

EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*

Funding for Nature Trail

Stop Press!

Hendreds Environment Group have just heard the good news. We have been awarded the full grant (over £9000 of lottery funding) for the "Heart of Hendreds Project", which will create a "Breathing Place" for wildlife and people, on Hendred Estate land near Snells.

If you've watched the BBC's Springwatch series in the last few weeks, you may have come across the BBC Breathing Places campaign which encourages communities to look after green spaces in their local area for their own pleasure and benefit, and to benefit local wildlife.

The Heart of Hendreds Project will, together with Oxfordshire County Council, fund a footpath alongside the stream next to Snells Hall, through the small wood behind the play park, which will link the hall and Fordy Lane. This will provide a safer route for children walking to Hendreds Primary School. Many people have worked on achieving this path for years; this lottery funding will fill the gap that has stopped action up till now.

We will be looking for volunteers to help us with the practical work of clearing the route for the path, and improving the wood for wildlife with planting and bird and bat boxes. In addition HOHP will be improving a neglected orchard area next to the footpath between Snells and the High Street and developing it as a Community Orchard with regular public openings. Again we'll be planting to create a good habitat for wildlife and we'll be involving everyone in this!

We hope that as many of you as possible will want to join us in creating this new Breathing Place for our village, and that all of you will enjoy it in the future. We are very excited about spending this grant! Many thanks to Hendred Estate, and everyone involved in planning the footpath and the rest of the project.

For more information about the Heart of Hendreds Project, or Hendreds Environment Group please contact Sarah James, sarahjames@f2s.com, 831568. Watch this space for announcements as work will be beginning in the next few weeks.

All help gratefully received!

Scarecrow Competition



In Aid of East Hendred Youth Club and Hendred Heritage Trust.

The theme this year will be Fairy Tales, so start thinking about your favourite character!

Scarecrows will be in your gardens for 2 weeks, starting Saturday August 16th to Saturday August 30th 2008.

Entry fee is £4.00

The Public will be the judges and the first prize £50.00!

For more information please call Val Prior 833973 or Pam Lund-Yates 832590.

Entry Forms from Hendred Shop.

Hendreds School Fete

The Hendreds School Fete took place on Saturday 14th June and was a great success.

Just over £3000 was raised in all. This included a cheque for £500 from the Wantage Emergency Services charity which was presented to Headteacher Liz Tansley by Ed Vaizey MP on behalf of the Wantage Fire Service.

The School wish to thank everyone who supported this year's event. All proceeds go towards the refurbishment of the school site in 2009.

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from the chair

Many visitors to the village are very complimentary about its character and charm. The forthcoming "Open Gardens" weekend will provide an opportunity for visitors to see the village at its best (let's hope the weather is kind on the day).

An important aspect of the village is that we retain good services and facilities,

with a shop and post office, three pubs, two schools and two churches, a village hall, sports ground and pavilion as well as many active village organisations which provide opportunities for a wide range of village people. Retention of all of these facilities is important for the continued maintenance of the quality of life enjoyed by many of the village residents and this is given high priority by the Parish Council.

We were very pleased to hear of the award of a grant to the Environment Group

for the construction of the path through Snells to the Hendreds School. It is hoped that this grant can be combined with funding from the County Council to enable the project to proceed. The path and the nature reserve will both improve the access to the School as well as providing an attractive feature for the benefit of village children and their parents.

The success of the "Village Thrift Shop" meeting in the "Tin Hut" and the film shows in Snells Hall is very

encouraging. These are not only generating valuable funds to benefit village organisations but also providing an opportunity for people to get together and in the case of the Thrift Shop on a weekly basis.

John Sharp

Report on Annual Parish Meeting- May 2008

This was held in Snells Hall on May 9th and attended by Parish Councillors, District and County Councillors and members of the public.

The Chairman, John Sharp, reported on the Council activities over the last year. A new Council had been elected in May 2007. The main highlight of the year was the completion and publication of the Parish Plan, which had involved a considerable amount of effort but provides the village with an up-to-date Plan in line with other neighbouring villages. Both the District and County Councils had been very supportive in the preparation of the Plan. The Council had been very encouraged by the retention of the village Post Office. A Housing Needs survey had been undertaken by the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council highlighting the need for more affordable housing. Consultation on the proposed Thames Water reservoir continued and the Council was involved in this.

East Hendred had received a "highly commended" award for communication in last year's "Village of the Year" competition which was rewarding. This reflected the high quality of the Bulletins and also the village web site.

The precept for 2007/8 had been £16,000 which included expenditure on the village lengthman, clerk, courtesy lighting, bulletins, insurance and grants to local organisations totalling about £2500. The Council had commented on 20 planning applications during the year. The Council had also been involved in several appeals involving Greensands.

