

EAST HENDRED Bulletin

One Of Britain's Best Villages

East Hendred was selected as one of Britain's 12 best villages in the Sunday Times dated March 13th. It was one of three in the group identified as "Best Connected". Comments on the village said "East Hendred is particularly attractive, with a community shop, a gastropub and a local vineyard with a drinkable white. Best of all, the main road is a no-through road and peters out on the Ridgeway. The average price for a property in this peaceful haven is £407,281 according to estate agent's research." The BBC has picked up on this accolade and is planning filming in the village in the near future – so we shall get some more publicity. The other villages in "Best Connected" were Chew Magna in Somerset and Brenchley in Kent, along with nine other villages selected in three groups – "Best for Schools", "Best Getaway" and "Best on a Budget".

Welcome To West Rowstock

From April 5th residents in West Rowstock (including Tudor Walk) will become part of East Hendred parish. This transfer has taken some considerable time but is now about to happen. We welcome those living in the 38 houses involved and hope that they will soon form part of the East Hendred community, despite the small distance that separates them from the main core of the village. East Hendred Council has undertaken to maintain the services provided by Milton Parish Council, in the form of litter picking and grass cutting. The Bulletin will continue to be distributed to West Rowstock houses and we welcome any input to the Bulletin from those living there. There will also be the opportunity in May for the residents to vote in the Parish and District Council elections linked to this village.

May Elections

On Thursday May 5th there will be elections held in the village to select both District Councillors and Parish Councillors. Do take the opportunity to cast your vote.

*Characters from this years pantomime;
Turn to page 11 for the article on this year's Springline
production of Jack and the Beanstalk*

Museum Reopening

The Museum reopens on 24th April (Easter Sunday) and the opening Times are 2.30-4.30 every Sunday until the end of October.

New "Affordable" Housing



In early March the three new houses in Coulings Close were completed by Sovereign Housing and made available for tenants with close associations with the village as planned. This follows on from the needs survey that was carried out by Oxfordshire Rural Community Council in 2008, which identified a requirement for up to 10 lower cost houses in the village. The building of three more houses partly satisfies this need but the Council is actively seeking other sites which will provide additional housing of this type.

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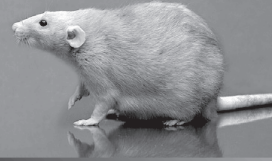
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from the chair

After our success in being named one of Britain's Twelve Best Villages, we are not surprised at the title of "Best Connected", as we know the effort that goes into creating and maintaining such a community. We should thank those individuals who take the lead in making things happen and bringing people together, almost all of it done voluntarily.

The Parish Council is keen to continue to support this aspect of the village through grants and by other means. We have allocated a larger sum in our budget for 2011/12 for grants to village organisations, particularly knowing that many other sources of grants will be tight in the current economic climate.

The Council is very pleased that the new "affordable" housing in Coulings Close is complete and now occupied by tenants who have links with the village. It has taken a very long time to achieve

this, with initial problems on the boundaries of the site. However this is good news and an official opening ceremony involving Sovereign Housing is being planned.

In May there will be elections for both the District and Parish Councils. The current serving Councillors will stand down. I should like to thank them for all their hard work for the benefit of the village. We hope that there will be enough new Parish Councillors elected in May to enable the Council to work efficiently to the benefit of the village. In the next 4 year session sev-

eral significant opportunities are expected for Parish Councils, with the Localism Bill coming into force.

The Council's annual meeting will be held on Friday April 15th when there will be reports on the work of the Council over the last year, and reports too from our District and County Councillors. We hope that many of you will come along and catch up with Council activities and have your say on what needs to be done in the future.

John Sharp

Peter Mulford



Peter Mulford

The Council was sorry to hear of the death of Peter Mulford recently after a long illness. Peter was a Parish Councillor for over 23 years, joining in July 1967 and resigning in May 1991. He had particular interests in this Bulletin and often contributed drawings and cartoons to liven up articles. He was editor for many years and oversaw the transfer of the early editions of the Bulletin from typescript to a polished typeset layout which he edited. Peter was born in the village and attended St.Amand's school. After leaving school he joined AERE Harwell, eventually becoming head of the Design Studio, where he was able to put his artistic skills to good use. He will be remembered by many villagers, supporting his parents as publicans of the Wheatsheaf which they ran for many years, and then eventually taking over as licensee with his wife. Peter also took on the task of restoring the old village fire pump, following its discovery in a shed at Pound Cottage. Helped by friends from the village and his design team at AERE it was returned to its former glory and given back to the village. It now resides behind Snells Hall in its own special enclosure. Later Peter became a foundation trustee of the Heritage Charitable Trust which now runs the Chapel Museum. He spent many hours preparing excellent presentations and exhibits of village life which were displayed in the Chapel. Peter moved to Didcot some years ago but continued to take a special interest in East Hendred. We would like to express our condolences to Peter's family and express our appreciation of his long period of service as a Councillor and to the village community.

