

EAST HENDRED Bulletin

Vale Village Win For Hendred!

East Hendred has won the Vale district award in the Calor Villages of the Year competition!

A formidable team, comprising Barbara Riley, Sue Roberts and Sara Breakspear, assembled an exhibition showing village community activities, amenities and products, including the Thrift Shop, the Pantomime, the Scarecrow Trail, the Village Show and the Nativity Procession. They represented East Hendred in a very persuasive, positive way at Yarnton village hall on 28th June.

The prize is £500 and a certificate, which will be presented on 8th October.

Congratulations to them and all who contribute to making East Hendred a fine Village of the Year!

Don't forget to visit the village website: www.hendred.org

Congratulations to Mrs Jane Curly, who was 100 in August. Her birthday was celebrated with a special party in the village.

Scarecrow Competition

The East Hendred Scarecrow Trail 2008 was held from 16th to 30th August.

This year the theme was Fairy Tales and no less than 24 entries made it a great success. From scary wolves imitating grandmothers and wicked witches imprisoning children to prudent pigs building brick houses that would have sailed through the planning permission process, this really was an excellent competition.

The winners are as follows:

1st: Hansel and Gretal, by Ben Migh and Noel Reynolds of White Road

2nd: Peter Pan, by Amelia Hendy of White Road

3rd: Three Little Pigs, by Malcom Prior, of Coulings Close.

The winner received £50, a silver cup to keep for the year, and a hand made Scarecrow Trophy, kindly made by Therese Lewis from Cholsey. 2nd received £15 and 3rd £5. All profits will go to Hendred Heritage and Hendred Youth Club.

A special thanks to Sue and John from Hendred Stores, to the organisers Val Prior and Pam Lund-Yates and to everyone who walked the trail and voted for their favourites!

Photographs by Cairney Down, of all the entries, are on the village website.

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from the chair

Our Parish Plan, published earlier this year has been very well received, with a number of compliments from readers both inside and outside the village. It is a blue-print for what the village wants to achieve in the next few years. The list of plans and activities is quite long, in four main areas- environment, housing, traffic and amenities; each with a timetable and an indication of who should take the lead. In many cases this is the Parish Council. It is encouraging that over 60% of the plans have been started and in a few cases

completed. What is particularly encouraging is that two of the more demanding plans, concerning a review of the village Conservation Area and of the need for affordable housing, have been completed by the Vale Horse District Council and the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council respectively. It is important that we continue to assess progress with the plans and it will be a regular item on the Parish Council agenda.

East Hendred did very well to be awarded the prize for the Village of the Year in the Vale District. The award will be made at the AGM of the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (which organised the competition) on October 6th.

Congratulations to all those who put together the display for the awards day in June. I am sure that the recent success of the Thrift Shop played a key part in the village receiving this award. We also had a congratulatory letter from our MP (Ed Vaizey) who had spotted the account of the awards in the local paper.

Flooding has been a major issue in parts of the country including Oxfordshire. We had problems in this village several years ago but these seem to have been largely resolved by improvements to our drainage and sewerage system, without any significant floods despite the continuing rain this summer. We hope that the village suffers no

further flooding.

Every Parish Council meeting has an "Open Forum" to which members of the public are invited to make comments or listen to Council business. We tend to get large numbers of people attending our meetings when there are controversial planning applications. We welcome this as it provides an indication of village feeling on these applications. However we also welcome individuals to our meetings to raise any issues that concern them. The Open Forum is at 8.30 pm at each of our meetings.

John Sharp

Parish Plan Progress

The Parish Plan was published in March of this year after much hard work by many villagers. It contains a number of plans and activities to take forward the issues identified by the questionnaire and other consultation mechanisms. A review of progress has been made which was presented at the September Parish Council meeting. It is encouraging to see that over 60% of the actions are in progress or completed. The latter group contain several significant items, such as a review of the village Conservation Area, and a survey of local housing needs. In addition progress has been made with the development of a nature reserve. However many remain and require further work. The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to work with it to progress these plans. Please contact John Sharp (833367) or Val Bacon (833403) if you are interested in helping to progress identified actions, which will benefit the village.

Dog Fouling

The footpath leading from the allotments towards Rowstock is cut from time to time by The County Council. The last time this occurred there was considerable dog fouling on the footpath making it very difficult and unhygienic to cut. The County Council brought this problem to the notice of the Parish Council and stated that if the situation occurs again they will refuse to cut the grass along this path. This would be very unfortunate for walkers and it is important therefore that dog owners respect this request, and clean up after their pets when exercising them along this (or any other) footpath.