Four Bulletins had been produced during the last year and the distribution now included West Rowstock as well as the village. The village web site was kept up to date and minutes of the Parish Council meetings were now available on it.

The Council had been involved in a wide range of consultations during the year, which included the County Council review of Subsidised Bus Services and External Transport posts. In addition the Council had commented on the Regional Housing Strategy review, Vale DC's, Local Development Framework and Open Space, Sport and Recreational Provision in the District. As members of the Harwell-Chilton Local Stakeholder group the Council had commented on the draft Business Plan from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority.

Contributions were also made by the County and District Councillors and spokespersons for each of the Council's Working Groups. Reports were also given on both village schools and from the village organisations which had received grants during the last year. The minutes of the meeting will be available from the village web site in due course.

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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?
- Where is the bus timetable? How do I hire Snells Hall?

You can find the answers and a lot more on our own village website: www.hendred.org
Support it by using it and suggesting improvements!

Review of Conservation Area

The Vale District Council has undertaken a review of the village Conservation Area (CA), as reported in the Winter 2007 Bulletin. Some extensions to the existing CA were proposed in line with the proposals from the recently published Village Plan.

The Vale District Council is expected to approve the revised Conservation Area at its July meeting; details of the changes are available on the Council web site (www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk).

The main extensions are as follows:

•**Orchard Lane/High Street:** Extension of the boundary on the north-east to include important junction of roads and lanes, the east section of Orchard Lane, historic garden plots, listed buildings and buildings of local interest which are considered to meet the criteria for inclusion within the conservation area.

•**Allin's Lane:** This is an important historic access road into East Hendred. Amendment of the boundary is therefore proposed to draw the boundary in more closely to the built settlement, following clearly defined physical boundaries.

•**Church Street, Horn Lane:** An extension to the boundary is proposed on the west to include the junction of Church Street with Fordy Lane, the south section of Fordy Lane and to bring the listed building Orchard End and buildings of local interest, Furlong Cottage and The Cottage within the conservation area boundary.

•**Newbury Road:** The south boundary of the conservation area extends to the south of Monks Farm House, Newbury Road and includes parts of Tree Preservation orders C8 and C9. It is proposed to draw the boundary in more closely following clearly defined physical boundaries to the east of Downside.

•**St Mary's Road:** The east boundary is extended to include the east section of St Mary's Road, Cow Road, Hill Farm Lane, an area of paddock to the north and east of Hill Farm and a section of the valley which includes the moat to Hendred House.

Village Design Statement

A Village Design Statement is needed particularly to support the recently published Parish Plan and to assist in assessing and commenting on planning applications. A considerable amount of additional background information was obtained when the Vale District Council reviewed the Conservation Area and the Council have agreed that this is available for village use.

•The main elements of a VDS are:

•A description of the distinctive character of the village and surrounding countryside

•An outline of the landscape setting of the village

•Description of the shape of the settlement

•Nature of the buildings in the parish

•Preparation of design principles based on the distinctive local character, landscape setting and buildings.

It is proposed to develop a VDS with help from people in the village with the relevant expertise. More information on this will be available in the next Bulletin.

Survey on Housing Needs

In February the Parish Council hand-delivered *Housing Needs Surveys* to every home in the village. The Survey was drawn up by the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) in order to investigate the housing need for local people and to gauge local opinion. Thank you to the 30% of villagers (130 households) who completed and returned their survey to the ORCC. The responses have been analysed and the following conclusions drawn:

69% of those who responded would support a small development of affordable homes for those with a genuine connection to the village. The ORCC recommended that any planned development of affordable homes should focus on one-bedroom and two-bedroom properties in order to meet the local need. The most favoured site for any such development by those responding was the Old Garages site in Coulings Close.

The Parish Council is continuing in its efforts to provide affordable housing for those with a proven connection to the village.

New Minute Secretary

We are pleased to report that Diana Wheeler has agreed to take on the role of Minute Secretary to the Parish Council. This will relieve the load on the Clerk, who will continue to deal with planning issues, correspondence and the Council finances.

Message from District Councillor Mike Murray

This time I really just wanted to write about the reservoir. This will be the biggest infrastructure project ever seen by the Vale, and the rationale and justification for it has now been published in the Thames Water water resources management plan. This document is open for public consultation until late August to give everyone a chance to have their say on it. It is an enormous document- some 900 pages, and highly technical and I think we are all relying on the Environment Agency to scrutinise the technical detail on our behalf. They are hoping to publicise their advice towards the end of July. It is however available now for everyone to view on Thames Water's website.