Mrs Val Bacon

The Parish Council was saddened to hear of the recent death of Val Bacon. Val resigned from the Council in 2010 when she learned of her serious illness. She joined the Parish Council in 2004 and became its Deputy Chair in 2008. She contributed greatly to Council business, particularly on issues concerned with younger children and play schemes. She also managed successfully for many years the courtesy lighting system, which makes walking around the village at night so much easier. She was also an active member of the team developing the Parish Plan which was published in 2008. Val had a particular interest in the environmental activities and subsequently became a member of the Environment Group and provided a link between the Parish Council and this group. Val's profile as a Parish Councillor appeared in the Autumn 2008 Bulletin. In response to the question if she had unlimited funds to spend on a project for the village she said "Build an adventure playground, with exciting equipment for children of different ages, trees to climb, places to build dens, and a cycle track. Playing is a great way for young people to learn lots of skills, whilst enjoying themselves- and I liked climbing trees and making dens when I was young." Although a start was made in this direction Val recognised that there was much more to do to help village youngsters. She also said that she would like to be remembered as "a brief candle flame". Val will be remembered as much more than that for all the good work she did for the village. The Council wishes to express its condolences to Trevor and family over their loss.



Val Bacon (2nd from left) with a group of conservation volunteers from Thames Water

Neighbourhood Policing Update

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

Rural Crime is still a priority concern for the Wantage East Neighbourhood Team. Hi-Visibility Patrols by Police and Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) are carried out at rural locations including outbuildings to prevent Burglaries and the theft of plant machinery and diesel.

The Wantage East Neighbourhood Team continues to patrol on our area to tackle the issues of Hare Coursing and Poaching Offences.

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) and Speeding are also priority concerns for the Wantage East Neighbourhood Team. Persons acting in an Anti Social manner and/or causing Harassment, Alarm and Distress will be dealt with.

Locations have been identified where motorists regularly exceed speed limits causing concern amongst residents. The Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) 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.

Incidents

Theft of diesel from Lockinge. Two days later the offending vehicle was seen working on a property in Wantage by a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator who phoned the police. PC Steve Lynch attended and arrested two males for theft of diesel and possession of cannabis. They were both later cautioned for these offences. They were also arrested for fraud by false representation (rogue trader offences) and are currently on bail for this offence.

PC Steve Lynch carried out an ANPR operation on the A417 at Rowstock which resulted in numerous stop checks and one vehicle being seized for having no insurance.

The Wantage East and Wantage Neighbourhood team executed two drugs warrants in Wantage.

Doorstep Selling - Cold Calling - Rogue Traders

Many doorstep sellers are honest and genuine. However, some aren't – and they may use lines like these in order to get into your home: 'Congratulations! You've won a prize! If you could just sign here for it...' or 'I noticed you've got a few loose tiles on your roof...' Most legitimate market researchers carry an identity card, which you can ask to see. If you're in any doubt, call the Market Research Society on 0207 4904911. You can also check for an Approved Trader at www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk. Remember, doorstep sellers are trained to get people to buy. They can be extremely persuasive. Once you have let a doorstep seller into your home, they will be expecting a sale – and they won't give up easily.

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

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Donation To The Museum

The family of Athalie and Harry Tamlin have donated a display cabinet to the museum in their memory. Athalie died in July of last year and Harry in February 2003. Harry was originally from South Devon and Athalie from Wiltshire and they moved to this area after the war in 1946. Here Harry was able to re-new his life long passion for horses, working for John Beary. In 1956 they moved to Coulings Close in East Hendred where they remained for the rest of their lives. They made many friends over the years and Athalie will be particularly remembered by the past pupils of St. Amands School where she spent many happy years as a 'dinner lady'. They loved the village of their adoption, and with the disappearance of the stables from East Hendred, often spoke with nostalgia of the passing of a way of life that they had both loved and appreciated so much. It therefore seems fitting that the first display to be housed in the new cabinet is one celebrating the horse-racing history of the village. East Hendred Heritage Trust thank the family of Athalie and Harry Tamlin for their very generous donation and feel grateful that they have chosen to remember their loved ones in such a lovely way.

