

# EAST HENDRED Bulletin

## Pre-School Easter Hunt

Good Friday 10th April to Easter Monday 13th April

Enjoy a walk around the village of East Hendred and see if you can spot all the Easter images in the village windows.

Pick up your entry forms from Hendred Stores for £1.00 before the Easter weekend. For further details email [info@hendredspreschool.org.uk](mailto:info@hendredspreschool.org.uk)

## Nativity Procession

A big thank you to everyone who participated and helped in the Nativity Procession. I think you will agree it was a big success and we enjoyed it very much. Thank you again, and especially to Pam Lund-Yates for wonderful organisation.



## Champs Chapel's Grand Re-opening!

On Sunday 12th April, following extensive re-decorating and re-organisation, the Champs Chapel Museum will be re-opened. Come along and see the exhibits, which include 'Work & Play', 'Household', and 'History of the Village'. Pictures from the Snow Photo competition will also be on display.

## New Post Office Services

### New opening hours

Monday	9am until 1pm
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### New Fishing Licence Procedure

All types of fishing licences will continue to be sold through the Post Office. For 1 day and 8 day Rod Fishing Licences the receipt issued by the Post Office will be the Rod Fishing Licence, which you will need to carry with you when fishing. A receipt will also be issued at the time of purchase for a Yearly Rod Fishing Licence, this can be used in the same way as the licence, until you receive the proper Rod Fishing licence directly from the Environment Agency through the post. To make sure the name and address are entered correctly onto a licence it would be helpful if you could provide something with the angler's name and address printed on it.

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**See inside for more snowy pictures...**



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## from the chair

2026 seems a long way away but as can be seen from other articles in this Bulletin the Vale District Council is already seeking views on its forward plans for the local area as far ahead as this date. These plans include significant new housing developments at Grove, Wantage and Didcot and many new jobs at both Milton Park and the Harwell Science and Innovation Centre. In many ways these developments close to this village are good news, such as more demand for local housing (and higher prices!).

However we need to take account of the likely shortcomings such as considerably increased traffic and ever more difficulties in getting out of the village onto the A417. An increased need for affordable housing is also a requirement. The Council took the initiative to set up a meeting for villagers to explain the plans and seek views from those attending. The Council has now put together a response to the Vale Council taking account of these points and we will continue to monitor the proposals as they develop further.

Several of us attended the first birthday party for "East Hendred Entertains" in

Snells Hall. The award of grants to several deserving village organisations was very welcome (see separate piece in this Bulletin) and I had the opportunity to congratulate the organisers on a very successful year, both in raising funds and in contributing to village life through the film shows, the scarecrow competition and the weekly Thrift Shop social sessions in the "Tin Hut". Long may it continue and we appreciate the hard work by a limited number of key people that goes into organising the activities and events. (Since drafting this piece we have heard of the sudden death of Barbara Riley, one of the leading members of the Hendred Entertains team. We are

very sorry and send our sympathies to her family for their unexpected loss).

Since the last Bulletin we are pleased that a new couple has taken over the running of the village shop.

We welcome Martin and Louise Johnson to the village and hope they enjoy becoming part of East Hendred. We also offer our best wishes and thanks to John and Sue Dunkerley for their hard work in running the shop so successfully and for the introduction of wine tasting sessions in Snells Hall. We wish them all the best for their new life in France.

John Sharp

## Allotments

Now the weather is warming up there will be much activity at the allotments. Since 1894 there have been allotments on land called Bowling Alley. There are 28 allotments on a site of just over 1 acre, the majority are 5 poles (half an allotment). The rent is due on the 29th of September (Michaelmas Day), the day on which agricultural rents have traditionally been paid. Unfortunately at present all the allotments are taken. Should you wish to be put on the waiting list please contact Susan Townley. We are still having a problem with dog fouling on the grass verges on the North and South along the footpaths. Would dog owners please clean up after their pets when exercising them along these footpaths.

## Penney Playpark

Recently, the former flowerbeds in the play park were cleared of plants and covered with membrane and bark. Initially, it was planned to replant the flowerbeds. However, the extent of the space now available presents an opportunity to provide a more interesting play environment. The Parish Council has decided to seek external funding not only to upgrade the play park, but also make changes to the adjacent kick-about area now that the route of the school path through it has been defined. There are several grant-giving organisations that can be approached for funding, but most require the application to be supported by evidence that there has been consultation with representatives of those who use the playground (children and young people, and their parents and carers). Parish Councillors have set up a working group to do this, by contacting children and parents, through village organisations, such as schools and children's and youth groups. The deadline for the first application is 23rd March, so any contributions have to be with the Parish Council by 15th March. Thank you in advance to all those who give their ideas and views. Given the time and effort available, it will not be possible to consult with everybody who uses the playground. If you have not been asked for your views by March 15th, but have constructive ideas or comments about the play park you would like to contribute, please contact Val Bacon (833403) before the 19th March.

## Village Design Statement

Two meetings have now been held with four Parish Councillors and Bogdan Nedelkoff to develop a Village Design Statement (VDS), which will be supplementary to the published Parish Plan. A VDS provides useful guidance on the special features of the village which can be used to comment on new planning applications and help to maintain these features in future years. Typical sections in a VDS include: history and settlement pattern, village setting, landmarks and special features, open spaces, characteristics of buildings and their details, and proposed guidance. Villagers who wish to contribute are welcome to do so and should contact John Sharp (J.V.Sharp@btinternet.com).



## Vale District Council Core Strategy

The District Council is preparing its Local Development Framework which will replace the Local Plan (due to finish in 2011) and guide development in the Vale to 2026. It is important in that future planning applications will be determined in accordance with it. The Local Development Framework consists of a Core Strategy, a Managing Development document, together with supplementary planning documents and a document on Sustainable Community Strategy "Working together for a better Vale", prepared by the Vale Partnership. The Core Strategy will establish a clear approach for locating new developments and sets out the broad locations for land use, including the identification of major sites for development. A Consultation Document has recently been issued, with a deadline for comments of Feb 27th. Three Councillors went to the meeting for local councillors held in Wantage on 22nd January. In view of its importance to this village a special meeting was held in Snells Hall on Feb 8th to explain the detailed plans for growth in both housing and employment close to East Hendred. Comments were invited from those attending this meeting and these together with comments from Councillors have been collated and sent into the Vale District Council.

