

EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*

Kylie Minogue Comes To East Hendred

On 25 February, patron of The StudyVox Foundation pop superstar Kylie Minogue presented £16,000 to help four students pay for their university education at an exclusive awards ceremony at StudyVox HQ, in Old Estate Yard, East Hendred.

The StudyVox Foundation is a new charity created by the UK student social networking site, StudyVox (www.studyvox.co.uk).

Kylie said "I'm very proud to be here and it's a very exciting day for all of us. We've all been students and all know what difficulties they face. Thanks to these generous bursaries it will be a great relief from the financial stresses and pressures."



Kylie and the award winners.



Kylie with Kevin Martin.

Kylie became involved with the charity through her long standing friendship with Chief Executive Officer, Kevin Martin. Kevin add-

ed: "Today highlights our complete commitment to the student population. We are very proud to have awarded this money to our student members, and can't wait for the journey ahead."



The Paparazzi!

During the ceremony she asked Trustee Jack Lowman for £10, after he welched on a bet he lost to Kylie during a game of pool at StudyVox HQ in East Hendred in December. While visiting the StudyVox team Kylie also popped into the Eyston Arms for a traditional English tea.



Kylie and her £10.

Emma McGann, a musician from Coventry University, was presented with The StudyVox FM Music Award by Kylie. Emma played a special gig for the audience to mark the occasion.

Kevin said: "It's incredible having a world superstar like Kylie as Patron of The StudyVox Foundation and we're incredibly grateful for her help and support."

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from the chair

The forthcoming national election is gaining a lot of publicity. Most of us know that the new government will have to take harsh measures to manage the country's economy, with cost savings in many areas. We hope that rural areas, like this village, will not suffer too much but we are dependent on funding from national and local government to continue providing the services we expect.

The availability of grants is also likely to be more difficult; we have relied on external grants to improve our facilities. The recently completed walkway in Snells is an example which has been much appreciated. The award of grants from Hendred Entertains has been a very welcome benefit to many village organisations. This group also made a substantial contribution to the cost of providing seats in two of the village bus shelters. The Council determined its precept for

the coming year at its January meeting. It was not an easy decision as we were conscious of the need to be careful in deciding on an increase, knowing that many residents are feeling the pinch financially. On the other hand we were also aware that in recent years our expenditure had exceeded our income and we have had to dip into our reserves. We finally agreed on a modest increase, but with limits placed on certain items of expenditure which our Finance Group will

carefully monitor during the year. We did, however, increase the budget for village grants to £3000, knowing, that as noted above, other sources of grants may be less available and there had been pressures on the grant fund this past year. Overall the village precept is a small addition to the Council tax and all of it is spent on this village.

John Sharp

New Councillor

We were pleased to welcome Janet Shelley to join the Council at our February meeting. Several people had expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Council and they were invited to a Council meeting to indicate their interests. On a confidential vote Janet was selected by the Councillors to be co-opted.

New Clerk

Our current Clerk, Tom has resigned owing to pressures of work. We are pleased that Alison Hardisty has agreed to take on the role of Clerk from our next meeting. Alison lives on Newbury Road, with her family, including two children. We would like to thank Tom for all his hard work as our Clerk and wish him well in the future.

New Editor

Following adverts for a new editor of the Bulletin several people expressed an interest. After some discussion we were pleased to select Charlotte Bambridge as the new editor. Charlotte is (like our previous editor) a teenager and keen to get experience in journalism with a possible career in this direction. We should like to thank Harriet and Julian Gold for all the effort and skill they brought to editing the bulletin over a two year period.

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

Vale District Council Forward Strategy

The Parish Council has considered closely the revised strategy which was presented in January with a deadline of mid-February for a response. The council commented on a number of issues which were:

Siting 1500 dwellings NE of Wantage with new relief road.

This is a substantial increase on the proposal for 3500 houses in the Wantage/Grove in the January 2009 Core Strategy, which will have a major impact on infrastructure and services in the wider Wantage area, which includes East Hendred. The Parish Council considers that this proposed housing development NE of Wantage is not sustainable for several reasons listed below:-

Massive Traffic Growth on the A417:

The present local road infrastructure cannot support the additional traffic that will be generated by the proposed housing development east of Wantage. To accommodate this traffic, it is essential that a plan for improving the A417 (including widening it at key points) and incorporating access to it from the villages, must be in place. The Council considers that current plans for the A417 are totally inadequate.

