

EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*

Remembrance Sunday



The Scouts paraded their flags, wreaths were laid, a bugler played and the names of village men who fell in the two World Wars were read before a good crowd who turned out on Remembrance Day, Sunday 14th November, to honour the fallen at the War Memorial. The Act of Remembrance was led by Rev Jean Page and intercessions were read by Edward Eyston.

Collapsed Vault

Probably as a result of all the recent rain, a hole appeared beside the main south door of St Augustine's one morning in early November. It appears that an old brick-lined vault has collapsed. We're told that the bricks date from the 18th century, well before the Victorian doorway was added. At the moment no-one knows whose vault this was, but archaeologists have now inspected the hole to ensure it is safe and it has now been filled in.



Christmas Events

There is lots going on in Hendred this Christmas! Don't forget the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 4th and the Christmas Market on Saturday 12th. Also on Saturday 18th there is the St Augustine's Christmas Concert and the Variety Show at Snell's Hall. Throughout December, starting on Friday the 11th there will be the Christmas Tree competition, so get your entries in! It is admittedly after Christmas, but the Springline pantomime of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' starts its run in Snells Hall on Thursday 20th of January. St Augustine's will also be running Christmas story afternoons on the run up to Christmas Day, and of course there will be midnight mass, along with Holy Communion on the day itself.



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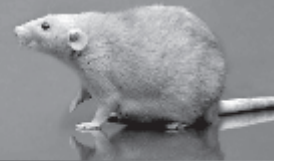
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from the chair

The Council has been addressing the amount of precept that is required for 2011/12. In this period we will be taking over responsibility for part of Rowstock and the precept will need to reflect this. In addition the Council is aware that very few grants will be available from the District and County Councils and hence the Parish Council has built in a sig-

nificant sum for grants to local organisations. The Council will, however, need to see evidence with the applications submitted from village organisations that other sources of grants have also been tried, together with evidence of some fund raising. The village precept is used to cover the costs of the lengthman, clerk and finance officer, as well as the costs of courtesy lighting, maintenance of playgrounds, bus shelters and other local amenities.

The County Council is currently consulting on its draft blueprint for transport improvements for the county for the next 20 years. The Parish Council is reviewing this Local Transport Plan and will be responding by the deadline of Jan. 9th 2011. Of particular concern to the Council is the increasing traffic on the A417 and access to it from the village. This problem will be exacerbated if large amounts of new housing are built in Wantage and Grove.

We welcome John Baldwin to the Council, replacing Susan Townley. John is an allotment holder and has agreed to take on responsibility for managing the allotments on behalf of the Council. Since the elections in 2007 there are four new councillors due to resignations. The next election will take place in May 2011.

With best wishes for Christmas and 2011.

John Sharp

New Councillor

Following the resignation of Susan Townley the Council went through the formal step of placing a notice in the village notice board calling for names to justify an election. None was forthcoming and hence the Council advertised the vacancy. The only applicant was John Baldwin and he was appointed at the November meeting of the Council.

John moved into the village in 2007 and has recently moved into a bungalow on White Road. His background is as an architectural technician but more recently has been working as an IT manager for a local firm. John has an allotment and was helping Susan to manage the allotments prior to being appointed as a Councillor. John has since agreed to take over responsibility for the allotments.

We welcome John as a new Councillor and look forward to working with him.

Rowstock

After many discussions on the proposed change of boundary and as noted in previous Bulletins West Rowstock will be joining the East Hendred parish from April 2011. Part of Rowstock is already in the East Hendred Parish (e.g. Rowstock House). The West Rowstock residents will be able to vote at the East Hendred Council elections next May and their precept will be aggregated into the East Hendred precept next year.

The Parish Council has recently been in discussion with Milton Parish Council to identify the particular responsibilities they currently carry out for the residents of West Rowstock so that these can continue to be provided after the transfer.

This Bulletin is already distributed to all relevant houses in West Rowstock and this will continue. We will also be seeking comments from the residents on their needs once the transfer has taken place.

Batteries and Lightbulbs

With the introduction of the new waste collection service we are no longer allowed to put batteries or light bulbs out for collection on a Tuesday. They should be taken to the tip at Drayton and placed in the appropriate containers. For the elderly in the village who don't have their own transport please take them to the village shop where Martin and Louise will collect them and take them when they go. Our thanks to Martin and Louise for that kind offer.