The final decision on it will be made at Ministerial level, and the EA will be providing advice to the Secretary of State,

however the Vale is a major consultee. There will be a public meeting of the council to consider and resolve what the Vale's response should be on Wed 13th August- I would encourage as many people as possible to attend. On other matters I am sorry to report that my recent motion in council to retain weekly black bag bin collections was roundly rejected by the ruling party. As the bin collection contract is shortly up for renewal, we should expect from this news to see the end of weekly collections and the introduction of "alternate" (ie fortnightly) collections instead. For those like me with lots of small children this is not good news.

Ed Vaisey

This is the first time I have written for the Hendreds magazine. I write a monthly column for many parish magazines across the constituency, and try to make it as a political as possible. I use it to up-date people on what I have been doing locally.

Three enduring themes seem to be ever present this year- with both a local and a national impact.

The first is Post Offices. We heard recently that all 22 Post Offices earmarked for closure in Oxfordshire will indeed close. That includes five in the immediate area, including Ardington, which will have an impact on the quality of life of many people in the villages. Local people campaigned very hard to keep their services, and I worked closely with them. For one Post Office in particular, I received more than 150 letters, but to no avail. I think that as more and more services are withdrawn from the Post Office, more Post Offices will close in the future. We have not heard the last of this issue by any stretch.

The second issue is science. Problems with the science budget have seen voluntary redundancies at Harwell, and there has been huge concern in the physics community across the country about what is happening. I have been very involved with the campaign to try and restore some of the funding. Now the House of Commons' science and technology has weighed in and called for the funding to be restored and jobs to be saved. We will see what happens.

Third, flooding. Neighbouring MP David Cameron held a debate on the floods in the House of Commons at the beginning of May, and highlighted the need for more to be done to clear brooks and ditches to try and minimise the impact of future floods. I also participated, but did not get the chance, in the short debate, to raise concerns about the impact of local developments on flood risk.

On local issues, I have been contacted by many people worried about the future of the local GP dispensing service. This is because the Government is proposing to give chemists' greater powers to dispense drugs. I am firmly opposed to proposals to close down GP dispensaries, and will be fighting this all the way. At the moment it is only a proposal for consultation, and I will be keeping you informed of developments.

You can contact me at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, on 0207219 6350 or at vaizeye@parliament.uk, my website can be found at www.vaizey.com

Up Coming Surgeries:

20th June: Wantage, Civic Hall, 530pm

Vacancy for Parish Council Clerk

Our present Clerk, Jan Marples, has decided to resign from her post due to family pressures. A new Clerk is needed from September.

The Clerk is the Executive Officer of the Council, responsible for monitoring and balancing the Council's accounts and preparing records for audit purposes and VAT. The job also involves managing and distributing documents received for the Council, additionally communicating with relevant authorities and organisations on behalf of the Council. Training is available for the new Clerk in these duties. Remuneration for the post is based on the Local Council scales for Clerks. There is a separate Minute Secretary for taking minutes at meetings.

It is expected that the New Clerk will be conversant with computing, but some additional training can be provided if necessary. A large amount of Council business is now done by e-mail. We hope that the new Clerk will be based in the village, as this helps considerably.

Please contact the Chairman or Deputy Chairman in the first instance for more information (John Sharp on 833367 or Val Bacon on 833403).

Parish Councillor Profile No. 5 Susan Townley

Occupation: Retired

Previous occupations: Advertising- classified for the Sunday Times newspaper and Country Life magazine

Hobbies: Cultivating my allotment

When & why did you move to the village?: 1993. The village was near to the M4 and Didcot Parkway (requirements for my husband). We felt so blessed to have found the perfect cottage in such a beautiful village that ticked all the right boxes

What is your favourite place in the parish?: The allotments

If you had unlimited funds to spend on a project for the village what would you do and why?: I would buy a community bus for the young and older residents who don't have any other means of transport with particular emphasis on an evening service.

What is your favourite piece of music?: The Beatles "Here Comes The Sun" and Inessa Galante singing "Ave Maria"- G. Caccini

What is your favourite book?: The Times Calendar Cookbook- Katie Stewart

What is your favourite film?: Dr. No

What is your greatest fear?: The allotments being turned into a housing estate.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?: Love and friendship

What would your motto be?: Dig for victory!

How would you like to be remembered?: The first verse of a poem:- "You can shed tears that she is gone, Or you can smile because she has lived."



Thames Water- Water Resources Management Plan

Water supply companies have a statutory obligation to prepare a "Water Resources Management plan". This sets out the framework for 25 years in terms of both demand and the need for new resources. It is expected that the final plan for Thames Water will include the new local reservoir.

