

EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*

Springline Productions 2013 - Snow White



The snow didn't stop this year's Springline Production 'Snow White', as hundreds of people flocked to Snell's Hall to witness the fifth and 'best yet' pantomime, which had been greatly anticipated after a year off. Kirsty Southwell headed a cast of excited and nervous locals as they donned their costumes (supplied by Emma Bambridge) and trod the boards (nailed together by Jane Parker and Will England) for a night of fun, laughter and just a little terror (courtesy of Jennie Cosgrave AKA 'The Wicked Witch').

Singing, some slightly unusual dancing and some increasingly bawdy jokes (David Hunter – 'Dame Suzette') accompanied Snow White on her way to meeting her Prince Charming, or market barrow boy as he turned out to be

(Chris Bedford: 'Seymour'). Along the way, we met punk gladiators, a motley crew of dwarves, a rather familiar looking King and a dragon, all leading to a final ensemble piece that had the audience dancing in their seats. All in all, a good time was had by all!

On a personal level, I would like to say how welcome my husband Chris, daughter Rose and I felt having moved to the village last year. The panto was a great fun way to meet people and do something as a family.

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to all those involved: cast, crew and audience. A special thank you to Susie Turnbull for always being at the coal face and to Jo Noble, our wonderful director.

- by Clare Bedford ('Prof')



Parish Council Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Parish Council there will be presentations on the work of the Council over the last year, both from the chair and from each of the Council Work Groups. There will also be presentations from our District and County Councillors, as well as from village organisations that have benefited from Council grants in the last year.

It is an opportunity not only to hear about recent progress but to ask questions on Council activities and put forward ideas for the future. This year there will be a short presentation on the draft Vale Local Plan (see page 3.)

The meeting will be held in Snells Hall at 7:30pm on Tuesday 23rd April. You are all invited!

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from the chair

Planning remains a key topic for the Parish Council, as can be seen from later items in this Bulletin. We spoke recently at the Oxfordshire County Council Planning meeting on the planned new store for radioactive waste at Harwell, but failed to get future imported waste from Winfrith excluded. We have also commented on the plan to build 120 houses on the Harwell campus, adjacent to our parish. We are receiving 3-4 planning applications each month affecting the village, requiring comment. The Council has also recently revisited the action plans concerning housing from the 2008 Parish Plan. Although these plans have generally been adhered to it was felt at the last Council meeting that we should

draw up a check list against which all new planning applications would be tested. Of particular note was an action plan to concentrate on encouraging smaller houses in the village. Most applications tend to include larger houses as it is one way to optimise the financial return from a site, and they sell well, but may not benefit the village. We shall be taking action to make the local planners aware that the village needs smaller houses. We are still trying to find a suitable site for more affordable housing, as the survey undertaken by ORCC indicated that the village need was for a total of 10-12 houses of this type, but only 4 have been built to date.

Of particular note is the very recently published Vale Draft Local Plan to cover the period up till 2029. The background to this is the National Planning Policy Framework which was introduced last year. This plan when finalised will set the criteria against

which all local planning applications will be judged and hence is very important. The Councillors will be attending local exhibitions to apprise themselves of what is proposed, so that we can comment by the May deadline. These exhibitions are also open to villagers. Please attend one of them if you can, and let the Council have your feedback.

We welcome Martin Simmonds who joined the Parish Council in February to fill the advertised vacancy. Martin lives in the block of houses on the north side of the A417, works locally and has a particular interest in planning issues affecting the village.

We are grateful to Anne Pappenheim who has edited this Bulletin, in the absence of a new editor. We still need an editor to keep this long running newsletter in print – see box on front page.

John Sharp

New Local Plan

The Vale District Council has recently issued a new draft Local Plan covering the period to 2029. This is one of the key planning policy documents designed to help guide decisions that will be made about developments in the district over the next 15 years. The draft issued is Part 1 concerned with Strategic Sites and Policies. There will be a number of public exhibitions in the area to enable residents to see the details proposed and discuss them with officers at the exhibition. The deadline for comments to be received is by the 9th May.

