

EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*



Season's Greetings to all our readers

Christmas Bazaar

This year's village Christmas Bazaar was held on Dec.5th in Snells Hall. Customers were greeted by Father Christmas and the Hendred's hand-bell ringers in Victorian costume playing typical carols. Hot mulled wine was available as well as traditional Christmas food such as mince pies. Father Christmas retired to his grotto to greet the younger children during the afternoon. There were more entries to the Children's competitions than in previous years, a high standard of cards, crackers and nativity scenes on show. The winners, each receiving a small prize, were:

4-7 years old:

Best card: Lily von Stackelberg, runner-up Deanna Tingley
Best cracker: Rory Macklin, runner-up Willis Smith

8-11 years old:

Best card: Chloe Prior, runner-up Lucy Dunsdon
Best nativity scene: Chloe Freeman, runner-up Emily Hutchinson,
Highly commended Emma Hawkins and Molly Jones.

The main Draw was a big attraction with over 75 prizes. It also won the "Best-Decorated" stall for the afternoon. Overall it was a traditional start to the Christmas season in the village, with an opportunity to buy presents and to chat to neighbours and friends. Thanks to all those who helped make this village event successful: the proceeds benefit St.Mary's Parish, St.Augustines' Church and the Community Centre (Snells Hall).



Village of the year competition

East Hendred was selected as the winner for the Vale of White Horse Area in the Calor Village of the Year competition organised by the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council. Many thanks to the Hendred Entertains Group who masterminded the bid and presentation in the summer. A cheque for £500 was also given to the village which will be used to benefit the parish



Due to an increasing amount of school work and AS exams Harriet has decided that the Christmas Bulletin will be her last. We are looking for someone with basic computer skills (it's not as hard as it may look!) and an interest in village life to take over the editorship. If you are interested please contact John Sharp: J.V.Sharp@btinternet.com Or Harriet on hendredfarm123@btconnect.com, who will be happy to tell you anything about the job!

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from the chair

We are very fortunate in this village to have a wide range of amenities, organisations and events. Almost all of these are managed by a small band of volunteers who give up a lot of their personal time. Many of these volunteers are now getting older and will be looking for replacements by younger volunteers; in many cases this is proving difficult. Please consider if you can help with the running of our many organisations, because without new helpers this village will be much poorer in future years as

some organisations and activities will become no longer viable. How about a New Year Resolution to contribute and help keep our village the vibrant community it is now? All our Parish Councillors are volunteers and the work load on them has increased significantly in recent years, as the Council is expected to be more and more involved in consultations and plans from external bodies. The Council considers it important to continue to make its views known, with the intention of both protecting and developing our local interests.

The walk-way from Snells to Fordy Lane is being well

used and many positive appreciative comments have been expressed. We hope that we don't have problems with vandalism as this could lead to its use by the public being limited. Please report any instances of vandalism either to a Parish Councillor or to our local Police Community Support Officer (Catherine Johnson) on 0845 8505505.

As noted elsewhere in this Bulletin the Council has been analysing its expenditure and planning a budget for next year. The Council recognises that to maintain the village services and facilities will cost significantly more than we have budgeted for in

previous years, which will lead to a higher precept. The Council is of the view that maintaining our current standards in facilities and services is important and are therefore reluctantly deciding to recommend a significant increase in the precept. However every possible care will be taken to minimise the Council's expenditure.

With very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

John Sharp

Council budget for the year 2010/11

The Parish Council oversees many activities that benefit the village. These include maintaining the tidy appearance of the village by cutting the verges, maintaining the children's play grounds in a safe and attractive condition and operating the system of courtesy street lighting. Other types of activities include the provision of grants to village organizations and the sourcing of grants from outside bodies for key village projects. The Parish Council supported the obtaining of grants for the new Snells Path Walkway by the Hendreds School and the Hendreds Environment Group, and managed the path project, so that the path was built with no cost to residents. The PC also obtained grants to pay entirely for the new bus shelter in White Road.

All of these activities require funding and the bulk of this is obtained via a village-specific portion of the Council Tax. This portion, known as the village precept, is a small part of the overall Council tax and last year was around £50 on average per house in East Hendred (some higher, others lower). The Council considers that this precept is good value as it is entirely spent on this parish and the Council's overheads are low. Over the past few years the Council has attempted to minimize the precept by, for example, reducing grants to village organizations (below a satisfactory level) and by using its cash reserves. This is considered no longer sustainable and in addition the Council is subject to increase costs due to, e.g., increased maintenance responsibilities and increased insurance costs. Recently, the Council began a process to define and prioritize its budget for the coming year starting April 2010. This process identified a need to increase its expenditure over the previous year. The necessary increase in village precept, if agreed, would result in a typical householder paying around an extra £1.25 per month (some higher, others lower). Given these difficult financial times the Council also considered maintaining its expenditure at the current level or even of reducing it. However it believes that these options are not in the interest of the village as they would lead to a diminution of its special character.

The budget setting process is not yet complete and the Council would welcome your comments on the above. Please contact John Sharp (Chairman) or any Parish Councillor.

Thames Water Resources Management

We have been advised that the DEFRA Secretary of State has called for an inquiry into Thames Waters' draft water resources plan which includes the local reservoir. The inquiry is expected to take place during the period 7 June 2010 to 8 July 2010 and will need to start no later than 21 June 2010. The Parish Council has been identified as a main party for the inquiry proceedings and will consider making input to the enquiry but this will depend on other local inputs from eg. the Vale of White Horse District Council.

Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) 90th Anniversary

The ORCC is a charitable organisation based near Cassington, north of Oxford, with a staff of about 16. It provides help and assistance to rural communities in many aspects such as village halls, shops, transport, affordable housing, development of parish plans etc. It also organises the Oxfordshire Village of the Year competition. It has over 500 members in the County. East Hendred Parish Council and the Snells Hall Committee are both members of ORCC and have benefited through assistance with grants and advice for Snells Hall, assistance with the preparation of our parish plan and more recently on affordable housing with ORCC organising a village questionnaire and acting as a lead with Sovereign Housing in the planning of the garage site in Coulings Close.

In 2010 ORCC will be celebrating its 90th anniversary; it was the first Rural Community Council to be set up nationally in 1920 and is now part of a national network of 38 Rural Councils, all dedicated to helping rural communities. ORCC is managed by a set of voluntary trustees; John Sharp is currently the chair of these trustees.

East Hendred Community Centre

J.S.Stage and Event Services has now completed installation of the new extensive Sound and Electrical systems at the Hall, which include an easily mobilised and stored Apron Stage extension and a hearing aid loop. We should express our thanks to Jonathan Smith and his father for their excellent work and to Springline (particularly David Hunter) for their considerable efforts in planning, organising and raising the necessary funds for these improvements. Snells Hall now is one of the best equipped village halls in the area and these additional facilities are certain to attract the interest of other potential user drama groups. However, Snells Hall's main function is to act as a village hall and community centre, and care will continue to be taken to ensure that additional functions such as drama productions by groups from outside the village will not have a negative effect on the activities of local organisations. Although the extra hire fees obviously would be welcome the Management Committee will need to carefully consider the arrangements so that the usual 40-50 village events each month are not compromised. At present quite a few weekends, as well as Fridays, are generally available each year, so that with goodwill it should be possible to dove-tail in some additional customers to everyone's advantage.

It is perhaps worthwhile emphasizing that the Community Centre is managed by a few unpaid volunteers who know only too well that it takes a great deal of time and effort to keep the premises (150 years old in parts) in good order and the many users happy.

At the December meeting the Committee said farewell to Barbara Watkins who is leaving the village in January. Barbara has been a committee member for over 20 years, initially as an elected member and more recently as the representative of the Downs Golden Age. We would like to thank her for her services to the village hall committee and wish her well in her new home in Brackley.

We look forward to a busy and interesting 2010, which will also include the erection of new estate fencing along the car park boundary.

War Memorial

East Hendred War Memorial Fund is a registered charity, founded in 1920 for the "care, upkeep, maintenance and repair of the East Hendred War Memorial".

Whilst Parish Councillors are the Trustees, with the Clerk as the formal contact point, the Charity is governed by its own Trust Deed and run independently from the Parish Council, holding separate meetings, and filing separate accounts.

Following a decision to clean and repair the memorial in time for 11 November 2009, Tom Cunningham obtained 3 quotations and a contractor was chosen who offered the most careful cleaning and preservation methods at a cost of £1484. The Fund only had £700 left and very kindly, East Hendred Entertains offered to fundraise towards the rest. Donations, bingo and a picture trail raised a marvellous £520, leaving a shortfall of £264, which the Parish Council is expected to fund.

The East Hendred War Memorial Fund and Parish Council would like to thank everyone who made such generous donations of money and prizes, and especially East Hendred Entertains for all their hard work in organising the events. A big thank you also goes to Jane Hornsby, who has taken over the upkeep of the garden surrounding the memorial, for her sterling work and generosity.

Proposed changes to the planning process

Recent analysis by the Vale Planning Department has shown that a significant number (42%) of small household developments (e.g. fencing, sheds and conservatories) is considered by the Development Control Committee. Much of this work (32%) is initiated by Town and Parish Council concerns that are contrary to the planning officer recommendations. Where such concerns are expressed, planning applications are automatically referred to the Development Control Committee.

Following an assessment by the Planning Department, it was found that the work generated by Town and Parish Councils takes up a disproportionate amount of staff and District Councillor's time when compared to the outcomes of the Committee. According to the Council, "This additional work affects the effectiveness and efficiency, including cost, in delivering the planning service to the local community".

Thus, where previously any planning application was referred to the Development Control Committee, the Planning Department of the Vale is now proposing "to only refer those planning applications where the development will have a greater impact on the local community", i.e.: those applications as defined by the Government's 'Minor' or 'Major' categories regarding new housing and commercial development. All household/domestic extensions would be delegated to the Head of Planning for a decision.

Consultation documents on these proposals were sent to Parish Councils in late October and returned in early November. (East Hendred Parish Council commented). The returned documents and subsequent meetings with Parish and District Councillors have highlighted a number of concerns regarding these proposals.

In this respect, great concern has been expressed by many Parish Councils regarding the loss of local knowledge and the loss of local democracy in the planning process. It is apparent that one of the main reasons for Parish Council objections being at odds with the Planning Officer's recommendations is the lack of training given to Parish and District Councillors in the assessment of "Material Considerations". This is even more relevant when it is considered that the assessment of "Material Consideration" is, to a large extent, a guided, subjective appraisal, and is 'weighted' by the Planning Department; similarly the advice of external 'professional' agencies (e.g. Thames Water) also takes precedence over Parish Council concerns. By going to the Development Control Committee, Parish Council concerns are seen to be judged in an open and democratic forum and not left to a decision-making process made by professionals remote from the community and behind closed doors. Yes, this may be expensive but, without adequate training, Parish Councils need this forum if they are to represent fully the needs and concerns of their parishioners. East Hendred Parish Council will continue to monitor this situation.

A full review of the proposals is to be published early in the New Year.

Appointment of New Councillor

As noted in the last Bulletin the Parish Council is planning to co-opt a new councillor to replace Rachel Sutton who resigned earlier this year. The Council decided to approach the candidates who stood at the last election and were unsuccessful. All of these have now declined the offer to be considered for co-option for several reasons. The Council is therefore interested in receiving offers from residents to be considered for co-option as a Councillor. It is for a short period as the next Council elections will be held in May 2011. Please contact the chairman, John Sharp, if you are interested in being considered.

