

# EAST HENDRED Bulletin

## Big Carbon Awards for Hendreds Environment Group

Hendreds Environment Group (HEG) and their Carbon Conversations group have done well in the Oxfordshire Big Carbon Challenge competition, winning one category and coming runners up in another.

At the prize giving ceremony, held in Oxford on the 13<sup>th</sup> June, HEG won *'The group demonstrating the most inspiring community engagement strategy'* and were second placed in *'The group that cut its carbon footprint the most'*.



*Representatives of the winning groups at the Big Carbon Challenge award ceremony*

The prizes were:

*The group demonstrating the most inspiring community engagement strategy:* Hendreds Environment Group - £450

*The group that cut its carbon footprint the most. The second placed group:* Hendreds Environment Group - 5.2 tonnes total cut: £250

The carbon footprint reduction achieved by Hendreds Environment Group was the impressive collective effort of their first Carbon Conversations group. Carbon Conversations is a series of six friendly, practical meetings to help people understand and reduce their carbon footprints. HEG will be running the next local Carbon Conversations course from September. As this award shows, small groups of people can get together and make a difference.

## Village Fire Pump

A treasured possession of East Hendred is the 19<sup>th</sup> century fire pump which was purchased by the Parish Overseers in 1831 after several serious fires in the village. The overseers had their own fire brigade with a captain and an engineer. It is horse drawn with shafts for one horse. It has four wheels (wooden with metal tyres) and designed to pass through a domestic doorway. The pump is worked by hand from both sides with a pumping team of at least two. Suction and delivery hoses are fabricated from leather with copper rivets. Although there are several other old fire pumps in existence the East Hendred pump is unusual in that not only being old, it has retained much of the associated equipment, e.g. copper hose lance, wooden raking tools and several leather buckets.



In the past the fire pump has had many homes in the village. However in 2004 it was moved to a new home in the grounds of Snells Hall.

East Hendred Heritage Trust played a major part in restoring the pump and organised the building in the Snells Hall grounds and has since been responsible for its upkeep. The Trust no longer has the financial resources to maintain the fire pump. In particular it is thought that a new building (central in the village) is required which would enable both more people to see the pump and give it more protection from the weather. Following a meeting between the Council and the Trust it is suggested that a new organisation be set up to manage the fire pump. Anyone interested in being involved please contact John Sharp (Parish Council) and Sonia Roberts (Hendred Trust). We believe that it is important that the fire pump has continuing support from the village.



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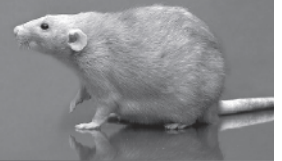
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## from the chair

This year four members of the Parish Council have retired. I would like to thank all of them for their contributions to Council business over the last few years. Particular thanks, however, to Sue Roberts, one of our longest serving Councillors, first elected in 1981 – thirty years serving the village is quite an achievement. As well as being an active member of several Working Groups she also managed the adverts for the Bulletins, which now provide over 50% of the Bulletin costs. She was appointed Deputy Chair of the Council in 2010. Edward Eyston resigned due to pres-

ures of work, but has said that he will continue to liaise with the Council over issues affecting the Hendred Estate. He was also the Council representative on NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group) and we hope he will continue in this role. Margaret Pill was a very active member of the Amenities Group, being responsible for managing the lengthman's time, but has had to resign due to ill health. Tony Ford resigned as he is due to leave the village shortly having sold his house. We have also lost Terry Fraser who represented the Hendred Ward for many years as a District Councillor. Many thanks to them all. We welcome our new Parish and District Councillors and look forward to their contributions to Council business.

We hear more and more about the Localism Bill but its details will not be fully known until later this year when it goes through Parliament. It is expected to get Royal Assent early in 2012. New responsibilities are promised for Parish Councils but we will see what these involve and whether the funds to make them happen will be available. The development of a neighbourhood plan could have several benefits for this village and we are watching the requirements and timescale closely. Congratulations to two village activities this time. We are pleased to see the Hendred Vineyard getting top prizes for its 2010 wines, beating off strong competition from other UK produc-

ers. The Hendreds Environment Group has also done very well in the recent Carbon Challenge Competition organised by the ORCC. It was the winning group in demonstrating the most inspiring community engagement strategy and runner-up for the group that cut its carbon footprint the most, with an impressive cut of 5.2 tonnes total (only 0.2 tonnes behind the winner). The addition of new pieces of adult exercise equipment in the Penney Playpark is very welcome, particularly as they are to benefit the older members of the village (but I expect the younger ones will use them as well). Many thanks to Mary Thomas who succeeded in getting the funding for this equipment. John Sharp