The Parish Council will review this document in detail and assess how it will affect this parish, which is considered as a "Larger village". An initial examination indicates that in terms of specific development or employment sites none is proposed for this village and future development will be limited to satisfying local needs and to supporting employment within local communities. A detailed response to the Vale Council will be made on this and other issues affecting East Hendred by the deadline.

A short presentation on this Plan and how it affects East Hendred will be given at the Parish Council's annual meeting on April 23rd.

Springline Summer Soiree

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What is a Parish Council?

Councillor Sarah James clears up some common confusion about what the term 'Parish Council' means.

Parish and Town Councils are the most local level of local government. 'Parish' refers to the civil parish, with a boundary set in much the same way as any other government boundary, like MPs' seats and local government wards. They are not connected to a parish church.

Parish or town councillors are elected every four years. The number of councillors varies considerably from a minimum of five, depending on how big the parish electorate is. East Hendred Parish Council has nine councillors.

If you are thinking, "But I don't remember voting for the parish council" that will be because the last election was uncontested. Eight councillors stood for the nine places, so no vote was held. This is not uncommon at parish council level. If, as happened in East Hendred, the council is short of councillors, either following an uncontested election or if a councillor resigns during the four-year term, the vacancy must be formally advertised and if enough voters request it a by-election will be held. If not, the Council itself advertises for and then co-opts a new councillor. Parish Council elections are only run every 4 years.

Parish councillors are unpaid volunteers, but parish councils do employ staff. As a minimum, they will employ a clerk. East Hendred Parish Council employs four part-time members of staff: a clerk, a finance officer, a village lengthman (grounds maintenance) and a litter picker. Some towns and more populated parishes will have several, full-time staff.

Parish councils have tax-raising powers and a small proportion of parishioners' council tax goes to their local parish or town council. It should tell you how much on the bill.

As a public body, the parish council must be open about its spending and decisions. Agendas for parish council meetings must be published at least three days

before the meeting, so that the public can make an informed decision about whether or not they should attend. Minutes of each meeting must be agreed and signed off as an accurate record at the following meeting, and then published.

The East Hendred Parish Council noticeboards are by the phone box in East Hendred and by the bus stop lay-by west of the roundabout in Rowstock. We also publish agendas and minutes on our website at www.hendred.org.

Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings, which are at 8pm on the second Tuesday of each month, in the gallery at Snells Hall.

Contacts for all councillors and the clerk are at the back of this Bulletin. Parishioners are welcome to contact any of us. If in doubt, contact the clerk.

In the next Bulletin: What does East Hendred Parish Council do?

Additional Playground Equipment

Certain Parish Councillors had so much fun testing Harwell playground's new zip wire that they thought East Hendred should have one too.

We are aware that while there is play equipment for primary school children in two playgrounds in the village, there isn't anything for older children. The lack of facilities for older children and teenagers was highlighted in the parish plan, and we are on the look-out for ways to address this in the parish.

With this in mind, the Parish Council is seeking grants from several sources to provide a zip wire facility in the Penney playground area.

We have just heard that our grant application to Oxfordshire County Council has been successful. If a second grant request is also successful it is hoped that the zip wire can be in place by the autumn.



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Store for Intermediate Level Waste

Previous bulletins have explained the background to the application for a new store for Intermediate Level waste in this parish, on the Harwell site. In short, it is necessary to store intermediate level waste from Harwell, Winfrith (Dorset) and Culham, and Research Sites Restoration Ltd (RSRL) wishes to do this at Harwell. The waste is likely to remain on site until at least 2050.

The Parish Council submitted its comments to the County Council and, although not objecting to the new store

for Harwell waste (as the waste is already on site), did raise serious concerns about bringing in waste from the Winfrith site. We considered that the case for this had not been made, particularly as the draft Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy policy required a justification for bringing in waste from outside the County. We argued that there were other sites where the Winfrith waste could be stored.