Update on Affordable Housing

At the November Parish Council meeting the Council reviewed the plans for the three affordable houses on the old garage site in Coulings Close. The Council was aware that several changes to the original plans had been made to meet local residents needs and were therefore pleased to support the plans for approval. It is hoped that work on this site can start as soon as the final plans are approved by the District Council; we understand that the site is already in the forward programme of building work for Sovereign Housing.

As noted in previous Bulletins the questionnaire sent round by the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) about a year ago identified a requirement for up to 10 affordable houses to meet local needs. Recently one of the Vale District Council Planning officers (Laura Hudson) with Anna Kennedy from the ORCC and two parish councillors reviewed possible sites in the village for a possible further development of more affordable housing. Sites which would not be deemed suitable for normal development are called "exception sites" usually on the edge of a village, but can be appropriate for affordable housing. Two possible sites have been identified and are being pursued further with the hope that more affordable housing can be built to help some local people continue to live in this village.

Vale District Council Core Strategy- revisions

In the Spring issue of the Bulletin we described the main features of the Vale Council's Core Strategy Preferred Options which will eventually guide development in the area to 2026. The Strategy had significant implications for this village. In particular new housing was proposed west of Didcot, on the edge of Wantage & Grove and 1500 homes either south west of Abingdon or north east of Wantage. As a result the Parish Council made a number of comments on this to the District Council, with emphasis on affordable housing and housing for the elderly, as well as implications for traffic on the A417 from the additional housing. The Vale Council received a wide range of comments and has now come up with a modified strategy which is just out for comment with a deadline of the end of January. In particular the 1500 homes are now planned for north east of Wantage (instead of near Abingdon), together with a new relief road north east of the town. A new housing site (~400 houses) is scheduled for the north part of the UKAEA Harwell site, adjacent to the A4185. Although this site is actually within the Harwell village parish it is immediately adjacent to the part of the East Hendred Parish which is within the UKAEA Harwell site. The Parish Council has only heard about these changes to the Preferred Options recently and will be looking carefully at the implications for the village both from the new UKAEA housing site and also on the effect on this village from a major housing site north east of Wantage. We will report in a later Bulletin what comments we have fed back on these developments.

Disabled access in the village

John Stevenson recently brought to the Council's attention the problems of using a mobility scooter or wheelchair in the village. Many pavements do not have dropped kerbs to allow access for these which means using the road with obvious safety implications. As a result we persuaded a representative from Oxfordshire Highways to accompany John and a Parish Councillor around the village to identify the places where a dropped kerb would make a big difference or where there were other obstacles for access. Money is always an issue but we hope that the Highways Department can find enough funding to provide some dropped kerbs at key sites in the village, which will make it much easier to use mobility scooters or wheelchairs in East Hendred. Many of the more able bodied may not have previously been aware of the every day difficulties faced by some residents with limited mobility, confined to a wheelchair or a mobility scooter.

Crimestoppers

Some people with information about crime or criminals don't want to get involved with the police. They may know something about a family member, neighbour, or work colleague or they may be afraid of reprisals. But those fears and concerns need not stop them reporting what they know. By calling the independent Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111 they can pass on information anonymously. No caller is asked for their name and no call is traced or recorded. But the information received through Crimestoppers does help to solve crime.

Since Crimestoppers was set up in the Thames Valley in 1999, 16,000 callers have given valuable intelligence anonymously and as a result more than 1,800 people have been arrested and charged. Their offences ranged from murder, arson and serious assault to drink driving, theft and vandalism. The largest number of calls is about drug dealing which still remains a major problem.

Nationally, an average of 19 arrests are made each day and one person every four days is charged with murder- all as a direct result of anonymous calls to Crimestoppers.

In many cases, the piece of information given by an anonymous caller is the final piece in a jigsaw of intelligence and the police rate the material provided from Crimestoppers sources as being very significant to them.

Of course it is always best to speak directly to the police, to make a statement and be willing to appear in court as a witness. But it is a fact that many people don't want to get involved so, for them, Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 is the alternative to speaking to the police. Whatever the situation, the police can't solve crime alone and those who call Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 or visit our website www.crimestoppers-uk.org anonymously are helping to make communities safer.

More information can be obtained from www.crimestoppersuk.org and there is a special web site for young people: www.shadowcs.co.uk

Message from Ed Vaisey

Parliament has just been re-opened by the Queen. This is always a glorious occasion, where Britain puts on its finest show of pageantry, with the Queen arriving in a golden coach escorted by the Horse Guards. My favourite trivial pursuit question (it is not actually a trivial pursuit question, but it should be) is which MP has attended the State Opening on horseback and on foot. The answer is Hugh Robertson, who escorted the Queen when he was a Major in the Household Cavalry, and who is now an MP. My other favourite anecdote is the moment when Black Rod (effectively the chief executive of the House of Lords) entered the Commons to summon MPs to hear the Queen's speech (which is given in the Lords). Dressed in full eighteenth century regalia, he drew himself up to his full height. Before he could say anything, Dennis Skinner shouted out "I'll bet he drinks Carling Black Label!"

Anyway, enough frivolity. The Queen's speech is serious business, as it sets out the Government's programme for the following year. As this is the last session of Parliament before a general election, time is tight. Whereas the Government would normally have a whole year, it now only has until the end of April at the latest, so many Bills will not become law. As this is an election year, there are a number of eye-catching policies, such as a Bill to curb bankers' bonuses. As this is a non-political column, I will refrain from commenting in detail. There is one Bill that is very relevant to me, as it covers my brief, is the Digital Economy Bill. This contains controversial measures to crack down on illegal downloading. For those of you who are not internet savvy, this means downloading music of film from the internet without paying for it, breaking copyright law. The Government is proposing that persistent offenders would have their internet connection suspended, to try and control this phenomenon. I have a lot of sympathy for the Government's point of view, as piracy, as it is known, costs our very important music and film industries hundreds of millions of pounds a year.

