

Bulletin

EAST HENDRED

Scarecrow Trail

The winner of this year's Scarecrow competition was 'A Kingfisher' by Malcolm Prior. 2nd Place was 'The Royle Family' by Sariah Rees and Barbara Smith. 3rd place was 'Princess Fiona and Shrek' by Tilly and Ellie Hussey. Congratulations to everyone and thank you for taking part. The standard was very high this year.

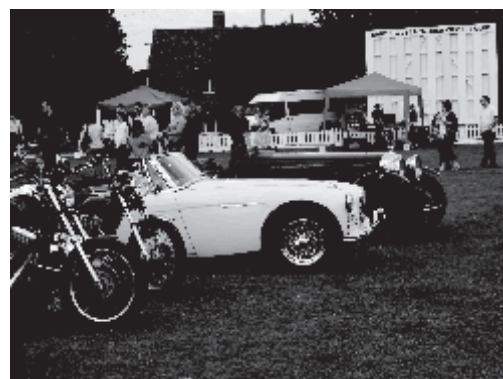


Hendreds Family Show



Keeping up a great village tradition, the Family Show took place on 4th September. Braving the weather that looked to be in spoilsport mode, the people who turned out were treated to wonderful displays of produce and handicraft on a day that just kept getting sunnier and pleasanter.

Helen Young again headed up the team who organised this very friendly event. A dog show, dog agility display, classic cars and motorbikes, stalls for Hendred Heritage, Hendreds Environment Group, East



Hendred Entertains (the village dynamo) with a raffle to raise funds for the village defibrillator, the Women's Institute with tea and a magnificent offering of cakes, and several other stalls all provided variety to complement the produce and crafts show. The vegetables and fruit and flower arrangements were of a wonderfully high standard and a joy to behold. Those left after the competition were very rapidly (and profitably) sold by Ali Eyston, auctioneer extraordinaire, and the egg-throwing competition was a popular (and appropriately messy) diversion!



Thanks to all who organised, exhibited, judged and came along to this very enjoyable village occasion. Look inside for all the winners.

Beer Festival



The third East Hendred Beer Festival on 9th and 10th September was a very local event. The 13 beers were all brewed nearby, including three from Best Mates Brewery in Ardington. The wines came from Hendred

Stores, with the best sellers those from Hendred Vineyard. On Saturday evening, the energetic playing of local band Knight Owls on the stage was matched by enthusiastic dancing and drinking in the hall below.

Our generous sponsors again enabled us to avoid charging for entry and the bouncy castle. Many people helped to make the festival possible, but particular thanks to Alan Durrance for fearlessly leading the difficult beer-choosing process, David Harper for manning the bar throughout, Bill Dorling and Tony Lewis for their expert operation of the barbecue, Hendreds Pre-School for supervising the bouncy castle, and all those who after a very late night on Saturday turned up early on Sunday morning to help clear everything away.

We were struck by the number of people who said how much they had enjoyed the festival. It's good to know that raising money for Snells Hall can also give pleasure to so many!

If you would like to hear news of next year's event, send your email address to beerfest@hendred.org.



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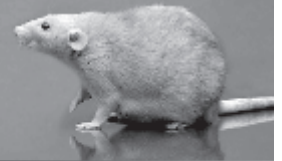
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from the chair

Much of the national news is about planning and the Government's draft National Policy Framework which is out for consultation at present. This is intended to introduce a presumption in favour of sustainable development, causing a lot of controversy. Organisations such as the National Trust are opposed to this Framework and at the time of writing the Government has agreed to enter into discussions with these bodies. On the other hand several organisations

are pointing out that a reform of the planning laws is essential to promote economic development and encourage the provision of much needed houses. What is confusing is that there is also the Localism Bill being prepared for approval and the development of neighbourhood plans is proposed to put planning at the local level.

It is not clear how this affects East Hendred. Most of the village is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Government has accepted that these areas will remain protected. However we are close to an economic growth area with an

expected increase in population.

There is also encouraging news about the new local Enterprise Zone which includes parts of the Harwell Campus and of the Milton Park estate. We are not sure of the exact boundaries of the Zone at present but it is not expected to include any land in this parish, even though a significant part of the Harwell Campus is in the East Hendred parish.

It is suggested that the Enterprise Zone will lead to a further 8000 jobs in the local area, with significant implications for new housing in the area and especially for

improved infrastructure, such as roads, schools and public transport. The Parish Council will be watching these aspects carefully and will make appropriate responses when required, including to the draft National Policy Framework. We welcome comments on these developments from parishioners, so they can be taken into account.