At the Planning meeting held on March 4th the chairman of the Parish

Council (John Sharp) presented the Parish Council's case. Several speakers from RSRL and the Nuclear Decommissioning Agency argued that the store was required for both Harwell and Winfrith waste. Following discussion by members of the Committee, a vote was taken and two voted to exclude the Winfrith waste whilst the remaining members voted to accept the new store and Winfrith waste. The Parish Council will keep a close eye on the planned development of this waste store.

Annual Precept

Each year the Council reviews its expenditure and prepares a budget for the coming year. This is used as a basis for setting the village precept. The main items of Council expenditure are employee costs (lengthman, clerk etc), insurance, the *Bulletin*, playground maintenance and limited grants to village organisations.

The Council decided at the January meeting to set a local precept of £25,250 which represents a 2.5% increase on the previous year. All of this will be spent on local facilities and support services.

Traffic Problems affecting this Parish

The traffic issues with the high density of traffic on the A417 are increasingly important. As part of a recent planning application for new houses to the north of the A417 the comment from the Council's Highways Department indicated that the A417 was "close to capacity" in the vicinity of our village. This was the argument they used to object to a proposed mini-roundabout at the top of White Road which was part of the planning application and could have improved access to the main road. New planned developments in Wantage, particularly the Crab Hill

Development of 1500 houses to the east, can only increase further the high density of traffic on this road at certain times of the day with increasingly difficult access problems for local motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

Our County Councillor (Iain Brown) is keeping us informed of potential improvements to the road but in our view these are unlikely to happen in the near future. We will continue to press for improvements to this road to alleviate the significant access problems, particularly at the morning and late afternoon rush hours.

Proposed Development at South Drive, Harwell Campus

There is a current planning application for 120 houses to be built on the Harwell Campus site, in the Harwell parish but adjacent to the East Hendred parish. There are a number of large ex-RAF houses on this site at present (some boarded up); the plan is to demolish these and build 120 new houses in this vicinity, of which it is expected that 40% will be "affordable". The Parish Council has commented that the provision of this affordable housing is very welcome and may be able to benefit our parish, where we have an established need, confirmed by a survey.

It is noted in the Council comments that the Icknield Way borders the northern boundary to the application

site. This is part of the cycle route from East Hendred to the Harwell site and the Council would hope that the surface can be upgraded as part of the development.

We have also registered concern on the likely effects of more traffic on the A4185 with residents accessing Didcot station, Milton Park, and other local employment sites. This increased traffic will also put more pressure on Rowstock roundabout which is already very busy at certain times of the day.

This development is part of a larger 400 house development planned in this general area and the Council has highlighted that it is important that any traffic mitigation measures take this larger development into account.

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It has been decided to have a larger area of the Hall main car park repaired than previously envisaged. Inevitably this has increased the cost of the process considerably and several quotations are being sought before any work can be started.

The Committee has not yet decided whether to increase the hall booking fees by the cost of living index this year. Three of the major items of expenditure, viz heating, insurance and fire equipment have been stabilized and there is a cushion of profit made in 2012 due to extra bookings and lower expenditure compared with 2011. Obviously it would be appreciated by our users if the fees were not increased during this period of general financial hardship. So watch this space!

The EHCC AGM will have taken place before this Bulletin appears. However, if any resident is willing to assist the Committee with new ideas to improve the facilities and to attract more users, please let us know. (Contact Ken Taylor on 833359)

Church News

There are coffee mornings in St Augustine's church on the last Wednesday in the month – April 24, May 29 and June 26 – at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome for coffee and cake, and there's a small bring-and-buy table in aid of the church.

The 11th season of Penney Memorial Lectures in aid of St Augustine's church drew to a close on Friday March 22 with Jim Mitchell's time-travelling trip to a Victorian music hall. This winter we've also heard a retired Bishop discuss the role of Bishops in the House of Lords; a university lecturer explain the threats and opportunities of the Arab Spring; the Head of a nuclear reactor site debate how we are going to keep the lights on in the years ahead; and a leading historical film-maker disclose how he 'conflates' his sources to make films that are both accurate and dramatic. It's a real treat to have speakers of this quality come to the village. If you haven't yet ventured out to one of these lectures, do give them a try when they start up again next Autumn. There's something for everyone.

