

EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*

Vale of White Horse, Chairman's Community Awards for "Volunteering for the Vale"

Val Prior, Vanessa Prior and Norman Francis continue to make great contributions to enhancing village life. On 19th October, at a celebratory lunch, they all received Chairman's Awards from Councillor Mike Badcock, Chairman of the Vale of White Horse District Council, in recognition of their efforts.

As the key members of East Hendred Entertains, Val and Vanessa devote a huge amount of time and effort to the Thrift Shop and helping people wherever they can.

Many village organisations benefit greatly from the grants that are funded by the income of the Thrift Shop, which is run entirely on a voluntary basis.



With a profound knowledge of the history of East Hendred and its buildings, Norman gives great pleasure to many with guided historical walks through the village and talks about the village and its historical buildings.

The photos show Vanessa with Mike Badcock and Norman at the lunch – unfortunately Val was unable to attend.

Hearty congratulations and thanks to Val, Vanessa and Norman!



New Exhibition at Champs Chapel Museum

East Hendred Heritage Trust (Champs Chapel Museum) are embarking on our next exhibition for 2014. This will be centered around the area from the A417, White Road, Coulings Close, Orchard Close, Portway Place, Dennis's Row, Orchard Lane & Allins Lane (a horseshoe!).

Jane Parker has produced a poster that will be in the shop window very soon, as there is a national initiative to bring the 100 year anniversary of WW1 into museum exhibitions - this has given us the 'first step' as the houses in White Road were built as 'Homes for Heroes'....

The Village Emergency Plan

In an emergency, you should first call the Emergency Services (999) and they will normally be able to provide whatever assistance is required. However, there may be times when such a large number of people are affected that the Emergency Services cannot help everyone quickly. The recent power cut after high winds was an inconvenience to all, but if (say) such a power cut came after a heavy snowfall then there could be people in our parish who found themselves in real difficulty through lack of heat, light, fresh food or medication. In this or any other emergency, it would be good to be prepared.

Oxfordshire County Council has asked communities to develop plans to deal with emergency situations such as extreme weather, essential services cut off or roads blocked. East Hendred Parish Council has formed an Emergency Group to develop a plan for the community to help itself in the case of an emergency. The group has a list of priorities and designated Snells Hall as the main reception centre if needed.

Following a system that has been successfully adopted elsewhere, we plan to draw up a list of people who would like someone to check up on them in the case of a general emergency to make sure they are all right. This is entirely voluntary and if you opt to be on the list then you will know in advance who will be contacting you – it will be someone you have met and who lives nearby.

Take Part!

The form distributed with this Bulletin is asking for names for two lists. One is for people to register if they would *like to be contacted* in an emergency situation; the other is for people who are willing and able to be the ones who *make the contact* and report back to the Emergency Group if support is needed so it can be arranged. When the forms are returned, people from the two groups will be paired up and can introduce themselves.

If you'd like to take part, please return the form. We hope the system is never needed, but we'd rather be prepared.



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from the chair

Representatives of several local Parish Councils meet together on a regular basis. These include Chilton, Harwell and East Hendred Councils. All share a common interest in the Harwell Oxford site, as all three parish boundaries encompass part of the site. As a result all three Councils are significant players in the local Stakeholder Group (see separate article on page 5), and also Harwell and East Hendred have common interests in local cycle routes and the A417.

There are also planning applications that affect more than one parish. For example the recently approved housing development of over 100 houses at South Drive on the Harwell site is in the Harwell parish but borders the East Hendred one. Both Councils did communicate on their responses. All three parishes also share the same County Councillor.

The future of the A417 is also of common interest to Ardington, West

and East Hendred Councils and chairs of all these three meet from time to time. These partnerships are going to be increasingly important in addressing issues arising from the substantial planned growth of housing in the Wantage/Grove area, the build-up of jobs at Milton and the Harwell site and the problems from lack of existing local infrastructure to support these changes. In general similar concerns expressed by several Councils on current issues do carry more weight at the District and County level.

Elsewhere in the Bulletin there is an article on the preparation of an Emergency Plan for East Hendred. We hope it is not needed but there have been cases in the past with heavy snowfall or long electricity cuts that have led to the village having to look after itself and make provision to cope with any resultant problems. Early preparation will ensure that such local emergency responses are implemented as efficiently as possible.