The public consultations on the draft Plan opened on May 7th and runs through to August 27th. Our responses will help Thames Water decide on how to best manage water supplies in London and the Thames Valley in the future. Following the consultation Thames Water will publish in October 2008 a summary of responses to the consultation, which will explain how comments will be considered in the preparation of the final Water Resources Management Plan. The draft Plan is available on the Thames Water web site (www.thameswater.co.uk). Please take the opportunity to look at the draft Plan and send your comments in before the deadline. The Parish Council will also provide comments on the draft Plan.

East Hendred Community Centre

Snells Hall A.G.M was held on April 24th, as advertised in the last Bulletin. The usual (small!) number of attendees heard encouraging reports about the Hall which provides a home for many village organisations, as well as a venue for a host of different events, activities and training courses. The Management Committee appointed to carry on the good work on behalf of the village includes John Sharp (Chairman), Charles Pappenheim (Deputy Chair), Ken Taylor (Hon.Treasurer) Mrs.Lesley Hunter (Minute Secretary) and Mark Beddow. About half of the 14 regular user organisations also are represented at the monthly meetings (First Tuesday each month at 7.45 p.m.).

The refurbished Kitchen will now be installed in the period from 11-24th August. Work on the new polycarbonated ceiling panels and secondary double glazing to the stage windows is well under way and should be completed by the time this Bulletin is published.

The Main Hall's sparkling colour scheme has received much general approval and further painting is planned for the foyer and the ladies' toilets.

Plans are afoot to restore the stage floor, and to improve the associated sound and lighting facilities. These proposals are being driven by the Springline Players, who are to perform 'Cinderella' in January 2009.

The film shows organised by Val Prior are receiving increasing support both from the village and visitors from elsewhere.

We have received expert opinion that unfortunately the beautiful chestnut tree probably has a further life of only 5 years. We are considering the possibility of replanting this area of the Hall grounds with species that will tolerate the waterlogged conditions.

The computers in the I.T. room are beginning to show their age and we are considering whether it is worthwhile perhaps to replace them with new laptops. Your views would be appreciated. Please contact Margaret Sharp or Charles Pappenheim.

Springline's next production is... Cinderella!

Auditions for Cinderella were held in Snells Hall on Sunday 1st June and the panto has now been cast.

Rehearsals will start in September. The tickets will be for sale initially at the Christmas Bazaar in early December and then at the Hendred Stores. The provisional dates are the 15th, 16th, and 17th of January 2009- so keep them free!

It's not too late to get involved with the production! If you are interested contact Susie Turnbull on 833797 or email susieturnbull@monks court.co.uk



East Hendred Entertains' Village Thrift Shop

East Hendred Entertains Village Thrift shop- selling bric-a-brac, household goods, books and so much more- is open 1.00pm to 4.00pm every Friday in the Tin Hut on Newbury Road. Afternoon tea or coffee is served with cakes.

We also have a re-cycling centre for The Guide Dogs for the Blind and you can donate old mobile phones, used printer ink cartridges, rags.

The money that East Hendred Entertains receives from all the various functions and the Village Thrift Shop will primarily go to East Hendred village organisations that need an extra financial input. Some organisations that are run back to back with West Hendred will also benefit and the money can be applied for from East Hendred Entertains at the beginning of December. Money distribution decisions will be made by a separated committee and will include someone from the Parish Council as an independent person to guide and advise them.

The money will be distributed after the 31st of January 2009

East Hendred Entertains Village Thrift Shop would like to thank everyone for the generous donations to the shop and to all our customers, the support from everyone is wonderful.

Donations welcome, please call 833973 to arrange collection or delivery.

On Saturday 23rd August, The Thrift Shop will be open 1.00pm to 4.00pm and on Monday 25th August, The Thrift Shop will be open 11.00am to 3.00pm.

Sneak Preview from Parents and Children Together

A new Children's Centre is coming to Wantage and families are invited to a sneak preview of the facilities on Monday, July 7th.

The Butler Centre in Church Street will be home to the Parents And Children Together (PACT) Children's Centre which opens its doors in September. Services, including drop-in sessions such as music and movement, story time, messy play and cooking, will be run by experienced staff who are also trained to help with issues such as housing, debt, childcare, returning to work and breastfeeding - to name just a few! All services are completely free.

The drop-in coffee morning for families at The Butler Centre takes place on Monday July 7th from 9.30 to 12.30. It is followed by a networking lunch for professionals - for more information on this element, please contact PACT on 01235 555524.

St Amand's meets Yenworthy!

If you are of a nervous disposition- then this is not for you. During the spring holiday 2008, the people at Yenworthy, in Devon, were taken on by a 38 strong crowd of St Amand's class 5 and 6 pupils. Though Yenworthy is set in the heart of Exmoor by the sea with access to rivers, moor lands, cliffs and beaches, this was to be no walk in the park!