Annual Parish Meeting

The annual meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Snells Hall at 8pm on Friday April 15th. It is an opportunity to catch up on progress over the last year and make your views known about the coming year.

Message From District Councillor Terry Fraser

I am pleased to have served this District of the Hendreds for the past 20 years. In that time I have seen many changes in how all the Parish Councils in the Hendreds ward are run, and I am proud of them. The District Council has gone through a very significant change in the last 4 years, going into shared services with South Oxfordshire District Council. County and District Councils across the Country are looking to follow our lead.

The Localism bill has the potential to deliver more control of many services to Parish Councils and other local bodies, but of course there is much more work to be done by Ministers, especially on how it will be financed. We must keep fully alert to this.

To those who receive them, your new bus pass (issued by the Vale District Council on behalf of the County Council) should arrive very soon in the post. The new pass comes into force on 1st April 2011.

As Chairman of the Neighbourhood Action Group, for Wantage East (Police Committee) I wish to thank on your behalf P.C. Lynch and his excellent team of eight PCSOs for all the hard work on and off duty to keep the Hendreds a safe and peaceful place to live.

Message From District Councillor Mike Murray

Firstly a few cheers for the MP for Newbury (and Environment Minister) 's decision to kick the reservoir into the long grass. In the current economic climate I think we can do without a massive and unnecessary infrastructure project paid for through increased utility bills for years to come.

On the subject of economic constraint, one of our cost centres is the Guildhall in Abingdon, an uncompetitive and tired facility in a well supplied Abingdon venue market, that has failed to pay its way for years. I think (being a "wicked property developer" I suppose I would) this would make a fabulous development site, and the listed rooms next to the registrar's office could be a really popular civic ceremony venue. The ruling group have decided however to instead give the building (valued at a couple of million in the books) to the Town Council for nothing, together with a "dowry" of c.£1.2m and unspecified contributions towards maintenance over the next few years. On a similar theme, a deal is being concluded to grant a valuable extension to the private leaseholders of the Abingdon shopping centre for a further 200 years, at a reduced rent. The value of this gift is just under £2m. In return the leaseholders have given assurances that they will refurbish the centre (which it is in their interest to do anyway as it will result in higher rents for them). I bleated that these deals did not give the ratepayers of the Vale best value for their assets, but my protests went unheeded. Readers will form their own view. My last contribution could hardly not include an item on bins – several villages have been experiencing damage from the large collection vehicles to grass verges, and my splendid shadow waste colleague (and member for neighbouring Harwell) Reg Waite has been taking the contractor to task over this. There have been discrepancies between the records of the contractor's collection visits and the incidents of damage, which has put officers in a difficult position. Bearing in mind the somewhat erratic collection patterns over the winter, this strikes me as hardly surprising, however if readers do see damage

to their verges from the lorries, I would urge them to record the incident, ideally with a witness, as the contract manager has difficulty in taking the word of local residents over that of the contractor's operatives.

Finally to say I have very much enjoyed my tenure as your elected representative for the past few years, and I hope I have made a small contribution to both the proper running of the council (although this has been challenging, as an opposition member) and appropriately represented the ward. It will be an interesting election in May – our local vote is likely to reflect national issues as much as council matters I think.

Please do come and join me at my last surgery (before the election!) on Saturday 9th April at 9am in Steventon Village Hall.



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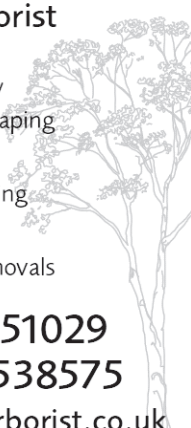
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East Hendred Community Centre

A number of operations are in hand to restore and where possible improve the facilities at Snells Hall. These have involved redecoration of the Main Hall, including resurfacing both the stage and Gallery floors and repairing minor damages sustained during a wide range of activities. A minor but necessary change has been to replace the fragile dust covers over the warm air ducts in the Main Hall by specially prepared 5mm thick stainless steel grilles. These are designed to withstand the weight of an adult sitting on a chair placed directly over them, which previously had destroyed several covers and was a safety concern. The roof over the Committee Room also has needed attention (stripping down and retiling) to eliminate a recurring leak that was causing damage to the ceiling.

We are now concentrating our attention on attempting to renovate the Hall's rather outdated toilet facilities. This will involve installing new low level toilet suites in both the male and female W.Cs, exchanging the unsightly stainless steel male urinals for individual porcelain units, improving the wash basins and having hot air hand dryers in place of the present untidy paper towels. To meet the anticipated (high!) costs application has been made to several external grant making bodies to supplement the local support already received from EHE and the East Hendred Parish Council.