## A Skate Park for East Hendred?



Skateboards, scooters, BMX bikes and in-line roller blades provide a lot of exercise and fun (and some bruises!) Proper skate parks shaped into curved slopes and ramps provide challenge and excitement that goes far beyond what can be done on roads and pavements, which are the only places where people in East Hendred can ride today. Recently a group of young lads went round the village with a petition for a skate park in East Hendred and collected over 100 signatures supporting the idea. They also contacted Maverick Industries, which has built many skateboard parks around the UK, and Maverick provided the Parish Council with a preliminary design and (gulp!) a quote.

Some towns have huge skate parks; ours would have to be smaller because of the cost. A proper skate park, built of concrete to last many years, providing low noise with minimum maintenance, costs a lot of money. The quote for the park illustrated (called a "Mini Ramp" and measuring about 9.5 x 7.5 metres) is £38,000.

The PC would seek grants to cover as much of the cost as possible, but a project of that size can only be undertaken with the wholehearted support of the community. Enclosed with this Bulletin is a questionnaire to find out the level of support that this idea has among local residents and to gauge how much we could expect a skate park to be used. **Please fill in and return the form to Hendred Stores so that your views can be taken into account.**

## Affordable Houses - Open



Our MP Ed Vaizey, with proud new resident Sarah Hussey and Chairman of the Parish Council John Sharp, cut the ribbon at the official opening of the three new houses in Couplings Close on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, hosted by Sovereign Housing.



## Bus Updates

The X32 to Didcot and Oxford now operates hourly on Sunday. This serves Rowstock and the Harwell Campus, but not East Hendred village. It is in addition to the existing Sunday 32A between Abingdon/Didcot and Wantage/Grove which does serve East Hendred. The contracts for the subsidised bus services (the 32 and 32A; other services are not subsidised) are currently under review and the parish council is campaigning to maintain the existing level of service, in particular to ensure that villagers can still reach their Health Centre in Wantage directly as well as local jobs and shops 7 days a week. Thames Travel were recently bought out by the Go-Ahead Group, who also own the Oxford Bus Company, but this will not impact on our local bus services.

The Plusbus scheme has been extended to Didcot. This allows rail ticket holders to purchase a Plusbus ticket giving one day's unlimited travel within a certain area using participating bus operators. For Didcot, this area extends as far as West Hendred and can be used on the 32 and X32, but not the 32A, 34 or X36. It costs £2 (£1.30 with a railcard) and can currently only be purchased from a ticket office but will also be available for phone and online sales from August. Unfortunately, it cannot be bought on the bus.

## East Hendred Community Centre

Rob and Hayley, our present Wardens, are giving up this position at the end of July. The Management Committee is advertising the vacancy locally and nationally (replies have been received even from overseas!) and has interviewed several interested applicants already and is in process of reviewing several more. We hope to make new appointments in the next few weeks.

We have now received the promise of grants from the Vale of White Horse District Council, to supplement those from East Hendred Entertains and East Hendred Parish Council, towards the projected improvements to toilet facilities at the Hall. Applications are also being made to Oxfordshire County Council via Oxfordshire Rural Community Council and WREN for funds. If these are successful it may be possible to start the renovation before the end of this year.

The Hall's regular income has been set back by the unfortunate closure of the Brownies and the Youth Club together with the pantomime sabbatical by Springline this year. There was also a significant increase in electricity charges from May 1st. Unless we are able to stimulate more weekend bookings in the future, it will almost certainly be necessary to increase charges for all users by at least 10%. We are seeking additional bookings and would welcome further ideas for improving the situation.

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## New Councillors

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Bogdan is an architect who has lived in the village since 1985, with a practice in Wantage. He has been involved in several village projects, including as the architect of the Millennium extension to Snells Hall. Sarah is the main driving force behind the East Hendred Environment Group; she has a young family and works at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. Mark is also a long time village resident, coming to the village in 1980. He is an electrical engineer and also a trustee of Snells Hall.

