

# EAST HENDRED Bulletin

## East Hendred Nativity Procession

Sunday 21st December 2008  
4.00pm - 5.00pm



The children will process from Hendred House to Champs Chapel, stopping along the way to participate in carols and prayers.

A collection will be made in aid of Cancer Research.

I hope that you can all join us in this revival of an old Hendred Tradition, kindly organised by Pam Lundyates, under the auspices of the Parish Council.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused, but **the road from St Augustine's Church to Champs Chapel will be closed from 3.45 to 5.15 on Sunday 21st December 2008.**

The Private Road will be open for any emergencies. Thank you for your patience.

## Springline presents "Cinderella"

January 2009 is just around the corner and Springline is presenting a traditional pantomime "Cinderella ~ the shoe must go on".

Tickets are available from Hendred Stores and Q Gardens. There will be 4 performances from Wednesday 14th January to Saturday 17th January, so book early to avoid disappointment!

See inside The Bulletin for more info!

## Christmas Bazaar

The annual village Christmas Bazaar was held in Snells Hall on Saturday Dec.6<sup>th</sup>. There was a wide variety of stalls, together with the Grand Draw and Father Christmas to meet the younger children.

There was also a collection of shoe-boxes on behalf of the "Feed the Children" charity for distribution to children in Eastern Europe and Africa.

Winners of the children's competitions were:

Under 5 year olds: 1<sup>st</sup> Eliza Jordan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tessa Simmons

5-7 year olds: Joint 1<sup>st</sup> Honey Mercer and Daisy West  
Runner up: Harry Taylor

8-11 year olds: 1<sup>st</sup> Aislin Borland, 2<sup>nd</sup> Molly Dickins  
Runner-up: William Rose.

Many thanks to all those who helped make the event a success. The proceeds will benefit St Mary's Church, St Augustine's Church and the Community Centre.

## Fun Run

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009

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## from the chair

With the current economic crisis more and more families depend on local activities and entertainment. We are fortunate in this village in having good facilities, with many active organisations. However from time to time I hear that one or another organisation has significant problems in finding helpers and people to serve on committees. It is very important that we all recognise that such help is essential for these organisations to continue. Please try and allocate some of your time to support

those organisations that are important for you and your family. It is not only a benefit to the organisation but also an opportunity to make new friends.

It is encouraging that recent news on the affordable housing front is positive and we hope that a second site in the village will be developed next year. Current house prices in this village, even with recent reductions, are still much too high for many young families to afford. The housing survey undertaken by the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council earlier this year demonstrated that we have a need for several "affordable" houses in this village, and the Parish

Council will be seeking new sites for further developments.

The Vale District Council is preparing a "Core Strategy" report as part of its development of a Local Development Framework document. The Core Strategy will be used to help determine future planning applications. It has identified Milton Park and the Harwell-Rutherford site (both of which are close to this village) as major areas for future growth in employment. The consequent transport requirements are likely to be of concern and it is something that the Parish Council will be taking a close interest in. The

Council will review the Core strategy when it is published and will prepare comments to be sent to the Vale Council. An exhibition on the strategy will take place on several sites in January/February. The one in Wantage will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> and we are recommending that as many village people attend this as possible. We should like to hear your feedback before we prepare the Council's response to the Vale's invitation for comments on the Core Strategy.

With very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

John Sharp

## New Clerk

We are pleased to announce that Tom Cunningham was appointed as our new clerk at the November Parish Council meeting. He will take over most of the clerk's duties from Jan Marples, but she will remain responsible for the Council's finances. Diana Wheeker will continue as the Minute Secretary.

Tom's contact details are: Russet House, 7 Orchard Lane, East Hendred. E-mail: [clerk@hendred.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:clerk@hendred.eclipse.co.uk)

## Goodbye to Jimmy Francis

Jimmy Francis has offered his resignation as a Councillor since he is leaving the village. We should like to thank Jimmy for his work for the Council over many years and wish him and Mavis well in their new house in Didcot. The procedure for replacing Jimmy on the Council will be announced shortly.

## Vale District Council 'Future Development in the Vale'

The first policy document that the Vale District Council is preparing as part of the Local Development Framework is the Core Strategy. This Framework will replace the Local Plan, and will set out the spatial vision, spatial objectives, policies and a monitoring and implementation framework for the Vale. The Core Strategy will be used to help determine future planning applications.

This document will be out for consultation from Jan 16<sup>th</sup> to Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be a public exhibition at Wantage Civic Hall on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> from 3-7pm, with a workshop from 7-9pm.

It is important that as many people as possible make themselves aware of this core strategy as it will shape future development in the Vale. Several parts of it impact on this village and future planning.

The Parish Council will be reviewing the strategy and making a response next February.

## Snells Nature Trail

In the Summer Bulletin the Hendreds Environment Group were pleased to announce that the village had been awarded a grant of over £9000 to create a footpath to link Fordy Lane and the Snells footpath as a safer way for children to go to school. In addition the plan is to create a nature trail linked to the path, as well as developing a community orchard. Progress is continuing on this and the Parish Council is in the process of negotiating a lease with the Hendreds Estate for the land over which the path and nature trail will go. It is hoped work on the site can start early in the New Year.

## **White Road Bus Shelter**

The shelter on the east side was vandalised earlier in the year. The Council is exploring the possibility of obtaining a grant from the County Council to help with the cost of replacing shelter with a more modern one.