With rope courses, surfing, coasteering and "Risky Business" to attend to, this was definitely not for the faint hearted. The sunny weather was met by icy waters, but the toasted marshmallows and roasting bananas over the fires soon warmed the children through. Coasteering was described as, "Such good fun. Going through the cracks I thought would be really hard but it turned out to be great fun and surprisingly easy." The rock pooling was also a great success with pipe fish, blennies and crabs finding themselves being ambushed, examined and photographed before being returned to the wild.

So will we back again next year? Too right!

Ofsted say Hendreds Pre-school is "Good"

We are delighted to report that after a busy year of consolidation, we have received an *overall good* from Ofsted who monitor education. Congratulations to the supervisors and staff who have worked tirelessly and also a big thank you to the 2007 and 2008 committee and parents who have been so supportive. The Ofsted inspector commented on the lovely environment, the number of books, posters and artwork as well as the healthy lifestyle that the pre-school promoted. She felt that the children were confident, happy and becoming independent. She was also impressed at how they helped and showed consideration for each other. There is a high ratio of staff to children and staff are always well deployed. The children were well occupied and their interests were taken into consideration.

The pre-school has gone on two exciting outings this year- to see the pantomime 'Aladdin' and to visit the 'The Living Rainforest'. Then there is the summer outing to look forward to and this year we are off to 'The Look Out Discovery Centre'. We love exploring the village and being part of the wider community especially visiting the farm and watching lambs being born. Rita Ball met up with us at Easter time to give us a guided tour of the church and to talk about 'New Life'. We enjoyed our annual Easter Egg hunt, trying to spot the hidden eggs in village windows which also provides a delightful activity for the whole village.

We look forward to the summer term enjoying the outdoors and the 'good' English weather!

A happy band of pre-schoolers



For further information about the Hendreds Pre-school phone Tracy Taylor and Sarah Cousins on 01235 831555 or email info@hendredspreschool.org.uk. To discuss places and grant funding call Nicola Prescott on 01235 832026.

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News from St Augustine's and St Mary's

Summer events include St Augustine's annual parish picnic on Sunday 10th August, and a 'bring and share' lunch in the rectory garden on Sunday 31st August. Both events will take place after the morning service, at about noon. Everyone is welcome, but for catering purposes please call Jackie Francis (833473) in advance.

This year's Summer Fete in aid of St Augustine's church will be on Saturday 6th September at Snells Hall. As last year the fete will open at noon, when lunches will be available, and continue till 3:30pm, by which time we'll be serving tea, cake and ice-cream. There will be many stalls including plants, cakes, books, bric-a-brac and 'nearly new'. There'll also be a raffle, face painting and games for all ages, and a draw for a hamper provided by East Hendred Entertains. Bring the family for a traditional English summer fete.

At the end of the summer we celebrate the harvest, and this year's Harvest Festival in St Augustine's will be on Sunday 5th October, followed by Harvest Lunch for the whole parish in Snells Hall. Again, contact Jackie Francis (833473) for tickets and details.

Our churches do cater for the spiritual side as well! The times of our services are on the notice boards outside both churches, and through the village website www.hendred.org which gives access to both church websites. This summer St Mary's is also hosting a series of small, informal gatherings where thoughts and ideas suggested by a chosen biblical passage are shared. These 'Gathering Together in Christ' evenings will be at 7:30pm in St Mary's Parish Rooms on Wednesday 2nd July, Thursday 7th August and Tuesday 2nd September. All are welcome at these and all other church events.

Hendreds Twinning Group

We are expecting 26 visitors from our twin village of Sarceaux near Argentan in Normandy for the weekend of July 5- 6th 2008. The Sunday visit for visitors plus host families will be to Longleat.

The programme includes an evening meal followed by a Race Night as entertainment in Snells Hall on the Saturday. Tickets (£12.50 for food, drinks and entertainment) are available for anyone who would like to join in.

Birmingham Christmas Market and Shopping Expedition

A repeat of last year's successful trip to Birmingham is planned for late November or early December. This destination gives the options of browsing the traditional outdoor German stalls, more conventional shopping in the many large stores or the indoor market in the centre of the city, or visiting the city's museums- in other words something to interest most people!

Contact either Margaret Sharp (833367) m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com or Hilary Dorling (833636) hilary@familydorling.fsnet.co.uk for further details and tickets for either of these events.

Coach trip to Longleat- Safari Park, Stately Home and Much More...

On Sunday July 6th, the coach leaves The Plough, East Hendred at 8.45 a.m, returning leaving from Longleat at 4 p.m. A few spare seats are available for anyone interested to go on the coach, the cost £13.60 per person plus group rate passport ticket to all of Longleat's attractions (adult ticket £15.40, senior or child, 3 - 16 years, £11.20). This represents a significant saving on the total cost of tickets for the individual attractions- and an easy way to travel there!