Village Conservation Area

In the last Bulletin a note on the planned extensions to the village Conservation Area appeared. We have since learnt that the Vale District Council has now approved these. This is good news since the proposed extensions were very much in line with those suggested in the Parish Plan published earlier this year. In this respect the review by the Vale District Council was very timely. The adopted Conservation Area appraisal can be seen on www.hendred.org

Village streets and heavy vehicles!

We have had several complaints about heavy vehicles attempting to traverse some of our narrow lanes, due, we believe to misguided information from sat-navs. The areas most affected seem to be Fordy Lane and Cat Street. We are raising the problem with the local Highways Authority and hoping that it will be possible for the provision of some signage that will make it clear to drivers of heavy vehicles that access in certain areas is very limited.

Thames Water Consultation

The Parish Council has responded to the recent consultation by Thames Water on their Draft Water Resources Management Plan (dWRMP), which includes the proposed local reservoir. In addition the Vale District Council has also produced a detailed response. A copy of the Parish Council response appears below. In addition East Hendred Parish Council is part of the "Reservoir Affected Parishes" group (RAP) which has also responded in general terms.

"East Hendred Parish Council strongly supports the comments in the Vale of White Horse District's comments on the dWRMP, dated 18.8.08.

We endorse the view that the case for the proposed new reservoir near Abingdon needs to be very well established, based on good and reliable data, before such a large development is approved, given the dramatic impact it will have both during the building phase and afterwards on the local communities, of which we are one.

We consider the case made to date does not meet these requirements for the following reasons:

- It would appear that the forecast deficit in the supply demand has been overstated. This includes overstating the average household demand and population growth (based on other reliable data) and underestimating the planned savings by water metering and planned water efficiency measures.*
- It is clear that the benefits of future wastewater re-use have not been fully taken into account, despite the Environment Agency's strong encouragement to consider this option.*
- The possibility of transferring water from other water companies into the TW region has not been fully explored, which could reduce the arguments for the new reservoir.*
- Use of old data on per capita consumption with reference to both indoor components such as washing machines and outdoor components such as garden watering. More recent TW data (2007) show reduced usage with consequent effects on forward estimates.*

It is noted that during 2008 improved information will be available from the Government on both the effects of metering and climate change. These should form part of the revision of the dWRMP.

Overall our view is that a sufficient case for the new reservoir has not been made and a public enquiry should be held before any decision is made on the planned reservoir."

We welcome comments from parishioners on the planned reservoir. Although we believe that East Hendred will not be immediately affected by the proposed reservoir it is close to the northern boundary of the village and its very large scale is likely to lead to some changes to our local climate if it proceeds, although Thames Water have strongly denied this. It is not yet clear what if any facilities (leisure, environmental, wildlife, educational) will be linked to the reservoir if it goes ahead- these could both potentially benefit villagers but cause problems with traffic congestion, particularly at the week-ends. The ten year construction phase will also affect those living locally.

East Hendred Community Centre

The renovation of the kitchen is now completed. The many improved features include a new instant hot water supply to the sink unit, a six hob electric cooker, an up-dated fume extract system, additional cupboards and working surfaces, replacement of the former, rather clumsy, serving hatches by elegant folding doors, the provision of tiling throughout and non-slip flooring. We congratulate Mark Wharton and Maryland Joinery for finishing this project on time and to such a high standard. We also want to acknowledge the involvement of Charles Pappenheim in obtaining an essential grant from WREN and for planning and supervising the whole operation. We consider that most home owners would be delighted to have such an attractive and functional room on their premises.

Improvements to the insulation of the Main Hall by the change to polycarbonate ceiling panels and the double glazed stage windows should help to reduce heating costs during the colder months. However, because of the greatly increased charges for electricity it is inevitable that there will be revised payments for hall users and these will be announced shortly.

Richard Harris now has finished repainting inside the hall and when the weather has relented is coping with the outside as well. The Main Car Park is now adorned by two new filled in trenches. One is thanks to BT and holds a new underground telephone line which has vastly improved the Broadband signal reception by our computers and thus opens up the possibility for future courses. The second was installed by R S Construction to repair existing pipework.

After a quiet month (August) we are now ready for the influx of our regular and other users during the autumn and winter sessions ahead.