The Giffords presents Pastiche at Snells hall on Saturday December the 18th at 7.30. Tickets £5 available from Hendred Stores This show comes highly recommended, it is a variety show, dancing singing, from war times songs to Abba to up to date songs. Just in time to put you in the mood for Christmas.

Neighbourhood Policing Update



Here is the latest Wantage East neighbourhood update from Police Community Support officer C9815 Tim Deane.

The Wantage East Neighbourhood Team continues to tackle the issue of dog fouling on our area. Regular patrols are carried out by us to remind dog walkers of the implications for them when not cleaning up dog mess.

Vale of White Horse Dog warden 01235 52 02 02 or visit www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk

The Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) continue to carry out speed checks in the Wantage East villages with the Speed Indication Device (SID) and the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) machine. Owners of vehicles found to be exceeding the speed limit will be contacted.

The Wantage East Neighbourhood Team continues to patrol our area to tackle parking issues. Think before you park; please do not park your vehicle in a dangerous position or cause unnecessary obstruction as you could receive a fixed penalty notice. Some emergency vehicles require a minimum of 10ft (3 Metres) clearance. Inconsiderate parking can cost lives.

Incidents

Two warrants were executed under the misuse of drugs act in Steventon where one person was arrested for possession of cannabis.

A Hare Coursing operation was carried out on Wantage East but no offences were committed that day.

PCSO's Denise Clements and Gary Kirby were directly involved in the detention of two youths for possession of cannabis in East Hendred.

Denise and Gary were also involved in a driver from an RTC being searched and issued an £80 fine for possession of cannabis.

PCSO Darren Baker searched and found a missing person and returned them to their parent.

Darren also issued a SEC 59 Warning Notice to a person he stopped on an off road motorcycle.

PCSO Larry Gardner talked to Harwell Scout Beavers on the role of a PCSO.

PCSO Gary Kirby attended Blewbury Primary School with a police car and took part in their festival of transport project.

Cycle Thefts

There has been an increase in cycle thefts across the Vale of White Horse, please be vigilant and ensure your cycle is secured at all times.

Have Your Say online

You can now send non-emergency messages to us using the online form that is available on the Thames Valley Police website. A number of people have already sent their concerns using this method. For you to do that please follow the link <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/haveyoursay>

If you would like to speak to any member of the Wantage East Neighbourhood team or for more information about your local Neighbourhood team, contact 0845 8 505 505 or visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk

For help and advice on Crime Prevention contact Crime Prevention Advisor,

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Residents Warning Over Waste Letter Scam

Residents in the Vale of White Horse are being warned about a bogus letter which threatens people in relation to the new waste collection service. Residents in the Wantage area have received a letter claiming to come from the Vale of White Horse District Council accusing them of failing to comply with the new waste service. The letter warns them that their property may be removed from the collection list or that they may be fined. This letter is false and either someone's idea of a joke or a deliberate scam. This matter is being treated very seriously and residents are advised that should they receive such a letter they immediately ring the Vale on 01235 520202.

Voluntary Community First Response

In the last issue of the Hoot a questionnaire was delivered to every household in the village asking for opinions on a First Response Team and First Aid Training. We have had a lot of replies to the questionnaire, and so if you wish to have your say and have not done so as yet, please return your questionnaire to the village shop before the end of December. We then plan to hold a meeting in the village hall in the New Year for all interested parties.

Playgrants

Oxfordshire County Council has advised the Parish Council that grants may be available for two separate activities, which are:

1)Oxfordshire Playful Communities grants; several small grants (£50-£300) are available to rural communities to run play events for children and young people. Groups can apply until 31.3.2011. Further information is available from Jane Gallagher (jane.gallagher@oxonplay.org.uk).

2)Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Fund; this fund aims to support the County's community and voluntary sector in developing local solutions to local issues and providing new solutions to ongoing problems. Grants between £3000 and £20,000 are available for voluntary and community sector groups with projects in the county linked to:

- a. Improving people's health and well-being
- b. Creating jobs and/or improving people's skills
- c. Increasing people's involvement and engagement within their communities
- d. Improving the physical environment
- e. Improving people's access to services

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Superfast Broadband

Over the next five years BT is rolling out superfast fibre optic broadband across the UK. Our exchange (Rowstock) is not on the announced roll out plan, but The Race to Infinity gives us the opportunity to fast track our area to get BT Infinity next.