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## **West Rowstock to join Parish?**

There has been discussion for some time on West Rowstock joining our parish. At present it is part of Milton parish and most of the residents felt that becoming part of East Hendred parish would have benefits, as many of the issues that affect West Rowstock also affect East Hendred (e.g. proximity to the A417 and to the Harwell/Rutherford site.). The actual arrangements are still being finalised but it will not be before the next election in 2011 that residents of West Rowstock can vote for the members of the Parish Council.

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## **Changes to the Penney Playpark**

Passing the Penney Playground recently, you may have noticed some changes. In particular, most of the plants in the borders have been removed. This is the result of a decision by the parish council to review the provision in the playground. This was prompted by an annual playground inspection, carried out by an external organization, which indicated some plants were no longer considered suitable for the playground because they had berries on; in addition it was clear that several plants were overgrown. It was concluded that more space for play could be achieved if the area of planting was reduced. Initially, all the plants in one border were removed, as was the log which divided it from the play area. In this space, a new table with benches has been installed to replace the one that had been damaged, and there are plans to add at least one new piece of play equipment for pre-school children. The second step was to remove most of the plants in the front border of the playground, but retain the rose hedge. Again, this has opened up more space than expected, and decisions have to be made about how much of the planting to replace, and whether some of the space could be used differently, for example to provide an area near the gate to park prams/bicycles, and/or to add play equipment. Any changes made must take into account the fact that the playground is in the conservation area. The parish council will be consulting with the pre-school group, and other organizations which use the playground regularly, but comments/ideas from others who visit the playground are welcome. It is hoped to make the changes as soon as possible, but apologies for any inconvenience caused to playground users in the meantime.

Once the route of the new school path through the 'kick about area' adjacent to Penney Playground has been finalized, the parish council will consider the potential for providing more facilities for teenagers in that area.

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## **East Hendred Community Centre**

For some time now any heavy rain (i.e. frequently!) has been penetrating the gully between the main hall roof and that over the stage area. This has damaged the ceiling to the right of the proscenium arch and caused localised staining of the newly decorated interior wall. There have been occasional problems also with water coming in via the corresponding gully next to Snells House and spilling down the interior wall beside the clock. These gullies have been repaired recently by Martin Cooper and it is expected that the restoration will eliminate recurrence of these particular problems for the time being.

The increased hall charges mentioned in the Autumn Bulletin were implemented on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Although hiring rates were last increased in April 2007, the hall's operating account has shown an average deficit of about £800 a year for the last two years, which has eaten into our reserves. Moreover, from September 2008 electricity unit charges were increased by 35.5% for standard and 39% for off peak usage. This means that, even assuming a mild winter, the estimated cost of heating and lighting will increase by about £900 during 2008-2009. The revised charges were designed to make up this shortfall but with special preferential rates for regular users, particularly those involving children or young people. To put the matter into context, we now need to have an average income of about £35 every day of the year to meet our anticipated regular expenditure. It is clear that the facilities provided by Snells Hall here are of vital importance to the community and must not be allowed to diminish. We believe that Snells Hall hiring rates remain very competitive despite the increases.

Don't forget to visit the village website: [www.hendred.org](http://www.hendred.org)



## East Hendred Housing matters...

Over recent years, property prices in rural Oxfordshire have spiraled out of the reach of the majority, notably affecting those trying to get a foot on the property ladder. Many local people are priced out of the housing market, and many people who work locally, and whose families have formed part of Oxfordshire's rural communities for generations are forced to move in to towns and cities further away. If villages are to be living, thriving places we need to make sure that the people who provide services and do local jobs can afford to buy homes where they grew up. Our villages will be mothballed if only retired people or second home owners can afford to buy houses there.

The most recent statistics show that the average price of a semi-detached house in East Hendred is over £310,000. The average for England and Wales at the same time was £192,790. East Hendred prices are more than 60% higher than the national average! To buy a property at this price you would be required to pay a minimum of a 10% deposit of over £30,000 and you would need a household income of about £55,000 per annum, if you can get a mortgage at all. This is way beyond the reach of many first time buyers, single people and couples/ families on low or moderate incomes.

Following the Housing Needs Survey in February 2008, the Parish Council, District Council, Sovereign Housing Group and the Rural Housing Enabler have been working hard to find a site for a small development of Affordable Housing to address the local need identified by the survey. It is expected that the derelict garage court in the corner of Coulings Close will be redeveloped to provide three new affordable homes. Although this garage site is not classed as an 'exception site', Sovereign Housing Group and the Vale of White Horse District Council have agreed that preference will be given to applicants, on the District Council's Housing Register, who have a Local Connection to East Hendred parish. All three homes will be for rent, not shared-ownership.

Plans will be available to comment on in the New Year. The Parish Council will let you know where you can view them.



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## Extra Care

The Parish Council had a presentation at the October meeting from Nick Welsh and Nigel Holmes from the Oxfordshire County Council. One of the actions from the Parish Plan was to "support the building of sheltered housing accommodation". Extra Housing Care ensures 24/7 care including Personal care. There is also the provision available to include commercial kitchens (producing at least one main meal a day), community areas encouraging social meeting, eating etc. as well as rooms (units) adapted for the individual resident's needs. However these units tend to serve larger populations than East Hendred so any scheme would need to cover several local villages. The availability of a suitable site is also an issue. The Council has since been in touch with the Vale Housing Association to explore possible next steps.

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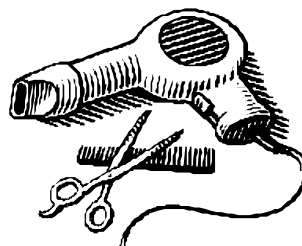
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## **Message From District Councillor Mike Murray**

What an eventful year! The Vale Council has been particularly busy in 2008 on a range of unusual and in some cases highly controversial matters.