As required the remaining seat on the Council was advertised and there were two applicants, both residents of West Rowstock. As reported in the last Bulletin, West Rowstock became part of East Hendred parish this year. Felicity Jones was elected to fill the vacancy at the June Parish Council meeting. Felicity organized the petition that led to the boundary change bringing West Rowstock from Milton parish to East Hendred. She will provide valuable input to the Council, particularly on the issues that affect this new part of our parish.

We have a new District Councillor as well – welcome to Bill Jones who was elected in May together with Mike Murray as the two Councillors covering this ward. Bill has been attending recent Council meetings and we look forward to working with him over the coming years.

At the May meeting of the Parish Council John Sharp was re-elected as Chairman and Charles Pappenheim as Deputy Chairman.

## Terry Fraser

Terry Fraser lost his seat at the May election having been our District Councillor for many years. He was a regular attendee at Parish Council meetings and a strong supporter of many village activities, for example helping to get grants from the District Council and other bodies. We would like to thank him for all his work and effort on behalf of the village.

## Message From District Councillor Mike Murray

Railway news this month. At the end of a rather soggy open gardens afternoon, I was delighted to be spontaneously (and unofficially) invited to inspect the signal box in Steventon, accompanied by four small, excited children. Readers may or may not be aware that the level crossings at Steventon are due to become unmanned, and the signalling moved to Swindon, and then Didcot. This will mean that the Steventon crossing box will close, and is due to be demolished in December 2011. Apparently there will be some road closures prior to this, more news as it becomes available.

Bins (of course) - still some problems with the reconciliation of the list of who has paid for brown bins at the council, and who gets collected, again if you suffer from this please let me know. Another issue has arisen relating to bin lorries accessing private roads. This is becoming an increasing problem across the country, as contractors' insurance policies make it increasingly difficult (apparently) for them to travel onto private roads to collect rubbish or to empty wheelie bins. The solution for this is for the residents that are responsible for / use the private road to indemnify the Council, and contractors, as to damage or loss caused by virtue of the road not being adopted. This currently takes the form of an (in my view) unacceptably onerous indemnification letter to be signed by all resident of the road in question. My splendid colleague Reg Waite is working hard on this far from perfect situation, and we are hopeful that a better solution will be found soon. In the interim it should be noted that the contractor's record of which roads are adopted and which are not, is fortunately incomplete....

Please do come and see me at my monthly surgery at Steventon Village hall at 9am on 9th July.



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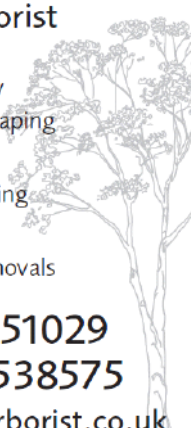
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## Keep Fit in the Village Gym

Mary Thomas, who lives in White Road, gave a presentation and put in a bid for funding to buy exercise equipment for the village. Every year the Vale holds an open day, to give residents the opportunity to win funding for their favourite hobby or activity. Some people wanted a pathway to cut across grassland; others wanted a fence to hide an untidy corner lot.

After the presentations, a vote of those present is taken, and the four bids that poll the most votes win the funding.

This exercise equipment is for use by all in the village, to encourage them to keep fit. As Mary is only 5ft tall, she asked for equipment she could reach!

So get your exercise in Snell's field –no need to drive to the gym.



## Hendred Twinning Group

During the first week-end in July 20 members of the Group (with ages ranging from 8 to the 70's) will be visiting Sarceaux for a long week-end. We will travel by coach from the village on Friday evening, crossing to Le Havre overnight from Portsmouth and arriving in our twin village on Saturday morning. All 20 will be staying with host families. We are promised an action packed visit with a barbecue and meal on Saturday evening, an all day expedition on Sunday to the coast and Cherbourg, including the Maritime museum, with a lavish French style picnic mid-day. On Sunday evening smaller groups of hosts and visitors will meet up for a meal in different homes. Monday will see a visit to a local supermarket for the opportunity to stock up on French goodies, followed by a return to Le Havre, an afternoon crossing back to Portsmouth and arriving back in the village late in the evening.