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East Hendred Community Centre

We were all very sad to learn of the passing of John Hill, who only recently had celebrated his 90th birthday. John was a stalwart of the village in general and the Community Centre in particular of which he acted as deputy chairman for many years.

Almost from the day he and Nan moved into East Hendred John gave unstinting support to many projects. The well attended and deeply moving funeral service at St. Augustine's illustrated the range of John's involvement with many endeavours including war-time service with the RAF, training and working as a scientist and his dedication to the Scouting Movement and the Church. He will be remembered with affection and missed by many for his approachability and friendship. We extend our sincere condolences to Nan and his extended family.

To move on to routine matters. It is over two years since the last change was made to Hall hire fees. During that period there have been inevitable increases in various costs such as electricity, insurance and materials. There is also the extra 2.5% in VAT rate to be imposed next year. To avoid running at a loss the next financial year the Committee has approved a general increase of 5% to all fees from January 1st 2011. Despite the increasing demands on everyone's incomes it is hoped that regular users will be able to meet the revised monthly payments without undue difficulty.

Message From District Councillor Mike Murray

I know that readers would be disappointed were my message not to include some reference to waste, so I am pleased to note in this edition that the Council's waste partner Verdant has recently hosted none other than Blue Peter's Andy Akinwolere on a day with their recycling crews. His video report following the green bin contents from kerbside collection through a super "MRF" to sorted recyclable materials in bales is gripping viewing and can be enjoyed by typing into a browser http://www.greenstar.co.uk/blue_peter_recycling_collection.aspx

More information on bins that residents may have missed include the news that continuing the use of the old green boxes is entirely permissible for recyclables, however households are encouraged to clearly mark the boxes to indicate that they should be left on the kerb ("please leave" perhaps?) otherwise the boxes themselves may well end up being recycled too. More on Brown (garden waste) bins. Through an exemplary management of public funds over several years, the Vale has contrived to issue brown bins to households without necessarily arranging for the payment of the collection service. Whilst some might argue that this collection service should be included within the rates, it does attract a modest annual charge. As a reflection of the Herculean task required to try to reconcile and collect the back payment from those who are not paying for the service, the Council has resolved to take a different approach, and instead remove the brown bins from households that are not registered as being paid up contributors to the collection scheme. I understand that there will be first a sticker attached to the bin warning of its status, in which case I would urge the household to 'fess up and pay their £34. Even more on bins – it appears that one or more scoundrels have taken it upon themselves to purport to be our esteemed Vale Chief Executive and write to households informing them that their waste collection service is to be discontinued altogether. Should a reader be in receipt of one of these bogus letters, I would urge them to contact the Vale in the first instance.

With apologies again to our excellent County Councillor Iain Brown, I have been informed that the County's roll out of bus stop improvements has been slowed, or perhaps halted, due to budgetary constraints. In particular the bus stop improvements have stopped short of the Didcot bound stop outside the Steventon Bakery (famed for its Lardy Cakes I understand) which whilst confirmed to be included in the list of facilities scheduled for improvement, is delayed due to lack of funds.

Please do come and visit me at my surgery at 9am on Saturday 11th December, at the Millennium Room, Steventon Village Hall.

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Walking Group

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East Hendred Entertains Grants

We meet early in the New Year to decide on which grants to award, so if your charity, club, society or organisation would like to apply the deadline is 31st January 2011. All applications must be in writing to: Grant Applications, 65 Coulings Close, East Hendred.