The essential features of the draft core strategy are:

- New developments will be mainly in towns in the Vale, because of their better services than those available in rural areas. These sites are more easily accessed by cycling, walking and public transport, reducing the need to travel by car.
- Land is still needed to be allocated for 4470 homes over the period.
- The proposal is that: 2,300 homes are built west of Didcot, 250 homes are built on the edge of Wantage & Grove, 420 homes are built on the south of Park Road at Faringdon and 1,500 homes are built either south west of Abingdon or north east of Wantage.
- New businesses will be promoted within Milton Park and the Harwell Science and Innovation Centre, with up to 12,000 new jobs to be created on these sites.
- Limited development will be allowed in rural areas, mainly the larger villages of which East Hendred is one.
- Regarding the transport proposals; these are: to improve cycling, walking and public transport; a separate study called SCOTS (Southern Central Oxfordshire Transport Study has identified the need for new roads, which include: NE of Wantage, West of Didcot, Bypass around Rowstock and possible upgrade of Featherbed Lane, with a new round-about on the A417.
- In rural areas individual schemes of up to 15 houses will be possible in the 20 larger villages (East Hendred being one of them). These villages have a better range of services and facilities.
- Affordable homes; 40% of each development will be allocated for new affordable homes in schemes of at least 5 houses.
- Specialist accommodation for the elderly within the larger villages will be promoted.

It can be seen that the proposed strategy has significant implications for this village, which is the reason that the Parish Council set up a special meeting on Feb.8<sup>th</sup> to present the proposals to the village. The Council's comments (together with those from villagers attending the meeting) on the draft core strategy are as follows:

- The Council supports that new developments should be mainly in the towns.
- The availability of individual schemes of up to 15 houses for this village is considered sufficient, with 40% of housing on sites (with more than 5 houses) being affordable. The Council has a strong preference for affordable housing, given the high property prices in the village. The requirement for schemes of 5 houses or more to have 40% of affordable houses is seen as a step in the direction of achieving more affordable housing in the village, but it is expected that use will have to be made of exception sites to achieve significant progress in this target.
- The Council strongly supports the proposed development of housing for the elderly in the larger villages, such as East Hendred. We see this as very important given the increasing number of elderly people; this development would enable the elderly to continue living in the same community where they have built up support from neighbours and relatives.
- The Council accepts that new jobs will mainly be at Milton Park and at the Harwell Science and Innovation Centre.

The main effects on this village are likely to be due to increased transport problems, with a much higher density of traffic on the A417, with many more people travelling from Wantage/Grove to their employment at Milton Park or the Harwell Science and Innovation.

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## New Councillor

Following Jimmy Francis's resignation a notice was placed in the village notice Board advising of the procedure for replacing him. As a result of there being no call for an election the Council has been able to propose a replacement Councillor at its last meeting. Tony Ford has been selected; Tony was a Councillor until the last election and narrowly missed being elected then. We welcome him back to the Council.

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

A very short contribution this time to update on various Vale-related matters.

The merger of senior officer posts with South Oxfordshire District Council has now happened (we now share a chief executive for example) and it is hoped that this merger of services will bring about long term cost savings to both Councils, and greater efficiencies. It is too early to tell how successful the initiative is, and there will undoubtedly be some teething troubles, however so far so good. A new budget has just been produced by the Council, and unfortunately due to the economic downturn, and the resultant drop in fee income from planning applications etc there have had to be some job cuts. These are on top of the planned staff reductions brought about by the merger of senior posts with SODC. The new contract for rubbish collection has now been agreed, which will start in Oct 2010. SODC are on the same contract but they will get the new arrangements in June next year, so we will be able to let them sort out any problems that emerge first! It looks like we will get wheelie bins with microchips installed; (Brown?) for garden, cardboard etc (Green?) for plastics, metal glass etc and a smaller (Black?) for normal bin bags all collected fortnightly. Once a week there will be a collection for a (25?) litre food waste caddy. This is all supposed to encourage us to recycle more and throw away less, and hopefully it will. A reminder if you, or someone you know, is infirm, it is possible to arrange for the Vale's waste contractor to collect from the back door rather than the kerb. The process is to ring the council (01235 520202) and arrange for a Technical Officer to come and visit to see where bins can be collected from etc, and "assess need". There is also a clinical waste collection service if you need that- same procedure to be followed.

The Local Development Framework Core Strategy Preferred Options Paper (it used to be just called the Local Plan) has now been published. This sets out where and what development will happen in the Vale in the period from now until 2026. It is available to view on the website [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk) or at the council offices. There have also been a series of public exhibitions. The Plan sets out a lot of potential infrastructure works (Drayton slips to A34 for example) but most contentiously identifies areas for new housing to be built. These include 2300 homes west of Didcot which is well known, together with 250 at Grove, but in addition 1500 homes either south west of Abingdon or north east of Wantage. These housing numbers have been dictated to us by the Government through the South East Plan, although if Cameron gets in next time his planning chap says that all the regional plan housing numbers will be looked at again... for the Hendreds the most serious potential impact is the possible increase in traffic on the A417.

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## **East Hendred Community Centre**

Our thanks to East Hendred Entertains for generously awarding a grant which will enable us to go ahead with redecorating the Committee Room, probably during March.

The Cupola has been removed and now is being restored by Michael Jacques at Forge Ahead Ironworks. This will involve some repairs and then recladding it with copper sheeting which will stand out as a feature when the Cupola is returned to its position on the roof we believe it has held since about 1860.

We are continuing our efforts to improve the energy use efficiency of the Hall. As part of this effort we have recently converted the uplighters from using 200 watt halogen lamps to 18 watt low energy ones. For the eleven uplighters in the Main Hall this will produce a saving of about 30 pence per hour! However, our use of electric heating generally is very costly and the bill for December to March this year is expected to be about £1500, i.e. an average of about £17 each day. One problem still is the cold air entering the Main Hall via the Stage. We are proposing to insulate the Stage ceiling and to close off the openings at each gable end to try to reduce this effect. We would also ask users not to leave the entrance door wide open and if you have to cancel a meeting, please let the Warden know so that heating is not left on unnecessarily.

Snells Hall bookings can now be viewed on-line and to see the calendar of events at the Hall go to [www.hendred.org](http://www.hendred.org) and click on Snells Hall Calendar in the menu bar on the left. Please check that your arrangements are shown correctly. If not let the Warden, Sarah, know on 833561 as soon as possible.

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## **Thames Water's proposed reservoir**

A re-scheduled Local panel meeting to hear Thames Water's response to the Environment Agency's questions is to be held at Steventon Village Hall (large hall) on Tuesday 17th March 2009, 7.00 p.m.

Remember Thames Water's draft Water Resources Management Plan from last May? The consultation ended in August. The Environment Agency (EA), as statutory consultees to DEFRA, published their initial responses last September which included attending a meeting of the Local Panel of residents. Subsequently, DEFRA agreed a date for publication of Thames Water's responses to the EA's questions of 4th February 2009. Thames Water (TW) have delayed this now until 27th February (last possible date). The details should appear on TW's website on that date.

This re-scheduled meeting (originally planned for 18th February) will be an opportunity for local people (rather than those invited by Thames Water) to hear TW speakers giving their update on the situation.

This is a public meeting and questions from the floor will be welcome.

For more information about the Residents Local Panel, any queries, and directions to the venue (if you need them), please email [utmrd.res.panel@btconnect.com](mailto:utmrd.res.panel@btconnect.com), or telephone 01235 835556.