Infrastructure projects: two major projects have been considered by the Vale this year, namely the reservoir at Steventon and the Incinerator at Sutton Courtney. In neither case is the Vale the decision-making authority (being the Secretary of State and the County Council respectively) and both have excited huge interest locally from people concerned as to the likely or possible Environmental Impacts of the schemes. The Vale expressed grave reservations on both matters, and we await the outcome with interest.

Major developments at Milton Park: works have been carried out to the roundabout junction at Didcot, prior to constructing their new office/ ab blocks, which has caused some disruption, but will hopefully improve the junction. Secondly the proposed "eco-town" at Weston on the Green seems to have sailed into choppy waters- whilst this is well outside the Vale area there is real worry about how such a large development would affect the already heavily congested A34.

Rubbish collection: next year will probably see the announcement of the detail of our new rubbish collection regime- it is likely to be weekly food waste, with fortnightly (sorry, alternate weekly we are supposed to call it) collections for black bags. Green boxes and brown bins will probably continue as now.

Council matters: we now have a joint chief executive with South Oxfordshire District Council, and will soon be sharing more senior officers. This will hopefully save money, without reducing service quality, and if it does then we will all be pleased. We certainly need savings to cover the some £900,000 of your and my money lost in the Icelandic Banking black hole.

East Hendred conservation area: I was delighted to be able to support in a very modest way the parish's efforts in securing the re-adoption of the conservation area and also with regard to some recent development control items in the village where defence of the conservation area was a critical point. Next year sees the consultation phase for the section of the new local plan (Local Development Framework) dealing with housing allocations which I am sure will be read with interest by all.

If I can be of any help on a Vale related matter please do email me on [michael.murray@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:michael.murray@whitehorsedc.gov.uk) or come and see me at my monthly surgery. These are held on the second Saturday of the month at 9am in Steventon village hall, but if there is demand I will happily alternate with an East Hendred Venue.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,  
Mike Murray

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## **Thames Water Resources Management Plan**

The consultation has now closed. All comments have been sent to the Department of Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)

The public consultation generated a high level of interest, with over 300 responses received, many of those from residents in Oxfordshire. Thank you to those of you who responded. We will publish a Statement of Response to all representations made during the consultation in line with Defra timescales. The Statement of Response will be made available to all those who participated in the consultation. The Statement, together with the comments submitted, will be considered by the Secretary of State for Defra. He will decide whether to call for an inquiry or hearing on the draft Plan, or issue directions requiring changes to be made to the draft Plan before final publication.

We launched the Stage 2 consultation on the proposed reservoir in January 2007. This focused on the views of local people regarding landscape, conservation, recreation and design proposals. While the need for the reservoir is still being considered as part of the statutory draft Water Resources Management Plan, we want to respond to the outstanding issues relating to design, conservation and recreation. We are taking the opportunity to publish the report now so you can see how your comments have directly influenced the design, conservation and recreation aspects of the scheme. There has already been some delay to publishing this report because of the draft Plan process and it is important to note that Stage 2 work does not override the draft Plan process in any way.

The Report on Stage 2 Involvement will be available to view on [www.thameswater.co.uk/utmrd](http://www.thameswater.co.uk/utmrd) from 5 November. If you do not have access to the internet you can request a paper copy by calling our freephone number 0800 107 8001.

## Parish Councillor Profile No. 7 Sue Roberts

**Occupation:** I work in an administration role in a Garden Centre.

**Previous occupations:** Quite diverse in fact, from Nanny, Hotel Receptionist to Payroll Officer.

**Hobbies:** Reading, walking, spending time with friends.

**When & why did you move to the village?:** I was born here, as were generations of my family before me.

**What is your favourite place in the parish?:** Standing on Runnington Hill looking down towards the Sports Club.

**If you had unlimited funds to spend on a project for the village**

**what would you do and why?:** A purpose built Village Museum, to run in conjunction with Champs Chapel (so would need to be nearby), all on one level, with modern facilities, workshop area, some parking and no rent to pay. Maybe a tea shop for all the visitors that come. A place where we could preserve our heritage for future generations, an education area for children to come and learn to help carry on our traditions. A building to display our village archive material which could then be enjoyed by many. I feel we need to preserve our heritage or before we know it, we will have lost it or find it stored elsewhere.

**What is your favourite piece of music?:** Depends on my mood- from rock to soul and even some hymns. But the one that came to mind first was "Make me a channel of your peace".

**What is your favourite book?:** Quite difficult because I like a range of books- but one would be "Beautiful Child" by Torey Hayden.

**What is your favourite film?:** "Goodnight Mr Tom" with John Thaw.

**What is your greatest fear?:** Not exactly a fear, but being at sea with no land in sight.

**What is your idea of perfect happiness?:** A cottage by the sea with the wind howling, the sea lashing, a roaring log fire, my favourite book, special friends and family, and plenty of good food and wine. Sheer bliss!

**What would your motto be?:** Never ask someone to do something you would not be prepared to do yourself.

**How would you like to be remembered?:** As a friendly smile!



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## Bus Timetable Changes

Please note that Route 32A between Abingdon and Grove will be changing as of December 14h, please check on the RH Transport Services website or call Traveline on 08712002233 for new times.

### 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.

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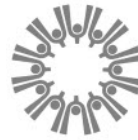
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You can also check up on what's on and what's coming up the village website: [www.hendred.org](http://www.hendred.org)

## Good Neighbour Schemes

Good Neighbour Schemes are local voluntary groups which offer a service in their community for those in need of help and support.