Access from villages onto this stretch of the A417 has not been considered

Our particular concern is for our parish (with 450 houses), where access from the village onto the A417 (the only route out of the village) is already difficult. The Parish Council is already asking for traffic lights at the main access point to the village to the A417; these will become imperative if the additional housing is built in NE Wantage. Improving access to the A417 from the villages between Rowstock and Wantage will require traffic controls at each of the village junctions with the A417. These will be in addition to traffic controls to the two proposed new access roads to the A417, and the proposed traffic lights at the entrance to Featherbed Lane. This would mean a total of up to seven new roundabouts or sets of traffic lights on the stretch of road between Wantage and Rowstock Corner which would have major implications on traffic flow

Route of the proposed Rowstock Western Link

The exact route of this is not clear but it may well be in East Hendred Parish (part of which is adjacent to the Rowstock Round-about). One concern is that houses between the A417, the proposed link and the A4185 will be totally surrounded and isolated by these roads. Another is that the junction of the link road and the A417 is likely to be very close to the existing junction with Featherbed Lane, resulting in traffic lights and/or roundabouts very close together.

Local bus services

According to the Scots report buses serving this parish will not come into the village, but stop on the A417. This is of serious concern for safety reasons as crossing the A417 at this point is difficult and there is very little room on the north side for people to stand

Proposed 400 Houses on the Harwell Campus

Building on this site (which is immediately adjacent to our parish) is generally welcomed because providing housing on the Campus where substantial employment is projected, will be convenient for residents working there, and result in the more efficient use of local roads

However, the proposed density (40 homes to the acre) is very high for an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). This density is characteristic of an urban area. A lower density is preferred more appropriate for an AONB. The scheme should include sufficient education and leisure facilities, and other relevant services for a community of this size, including green space and play areas. If these facilities are not provided locally residents will need to access nearby facilities in Wantage/Didcot which would add considerably to pressure on local roads.

Decision on level of precept for 2010/11

The Council after detailed discussion decided to precept for a sum of £22,000 which is a 10% increase on the previous year. In the previous Bulletin we had identified the problems of balancing the Council's budget having had to take funds out of reserves in several previous years. The Council has decided to limit expenditure on several items, including the lengthman and the cost of the Bulletin, whilst increasing the amount available to village organisations in the way of grants. However the size of grants to individual organisations will also be limited, bearing in mind the pressure on the grants budget in 2009/10. The Council's finance committee will continue to keep a close watch on the budget during the year.

BT red Telephone Box

The Council has decided to take responsibility for the red phone box in the High Street, from BT. It was felt that it was a feature of the village and should be kept. The Council is open to suggestions on its future use, mini-library, art gallery etc etc. Send your ideas to the Clerk

Future Plans for the Harwell Campus site

Two Parish Councillors attended a recent meeting called by the Goodman Group to discuss the future of the Harwell campus. A joint Venture has been set up between UKAEA, the Science and Facilities Research Council and the Goodman Group to develop the site as it is decommissioned. The Goodman Group are an integrated property group with international operations. They have extensive experience in working with organizations to develop and manage their sites. The meeting consisting of representatives of local Parish Councils will continue to get together on a quarterly basis. As part of this redevelopment there are plans for a large housing site on the campus -see article on Vale Strategy.

Emergency Response Plan

Parishes are being encouraged by the County Council to develop their own Emergency Response Plans. These would be useful in the event of a local emergency such as a major gas leak, road accident, flu epidemic or similar incident. The Parish Council has developed a first draft of a Plan for the village and would welcome input from anyone who feels that they could contribute, particularly if they have skills or expertise that would be useful in an emergency. Please contact John Sharp (833367 or J.V.Sharp@btinternet.com)



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Message from District Councillor Mike Murray

Shopping: we all do it, some hate it, some love it, but most people agree that having good quality shopping in a clean safe and well laid out centre with accessible public transport and sufficient car parking makes the experience a lot better. Readers may not be aware that the Vale council owns (as part of its investment portfolio) the shopping centre in Abingdon. Despite improvements to the square, the precinct itself remains rather tired, with empty units and a somewhat sad appearance. The long-leasehold interest in the centre is owned by the pension fund Scottish Widows, and it is they who are responsible for the management of the centre. In order to improve the vitality of Abingdon, and improve the Council's investment interest in the centre, the Council has been in negotiation with Scottish Widows to enable them to develop better and more modern shop units that are of the size and layout that retailers want.

As part of this process, plans are being drawn up, and the public (that's you and me) are being consulted in the new local plan (or Local Development Framework as it is called) for a wider redevelopment, to incorporate Charter Place. The idea would be to provide a new town centre supermarket, re-house the library and doctors surgery, and reconfigure the car park. This would in theory result in people coming into Abingdon for their weekly shop at the supermarket, incorporating a visit to the library, and also to a revitalised shopping precinct bursting with healthily trading independent and national chain shops. It would also mean that the doctors would no longer be disturbed in their consulting rooms by the little darlings hanging around the shopping centre banging on their windows. It may however mean that the surgery, and library move to first floor level. Apparently a travelator, or similar means of access would be provided, but this remains to be shown in detail.