We were sorry to learn that the Brownie Pack ceased to meet this year due to the lack of girls of the relevant ages. The Youth Club also has been disbanded for the time being mainly because of the lack of trained leaders. We would like to emphasise and express our appreciation for all the dedicated hard work of those who have been involved with young people over many years.

We were saddened by the recent death of Val Bacon who was Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee during the formative years (post 1974) when the premises were moved to the present site. We wish to express our condolences to Trevor and family over their loss.



The newly sanded and varnished floor of the Snells Hall Gallery, modelled by Alexander Gardner who did the job assisted by Charles Pappenheim.

Community First Responders

A successful first meeting of those interested in setting up a Community First Response Team in the village was held in Snells Hall on 26th January. Twelve individuals have shown an interest in taking the next steps to becoming fully qualified First Responders. The course will be held over a weekend and run by South Central Ambulance Service. The role of a First Responder is to go to an emergency in the local area, to offer assistance until the ambulance arrives. For someone having a heart attack or stroke time is of the essence and the sooner help arrives, the better the survival rate. The group would not be used for every emergency and certainly not for road traffic accidents. Once you have dialled 999 the ambulance services are immediately dispatched but if they are coming from Oxford that takes time. The emergency services would then call out a local first responder to go to the scene to help until the paramedics arrive. As well as those involved in the training we will need a team prepared to raise funds. Each kit, containing a defibrillator, costs nearly £2000.00. We will then have maintenance costs on top of that. We have been very fortunate in that we have already received some funding and other fund raising ideas are in the planning stage but others will be required, as we would like to end up with more than one kit. Anyone wishing to make a donation or organise a fund raising event would be appreciated. Details are available from Sue Roberts, Pam Lund-Yates or Diana Wheeler.

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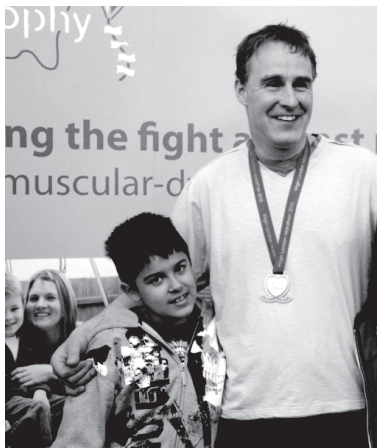
A Nice, Safer Walk To School

The walkway from Snells to Fordy Lane was built to give children and parents a safer route between The Hendreds School and Snells Hall.

The route goes past the playpark and through the wooded area, which is currently putting on a fine show of snowdrops, with all kinds of wild flowers to follow. There are bird and bat boxes along the way (all of which were inhabited last year) and, perhaps best of all, this route avoids the walk along Church Street with its lack of a pavement. This route is a bit longer than the one along the street, but please give it a try - it goes through one of the nicest parts of the whole village.



London Marathon



By the time you read this I will either have run or still be preparing to run, the London Marathon. This is my second (and last) marathon which I am running on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign. This is a charity close to my heart as my 10 year old nephew Inder was diagnosed with Becker Muscular Dystrophy two years ago. I am hoping to raise over £2000 to fund vital research into Muscular Dystrophy which causes muscles to waste and weaken making it hard for those affected to do even the simplest of tasks. The conditions don't just affect the muscles in the arms and legs but the heart and respiratory muscles too. There are over 100 of us in the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign's London Marathon running team, aiming to raise a combined total of over £250,000. The marathon itself is good fun; it is the training that is really hard but I am hoping that my 6.45am runs up to the Ridgeway, with my head torch lighting the way, have put me in good stead for the race. To find out more please visit my sponsorship web page at uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ianrees. Ian Rees 01235 864440

Hendred Twinning Group

The next visit to Sarceaux in Normandy will be over the weekend of July 1st. – 4th., 2011. We leave by coach from the Plough, East Hendred, in early evening of the Friday, crossing to Le Havre on the overnight ferry and arriving at our destination about 10 a.m. All food, accommodation and entertainment in Sarceaux is organised and paid for by our hosts and their Twinning Association. We stay with French families in their own homes, and we know from previous experience that their hospitality is always very generous. A packed programme of activities is planned, with a full day's outing on the Sunday to a local attraction, and a special meal on the Saturday evening. The return journey is on the afternoon ferry to Portsmouth on the Monday, so we arrive back in the village late evening. We have only a limited number of cabins allocated on the outbound ferry, so early booking is recommended. The basic cost per adult is £110, with accompanied school age children travelling free. Cabins (4 berths) cost £70 each, although if you are prepared to share, this cost reduces accordingly. A deposit of £30 per person secures a place, with the balance payable by April 21st. Booking forms and further details are available from Lesley Lewis (lesley.lewis@avondale.co.uk), tel. 863184, or Margaret Sharp (m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com), tel. 833367.