It remains for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. The New Year is a good chance to look at what the issues our local area will be facing in months to come.

There are still some major infrastructure issues facing the local area. The reservoir public enquiry is due to start in the spring. Neither the district council nor local pressure groups have the resources to take on fully Thames Water, and I have asked the Government to provide funds for this. Personally, I think the reservoir is less likely to happen, mainly because Thames Water does not have the resources currently to build it. But I also think that the alternative options seem more and more viable. The other issue is the incinerator, near Didcot. This has been on the back burner since the County Council turned down the planning application, but it remains an issue that needs to be monitored very closely.

Then there is housing. The development of 2,500 houses in Grove is back on, as property developers emerge from the credit crunch. We now learn that Wantage will be the site for 1500 homes, making a total of 4,000 for the area. Personally I do not think Wantage and Grove can take that much development, even if it is spread over nearly two decades. It means growth of almost 50 per cent. Didcot will also see some 3,500 houses, and there are more planned for the north of the town. And Wallingford is fighting an additional 750 houses. And there is the constant worry of the expansion of Swindon to the east, which will affect villages around Faringdon, though I think this threat is receding. All in all, this is huge and unprecedented development for our area. While we need new homes, we do not need them on this scale. And it is ironic that local villages, that need and want a few extra homes, are consistently turned down when they ask for them. The system is completely bonkers.

Transport is another issue that will take up my time. I am campaigning for the re-opening of Wantage Road station, and also want the improvement of Didcot station to be used as a chance to enhance the Didcot Railway Centre as a tourist attraction. I have saved some of the train service in Appleford, and continue to represent commuters worried about high rail fares and car park charges. Then there are numerous local issues, such as the future of Wantage cinema, which I will continue to be involved in, as well as issues specific to individual constituents, such as benefit and child support payments, housing and health waiting lists and numerous other matters.

My new year surgeries will be 22 January in Faringdon, Pump House; and 5 February - Wantage, Civic Hall, both at 5.30pm.

I hope you feel that I have served you reasonably well in the last 12 months, and no doubt you will let me know if I have not! As usual I can be contacted at the House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350, vaizeye@parliament.uk.

Springline productions- Treasure Island!

"Ahoy there - the cast have been forced to walk the plank and the crew locked in irons". Nautical speak for the rehearsals for this year's pantomime, Treasure Island, are now well underway. With a junior chorus of over 16 seasoned actors and a full supporting crew of adults the stage is being set for a spectacular adventure involving cut-throat pirates, indians and cannibals with earth-shattering special effects that would amaze George Lucas. Led by our director/producer, Kevin and Sara Martir and supported by a production team to rival any West End Theatre we will bring this classic tale to the stage.



The venue has been chosen - Snells Hall, East Hendred; the red carpet cleaned and the paparazzi tipped off to expect a fast-paced, extravaganza. Tickets went on sale at our exclusive ticket booth at Hendred Stores on Saturday, 5 December and demand was so great that Martin and Louise had to stay well past closing time. All remaining tickets will be sold at Hendred Stores which will become the Official Box Office right up until the performance starts - please call the Box Office at 01235 833123 to reserve your seats.

Our fund raising campaign for 2009 has raised over £22,000 for Snell Hall and the new Sound and Lighting System has been installed and commissioned in time for the Xmas and panto season. The Improvements to the Snells Hall village stage including renewal of the stage surface and installation of a permanent Public Address Sound System and Lighting System with Mixer Desk, CD Changes and Wireless Mikes. In addition an Induction Loop System for hard of hearing together with mikes on stage will assist the audience and users of the hall as well as get the hall compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act. The work was being carried out by JS Stage & Events from Faringdon who are a national Theatrical Stage and Lighting Company.

If you cannot wait until the performances – Wednesday, 20 January to Saturday, 23 January 2010 you can keep up with the behind-the-scene action by visiting our web site – www.springlineproductions.com.

East Hendred family seek others for car share scheme

We have been without a car since the summer and have found that most of our regular journeys can be done by bus or bike. There are however some journeys for which we would like access to a car.

We would like to talk to others in the village who don't have a car, or who would like to get rid of a car, but who would also like cost-effective, part-time access to a car. Perhaps to replace a second car.

Please contact Sarah James or Matthew Wild on 831568 or via sarahjames@f2s.com if you would like to find out more.

Rotary Club Shoe Box Scheme

The Rotary Club sends boxes out on dates throughout the year to trustworthy distributors in countries such as Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Belarus, Croatia, Albania and Kosovo. We have collected 30 filled boxes for the this scheme over the last couple of months, to be despatched via the Wallingford branch of the Rotary Club to deserving individuals, families and orphanages in Eastern Europe.

Thank you to those who filled complete boxes as well as to all those who contributed suitable contents for assembly into more boxes. Although some of the boxes were for children of various ages, the majority going from the village were for elderly people, with perhaps a warm scarf or gloves included with the household items in the box. Some also contained more frivolous items such as toiletries, or an item of costume jewellery, to cheer up recipients who perhaps do not receive other presents at this time of year.

Pauline Thompson has been making crocheted knee rugs or shawls throughout the year, and more than 50 of these went off at the same time as the boxes, together with a collection of warm knitted children's jerseys made by several other ladies.

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News from the Dunkerleys

After seemingly vanishing without trace in February the year has come & gone without any sign of the proposed regular newsletters. Why? Well we were used to working 12 or 13 hours a day at the shop but to try & get the house here anything like ready to receive guests has meant stepping up a gear to a virtually 24/7 operation. You might not be able to teach an old dog new tricks but Sue is now a dab hand at mixing concrete & John can skilfully smooth down a 5 metre drop of wallpaper perched on one leg.