## Awards For Hendred Vineyard



Steve and Viviane Callaghan moved into Hendred Vineyard in April 2007. Some say they were mad, most knew they were. Four vintages later the vineyard has significantly modernised both planting and wine making methods but many of the original features and characteristics have also been retained. The UK Vineyards Association competition is the annual benchmark for the UK's 400 odd vineyards. In the Callaghans' first year they were awarded a 'Highly commended' certificate for their signature Dry White Wine 'Furlong'. The following year saw them rewarded with a Bronze medal with Furlong and Burydown received awards at a regional competition. This year

has seen their best result ever with three medals from the UKVA competition which was held in early June; Furlong 2010 won Silver, as did Hendred Brut, their traditional method sparkling wine 2008 vintage, and the new Rockpit Rose made from the new Pinot Noir plantings was awarded a Bronze medal. There are regular free tastings at the vineyard, the next one being from 2-4 pm on Saturday 30th July. Your local vineyard needs you. Come along!



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## A Message For the Village

My father, Eric Williams, and I visited East Hendred for a few days recently as my father has been busy researching the family tree. My grandmother, Grace Matilda Giles was born in East Hendred in 1869. Her father was also born in the village, as was his father before him.

We came to the village not knowing what we would find. We found a most beautiful village and met the most wonderful people who were so kind and helpful. I just wanted to thank everyone we met, from Les at Mather House where we stayed, to the gentleman and Mrs Francis in the village stores, Lyn who sent us to meet Val in the community shop, where we met a host of helpful people, including Val Smith who was very knowledgeable and even recalled a photograph of my father's grandmother, taken outside two cottages (since demolished) and stood by a Sarcen stone. We were kindly given a lovely cup of tea there and before we left I bought some beautiful pansies which are now brightening up my garden. We also wanted to thank Stan Francis who spent some time with us and gave us wedding dates and names of Giles family members who had married in your village over a century ago. Thank you too, to Tony and Sonia Roberts who kindly opened the museum on Saturday morning, just before we set off home. We found it the most rewarding experience.

East Hendred is the loveliest village I have ever visited, and the people are so kind and helpful. We intend to come back again. Many many thanks and forgive us if we have left anyone out who helped us.  
Eric Williams and Mary Shields



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## Hendreds Environment Group

### Super Pickers!

Pictured are three of the children who inspired and took part in and the 'Hendreds Spring Clean'. The village litter pick took place in April after Findlay (6) and Arthur (6) asked Hendreds Environment Group if they could help them organise a big litter pick. The two boys had been having lots of fun collecting rubbish on their way home from school and felt really proud of their hard work, but wanted to do more. So Hendreds Environment Group organised the 'Spring Clean' as a synchronised event in East and West Hendred. Through the hard work of volunteers from both villages 21 bags of rubbish were collected, of which 12 could be recycled. This was a great event which left many areas and footpaths looking much better, so a big thank you to all those who helped. Hendreds Environment Group are hoping to run the event again later on in the year and this time they hope it will be even bigger and better! So if you want to do your bit then please come and join them.



### Cycle Route

The Science Vale Cycle Network is a proposed network of cycle routes linking towns, villages and workplaces in the area. Of particular interest to East Hendred and Rowstock is Hubble Way: Wantage to Milton Park. This would link Grove and Wantage to Ardington, West Hendred, East Hendred and Rowstock, and then on to Milton Park via Hungerford track. At Hungerford track it would also meet Hawking Way: Abingdon to Harwell Campus. Hendreds Environment Group has heard the comment many times: "What we need is a cycle route." Most often this is in reference to getting between West Hendred and Ardington, a real sticking point locally for bikes and pushchairs with obstacles on all direct routes. So recently Hendreds Environment Group started asking people if they would support a campaign to link our villages with a direct cycle route and we've had a great response already. Even more recently we learnt that Oxfordshire County Council have included the Science Vale Cycle Network in a bid to the Government's Sustainable Travel Fund, making it all the more important that we show local support for a cycle route at this time. More information on the Science Vale Cycle Network, including maps, can be found on the Harwell Bike User Group's website at [www.harbug.org.uk](http://www.harbug.org.uk). If you would like to support HEG's campaign please let Sarah James know on 831568 or [sarahjames@f2s.com](mailto:sarahjames@f2s.com) or add your name to our cycle route supporters list in Hendred Stores.