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Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action is currently running a project Funded by Oxfordshire CC with the aim of supporting local communities to establish new schemes. **A limited number of start-up grants are available** to allow communities to meet the costs of setting up- buying a mobile phone, public liability cover and publicity material. (These grants will be available on a first-come, first-served basis). If your village already runs a Good Neighbour Scheme of any kind, **grants may be available to help the scheme extend, diversify or develop**. For further information please contact Liz on **01865 251946** or email: [liz.pride@ocva.org.uk](mailto:liz.pride@ocva.org.uk)

## Harvest Time at St Amand's

Harvest time and the days are getting cooler, the leaves on the trees are changing colour and up and down the country small children are shouting "tractor!" every time they see a combine harvester in the fields!

The children at St Amand's were certainly taking note as during term 1 they celebrated their Harvest Festival. The whole school joined in with songs, poems, raps and prayers thanking God for all the good things He has given us. There was a wonderful countryside collage and a fabulous display of all sorts of different produce with tins of fruit, vegetables, biscuits, teabags, flour, rice and huge baskets of apples, to mention but a few! All of these items were brought in by pupils, parents and staff, and then Years 5 and 6 took all of these goodies to share with the residents of East Hendred. 86 parcels were delivered in all, but maybe more importantly than that, the pupils went into the community to share a smile, share of themselves and give the most important gift of all- God's love.

## Springline presents "Cinderella"

You can watch our rehearsals by visiting [www.springlineproductions.com](http://www.springlineproductions.com) where monthly updates are posted. If you would like to get involved back stage it's never too late to start- contact us through our web site and you will have a ball, even if you do not have any glass slippers!

Springline has also recently raised £8,300 for Snells Hall. A modern Sound System coupled with improvements to the stage and lighting facilities at Snells Hall has focused the Springline group of players to mount a fund raising project. With a target of £20,000 a total of £8,300 has been raised to date with support from local organisations including the Women's Institute, Hendred Entertains, Downs Golden Age, Snells Hall, the Parish Council, Springline and its sponsor, Hunter, Marshall & Co, Chartered Accounts, together with a contribution from the Oxford Community Grassroots fund. Susie Turnbull, the Chair of Springline said "We are delighted that we have made so much progress and can start on installation of the new sound system in the New Year. There is still more to achieve and any contributions from local businesses and residents of Hendred would be warmly welcomed."

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## East Hendred Entertains

East Hendred Entertains and its committees would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Thrift Shop since it opened and all our other events. The success of the shop is all down to the donations we receive and our customers, all of which is helping to raise money for the benefit of the village and we couldn't do it without your support. We would also like to say a very special thank you to Sue and John at Hendred Stores who have supported us in many ways, selling our tickets for our various events and our products which we have recently launched. Thank you very much, Sue and John!

East Hendred Entertains has also launched the following items for sale at the Thrift Shop and Hendred Stores:

A 2009 calendar with a selection of photographs of our beautiful village- £4  
6 table mats also with photographs of the village on- £22

6 coasters to match- £9  
A pack of 6 notelets- £2.50  
Pickles and jams from as little as 50p  
All would make excellent Christmas Gifts!

At the moment we require donations of men's clothing, any bric-a-brac that you no longer want, and jars with lids; every donation to the shop will receive a raffle ticket for a hamper. The Thrift Shop accepts old clothes which we can sell as rags, so far we have collected over £600 for them, also old shoes or hand bags can also be recycled, for which we have collected £120. We regret that we cannot accept any electrical goods. Please bring us to recycle your used printer cartridges, (all except Epsom), old mobile phones, postage stamps, foreign coins or broken jewellery/watches, in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind- we have already made £29.12 for them!

Remember every penny raised goes back into the village!

Applications for Grants need to be received, between the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008 and 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009, for donations or grants for specific projects or events from any charity, organisation or individual from East Hendred or surrounding area. All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence. Apply in writing to us at 65 Couplings Close, East Hendred. The Grant Committee in association with East Hendred Parish Council will meet in February 2009. The decision of the Committee is final and unsuccessful applicants may re-apply in future years.

**Please see important dates in the Village Diary on the back page.**

Merry Christmas to everyone and a Good New Year for 2009!

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## East and West Hendred WI

The November meeting of the East and West Hendred WI had a practical Christmas theme with a craft evening. Even those of us who are not gifted in this way were able to make a quite passable Christmas cracker. We had a demonstration on various Christmas table decorations by one of our members and another showed how easy it is to make pomanders with oranges and cloves. This gave Snells Hall a wonderful Christmassy aroma... a cracking evening was had by all.



The Hendred WI has had a very busy autumn. We went walking with wolves in September; had a very entertaining evening with Ann Widdecombe at the Oxford Town Hall; a 'Cook and Craft' day in October; a visit to Denman College Diamond Anniversary celebrations, where some of us went as visitors and others helped with modelling and stewarding; and a trip to the Watermill Theatre, with the hilarious and timely 'Seasonal Sauce', was enjoyed in November.

We have been fortunate enough to be given a grant from the Awards for All Lottery Fund enabling all members to attend a course at Denman College the first of which is in January. Visits to London to the Houses of Parliament are scheduled for March and a theatre visit to Calendar Girls in April is also in the pipeline.

We have our birthday party in January with Pandemonium.