The sheer scale of the work involved has meant that even a seemingly simple task takes four times as long as you would expect. However it's not all work. Getting up at a sensible time in the morning to take a leisurely stroll through the vineyards to the boulangerie certainly beats getting up at 6am to bake the things! Then there is the blue sky & we had a six month period from March to September when there were only three days when we could not dine alfresco both lunchtime & evening.

We have found French officialdom to be very much the same as in the UK but with one very important exception- everyone is so nice & helpful it comes as such a pleasant shock to deal with people that think they are there to help!

Our conversational French is coming along slowly. We have become good friends with most of our neighbours none of whom speak any English. We have also made some very good contacts with wine producers. This year's vintage promises to be outstanding & bottling should commence next Easter. We cannot recommend highly enough a few days stay with us & the opportunity to fill your boot with a select of fine wines from the region.

For those many people that we did not have the chance to say a big farewell to we send our apologies. We seemed to be backwards & forwards so many times during February/March & then suddenly no more. We would love to hear from you & hope that you may wish to come & stay in this little part of heaven.

A bientot,
John & Sue

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East Hendred Entertains

Snowman Walk (19th December - 9th January)

Over the Christmas Period, to walk off all that pudding & chocolate, there will be a Snowman Walk around East Hendred. Walk around the village and find the snowman pictures, each will contain a letter, which (when rearranged) will make a seasonal phrase. Entry 50p, forms available from Hendred Stores & The Plough. Winner picked at random from the correct entries. On your travels you will also find an Elf - a special prize for those who manage to find him! (brought to you by East Hendred Entertains)

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The Green Column

Volunteers from Thames Water give the Snells Woodland a major tidy up

When Thames Water promised the Hendreds Environment Group a grant of £200 towards the outstanding costs of the new boardwalk, they were keen to offer practical help too.

So on the morning of Friday 13th November we took temporary delivery of 10 enthusiastic volunteers, all Thames Water employees from their current graduate intake. They turned out to be a cheerful, hard-working bunch, who were fortunately not put off by the rain.

During the morning the volunteers cleared a lot of brambles and nettles, dug out old bits of broken fencing including barbed wire and metal stakes, and picked through a huge area of fallen leaves to remove bits of broken glass and other litter.

The aim of all this effort was to make the area safer and easier for children to visit and use for nature walks and other outdoor activities. In September the Beavers enjoyed the first nature walk in the woodland, finding plenty of interesting creepy crawlies. Hendreds Pre-School plans to use the woodland for some of their Forest School sessions in the new year.

Removing the litter also protects wildlife and cutting back nettles and brambles help to increase the native plant biodiversity in the woodland. (Brambles and nettles do support wildlife of course, but increasing the range of plant species should support a wider range of wildlife. There is no danger of eradicating brambles or nettles from the area!)

We hope to welcome Thames Water volunteers back in the future.



Farming Focus

After the hot dry June weather I was apprehensive about our harvest yield prospects. I needn't have worried however as most of the crops yielded exceptionally well (although not as good as last years record crops). The only real disasters were the spring Beans which were badly affected by weeds and the weather conditions and didn't yield well at all.

The very obvious poor weed control in this crop was due to dry conditions in March preventing the soil acting herbicide working properly and was a timely reminder of potential future difficulties controlling certain weeds in crops. For the past 20 years or so farmers have had access to a vast choice of crop protection chemicals with which to control virtually any pest weed or disease problem which might arise in the growing season. In recent years however the legislative bodies have been withdrawing from the market a significant number of chemicals which have poor environmental profiles. This process has removed in particular some key cheap, effective herbicides. The net result is that herbicide applications in particular are becoming more expensive and not always as effective as they used to be (however the good news is that the environment is benefiting and also in some ways it makes decision making easier when there is less choice .)

Harvest weather was not too bad and the key drilling period of September and early October was nice and dry which allowed us to plant all of next years crops on time and into good soil conditions.

Unfortunately since late October it has been continuously windy or wet which has prevented us doing much planned spraying. We are fairly busy out loading grain at the moment, most of which is not making very much money. I have written before about the huge volatility in the commodity prices nowadays and at present we are in the doldrums due to large harvests all around the world and a significant rebuilding of world stock levels . The only thing which could lift prices for the remainder of this season would be a significant weakening of the pound (our prices are inversely correlated to the value of sterling because weak currency allows us to export competitively).

Happy Christmas,
Julian Gold, Farm Manager, Hendred Farm Partnership

Science in a new light

“Science in a new light”, a temporary exhibition at the North Wall Arts Centre, brings together the work of local artists and community groups inspired by research and architecture at the Oxfordshire-based national synchrotron facility, Diamond Light Source. The exhibition features stunning textiles, photography, and sculptures using reclaimed materials.

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News from St Augustine's and St Mary's

I'm writing this in Advent, but I expect that by the time you read it we will be well into the season of Christmas. Information about all the Christmas services and events are on the noticeboards outside both churches and on the websites (see www.hendred.org), or phone the contact numbers on the back page of this *Bulletin*. You are warmly welcomed to all the Christmas celebrations – as you are to everything we do throughout the year. For example:

The Downland Passion Play 2010

Do you remember the Millennium Passion Play staged ten years ago by the people of the Downland Villages? Next Easter it is to be staged again, with performances in the gardens of Hendred House on 2nd (Good Friday), 3rd, 9th & 10th April 2010. Casting is now complete, but for more information or to volunteer your services as administrator, costumier, backstage and front-of-house staff, technician – or anything else – visit the website: www.thegreatestgift.org.uk email: thegreatestgift.org.uk or call: 079 7908 8308

Penney Memorial Lectures

The next in the series will be on Friday 29th January, when Kate Nicoll (until recently a resident of East Hendred) will talk about the history and the future of the walled garden at Attingham Park in Shropshire, which it is now her job to develop. The two-acre garden once provided fruit and flowers to support an extended household of a hundred people. For years it stood empty, but thanks to a National Trust initiative, the garden is now back in production.