St Augustine's annual summer fete and gift day will be on Saturday June 15 – in some churches, that is St Augustine's day. On Gift Day we invite everyone in the parish to contribute to the upkeep of our wonderful old parish church, which is a landmark in the village, and in many families' lives. Envelopes which make it easy for you to Gift Aid your donation will be distributed around the village. Please be generous. It costs over £600 a week to keep our church running. So, please note Saturday June 15 in your diaries and come to our fete, at St Augustine's church. There'll be stalls of all kinds and lunch and teas. We look forward to seeing you there.

The tradition of the Sovereign giving Maundy Money dates from the thirteenth century. This year for the first time the Queen will be handing out Maundy Money at Christ Church, Oxford, to 87 men and 87 women pensioners from the diocese. The recipients are chosen for their service to their community and their church – and this year they include St Augustine's Churchwarden Jackie Francis and organist Michael Evans. Congratulations to them both! We are all delighted that their years of service are being recognised in this way and hope that they both thoroughly enjoy the service and lunch with the Queen.

Both churches are decorated for the Easter festival so do call in to admire the work of our flower arrangers. You are welcome in our churches at any time.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

SUNDAY 24th MARCH

PALM SUNDAY

- 09:00 West Hendred Holy Communion
09:00 St Mary's Palm Sunday Procession & Sung Mass
(meet at Champs Chapel at 9:00am)
10:00 St Augustine's Holy Communion
(NB earlier times than usual)

MONDAY 25th MARCH

- 19:00 Ardington Holy Communion

TUESDAY 26th MARCH

- 19:00 West Hendred Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH

- 20:00 St Mary's Ecumenical Service of Tenebrae

THURSDAY 28th MARCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 19:00 St Augustine's Eucharist of the Last Supper,
Footwashing and Stripping of the Altars
with the Bishop of Reading
20:00 St Mary's Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY 29th MARCH

GOOD FRIDAY

- 09:00 West Hendred Family Service
10:30 Ardington Family Service
12:00 St Augustine's Ecumenical Stations of the Cross
15:00 St Mary's Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY 30th MARCH

HOLY SATURDAY

- 20:00 St Mary's Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

SUNDAY 31st MARCH

EASTER SUNDAY

- 09:00 West Hendred Holy Communion
09:30 St Mary's Easter Mass
10:30 St Augustine's Holy Communion with Baptism

Hundreds Twinning Group

Exchange Visit

It's our turn this year to visit the twinned village of Sarceaux near Argentan in Normandy over the weekend of 5th – 8th July. The group travelling by coach and ferry from the village via Portsmouth will consist of 22 adults and 6 school age children, all local residents. Our French counterparts are always most hospitable, accommodating everyone in family homes in Sarceaux and its vicinity. They have planned a full programme of meals, entertainment and excursions during the weekend, including an all day trip to Angers in the Loire valley, also visiting a vineyard in the area.

Antiques Roadshow

This was a popular event, attended by 60 people in early February. After supper, Simon Jones, a local auctioneer and valuer, was a knowledgeable and amusing speaker, identifying and valuing a wide range of individual treasures brought along by members of the audience. Values ranged from less than £1 to three different items worth more than £1000. We hope to repeat the Roadshow next year, as everyone present enjoyed the evening so much.

New members welcome, contact Margaret Sharp (Secretary), m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com, tel. 833367

Downs Golden Age

Our first event of the year on 10th January was lunch with a Bring-and-Buy and Bingo. On Wednesday 16th January all DGA members were invited to the dress rehearsal of the village Panto, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves!* A good crowd turned out on a cold evening and it was much appreciated by the cast and crew. On 7th February it was another delicious lunch followed by a very interesting talk by John Sharp on *"Alderney – An Island embracing the Future"*.