Ken Taylor

Parish Councillor Profile No. 6 Val Bacon

Occupation: Housewife, mum, grandma, and gardener.

Previous occupations: Researcher/Tutor, Brookes University; social worker.

Hobbies: Reading, painting, learning the cello, going to concerts/theatre, swimming.

When & why did you move to the village?: 1968, when my husband came to work at the Rutherford Laboratory.

What is your favourite place in the parish?: St Augustine's Church, particularly when it is quiet and I can hear the beat of the clock.

If you had unlimited funds to spend on a project for the village what would you do and why?: Build an adventure playground, with exciting equipment for children of different ages, trees to climb, places to build dens, and a cycle track. Playing is a great way for young people to learn lots of skills, whilst enjoying themselves- and I liked climbing trees and making dens when I was young.

What is your favourite piece of music?: Bach's Cello Suites.

What is your favourite book?: Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte.

What is your favourite film?: Recent: The Kite Runner, old: Great Expectations (black and white version).

What is your greatest fear?: Having to walk up, down or along a mountain ridge.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?: Good food (preferably cooked by somebody else), wine, and laughter shared with family and friends.

What would your motto be?: Live life abundantly.

How would you like to be remembered?: As a brief candle flame.



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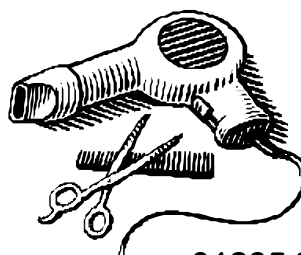
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Sports Day at St Amand's

Was that the sound of gun fire that you heard? No, it was the starter's whistle at St Amand's sports day, which got underway at the end of June. Classes one to six all took part, as up and down the field the competitors charged, hopes of gold emblazoned on their faces. Unfortunately no gold medals were presented but there were plenty of 1st, 2nd and 3rd stickers to be had.

The parents certainly hadn't lost their competitive edge as shouts of support and encouragement echoed around the field. But for some of the children it was the taking part that counted as they skipped merrily down the course waving to their cheering fans as they went.

The running races were accompanied by bean bag tossing, jumping events and the obstacle races which would have rivaled any hurdle races that the Beijing Olympics could turn out! The rain held off (mostly) and a great day was had by pupils, staff and parents alike. So if you were fortunate enough to have seen the Olympics this summer, or are going along to those in London in 2012, look out for those green t-shirts- they might just be a St Amand's one!

East Hendred Entertains

East Hendred Entertains and its committee would like to say a big thank you to everyone for the support you have given the Thrift Shop since we have been opened. The success of the Thrift Shop is all down to the donations and customers who have helped to raise the money for the benefit of the village. The Thrift Shop now has a re-cycling centre for old mobile phones, used ink cartridges and broken items of jewellery, in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. Also for re-cycling are old shoes in any condition in aid of the Varsity Club.

Half of the profits made by East Hendred Entertains will be distributed by way of donation/grant to any organisation, charity or even an individual from East Hendred, or surrounding area that may benefit the village. We would prefer applications for specific projects, events, etc, and all applications will be treated in the strictest confidence. Anyone interested, please apply in writing to us at 65 Couplings Close East Hendred, from 1st December 2008 to 31st January 2009. The Grant Committee in Association with the East Hendred Parish Council will meet in February 2009.

Not all applications will be successful, the decision of the Committee is final and unsuccessful applicants may re-apply in future years.

East Hendred also won the Vale section of Village of the Year competition and will have a cheque presented in October for £500. We are delighted with that result and will be entering again next year.

Our Constitution is available on request.

Future dates to make a note of:

26th Sep: Dance at Snells Hal, 7pm, tickets are £4 from Hendred Stores

1st Nov: Dance Studio- dance lessons for all from 6 years to adults

2nd Nov: Film Show- Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull at Snells Hall, tickets £4 from Hendred Stores

22nd Nov: Art & Craft Exhibition at Snells Hall, 1pm to 5pm, to book an exhibition area call 821796 or 833776

12th Dec: Bingo at Snells Hall, 7pm for 7.30

17th Dec: For one night only, a pantomime- Hansel & Gretel at Snells Hall, starts 6.30pm

Springline's next production is... Cinderella!