### Oil Buying Scheme

Individuals can now join a county wide oil buying scheme to benefit from the reduced prices of bulk buying. The scheme has been set up by ORCC Trading Ltd, the trading arm of the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council. Each month all members are asked for their oil orders and a bulk order is placed to achieve the best possible price. There are also environmental benefits, as a laden oil tanker can do as little as 8 miles per gallon. Bulk ordering allows the delivery firm to plan more efficient routes for their deliveries. East Hendred resident Sarah James has joined the scheme recently and placed her first order this month. She saved over £20 on her first order of 600 litres of oil. To join contact ORCC Trading Ltd on 01865 883488 or at [oil@oxonrcc.org.uk](mailto:oil@oxonrcc.org.uk) or visit <http://www.oxonrcc.org.uk/home/bulk-oil-buying-scheme>

The scheme is looking for local coordinators to collect village orders each month, including in East Hendred. The job involves gathering and passing to ORCC your village orders each month and you will need email to do this. There's no need to handle money or negotiate oil prices. Local coordinators get free membership of the scheme, saving £20 straight off.

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## Downs Golden Age

The outing to the Bluebell woods and Wallingford was a great success. Bluebells this year were two weeks earlier than normal but were still in glorious colour. Norman Francis guided the driver through Blewbury and the Tirrolds to enable him to relate the interesting history in the area. The group returned via the Maharajah's Well into Wallingford, a town steeped in history. Norman turned our trip into a fascinating journey thorough the ages. On 12<sup>th</sup> May Katie came and talked about the work of the **Berks Oxon Bucks (BOB) Air Ambulance Trust**. BOB is the only aircraft in the "fleet" and public donations keep it flying. Neither the R.N.L.I. nor the Air Ambulance Service is government funded.

Congratulations were offered to Agi and John celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Doreen her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, Winnie her 90<sup>th</sup> and John Christopher who has been honoured with a Vice Presidency of the F.A.

Betty was delighted to announce that Niall Duggan has agreed to become co-chairman for a short period before taking over as Chairman of the DGA.

The June meeting was held at Hendred House. Many thanks to Ali, our President and our hostess for such a lovely venue. Norman Francis spoke about **My Favourite Village Character** who turned out to be Violet Goddard's grandmother, Lily who was cook in the village many years ago.

Earlier this year Max Gilbert gave a generous donation to the club and it was decided to spend the donation on three outings for the members. So in early June forty-one members went on a memorable trip to London which involved a coach trip to the Embankment, an entertaining boat ride to Greenwich and home by coach to East Hendred. An excellent day out! There are two more outings planned for July and August and they both include the river Thames.

As part of the Hendred Festival the DGA organised a café style lunch in the foyer of Snells. Linda and her team of helpers were kept very busy with at least 40 coming to sample the tasty and good value dishes. Many thanks to everyone who helped, cooked and washed up!

The next fund-raising bridge day is **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July**, if you would like to enter please contact Betty. This is one of the club's main fundraisers and raffle prizes are always welcome.

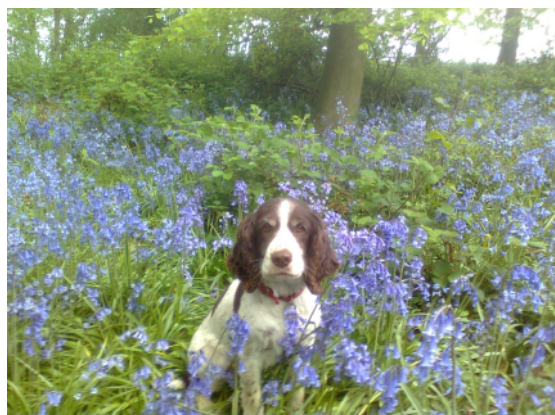
On **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August** the meeting will be a themed **Caribbean Day** at Snells, so get out your grass skirts and beads. Stella brought examples of the colourful shirts the men could wear and suggestions on how to weave flowers into your hair! There will be music, dancing, and entertainment!

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



*Enjoying a DGA lunch at Snells during Festival Week*

## Walking Group



*Tosca enjoying a walk in the woods*

The Walking group is still 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 1 ½ hours. We are also trying to include coffee somewhere in the middle or at the end to make it even more sociable! Once a month we are aiming to go on longer walks. In April we



*Coffee in the bluebells*

set off to see the bluebells woods. Approximately 16 (including a couple of men) set off from Scutchamer Knob heading south and after about 3 miles we were rewarded by the most wonderful display of bluebells. We had our coffee and biscuits sitting amongst them! We walked over 6 miles and were very pleased with ourselves! In May we walked to Steventon and back, an approx 5 mile round trip.

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. Please let me know if you would like to go on a shorter walk or ring me to find out where we are going on any particular week.

