wall insulation, to smaller investments like low-energy lighting, to cost free actions like remembering to turn unused lights and equipment off properly.

Saving energy at home is something any individual can do, but often we don't get round to it. As a community we can motivate ourselves and share tips and advice, and we can try and measure how successful we've been in reducing the impact the Hendreds have on the wider environment.

It's not too late to join Henergy- contact Sarah James on 831568 or email henergy@hendred.org



Jennie Lewis Photography

Insulate Your Home- Keep Warm for Less

Most households qualify for grants or discounts on loft and cavity wall insulation

Are you, or anyone in your household 70 or over? Did you know that you will qualify for free loft and cavity wall insulation if your house needs it? Even if you have some loft insulation you may qualify for a free top up and this scheme will apply whether you own your own home or are a private tenant. Similar schemes exist for the recipients of various benefits. And for home owners or private tenants not qualifying for free insulation, there are still large discounts available regardless of personal circumstances. (Council and Housing Association tenants are not covered by these schemes and should approach their landlord directly with any questions about insulation.) Working out what you qualify for, and what the best scheme for you is, can be pretty tricky. But in this area you can turn to Cocoon, a free, independent advice centre that will find the best scheme for you.

Cocoon - <http://www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk/> - 0800 80 48 777

So, why insulate? Gas and electricity prices are rising. Insulating your home will reduce heat loss, so you can keep warm whilst using less fuel and keep your bills lower. A poorly insulated home is losing you money. According to Cocoon, insulating your loft and cavity walls are the most cost-effective ways of keeping the heat in your home. With current discounts both jobs will pay for themselves within 1-3 years in energy savings. And if you qualify for free insulation, you will be saving money immediately. You will also be reducing your impact on the environment. Most space heating relies on fossil fuels, either directly by burning gas or oil, or indirectly as we still produce most of our electricity through burning fossil fuels. Burning fossil fuels is a major cause of climate change and a serious threat to our environment. To reduce the amount of fossil fuels we burn we will need to use different energy sources and to reduce our total consumption of energy. When a house is sold now, it must have an Energy Performance Certificate which rates it's efficiency, and adding loft and cavity wall insulation is likely to improve this rating. From October, this will also apply to privately let houses for new tenancies.

So what are you waiting for, don't put this to one side, contact Cocoon today to see if you can get cheap or even free insulation for your home.

The Heart of Hendreds Project: HOHP

Now that the Parish Plan has been published its time to see some action on some of the issues raised within it. One of the recurring themes was that of the natural environment within the parish. It was felt that more provision should be made for wildlife and more open space made available for people to enjoy nature. A favourite area chosen by many people was the land following the brook from Fordy Lane through Snells and out into the High Street in the village. It was described as a “Green Lung” or “Heart” of the village, and many felt strongly that it should remain so.

Hendreds Environment Group began the process of trying to have this area recognised in some way as valuable green space, to ensure its preservation and sensitive management. It was too small for designation as a Local Nature Reserve but the Natural England adviser who came to survey the site suggested we look into the BBC Breathing Places scheme. This is a Lottery funded scheme throughout the country that encourages local communities to look after a piece of land that is currently neglected to improve the area for both people and wildlife.

After attending a meeting hosted by the Local Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) it was felt that we fitted well into the scheme. We began to draw up an application for a grant from the Big Lottery Fund. It was at this stage that we realised that our plans for the piece of woodland behind the Penney Play Park tied in very neatly with the long awaited footpath for access to Hendreds School. If we could create a nature trail through the wood that children could use this would be both a wonderful natural resource and a practical way for them to walk to school away from the dangers of Church Lane. We should know whether the grant application has been successful in June, but Hendreds School is already half way there with a grant provided by the local council “Better Ways to School” fund.

In addition to the nature trail, we aim to clear the area of invasive weeds (Himalayan Balsam and nettles), allow natural regeneration of native tree species and undergrowth, and provide bat and bird boxes to encourage more wildlife into the area. We are also hoping for funding to continue the restoration of Abbey Manor Orchard so that more local varieties of apples and pears can be planted and the orchard made available for community enjoyment on Apple Days, Open Garden Days etc.

None of this work can be carried out without the help of volunteers willing to get their hands dirty, so watch this space for the first working party to be organised to get the project up and running. Similarly, we are dependent on a successful working relationship with Hendred Estate who own the land and have kindly agreed to give permission for our activities. Lets hope that together we can turn HOHP into a reality.

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Hendred Heritage

Great News from the Museum!

We are delighted to announce to the Village that our Champs Chapel Museum has begun the new year with some really good news...

It has gained national recognition as an Accredited Museum by the Museums & Libraries Association. This is a public vote of confidence in our standard of management, visitor services and care for our collection. It provides a benchmark for grant-making organisations like the Heritage Lottery Fund. By no means all the institutions that applied were given Accreditation; it is a mark of trust in what our Museum has achieved over the years.

The Parish Council had already given us a vote of confidence with a generous grant towards the restoration and care of some of our special collection of paintings of local interest.

This has been matched by the generosity of Infineum and UKAEA together with two private donors, so that the pictures can now be seen cleaned and in due course will be displayed in environmentally controlled conditions that will preserve them for the future.