## Parish Councillor Profile No. 8 Anthony Ford

**Occupation:** Retired Teacher

**Previous occupations:** Cartography; Air Traffic Control; Dry lining sales, Civil Engineering Estimating.

**Hobbies:** Walking and rambling, arts and crafts, cooking and philately. I have also an amateur interest in aviation, astronomy, family history and the environment.

**When & why did you move to the village?:** Although I have lived in South Oxfordshire since 1976, I moved to East Hendred in 1997 because the village offered the rural environment in which I could pursue my interests. It was also convenient for my work and other commitments.

**What is your favourite place in the parish?:** East Hendred Down and the Ridgeway.

**If you had unlimited funds to spend on a project for the village, what would you do and why?:** Construct an extension to the cycle path network connecting East Hendred to Steventon, Milton Park, Rowstock and Abingdon. As we are all too well aware, the A417 and Featherbed Lane are both very busy and dangerous routes for cyclists and pedestrians alike.

**What is your favourite piece of music?:** "Echoes" from the 'Meddle' album by Pink Floyd.

**What is your favourite book?:** "Picnic at Hanging Rock" written by Clifford Green, based on the novel by Joan Lindsay and directed by Peter Weir.

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

**What is your greatest fear?:** Stepping out into a void.

**What is your idea of perfect happiness?:** Curled up with my partner in front of a roaring fire in a cottage by the sea.

**What would your motto be?:** Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.

**How would you like to be remembered?:** That others may learn from my folly.



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## Bus Shelter

The bus shelter on the east side of White Road was vandalised last year. Because the shelter is somewhat corroded and worn, the Parish Council decided to replace it entirely, rather than repairing it. Replacement also gives us the opportunity to improve wheelchair access to the shelter. In a very welcome contribution to the community, East Hendred Entertains has provided a grant of £600 towards the new shelter! The new model, which will match the shelter on the west side of White Road, is due to be installed in April.

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## Transport Issues

The Parish Transport Representative, Susan Townley, carries out periodic checks on the buses and asks regular users about the service. It appears that everything is running well, but if anyone has any issues please contact her. Work will start in July/August on the forecourt of Didcot Parkway station; once the work is completed in 2010 it will make a huge difference to all users.

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

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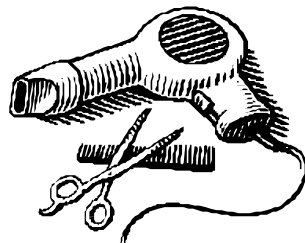
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## Springline productions- Cinderella!

Springline Amateur Dramatic Society staged their second production at Snell Hall of Cinderella in January 2009. The traditional fairytale was performed to sell out audiences over four night in January, receiving rave reviews including: "Frankly, it's brill", "What a sensation- I nearly fell off my chair laughing", "I've been to the Oxford panto and it is not a patch on yours" and "Where do I get tickets for next year?!"

Tickets went on sale on the 6th December at the Xmas Bazaar and a few hours later, Friday and Saturday nights were sold out. News quickly spread around the village and within a few weeks of the New Year the rest of the seats had been booked. The audiences were not disappointed with a Transformation Scene that left you spell bound and the "piece d' resistance" came at the end of the final performance with the cast, crew and the whole audience on their feet singing and dancing to the Time Warp.

Rehearsal had started in early September and with a more complicated script, sophisticated sets, costumes, props and special effects the players and supporting team had increased to over 70 villagers putting in 19 weeks of hard work. Hunter, Marshall, the Oxford-based Chartered Accountants, continued their sponsorship and was supported again by local business and organisation including St Amand's school and Snells Hall for rehearsals and Hendred Stores, Q Gardens and Ardington Stores all kindly agreeing to sell tickets. Oxford Spires Scaffolding rigged the poles for the lighting and the Eyston Arms provided their piano for the main event.

Thanks to the success of the show, Springline has been able to raise £8,000 which will be donated to Snells Hall to install a new public address system with internal communication to the hall and ancillary rooms. As thanks for St Amand's school's help in providing rehearsal space for the sell-out 2009 production of Cinderella, Springline Productions donated £100 to the school in February. The cheque was gratefully received by headmaster John Laverty who said, "This has come at just the right time. One of our teachers, Mrs Anne North, is going to Uganda at Easter to help train teachers there. This cheque will fund ten per cent of the funds Mrs North needs to complete her mission." No doubt the pupils at St Amand's will benefit from hearing about Mrs North's trip and learn about the positive reward of sharing. During the first week of March, the children ran stalls during break and after school selling delicious smoothies and biscuits to further boost Mrs North's Uganda fund. Fingers crossed, additional funds of £13,000 are being raised to repair and upgrade the stage and curtain system at Snells Hall.

Pre-Production work has already started on the 2010 pantomime so you have no excuse in missing out again on all the fun. Check for details on the website [www.springlineproductions.com](http://www.springlineproductions.com) where you can see the rehearsals progress, the final show and out-takes, and where you can learn more about what we do, and how you can join Springline as a front or backstage member.



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Dominic John







## Owl Box to let...

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The fascination with birds generally and Owls in particular was what gave Pauline Stevenson great off duty interests during her lifetime which was why the contributions so generously given by village people at her funeral last year were donated to the RSPB. Specifically the gifts made in Church went to the Reserve at Otmoor just outside Oxford for improving a waterfowl habitat.

So where do the Owls come in?

Many village residents will know of being called Hendred Owls by other local villages and the Hendred's School uses an Owl for their school badge. Gone are the days of the massive Elm trees that were so prolific here in the village even though some have been replaced by other trees they are yet to reach the hundreds of years of age that our elms were. For 25 years Pauline had been Administrator for the boat club at Thrupp where we kept a narrow boat just on the edge of a copse. It is there that the club, knowing of her Owl interest, has erected a box at the top of a telegraph pole with a suitable plaque commemorating her service to the Club. Eagerly we all now wait to see if Owls take up residence before the squirrels!



A habitat for Barn Owls has been created in this area, in memory of  
**Pauline Stevenson,**  
Who gave exemplary service to TCCC  
as Administrator  
from 1983 to 2008



Should be a good spot, the only airborne interference being the Oxford Airport which is about a mile away, as the Owl flies.

John Stevenson

Thank you to Jules and Colette who supply the electricity for the Christmas Tree each year free of charge and to Malcolm Prior, for erecting and decorating the tree. Here's to the unsung heroes!

## Music at Hendreds Pre-School

The children at Hendreds pre-school had a treat earlier in January as they took part in a music workshop with Suzanne Smith (Buzy Bees patrons may remember her as working there)!

She brought a guitar and started the session with a song "Hello good day to you!" Then the children were asked for any words that described different weather. They had lots of ideas but 'rainy' and 'sunny' were the favourites. Suzanne then told a story about a bear in the sunshine and asked lots of questions. The children had to spot things in the pictures. They were very good at this; ice skates, wellies, teddy, pillow, kites- everyone had a turn. But then back to the singing... "What shall we do when its cold and wintry" All the children were able to join in with the chorus and the actions, with lots of stamping of feet! We learned how to sing and action loudly and quietly.