Springline Productions held its first AGM on 3rd September and reported that it had had a successful year. Rehearsals for Cinderella have now started and are being held every Sunday at Snells Hall. The tickets will be for sale initially at the Christmas Bazaar in early December and then at the Hendred Stores. The provisional dates are 14,15,16,17 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

Twinning Exchange with Sarceaux 2008

Early July saw 25 visitors from our twin village in France arrive for a long weekend. After the welcome speeches and exchange of gifts our French visitors went off to spend the rest of the morning and the afternoon with their hosts. On Saturday evening Snells Hall was the venue for a number of activities, starting with welcome performances from the staff and children of St. Amands School, including Irish dancing and several lively tunes from their newly formed ukulele band. Both hosts and visitors were then entertained to a special meal, followed by an Aunt Sally competition (which we lost!), then a Race Night with on-screen horse racing and betting using a currency unique to the Hendreds.

On Sunday visitors and hosts went off by coach to Longleat, to go through the Safari park, then visit the House and its many attractions- including the special



St Amands Ukulele Band



Group photograph of the 2008 exchange. Normandy flag presented by Sarceaux

opportunity of visiting Lord Bath's private apartments with their eye-catching murals and portraits, all painted by the Marquis himself.

One of the Groups visiting the apartments was very surprised to be shown into the dining room where the Marquis with guests were dining. He left the table to talk to them briefly in fluent French- for them this was the highlight of the day!

Sunday evening was reserved for meals with the hosts, many of whom joined together in small groups to share the meal.

Family Quiz

Saturday Nov. 15th , 7pm at Snells Hall.

Questions for all the family, parents and children as well as grandparents, aunts and uncles!

Ticket price includes a light supper with tea or coffee and squash for the children.

Quizmaster Bill Dorling.

Tickets £6 adults, £1 children, contact Margaret Saherp (833367) or Hilary Dorling (833636)

Day trip to Birmingham for German Christmas Market and Christmas shopping on Saturday 29th November 2008

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Enjoy a visit to this fascinating city! Hendreds Twinning Group has organised a coach trip for Saturday 29th November. Pick up points will be from Wantage, West Hendred and East Hendred from 9.15-9.30, and return is booked to leave Birmingham at 4.30 pm

Coach tickets at £17 adults (16+), £10 accompanied children under 16, or a family ticket for 1 adult and 2 under 16s at £35 are available by telephoning 01235 833636 or 833367 or email hilary@familydorling.fsnet.co.uk

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East and West Hendred WI

The Hendred WI has had a very busy summer, the highlight of which was the August summer party which was celebrated in the West Hendred Village Hall. Everyone brought a plate of food which resulted in a varied and enjoyable banquet followed by a social evening.

At our July meeting the speaker was from the RNLI and we had a pleasant and informative talk covering new ground for most of us. Some of us made a visit to the Swindon Retail Outlet also in July and came back with plenty of bags- bank balances permitting we may venture there again before Christmas! A group went to see the film 'Mamma Mia' and obviously enjoyed it because 'dancing in the isles' was mentioned! In July we had a Tea Party, a social get together with plenty of cake and chat.

The East Hendred Family Show enabled us to show off our tea and cake making ability in the tea pavilion at the end of August, fortunately after a cloudy start the weather held and it turned out to be a good day for everyone.

The Oxfordshire WI Federation has arranged an evening in September with Ann Widdecombe at the Oxford Town Hall, a visit to the Cider Museum in Hereford, Music Taster events, a day out in Portsmouth and various painting and art classes and workshops, an annual science lecture on 'Fantastic Plastics', a 'Cook & Craft Day' in October and a variety of other events. The Diamond Anniversary celebrations at Denman College are in September and some of us are helping with stewarding and modelling.

The Hendreds WI have arranged a few outings, a 'Walk with Wolves' in September, the Watermill Theatre and the Houses of Parliament later in the year. Arrangements are being finalised for everyone to attend Denman College on the The Awards for All grant and various other activities are in the pipeline.



The following talks are arranged for our monthly meetings:

- 18th Sept:** It's a Girl's Life in the Army
- 16th Oct:** Talking Hats- Let me Entertain You
- 20th Nov:** Christmas Crackers- Craft Evening
- 18th Dec:** Christmas Theme
- 22nd Jan:** New Year Party & Pandemonium
- 19th Feb:** The Oxford of CS Lewis

We look forward to welcoming new members, especially if anyone is new to the area. Meetings are held in Snells Hall from 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month. 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

The Downs Golden Age

The DGA meets at Snells Hall on the first Thursday of every month for approximately two hours, either for tea or for 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 autumn and non-members are welcome to come. Please contact Jean Hoskin if you interested on 833281

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

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

The DGA is a very friendly club and would welcome new members. Please ring Betty Holliday on 01235 833400 for more information.