We do make some restrictions:

- each application must be for a specific project or a single item (multiple projects/items will not be considered) · only one application per charity, club, society or organisation each year · copies of invoices or quotes must accompany applications
- With the number of claims made it may not be possible to make all claims in full, but this will be at the discretion of the East Hendred Entertains Committee. **Not all applications will be successful and the committee's decision is final, unsuccessful applicants can apply again in following years.**

St Amands

The Governors of St Amands are delighted to have recently appointed a new head teacher, Mrs Helen Clarke. Mrs Clarke had been Acting Head since May and was appointed to the position permanently in September. It has been a busy first term for teachers and pupils with lots of events including cross country competitions, a visit to the Pitt Rivers museum, and a day spent with Cafod learning about their work to help poor children across the world. We also had an exciting science lesson when scientists from the Culham laboratories came in to talk to the children. We also had our harvest service after which children from Years 5 and 6 delivered produce to the elderly in the village. We have lots planned before Christmas with the school choir invited to sing at several events, including the Mayor's carol concert in Wantage, a carol service at Didcot Baptist Church and at a village Christmas celebration in Snells Hall. We will also have our usual very popular Nativity productions in school. The PTA are busy organising the Christmas market, our biggest fund raiser of the year. Just contact the school if you would like know more about these events.

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The Sport of Kings (and Queens)

Horse racing may be centuries old but Racing Stables are not, these developed during the 18th & 19th Centuries. During the 18th Century owners had their racing horses prepared by their grooms with the rest of their horses, this was replaced by having specific and highly sort after 'racing grooms'. Then as owners realised that horses from specific regions were better trained (Berkshire being one of them), it became fashionable to send your racing horses to stables in these regions to be trained, and Racing Stables or Training Yards were established (mid 19th century).

East Hendred was one such place; gallops on the Berkshire chalk downs were some of the best in the country.

We had over a hundred years of horse training in East Hendred until the 1990s when Andy Turnell sold Orchard Stables and they were converted into houses. The Racing Yards in East Hendred brought workers, many of whom settled and stayed. Some famous faces were apprentices here – the late Alex 'Hurricane' Higgins being one of them. Lester Piggott, who was born in Wantage, was a frequent visitor to the Eyston Arms. But who can forget the horses? 'Ki Ming' the 2000 Guineas winner trained by John Beary & latterly his brother Michael. Mr Nice Guy was a favourite with everyone, trained by Eddie Reavey and it was a very memorable day when Maori Venture returned home as the Grand National Winner – in 1987! **(You can watch the race on YouTube!)**



Maori Venture, Andy Turnell (leading) Steve Knight (Jockey) 1987

We are putting on an exhibition in Champs Chapel next year on Horse Racing in East Hendred, which ties in with the Oxfordshire Museums Council theme for 2011 of 'Occupations'.

WE NEED YOUR HELP:

Although we have some items within our collection that relates to horses – we don't have anything specific to race horses and we have limited photographs.

Can we borrow....?

Objects – racing silks, whips, hats, trophies or any others horse equipment or paraphernalia

Photographs – can we copy your photographs to use in the exhibition for next year and add to our digital collection?

Also.....

We want to start building an audio history of East Hendred, and with the assistance of Springline Productions and StudyVox, we have access to some recording equipment. Would you be prepared to be recorded? We are starting with Horse Racing to deepen the scope of our exhibition for next year and we would over the next couple of years like to incorporate many other topics and to record our past for our future.....

Many people still miss the strings of horses trailing through the village on their way to the gallops, the sight of which was beautiful whatever the season. If you weren't lucky enough to have lived here when there was racing it really was a sight to behold. The racing yards also had their own community with the stable lads & lasses, Ted Chasney's betting shop, the Jockeys, the Trainers & the Owners all of which is now lost to our village, maybe for the better or maybe not, but it is one of the many changes our village has undergone over the last Millennium or so.

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There have been two very interesting talks given to the DGA this autumn. The first, in October, was a talk about the work in the Island Donkey Sanctuary. It was hard to comprehend some of the cruelty these animals had suffered before they were rescued. The star of the talk was Pollyanna, a calm and beautiful donkey, who has "starred" on stage at Covent Garden Opera House in Carmen. On 4th November Rupert Rowbotham gave a fascinating illustrated talk about the history of South Africa and his vineyard. The talk was followed by a wonderful lunch and Rupert and his wife Anna kindly supplied the delicious wine. Everyone agreed that having the talk before lunch was a great success and should be repeated.

In October there was a Bridge Drive to raise funds for the D.G.A. Salvador provided a delicious lunch of chicken carbonara and couscous with a scrumptious array of pudding made by members. Stella presented one of her delightful, artistic raffle tables.