We sang "5 long icicles hanging on a wall" using our fingers- "and when the sun begins to shine, they begin to fall...drip, drip, drip crash!"- you can imagine how much the children loved this!

Suzanne brought a box of instruments that the children could play. We sang "I hear thunder" and the children learned how to join in at the right time and when to keep their instruments still. They all had to learn to listen very carefully to instructions too. It was great fun!

We also had a song about snow flakes falling and then a song to finish and say goodbye. All of our 3 and 4 year olds took part for the whole time that Suzanne was there. She said that they were an exceptional group of children (well- we knew that!), they were so attentive and made her feel so welcome! In fact she was so pleased she said she would have to come back and visit us again! Yippee!



## Snowy scenes from around the village!

On Friday 6th February the snow was perfect for building, so Val Prior, Barbara Riley and Sarah Breakspear, intrepid ladies of East Hendred Entertains, rapidly organised a snowman competition. The response from the village was very fine, showing the hidden reserves of expertise we have here, apparently in every field of creative endeavour! A lovely afternoon was had by all, with children (but more so parents) enjoying themselves tremendously. The atmosphere was wonderful, people spending time with their children, catching up with old friends and enjoying sharing and handing round a tin of Quality Street, thanks Sarah!

Here is the winning entry- "Mr and Mrs Shivers and Bill the Dog" by the Simmons family of Mill Lane- as well as photos of all kinds of snowy activities and gorgeous shot of the village. (Photographs by Richard and Tessa Case, David Hunter and Harriet Gold).









## East Hendred Entertains

Sunday 15th February marked the first birthday of East Hendred Entertains, a village organisation that raises money for local causes by running a thrift shop and by arranging events and entertainments.

At the birthday party grant cheques were presented to the Parish Council (towards the new bus shelter), Hendreds Environment Group (towards the new nature reserve and footpath), Springline Productions (towards new sound equipment), Jill Broadley (towards developing a welcome pack for new residents), Snells Hall (towards redecoration of the Committee Room), Hendred Heritage (towards a new carpet for Champs Chapel) and the Youth Club (for a Nintendo Wii).

A special thank you to St Augustine's Church for their generosity allowing the use of the Tin Hut for the Thrift Shop.

The Thrift Shop still recycles old clothes, worn out shoes and handbags, and the money raised from these items benefits the Thrift Shop. Also any used printer cartridges, (sorry not Epsom), old mobile phones, foreign coins, broken jewellery/watches and used stamps, the money raised from these items will benefit The Guide Dogs for the blind. We sell locally made Pickles, Marmalade and Jams, from as little as 75p and we still have available, Notelets £2.50, Table mats with pictures of the village on, £22 and coasters to match £9. (Sorry, but we can not accept any electrical items.)

East Hendred Entertains would like more people either on our Committee or just 'doers' to help at some of our events. If you think you would like to help, pop down to the Thrift Shop on any Friday afternoon to speak to us, or contact us on any of the numbers below. You will certainly receive the red carpet treatment.

Due to family commitments two of our members have had to retire from our Committee, Jacky Francis and Mel Saddinton-Poole, we would like to thank them for their input and wish them well for the future.

We are also interested to hear if there is anyone who is a bit of a 'film buff,' or just a keen cinema goer who could help and advise us on the films on offer. It would be very useful for someone to do a brief synopsis of our forthcoming films that we could use to promote them.

If anyone has any ideas for future events, (or even joint events with other organisations), either call into The Thrift Shop, or ring us any of the numbers below, all ideas will be considered, we look forward to hearing from you!

We know that many other charities leave plastic bags for us to fill with our unwanted goods from time to time and East Hendred Entertains; acknowledges that everyone has their favourite organisations to donate to. Please also remember that the Thrift Shop is raising money for this village, all the money we raise, albeit from rags, worn out shoes and handbags, as well as still re-usable goods goes directly back into East Hendred. Our first year grants have now been received by the successful applicants and the list of these and the amounts awarded can be seen in the window at Hendred Stores, in our leaflet included in the Bulletin and other locations around the village.

On Saturday, 18th April at Snell's Hall there is going to be a Salsa Class Party Night, starting at 7pm. This is a one off event and it will be your chance to learn how to Salsa and enjoy yourself as well. Come and help make it a party night, join us and have some fun!

Contact numbers: Val Prior 833973, Sonia Roberts 821796.

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## The Scarecrow Trail

This year the scarecrow trail will be taken over by East Hendred Entertains, but nothing will change. The scarecrows will be based on "Historical People," so get thinking!

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## Youth Club

We are looking for two extra people to give help, advice and assistance to the two existing workers. We are losing two of our helpers, and in an order to continue, we need more help, or the youth club will have to close. We meet every Wednesday 7-9pm at Snells Hall. Come along and have some fun, and be a youth again!

If you feel you can help please contact Val Prior on 833973.

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## Cook Book

East Hendred Entertains are putting together a cook book to sell. Do you have a favourite recipe you would like to share? Then let us know!

We will print names along-side- but remember to tell us if you have "borrowed" it from a book... we don't want any copyright issues!

Are you pastries to be proud of, your pies just perfect? Do you make super speedy soup? Or can you dazzle us with your dessert? Pictures and designs welcome too! Please send to; Sarah Breakspear, Snells House, Church Street, East Hendred, or you can drop them into the tin hut at the thrift shop on Fridays.



## Hendred Family Show

The day started a bit wet which may have put off some of the people from outside the village, but as the weather brightened in the afternoon most of the village were out in force.

Some of the exhibits of flowers and vegetables were lower than previous years, but that was down to the weather we had last year, it was either very dry or very wet, however yet again the villagers produced a beautiful array of plants, flowers, vegetables and some very delicious looking cookery.

Some of the classes only had 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> entries and a few people said they didn't bring their small or odd shaped produce because they thought they wouldn't be good enough. Next year do bring them along, they might even win! The children's classes looked great again, lots of exciting and creative exhibits. It would be nice to see some more garden produce grown by children, nobody entered the heaviest tomato class but it's amazing what you can grow in a small space, even in a pot or an old dustbin! The classes of heaviest marrow and tomato will be in the show again this year, so get some seeds or a tomato plant at our stall in May.

We will be keeping most of the traditional classes we usually have but we will be adding some new ones this year including an adults' amateur painting and drawing class, if you have any idea's about any classes you think we should include this year in baking or handicraft please let us know, you can email us or there will be a suggestion box in the Thrift Shop.

Adrian Sessions has stood down for the committee and has been with the show from the start, we would like to thank him from the committee and the village for all of the hard work he has put in over the years to keep the show going. He will be getting involved in other voluntary groups within the village (will he never learn!). I think you will agree he is a valuable member of the community and we wish him well. Thanks you Adrian!