Monday 4th March was the first of the 2012 Bridge Drives; these are held three times a year and are the group's main fundraiser. Although Betty Holliday is no longer on the committee she is continuing to run the Bridge Drives for a bit longer. We are all very grateful to her and all the committee members who help make these days so enjoyable. The next

Bridge Day is Monday 17th June, please ring Betty on 833400 if you would like to take part or help!

On 7th March we return to having tea time meetings and the speaker is Steve Moll who will be talking about *"The Incredible World of the Bumble Bee"*.

There is a change of date for April and the tea will be on **11th April** with an African Drumming Workshop. It should be noisy!!

New members are always welcome; membership is £10 per year which includes lunch/teas and subsidised outings. Visitors are welcome for tea (£2.50) or lunch (£5.00). 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 Niall Duggan on 833778.

East and West Hendred WI

We continue to flourish

The Christmas festivities began with a wonderful evening at the stunning Hendred House, East Hendred, it was truly the perfect setting. The delightful group Flower of the Quern made a return visit with medieval music and accompanied members with their carol singing. One or two members, we discovered, had been hiding their voices under a bushel when some excellent solos were sung; mulled wine and mince pies were aplenty. It was a most joyous evening.

Sadly in January, Joan English, a resident of West Hendred and long serving member of East & West Hendred WI lost her valiant fight with leukaemia. Joan was a remarkable lady who will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

The January meeting, our Annual Party, promised to be a great evening with the Sainsbury Singers entertaining us and they certainly did not let us down. Songs from old and new musicals rang out from Snells Hall with members singing with great gusto.

February was members' anecdotes. With wine glasses filled we settled down to an evening of entertainment by several members with their amusing, thoughtful and charming reminiscences.

March will be our AGM. Members will enjoy a delicious 'fish supper' followed at 7.30 pm by our Annual General Meeting. There will be a review of highlights from 2012, followed by voting for President and the Committee and will

end with a discussion on the year ahead and the start of the 2013-2014 programme which has a diverse range of speakers and outings planned.

Once again we say if you are new to the village or surrounding area do come and visit East & West Hendred WI. We are a lively and welcoming group and meet on the third Thursday of the month at Snells Hall Community Centre, East Hendred at 7.30 pm.

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We had a good end to the year with about 18 of us having an excellent Christmas lunch at the Wheatsheaf, many thanks to Bill and Carmel.

A group of us have continued with our onslaught on the Ridgeway and are now over half way to Ivinghoe Beacon. The total distance is 87 miles! We try and go once a month and each leg is about 10 miles. It seems to be more complicated the further away from home we get! We have been incredibly lucky with the weather and nearly always seem to pick a sunny day. We will finish this adventure by early summer and are wondering what to do next?

New walkers are always welcome. It's always best to ring or email first so that you know the length of the walk and sometimes we start somewhere different!

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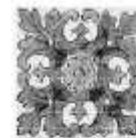
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The Green Column

Snells Woodland News

Hendreds Environment Group and volunteers look after the Snells Woodland between Penney Playpark and Fordy Lane. We have planted 50 hazel trees and our regular work parties have reduced hugely the presence of invasive Himalayan Balsam.

Spring Flowers: The snowdrops have been flowering for some weeks, and the wild garlic flowers are just getting going. The ground has been really boggy, under standing water a lot of the time. The boardwalk has proved its usefulness this winter as a ground level path would have been unusable for months.



Sycamores Due for Coppicing: Three closely spaced sycamore stands are due for coppicing in the next year. Coppicing means cutting trees right back almost to the ground, and then leaving them to regrow. Stands are multi-trunked trees, and result from coppicing. So these have almost certainly been coppiced in the past.

For a couple of thousand years this was how most British woodland was managed, the wood produced being used for making tools, fencing and utensils. It provides a much more varied habitat than unmanaged woodland, and one that our native woodland plants and animals are adapted to. These benefits for wildlife are the main reasons for reintroducing it here.