Two very longstanding members of the Heritage Trust who have played a great part in developing the Museum have decided that this high point should also mark their retirement as Officers of the Trust. Tony Hine has been our Secretary and Tony James our Treasurer for many years of stalwart service. We are more than grateful to them for the time and energy that they have given unstintingly for so long; and we are happy that both Tony's will continue to be closely associated with the Museum's activities. We warmly welcome two new members of the Trust as their successors: Fergus Nicoll as Trust Secretary and David Hunter as Treasurer.

So your Museum, which collects the history and records the day to day life and special events in this village and our neighbouring communities, is entering a new phase. Like most organisations we are faced with targets over coming years, a steeplechase as usual. We have an 'Access' survey to study and achieve; this is particularly aimed at ensuring within the limits of a small Grade I listed building in a Conservation Area we keep abreast of modern trends for clarity of information display and adequate disabled access, facilities, signage etc.

In the meanwhile preparation for the summer programme progresses with the proposed Colt exhibit in the Chapel which is throwing up several interesting village personalities and unexpected connections; see the post card below. We will still have room in the museum for your special artistic contributions which we hope will provide a changing display during the season.

Fundraising will be important to us this year and our first event will be a concert of popular music given by The Five Voices who will be singing in St Augustine's on Saturday 19th April at 7.30 pm with Michael at the Organ. Proceeds will be shared between Hendred Heritage Trust and St Augustine's.

From the Village Archives...

This issue's picture from the Archives originated with John Sharp.

John is a keen collector of post cards and when the subject of this year's exhibition touching on St Amands came up, the text on this 1909 postcard was studied more carefully. Written by one of the staff at St Amands it states "here is our gentleman standing outside". "Our gentleman" was Henry (Harry) Shapland Colt in his younger days. Come and see the rest of his famous story in the Chapel- Easter Onwards.



Planning Matters

Greensands Appeal: The appeal concerning retrospective planning applications to regularise and retain the guest house and associated buildings and their uses together with the access road due to be heard early in 2008 was withdrawn at the last minute. We understand that a further appeal has been since made against the enforcement notice, but we do not have details at this time.

St Amands School: EHE/10539/10; this was an application for a new classroom at the rear of the school. The Council had no objections.

Mary Tavy, Orchard Close: EHE/984/2; this was an application to extend the existing dwelling. The Council had no objections

Woods Farm Barn: EHE/19461/2; this application was to retain the original use of the barn for agricultural storage. Again the Council had no objections

UKAEA Harwell: EHE/13481/2; this application was for a building to house computer equipment. Again no objections from the Parish Council.

Icknield, Newbury Road: EHE/3119/4-D; This application was for a new dwelling to replace the one that was damaged by fire and subsequently demolished. The Council had no objections.

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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- Fri 21 Good Friday Walk, leaving St Augustine's at 8.15am
 Fri 21- Mon 24 Easter Egg hunt
 Sat 22 Village Charity shop, the tin hit, 1-4pm
 Sun 23 Easter church services, St Augustine's 10.30am, St Mary's 9.30am, West Hendred 9am
 Fri 28 Wine Tasting
 Sat 29 Sponsored organ play, Holy Trinity Church, West Hendred, 12-4pm
 Mon 31 Hendreds Twinning Group Annual General Meeting, Snells Hall, 7.30pm

APRIL

- Sat 19 "The Five Voices", St Augustine's, 7.30pm
 Sat 19 Historic Photographs of West Hendred, West Hendred Village Hall, 5pm

MAY

- Fri 16 "The Kite Runner" Film Showing, Snells Hall, 7pm
 Sun 18 West Hendred and Ginge Dog show, West Hendred Village Hall, 1.30-4.30pm
 Thur 24 East Hendred Community Centre AGM, Snells Hall

JUNE

- Sat 14 The Hendreds School Fete
 Sat 14 Hendreds Twinning Group trip to Gardener's World Live, coach leaves East Hendred at 9am

Regular Events

- MONDAY** Dancing class 4-5pm, Snells Hall
 Karate 5.30-7pm, Snells Hall (Imand Amandar, 762608)
 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 6.30-8pm, Snells Hall (Robin Gray, 769787)
 Beaver Scouts 5.25-6.25pm, Snells Hall (Deborah Fuller, 769461)
WEDNESDAY Mother & Toddler Group, 10-12am, Snells Hall (Clara Williams, 833204)
 Youth Club, 7-9:30pm, Snells Hall
THURSDAY Brownies, 6-7.30pm, Snells Hall (Linda Harris, 833126)
 Bowls 7.45-10pm, Snells Hall (Ken Taylor, 833359)
SATURDAY Soccer School, Mill Lane Rec (Glyn Evans, 770372, 07881932459, or glynsoccerschool@aol.com)
WEEKDAYS Preschool, 9-12am, Snells Hall (Nicola Prescott, 01235 832026 or www.hendredspreschool.org.uk)
MONTHLY Snells Hall Management Meeting, 7.45, Snells Hall Committee Room, 1st Tuesday
 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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