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Green Column

Val Bacon

Val Bacon, who died recently after a long illness, was a founder member of the Hendreds Environment Group. She was also a committee member and our main liaison with East Hendred Parish Council until her illness forced her to resign from this role. She continued to stay in touch, and to offer her great support and enthusiasm for the activities of the environment group for much longer.

We will greatly miss Val's friendship, enthusiasm and practical support in the environment group, and throughout village life.

The Oxfordshire Big Carbon Challenge

Following our runner's up prize in last year's OSCAs (Oxfordshire Sustainability and Conservation Awards), Hendreds Environment Group has decided to take on the Oxfordshire Big Carbon Challenge. We are pitting ourselves against similar groups from around Oxfordshire to reduce carbon emissions at an individual and a community level. We've only got till June to do it, and to show how we're going to keep it up in the future. Right now, as I write, we are into our first series of *Carbon Conversations* workshops. Twelve of us, led by Sarah James and Mhairi MacGillivray-Edwards, are committing to calculating how big our personal carbon footprints really are, and to making plans to reduce them significantly by looking at the areas of home energy use, travel and transport, food and water, and consumer goods and services. We will be running further *Carbon Conversations* courses in the future. We are also already working with Hendreds Pre-School to support its Eco Action Plan and we will be working with Hendreds Primary School to support sustainable travel to school. We now have a selection of resources available to lend to people. They include books about travel, energy efficient homes, water conservation and how to 'Carbon Detox', as well as smart meters to monitor electricity consumption in real time. Please get in touch if you'd like to see what we've got. We will be launching a campaign for safe, direct and pleasant cycle routes linking the Hendreds with neighbouring villages. So, only 3 months to make the Hendreds leaner, greener and more efficient. What would you like to see happening in our community? How can we help you reduce your carbon emissions? Let us know. Email secretary Sarah James at sarahjames@f2s.com.

Hendreds Environment Group AGM

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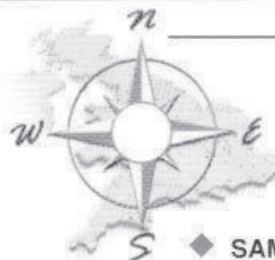
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The Downs Golden Age

On 4th December, the Downs Golden Age met with a record number of members to enjoy a Christmas celebration together. All members brought a gift for Santa to deliver during the afternoon. Salvador, Linda and Niall produced an excellent Christmas lunch and committee members provided the trifles. The table was festive with balloons, crackers, wine, juice and jollity. St. Amands Choir delighted the guests with some excellent choral arrangements and invited everyone to join in singing some well-loved carols

Following immediately upon that, the D.G.A. manned a stall at the Christmas Bazaar in Snells and a week later were there again for the Christmas Fayre. Both were good occasions and the D.G.A. thank all for the generous bric-a-brac gifts.

The meeting at the beginning of January was a more subdued affair. Influenza, hospital appointments etc. kept the numbers in the mid forties.

At the February meeting Sarah James from the Hendred Environmental Group gave a talk "*Think Global:Act Local* which was very interesting. In March the group were given a illustrated talk on "*The Thames from its source to Abingdon*" by Russell Cherry, lovely photography and excellent suggestions for many pubs on the route!

Apart from the usual monthly meeting there are several outings planned for the rest of the year and three bridge drives.

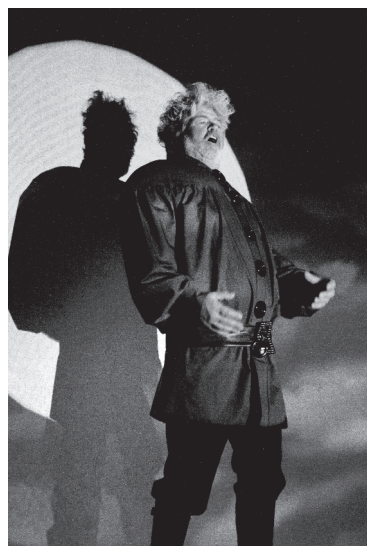
Monday 7 th March	Bridge Drive at Snells Hall
Thursday 5 th May	Blue bells Forest and Greys Court
Tuesday 7 th June	Westminster and Greenwich Boat Trip **
Monday 11 th July	Bridge Drive at Snells Hall
Tuesday 2 nd August	Streatley Boat Trip **
Tuesday 13 th September	Wells and Stree, Somerset
Monday 10 th October	Bridge Drive at Snells Hall
Wednesday 23 rd Nov	Christmas Shopping