Two more lectures are already booked: on Thursday 25th February, Neil Rowe will speak about his computer-led milking system in the dairy at Manor Farm in Marcham; and on Thursday 18th March, Rupert Rowbotham will tell us about South African vineyards. With topics as diverse as these, there must be something that takes your fancy! All Penney Memorial Lectures start at 7:30pm in St Augustine's church. Tickets cost £6.00, in aid of the church, and after the talk there's the chance to talk with the speaker over a glass of wine (for which we ask for a small donation.)

Coffee Mornings

Don't forget the coffee mornings in St Augustine's church on the last Wednesday of most months – not December and August – from 10:30am to 12 noon. There's tea, coffee and biscuits, and a small table for bring-and-buy. The dates for 2010 are January 27th, February 24th, March 31st, April 28th, May 26th, June 30th, July 28th, September 29th, October 27th

East and West Hendred Cricket Club

The Annual Cricket Club Dinner was held in the pavilion on the 20th November. Many thanks go to those who so beautifully decorated the room and who arranged the catering (Nigel and Rachel Hutt, Ivan and Kay Mulford and Dom and Helen McKenna). The dinner and the company were very good and an enjoyable time was had by all. The 2009 Senior Section Presentations were made (those for the Junior Section were reported in the previous edition of the Bulletin) and the trophy winners were:

1st XI League and Cup Batting:	Jon Francis
1st XI League and Cup Bowling:	Simon Berry
1st XI League and Cup Fielding:	Jon Francis and Steve Shephard
2nd XI League and Cup Batting:	Dave Jones
2nd XI League and Cup Bowling:	Jack Mulford
2nd XI League and Cup Fielding:	Dave Jones
Non-League Batting:	Ivan Mulford
Non-League Bowling:	Matt Wood
Non-League Fielding:	Ivan Mulford
The All-Rounder Award:	Mark Baring
The Man of the Match Award:	Duncan Francis
The Mare of the Match Award:	Mark Baring, Jon Francis, Dom McKenna and Steve Barksfield
The Duck Trophy:	Simon Berry and Matty Turner
1st XI Players' Player of the Year:	Mark Baring
2nd XI Players' Player of the Year:	Jack Mulford
Young Player of the Year:	Jack Mulford
Clubman of the Year:	Peter Beckley

Many thanks to Duncan Francis who produced the attractive statistical summary booklets which are examined closely by all the players.

The League and Cup Fixtures of the Oxfordshire Cricket Association were published at the AGM of the OCA on 26th November and the Friendly fixtures are now being compiled to fit around them. There is a full and attractive set of fixtures for the Divisions 3 and 9 in which the club will participate. Our match season will start on 18 April through to 19 September.

As recent visitors to the Sports Field will know, a large amount of earth-moving has been done in preparation for installing extra practice nets. This will help to alleviate the great pressure there has been on the nets in recent years. There are also other plans for further improvements to the facilities.

Arrangements are being made for pre-season practice in local (and not-so-local) indoor sports halls. These arrangements have become increasingly difficult in recent years, such is the demand for sports hall use. We hope to start such practice by the end of February.

Village Rose Beds

Members of the village youth club reported for work at 2pm on Saturday, to help prune, weed and tidy the village rose beds on Dancing Hill. Following a briefing on the dangers of rose thorns, secateurs and tools in general, five young men started work, supervised by Catherine Shortis and Diana Wheeler. Work continued at a pace, and all five were keen to learn how to prune the roses correctly. They had a natural talent for weeding and cutting the edges.

Fun was had wheeling the barrows to tip the green waste. Catherine was sure the rose beds had never been attended to so quickly and with so much enthusiasm. The work was completed in just over an hour. Compliments were received from people passing by. The Parish Council had kindly agreed to pay £25 for this job to be done and as part of a larger project to engage with young people in the village.



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The Downs Golden Age

The last outing for 2009 was a very successful Christmas shopping day to the Oracle in Reading. Peter Cook was welcomed to the November lunch and he held everyone's attention with his talk entitled "*Afghan Insights*". Many questions followed – some of which had no answers. Linda, the new catering member, welcomed Salvadour into the kitchen. Together they made a formidable culinary duo. Linda and Betty have now sent the Cookery Book to the printers, it is full of a rare selection of member's recipes, some with stories to tell and the whole book highlighted with illustrations by one of our members Beryl Maile. It will be on sale on 3rd December, priced £5.00. To obtain a copy contact hendredowl@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01235 833400.

The Christmas Party was held on Thursday 3rd December at 1.00 pm, Full Christmas fare was served for lunch followed by a few Christmas carols sung by the St. Amands choir; Father Christmas made a visit and whilst enjoying a cup of tea and a mince pie the members and guests sang songs and carols with music supplied by Roy. The afternoon ended with Stella's Grand Raffle.

Dates for 2010

- 7th Jan Bring and Buy and Bingo
- 4th Feb *Life as a Vet* Tim Hutchinson
- 4th March *My Kind Of Photography* Roy Gosling
- 1st April Bring and Buy and Bingo

To take advantage of free meals and subsidised outings; members pay just £10 per year... it must be a bargain! For any enquiries regarding joining or helping with the DGA please contact Betty Holliday 833400.



Vera Foster enjoying the trifle



Father Christmas and the St Amands' Choir

East & West Hendred WI

Our Christmas events for the Hendred WI begin at Hendred House with mulled wine and mince pies and an entertaining evening with a Tudor Presentation.