I am pleased that all the new Councillors are rapidly becoming familiar with Council business, and contributing to Council work through our own meetings as well as taking individual responsibility for various aspects of the Council's activities.

North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Most of East Hendred parish is within the North Wessex Downs Area of Natural Beauty (AONB). Indeed the A417 is the northern boundary of this AONB and it stretches down to just north of Andover (see map below). The AONB, designated in 1972, covers 668 sq miles (equivalent in size to a small county), with a population of 125,000 people, mainly concentrated in the two market towns of Hungerford and Marlborough. It also encompasses 173 parishes, one of which is East Hendred.

The designation of AONB status confers formal recognition that the natural beauty of the area is of national importance. The Vale District Council's Local Plan has specific guidance on AONBs. It states that the Council will seek to ensure that any new development is not visually prominent, reflects the character of its surroundings in terms of scale and design and external appearance and that the choice of materials, lighting and associated landscaping do not detract from vantage points or otherwise spoil the appreciation of the area's landscape quality. In respect to planning The Vale District Council's Policy (NE6) states that:

"Development in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty will only be permitted if the natural beauty of the landscape will be conserved or enhanced. Development which would be visually prominent, would detract from views from public vantage points or would spoil the appreciation of the landscape quality of the North Wessex Downs AONB will not be permitted.

Major industrial or commercial development will not be permitted in the AONB unless

- It is proven to be in the national interest and no alternative site can be found; and
- All steps are taken to reduce the impact of the development on the beauty of the area."

Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty are likely to have growing importance in the future in respect of the planning reforms which are being proposed, through the draft National Policy Framework which is out for consultation at present. This is intended to introduce a presumption in favour of sustainable development, which has caused a lot of controversy. However the Framework is expected to retain protection for green belts and AONBs.

It is interesting to note that some of the very recently approved Science Vale "Enterprise Zone" lies within the AONB.



Science Vale Enterprise Zone

The Government very recently announced that the South Oxfordshire Science Vale area has been designated as an Enterprise Zone, one of only 10 new zones, bringing the total to 21 in the country. The Science Vale area covers the Harwell Campus, Culham Science Centre, Milton Park and Grove Technology Park, although the Enterprise Zone is limited to the Harwell Campus and Milton Park. Recent newspaper articles have suggested that 200 new businesses could be brought into the area and up to 8000 new jobs created by 2015. With current employment in the area at about 6,500 people, the impact of this development can be expected to be very extensive.

Firms that set up in the Enterprise Zone will get a 100% business rate discount, over a five year period. It is claimed that £10.5M of extra business rates will be generated in due course which can be invested in the local economy, instead of being paid to the Government. The Zone will also benefit from simpler planning rules for businesses. Superfast broadband will also be provided and it has been suggested that the funding to improve the road infrastructure will be made available, which would clearly be necessary if that number of new jobs is to be created. This could include the Harwell link road, the A 4130 and the A417 being either built or improved ahead of current schedules.

The Parish Council has been pressing for an upgrade to the A417, particularly improving the access from the village to this road. With the proposed increase in new jobs and associated traffic this upgrade will become essential and one of the Council's top priorities. The Parish Council has already had a presentation on the Science Vale and both the Chairman and Deputy Chairman attend meetings at the Harwell site on plans for the business growth of this site.

Message From District Councillor Bill Jones

Just a few words to introduce myself. My name is Bill Jones and I was elected in May to one of the two seats allocated to the Hendreds Ward. I have lived in Rowstock for the past 30 years and I was the last serving police officer to live in the old police houses next to the roundabout. In 1996 I left the Thames Valley Police having served for 30 years and following my retirement I then worked as the Community Safety Officer for The Vale of White Horse District Council. As well as representing the general interests of the people of the Ward, I will be drawing upon my previous experience in the role of Chairman of the South Oxfordshire and Vale Community Safety Partnership and I also have specific responsibilities on the Planning and Scrutiny committees for the Vale. This is an interesting period in Local Government with the enactment of the Localisation Bill due in the early Summer next year. This legislation is likely to give more power to the Ward's five Parish Councils on local planning issues. The proposed reduction in planning rules from 1,300 pages down to just 52 pages coupled with the presumption in favour of sustainable development will, for better or worse, affect our rural communities. Finally I would like to thank the people who voted for me on the 5th May.

East Hendred Community Centre

We have just appointed new Wardens (Kim and Lukasz) who soon will be moving into Snells House to take over the duties associated with this important position. We know that our regular users will make them very welcome and help them to settle in. We are confident that they will make an excellent impression on Hall users in particular and as talented newcomers will be an asset to the village community in general.