** these are special outings due to a very generous donation

New members are always welcome, membership is £10 per year which includes lunch/teas and subsidised outings. Meetings are normally on the first Thursday of the month at Snells Hall. For any enquiries regarding joining or helping with the DGA please contact Betty Holliday 833400

Springline

Well we made it to our fourth year – and they said that we “senior citizens” could not last the course. With the help of our young and vibrant production team and supported with a very strong junior chorus we put on a sell-out pantomime this year. Rumours of excessive price selling on e-Bay were exaggerated! Playing to four packed houses and with the addition of a Saturday matinee, the pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, provided entertainment for all the family. Our newest members of the cast, Darren Weal and James Hart added the “aaah” factor playing Buttercup, the cow who managed to save the day (and the Kingdom) by defeating the giant (he hangs around The Hendred Stores) and that old witch (not that old, really). Barbara



Trafford had a small part – spending all of the show on her knees. Small part but huge impact on the audience, especially when she decided to stand up at the end of the show. Over 35 people appeared in the show and the crew was made up of another 50-plus – all who worked their socks (and wigs) off to produce a great show.

And a big thank you to all that came and supported us by buying tickets – the sound of your laughter, cheers, boos, hisses and applause make it all worthwhile.

If you would like to get involved on stage, behind-the-scene or want more information on the monthly club then give Susie Turnbull a call on 01235 833797 or by visiting www.springlineproductions.com



News from the Churches

We're now in the season of **Lent**, and there have been **Discussion Groups** running at the Rectory on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday lunchtimes, and **Stations of the Cross** every Friday at 7:30pm at St Mary's church until 15th April - all Christians are welcome.

Holy Week and Easter are the busiest seasons in the Church year and this year is no exception. In preparation, the service at St Mary's on Sunday 10th April is a Quiet Mass, with no music, and on Saturday 16th April at 11:00am there's a **Lent Reconciliation Service** at St Mary's. **Palm Sunday** falls on 17th April, with our traditional procession through the village. Meet in front of Hendred House at 10:00am to collect your palm cross, then join the walk to St Mary's church, where the service will be shared by both congregations as a gesture of ecumenical solidarity.

There will be services across the Benefice throughout **Holy Week**, with Eucharists on **Monday** 18th April in St Augustine's at 7.30pm and on **Tuesday** 19th April at 7:30pm in Ardington. **Wednesday** 20th April, also at 7.30pm, will see the very atmospheric candlelit service of Tenebrae in Holy Trinity, West Hendred, recalling Jesus' hours of darkness in a service of short readings, prayers, music and silence. On **Maundy Thursday** (21st April) at 7:30pm in St Augustine's there will be the Eucharist of the Last Supper with footwashing and stripping of the altars. This is a moving re-enactment of Jesus' Last Supper before his arrest in the garden of Gethsemane, in which actions will speak more powerfully than words. At St Mary's, the Maundy Thursday service will be at 8:00pm.

On **Good Friday**, 22nd April, there'll be the traditional walk of witness across the whole Benefice for everybody who would like to join in - come for as much or as little as you can manage. The walk begins at 8.30am with Morning Prayer at West Hendred, followed by a child-friendly Family Service at 10:00am in Ardington, with hot cross buns and coffee in the Loyd Lindsay Rooms afterwards. Then it's onwards to Lockinge for Reflective Space at 11:30am. Next a break for a picnic (bring your own) at Betterton, then back to St Augustine's for 2.00pm for a service of meditation, music and silence using the African Stations of the Cross by the Tanzanian artist Charles Ndege. St Mary's Good Friday service is at 3:00pm.

On **Easter Eve** (Saturday 23rd April) St Mary's church will hold an Easter Vigil starting at 8:30pm, followed by wine and nibbles in the Parish Rooms. Meanwhile, also starting at 8:30pm, there'll be a special service at Lockinge celebrating the first Eucharist of Easter, with adult baptism as the sun sets over the lake, and the new fire of Easter will be lit and brought into the church to light the Easter candles and celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead.