Susie 833797



## News from the Churches

The Parish Church of St Augustine's is a wonderful old building that dates back probably to the twelfth century. It has many amazing features – a Crusader-foot lectern and a pulpit with a carving of the head of King Charles, for example – but it has never had a WC. Much to the relief of the current congregation, a loo is now about to be installed under the tower, together with a very small kitchen area. Work will start soon, with a grand opening planned in December. In the meantime we will be raising money to pay for our new convenience.

This means we are particularly grateful this year to everyone who supported the church on Gift Day, which raised £800. And St Augustine's Summer Fete, on 4<sup>th</sup> June, raised over £1200 – thank you to everyone who contributed, and particularly to John, Margy and Penny for providing the perfect venue in the garden of Cowdrays.

Other recent events include the family-friendly Communion service at St Augustine's on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, when children from The Hendreds School played a large part in leading the worship and an ecumenical (joint) service for Pentecost. There is great friendship between the two churches in East Hendred and we hold several such services every year.

### Dates for your diary:

Thursday 21st July – a special service in St Augustine's at 11.00 am, when the children leaving The Hendreds School will be presented with Bibles sponsored by parishioners.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September – the annual 'Ride and Stride' sponsored event, when churches of all denominations across Oxfordshire (including St Augustine's, St Mary's, and St Amand's chapel in Hendred House) are open for walkers and cyclists to visit. The money raised by sponsorship is shared between the churches and Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. Contact Phil Lawrence (833743) at St Augustine's or Louise Mollo (868205) at St Mary's to take part.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Harvest Festival at St Augustine's and Harvest Lunch in Snells Hall for the whole parish. Contact Jackie Francis (833473) for tickets or to offer help.

Wednesdays 27 July and 28 September – coffee mornings in St Augustine's church, 10:30am to 12 noon.

Everyone is warmly invited to these and all church services and events. You can find the times of services on the notice boards and news sheets at both churches, in the What's On email, and on the church websites.

Rev Jean Page, who has been one of the clergy at St Augustine's church for 25 years, has had to retire for health reasons. Jean first came to assist the then Rector, Rev Ron Foster, in 1986 and was one of the first women to be ordained a priest in 1994. Although Jean lives in Marcham, many people will know her not just from church but leading the Act of Remembrance, or at Downs Golden Age (where this photograph was taken.) We wish her a swift recovery and good health in the future.



The Confirmation service for candidates from all over the Deanery of Wantage was held this year on 8<sup>th</sup> May at St Augustine's church, with the Rt Rev Peter Nott, former Bishop of Norwich (who nonetheless discovered a former parishioner among the congregation here in East Hendred!) The church was packed to welcome 12 new members of all ages.



On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Fr Terence celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination as a priest. There was a parish Mass and celebrations afterwards on the Holy Trinity Monastery lawn. Fr Terence was presented with cards made by the

children of St Amand's as well as by those preparing for their First Holy Communion, a cheque and a guest book signed by all present.

Our traditional Good Friday walk visited all the churches in the Benefice – here a perhaps slightly weary crowd waits in the sunshine outside Lockinge church, many having walked all the way from East Hendred.



## London to Brighton

*Martin Johnson of Hendred Stores cycled from London to Brighton on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June to raise funds for British Heart Foundation.*

Sunday started with an alarm call at 4-30am, and it was a quick splash of cold water to the face, (I didn't fancy the shower), my breakfast of cold pasta, and off on the bike to catch my coach to Clapham. I must say, running a newsagent's for a couple of years prepares you for the early start! The coach eventually dropped us off at the designated dropping off point, about three miles from Clapham Common, so we had a nice warm up before the start. Top marks to the B.H.F. for organisation – there were marshalls at every junction, so it was impossible to get lost.

I eventually got away at 8-41am, and immediately got into trouble. Several thousand bikes had been funnelled through the starting gate by the time I got there, and the grass had been chewed up into a lovely clinging patch of mud. I got stuck. Along with many more, I started the event by carrying my bike off the common until we hit the tarmac.

No amount of road training around sleepy East Hendred could have prepared me for what the mean streets of London threw my way. I was in a group of probably two hundred, and everyone was desperately trying to beat the next set of lights, which seemed to be only yards apart. Into the fray enter buses – they all seemed to be driven by wide eyed individuals who in my opinion were either half blind, half drunk, or half crazy. They seemed to take delight in revving their engines, creating clouds of black diesel fumes. Fortunately, after a few hair-raising miles, we were out of it, and into the open countryside. This was more like it.