September marks the start of a 'new year' for quite a few of our regular user groups. Many other events are planned to take place in Snells Hall throughout September to December. Some weekends are taken a year in advance, for example, three out of four weekends in March 2012 are already reserved for major events. Clearly it is crucial to the successful operation of the Hall that as many outside customers are attracted as possible without restricting the priority of local users for what is essentially our 'village hall'. The extra income this generates also helps to keep our charges at a competitive level.

We are gradually accumulating grants towards the renovation of the toilet facilities at the Hall. Hopefully it may be possible to make a start before the end of 2011.



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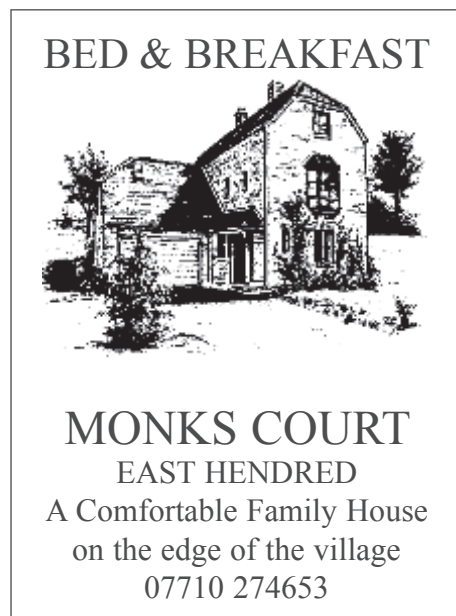
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Message From District Councillor Mike Murray

With thoughts of the approaching Autumn and Winter, and the inclement weather that may come, Oxfordshire County Council are running a series of events promoting the development of community plans regarding Emergency Response and Winter Preparedness. The Abingdon event is on 4th October, please let me know if you are interested in the topic and would like to know more. Those who regularly venture into Abingdon to shop may be interested in the Abbey Shopping Centre Supplemental Planning Document, a planning policy document looking to shape the future of Abingdon town centre. This is an interesting document, available on the Vale website, outlining potential plans for the redevelopment of the Charter car park etc, and an opportunity still exists to have your say.

You may or may not be aware that a permanent CCTV camera network covers the centres of Abingdon and Wantage. Some people have reservations over CCTV in public places and are concerned about civil liberties and "snooping". It is interesting to note, however, that CCTV controllers in conjunction with the police, have been successful in controlling anti-social behaviour in our town centres; although the greatest frequency of CCTV supported incidents was in monitoring and tracing missing persons in Abingdon!

To discuss the proper role of local authorities in monitoring the public with CCTV, or any other issue that I might be able to help with, please come to my surgery at Steventon Village Hall on Saturday 22nd Oct and 20th Nov at 9am.

Community First Responders

In an earlier Bulletin we talked about setting up a First Response Team, here in the village. We held a number of meetings and 12 volunteers came forward willing to train in this role. I am pleased to say that 5 of them have taken and passed the two day training course and the others will follow shortly. Each and every one is a volunteer trying to help in their local community. As a Responder you have to attend a refresher course every six months.

The role of a Community First Responder can cause some confusion in people's minds as to what they will be doing. When you have an emergency and need to dial 999 you go through to the Control Room who will immediately dispatch an ambulance to assist you, but they can take up to 10 minutes to arrive or sometimes even longer depending on what is happening elsewhere in the County. Once the Control Room has found out the problem they dispatch the Responder to the scene. A First Responder is trained to deal with certain medical emergencies, in their local community, and can therefore help to keep a person alive and with a viable brain function until the ambulance arrives. The earlier that some conditions receive treatment the better the chance of survival. As a group we would mainly assist with the likes of Heart Attacks, Strokes, Asthma attacks and breathing problems, Choking, Diabetic Comas, Anaphylactic Shock, and other life threatening conditions, all of which require action to be taken as soon as possible to give a person the best chance of surviving. Each of us have been trained in the use of a defibrillator which can make all the difference to an unconscious and non responsive person, in a life or death situation. Being trained by the NHS means that we are covered under the same insurance as any NHS employee. We are also responsible for raising the money required to pay for the kit we carry as well as some of the maintenance costs. Each kit costs £2000.00 and we hope to eventually raise enough money to have two of them here in our community. Each defibrillator has a life span of 7 years. We have raised over £1400.00 so far with the help of some very generous supporters. Once everyone is trained we would like to assist in bringing basic, subsidised, first aid training courses to the village. If each and everyone of us had some basic first aid knowledge we could help our family and neighbours in their hour of need. But please remember in an EMERGENCY you need to dial **999**.

Village Fire Pump

Following the article in the summer edition of the *Bulletin*, three people have come forward willing to help with the task of caring for East Hendred's historic fire pump. This is very good news.