Litter Problem: In the last few months Snells Woodland has for the first time become the victim of repeated littering, mainly lots of blue soft-drink pots, and also a spate of disposable gloves. This litter is a hazard to wildlife and a repeat nuisance to clean up. We've collected well over a hundred drink cartons in the

woodland in the last few months. The photo shows just 1 week's litter. Please let us or one of our community police officers know if you see someone chucking litter in this area.



Get Involved

Would you enjoy getting involved in looking after this lovely village asset?

Half an hour to spare, every couple of months? Join our rota of volunteers who check that the path and woodland

look good each week. A regular commitment, but a small amount of time and effort.

A couple of hours to spare, a few days a year? Join our list of work party volunteers and we'll invite you to woodland work parties, village litter

picks and tree planting or any other hands on events we organise. An ad-hoc commitment, turn up on the day if you want to.

Contact Hendreds Environment Group at heg@hendred.org or phone Sarah on 831568.

Parish Council Employees

Brian Goodwin, the Lengthman

Brian Goodwin has been employed by East Hendred Parish Council since 1996 as the village Lengthman. Brian's father did the job before him.

You will no doubt have seen Brian around – he cuts verges, keeps the paths weed free, collects fallen leaves and deals with litter including the weekly collection. Brian works to a very carefully planned rota during the month, in summer working 33 hours a week and in winter, 15 hours a week. In addition, he looks after St Augustine's Churchyard and the Village Cemeteries; the Parish Council charges a percentage of these costs to both churches. He is also very willing to help with extra jobs the Parish Council ask him to do on occasion. On snowy days, he salts the most essential paths in the village.



Think of Brian when your dog does his business – please clear up – it is not pleasant for him to have to deal with this. If you see any problems around the village, you can always mention them to Brian – he will alert a Parish Councillor to see what can be done.

So, if you see Brian working, a cheerful greeting or even the offer of a cup of tea would always be welcome!

Robert Connolly, the Litter Picker for West Rowstock

When the properties in West Rowstock joined East Hendred Parish in 2011, the village took on the employment of Robert Connolly. Robert spends one hour a week collecting litter in West Rowstock and has been doing this for several years. He is a very conscientious worker and we are very grateful to him for his efforts. Once again, if you see him, please say hello and thanks.



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The History of Hendreds Pre-School 1963-2013



Did you know that Hendreds Pre-school celebrates its 50th anniversary this year? Back in 1963, a few mums thought it would be a great idea to start a playgroup where children could play with others and give parents a brief reprieve and after rigorous vetting it was agreed that a start could be made. Hendreds Playgroup opened its doors for the first time in the village hall that used to be in Cat Street and the children who were part of the first intake are now celebrating their 53rd birthdays!

Children were from the local villages and one little boy was put on the bus in Ardington and a mum used to meet the bus at The Plough and later send him home on the return bus. One week he did not arrive and the mum meeting him was very concerned. As the family were not 'on the phone' she went to Ardington where it transpired that his mother had broken her leg and was not able to contact anyone to say her son wasn't coming. It is hard to imagine 21st century mums being prepared to put their three-year-old on a bus alone!

The first Accident Book was a simple red school exercise book and the one book dates from 1968 – 1990! In 1984 a child tripped off the trampoline, hit her head and passed out! She was given a cuddle and mum was called. I imagine that it would be a very different scenario these days.

The pre-school was very nomadic in its early years and moved to Kings Manor barn and then found its way to the Roman Catholic Club Room. It moved to Snells Hall in 1974 after the hall's conversion. From late 1982 the pre-school was accommodated at Hendreds Primary School. This created a close relationship with the school who didn't even charge rent. In 1994 Maria Nedelkoff became supervisor. At the end of that year, the comfortable relationship had to come to an end as the school was expanding.