Programme for 2008/09:

- 2nd Oct:** *Helping the Children of Zolotonosha*- John Hendy
- 13th Oct:** Bridge Drive
- 6th Nov:** *Save your Energy!*- Jackie Williams
- 4th Dec:** Christmas Lunch + music- Gavin Beaumont
- 8th Jan:** Bring and Buy and Bingo
- 5th Feb:** *Madame Pompadour*- Norman Francis



5th Mar: *World of Flora Thompson: Larkrise To Candleford*- Christine Bloxham

2nd Apr: WEST HENDRED HALL, Bring and Buy and Bingo

14th May: *The Countryside in the 1960s*- Graham Wren
11th Jun: HENDRED HOUSE, *National Animal Welfare Trust*

2nd July: Summer Luncheon

6th Aug: AGM

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

News from St Augustine's and St Mary's

With the end of the summer, St Mary's bade farewell to Father Bob Jennings with a lunch in St Amand's School on Sunday 14th September. The new priest will be arriving later in September.

Autumn is the time to celebrate the harvest, a significant occasion in rural parishes like ours. 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. A delicious two-course home-cooked lunch is on offer- contact Jackie Francis (833473) for tickets and details.

The parish church will be decorated for the festival and the decorations will remain for the next two weeks. Why not call in and have a look? You'll also see our new open space in the south aisle, which we are putting to good use. The photos show our recent 'fifth Sunday' whole benefice service, when the congregations of all four parishes in the benefice met together for an all-age service at which Rita would not let us sit idly by and listen to a sermon, but challenged us to take part in a range of all-age activities.



Remembrance Sunday falls this year on 9th November, when there will be a ceremony at the war memorial (outside Champs Chapel) starting just before 11am. The morning service at St Augustine's that day will start at 9:45am, and at St Mary's at 9:30am as usual.

The last 'fifth Sunday' of this year falls on 30th November, when the service will again be held at St Augustine's, starting at 10am and followed by a celebration in Snells Hall of the 10th anniversary of Rita's ordination as priest.

Then on Sunday 7th December, there will be a special Advent "Songs of Praise" for both churches, at 6pm in St Augustine's. Nominate your favourite hymn, then come and sing it! Draughts of wine to soothe hoarse voices and nibbles to restore depleted energy will be served afterwards.

Please put in your diaries the date of the Save the Children coffee morning- Wednesday 19th November, in the south aisle of St Augustine's church, from 10.30am. This is an ideal opportunity to stock up on Christmas cards, decorations and presents without even leaving the village. And moving on to winter and Christmas itself: the Nativity Procession that was so popular last year will be held again this year, on Sunday 21st December at 3pm. Details of this and other Christmas celebrations will be announced nearer the time- and in the next edition of the Bulletin.

The times of all our services are on the church noticeboards and on the church websites, which can be reached through the village website www.hendred.org

The next Penney Lecture in St Augustine's church will be on Friday 17th October at 7:30pm, when David Glover will talk about our local raptor, the Red Kite. Watch village noticeboards or subscribe to the weekly 'What's On' email message for details of this and all of this winter's Penney Lectures.

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 Cricket Club

The 2008 season has seen a high level of activity at both senior and junior levels. In spite of the poor weather recently, only 8 of 51 senior matches were abandoned because of rain; in 2007, 14 out of 51 were abandoned. Averaged over the years, only 10% are lost to the weather.

The junior section, numerically the strongest part of the club, has seen an active season with about thirty fixtures between April and July in three leagues (Oxfordshire Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15) and some friendlies. An Under 10 team also played, and won, two matches against Challow Under 10s. All four teams, with very little overlap in players between them, performed very creditably. The U11s, managed by Peter Beckley, won five of their six league matches, the U13s, managed by Steve Barksfield, won over half of about fifteen fixtures and the U15s, managed by Ivan Mulford, won two of their five games. The club was selected to host an Oxfordshire Under 16 County Trial, held in May; a great compliment to the quality of our ground and facilities. The Youth Coaching sessions on Wednesday evenings have again attracted attendances averaging about 55. The success of the junior section is due in part to the enthusiasm of the senior members who all have appropriate accreditation from the England and Wales Cricket Board.