These past few months we have enjoyed a trip to Wessex Mill and lunch at the Lamb, Coffee at Q Gardens and an evening in Burford as well as a coffee and shopping morning at Wyvale Bicester. Christmas Songs at Oxford Town Hall have been arranged by OFWI and a trip to Winchester Christmas market and 'That Christmas Tingle' at Witney, a seasonal flower demonstration.

After a busy Autumn a return trip to the Watermill Theatre is arranged for January with the hilarious 'Seasonal Sauce' which was enjoyed last year by everyone.



We have our birthday party in January (with Circle Dancing).

The following talks are arranged for our monthly meetings:
February 18th- Duncan Wells, Boating Capers
March 18th- AGM, WI Advisor Catherine Blaxhall

We look forward to welcoming new members. The majority of 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 the secretary on e-mail: jxpol@tiscali.co.uk.

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

Hendreds Twinning Group

Feast of Local Food

February 6th, 2010, Snells Hall, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

The Twinning Group is joining forces this time with East and West Hendred W.I. to cater for this popular annual event. The cooks are given the challenge of sourcing as many of the ingredients as possible either from within a 10 mile radius of the village, or from Fair Trade products. In previous years we have shown that it is possible to produce a delicious, varied and substantial menu of home-cooked dishes under these constraints. Last year almost 80 people, including many families with children, enjoyed the event, on one of the coldest nights of the winter. The bar will be open, and Darren Weal from Best Mates Brewery at Ardington will be the speaker after the meal.

Tickets £12 adults, £6 children from Margaret Sharp, m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com or tel. 833367

Exchange visit from Sarceaux, near Argentan, Normandy

July 3-5th., 2010

It's our turn to be the hosts this year. We expect to welcome about 30 French visitors to stay with us over the first weekend in July. A full programme of social events and outings is planned, with a meal for everyone (hosts, visitors and members of the Twinning Group), in Snells Hall on the Saturday evening, and a whole day trip to Hampton Court on the Sunday. Membership is open to anyone living in East or West Hendred, or the surrounding area, and these exchanges are an excellent way of getting to know our nearest European neighbours. Families with children are especially welcome, and the children have a good opportunity of practising their language skills.

Further details from Margaret Sharp, m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com or tel. 833367, or Lesley Lewis, lesley.lewis@avondale.co.uk or tel. 863184

Some news from across the Channel

Since your last visit in July many things have changed in our village.

- Different roadworks have been opened in order to improve traffic flow around Sarceaux.
- The construction of the nearby highway A28 (Sées-Argentan-Caen) changed the access roads to the village, including a roundabout near Christian Grée's house, and a bridge close to Cyrile Esnault's.
- The road between Argentan and Ecouché is now dual carriageway
- The VTT club (off-road cycling club) was invited to visit these works before the opening planned for October 2010.
- The entire village has now access to natural gas for heating.
- The construction and development of a new building plot with 22 new houses is making good progress and will give us new residents and perhaps potential members for the twinning association.
- Our primary school has now three new teachers including Monique Lermier.
- On December 15th. a concert is planned in our restored church with the village choir and the Argentan music school.

From Jacques Gréard- Sarceaux Mayor.

We hope all the members of the twinning are well and we are looking forward to seeing you in the Hendreds in July.

Kind regards , Annie Minnebo- President of the Sarceaux Twinning Association.

The Story of the School Path

Since the school path through Snells was officially opened on 12th September 2009, it has been much used and admired. However, the fact that the path and the adjacent nature reserve are there at all, is a small miracle, which only came about because of the vision, skills and energy of many local volunteers, the willingness of the Hendred Estate to lease the land, and grants from several organizations, and support from the Parish Council. The idea for the path was discussed in the early 2000s, because of concerns about the safety of children walking to Hendreds School up Church Street, with its busy site traffic and no pavement on one stretch. The then school governors undertook considerable research, including traffic surveys and consultations, which was used to put together a proposal and a plan for a traffic-free footpath from Snells Hall car park, through the playpark and adjacent wood to Fordy Lane. A grant was promised by Oxfordshire County Council but matching funds were required. Planning permission for the path was granted in 2004.

For a while, there was little progress, but the project was revived and expanded by a fortunate combination of events. The school's renewed determination to provide the path was promoted, particularly by one of the governors, Fiona Price, who with the support of County Councillor Ian Brown ensured the County Council grant money would be available. This co-incided with the preparation of the Village Plan (2008), which proposed a nature reserve for the village, together with providing the new walkway between Snells and Fordy Lane. To provide this, and follow up other relevant proposals in the Plan, the Hendreds' Environment Group was set up. The latter, inspired by Kate Nicoll and Sian Mitchell, suggested that a small nature reserve be established in the wooded area of Snells, with access via the proposed school path. A visit to the site on a wet day revealed that much of the path's route was through boggy land; to overcome this, a boardwalk was suggested, but this would cost more than was originally planned. A last minute application by the Environment Group to the Big Lottery Fund Breathing Spaces project raised £9215. Further applications by the Environment Group promised additional funds from Hendred Entertains (£250) and Thames Water (£2000), as did an application by the Parish Council to RSRL Harwell (£600). These awards, along with a grant of £9000 from Oxfordshire County Council, provided the financial backing for the project.