However, as is the case with the ongoing care and maintenance of anything, the job will be much easier if it is shared among a larger group of people. So, we are looking for more people able to spare a little time and energy to help care for this important piece of our village heritage over this coming winter. Donations to help pay for work to restore it to its previous smart condition will also be very welcome.

If you can help, please contact Sonia Roberts on 821796 or John Sharp on 833367.



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Skate Park Questionnaire Response

A group of young people raised a petition asking for a skate part to be built in the village and received over 100 signatures. To find out the number of potential users and the level of support for a skate park, a questionnaire was distributed with the Summer edition of the Bulletin and distributed to the households in West Hendred, which do not receive the Bulletin. Out of about 580 questionnaires distributed 23 questionnaires were filled in and one response was sent in by email. Thank you to those who responded!

The results are summarised as follows:

Number of responses from East Hendred: 18; from West Hendred: 6
Number in favour of a skate park being built in East Hendred: 13
Number against a skate park: 11
Potential skate park users now: 8
Potential users in five years' time: 8
Willing to help with skate park maintenance: 6
Willing to help with fundraising: 8

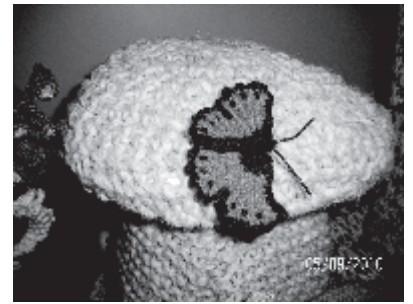
The responses included comments as well as yes/no answers, and most of the comments were unfavourable to a skate park's being built. The responses were surprising. Given that there were over 100 signatures on the petition for a skate park, it was not expected that there would be so few residents prepared to say they were in favour of one, let alone showing willing to help with maintenance. There is no justification for going ahead with a high-cost project like this in the light of the small number of potential users and views of residents as obtained by the questionnaire, so no further action will be taken on a skate park at this time.

The Parish Council would like to find a way to do something for young people, particularly for those who have outgrown the play parks. If anyone would like to put any ideas forward, they should not hesitate to do so.

Commu'KNIT'ity Garden

Val Prior and the team are putting together a Community Knitted Garden, akin to the one produced in Bournemouth. The idea is to work on it individually or as part of the Knit & Natter group to produce a wonderful display. The exhibition is scheduled for October 2012 in the foyer at Snells Hall. The design will include flowers, vegetables, animals, birds, insects, a telephone box, a post box and even a life sized gardener (complete with picnic)!

There are parts ideal for the beginners as well as the more experienced knitters—so that everyone can get involved! For more information or to volunteer then contact Val on 833973 or at 65 Coulings Close. They will also need donations of wool, needles, patterns and willing volunteers—not everyone needs to knit, some people will be needed for other tasks too!



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A Message For the Village

In May this year I had the pleasure of visiting East Hendred with my mother. This was an especially special trip as my mother is Mary Cowdery daughter of the late Tom and Elsie Cowdery. My Mum left the Village in 1968 for New Zealand where she has gone on to settle down and bring up a family. Mary now calls New Zealand home but has always spoken fondly of her life growing up in East Hendred. This trip home was for Mum to scatter my Grandmother's ashes and also for me to finally see and experience East Hendred for myself.

We arrived in the village on Wednesday 4th May and it did not take long for Mum to feel like she had never left. The bus dropped us off outside The Plough and we then proceeded to drag our suitcases through the village along Newbury Rd to Monks Court we we had booked in to stay. Roger and Susie soon made us feel at home. Once settled in Mum soon was dragging me around the village showing me this house and that house, who lived where and even the tree her and her friends used to hide under and sneak a smoke before heading home to bring in the cows!

Hendred Stores, always known by Mum as Wickens Shop, became our daily drop in where we would stop and and have a chat with Martin and Louise as well as stock up our chocolate for the day, before heading off again for another walk around the Village.

On Saturday 7th May we scattered Grandma's ashes up on Scuttermans Knob and on Sunday 8th we went to church in St Augustines where we had a Book of Gospels that my Mum and the family had donated to the church dedicated. We caught up with Rosie Morgan, godmother to Mum and a very close friend of my Grandmother. I got to know her daughter Dianne who feels like family to me now. Thank you to Dianne for making us a beautiful Sunday lunch (I didn't need to eat for the rest of the day!).

Susie supplied us with a good hearty breakfast each morning and in the evenings we stopped in at the Wheatsheaf where we would relax from our walking with a nice cold beer (whiskey for Mum) and a wonderful well cooked and presented meal. Thank you to all who kept us well fed and for the friendly banter.