The ride up to now had been fairly easy, any hills had been gentle and not too long, but then I had my first real test, a long, steep hill. I was determined that I would stay on, but by the time I had reached the top I was ready for oxygen. Luckily, the route isn't too unkind, and following every ascent there is a descent, so for the next couple of minutes I free-wheeled and had a chance to get my breath back. The next few miles, despite having a few ups and downs, were fairly straightforward, and cycling was a real joy, with pretty villages, open common land, isolated pubs, and lots of good-hearted banter among the riders. The next test was Turners Hill, a really long and fairly steep ascent, but with a beautiful little village by the same name at the top. The village had decided to make it a carnival type affair, with stalls, barbeques, brass bands etc, and I was almost tempted to "bide a while". Instead I ate my banana during the descent.

Knowing I was over half way there at this point seemed to give me second wind, and the next fifteen miles or so passed very quickly, and easily. But then, where there had been chat and banter, laughter and even singing, there was now silence. Ahead of us, so tall it hurt my neck to look at the top, stood the beast that is... Ditchling Beacon. She rises from 90 metres above sea level to over 248, in just over a mile. The narrow lane we were on had several twists and turns so you couldn't even get a run at it. I knew that I wouldn't pedal the whole thing, and my training schedule had included power-walking uphill, but I was determined to give it my best shot. I went at it like a man possessed. After 300 metres I was standing on the pedals, but still going. My respiration rate had risen dramatically. And then I saw the sign that told me "Ditchling Beacon starts in 200 metres".

Like almost everybody else, I dismounted and walked to the top. From here the views are breathtaking: to the north the beautiful Wealds, and to the south over Brighton and the English Channel. Time for a quick call to my support team who were waiting in Brighton, and then began the descent, almost five miles totally downhill, getting up to almost 40 mph (and being overtaken by the serious cyclists who were still pedalling). The last mile or so levelled out, and I was suddenly confronted by thousands, cheering, clapping, waving flags. All through the ride I had been thinking about my finish – it was to be a real stand up, lean forward sprint – I was going to milk this. I cruised down the Drive, one hand on the handle bars, the other waving regally to the crowds. The whole thing had been fantastic, but the last two minutes were absolutely amazing.

Watch out for next year's report. Thanks to all, Martin.

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## Tea on the Green

On May 21<sup>st</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup> Hendreds Environment Group invited people to join them for 'Tea on the Green' on Dancing Hill. Passers by were encouraged to get refreshments from Hendred Stores and to stop for a chat HEG members about all things environmental. There were toys and activities for children, a chance to borrow books and smart meters from the HEG resource library and information on transport and energy issues. In May we ran a children's quiz. A high enough score won an ice-cream from the shop. In June the prize was a smart meter that shows you how much electricity you are using at home. These can help you see where energy is being used and maybe wasted. Veronica Paget and family won the smart meter after all the correct quiz answers were placed in a draw. The next *Tea on the Green* will be on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July**, 10am to 12noon, outside Hendred Stores. Please come along to find out about how you can cut carbon emissions and save energy in your home. We will have the latest available information on Government schemes that could help you: Feed in Tariffs, Renewable Heat Incentive and the Green Deal. We also have some low energy light bulbs to give away. Don't miss out.

## East and West Hendred WI



The Hendreds WI continues to be in local and national events while offering the membership a wide variety of activities both in and outside The Hendreds.

We started 2011, our 90<sup>th</sup> year as a WI group with the Wantage Male Voice Choir entertaining us which was followed by a return visit from the author, Julie Summers who talked about her latest book, 'Evacuee Children'. The April meeting provided us a fascinating lecture of Shakers beliefs, architecture and artefacts by John Ericson. The month of May we were all treated to some professional grooming by Mark Creed, Hendred resident and Technical Director of Philosophy Hairdressing who talked on all aspects of hair issues, including colouring, styling etc. We moved into June and celebrated the warmer weather with 'Tip Toe through the Tulips', an aptly named session by the Wantage Flower Club who demonstrated their skills at flower arranging. In May we spent a wonderful sunny morning at Wantage Croquet Club when we tried our hand at croquet and in June some of our members walked from Lark Rise to Candleford followed by the 'obligatory' pub lunch.

To celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 15 June we organised a trip to Blenheim Palace when we enjoyed the wonderful grounds and ended the day with a 'spot of tea' – an afternoon tea served in the private Indian Room overlooking the beautiful fountains on the Water Terraces.