Implementing the scheme raised new issues, and it became clear that only the Parish Council had the necessary powers to build, manage and insure the whole walk way, so three village organisations were now involved. The path's route through the wooded area was cleared by Environment Group volunteers. The Parish Council, with Charles Pappenheim acting as project manager assisted by Tony Ford, awarded the contract to construct the board walk and path to Charles Matthews, a local contractor, who carried out the work in summer 2009. Now, the Parish Council is responsible for the management and maintenance of the path, the Environment Group looks after the nature reserve, and path inspection volunteers including parents from Hendreds School check the board walk each week. It has been a great community effort, and thanks are due to all those involved - the grant giving organisations - Oxfordshire County Council, the Big Lottery Breathing Spaces Fund, Thames Water, Hendred Entertains, and RSRL Harwell; Hendred Estate; Charles Matthews for constructing the path, and to all those volunteers from the Environment Group, Hendreds' School and the Parish Council, who have given time and effort over a number of years to ensure the path was built.

Hendred Heritage

2010 in Print

East Hendred Heritage Trust are running a photograph competition for 2010. The entries will consist of a series of 4 photographs taken in or around East Hendred throughout the year, showing an aspect of the village or village life. Maybe entries will show the same view through the seasons, or maybe you have a different idea.

Entries by 31st January 2011- all entries will form part of the 2011 exhibition at Champs Chapel.

So get your cameras out (or put a new one on your Christmas List) and get snapping!

2010 Exhibition

East Hendred Heritage Trust likes to tie in the exhibitions in Champs Chapel with the Museums in Oxfordshire, and their theme for 2010 is 'Childhood'.

What does this title bring to your mind? Are your recollections of childhood in East Hendred linked to events, people or places- maybe a combination of all of these. Last February we had snow, the deepest for many years, and it was wonderful to see the Snowman Competition on Dancing Hill and children sledging on Snells- these will form part of the childhood memories of tomorrow... but what are yours?

We are looking to build a collection of recordings of peoples memories- would you like to take part, maybe you are 5 or 95- we would love to hear them all!

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Planning Matters

EHE/12345/9, Sheephouse Barn, Reading Road: (Erection of garage). The Parish Council offered no objection but commented that (a) The materials & finishes proposed for use should be appropriate, and (b) A Section 106 or equivalent should be applied so as to ensure that the structure is not converted subsequently into a dwelling.

EHE/21007, Land adjacent to Godfrey's Farm, St Mary's Road, East Hendred: (Change of use of existing land to residential. Erection of 3 new dwellings with associated garages and parking). The Parish Council offered no objection but commented that (a) It is important that the planned reduction in site levels is adhered to, and (b) A great deal of congestion occurs in the narrow roads around the development at the beginning and end of the school day due to its proximity to St Mary's Primary School. The planners should take this into account in their review of the plans.

EHE/21006, Land adjacent to Coulings Close (Erection of 3 x two bedroom houses). The Parish Council has worked for many years to promote the erection of affordable housing in the village and fully supports this application. The Parish Council noted that parking congestion is always an issue in East Hendred and that potentially, visitors to these properties could cause parking difficulties on the street outside these properties. However, as the properties are rented and therefore managed, the Parish Council hopes that the management can impose sufficient control over parking by the renters such that local residents are not inconvenienced.

EHE/7662/5, Little Mulfords, Church St: (Replacement of a single storey garage with a two storey extension). The Parish Council offered no objection but made a number of comments, including: (a) The property is in a conservation area and is next to a Grade II listed building. (b) The veranda at first floor level can overlook the garden of the immediate neighbours and therefore consideration should be given to screening. (c) The existing property together with the extension should remain as a single residential unit. The application was allowed, with particular stipulations about the use of appropriate materials in construction, provision of adequate screening and prevention of the extension being occupied or used separately to the existing dwelling.

HAR/2571/14, HPA Centre, Fermi Avenue, Harwell Science & Innovation Centre (Creation of additional car parking spaces). The Parish Council offered no objection.

EHE/ 20991, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Harwell Science & Innovation Centre (Erection of ventilation stacks and chiller unit). The Parish Council offered no objection and the application was allowed.

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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 Wed 20- Springline Production's Treasure Island,
 Sat 23 Snells Hall

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- Thur 4 DGA talk by Tim Hutchinson
 Sat 6 Feast of Local Food, Snells Hall
 Thur 18 WI talk by Duncan Wells
 Thur 25 Penney Lecture, St Augustine's, 7.30pm

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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) Springline Rehearsals 8.15-10pm, Snells Hall
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)
FRIDAY	The Village Thrift Shop , 1-4pm, Rectory Room (Tin Hut)
SATURDAY	Soccer School , 10.30-11.30, Mill Lane Sports Ground (Richard Frost, 07882352214, richard_frost@hotmail.co.uk)
SUNDAY	Springline Rehearsals 8.15-10pm, Snells Hall
WEEKDAYS	Preschool , 9-12am, Snells Hall (Tracy Taylor 01235 831555 / Anna Chapman 01235 821564 / www.hendredpreschool.org.uk)
MONTHLY	Snells Hall Management Meeting , 7.45, Snells Hall Committee Room, 1st Tuesday Downs Golden Age , Snells Hall, 1st Thursday (Betty Holliday, 833400) Parish Council Meeting , 8pm, Snells Hall, 2nd Tuesday WI , 7.30pm, Snells Hall, 3rd Thursday Sunday Squad , 10.30am, Rectory Room (Tin Hut), 3rd Sunday

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	Wantage Community	01235 205801
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	Wantage	776048
RAIL	<i>National</i>	0845 7484950
	Oxford	01865 722333
VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL	520202
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WANTAGE	Civic Hall.....	764696
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	Library.....	762291
	Recreation Centre.....	766201
	The Independent Advice Centre.....	765348
	Tourist Information.....	760176
	Vale & Downland Museum.....	771447
PRE-SCHOOL	831555
	(www.hendredpreschool.org.uk)	
BUSES	Thames Travel (Mon-Sat).....	01491 837988
	R.H. Transport (Sun & Bank Holidays).....	08712002233

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. Elizabeth Birch
Tel: 833235

Family Service

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

Parish Communion

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

Benefice Communion

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

Sunday Squad

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

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