On our many wanderings around the Village we managed to visit Hendred Vineyard which used to be the bottom of my Mum's dairy farm when she was growing up. We brought a couple of bottles of wine home with us and it is a very nice drop. I am now trying to work out how to get some more of it over here so if anyone is visiting New Zealand please bring a bottle or two with you. Mum showed me the Corner House that she grew up in and we also had the chance to wander through Cowdrays where Tom my Grandad grew up. We caught up with Val and her sister in the Tin Shed. I think it is fantastic what they do there and when I come back to visit again I would love to help out there.

Along our walks we went up to the Ridgeway, I found it stunning, absolutely beautiful. My Grandparents are now both scattered up there on Scuttermans Knob and I can see why they wanted their final resting place to be there.

There is so much I could write of people I met, old family friends and new and of places Mum showed me and told me about of what life was like for her growing up there but that would fill up a book. We only had a week in the Village before heading off to Hungerford but it felt like time had stood still for us while we were there.

So thankyou East Hendred for making me feel like I had come home and making Mum feel like she had never left.

Daniella Inwood,
daughter of Mary Cowdery, granddaughter of Tom and Elsie Cowdery.



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Winners of Hendred Family Show

We will be holding a show again next year, and we will be putting out some suggestion boxes in the village shop and charity shop soon for you to tell us of any classes you want to see and any other ideas you have about the show, so please give us your input.

Thank you to Ali Eyston for another great auction and Charles Pappenheim for presenting the trophies.

Please note also all entries are open to any persons, you do not have to live in the village (except the sunflower grown by an East Hendred resident class)

Hendred's Family Show trophy winners 2011

Mick Childs –Banksian Medal (Most overall points) Top Tray 1st, Top Vase 1st, Morland Cup(specialist collection of vegetables), Denly Cup(specialist collection of flowers & vegetables), AEA Cup, Edwin Cottee Memorial Cup. Tudor Joinery Rose Bowl, Wheatsheaf Cup (heaviest onion), Agatha Eyston Trophy (most points in specialist collections) and R&M Pest control Trophy (individual with most points in show)

David Atkins – Top Tray 2nd, Dave McDowell Cup, Speckled Hen Cup (longest runner bean), Eyston Arms Cup, Pill Family Shield (heaviest marrow) and Dave McDowell Memorial Cup (most points in vegetable classes).

Adrian Sessions - Bill Ballard Memorial Shield (mixed flowers)

Pauline Fretter – Bradley Cup (floral Art), The Plough Cup(floral table decoration), WI Plate(arrangement of flowers), East Hendred Parish Council Millennium Cup(most points in produce class), Chairman's Choice(Show Exhibit That catches the Chairman's eye)A beautiful display using plant material not to include flowers.

Tessa Case – DJM Telecom Trophy (most points in Cookery classes) Joint winner, R&M Pest Control Tankard (most points in photography),

Alice Hawkins – DJM Telecom Trophy (most point in cookery classes) joint winner, Hare Cup (most points in handicraft)

May Goddard – Harris Family Cup (Table top craft)

Michael Kerswell – Hendred stores Plate (most points in Preserves)

Anne Pappenheim – Mrs Knibbs Plate (novice flower arrangement)

Jane Parker – Tom Riggs Shield (most points in fruit)

Edwin Sullivan - HFS Cookery Plate (most points classes 51-57)

Children's Classes

Reuben Barksfield – The George Eyston Cup (largest sunflower head) East Hendred resident

Case Family – Robey's cottage Cup (Largest Sunflower head) non East Hendred resident

Holly Richards – Miniature garden cup (8-11yrs)

Finley Archer – Brownie Shield (most points 8-11yrs), Maureen Pill Cup (best children's exhibit)

Ben Holderness– The Sutton Shield (heaviest marrow), Miniature Garden Cup

Clover Merry - The MacKinnon Shield (most points aged 7 & under)

Josie Simmons – Mrs John Beary Cup for Young Gardeners

Isabella Barr– Jenny Owen Cup (floral arrangement), MacKinnon Shield (most points 12-16yrs)

Family with the most overall points – The Case Family (Clearwater Shield)

Thank you again for all of you that attended or helped out this year.