The date for this year's show is Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September and will include an "It's a Knockout" competition hosted by East Hendred Entertains.

To give you plenty of notice for the photography classes they are as follows: weather, humour, a village event and sheds & outhouses.

### Winners and Trophies 2008

**Mick Childs:** Banksian Medal, Top Tray 1<sup>st</sup>, Top Vase 1<sup>st</sup>, Morland Cup, Denly Cup, Edwin Cottee Memorial Cup, Dave McDowell Cup, Eyston Arms Cup, Pill Family Shield, Agatha Eyston Trophy, Dave McDowell Memorial Cup, R&M Pest Control Trophy and The Thomas More Eyston Trophy!

**A. Newton:** Top Vase 2<sup>nd</sup>, AEA Cup, Tudor Joinery Rose Bowl.

**Sam Atkins:** Top Tray 2<sup>nd</sup> and Speckled Hen Cup

**Roy Dymond:** Wheatsheaf Cup

**Yvonne Bird & Kate Nichol:** Bill Ballard Memorial Shield

**Audrey Chasney:** WI Plate, DJM Telecom cup, Gordon Harwood memorial Cup, East Hendred Parish Council Millennium Cup

**Barbara Hickford:** Tom Riggs Shield, Hendred stores Plate

**Karen Harrington:** Bradley Cup, Plough Cup

**Susie Turnbull:** Mrs Knibbs Plate

**Kay Mulford:** HFS cookery Plate

**Betty Beechey:** Harris Family Cup

**Margaret Day:** The Hare Cup

**Philip Childs:** R&M Pest Control Tankard

**H.M Beary:** Chairman's choice Shield

**Chasney & Mulford Family:** Clearwater Shield (for Family with most points.)

### Children's Classes

**Megan Bird:** Mrs John Beary Cup For Young Gardeners

**Olivia Busby:** Maureen Pill Cup (best children's exhibit) and Miniature garden Cup 8-11yrs

**Lizzie Findley:** Sutton Shield (heaviest marrow)

**Molly Lindsey:** George Eyston Cup (largest sunflower head in East Hendred)

**Clover Merry:** Robey's Cottage Cup (largest sunflower head outside East Hendred)

**Josie Simmons:** Miniature Garden Cup under 7's

**Frazer Borland:** MacKinnon Shield for 7 & under (most points in classes 77-82)

**Eliza England:** Brownie's Shield for 8-11yrs (most points in classes 83-88)

**Emily Mulford:** MacKinnon Shield for 12-16yrs (most points in classes 89-94)

The show organisers would like to thank the following... Sponsors: UKAEA, DJM telecom, The Wheatsheaf and Bean web designs. Judges: Jeff Bolton, Pat Dextor, Jean Russell, Margaret Merryweather, John Harbour and Viviane Callaghan. Stewards & Entry Secretaries: Janet Bradley, Louise Philips, Lorraine Clayton, Libby Holdness, Jenny Lewis and Mike Harris. Also Edward and Ali Eyston, Gill Hine & Gloria Suffling, Hendred sports club, E&W Hendred WI, Dave Harper, Ali Simmons, Jackie McDowell, the Eyston Arms, and the Didcot Detachment Army Cadet Force.

## Message from Ed Vaizey

I had a useful up-date with the chief constable from Thames Valley Police, Sara Thornton, on the issues our local Police force. Let me begin by saying that we live in one of the safest areas of the country, with a very low crime rate. While there are always problems, such as occasional hot-spots of anti-social behaviour, and the occasional wrongful arrest (an 85 year old nicked for chopping down a tree in his garden springs to mind!), I have few complaints and a lot of praise for the hard work our officers do.

The biggest problem we face is our proximity to London. Because of London weighting, Police officers in London get paid £4500 more than Police Officers in Oxfordshire. And if you live in Oxfordshire but work in London, you get free travel. So it is not surprising that many officers who train and get experience here end up working in London. Across the Thames Valley, we lost 79 officers to the Met in 2008, and we have the second highest proportion of young officers in the country. Thames Valley MPs are now going to lobby the Government to reduce the differential in pay between London and the Thames Valley, as well as asking for a protocol to be put in place to limit the number of officers that can be poached. Overall, Thames Valley Police is still understaffed. On a like-for-like basis, comparing us to similar counties, we are down some 436 police officers, 100 community support officers and 350 specials. I am delighted that the force is planning to recruit more specials, and we should be up to 400 by the end of the year.

Population growth is also a factor. While all new development is on hold because of the credit crunch, housing expansion puts a huge strain on resources. Because of the way the funding formula works, we are unlikely to get the necessary increase in police numbers to match housing growth. Bizarrely, because of the huge geographic spread of Thames Valley, our policing resources are affected by the growth of towns like Milton Keynes. I am trying to get the Government to change the formula.

At the beginning of every parliamentary session a ballot is held in the House of Commons. MPs that win the ballot are given the opportunity to propose a piece of legislation of their own, known as a Private Member's Bill. These Bills are then debated on one of 13 special Fridays that are set aside specifically for this purpose.

However, making one of these Bills an actual law is far from easy. For these Bills to get through the Westminster process, they must bear a pummelling far worse than the usual scrutiny to which Government business is subject. These Bills, for example, are not whipped, so MPs are actually free to voice their own opinion. There is no in-built Government majority to see them through. At least 100 MPs have to back the Bill. Also, Westminster on Fridays is like a ghost town, as MPs usually go to their constituencies. Only the armed policemen and chiming of Big Ben interrupts the eerie silence. But despite all this every session about one of these Bills does gain the support needed to make it through.

This time I'm hoping it will be the Autism Bill. On Friday the 27th February one of the ballot winners, Cheryl Gillan MP, will bring forward a Bill originally brought forward last year by Angela Browning, when it did indeed fail. The two of them have been working non-stop with the National Autistic Society to make a useful piece of legislation and the first ever one about autism. The bill aims to 'recognise the numbers of people with autism, to provide effective transition from child to adult services, and to ensure appropriate support and services thereafter' and I have been answering a torrent of emails from the good people of this constituency asking me to support it. The provisions for integration of child and adult services is the most important part of this bill because all the evidence tells us that autistic children need routine and familiarity, so such a substantial change of people and routine can often cause massive setbacks in the progress of a child into adulthood. The bill also aims to strengthen information about autism cases in local areas. Though this doesn't seem like an important step it will bring the whole problem to the surface meaning governments (local and national) will know the numbers and needs of those with this condition and be forced to take action. More than 4 in 5 local councils say that such information would help them with long term planning.

So, on the 27th I shall be doing my best to be in the House to support it before I race back to Didcot for my evening surgery.

Surgeries are in Didcot on 27th February, and Wantage on 13th March.