Then on **Easter Sunday** (24th April) the great festival services in both churches in East Hendred will be at the usual times of 9:30am at St Mary's and 10:30am at St Augustine's. Both churches will be decorated for Easter so do call in some time to have a look.

Looking forward to the summer, please make a note in your diary that **St Augustine's annual summer fete** will be held this year on Saturday 4th June.

And don't forget that everyone is very welcome at the monthly **coffee mornings** held in St Augustine's church from 10:30am to noon on the last Wednesday of the month (27 April, 25 May and 29 June.)

Details of all services and other events can be found on the noticeboards outside both St Augustine's and St Mary's, on the weekly pew sheets available in both churches, on the church websites (easily accessed from the village website, www.hendred.org), and for St Augustine's church, in the current edition of 'The Henchman.'

Hendred Primary School

The Staff and parents of Hendreds CE Primary School are delighted with the results from its recent Ofsted inspection. Ofsted came for a surprise visit in February and gave the school an overall 'good' report which is fantastic. Since its last inspection the school has improved in many areas, and the majority of year six are now on track to reach the higher level 5 in English and Mathematics at the end of 2011. The pupils were praised for their good behaviour and the healthy caring attitudes to life at school.

The head teacher Mrs Tansley is very pleased with the result and praises her staff and governors for their dedication to the school and for all their help in achieving such a fantastic result.

On Thursday 4th of March the Hendreds CE Primary School celebrated world book day. The whole school enjoyed an amazing book themed lunch of Fantastic Mr Fox, Chicken Pie or The Giraffe, Pelly and Me Pizza and spent the day dressed as characters from their favourite books. All the children took part and had a great day. Head teacher Mrs Tansley was pleased to see so much effort had gone into the day, from both the children and the teachers. A good day was had by all.

East Hendred Youth Club

Very sadly, yet not for the first or last time, the Youth Club has closed its doors.

Unfortunately it was just not receiving the parental support and outside help it deserved.

Please join with me in thanking **Vanessa Hendy, Diana Wheeler, Pam Lund-Yates, Ann Cousins, Albert Parker and Andrea Awcock** (who all valiantly steered the last years of the Youth Club) for their sterling and unstinting devotion and hard work for the young of our villages.

You may have no idea what a lot of organisation, admin, regulation and other management has to go in to any Youth Club. **Vanessa** in particular must be singled out for a long service accolade as she has been masterminding the Refreshments and Management of the Club for years & years!

Val Prior must also be remembered for all her sterling efforts prior to stepping down to set up East Hendred Entertains.

Ann must be further singled out for her tireless assistance. Ann was also the champion of the Youth Club a generation (or two?) ago!

Diana Wheeler too has been masterminding the Club for the last few years.

Previous major players in this latest episode of the Youth Club were **Bruno Branson** and **Elaine St.John-Mosse**, who have now moved on from the village.

Various other individuals have dipped in and out to assist the Club. You know who you are!

I (and hopefully you) would like to express heart-felt thanks to everyone (adults & children) involved in this vital village activity which must now sleep for another day.

Please join with me to thank everyone for their hours, days, weeks, months & years given up UNPAID and with LITTLE THANKS to try to cater for the young people of our village.

Edward Eyston

East and West Hendred WI



Our 90th Birthday Party

The Hendreds WI is not just about our local group meeting every month. There is so much more to enjoy. Our National and County organizations arrange outings and talks to suit a variety of interests including visits to the Gauguin Exhibition at Tate Modern and to Bath Christmas Market, talks on The Shakers, Antarctica and Russia, Sports and Musical activities like Bowls, Tennis and Drumming plus special educational days arranged at Denman College in Marcham (our Training School).

For those who do not wish to venture too far afield we organize local activities including get-togethers over coffee, tea or a lunch and trips to local places and events like this Christmas when we went to the Watermill to see 'Seasonal Sauce'

Our local monthly group meetings have also been as interesting as ever. In November we had a fascinating talk by Valerie Calderbank where we learnt about the Stars and the Universe.

Ali Eyston once again hosted our December

Meeting where we sat in front of a wonderful log fire and a massive Christmas tree. We talked, supped on mulled wine, mince pies and panettone cakes and Norman Frances gave us a very entertaining talk about Hendred past and present, All in all we had a great evening. The only mishap was a missing mince pie or two and a very guilty looking Dog! January was our 90th Birthday Party and we were very pleased to entertain guests from our county organization. We had a fabulous meal made by the members, a glass of wine (or two) a Birthday Cake of course, which exploded with a burst of sparkle (See Photograph) and we rounded the evening off with music from the Wantage Male Voice choir. Last month, February, we invited back a very popular speaker, Julia Summers who gave an enthralling talk on 'Wartime Evacuee Children'.