On 22nd November, there was a Christmas shopping trip to Cheltenham. There are several events in early December. The **Christmas Dinner** is on 2nd December, which includes a visit from Father Christmas and St. Amands school choir. There is the **Christmas Bazaar** on 4th December and the **Christmas Market** on 12th December. The D.G.A. have agreed to run a bric-a-brac stall at both the bazaar and market at Snells Hall. All the DGA were saddened by the news of John Hill's sudden death. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Nan and her family. He will be missed by so many.

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 and West Hendred WI



Since the Summer the WI has been very busy. Locally we were involved with the Teas at the Hendred Family Show and together with our Stall we really enjoyed the day in spite of the Rain. Our monthly coffee outings continue to be popular as do our visits to interesting places both near and far. We recently had a day out in historic Bath which included a fascinating tour of the Roman Baths, the Abbey and oh yes the 'obligatory' shopping ending the day with 'High Tea' at the Pump Room. (Picture enclosed). We have also joined in with other WI's in the area on their special events like a 'Malaysian Cookery Demonstration' in Harwell and 'A first Year Birthday Party' in Wantage to name a couple.



Our monthly meetings have been as lively as ever. In September we had a talk from Susan Howe about her funny and varied life. This included a short period spent with Sir John Betjeman and we were pleased to welcome some of the John Betjeman Society to the meeting. October was very interesting as Anne Pappenheim, from East Hendred, gave us a talk about her experiences as a magistrate. Anne gave a general overview and we certainly realized and appreciated how much time and effort goes into serving on the magistracy.

The next few weeks will be preparing for the Festive Season with our Stall at the Snell's Hall Bazaar on Saturday December 4th and the following week at the Christmas Market. They are always a good place for picking up Christmas Presents!

The following events are arranged for the months ahead: -

November	Valerie Calderbank - Star Trek (Astronomy)
December	Christmas Party at Hendred House with a talk by Norman Francis
January 2011	Our 90 th Birthday Party at which we will be entertained by the Wantage Male Voice Choir
February 2011	A return visit by author Julie Summers titled 'Evacuee Children.'

If anyone is interested in joining our group we meet at 7.30pm in Snell's Hall, East Hendred, on the Third Thursday of every month. We welcome new members, any age and we are happy for those interested to attend their first meeting as a guest. So please come along or if you would prefer please contact our secretary by email on jxpol@tiscali.co.uk

News from the Churches

Advent Services

Following the Ecumenical Advent Service for both churches at St Augustine's on Advent Sunday (November 28th), there will be a **Reconciliation Service** at St. Mary's on Saturday 11th December at 11am.

Christmas Story Afternoons

If you have children in the house in the first week of the school Christmas holidays, then bring them along to the Christmas Story afternoons on Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd December from 2.00 to 3.00pm, in St Augustine's church. We will be telling a story on the Christmas theme, followed by a craft activity related to the story, making something the children can take home. All children aged 5 to 10 are invited to come with a parent, grandparent or other adult. For more information and to book your place, please call the Rector, Elizabeth Birch (tel:833235).

Christmas Concert

Come and sing carols and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies at this Christmas concert on Friday 17th December from 7:30 to 8:30pm in St Augustine's church. There'll be community singing led by Michael Evans, the organist, as well as music from guest singers and brass players. Stay on for seasonal refreshments and a 'Wishes Tree' with super prizes. Tickets £6 for adults, children free with their parents. Additional singers and musicians are very welcome to take part – please phone Derek Witts (tel: 831115) to volunteer.

Christmas Services

You are warmly welcomed to all the Christmas celebrations – as you are to everything we do throughout the year.

At St Mary's, on Christmas Eve, Friday 24th December, there will be **carols and readings** from 7.30pm followed by the **Christmas Vigil Mass** at 8pm. On **Christmas Day**, **Mass** will be celebrated at 9.30am. At St Augustine's, there'll be a **Christingle** service for all ages on Thursday 23rd December at 4pm. Everyone is invited to this magical service with Christingle oranges and candles. **Midnight Mass**, a traditional service to celebrate Christmas, will start at 11pm on Christmas Eve. Holy Communion for **Christmas Day** is at 10:30am, and on Sunday 26 December, Holy Communion for the whole Benefice will be celebrated at St Augustine's starting at 10:30am.