I can be contacted in the usual way, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350, vaizeye@parliament.uk

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833573  
or Penny Tunnell 820276



## The Heart of Hendreds Project: HOHP

On January 31st a group of over twenty volunteers gathered at the Penney Playpark to start the work of clearing the way for the new footpath through to Fordy Lane. Sian Mitchell had already removed a few of the overhanging branches and chopped them into logs. These were carefully stacked into a log pile and covered with brash to provide a habitat for wildlife. Charles Pappenheim wielded a brush cutter and, with the help of Bruno's shredder, the vicious brambles were reduced to a small pile of chippings. Rubbish was collected and disposed of and an intrepid James Nicoll climbed a ladder to install two bat boxes and three bird boxes high up in the trees. Undergrowth was raked away to reveal swathes of snow drops and wild garlic. We even spotted the leaves of wood anemones at the foot of a tree. A well earned break with tea and cake in Snells Hall ended the afternoon, and just two days later the whole area was shrouded in snow. Now we are waiting for visits from three contractors who will be quoting for the construction of the timber boardwalk. Work should begin in the spring with a view to having the whole project completed in time for children returning to school in September.



## The Green Column

### Cycling- A happy green thing to do!



I love commuting. Sometimes work is a bit dull, or not dull enough. But my commute always gives me real pleasure in my day. This is because I cycle to work.

As in many jobs, I sit still a lot at work, so my bike ride gets me exercising in the fresh air. And because it's how I get there, I just do it. I don't think 'I'm too busy for that' or 'I don't feel very energetic today'. I just go, same as I would if I was driving. East Hendred is lucky to be just a few hundred metres from route 44 of the National Cycle Network which goes between Didcot and Wantage on traffic free ways and quiet back roads.

Of course your bike ride doesn't have to be your commute. Any necessary journey within your cycle range could be giving you fresh air, exercise and enjoyment. On my way to work, I pass a Post Office, shop, bank, hairdressers and dentists. They are all on Curie Avenue at Harwell Campus, about two miles from East

Hendred via the National Cycle Network. If you normally travel by road, you may not realise how close these facilities are to the village. They're quite a bit further by road. Carrying on east past Harwell Campus, route 44 takes you into Didcot via a disused railway line from Upton. Going the other way route 44 uses the private farm track to Ginge and then follows the road to Lockinge, with a traffic free link through to Lark Hill in Wantage. These are lovely rides for their own sake, and quiet enough for family riding.

## Liftsharing

If you are going by car, or don't have a car and need to get somewhere difficult to reach by other means, why not consider lift sharing? Find lift sharers at [www.liftshare.org](http://www.liftshare.org)

National Liftshare Day is on 9th June 2009. Hendreds Environment Group would like to reduce the number of car journeys from the Hendreds on this day by getting at least a few of us into lift shares. What would persuade you to liftshare? Is there anything we could do to help you? Get in touch if you've got ideas: Sarah James, Hendreds Environment Group, 831568 or [sarahjames@f2s.com](mailto:sarahjames@f2s.com)



## Hendreds Twinning Group Visit to France, July 3rd-6th

Our plans are to leave East Hendred (Plough) early evening on Friday July 3rd and then travel on an overnight ferry to arrive in Caen very early on Saturday morning. The programme from arrival has been arranged by Sarceaux, it includes a formal meal in the evening. Sunday is a more relaxed day, with a planned visit to a Medieval Street Fair at Bayeaux, followed by host family hospitality. On Monday 6th we plan to leave Sarceaux after breakfast, returning to East Hendred in the late evening.

The costs are £100 per adult, free for an accompanied school age child (up to ten places available) and cabin berths as requested. (2 berth inside cabin £52, 2 berth outside £62, 4 berth inside cabin £73, 4 berth porthole cabin £83; 2 lower berths used only in a 4 berth cabin, £63 or £73.)

Prices include Coach travel throughout, ferry crossings, gratuity for driver, with all food, accommodation and entertainment in Sarceaux provided by their Twinning Group and host families, and ferry berths on outward journey as selected. It does not include: food on the ferry crossings, or during Monday, or entrance fees if we fit in any extra visits on the way back on Monday (We may be able to arrange reduced group-rate entry fees.)

Visit open to anyone living in East or West Hendred or the surrounding area (Membership of the Twinning Group required, £6 family/£3.50 individual for annual membership). Further details and booking forms available from: Margaret Sharp, 833367 or m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com.

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## Annual General Meeting

Monday April 6th, 7.30pm, Snells Hall Gallery.

Nominations are urgently needed for several vacancies on the committee for the year 2009 –2010, since several long-standing members are either taking a lower profile or standing down because of other commitments. Here is an opportunity to become more involved in developing our twinning activities, particularly as we are currently building up our links between local schools and those in Sarceaux.

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## Farming Focus

Apart from finishing off our winter wheat planting during the frosty weather early in the New Year, the last few months have been spent on machinery maintenance and groundwork preparation for a new grain store/general purpose building that we are erecting at Top Buildings. At present all of our crops are delivered to the grain store at Top Buildings where they are dried and cleaned before being put into the stores. Unfortunately we cannot fit all of our crops in the Top Building stores so up to 1000t has to be double handled each year after drying and taken to a store at Aldfield Farm. The new building will allow us to store all our crops at Top Buildings as well as giving us more overall covered space which will allow us flexibility to take advantage of cheap out of season deals on seeds and fertilisers.

Wintertime is also a period for planning the season ahead and carrying out machinery re-investment. This year we are seriously moving into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with some of our high tech new machines.

Our new fertiliser spreader can be controlled by GPS receiver which varies the rate of fertiliser applied to the crop according to the amount of Biomass in the field. The Biomass is measured by satellite based infra-red photography which is converted into a leaf area index map of the field. Software is then used to either apply more fertiliser to thin areas of crop in the hope of making them yield more (the 'Robin Hood' approach) or applying more fertiliser to the thicker areas in the belief that they will yield more than the thin areas so it is worth spending more money on them, (the 'King John' approach). We are trialling the system on a small area this spring using the 'Robin Hood' technique.

The new combine that we have purchased for this harvest is also bristling with high-tech gadgetry. As well as self-steering and GPS controlled yield monitoring, which allows us to print out yield contour maps of every field, it also has a new technology called 'Telematics' which allows it to continuously upload details stored on its central computer to the internet regarding its operating efficiency, setting, fuel use etc. Neil can upload onto his screen at any time details of every other similar combine working throughout the country and compare his work rate, settings etc with theirs to help (theoretically) improve efficiency. It is also a bit of a 'spy in the cab' because it e-mails me every morning with a pie chart showing the previous days combining and how much time was spent cutting, standing still, travelling between fields etc (the only way Neil will now be able to have a crafty after lunch snooze will be to pull the fuse! Whoops, I shouldn't give him ideas...)

Julian Gold  
Farm Manager  
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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 for 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.