Plans will be emerging through the year, please do tell the council what you think!

Please come and talk to me about retail, inconsiderate dog walkers, or anything else at my surgery at 10 Milton Lane, Steventon, 9-10am on Saturday 17th April. (The Village Hall is booked for a wedding)

Dog Fouling

We are still having a problem regarding dog fouling throughout the village. It is still a priority of the neighbourhood team of the Thames Valley Police along with the Environment Wardens of the Vale of White Horse District Council who are now patrolling locations where fouling is prevalent. Offenders will be given Fixed Penalty Notices if it is found that they are not cleaning up after their dog.

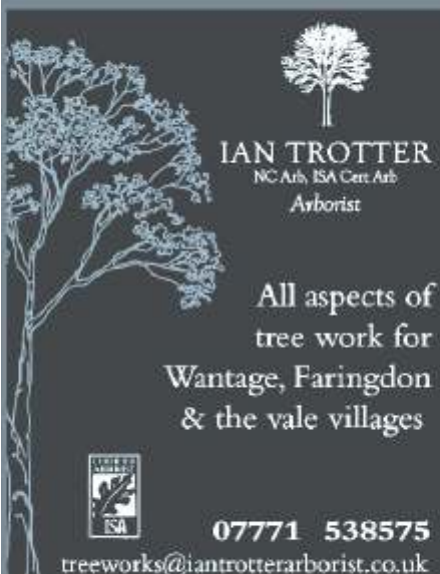
If anyone sees somebody committing this offence please call the Police on 0845 8 505505 or the Environment Wardens on 01235 520202.

Please bag it and bin it.

The Parish Council and Young People in the Village


It is important that young people should feel part of the community and contribute in some small way to the everyday economy. With this in mind, the Parish Council is actively making enquiries regarding the possible coordination of the provision of odd jobs around the village for young people. Needless to say, there are many issues to be addressed not least of which are the need for CRB checks and the role of mentors and supervisors with regard to "employing" participants. It is hoped that some sort of framework will be achieved but this is likely to take some time and negotiation before anything can be put in place.

Similarly, the Parish Council is investigating the possible provision of a basketball area in the village. Negotiations are at an early stage and, like all such developments, will need to adhere to planning and health and safety requirements.



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Springline Productions- Treasure Island!



The amateur dramatics group are into their third year and continue to push the theatrical envelope with a West End quality production of Treasure Island, a nautical pantomime adapted by Alistair Clinton with support from our own Jennie Cosgrave who provided all the song adaptations as well as the Peter Pan vignette.

Playing to packed houses over four days in January this year's pantomime produced amazing reviews from all that were lucky enough to get tickets. Ranging from 'how do you get better each year', 'can I book two rows for next year' to 'an Ace pantomime – way better than the West End' – the whole village of East Hendred was buzzing. Even Captain Smollett, played by Edward 'Bod' Boddington created a stir and now has his portrait hanging in the Charity Shop (the Tin Hut) where the older members of the community come to admire his picture while taking tea and scones.



Working with Kevin Martin and his team at Studyvox FM we are pleased to announce the formation of the Springline Radio Players. At the state-of-the-art FM radio studio in East Hendred, Springline will be producing a monthly radio play to be broadcast on Studyvox FM and available through the World Wide Web to an international audience. If you would like to get involved without all the make-up, dressing-up and having to learn a script then this may be right up your street.

If you would like to learn more then please contact David Hunter who will be delighted to provide further information - david@huntermarshall.co.uk

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What's On?- Find Out!

Keep up - don't miss out

What's On in The Hendreds is a weekly email message for letting you know what's happening in the village.

By sending a message to events@hendred.org you can subscribe to the (free!) service and receive the messages every Thursday evening.

The messages also appear on the www.hendred.org website.

If you are organising an event in the Hendreds (or nearby) send a message describing it to events@hendred.org and it will be included in the messages for a few weeks before the event takes place.

Currently, there are more than 170 subscribers - it would be great to get to 200 by mid-summer!

East Hendred Community Centre

Riduna

The owner of Riduna (the property on land to the rear of Snells Hall) has recently obtained planning permission to construct a new 5-bedroomed house on the same site. The Management Committee is maintaining close liaison with the developer to minimise any potential disruption to hall users (particularly where children are involved) especially during the removal or delivery of construction materials.