What's On?- Find Out!

Keeping up with what's on in the Hendreds is easy!

Every week for the last 18 months an email message called "What's On in the Hendreds" has been sent to anyone who sent in their email address.

130 people already receive these messages and we would very much like to send them to everyone who receives email in the village.

Just send an email message to events@hendred.org, and you will be added to the subscribers' list. No other subscribers will see your email address on the messages.

You can also check up on what's on and what's coming up the village website: www.hendred.org

East and West Hendred Women's Institute

The Hendred WI continues to grow with over 40 members. We have a varied social calendar during the year in the hope that we can enable most members to enjoy an event with each other.

The fortnightly walks are still taking place with destinations locally and at places of interest such as Blenheim Palace and Wittenham Clumps. We have been on a guided walk in Oxford and had a visit to Meile Ltd in Abingdon with a cooking demonstration and refreshments included. Future events include lunch in Wantage, a visit to Swindon Retail Outlet and to Wessex Mill in Wantage, a 'Walk with Wolves' in September has also been arranged and we are planning a theatre visit later in the year.

We have succeeded in getting an Awards for All grant to use for educational purposes at Denman College via lottery funding. We are now finalising plans for everyone to participate in a course of their choice in the New Year at the WI College (local for us, being in Marcham, but in fact it is the National Training Centre for the WI).

Various outings have been organised by the Oxfordshire Federation- a fashion Show in Didcot, a Bowls Taster with the City and County Bowling Club and a Music Taster in Benson as well as a visit to the Royal Hospital Chelsea. Last month some of us attended a cooking demonstration with dishes from various parts of the world, and we have had an Inter WI Quiz Night in which we tested our brain power.

Denman College celebrates its Diamond Anniversary in September some members will attend events and others to help with stewarding and modelling.

Our May meeting included a discussion on the WI resolutions this year which are "Ban on Bottom Trawling" in the fishing industry and the "Inappropriate Imprisonment of the Severely Mentally Ill". This is the more serious side of the Institute as these resolutions will then be put to the National Federation for consideration and adoption. Our meeting then concluded with a delightful history of Hendred with photographs.

The following events are arranged for later in the year:

- July 17th:** RNLI Royal Lifeboats
- August 21st:** Summer Party at West Hendred
- Sept 18th:** It's a Girl's Life in the Army
- October 16th:** Talking Hats- Let me Entertain You
- Nov 20th:** Christmas Crackers Craft Evening

We have eight places still available for "Walking with Wolves" at the Wolf Conservation Trust at Butlers Farm, Beenham, Reading. We are booked in for Tuesday 23rd September from 11am to 1pm. A disclaimer has to be completed by everyone attending and handed in when we arrive. They will provide a PowerPoint presentation, short field walk and meet and greet with two wolves and handlers. Cost is a little uncertain until numbers are final. We estimate approx.£10-£12 per person. For more info please contact Lesley Hunter (bootsandtoby@hotmail.com/tel 835092)

We are always delighted to have new members. Meetings are held in Snells Hall from 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month and if you are interested why not just come along one evening for a small charge or if you would prefer please contact our secretary by email on jxpol@tiscali.co.uk



WI members receiving their Awards For All grant.

The Downs Golden Age

The DGA meets at Snells Hall on the first Thursday of every month for approximately two hours for either tea or lunch. There is always a small raffle and a Bring and Buy Stall. A range of excellent speakers have been booked for the coming year, they usually talk for approximately 45 minutes on a variety of subjects. There are also several outings by coach or car arranged for the summer and autumn.

3rd July: Summer luncheon

7th July: Waterperry Gardens. Beautiful area for picnics and dining area for lunches etc. Departs EH at 10am by coach

14th July: Bridge day at Snells Hall. Starts at 10.30

7th August: AGM

10th September: Maidenhead to Windsor Boat trip. Picnic on boat. Departs EH at 9.30, leaves Windsor at 3.00

13th November: Christmas Shopping trip to Banbury. Departs EH at 9.30, leaves Banbury at 2.15

The club's main fund raising 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 Holliday on 01235 833400 for more information.

Tea 3pm: Sept, Oct, March, April, May, June

Lunch 1pm: Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, July, August

East and West Hendred Cricket Club

The 2008 season is almost halfway through for the two senior league teams and the 'friendly' team. The First Team is playing in the Second Division of the Oxfordshire Cricket Association (OCA), which has eleven divisions with about 100 teams in total. The Second Team is in Division 8. The season is almost complete for the Junior Section, whose fixtures end in mid-July, when the schools close for summer. We field three junior teams- Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15, with about 25 fixtures in all.