The following talks are arranged for our monthly meetings:

**February 19<sup>th</sup>:** The Oxford of CS Lewis

**March 19<sup>th</sup>:** AGM- guest speaker.

We look forward to welcoming new members. Meetings are held in Snells Hall from 7:30pm on the third Thursday of the month. If you would like to come to meet us please contact your secretary by e-mail: [jpxpol@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jpxpol@tiscali.co.uk)

## Message from Ed Vaisey

I have recently returned from a trip to Beijing. The good news is that the trip did not cost you, the British taxpayer, a penny. The bad news is that it was led by John Prescott. (Actually, that's a cheap shot, I quite like John Prescott and he is a lot more on the ball than his public image suggests.) You may wonder why my visit to Beijing is relevant to the Hendreds. Well, as everyone knows, China is the world's fastest growing economy, and overtook us a few years ago. Most of the world's electronic goods- photocopiers, mobile phones and so on- are made there. It also supplies the highest number of illegal immigrants to this country, as well as the largest number of overseas students. So China has a huge impact on us, directly and indirectly. The value of a trip like this is that you get to dispel a few myths. China is a closed society, and a one-party state. But there is certainly a great deal of freedom apparent in people's daily lives, and a certain level of free discussion about the future direction of the country. Also, China has the largest number of internet users in the world, so censorship is becoming more difficult. China is also taking the environment much more seriously than we might think, and is very conscious that it is in her own self-interest to tackle carbon emissions.

My four days in Beijing also gave me the chance to visit the British paralympic team, and bask in some of their reflected glory, especially as we were briefly top of the table when I was there!

I have had a busy start to the new parliamentary term. Despite the credit crunch- more of which later- there have been a number of debates on issues that fall within my portfolio. The very first session in Parliament was culture questions, and I raised the issue of world heritage sites. We have 27 in this country, and amazingly 7 are threatened with blacklisting by the international cultural organisation, UNESCO, including Westminster itself. Westminster and the Tower of London are at risk from a series of tall buildings that are planned for London, which would wreck London's historic skyline. I am pushing the Government to turn down these applications and have a proper policy in place to protect world heritage sites.

We also debated digital switchover recently. This is a huge scheme to convert all our television signals to digital, so that by 2012 you will have to have a digital television or a freeview box to watch telly. The scheme won't be coming to our part of the world for a while, but it is important to get it right as it is already underway. Finally we had a debate on the BBC licence fee. Every so often, an MP suggests it should be abolished, and this provides an opportunity to debate the whole BBC and have fun at its expense. As far as I am concerned, we need the BBC now more than ever, and provided the licence fee is kept at affordable levels, and the BBC does not overextend its remit, there is no reason why the BBC cannot continue in its present form.

Affordable is a word that is important these days. We are in the middle of the credit crunch, and a looming recession. I have already had constituents contact me concerning their savings in Icelandic banks, and am doing all I can to help. Our part of the world has a concentration of small hi-tech businesses, and I hope that their specialist nature means that they will be able to see through the recession as well as possible. I am always available to speak with or meet constituents facing difficulties.

As usual I can be contacted on [vaizeye@parliament.uk](mailto:vaizeye@parliament.uk); or by phone on 0207219 6350; or by post, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Surgeries upcoming are at Faringdon Corn Exchange on 7 November and Didcot, King Alfred Drive Community Centre, 21st November, both at 5.30pm

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

**8<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Bring and Buy and Bingo

**5<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Save your Energy! Brenda Kelly, National Energy Centre

**5<sup>th</sup> Mar:** World of Flora Thompson: Larkrise To Candleford, Christine Bloxham

**2<sup>nd</sup> April:** Bring and Buy and Bingo, at West Hendred Hall

**14<sup>th</sup> May:** The Countryside in the 1960s, Graham Wren

**11<sup>th</sup> June:** National Animal Welfare Trust, at Hendred House

**2<sup>nd</sup> July:** Summer Luncheon

**6<sup>th</sup> Aug:** AGM

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

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

Bring & Buy at all meetings.

## Hendreds Twinning Group Return visit to Sarceaux

July 3<sup>rd</sup>-July 6<sup>th</sup> 2009

The coach leaves from East Hendred on the Friday evening, in time to catch the overnight ferry (Portsmouth to Caen with Brittany Ferries). We arrive in Sarceaux early on the Saturday morning. Our French friends in the Sarceaux Twinning Association are already planning a packed programme of visits and social events. Hospitality is with French families there, and the weekend is always very different from one spent as a tourist on a 'commercial' short break in France. There is time on the return journey on the Monday for a stop at a large supermarket, and one brief sight-seeing visit can usually be fitted in also. The afternoon ferry and coach get us back to East Hendred by late evening, so the weekend only involves one day off school (for a very worthwhile educational experience), or off work for adults.

Children have the chance to practise speaking French, and experience French family life and culture. Our French hosts are very generous, and pay for all food and entertainment whilst we are with them. Our only extra costs are for food on the journeys, spending money, and a small 'thank you' present for our own host family. The costs for this three night, four day short break are therefore very reasonable. The visit is open to anyone living in the local area, although membership of the Twinning Group is necessary for everyone travelling (£6 per family, £3 per individual).

Adults: £100 plus the cost of a cabin berth on the Friday crossing  
Accompanied school-age children: no charge (up to 10 places available)

Further details available from Margaret Sharp (833367, [m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com](mailto:m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com)) or Hilary Dorling (833636, [hilary@familydorling.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:hilary@familydorling.fsnet.co.uk))

## Feast of local food

Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> 2009, 7.00 p.m. for 7.30

This will be the third year running that the Twinning Group's cooks have taken up the challenge of sourcing as many ingredients as possible from within a 10 mile radius of the village. We hope to provide a wide choice of main courses, vegetables and scrumptious desserts once again. The bar will be open, with beers from local micro-breweries on sale. The after-dinner speaker will be one of the local food producers.