Fencing

It is understood that the owner is keen to be able to landscape the right of way to Riduna (which is part of the Snells Hall site) during this process and we are delaying the provision of new estate fencing on part of the Hall's boundary until we have seen the proposed plans and can see how the fencing styles could be matched..

Loft Insulation

Thanks to the efforts of Jules Meneagh and East Hendred Entertains (who generously granted £300 towards the project) the loft area over the stage and committee room is now insulated to the recommended standard and the openings in the gable ends sealed. We expect this treatment to make a real difference to the comfort in that part of the hall.

Vandalism

At some point between the 12th and 14th of March damage was caused to the playhouse belonging to Hendreds Pre-School. The Thames Valley Police report that there is good likelihood that forensic evidence from the scene will lead them to the miscreants involved. Any information about the incident or persons involved would be welcomed. Please contact PC6962 Sarah Merrit on 08458 505 505 at Abingdon Police Station.

There have been several instances recently of intruders trying to interfere with legitimate events at the hall and we recommend that, if practicable, all users keep the main entrance door closed and locked during their event or at least watch out for any possible intruders.

The **East Hendred Community Centre AGM will be held on Tuesday, May 4th in Snells Hall at 8.15 p.m.** Please do book this date and come along to support and encourage those who work hard to keep the premises in good condition and as a very attractive venue for many events during the year.



Hendreds Twinning Group News

Visit from our twinned French Community (Sarceax, Normandy) July 3-5th.

We are expecting about 25 French visitors for the weekend of **July 3 – 5th, 2010**. They arrive early on the Saturday morning, and leave again early on the Monday morning. A busy programme is already planned, to include an all day visit to Hampton Court Palace by coach on the Sunday, and a meal in Snells Hall on the Saturday evening for everyone involved.

If you would like to join in, by accommodating one or more of the visitors or for instance going to Hampton Court on the Sunday, or coming to the meal on the Saturday evening, the secretary, Margaret Sharp (833367, m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com) would be delighted to hear from you. Anyone from either of the Hendreds, or from Wantage and the surrounding villages, is very welcome to participate.

The weekend is an excellent opportunity to get to know some of our nearest EU neighbours, or for schoolchildren (or adults!) to practise their French!

**usual General Meeting,
Hendreds Twinning Group**

Monday April 12th. 2010

7.30 p.m, Snells Hall (Gallery)

Snells Tree Planting

On Sunday 31st January Hendreds Environment Group volunteers planted 50 new hazel trees in the Snells woodland. About 10 people came along to help, enjoying the tree planting and the tea and flap-jacks.

Trees were planted to provide screening and to enhance the woodland for wildlife. Hazel is well suited for screening as it can be planted densely and remain manageable through coppicing every seven or so years. It is a native tree, so attractive and useful to native wildlife, producing catkins in spring and nuts in autumn.



Native Trees and Coppicing

Most native British trees will coppice. That is, if they are cut down more shoots will grow from the stump or the roots. For many hundreds of years most British woodlands were managed by coppicing to produce continuous supplies of wood for fuel, fencing and all manner of fixings and utensils. Hazel was traditionally used for pea sticks, plant stakes, bean rods, hurdles, barrel hoops, pheasant traps, withes (ties), rake handles, morris staves and more. It's still used in gardens and in thatching.

The Green Column

Thinking of Eco Renovating?

If you're thinking of making your home more efficient and environmentally friendly why not take a look at www.ecovation.org.uk? This site has plenty of Oxfordshire case studies written by households that have done just that. What worked for them, and what was worth it in the end?

You could also visit the **Ideal Green Home Show** at Oxford Town Hall, St. Aldates, Oxford on Friday 23rd April 4 – 7pm and Saturday 24th April 10am – 4pm. Find advice, products and installers all in one place, alongside talks and presentations.

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If you or anyone in your household is over 70 you could qualify for totally free cavity wall and loft insulation. For information on this and other grants and offers to help you save energy at home, contact the Energy Savings Trust on 0800 512 012.

Sarah James – Hendreds Environment Group – sarahjames@f2s.com

The Hendreds Family Show 2009

Winners and Trophies 2009

Mick Childs: Top Tray 1st, Top Vase 1st, Morland Cup, Denly Cup, AEA Cup, Edwin Cottee Memorial Cup, Dave McDowell Cup, Speckled Hen Cup, Eyston Arms Cup, Agatha Eyston Trophy, Dave McDowell Memorial Cup and R&M Pest Control Trophy for individual with **'Most points in Show'**

David Atkins: **Banksian Medal** and Top Tray 2nd.