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

July – 'A Bicycle Made for Two' – Ann Lattimore recounts with great humour her cycling adventures for charity.

September – 'Anything to Declare' – Malcolm Nelson, a retired HM Customs Officer has 40 years experience catching smugglers entering the UK.

October – 'I Want to Tell you a Story' – Alex Stanbrook wears many hats and talks on a wide variety of subjects with great wit and humour.

Our website, [www.hendredswi.com](http://www.hendredswi.com) is always being updated with comments, pictures and videos of our events and is the place to visit to see what is coming.

If you are interested in joining our group we meet at 7.30pm in Snells Hall, East Hendred, usually on the third Thursday of every month. Come along and join us; you will be warmly welcomed. For further information contact our Secretary on [Lesley.hendred@gmail.com](mailto:Lesley.hendred@gmail.com).



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## Planning Matters

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 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.

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.

Application withdrawn

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.

Application permitted.

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 objected on a number of grounds, the application went to the Vale Planning Committee and was accepted.

Application permitted

EHE/1866/3 4 Orchard Lane

Proposed single story extension

The Parish Council had no objection

Application permitted.

EHE/2166/4 Rose Cottage, East Hendred

Refurbishment of conservatory with extension to rear. The Parish Council did not object but requested that materials used match the existing ones due to the property being in a conservation area.

Application permitted.

EHE/12661/2 Ferni Avenue, Harwell Campus

Situate mobile office in contractors compound

The Parish Council had no objection

Application permitted.

EHE/13954/4 Lynwood, Reading Road

Conversion and extension of existing garage to provide home office/study space with cloakroom/wc

The Parish Council objected as the plans are incorrect and did not include the 'agricultural building' and the access drive on the site. Additionally no alternative parking/garaging facilities have been provided for. Finally access to the existing garage is grass and not suitable for vehicles. Policy DC5 requires adequate and safe provision for parking vehicles and cycles for new developments.

Pending consideration.

EHE/5605/1 7 Ford Lane

Installation of an Air Source Heat Pump

The Parish Council had no objection, provided there is no noise audible to people in neighbouring properties.

Pending consideration

EHE/5819/5 Beatlands, Wantage Road, West Rowstock

change of use of stables to residential ancillary use. The Parish Council have yet to respond.

## 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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## Jul-Sept 2011

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Sat 9	Surgery with Mike Murray, Steventon Village Hall, 9am
Mon 11	DGA Bridge Night, Snells Hall
Sat 16	HEG Tea on the Green, outside Hendred Stores, 10am
Thur 21	WI, 'A Bicycle Made for Two', Snells Hall, 7.30pm Hendred School Leavers Church Service, St Augustines, 11am
Wed 27	Coffee Morning, St Augustines, 10.30am
Sat 30	Wine Tasting, Hendred Vineyard, 2pm
<b>AUG</b>	
Thur 4	DGA Caribbean Day, Snells Hall
Thur 18	Police 'Have Your Say', Snells Hall, 3pm
<b>SEPT</b>	
Sun 4	Hendreds Family Show, Mill Lane Sports Ground, 12 noon
Fri 9	Beer Festival, Snells Hall, 7pm
Sat 10	Beer Festival, Snells Hall, 12 noon
	Ride and Stride, Local Churches
Sun 10	WI, 'Anything to Declare', Snells Hall, 7.30pm
Thur 15	
Wed 28	Coffee Morning, St Augustines, 10.30am

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<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Scouts</b> 7-9pm, Snells Hall (Richard Tingley, 07771 545006)
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<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Walking Group</b> 9.30am, meet at Snells Hall (Susie Turnbull 833797) <b>Mother &amp; Toddler Group</b> , 10-12am, Snells Hall (Clara Williams, 833204)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Bowls</b> 7.45-10pm, Snells Hall (Ken Taylor, 833359)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>The Village Thrift Shop</b> , 1-4pm, Rectory Room (Tin Hut)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Soccer School</b> , 10.30-11.30, Mill Lane Sports Ground (Richard Frost, 07882352214, richard_frost@hotmail.co.uk)
<b>WEEKDAYS</b>	<b>Preschool</b> , 9-12am, Snells Hall (Tracy Taylor 01235 831555 / Anna Chapman 01235 821564 / www.hendredspreschool.org.uk)
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