The senior section fields two teams, in Divisions 2 and 8 of the Oxfordshire Cricket Association. Both still have a match to play at the time of writing, but it is already established that the teams face neither promotion nor relegation. The first XI will thus spend at least three consecutive seasons in Division 2; previously we have only managed one season there (in 1998 and again in 2000) and now we can start to have a realistic ambition to join the top division. The bowling machine acquired last year has again proved invaluable, particularly in 'tuning up' to play against teams with unusually fast bowlers!

The specialist petrol-engined fine-cut mower, after 25 years of use finally collapsed beyond economic repair after the 2007 season. It was replaced by purchase of two second-hand fine-cut mowers that Ivan Mulford reconditioned, saving a few thousand pounds. The irreducible and still substantial cost of the mowers was funded largely by a grant from the East Hendred Parish Council. We are very grateful to the Council for their support. The photograph shows Peter Beckley using the larger mower on the 'square' (Peter is the club Welfare Officer, plays regularly for the club and arranges the 'Under 11' fixtures). The acquisition of an extra fine-cut mower has much facilitated preparation of the 'square'. The outfield and 'square' are in superb condition and have never looked better.

Many thanks are due to those who organised and carried out preparations of the ground and square, made teas for the 'home' matches, coached at the youth sessions and did the club's share of OCA umpiring (particularly Neil Knowlden and John Walker). Duncan Francis did an impeccable and very time-consuming job of co-ordinating player availability.

During the winter we plan to make further improvements to the facilities. Practice for 2009 will start at the end of February 2009, probably (as this year) in the Indoor Nets of Abingdon School. If you wish to join the club for next season, please contact Ivan Mulford (820316).

Under 9 and interested in playing football?

Harwell & Hendred Under 9 Football Team are looking for a few new players for the forthcoming season. This is a friendly side who play in the Oxford Mail Boys League on Saturday mornings. Training is on Friday evenings (6.30pm-7.30pm).

Players' 9th birthdays should fall between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009. The focus will be on development and enjoyment of football.

If interested, please call Mike on 07767 767 777 or Jason on 07789 615 488.

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Hendred Heritage

Cleaner needed...

East Hendred Heritage Trust are looking for a cleaner from approximately February 2009. Champs Chapel Museum will be thoroughly cleaned ready for the new season and we require a volunteer cleaner to keep it that way. Please contact S Roberts on 01235 821796 or any other Trust/Management Committee Member if you are interested.

From the Village Archives

Many people ask us where we get our information- well quite simply we get most of it from you! We are always looking for more- sometimes we receive it in small parts, but that is what we find interesting. We can then link these parts together to make a story that is credible and perhaps can be compared and checked with someone else's version of events.

We often have visitors to the Chapel, or our Website, who like to reminisce about friends and family who lived in the village, and also today there is an increasing interest in tracing family trees. One query answered can lead to more questions or one story may lead to another, and completely different people or places being remembered and discussed!

A seemingly simple enquiry from a visitor runs like this: "I went to school here while my father was in the army. We had been in India and my grandfather was a cobbler in Hendred who died after blood poisoning from a wound in his hand. There was an Auntie Win but I do not remember much except that when I lived with her we cleared the ashes from the fire and used them to put into the outside loo before the contents were buried at the bottom of the garden."

After further questioning it appeared much of his information had come from an internet reference whose location was forgotten by now. He mentioned the Village Drum and Fife band, the names Collins and Aubrey Mercer, but when he mentioned the name of a cottage- 'The Homestead' we had a starting point and a village network could be set in motion.

Win Stoter lived in 'Homestead', in Pound Lane (now known as Middle Cottage), in the 50's with a daughter who had married a Mercer only to be widowed during the Second World War. Aubrey Mercer was her grandson and was in the village football team etc. - he appears in our photo collection. Mr Collins was one of the village Cobblers (not the better known one - Mr Theobald) and he had 4 daughters, one of whom was Win. Previously Win Stoter lived in one of the Cat Street Cottages, now part of Orchard House, so this was probably the house our enquirer had lived in briefly as a boy.

So far 5 village families have been involved in the recollection of this history and Norman Francis agrees he did go to the Anglican School with enquirer. Now we need to get them all talking together and perhaps record the conversation.

Another recent visitor to the Chapel was the Granddaughter of Mr & Mrs Lacey looking for background information on her grandparents and where they lived. We keep a register of peoples interests and this started local searches and enquiries which located the museum where some of

the wooden Dolls Houses that Mr & Mrs Lacey used to produce and paint before Rising Sun Cottage was burned down.