Arthur Newton: Top Vase 2nd, Tudor Joinery Rose Bowl and The Thomas More Eyston Trophy for **'for Best in show produce'** a beautiful red rose.

Adrian Sessions: Top Vase 3rd and The Bill Ballard Memorial Shield

Viviane Callaghan: Mrs Knibbs Plate, HFS Cookery Plate, DJM Telecom Cup, The Hare Cup, The Tom Riggs Shield joint with **Yvonne Bird**

Elaine Hayes: The Bradley Cup, The Plough Cup, The WI Plate and the East Hendred parish Council Millennium Cup for **'Most overall points'** in non produce

Megan Bird: R&M Pest Control Tankard (photography)

Roy Dymond: The Wheatsheaf Cup

Michael Kerswell: Hendred Stores plate

Anne Pappenheim: Harris Family Cup

The Bird Family: Clearwater Shield for **'Family with most overall points'**

Olivia Busby: **Chairman's Choice** for exhibit that catches the chairman's eye, For her animal made from vegetable's.



Children's Classes

Eleanor Lindsey: John Beary cup for **'Young Gardener's'**

Henry & Olivia Roberton: The Sutton shield for the **'Heaviest Marrow'**

Tessa Simmons: The George Eyston Cup for the **'Largest Sunflower Head'** grown by a East Hendred resident

Faith Merry: The Robey's Cottage Cup for the **'Largest Sunflower Head'** grown by a non East Hendred resident

Esme Simmons: The MacKinnon Shield for **'Most points'** in 7 & under classes

Olivia Busby: The Brownies Shield for **'Most points in'** 8-11yr classes

Hattie Young: The Jenny Owen Cup and The MacKinnon Shield for **'Most points'** in 12-16yr classes

Megan Bird: Miniature Garden Cup for 8-11yrs and The Maureen Pill cup for **'Best Children's Exhibit awarded by judge'**

Thank you for all of you that came to the 2009 show, we would like to thank East Hendred Entertains for getting the funding and organizing the great 'It's a Knockout' competition.

We would also like to thank the following for all their help, without you all we wouldn't be able put on a show! Edward & Ali Eyston, Hendred's Sports Club, Gill Hine, Glora Suffling, Mike Harris, Ali Simmons, Dave Harper, Adrian Sessions, Janet Bradley, Louise Philips, Hendred Stores, Dominic John, Lorraine Clayton, Libby Holderness, Vivian Callahan, Margaret Merryweather, Betty Beechy, Jean Russell, Pauline Fretter and The Didcot Detachment Army Cadets who come along; stayed Saturday night to guard the marquee, helped Mike Harris to put up the safety fencing etc then spent all show day directing cars to park, and all for free! I can't thank them enough for their support.

This year's show will be on **Sunday 6th September 2010**, we hope to hold a plant and cake stall in May again this year and would like to thank Adrian Sessions, Yvonne Bird and others who donated plants last year.

The schedules should be out in the next couple of months. We can't deliver to everyone but if you entered last year we will put one through your door, you can collect one from the village shop or email us www.hendredsfamilyshow.org

Photography competition classes for 2010 are Bird's, The Seasons, Food, and flower's & plants.

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The Downs Golden Age

The first meeting of the year on 7th January was not surprisingly cancelled due to the snow but a group from the club did manage to get to the dress rehearsal of the village panto *Treasure Island* on the following Tuesday and had an enjoyable evening.

In early February the weather improved and there was a delicious lunch and interesting talk by Tim Hutchinson from West Hendred on "My life as a Vet". In March, it was a tea time meeting with a Bring and Buy and Bingo. On 1st April the Club are planning an Open Afternoon to try and attract more of the "Young Old Folk" to join the club, anyone over 55 is very welcome and it's free. The dates and speakers for the spring and summer are as follows:

13th May Tea and "Three Weeks in Russia" by Daphne Sinclair

10th June Tea at Hendred House and

"Travels with Auntie: Life at the BBC World Service" by Alistair Lack

1st July Summer Luncheon at Snells Hall

5th August "The Seaside comes to East Hendred"

Outings

Wednesday 19th May 10.30 am to 3.00 pm.

Broadway. Cost to members £7.00 Visitors £10.00

Thursday 8th July 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

Wilton House and Gardens and Shopping outlet £15.00 members,

Wilton Gardens and Shopping Outlet £12.00 members

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

East & West Hendred WI



For our Christmas 2009 Meeting Ali Easton very kindly invited us to meet at Hendred House and with the beautifully decorated tree, mulled wine and mince pies we all felt very festive. To make the evening perfect we had a wonderful speaker Martin Sirot Smith from Sulgrave Manor who gave a fascinating talk on 'A Tudor Christmas'.