Food miles are becoming ever more topical, and some superb quality ingredients are available from producers, allotments and gardens all on our doorsteps. We hope to show just what is possible using really local produce.

Tickets £12 adults, £6 children from Margaret Sharp or Hilary Dorling

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## Hendreds Environment Group- saving energy at home

### Part 1: Cavity Wall Insulation

Although aware of global warming, as two oldies we reckoned our contribution to this, in terms of our carbon footprint, was relatively small. In order to check this out, we decided to fill in a questionnaire to assess our energy use at home, which was then sent for analysis to the Thames Valley Energy Centre. It sent us a report which gave an assessment of the efficiency of our energy use (basically we could do better), and suggested how it could be improved. The most important recommendation was to have our cavity walls insulated. As energy prices were rising, we decided to investigate this and contacted TVEC. For households with a member aged over 70 years old, cavity insulation is free- we decided to go ahead, and arrangements were made for the work to take place a few weeks later. Putting in the insulation was done very efficiently by two young men in about half a day. A 25 year guarantee was provided. What impact this will have on our energy use and bills will be tested out this winter.

We are now wondering whether to replace our aged gas boiler with a combination boiler, and possibly install solar panels to heat our water. Any information from others about the pros and cons of these measures would be welcome. If you would like to find out about your energy use at home, a questionnaire can be obtained from Sarah James.

- Val Bacon

## The Heart of Hendreds Project

As National Apple Day is celebrated on October 21<sup>st</sup> every year, we chose the closest Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, for our next workday at Abbey Manor Orchard. The first job was to coral the three pigs into a corner before the rest of the volunteers arrived. They had spent the previous six months digging through the undergrowth, eating nettle and bramble roots and generally clearing the way. Now it was up to the human members of Hendreds Environment Group to finish the job.

Sian Mitchell, chain saw in hand, felled the invasive elder trees that were threatening to shade out the apples. Sian has the required licence and equipment as well as the know-how after years of volunteering for the local Wildlife Trusts. Once the trees were safely on the ground the team moved in to haul the branches out of the orchard and pile up for a future bonfire. The larger logs were piled up in one corner to slowly rot down and create a habitat for insects. Sian also began the major pruning job on the apple trees by removing some dead wood. The remainder of the work will be carried out by hand over the winter. A reptile habitat was created by a hardworking father and son team who piled up all the rubble that the pigs had unearthed. This will hopefully be an inviting spot for lizards to hide, and when the weather warms up, to bask in summer sunshine. Other volunteers selected the best trees to hang up a selection of bird and bat boxes bought from the Wildlife Trust with funds donated by the local Boneshaker Duathlon Race.



Everyone's hard work was rewarded by a feast of apple cake and apple strudel made from cooking apples from the orchard. That was washed down with Hendred Press Apple Juice pressed the day before out of dessert apples from Plough Farm Orchard.

We have now ordered six more apple trees, all Oxfordshire and Berkshire varieties, to fill the spaces we have cleared. These will be planted in late winter before the ground is sown with grass and wild flower seed in the spring.



And what of the pigs? They are now transformed into joints of pork awaiting a garnish of home made apple sauce. The hams and bacon have been cured in apple juice and cider and are now smoking over orchard apple wood in the chimney of the Old Post Office. This was the village butcher's shop at one time and still has the original smoking bay above the inglenook fireplace.

If anyone is interested in helping with the next stage of either Community Orchard or Nature Reserve, please keep an eye on the "What's on in Hendred" website or contact Kate Nicoll or Sarah James. We are planning a January work day to shake off some of the Christmas excesses and there might even be a bacon sandwich on offer as a reward!

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## Hendreds Environment Group- saving energy at home

### Part 2: Installing solar water heating

We have recently had solar water heating installed- in light of the recent price increases in gas, Pauline's wish for a new kitchen was sacrificed for a pile of tubes on the roof. The installation was straightforward- the tubes are on a large framework, and are bolted through the roof. The pipe-work from the tubes came as a big flexible coil, which screwed in at each end. There were quite a few modifications in the airing cupboard- we needed a new tank and there are some snazzy temp in/out dials. There is even a solar powered pump- so I get hot water even in a power cut!

The guys doing the work were excellent, very professional and helpful- and I'm happy to pass on their details to anyone interested. You are also welcome to have a look at our installation. So the outcome? I have been amazed at the temperature of the incoming pipe work- around 55C on a sunny winters day- all helping to heat up my water for free. Our next project is the new kitchen...

- Andy Rogers



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## News from St Augustine's and St Mary's

Our Rector, Rita Ball, has just celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ordination as a priest. We were joined by parishioners from all four churches in the benefice for a service at St Augustine's on Advent Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, and a party in Snells Hall. However, the celebrations were tinged with sadness as we now know that Rita will be leaving us in February to take up a new post based in Hermitage, where she will lead a team of three clergy caring for seven churches serving 10,000 people. We are very sorry to see Rita go after only five years in our parish, but wish her the very best in this challenging new position. This means that from February we will not have a Rector resident in the village, and we do not yet know when a new Rector will be appointed. However, St Augustine's will continue to serve East Hendred throughout the interregnum. Our Churchwardens Jackie Francis and Trevor Bacon, and our clergy Antonia Cretney, Jean Page, Sister Patricia Ann and Ron Foster, will work together to provide a regular pattern of worship and pastoral care. The Rectory telephone number will remain connected so call 833235 if you need to contact the clergy for any reason.