The Chapel has a number of books and many snippets of published information as well as some 5,000 photographs of people & places (some of which need places or people to be identified and sometimes both.) The explosion of searchable sources and information available on the internet is always bringing us new snippets! As they say 'Google It'- you may be surprised how much you can find! Recently we discovered that the London Gazette is now on-line and searchable, and a search on their site for East Hendred found some particulars on the Sale of Downs House (plus nearly a 1000 acres of land in Hendred, Ginge and surrounding area). We all knew that Downs House was big and we have seen photos (in the albums at the Chapel), but there were actually 22 bedrooms... no wonder the RAF enjoyed their billets during World War II.

The Chapel now has the beginnings of a 'Big Anonymous' digital file- so called because like 'Wikipedia' it relies on what people tell you as being reasonably true with the warning to users to check- and for us this is a valuable source as we can add it to our database which enables us to search on a word, phrase, name or place without ploughing through loads of boxes or files or books. A sting in the tail is that it has since transpired that the reference to Mr Collins and the 'Homestead' actually came from Mr Manley's book on East Hendred which can be searched on the village museum website.

Anything you can add to this or if you have any information about the village in digital form, or text that we can scan, it would be gratefully received! Please contact either John Stevenson 833312 or Sonia Roberts 821796.



Planning Matters

EHE/20555, Set Barn, Orchard Lane: The Parish Council had no objection to the proposed changes to the building. However, there was concern about lack of any off-street car parking and it was agreed to ask for a parking facility with lowered curb to be incorporated adjacent to the property to alleviate parking on the road.

EHE915/3, Moat Cottage: (Demolition of existing extension and lean to and replace with a 2-story extension) The PC felt the new extension was an improvement on the existing structure, but the window on the ground floor should be frosted glass, with limited fanlight opening. The velux windows should also be sufficiently high to maintain the privacy of the adjacent property. The application has since been approved.

EHE/15692/3, 19, Orchard Close: (Erection of a single storey extension). The Council had no objection to this application but made the point about the extent of site coverage, if any further applications were made to extend this dwelling.

EHE/19314/2, The Cottage, Chapel Square: (Erection of a two-storey extension.) The Parish Council decided to object to this application on grounds that the proposed development neither enhanced nor improved the conservation area (Policy HE1), nor the setting of the adjacent listed cottage (Policy HE4); the proposed access was below standard and vehicles using it would increase the danger to pedestrians. In addition the proposed extension would place Chapel cottage in shadow.

EHE/1779/3, Bowling Club, Orchard Lane: (Erection of a single storey, wooden building housing toilets and a kitchen for the club's use.) The Parish Council had no objection to this application, but noted that any equipment in the kitchen should be selected to limit noise and fumes to nearby properties

EHE/14020/3, Muster Point, Featherbed Lane: (Change of use from grazing to equine related activities.) This application raised a number of queries concerning employment on the site, traffic, parking. The Council asked for a site visit to clarify these issues but was refused. On this basis the Council objected to the application on the points noted.

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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Friday

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Tuesday

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September-November 2008

SEPTEMBER

- Thur 18 WI- It's a Girl's Life in the Army
- Fri 26 East Hendred Entertains' Dance, Snells Hall, 7pm-Midnight

OCTOBER

- Thur 2 DGA- Helping the Children of Zolotonosha by John Hendy
- Sun 5 Harvest Lunch, Parish Church followed by Snells Hall
- Mon 13 DGA- Bridge Drive
- Thur 16 WI- Talking Hats- Let Me Entertain You

NOVEMBER

- Sat 1 Dance Workshop, Snells Hall, 10am-2pm
- Sun 2 Film Show- Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull, Snells Hall
- Thur 6 DGA- Save Your Energy by Jackie Williams
- Thur 13 Ghost and History tour of East Hendred, including supper at The Plough, 7.30pm
- Sat 15 Family Quiz, Snells Hall, 7pm
- Thur 20 Hendred Heritage Trust AGM, Snells Hall, 8pm
- Thur 20 WI- Christmas Crackers- Craft Evening
- Sat 22 Art and Craft Exhibition and Sale, Snells Hall, 1-5pm
- Sat 29 Twinning Group coach trip to Birmingham Christmas market

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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

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Catholic Parish of St Mary

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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.)

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