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Downs Golden Age

On Thursday 7th July the DGA hosted their annual summer luncheon. As well as the members there were guests from Ardington, Blewbury and Chilton. After a delicious lunch, St. Amands Choir arrived and entertained everyone with a lovely arrangement of songs and music. There was a fund-raising bridge day on Monday 11th July, which was well attended and the participants enjoyed a sumptuous lunch and excellent raffle as well as playing bridge. The highlight of the year was undoubtedly on Thursday 4th August when the meeting was a themed



Caribbean Day. Stella had gone to most amazing amount of trouble to make decorations for the hall and by the time the members arrived Snells had been transformed into a tropical paradise with umbrellas, posters, palm trees and beautiful ladies serving cocktails. Salvador and his team of helpers produced a wonderful spicy lunch followed by platters of fresh fruit. The entertainment was amazing, a belly dancer who performed for about an hour and even had a few of the members trying out the moves! Many thanks to Stella for such a wonderful day!



The next meeting is on 1st Sept, the A.G.M. and tea. There are 2 more outings planned for 2011 which are also open to Non-members. Tuesday 13th Sept to Wells and Street in Somerset. Wed 23rd Nov – Christmas Shopping trip. There is a Bridge Day on Monday 10th October.

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

Walking Group

The Walking group is still proving very popular with between 10-14 participants (mostly ladies!) and some dogs turning out in all weathers. The walk starts at 9.30 promptly **every Wednesday** from Snells Hall whatever the weather and usually takes 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!

We have had some wonderful walks this summer and mostly the weather has been kind to us. Once a month we try and be a bit more adventurous. In June we went to Steventon which was an approx 5 miles round trip. In early August we went to Blewbury and had a lovely walk through the village, across the fields to Upton and back. We finished the walk at the very nice new café at Savages for a much needed cup of coffee.



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. New people seem to join every week. 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

Hendred Twinning Group

The first weekend in July saw 20 members of the Group set off from the village for a twinning exchange in Sarceaux. The programme included a Saturday evening barbecue and entertainment, then a full day visit on the Sunday to Cherbourg to the Cité de la Mer, an extensive maritime museum. This included an opportunity to go round the "Redoubtable", a decommissioned nuclear submarine (quite an experience) as well as many exciting marine exhibits. The group returned on the Monday, setting off back to the UK via a lunch stop in Honfleur. Next year it is our turn to host the exchange. The date has already been arranged for the week-end of July 7-9th.

The Twinning Group, together with Springline Players also organised the catering for the Ardington Boneshaker event on Sept. 18th, as part of our fund raising activities. Anyone interested in joining the Group please contact Margaret Sharp (833367) or Lesley Lewis (863184).

News from the Churches

Unfortunately the deadlines for this issue of the *Bulletin* are such that many details of church events for the rest of the year have not yet been fixed, but keep your eyes open for full information nearer the time so you don't miss what's coming:

- Coffee mornings in St Augustine's church from 10:30am to 12 noon on Wednesdays 28th September and 26th October. There'll also be a coffee morning in November in aid of SCF, when you can buy Christmas cards, wrapping paper and gifts.
- Harvest Festival at St Augustine's on Sunday 2nd October. After the Harvest Festival service in church at 10:30am, there's a delicious home-cooked Harvest Lunch in Snells Hall at 12:30pm. Everyone in the village is welcome, but you do need to tell Jackie in advance that you are coming so she can make sure there is enough food for all. Contact Jackie Francis (833473) for tickets and details.
- Thursday 27th October sees start of the 10th series of Penney Memorial Lectures in aid of St Augustine's church, with a talk by Peter Williams titled 'My Life as a Cold War Spy'. Many strange events took place during the Cold War. From 1946 until 1990, each of the western occupying powers had similar military liaison missions operating in East Germany, acting as 'licensed spies in uniform'. Peter Williams was one such officer, spending six years in Berlin in the 1970s and 1980s. Working first as a regimental intelligence officer, he was then posted twice to the British Military Liaison Mission, whose teams proved to be among the most effective gatherers of military intelligence behind the Iron Curtain, stealing Soviet military hardware and searching rubbish dumps in East Germany for classified information. Come and hear what it is *really* like to be a spy! 7:30pm at St Augustine's, tickets on the door, refreshments available afterwards, and an opportunity to ask your own questions.
- St Augustine's is raising money for the new loo. There's going to be a Favours Auction in November, and a sponsored walk on Sunday 6th November with different walks available to suit all abilities – please join in or sponsor generously!
- Remembrance Sunday services on Sunday 13th November will be at 9:30am at St Mary's and 10:15am at St Augustine's, followed at 11:00am by the Act of Remembrance at the war memorial.
- Friday 25th November brings another gem of a Penney Lecture: 'The Venerable Beeb', by producer and writer John Lloyd CBE, who has spent 37 years making jokes for a living, most of it at the BBC. He was there at the start of *The News Quiz*, *Quote...Unquote*, *To The Manor Born*, *The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy*, *Not The Nine O'Clock News*, *Blackadder*, *Spitting Image*, *Mr Bean* and *QI* and, due (he says) to a peculiar anomaly, has won more BAFTA awards than anyone except Dame Judi Dench. He lives in West Hendred (so on this occasion the proceeds of the evening will be shared by St Augustine's and West Hendred Village Hall). Again, 7:30pm at St Augustine's, tickets on the door.
- Don't miss a very special performance of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* in St Augustine's on 8th and 9th December, featuring several noted village thespians.