As always, the churches will be decorated for Christmas so do call in to have a look, any time in the Christmas season.

Penney Memorial Lectures

Thursday 27th January 2011 – "The Origins of Port – from grape to bottle." With more than 20 years experience

as co-owner of 'Quinta de la Rosa', a top quality port producing vineyard in the Upper Douro Valley, East Hendred's Sophia Bergqvist will tell us how such a hot and sunny country as Portugal can produce a wonderful winter-warming drink, full of colour, spice and silky flavours. There will be an opportunity to ask questions – and to taste the port.

Friday 25th February 2011 - "Coalition Government: The Art of the Possible". Ed Vaizey MP, our representative in Parliament, will give us some inside information about what it's like working in a coalition government. What can - and what can't - be done?

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 drink (for which we ask to give a small donation.)

Coffee Mornings

Don't forget the coffee mornings in St Augustine's church from 10:30am to 12 noon on the last Wednesday of most months (not December and August). There's tea, coffee and biscuits, and a small bring-and-buy table. The dates for the first half of 2011 are January 26th, February 23rd, March 30th, April 27th, May 25th, June 29th and July 27th. Everyone is welcome. Information about all services and events are on the noticeboards outside both churches and on the churches' websites (see www.hendred.org), or you can phone the contact numbers on the back page of this *Bulletin*. Services across the Benefice of Wantage Downs are listed each month in *The Henchman* – if you don't get your own copy on subscription, the magazine is available at the back of St Augustine's church.

What's Happening In The Village?

There are several ways to find out:

- The Bulletin** is published quarterly by the Parish Council and is delivered to all houses in the parish and is available on the village website.
- All houses in the village receive a free monthly copy of **The Hoot**, courtesy of East Hendred Entertains.
- Subscribers receive **The Henchman**, the monthly church magazine.
- People with internet access can find the weekly **What's On in The Hundreds** listing, the **Village Calendar**, and **Snells Hall Calendar** on the hendred.org website. The What's On listing is emailed to anyone who subscribes by sending a message to events@hendred.org.

Prize and Cash Bingo (East Hendred Entertains)

Friday 10th December at Snells Hall. Doors open at 6.45pm and eyes down at 7.30pm. We will be rounding off this year's Snowball with a grand cash flyer with guaranteed prizes of £25 for the line and £75 full house.

Springline

We are now rehearsing twice a week for the forthcoming production of Jack and the Beanstalk in January 2011. We will be presenting four performances at Snells Hall. An evening show at 7:30 pm on Thursday, 20 January and Friday 21 January, followed by two shows on Saturday, 22 January, being a 2 pm afternoon matinee (so there is no excuse - bring the kids!) and a final evening show at 7:30 pm.

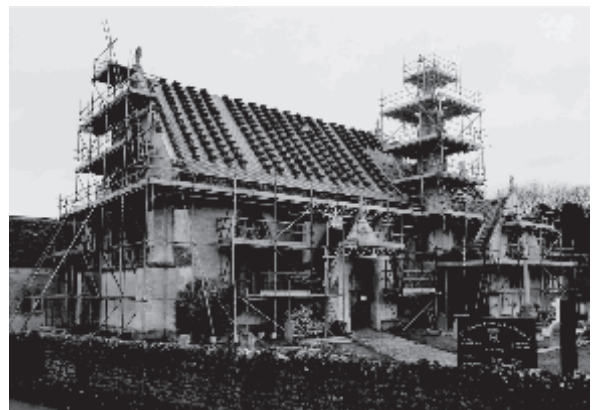


Tickets will go on sale on SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER at 1.30 pm at SNELLS HALL at the CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.– so queue early to avoid disappointment – last year’s Saturday performance sold out in 20 minutes. Tickets will then be available out the Springline Box Office – that is Hendred Stores for those of you who did not know.

We could still do with some help behind-the-scene, so if you would like to join us give Susie Turnbull a call on 01235 833797 or by visiting www.springlineproductions.com.