Programme and outings for 2009: Snells Hall- Tea at 3pm

5th March: World of Flora Thompson: Larkrise To Candleford - Christine Bloxham	Thursday 7th May: Stow-on-the Wold, leave Hendred at 10, leave Stow at 3. Members £8, non Members, £12
2nd April: Bring and Buy and Bingo	
14th May: The Countryside in the 1960s- Graham Wren	Tuesday 9th June: Cardiff Castle and the Docks, leave Hendred at 9, leave Cardiff at 4.30. Members £10, non members £20
11th June: National Animal Welfare Trust at Hendred House	Wednesday 15th July: Bitton/Avon, leave Hendred at 10, Leave Bitton at 5. Coach to steam railway. All to take picnic to eat on train, change to boat for a 40 minute trip and enjoy a cream tea on train back. Members £15, non members £26.00
2nd July: Summer Luncheon	
6th Aug: AGM	

## East & West Hendred WI

The January East & West Hendred WI meeting was our 88th Birthday Party, and in addition to the usual meal provided by the members themselves, we were entertained by Pandemonium, who sang and played their various instruments, and who actively encouraged everyone to join in the dancing.



Some of us have had the opportunity to attend Denman College, the National Training centre for the WI situated in Marcham, on a course funded by the National Lottery Awards for All Scheme. Denman College is a wonderful setting for a weekend away and the courses proved popular and informative: Tai Chi, Aromatherapy and Dressing in Style.

February had a talk from Brian Lowe who spoke to us about the Oxford of CS Lewis. He has been to Hendred before and he has also been our guide around Oxford on more than one occasion.

We have the AGM coming up in March with short films exploring the lives of our mothers and grandmothers from the 1920's to 1950's.

A visit to the Houses of Parliament is scheduled very shortly and Highgrove later in the year. We are going to the Wyvale Garden Centre in Bicester and a theatre visit is also programmed. We are hoping to organize an evening trip to Burford in July and probably Kelmscott in September.

Our April meeting will be an open meeting to which everyone is welcome. A minimum donation of £2 would be appreciated and this will include refreshments. Maggie Stredder will be entertaining us and her talk titled "My Life in Showbiz as a Vernon Girl" should be entertaining as she worked in show business performing with Benny Hill and Morecombe & Wise.



The following talks are arranged for our monthly meetings:

March 19th:	AGM Plus Film show.
April 16th:	Maggie Stredder, My Life in Showbiz as a Vernon Girl
May 21st:	WI Resolutions- discussion and decision on which resolution to support plus pottery making demonstration.

We look forward to welcoming new members. Meetings are held in Snells Hall from 7.30pm usually on the third Thursday of the month. If you would like to come to meet us or if you would like to know more about East & West Hendred WI, please contact the secretary on e-mail: [jxpol@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jxpol@tiscali.co.uk) or on 835689.



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

St Augustine's is now holding Coffee Mornings on the last Wednesday of each month (25 March, 29 April, 27 May, 25 June etc) in the south aisle of the church, from 10.30am-12 noon. As well as tea, coffee, biscuits and lots of chat, there's a 'Bring and Buy' stall. Everyone is invited and you will be made very welcome. Another regular event in the church is the fortnightly prayer group, whose next meeting is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm. Meetings last about half an hour, and everyone is welcome.

We're now in the season of Lent, traditionally a time of meditation. This year the Benedictines of Holy Trinity Monastery are hosting a series of introductory talks on 'The English Mystical Tradition'. These are scheduled for some Wednesdays in Lent, starting on 4<sup>th</sup> March, and you can choose to attend at either 2.30pm or 7.30pm. See the posters for details. At St Mary's, throughout Lent there will be Sunday Mass as usual at 9.30am, but also on Wednesdays at 11.45am Stations of the Cross followed by Mass; and on Fridays at 7.30pm Stations of the Cross.

Mothering Sunday always falls in Lent- this year it's on 22nd March. All mothers and grandmothers at the 10.30am service in St Augustine's on that day will receive a gift of flowers, so bring your families along!

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00am there will be a Service of Reconciliation at St Mary's. Then on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April both churches join together for the Palm Sunday procession through the village. Meet at 10:00am in front of Hendred House, and both congregations will process through the village to St Mary's to hear the reading of the Gospel together. On Maundy Thursday (9<sup>th</sup> April) there are services at both churches (7:30pm in St Augustine's, 8:00pm in St Mary's) and a watch is kept until midnight- the start of Good Friday- as the disciples watched in the garden of Gethsemane while Jesus prayed. You may welcome the chance of a period of quiet and reflection, in St Amand's Chapel in Hendred House, or the parish church of St Augustine- or even both.

The following day (10<sup>th</sup> April), why not join the Good Friday walk around all the parishes of the Benefice of the Wantage Downs? We will start at 8.30am at West Hendred with Morning Prayer. Coffee awaits in the Loyd Lindsay Rooms at 9:45am, to fortify you before a service of ante-communion and reading of the Passion from St John's Gospel- the story of Good Friday- in Holy Trinity, Ardington, at 10.00am. We move on to Lockinge for a family service at 11.15am, followed by hot cross buns. En route to East Hendred we stop to eat our packed lunches, arriving at St Augustine's for a 2.00pm service of Meditation at the Foot of the Cross and Evening Prayer, finishing at 3.00pm. Walk the whole route, calling in at all four churches, or make a selection, or even travel by car. Dogs are also welcome. At St Mary's, the Good Friday service will be at 3.00pm, with an Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm.

Then follows the great festival of Easter, with celebration services in both churches (Mass in St Mary's at 9:30am, Easter Communion in St Augustine's at 10:30am- expect lots of flowers and singing.) Please note that just for Easter, the service at St Augustine's starts at 10:30am not 11:00am as is usual on the second Sunday in the month.

After Easter comes the summer, and St Augustine's Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 13 June in the gardens of Cowdray's, Cat Street, starting at 2.00pm. There will be stalls and games of all sorts, as well as tea and cakes, so put the date in your diaries – we look forward to seeing you there. Similarly, make a note now of a concert of 'The Music of Shakespeare' given by Jubilate! in St Mary's church on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 7.30 pm, in aid of the Holy Trinity Monastery Appeal. Tickets and details from the monastery.

As we announced in the last edition of the Bulletin, the Rector of St Augustine's has moved to another parish, but while we wait for a new Rector to be appointed we are working to maintain 'business as usual'. If you want to arrange a baptism, marriage or funeral, please contact Rev. Antonia Cretney (tel: 763192). On any other church matter, please call one of our Churchwardens: Jackie Francis (tel: 833473) and Trevor Bacon (tel: 833403).

You can keep up to date with all our services and events on the church websites, easily reached through the 'Churches' tab at [www.hendred.org](http://www.hendred.org). Or pick up a copy of the weekly newsheets, available at the back of both churches.

### 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.

Just send an email message to [events@hendred.org](mailto: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](http://www.hendred.org)



## Hendred Heritage

### From the Village Archives



As you can see Hendred Stores has changed very little in the last hundred years or so, apart from the enormous sycamore tree that was felled (which apparently caused controversy within the village), even if the shopkeepers have! We all welcome Martin & Louise Johnson, who are the latest in a history of at least 300 years of shopkeepers to trade from these premises. Looking at the photos you can see that Hendred Stores has always been a hub of village life, none more so than during the recent snow when Martin & Louise had a wide spread of villagers popping in for milk & bread!