The pre-school needed a permanent home and the committee decided to raise £30,000 to purchase a Portacabin. While this money was being raised, they moved to the old West Hendred Village Hall which was dilapidated and damp. Numbers at pre-school dwindled as parents felt it was inconvenient to travel to West Hendred. The list of woes continued with lack of storage and parents not paying their fees. A particularly low moment must

have been when the supervisor reported that mice were at large!

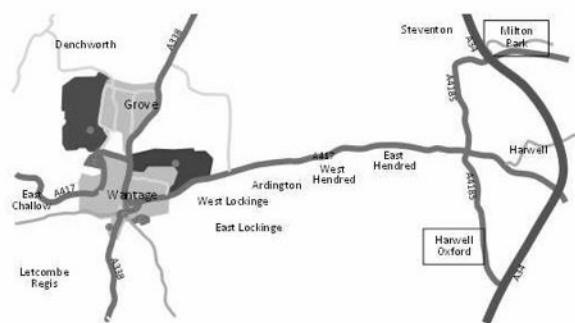
Parents were fundraising hard to finance the Portacabin; however at the end of 1995 the committee heard that Snells Hall had to become accessible to the disabled and they were applying for a grant to ensure the building complied. It seemed an ideal opportunity to combine financial resources and work together and build an annexe for the pre-school. Parents continued to bake cakes, sell raffle tickets, hold barn dances and write 'begging letters' to raise funds. Architect Bogdan Nedelkoff spent long hours at the drawing board and then was out with a shovel as well. Other parents worked hard to finish the building for the grand opening on 21st March 1998. Finally the village children had their own space and a new era at pre-school began.

To be concluded in the next edition of the Bulletin.

Tessa Case (Chairman from 2007 - 2012)

Thank you to everyone who shared their memories with me. If you have a story or an anecdote I would love to hear from you at tessa@casebase.co.uk, or to read the complete article please visit www.hendredspreschool.org.uk

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East and West Hendred Cricket Club

The New Cricket Season Approaches

East and West Hendred Cricket Club are looking forward to the new season and will be dusting off our kit for indoor net practice sessions from 11:00am to 12:00 on March 24th and 31st and April 7th at Wantage Leisure Centre. Hopefully the weather will then be good enough for us to make use of our excellent net facility at the ground in Mill Lane for the next two Sundays.

We have two friendly matches scheduled for the weekend of April 26th and 27th with the league programme kicking off on May 4th. The 1st XI will be playing in Division 1 of the Oxfordshire Cricket Association League after finishing runners up in Division 2 last season. The 2nd XI will be playing in Division 7 after also gaining promotion last year.

In addition we play in Division 1 of the Berkshire Downs Cricket League on Wednesday evenings (20-over matches starting at 6:15pm) commencing on May 1st. We also have a programme of Sunday Friendly fixtures.

Our junior section will have teams playing in the Under 11's, Under 13's and Under 15's Oxfordshire Cricket Board competitions and will be training on Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 8:00pm starting on April 25th. Boys and girls from aged 8 upwards are welcome to come and join in.

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'The Secret History of St Mary's Road' at Champs Chapel

Working with Jane Parker, an architect and specialist in historic landscapes, EHHT has developed a five year rolling exhibition programme of village history based on the Museum's Interpretation Plan themes of people, places, trades and occupations and religion.

Using the Museum's collections of photographs, maps and artifacts relating to village life over the last 150 years, the exhibition programme will make evident the social history of the village street by street. Each year for five years, a particular zone of the village will be chosen for researching change of land use, identifying trades and occupations, and religious institutions as well people and families historically associated with the specific zone. By comparing the Museum's collection of historic photographs with photographs taken now, and relating the photographs to maps and oral accounts from residents old and young, the exhibits will tell the story of the streets in such a way that the transformation and endurance from the old ways of life to the new will be revealed. The findings will be displayed in the annual exhibition.

The vision of the project is to use the research and the exhibitions as a vehicle for the following:

- to increase awareness of the village heritage amongst residents, many of whom are now new to the village and area, by revealing the social history of the village in a new and stimulating way and showing how it relates to their own lives.