Meanwhile both of the churches in East Hendred are looking forward to Christmas. At St Augustine's, the celebrations start with Christingle on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 3:30pm. All children (and adults) are invited to this service, made magical by the Christingle oranges and candlelight. Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December will see the Village Nativity re-enacting the Christmas story in our own village. On Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December, there will be Carols and Readings at 7:30pm at St Mary's, followed by Mass at 8pm; and at St Augustine's the Midnight Mass service will start at 11:30pm. On Christmas Day, Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's at 9:30am and Christmas Communion at St Augustine's at 10:30am. Please note that on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December there will be no service at St Augustine's, but the whole benefice will meet for Holy Communion with Carols, following the Book of Common Prayer, at 10:00am at All Saints, Lockinge.

The Penney Lecture series for this winter is well under way. We've already heard two fascinating talks, about the Red Kite and 'greener' transport. The next, on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm in St Augustine's, also promises to give us plenty of food for thought. Reverend Mother Winsome CSMV will discuss the topic of Restorative Justice in a talk with the challenging title *Prison: Does it Work?* Sister Winsome was a solicitor before being called as a nun in 1993. She worked for seven years with Winson Green prison in Birmingham before moving back to the Anglican Community of St Mary the Virgin in Wantage, where she was elected Reverend Mother in December 2006. She will be delighted to answer questions after the talk. Tickets cost £6.00 for adults, £3.00 for children under 16.

The times of all our services and events are on the church noticeboards and on the church websites, which can be reached through the village website [www.hendred.org](http://www.hendred.org). Everyone is welcome at all our events, and at all our services.

A very happy Christmas to you all!

### ST AUGUSTINE'S SUNDAY SQUAD

The squad continues to meet on the third Sunday of each month with the exception of August. Our numbers are still very small but we have a good time. We sometimes have the help of a couple of teenagers which makes all the difference.

Our emphasis is very practical with craft ideas intermingled with stories and thoughts from the Bible. One of the end products of the children's work is a 'Welcome to St Augustine's' notice which has been laminated and put up in the Church.

We are now preparing for Christmas making appropriate decorations for the Church Christmas Tree and reminding ourselves of the true meaning of the celebrations.

Next year we are planning to learn a bit about St Augustine's life and make up posters to illustrate it.

If anyone between 4-8 years is interested in coming to Sunday Squad please contact Jill on 833291, Jennie on 224467 or Pauline on 832340.

## East and West Hendred Cricket Club

Sadly, we have lost Mr A.E.(Ted) Simmons, who was a vice-president of the club for eighteen years; prior to that he was very active in working on the fabric of the pavilion and in being generally supportive of the club. We miss him greatly. As was his wish, the collection at Ted's memorial service in a full St Augustine's Church was for the Junior Section of the cricket club.

### Senior Section

The club presentation dinner was held at the beginning of November. Trophy presentations were made to the Award Winners for the 2008 season:

First XI League and Cup Batting: John Francis  
First XI League and Cup Bowling: Matty Turner  
Second XI League and Cup Batting: Ady Francis  
Second XI League and Cup Bowling: Steve Barksfield  
Non-League Batting: Isaac Nicholls  
Non-League Bowling: Matt Wood

All-Rounder Award: Charlie Mulford  
Man of the Match Award: Matty Turner  
First XI Players' Player Of the Year: Charlie Mulford  
Second XI Players' Player of the Year: Dave Jones  
Young Player of the Year: Jack Mulford  
Clubman of the Year: Ivan Mulford

### Junior Section

The junior presentation evening will be held at 7pm on Saturday 17 January 2009 in the pavilion. From the end of January through February the club will run a junior indoor cricket mini-league with teams made up of all ages. The matches will take place about fortnightly at a venue still to be arranged. The senior members have taken part in a similar scheme previously and the action is fast and furious!

### 2009 Season

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 13 February at 7.30 pm in the Sports Pavilion, Mill Lane. The business will include selection of captains and vice-captains for the senior section. The Oxfordshire Cricket Association league and cup fixtures for 2009, some 40 in number (dependent on progress in the 'knockout' cups) for the Hendreds' club, are now to hand and we can promise another attractive season for next year. The Hendreds continue to be represented in divisions two and eight of the OCA league. We plan also to expand the 'friendly' programme that provides pre-season preparation for the league programme (which starts on 2 May), the opportunity to promote older juniors into the adult matches and generally to meet the local demand for cricket.

Over the last two or three years, we have received some financial support for specific projects (for example, a new scoreboard, a bowling machine and fine-cut mowers) from local organisations. We are very grateful for these and they will all grace the new season.

As in previous years, practise for 2009 will start in the indoor nets of one of the local sports halls at the end of February. These will be arranged for Sunday mornings. U13 and U15 players will be very welcome to join the adults for these sessions. If you wish to join the club for next season, please contact Ivan Mulford (820316).

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## Farming Focus

It feels like a lot of water has gone under the bridge since the last article (literally!) The start of harvest in mid July was relatively straight forward and we managed to harvest very good yields of Oilseed Rape and Barley in fairly benign weather conditions. From then on we entered a period of horrendous weather which continued all through the summer and most of the autumn and which turned the bulk of the harvest and autumn drilling into a expensive, difficult slog.

A large portion of the wheat harvest was cut at moisture contents of 20% and above which then had to be dried down to below 15% moisture for sale. This necessitated burning large quantities of diesel in our grain dryer (during the peak harvest period we were burning up to £2000 a day of diesel through the dryer and harvesting machines!) During harvest the collapse of commodity prices gathered pace and wheat that could have been sold forward for £160/tonne in early spring was worth less than £90/tonne by early autumn.