The New Year opened with the cancelling of our first meeting – our 89th Birthday Party. The weather was the culprit and it was felt inadvisable to be the cause of mishaps or accidents. However we're hoping to re-schedule later in the year – it also means that we're all **really** looking forward to our birthday in 2011! A return trip to the Watermill Theatre was made in January to see the hilarious 'Seasonal Sauce' which was enjoyed by everyone.

Our February meeting was the first meeting of the year with a talk on 'Voice Overs' on the radio and television and most of us learned something about the work in advertising and what is needed to become a 'voice over'.

The AGM is held in March and we have Catherine Blaxhall our WI Advisor attending to oversee proceedings. We have a coffee morning arranged for March 31st at Wantage Museum and another mid April at Court Hill, a visit to Aston Pottery at the end of April, a 'Ritzy Tea' in Snells Hall in June, which we hope everyone will be able to come and a trip to Malmesbury in July.

In addition the Oxford Federation have arranged for a Park Club Exercise Tester at Milton Park at the end of March, Lark Rise to Candleford walks in April and a day out in Nottingham also in April.

The following talks are arranged for our monthly meetings:

April 15th 'All that glitters is not Gold'

A jeweller from Witney appraising and discussing members items

May 20th 'Ello, 'Ello, Ello, - Self Defence – Local PC Katherine Johnson

Plus resolutions.

June 17th 'Fan-tastic' – Dramatisation/conversation piece in 2 scenes from Lady Windermere.

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.

News from the Churches

Easter is the greatest festival of the Church's year, following close on the quieter, darker times of Lent and Holy Week. Our Rector Elizabeth calls this a roller-coaster journey: there is the Palm Sunday Procession through the village shared by the congregations of both churches (28th March), and a range of dramatic and exciting services throughout Holy Week including the high drama of Tenebrae at West Hendred on Wednesday 31st March at 7:30pm, and the Eucharist of the Last Supper at 7:30pm in St Augustine's on Maundy Thursday (1st April). At St Mary's the Maundy Thursday service is at 8pm and ends with a procession up to St Amand's chapel at Hendred House where a Watch is kept until midnight – the start of Good Friday. You may welcome the chance of a period of quiet and reflection.

Holy Week culminates in Good Friday (April 2nd). Join the congregation of St Augustine's for our traditional pilgrimage around the Benefice – come for as much or as little of the day as you can manage. We start at 8:30am with Morning Prayer in West Hendred; at 10am there is a Family Service at Ardington; at 11:30am, a time for Reflection at Lockinge; then after a picnic lunch at Betterton Farmhouse (bring your own), the day ends with Meditation and Veneration of the Cross at 2pm at St Augustine's. Dogs are welcome on the walk, and it's also allowed to travel by car. At St Mary's, the Good Friday service will be at 3.00pm, with an Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday 3rd April at 8.00pm.

In anticipation of Easter itself, there will be an Easter Vigil service for the whole of the Wantage Downs Benefice at Lockinge church on Easter Eve, Saturday 3rd April, at 8:30pm. As dusk falls we gather to hear readings from the Bible and we light the new fire of Easter from which all our Easter candles are lit. We celebrate the first Communion of Easter, greeting the risen Lord as Mary Magdalene did before the sun rose on that first Easter morning. Come and be part of this dramatic and powerful celebration of the Resurrection in Lockinge where it has been celebrated for over a thousand years!

Then comes Easter Sunday on 4th April, with services of great celebration (Mass in St Mary's at 9:30am, Easter Communion in St Augustine's at 10:30am). Both churches will be decorated for Easter, so do come in and enjoy the work of our flower arrangers.

Looking further ahead, St Augustine's annual parish meeting will be held in church after the morning service on Sunday 25th April. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting to hear reports from the past year and discuss plans for the next. Then from 2pm on Saturday 22 May, the Saturday closest to our patronal festival (St August-

tine's day - 26 May), we invite all parishioners to visit their parish church and contribute to the considerable cost of its upkeep. We'll be serving cream teas, offering trips up the tower, and there'll be a children's trail through the church. Come and support your local church!

Please also note in your diary the date of St Augustine's Summer Fete: Saturday 5th June, from 2pm. This will be a traditional English garden fete in the beautiful gardens of Cowdray's, Cat Street, with tea and cakes, stalls and games for all the family. And as part of the East Hendred Festival and Open Gardens Day, St Augustine's will be welcoming visitors with organ music and tea and cake on Sunday 13th June from 2pm.

Finally, don't forget the coffee mornings in the south aisle of St Augustine's church on the last Wednesday of the month (that's March 31, April 28, May 26 and Jun 30), from 10:30am to 12 noon. There's tea, coffee and biscuits, and a small table for bring-and-buy. Everyone is welcome.