Repairs to St Mary’s

In January this year, the Parish commissioned a very experienced architect, John Radice, to carry out a Quinquennial Inspection of the church. This revealed that a considerable amount of renovation was required to bring the church back into a good state of repair. The major element is the roof. The tiles are of good quality and can be re-used but the battens on which they sit have rotted away. Replacing them involves stripping the roof, removing the lime plaster between the rafters, replacing the battens, introducing a high-tech waterproof membrane and replacing the tiles. The architect has recommended that every fourth course is drilled and nailed to enable them to be anchored more securely as the roof is very steep and the nibs (protrusions on the back of each tile) are quite shallow. Stuart Huggins, who also repaired the roof of the adjoining St Mary’s Cottage, is carrying out the work on the roof.



Work continues on the new roof at St Mary’s. This includes replacing the finial right at the top of the steeple.

John’s inspection also highlighted a series of other problems. All the asbestos guttering and rainwater goods need to be replaced and the stonework, particularly at the gable ends where the coping stones have allowed water ingress, needs repairing. Lead in stained-glass windows expands as it heats up in the sun, especially on the south side of a church, and doesn’t contract; this results in the characteristic bowing of stained-glass windows. Paul Gregory, who has been making and repairing stained-glass windows all his working life, is removing the most badly bowed ‘lights’ in the church and re-setting them. The last major item is the boundary wall that surrounds the church grounds which is in need of partial replacement and re-pointing.

Following a generous contribution from the East Hendred Catholic Charities Trust, established by Edward Eyston’s ancestors, the parish has to find £175,800 to complete the work on St Mary’s and the upgrade of facilities in the Catholic church of St Patrick’s in East Ilsley (part of the same parish). Each household in the parish is being briefed on the financial requirement and asked to consider a 5-year pledge. So far, with Gift Aid, the pledges total £168,200, 96% of the sum required, leaving £7,600 left to secure. The Diocese of Portsmouth has kindly provided an interest-free loan so that the work can be completed in one go. If you would like any more information, or would like to contribute, please contact Chris Harrison on 01235 833584.

West Hendred Xmas fair is on Sunday 5th Dec. from 11.30am onwards at WHVH with music from th Wantage Silver Band at the start and stalls including Xmas decorations, plants, crafts, produce, tombola and raffle and Simon Johnson’s 100 year old fairground organ. Also, included is a bar and entertainment for children and a visit from Father Christmas.



Christmas Market

Sunday 12th December
12-4pm

Around East Hendred in gardens, garages, barns etc
(Some stalls in Snells Hall)

Art, crafts, gifts, food, clothing, plants and much more!

Pick up an unusual Christmas gift.

To book your stall call Val 833973

Or go to www.easthendredentertains.org for details



'Decorate a Tree for Christmas' Competition (Victorian Theme)

Decorate a tree in your garden or outside your home to create a wonderful and exciting 'Victorian Christmas Walk' around East Hendred.

Your tree can be real or artificial, it can be one planted in your garden, in a planter or in a stand. It can be **any kind of tree!** It mustn't be taller than 6 feet and preferably not too small! The tree should be clearly visible from the footpath. (If you do not live in East Hendred – and you want to still take part..... Contact us for details)

Entries to be on display from:

Saturday 11th December 2010 until New Years Day 2011.

1st Prize £50, 2nd Prize £15 and 3rd Prize £5.

Entry is £3 and the Trail Sheets & Map will be available at £1 each.

Entries by 1st December

(forms available at www.easthendredentertains.org or at Hendred Stores)

Contact Val 833973 for more information.

**"The Hendred's Primary School, East Hendred
Christmas Fayre, Thursday,
December 9th.**

Please come along to our fantastic Christmas Fayre this year which will be held at The Hendreds School from 6-8pm. There will be jewellery stalls, preserves with tasting, gifts for the home, cards, books, mulled wine and mince pies, Bestmates Brewery, pocket money stall, cakes, tombola, lovely raffle, crafts and carol singing! We are focusing on fund raising for additional arts projects and a new play area outside for the children. We look forward to seeing you there at our special Christmas evening.

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

The Hendred Estate

East Hendred, Nr. Wantage
www.hendredestate.co.uk

The Hendred Estate manages over 40 properties, mainly 2/3 bedroomed cottages, which we make available to rent, unfurnished, on Assured Shorthold Tenancies in the village of East Hendred and surrounding area. We also have offices and commercial units, garages and grazing available to rent.

Visit our website for full particulars of current availability.