- to create an interactive exhibition with a programme of events that could be used by the two schools in the village to demonstrate how life has changed in the village over the last 150 years.
- to digitalise and catalogue the Museum's significant collection of photographs of the village spanning nearly 100 years.
- to compile an oral record about the social history of the village to back up the photographic/artifact material the Museum possesses, capturing memories and stories from current occupants in the village, as well as those far and wide no longer resident
- to present the museum's collection of artifacts from working and domestic life
- to depict the change in the built environment of the village, from the stone, clunch, thatch, cob, timber frames and weather boarding to the higher tech building methods of newer buildings.

In addition, by cataloguing the collection in such a way as to make it readily accessible online to all users (regular and casual visitors, residents, schools, churches, the many ex-evacuees), the Museum will be creating a living resource which can then be used for a wide range of thematic, educational or artistic endeavours.

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East Hendred, Nr. Wantage

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Planning Matters

P12/V0635/LDE Greensands, Reading Road

Application for lawful development certificate for use of a container as a private dwelling
This was refused and has now gone to appeal.

P12/V1539/COU Lynwood, Reading Road
Retrospective planning permission for building and access changes

The Parish Council objected
Application refused.

P12/V1878/FUL 21 New Houses on the Reading Road

The Parish Council have objected on a number of grounds.
Application refused.

P12/V2263/FUL The Lodge, Wantage Road
Remove existing building and replace with two new properties

The Parish Council had no objections
Application granted.

P12/V2239/D Demolition of Building 552 at Harwell Campus

The Parish Council had no objections
Application granted.

OCC Ref: MW.0183/12 Intermediate Level
Radioactive Waste Store, Harwell

The Parish Council objected on a number of grounds (see separate article)
Application granted.

P12/V2368/HH Portway, Reading Road
Erection of two storey side extension
Application granted.

P12/V2347/HH Algoma, Ford Lane
Demolition of garage, reconstruction with extension over existing garage to private dwelling to form additional bedroom
The Parish Council had no objections
Application granted.

P12/V2378/FUL Orchard Croft, Horn Lane
Demolition of existing dwelling, construction of new dwelling
The Parish Council had no objections
Application granted.

P12/V2282/FUL Reactor site area, Harwel
Construction of two Temporary stores
The Parish Council had no objections but raised the issue of the impact on the ANOB and that they could be better sited to minimise this impact.
Application granted.

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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April - June 2013

April	To 14 th Sunday	Pre-School Easter Rabbit Hunt
	6 th Saturday	Portable Antiquities Scheme talk, Snells Hall 7pm
	11 th Thursday	DGA African Drumming Workshop and Tea
	14 th Sunday	Champs Chapel Museum re-opens 2:30 - 4:30pm
May	17 th Wednesday	Police Have Your Say meeting, Snells Hall 6 - 7pm
	24 th Wednesday	Coffee morning St Augustine's church 10:30am
June	29 th Wednesday	Coffee morning St Augustine's church 10:30am
	15 th Saturday	St Augustine's Gift Day and Summer Fete
	15 th Saturday	Springline Summer Soiree
	17 th Monday	DGA Bridge Day
	26 th Wednesday	Coffee morning St Augustine's church 10:30am

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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 (Richard Frost, 07882352214, richard_frost@hotmail.co.uk)
WEEKDAYS	Preschool , 9-12am, Snells Hall (Fiona Brown 831555 www.hendredspreschool.org.uk)
MONTHLY	Snells Hall Management Meeting , 7.45, Snells Hall Committee Room, 1st Tuesday Downs Golden Age , Snells Hall, 1st Thursday Parish Council Meeting , 8pm, Snells Hall, 2nd Tuesday Coffee Morning , 10.30am, St Augustines, Last Wednesday WI , 7.30pm, Snells Hall, 3rd Thursday Champs Chapel Museum , Easter to October 2.30-4.30 every Sunday , November to Easter 2.30-3.30 1st Sunday

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