Luckily we were saved by the most fantastic yields that we have ever seen which came somewhat as a surprise after the dismal weather during the growing season. It is often hard to fathom out why some seasons are higher yielding than others but with the benefit of hindsight I think that the cold damp conditions at the end of the crops life caused a delay in senescence. (Every extra day of functioning green leaf area pre-senescence has a large positive effect on total dry matter yield)

The autumn drilling period can be summed up with one word; SLUGS! Never have we seen so many of the slimy monsters trying to gobble up our newly emerging crops. Sam has been busy on the ATV slug pelleting the worst fields and hopefully now that colder weather has arrived they will move deeper into the soil where they cannot do any damage



Julian Gold  
Farm Manager

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## Hendred Heritage

### Museum Accreditation

In February 2008, Champs Chapel Museum received Museum Accreditation. But what is Accreditation and what does it mean to visitors to the Museum?

According to the Museums, Libraries & Archives website: "The Scheme is regarded as one of the most innovative and effective developments in the museum sector. It has led the way in raising museum standards in the UK. People expect more of museums today. Accreditation has been developed by MLA (Museums, Libraries & Archives) and the museum community to keep pace with these expectations. It now gives greater emphasis to the needs and interests of those who use museums- or who might be encouraged to do so in the future. Accredited museums must adhere to published minimum standards in how they care for and document their collections, how they are governed and managed, and on the information and services they offer to their users. The Scheme encourages innovation and improvement through the use of other materials and resources produced by MLA and its partners relating to the care of collections, access, learning, inclusion and diversity. These materials provide support and guidance in meeting and exceeding the current standards."

Gaining Accreditation was a huge undertaking, by our Trustees, Committee and Volunteers, and we were therefore overjoyed to be successful, even more so as we are one among a very small group. We were therefore keen that momentum wasn't lost and the Museum moved forward, taking with it the knowledge and experiences that we gained along this arduous route. With this in mind the Trustees have decided to recruit the help of a Museum and Heritage Consultant to assist us to develop a Strategic Plan for the future with a clear Action Plan to ensure we deliver on all the changes required. We met with Hilary McGowan ([www.hilarymcgowan.co.uk](http://www.hilarymcgowan.co.uk)) who will assist us and we have been fortunate to receive full funding from MDO. Hilary is going to run a series of workshops for Trustees and Friends of the Museum and so more people we can encourage to attend, the greater the benefit from the process.

'Friends' are an important asset to the Museum and we welcome any newcomers who would like to get involved. The role of our Friends are varied in size and content from being a Steward during our opening hours to research and production of exhibitions- every contribution is appreciated. If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Museum then please call Penny Tunnell on 01235 820276, Sonia Roberts on 01235 821796 or David Hunter on 01235 835092.



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## Planning Matters

EHE/13988/4, Hendreds School:  
Replacement of temporary classroom. A site visit was made by Councillors; it was decided to support the application with a recommendation that more parking be made available on the site.

EHE/14020/3, Muster Point, Featherbed Lane:  
This application had gone to appeal due to problems of timescales not being met. This was subsequently withdrawn.

EHE/13693/1, Office and Store at the Harwell Campus:  
The Council had no comment on this application. Permission has since been given .

EHE/16865/1, Rosewall, Chapel Square:  
Replacement of existing garage, no objections.

Greensands Appeal:  
An appeal against the enforcement notices placed on Greensands was due to be heard on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> . Our Parish Council had made a submission via a planning consultant, who had also agreed to represent the Council at the hearing. We have heard that the parties met on the 18<sup>th</sup> and decided to adjourn the hearing until later (probably April 2009), due to reasons linked to withdrawal of the notice against the guesthouse itself. We are surprised at the length of time that the appeal process has taken to date.

## 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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DECEMBER

- Fri 12 Prize Christmas Bingo, Snells Hall, eyes down 7.30pm
- Sun 14 Christingle Service, St Augustines, 3.30pm
- Wed 17 Hansel and Gretel, Snells Hall, 6.30pm (Tickets from Hendred Stores, £5 adults, £4 concessions)
- Thur 18 WI- Hendred House, 7.30pm
- Sun 21 Nativity Procession, 4pm

JANUARY

- Sat 3 Film show- Mamma Mia, Snells Hall, 7pm (Tickets from Hendred Stores, £4)
- Thur 8 DGA- Bring, Buy and Bingo
- Wed 14- Springline presents Cinderella
- Sat 16
- Thur 22 WI- Birthday party, 7.30pm
- Fri 30 Penney Lecture- Does prison work? St Augustines, 7.30pm (Tickets from Geoffrey Bailey shoes and Hendred Stores, £6 adults, £3 concessions)

FEBRUARY

- Thur 5 DGA- Save your energy!
- Sat 7 Feast of local food, Snells Hall
- Fri 13 Valentine's disco, Snells Hall
- Thur 19 WI- The Oxford of CS Lewis

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, 10.30-11.30, Mill Lane Sports Ground (Richard Frost, 07882352214, richard\_frost@hotmail.co.uk)
- FRIDAY**
  - The Village Thrift Shop, 1-4pm, Rectory Room (Tin Hut)
- WEEKDAYS**
  - Preschool, 9-12am, Snells Hall (Lisa Russell, 01235 861144 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

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.)

The Bulletin

Please submit all contributions, and diary listings for both the Bulletin and the Village Website to the Editor, preferably electronically.

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