Everyone is warmly invited to these and all church services and events. You can always 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.

Veilaudio

Parishioners of St Mary's are very closely involved in this project, which is right on our doorstep. Run by the nuns and an enthusiastic team of volunteers, Veilaudio makes and distributes free 'talking books' for the visually impaired. The books are loaned out on cassette and CD and are drawn from the Catholic Christian tradition, but the service is open to all, irrespective of religious affiliation.

For further details, contact Holy Trinity Monastery, www.benedictinenuns.org.uk.

Springline Players presents

Charles Dickens and A Christmas Carol

in aid of the East Hendred Churches

**on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December at 7.30pm
in St Augustine's Church.**

This is a dramatised reading with *Carols and Ghosts*, adapted from the novel that we all know and love. Come and get into the Spirit of Christmas Past, Present and Future!

Tickets £5.00 from the Hendred Village Shop

The Green Column

There are a range of schemes in existence and planned for the future that can help you meet the cost of installing energy saving or energy generating technologies. Keep an eye on them to get your timing right and make sure you don't miss out. This is a rough guide to how things stand at the time of writing.

FIT – Feed in Tariff

The Feed in Tariff is up and running already and it pays householders for electricity generated at home. There are different rates for different technologies. For example solar photovoltaic panels attract 43.3 pence per kWh generated even if you use the electricity yourself. In addition you get 3p per kWh extra for electricity you don't use, and export back to the grid. You also save on your electricity bill as you buy less because you generated some yourself. You must use a certified installer. The tariff rate and the length of time the tariff is paid for varies for different kinds of renewable energy generation. Once you are on a tariff that price per kWh is guaranteed for the duration. For solar PV the tariff lasts for 25 years, for wind or hydroelectric it is 20 years. However, the tariff rates are being reviewed. Everyone expects them to be lower from April 2012.

Don't miss out: install and register renewable electricity generation before April 2012 if you want to receive the higher Feed in Tariff.

RHI – Renewable Heat Incentive

Most energy used in the home is for space and water heating. The Renewable Heat Incentive is intended to encourage installation of renewable energy space and water heating.

Renewable Heat Incentive Premium Payments to help pay for installing renewable heat technologies started in August 2011. Your home must be well insulated. Any householder can apply for solar thermal, the other technologies are limited to houses with no mains gas supply. You must use a certified installer.

The value of payments available are: Solar Thermal - £300/unit, Air Source Heat Pumps - £850/unit, Biomass boilers - £950/unit and Ground or Water Source Heat Pumps - £1,250/unit.

Don't miss out: The Premium Payments scheme runs till 31st March 2012, or sooner if the budget is used up.

A Renewable Heat Incentive Tariff is due from Autumn 2012 and will pay a long term RHI tariff analogous to the Feed-in-Tariff for renewable electricity. There are no details of eligibility or tariff rates yet.

Don't miss out: If you install or have already installed renewable space or water heating technology check the latest RHI tariff news. Installations since July 15th 2009 are expected to be eligible to apply.

The Green Deal

The Green Deal is planned to start from late 2012. Private firms will be able to offer customers energy efficiency improvements to their homes, community spaces and businesses at no upfront cost, and recoup payments by charging in instalments on the energy bill. The idea is that the extra payments made through energy bills should always be less than the savings due to the improvement. The payments stay with the property, not the individual who first had the work done.

Don't miss out: This is rather vague at the moment, but well worth keeping an eye on. It may make possible improvements where payback is good, but up front costs are prohibitive; or where payback is long-term and you are not sure you'll be in that property long enough to get the benefits.

Keeping an eye on these and other deals:

The Energy Savings Trust provide up to date information via 0800 512 012 or via their website at <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/>

Hundreds Environment Group – contact Sarah James at sarahjames@f2s.com

East and West Hendred Knit and Natter Group

We want to start a group for people who want to 'Knit & Natter' to share skills, yarn and patterns.

We are hoping to have some sessions in East Hendred and some in West Hendred

Do you want to join?

Would you prefer evenings or afternoons?

We would love to hear your thoughts and views!