The times of all our services and events are available on the noticeboards outside the churches and on the church websites, easily reached through the 'Churches' tab at www.hendred.org.

Regular Church Events

St Augustines

- 1st and 4th Sundays in the month - Holy Communion 10:30am
- 2nd Sunday in the month - Parish Communion 11:00am (coffee in church from 10:30am)
- 3rd and 5th Sundays in the month - Benefice Communion 10:15am - see noticeboard or website for venue
- Last Wednesday in the month - Coffee Morning in church 10:30am

St Marys

Sunday Mass 9.30am

East and West Hendred Cricket Club

The 2010 season is scheduled to start 1.30 pm on Sunday 18 April at Abingdon Vale and the first home match is arranged for the following weekend, when the Saturday match will be away against Kingston Bagpuize at 1.30pm and Sunday's will be at home against Broughton and North Newington. Our league matches (Divisions 3 and 9) in the Oxfordshire Cricket Association will start on Saturday, 1 May. The first few fixtures in May are:

Saturday 1 May. First team away against East Oxford 2nd. 2 pm
Second team at home against Kennington 2nd. 2 pm

Sunday 2 May. Friendly at home against Challow. 2 pm

Saturday 8 May. First team home against Combe.
Second team away against Garsington (Centenary Cup Match).

Sunday 9 May Friendly at home to Wantage. 2.30 pm.

The complete list will be published in the fixture cards that will be available shortly before the season starts. The list will also appear on the village web site and on the village notice board.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 5 March, when the new committee and team captains and vice-captains were elected, with a few changes from last year. The organisational structure of the club will be outlined on the fixture cards.

The club is now in a position to complete the construction of the new complex of practise facilities replacing the single net which had served for several years but became inadequate. With great energy, Dominic McKenna has raised funds from several sources to proceed and a major effort from club members on 20 March saw the spreading of two lorry-loads of special aggregate to form the bases. These nets will dramatically improve not only the practise of senior members but also the training of the junior members of the club.

Between 1984 and 2001, the club fielded a team in what has become the Charles Hoile Downs Cricket League. This provides Wednesday evening cricket, starting at 6.15 pm, (ie when the evenings are long). We withdrew in 2001 because of difficulties of raising a team, but now there are many players just over 15 who cannot play in junior league matches and so we will participate in the 2010 Downs League to provide match experience for them. There will be 10 fixtures between 5 May and 7 July, the first one away to Sunningwell. As before, junior players will be encouraged, with some selection priority, also to play in second XI and Sunday friendlies against opposition with similar team make-up.

As previously, there will be a full programme of Under 11, 13 and 15 league, cup and friendly matches from the beginning of May until the beginning of July. The Downs League and Junior fixtures will be included in the club fixture list.

A huge amount of help will be needed from the beginning of April to prepare the square, the outfield, the practice nets, the changing rooms and the other areas of the pavilion. Any assistance will be very welcome! If you are interested in playing next season or would like to know more details about the club's activities, please contact the club secretary, Ivan Mulford, on 820316.



Hundreds Pre-school are holding their main fund-raising event of the year, a family barn dance, on Friday 18th June at 7.30pm in West Hendred Village Hall. This will be an extremely popular event for all the family, with food included in the cost of the ticket, a bar and a raffle. For tickets and further details please contact Sally Hutchinson on 01235 833081 or 07748 582478

Farming Focus

Interesting weather extremes again have dominated recent farm work

The driest September for 12 years followed by a fairly dry October allowed us to plant our autumn crops in good conditions. Unfortunately the wettest November and December for about 7 years severely disrupted our black grass spraying programme. (Black grass is our No.1 weed problem. It is a very competitive yield robbing weed which over the years has become resistant to every herbicide developed to kill it. At present there is only one really effective herbicide left and this is best sprayed on small plants in the autumn when they are less able to breakdown the herbicide and survive treatment). The wet weather prevented us from getting onto the land to spray and subsequently the coldest winter for about 30 years further hampered spraying progress as plants need to be actively growing in soil temps about 6°C for the herbicide to work. At this rate we will not be able to control the weeds until early April whereas treatment would have been best in November. (At least I have an excuse if the fields look a bit weedier than usual this summer!) The exceptionally cold winter and snow caused a few problems with the sheep, having to keep water troughs flowing and having to feed hay in the fields when the grass was snow covered.

We usually sell our lambs as 'stores' in the autumn for somebody else to fatten but because the fat lamb prices have been so high this winter we decided to finish them ourselves using purchased concentrate feed. We usually budget to get about £30- £35 per lamb when we sell them but this year we averaged nearly double this at about £67 per lamb. Which was a useful increase especially when crop prices are quite low at the moment.