In May, the club hosted the Oxfordshire County Trials for the County Under 16 and Under 17 teams. Selection of East Hendred for the venue pays tribute to the quality of the ground and facilities. The acquisition of reconditioned mowers during the winter has paid off handsomely in facilitating preparation of the 'square' and the outfield. The ground has never looked better, and the setting is just beautiful. If you have a spare hour or so at a weekend, you would enjoy a visit as a spectator to the cricket field. Even in the hottest weather there is always a delicious cool breeze at the south-west corner and plenty of tree-shade. Also we would enjoy your support. The fixture list is on the village notice board and on the East Hendred Website.

During the summer there is a fascinating exhibition in Champs Chapel on the life of Henry Shapland Colt, who lived in the village, from where he ran his business as a golf course architect. He is arguably the greatest of them all. In 1923 he founded the Sports Club, together with Walter Coates, who donated the Sports Ground to the village. Harry Colt strongly supported East Hendred cricket, regularly attending 'home' matches- and probably appreciating the setting.

If you wish to join the club, please contact Ivan Mulford (Tel 820316) or turn up to the practice sessions on Wednesday evenings.

Oxfordshire Master Composter Programme

Did you know that...?

Around 40% of UK households are already composting

Each person needs 5.45 global hectares to support the average UK lifestyle

Households with home compost bins divert around 178kg per household per annum from landfill

Over 1500 Master Composters have been trained in the UK

Home composting helps reduce the amount of waste we send to rapidly decreasing landfill sites, where it decomposes without oxygen to produce methane, a powerful greenhouse gas which contributes towards climate change.

If you are already home composting (well done!) but would like more advice, if you are a lapsed composter who would like to know how it all went so horribly wrong, or if you want to home compost and need advice on how to get started then don't worry! Help is at hand in the form of members of the Oxfordshire Master Composter Programme, 'Super Composters' trained to give you help and advice.

For further information, contact Pauline Rogers on 01235 832340.

Farming Focus

Although the overall rainfall throughout late spring and early summer has been quite high we managed to carry out the bulk of the lambing during a fairly warm, dry spell in early May. When conditions are favourable the whole experience of outdoor lambing becomes much more pleasurable. With minimal losses from hypothermia and young lambs quickly growing during the first vulnerable days because much less energy needs to be devoted to maintaining body temperature.

Fat lamb prices have recovered to good levels after the disastrous lows of last autumn and I am optimistic that this spring's lamb crop will fetch a good price when they are sold in the autumn, what a difference a year makes!

At the time of writing we are just about to vaccinate the cattle and sheep against 'bluetongue' which is an added cost and hassle which we have not had before. With the livestock enterprises it seems that whenever things look rosy and positive another horrendous disease appears to put a damper on things!

Things are not looking quite as rosy on the arable front. Since my last report in which I mentioned rapidly rising input costs taking the edge of the high prices we have been hit by steeply rising fuel prices and falling crop prices (apart from Oilseed rape which has been rising as the price of crude oil rises). The short period of euphoria since last harvest is certainly well and truly over and you may start to see whingeing farmers again soon! (Although the long term outlook is still a lot better than the situation pre 2007)

Julian Gold
Farm Manager, Hendred Farm Partnership



The Hendred Estate

East Hendred, Nr. Wantage

www.hendrestate.co.uk

The Hendred Estate manages over 40 properties, mainly 2/3 bedroomed cottages, which we make available to rent, unfurnished, on Assured Shorthold Tenancies in the village of East Hendred and surrounding area. We also have offices and commercial units, garages and grazing available.

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We also have modern, high quality offices space available now.

Full details are available on our website www.hendrestate.co.uk

If you would like us to keep your contact details for future lettings please let us know.

The Estate Office: Tel: 01235 821543

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Hendred Heritage

Champs Chapel & Heritage Update

This summer, Champs Chapel museum is turning into quite an art gallery! In addition to the famous *Hendred Feast* oil painting by Professor WFM Sheard (now comprehensively restored and displayed in an environmentally controlled case), we are eagerly anticipating the hanging of two more restored works: one of the chapel itself, done around 1880, and the *Berkshire Wagon*, a 1905 oil painting showing the lower section of Newbury Road. These are part of a nationwide restoration project carried out under the auspices of the National Gallery and the Hendred works are to be included in a special volume of paintings held in the public domain.