The following speakers are arranged for our meetings during the next few months.

April 14th (Change of Date) - The Shakers – John Ericson (An Open Meeting)

May - All About Hair – Mark Read from Philosophy Hair

June - Flower Arranging – Enyth Smart

July - Bike rides for Charity – Anne Lattimore

We also have plans to visit Highclere Castle and the Ashmolean Museum plus a walk 'Lark Rise to Candleford'

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 (except this April, see above). We welcome new members of 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.



Some of our members dressed in the style of 90 years ago

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Whilst we are young at heart, some of the committee members are beginning to feel that running the club is becoming very hard work. We urgently need some younger village folk to help at the monthly Thursday meetings and with the 3 Bridge Drives.
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The Walking group is proving very popular with between 10-12 participants (mostly ladies!) and some dogs turning out in all weathers. The walk starts at 9.30 promptly **every Wednesday** from Snells Hall and is usually about an hour to an hour and a half. Please do not be put off by thinking that you can't walk the whole route or are too slow. This scheme has been set up to try to encourage those who don't normally walk very much to try and go a little further. There is always a shorter route planned as well as the longer one! We are also trying to include coffee somewhere at the end to make it even more sociable! We hope to have some outings on the Ridgeway in the spring. Please come and have a go! Ring Susie on 833797 if you have any queries.

Variety Show at Snells Hall. Book this date in your diary **NOVEMBER 26TH @ 8.00PM**. Elvis, Michael Buble and the Rat Pack Sound a like . Take a look at his web site www.michaelbuble.me.uk

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East Hendred Springline village festival 11-19 of June.
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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 went to appeal and has been dismissed.

EHE/1965/22 & 23 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 the 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/14747/9-Eyston Arms, East Hendred. Construction of car parking places. The Parish Council did not object. Application permitted.

EHE/21116/1-LB Chapel House, Chapel Sq, East Hendred. Replacement of pebbledash panels by lime render, replacement of front door. Application permitted.

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

EHE/21204/1 Hill View Horn Lane. Erection of a two-storey rear extension. Application Permitted

EHE/21421-X The Lodge, Wantage Road, Rowstock. Outline application for the demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of three new dwellings. The Parish Council did not object. Pending consideration

EHE/20690/1 The Spinney Ford Lane. Proposed extension, new garage and internal remodelling. Application permitted

EHE/10539/11 St Amands RC primary school. Renewal of fencing on west, north and east boundaries. The Parish Council have received an update to this application. Pending consideration

EHE/3936/7 Chestnut Cottage, Horn Lane. Demolition of existing modern single garage. Erection of link detached one and a half storey rear extension. The Parish Council has yet to respond. 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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Wed 13	East Hendred Entertains AGM, Snells Hall, 19.15
Thu 14	W.I. 'Shakers or Quakers - The Shakers', Snells Hall, 19.45
Fri 15	Parish Council AGM, Snells Hall, 20.00
Thu 21	Police 'Have Your Say' Meeting, Snells Hall, 18.00
Fri 22	Start of Easter Egg Hunt, Sheets from Snells Hall, £1 Good Friday Walk, Starts Ardington Church, 8.30
Sat 23	Easter Vigil, St Mary's, 20.30
Sun 24	Easter Sunday Services, St Mary's 9.30, St Augustine's, 10.30 East Hendred Heritage Musum Reopening, Champs Chapel, 14.30
Fri 29	Royal Wedding Procession, Starts at Mill Lane Sports Ground, 14.00 Royal Wedding Party, Snells Hall, 19.00
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Thu 5	District and Parish Council Elections D.G.A. 'Bluebells Forest and Greys Court'
Thu 19	W.I. 'All About Hair', Snells Hall, 19.30
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Sat 4	St Augustine's Fete, Cowdrays, 14.00
Tues 7	D.G.A. 'Westminster and Greenwich Boat Trip'
Sat 11	Start of Hendred Springline Festival
Thu 16	W.I. 'Flower Arranging', Snells Hall, 19.30
Sat 18	End of Hendred Springline Festival Hendreds School Fete, Hendreds School, 10.00

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WEDNESDAY	Walking Group 9.30am, meet at Snells Hall (Susie Turnbull 833797) Mother & Toddler Group , 10-12am, Snells Hall (Clara Williams, 833204)
THURSDAY	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)
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