An old farming adage is 'up horn down corn' (or vice versa) which indicates that when arable crop values are either high or low the livestock values are usually the opposite, hence the attraction of mixed farming rather than all ones eggs in the same basket.

The hard frosts were not all bad. We managed to plant spring beans directly in to frosted ground with little or no prior cultivation. (Normally in the spring the ground has to be moved a few times to dry out the soil to allow trafficking with the drill)

Julian Gold
Farm Manger
Hendred Farm Partnership

HH East Hendred Heritage Trust

OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 13th June

11 am – 5 pm

Cream Teas will be served at Hendred House

With thanks to Mr & Mrs E Eyston

Organ Recital by Michael Evans

At St Augustines Church 2-4pm

Entry £5 by programme

Available on the day or in advance from
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Planning Matters

EHE/16688/1, Riduna, Church St (Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement dwelling): The Parish Council objected to this application on the following basis: a) The proposed dwelling will be over dominant and will have a detrimental impact on the special rural character of Snells and on the surrounding conservation area, (b) The new house will overlook a neighbouring property resulting in loss of privacy and visual intrusion, (c) There are significant safety issues associated with access to the site during construction. The application was assessed by the Vale District Council Planning Committee and approved.

EHE/2100/4, Sports Ground, Mill Lane (Replacement of cricket pitches): The Parish Council fully supported this application which was subsequently approved

EHE/16146/4, Mather House, White Road (Retrospective planning application for extension and change of use from residential to bed and breakfast): The Parish Council did not object to the application but expressed its strong disappointment that the planning application was retrospective. The Parish Council noted that sewerage issues had been evident the area near Mather House and requested that the Council investigate the adequacy of the sewerage pipe work at Mather House and its impact on the local sewer network

EHE16671/1-LB, Godfrey's Farm, St Mary's Road (Repair and renovations to the structure of this listed building): The Parish Council fully supported this application and noted that they regarded it as a high quality proposal

EHE/21114, Health Protection Agency, Fermi Avenue, Harwell campus (Replacement of garage door): The Parish Council offered no objection

EHE/21116-LB, Chapel House, Chapel Square (Interior renovations around fireplace and replacement of exterior cement rendering with lime mortar): The Parish Council offered no objection

EHE/215/9, Monks Farm, Newbury Rd (Demolition and reconstruction of rear wall & roof, erection of conservatory & other amendments to the Tack Room): The Parish Council will develop their response after consideration of a recent site visit.

EHE/1043/4-X, (Land near Rowstock House, Rowstock): Erection of two small barn style dwellings to replace existing commercial buildings: This application was received recently.

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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7:00am & 16:15pm

Saturday
7:00am (Village Shop)

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Dustbin Collection
Friday

Recycling (Green Boxes)
Tuesday

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

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11:15am

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11:35am – 11:50am

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APRIL

- Fri 2 Good Friday Walk through Benifice of Wantage Downs, 8.30am West Hendred, Ardington 10.00am, Lockinge 11.30am, St Augustines 2.00pm
- Sat 3 Easter Eggstravaganza, Snells Hall, 3.00pm
- Mon 12 Twinning Group AGM, 7.30pm, Snells Hall
- Thur 15 WI 'All that glitters is not gold'
- Sun 25 St Augustine's Anual General Meeting, after Church service.
- Tues 27 Annual Parish Meeting, Snells Hall
- Wed 28 Coffee Morning, St Augustines, 10.30am

MAY

- Tues 4 East Hendred Community Centre AGM, Snells Hall
- Wed 19 DGA Trip to Broadway
- Thur 20 WI 'Ello, Ello, Ello'
- Sat 22 Gift Day and Church Open Day, St Augustines, 2.00pm
- Wed 26 Coffee Morning, St Augustines, 10.30am

JUNE

- Sat 5 Summer Fete, Cowdrays, Cat Street, 2.00pm
- Sun 6 Ritzy Tea, Snell's Hall, 3.30pm, £5.00
- Thur 8 DGA Trip to Wilton House, Gardens and shopping
- Sun 13 Organ Music and Teas, St Augustines, 2.00pm
- Thur 20 WI 'Fan-tastic'
- Wed 30 Coffee Morning, St Augustines, 10.30am

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Regular Events

- MONDAY** Karate 5.30-7pm, Snells Hall
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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.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**

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Sunday Mass

9.30am St Mary's,
East Hendred

Parish Church of St Augustine of Canterbury

Rector: Rev. Elizabeth Birch
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