Apart from these historic artworks, visitors can browse through our varied collection of photographs, manuscripts and artefacts illustrating the history of the community. We are also proud to present our 2008 exhibition on the life and work of Harry Colt, an internationally renowned golf course designer, who lived at St Amand's House (today the home of Dame Jennifer Jenkins). Other village artists featured in this summer's exhibition include Pauline Morris, Veroni Gilbert and Ann Cousins. Among the beautiful photographs on display are a gallery of village images by Robin Hine, vivid examples of wildlife in the surrounding fields by Ian Chambers, and a picture of the gorgeous *Hendred Blue* miniature iris, bred by Ron Watkins.

Finally, a word of thanks to those who supported the Concert for Five Voices in St Augustine's Church on April 19th, which raised very useful funds for our on-going conservation work. And don't forget the Gardens Open Day on Sunday June 29th. There will be garden tours at Hendred House and many other gardens throughout the village will be showing off their early summer blooms. Make a note in the diary!

Champs Chapel is open every Sunday from 2.30-4.30pm.

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Pauline Stevenson after a long illness, through which John nursed her unstintingly. Pauline often helped with the Museum exhibitions and supported the Hendred Trust through all the work and time that John devoted to it over the years. We miss her. Our sympathy and thoughts are with John and his family.

From the Village Archives...

Mabel Kearvell (nee Swadling) when she left for New Zealand in 2007 gave to the museum a family heirloom of a large two man cross cut saw (Pit Saw) and recited the family tale that when her grandfather left Skeats Bush there was a midden pit at the bottom of the allotment garden land there and he dumped most of his old tools in it, at that time Skeats Bush was 3 cottages rather than the 2 at present.

The photograph shows William Goddard, stripping bark from timber at Cozen's Farm. A second saw pit was dug in the late 1890s to cope with the additional work providing beams for "Southernwood".

William Swadling's family had been journeymen Sawyers since the 1700s. He was the last to follow that trade.



Planning Matters

The Cottage, Chapel Square: EHE 19314/1. Application for 2 story extension to existing dwelling, a 1 ½ storey dwelling to land at the rear and a single storey double car port. The Parish Council objected to this application on several grounds, including that the siting of the proposed new dwelling does not conform to the historic pattern of development for this part of the Conservation Area, key features of this part of the Conservation Area would be detrimentally affected by the proposed developments and the new access to them and the proposed new dwelling is adjacent to a grade II listed building (Cobblers Cottage), adversely affecting it. There was also serious concern on the proposed access, as it is on a bend at the junction of Cat Street, a narrow road, with Chapel Square. The application has since been withdrawn.

3 Mill Lane: EHE/20475. Extension to rear; the Parish Council had no objection.

UKAEA Harwell- lay-out of car park: EHE20190/1. The Council had no comments.

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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Saturday
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Sunday
11:00am (Village Shop)

REFUSE COLLECTION

Dustbin Collection

Friday

Recycling (Green Boxes)
Tuesday

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& Cardboard)
Thursday (fortnightly)

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March-June 2008

JUNE

Sun 29 Hendred House and village gardens open day, 11am-5pm

JULY

Wed 2 Gathering Together in Christ evening, St Mary's Parish Room, 7.30pm
 Thur 3 DGA Summer Luncheon, Snells Hall
 5-7 Hendred Twinning Group visit from Sarceaux
 Sun 6 "Away From Her" Film Showing, Snells Hall, 7pm
 Sun 6 Twinning Group coach trip to Longleat
 Mon 7 DGA trip to Waterperry Gardens
 Mon 14 DGA Bridge, Snells Hall, 10.30
 Thur 17 WI talk by RNL1
 Sat 26 Hobby Horse Race Night, Snells Hall, 6.30 for 7pm

AUGUST

Thur 7 Gathering Together in Christ evening, St Mary's Parish Room, 7.30pm
 Thur 7 DGA AGM, Snells Hall, 1pm
 Sun 10 St Augustine's Parish picnic
 Sat 16 Start of the Scarecrow Trail
 Thur 21 WI summer party, West Hendred Hall
 Sat 23 Village Thrift Shop open 11-3pm
 Mon 25 Garage and table top sale, all day
 Mon 25 Village Thrift Shop open 1-4pm
 Sun 31 St Augustine's Summer Lunch, Rectory Garden, Church Street

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)
TUESDAY **Cub Scouts** 6.30-8pm, Snells Hall (Robin Gray, 769787)
Beaver Scouts 5.25-6.25pm, Snells Hall (Pauline Rogers, 832340)
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 Sports Ground (Richard Frost, 07882352214, glynsoccerschool@aol.com)
FRIDAY **The Village Thrift Shop**, 1-4pm, Rectory Room (Tin Hut)
WEEKDAYS **Preschool**, 9-12am, Snells Hall (Nicola Prescott, 01235 832026, 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 Squad, 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
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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.)

The Bulletin

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