The post office might seem a modern addition to the facilities in this building, but it has been there at least once before, indeed it has had many homes- including a short time at Snells Hall. The post office's last official home (before this) was in the Spar Shop in Portway, which was pulled down in the 1980's and the small terrace of Dennis's Row was built.

Before that it lived in the building to the left of the Eyston Arms, which is now a house. Do you remember the well worn steps? Left to the groceries and right to the post office... I can still remember the sound of Violet Goddard stamping documents & receipts with her lovely round post office date stamp! Do you remember the bubble gum machines outside?



There were several more locations, including one of the cottages opposite the telephone box and for a time the Post Office was in Cat Street, you can still see the post box on the brick gate post and the house next door is now called 'Penney Green' after the postage stamp of the Victorian time. Lark Rise we may not be, or even Candleford, but East Hendred has had its own Post Office for over 100 years- in various guises!



Back to Hendred Stores, you may pop in for your daily paper, milk, bread or tobacco- but when was the last time you looked at the building? Have you ever noticed the distinguished looking brickwork? Wysteria House and Hendred Stores, to give it the correct name, is a fine example of a medieval timber framed house. It was originally constructed with wattle & daub, which still exists in some places. During Elizabethan times the wattle & daub was replaced with unusual 'herring bone' brickwork, probably to strengthen the building by a wealthy wool merchant using the unusual brickwork as a flourish to show his wealth.



At one time the London Stage Coach called here on a regular basis.

This is a fine example of how 'History is All Around You', it may not all be ancient, but every building in East Hendred has a story to tell. East Hendred Heritage Trust is hoping to recruit more Friends of the Museum to help us on small projects, and the history of houses in the village is one of them. We would like to put together a portfolio of each house to support our magnificent archives and to pull together the history of places with that of the people. Contact Sonia Roberts 821796 or David Hunter 835092 for more details or to get involved.

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### Planning Matters

EHE/18806/1, Oak Barn, Old Road: (Ground and first floor extension). The Parish Council offered no objection to this proposal.

EHE/2765/13, Plough Farm, Old Road: (Erection of rear extension and front porch). The Parish Council offered no objection to this application. This application has subsequently been permitted by Vale of White Horse District Council.

EHE/1965/20 & 21-A, Greensands, Reading Road: (Retrospective application for change of use from dwelling to guesthouse with advertising signage and retention of vehicular access road). Following recent resubmission of this application the Parish Council submitted detailed objections to this proposal covering concerns about lack of clarity on use of out-buildings, inadequate vehicular access and unsuitable signage. Subsequently, this latest application has been rejected by Vale of White Horse District Council.

EHE/16146/3-E, Mather House, White Road: (Building operations completed without planning permission). An enforcement notice was issued and then withdrawn because the District Council felt that it required modification.

APP/V3120/A/09/2093648, The Cottage, Chapel Square: (Appeal against refusal of planning permission for erection of two storey rear extension, provision of vehicular access and associated parking). The Parish Council objected to the original application and, in regard to this appeal, has submitted to the Planning Inspectorate a detailed exposition of their grounds for objection. These cover such aspects as negative impact on the amenity of Chapel House, degradation of the unique character of the locality, inadequacies in access and concerns about parking.

EHE/20690, 1 The Spinney, Ford Lane: (Proposal for a two storey rear extension). The Parish Council did not object to this application but noted some overlooking of a neighbouring property and asked that consideration be given during construction to avoid blocking by builders' vehicles of the narrow entrance at the Hendreds School and elsewhere nearby.

### 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.

#### CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

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### Council Working Groups

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<b>Courtesy lighting:</b>	Val Bacon, John Sharp, Charles Pappenheim
<b>Playgrounds:</b>	Margaret Pill, Val Bacon, Edward Eyston
<b>Rights of way:</b>	TBA

### Council Representatives on Other Bodies

<b>Harwell Liaison:</b>	John Sharp
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<b>Snells Hall:</b>	Edward Eyston
<b>Sports Club:</b>	Edward Eyston
<b>Howard Spicer Fund:</b>	Ann Taylor and Jan Marples
<b>Transport:</b>	Susan Townley

### Information

#### POST OFFICE

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays  
& Fridays: 9am-1pm

#### COLLECTIONS

Weekdays  
7:00am & 16:15pm

Saturday  
7:00am (Village Shop)

#### REFUSE COLLECTION

Dustbin Collection  
Friday

Recycling (Green Boxes)  
Tuesday

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

#### MOBILE LIBRARY

Alternate Wednesdays  
White Road  
11:15am

Church Street  
11:35am – 11:50am

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## March-May 2009

### MARCH

- Sat 7 Film Show- The Duchess, Snells Hall, 7pm  
(Tickets from Hendred Stores, £4)
- Sat 7 Police Surgery, 10-11.30pm
- Thur 19 WI AGM, Snells Hall, 7.30pm

### APRIL

- Thur 2 DGA Bring, Buy and Bingo, Snells Hall, 3pm
- Sat 4- Sun 19 Picture Trail
- Mon 6 Twinning Group AGM, Snells Hall, 7.30pm
- Sat 11 Police Surgery, 10-11.30pm
- Sun 12 Re-opening of Champs Chapel
- Thur 16 WI "My life in showbiz as a Vernon girl",  
7.30pm
- Sat 18 Salsa evening, Snells Hall, 7-10pm
- Fri 24th Easter Dance starring Tony Caspar, Snells  
Hall, 8pm onwards (Tickets from Hendred  
Stores, £6 adult/£4 child)
- Sat 25 Wine Quiz, Snells Hall, 7.30pm (Tickets £15  
from susie@monks court.co.uk)

### MAY

- Sat 2 Film Show- Slumdog Millionaire, Snells Hall
- Thur 14 DGA "Countryside in the 1960s", Snells  
Hall, 3pm
- Thur 21 WI Resolutions and pottery demonstration,  
7.30pm
- Fri 29 The Watermill Theatre presents "Bubbles",  
Snells Hall, 7.30pm

## Regular Events

- MONDAY** Karate 5.30-7pm, Snells Hall  
(Iman Amanpour, 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  
Hut), **3rd Sunday**

## Church Services

### Catholic Parish of St Mary

St. Mary's, East Hendred  
Tel: 833269

### Sunday Mass

9.30am St Mary's,  
East Hendred

### Parish Church of St Augustine of Canterbury

Rector: Rev. Rita Ball  
Tel: 833235

### Family Service

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

### Parish Communion

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

### Benefice Communion

11.00am 5th Sunday  
(See Noticeboard for venue.)

### Sunday Squad

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

## The Bulletin

Please submit all contributions, and  
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