The Estate Office: Tel: 01235 821543

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Planning Matters

EHE/19314/5 The Cottage, Chapel Square, East Hendred, Erection of 1 ½ storey dwelling with gardens, single car port and off street parking. The application has gone to appeal. The Parish Council has responded supporting the Vale's reasons for refusal. EHE/13175/1 1 Mount Pleasant, East Hendred. Erection of Orangery to rear.

The Parish Council did not object but requested that the neighbours who were away were made aware of the plans. Application refused.

EHE/8991/7 Church Place, Church St, East Hendred. Conversion of outbuilding to annex.

The Parish Council did not object but requested that modifications reflected that the property was in a Conservation Area and that it is never separately occupied. Application permitted.

EHE/1965/22 Greensands, Reading Road, East Hendred. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for use of an outbuilding as a private dwelling. The Parish Council did not object but raised that issue that the Vale Planning Office should have been aware due to the ongoing planning investigations at the site and that no more buildings/units should qualify in the future. Still pending consideration.

EHE/17497/2 Lowood, Cat St, East Hendred. Proposed Carport/Workshop/Store.

The Parish Council did not object but requested that the proposed building could not in the future be converted to a separate dwelling. Pending permitted.

EHE/12795/3 5 Mount Pleasant, East Hendred. Proposed single storey extension. The Parish Council did not object but requested that consideration be given regarding access across neighbouring properties for building vehicles. Application Permitted.

EHE/13954/3 Lynwood, Reading Road, East Hendred. Demolition of existing garage to be replaced by double garage with home office in roof. Application withdrawn.

EHE/18806/3 Oak Barn, Old Road, East Hendred. Erection of a detached garage

The Parish Council did not object but requested that a section 106 was applied to prevent it being sold as a separate entity. Application permitted.

EHE/21116/1-LB Chapel House, Chapel Sq, East Hendred. Replacement of pebbledash panels by lime render, replacement of front door. The Parish Council did not object. Pending Consideration.

EHE/14747/9..Eyston Arms, East Hendred. Construction of car parking places. The Parish Council did not object. Pending consideration.

EHE/9592/6 7b Orchard Lane, East Hendred. Erection of a single storey timber outbuilding. The Parish Council had no objections. Application permitted.

EHE/16157/1 – Croft Cottage, Ford Lane, East Hendred – Proposed rendering to some external brick work. The Parish Council had no objection. Pending consideration.

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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& Fridays: 9am-1pm

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Weekdays
7:00am & 16:15pm
Saturday
7:00am (Village Shop)

REFUSE COLLECTION

Non. Recyclables (grey bin)
Tuesday (fortnightly)
Food Waste (small green bin)
Tuesday (weekly)
Recycling (green bin)
Tuesday (fortnightly)
Garden Waste Only (brown bin)
Tuesday (fortnightly)

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DEC

- Sat 4 Christmas Bazaar, Snells Hall, 10.30pm
 Fri 10 Prize Bingo, East Hendred Enterains, 7pm
 Sat 11 Christmas Tree Competiton (start), £3, throughout village. Mike Murray's Surgery, Steventon Village Hall, 9am
 Sun 12 Christmas Market, Snells Hall and across the village, 12pm
 Thur 16 WI Christmas Party, Hendred House, talk by Norman Francis, 7 30pm
 Fri 17 'Have Your Say', Snells Hall, 6pm
 Christmas Concert, St Augustines, 7 30pm, £6
 Sat 18 Variety Show, Snells Hall, 7.30pm, £5
 Mon 20 Christmas Story Afternoon, St Augustines, 2pm

JAN

- Thur 20 Springline, 'Jack in the Beanstalk', Snells Hall, 7 30pm
 WI 90th Birthday Party, with Wantage Male Voice Choir, Snells Hall, 7 30pm
 Thur 27 Penny Lecture, 'Port, From Grape to Bottle', St Augustines, 7.30pm

FEB

- Thur 17 WI, 'Evacuee Children', Snells Hall, 7 30pm
 Fri 25 Penney Lecture, Ed Vaizey 'Coalition Government; the Art of the Possible', St Augustines, 7 30pm

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Regular Events

- MONDAY** **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
- 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)
- 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**

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

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

The Bulletin

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