Call Val on 83393 or drop her a line at 65 Couplings Close, East Hendred

Exhibition 2012

As you know next year is our dear Queen's Diamond Jubilee so our exhibition at Champs Chapel for 2012 will be Royal Memorabilia. If you have any items or photographs which you might wish to donate or lend to us then please contact Sonia Roberts on 821796.



East and West Hendred WI



East & West Hendred WI celebrated its 90th birthday with an afternoon tea served in the private Indian Room overlooking the wonderful grounds of Blenheim Palace so the second half of the year could have been a damp squib.

Not in our WI!

Our next outing saw members visit Highclere Castle, the location of the period drama Downton Abbey. We were able to see where the series was filmed as well as enjoying a tour of the Castle and grounds. We took time out to view the Egyptian exhibition "The Path to Discovery", in the cellars which explored the life of the Earl of Carnarvon, his travels and leisure in Edwardian times.

Our July speaker was Ann Lattimore who kept members captivated with her fascinating talk on her bike ride when she cycled 250 miles in Rajasthan, India in support of the Charity 'Women for Women' raising over £3,500. August saw some of our members visit Eton & Windsor enjoying a private tour of Eton College, there was also boating on the Thames and meandering around Windsor town. August was our Summer Party with members wining and dining and being entertained by the musical group, Flower of the Quern. In September Malcolm Nelson was the guest speaker, a retired HM Customs Officer, who relayed with great humour his 40 years experience catching smugglers at Heathrow Airport in London. Members also took part in the Hendred Family Show serving numerous cups of tea, coffee and a wide variety of mouth-watering cakes and scones to the many visitors to the show.



Also in September there will be a guided walk and lunch by Minster Lovell WI with the October meeting headlined by Alex Stanbrook in a talk entitled "I want to tell you a story." Alex wears many hats, and will give her views on a variety of topics and keep us all entertained in her inimitable humorous way.

Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at Snells Hall Community Centre, East Hendred at 7.45 pm and you will be warmly welcomed.

Our website is www.hendredswi.com and for information contact our Secretary at Lesley.hendred@gmail.com

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Planning Matters

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. 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.

Application permitted.

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.

Application permitted.

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

Change of use of stables to residential ancillary use

The Parish Council did not object

Application permitted.

11/01495/FUL Greensands - Demolition of existing house and erection of new 13 bed guest house.

The Parish Council has yet to respond.

11/01362/FUL Thatched Cottage, Newbury Road - Demolition of existing garage, erection of new garage with room over.

This application has been withdrawn.

11/01552/FUL Downside House, Newbury Road
Single storey extension to provide utility room, pantry & rear entrance. Single storey infill extension to provide ground floor wc. New canopy to main entrance.

The Parish Council had no objections subject to the materials being used to be in keeping with the existing property.

Application pending.

11/01668/FUL Hill View, Horn Lane
Erection of a two storey rear extension. This is an update to an application that has already been permitted.

The Parish Council has 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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- Sun 2 Harvest Lunch, Snells Hall, 12.30pm
 Mon 10 DGA Bridge Drive, Snells Hall
 Thur 20 WI, Snells Hall, 7.30pm
 Sat 22 Open Studios, Holly Trees, Ford Lane and 1 Ford Lane, 10am
 Wantage Male Voice Choir, Snells Hall, 7pm
 Sun 23 Open Studios, Holly Trees, Ford Lane and 1 Ford Lane, 10am
 Wed 26 Coffee Morning, St Augustines, 10.30am
 Police 'Have Your Say', Snells Hall, 3pm
 Thur 27 Penney Lecture, 'My Life as a Cold War Spy', St Augustines, 7.30pm

NOV

- Sun 13 Act of Remembrance, 11am, War Memorial
 Thur 17 WI, Snells Hall, 7.30pm
 Fri 25 Penney Lecture, 'The Venerable Beeb', St Augustines, 7.30pm
 Sat 26 Miguel Olivares (Tribute Singer), Snells Hall, 8pm

DEC

- Sat 3 Christmas Bazaar, Snells Hall
 Thur 8 A Christmas Carol, St Augustines, 7.30pm
 Fri 9 A Christmas Carol, St Augustines, 7.30pm
 Sun 11 Christmas Market, Snells Hall, 10am
 Thur 15 WI, Hendred House, 7.30pm
 Sat 31 Wantage Morris Men, Snells Hall, 5pm

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- TUESDAY** **Cub Scouts** 6.30-8pm, Snells Hall
(Robin Gray, 769787)
Beaver Scouts 5.25-6.25pm, Snells Hall
- 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
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- 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**
Springline Amateur Dramatic Society
(SADS) 7.45pm, StudyVox, **2nd Wednesday**
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