The Parish Council welcomes two new councillors that have recently been appointed, Fiona Fanthome and Bill Watkin who will bring in their previous experience and be able to

increasingly play their part in supporting Council activities. This edition of the Bulletin also includes a profile of the new Parish Councillor Fiona Fanthome which can be found on page 4.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

John Sharp

New Parish Councillor




Bill Watkin was warmly welcomed to the Parish Council at the November PC meeting.

He had a long career in banking and as a business development consultant, and has joined the Finance Group of the council.

Bill has lived in East Hendred for 31 years and is interested in helping maintain the village as a pleasant and safe environment for all residents to enjoy.

A fuller profile of Bill will appear in a later edition of the Bulletin.



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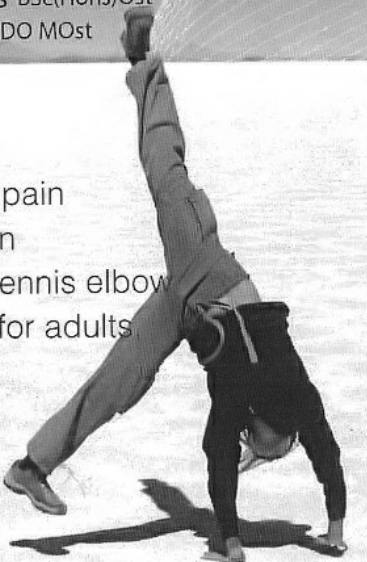
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The Parish Councillor Profile: Fiona Fanthome

With her two boys, Joshua (8), and Reuben (6), safely tucked into bed, our new Parish Councillor, Fiona Fanthome, welcomed me into her home on a cold winter evening.

Having moved to the village in July 2012, Fiona and her family have quickly established themselves as much loved residents of East Hendred.

Regular attendants at St. Mary's, Fiona and husband Ewan wish to bring their two boys up with a Catholic faith and the lovely, welcoming congregation at St. Mary's played a key part in their setting down roots here in the Hendreds.

Fiona loves the village and could see the amount of work that people put into keeping things as they are. Feeling she should contribute to the place she enjoys so much, Fiona was warmly welcomed into the Parish Council in October. Fiona is 'keen to get involved with the Parish Council, to support the work being done, to maintain and improve the quality of life currently enjoyed by the community'. In her role as Parish Councillor, Fiona is keen to improve facilities for children, her two boys included. She is also keen to improve the transport links that are so integral to many members of the community.

With her beautiful 4 month old Spanish water dog, Peso, curled up by her side, Fiona told me of growing up

in India and the daunting move to the UK to study for her Masters in Development Economics at Leeds. With her favourite books including Malcolm Gladwell's 'Outliers: The Story of Success', it is no wonder that Fiona's move to the UK was a deliberate choice to gain independence and experience the world.

It was in Leeds that Fiona met husband Ewan, who she married in India before making the UK her permanent home in January 2000. Fiona retains a close bond to her Indian heritage and visits her home country twice a year. Fiona also enjoys retreating to Cornwall or Wales with the boys during their school holidays.

When not devoting her time to the village or working her day job as an accountant, Fiona bakes the most wondrous cakes. Sat in front of a roaring fire, she talked me through the steps of making the perfect chocolate ganache whilst showing me mouth-watering pictures of her past creations. In the past, Fiona has sent me home with a chocolate cake so good that even I, with a strong indifference to chocolate, could not resist.

Baking isn't Fiona's only culinary skill. After a trip to Thailand early in the year, Fiona has found a renewed passion for Asian cooking and is always suggesting fantastic ingredients or a new brand of chilli paste for me to try.

As I left Fiona's house, with the suggestion of reading Haruki Murakami's 'IQ84' safely tucked away for future reference, I couldn't help but feel that Fiona will be a remarkable asset to East Hendred. With her strong family values and a background in finance and economics (Fiona has worked for both Deloitte and KPMG before becoming Interim Financial Director at local architectural firm, IBI Nightingale), I look forward to seeing what changes Fiona brings through her role as our new Parish Councillor.

Charlotte Stewart



East Hendred Parish Path Warden

Public sector budget cuts mean that Oxfordshire is no longer able to do as much as it would like or even as much as it has done in the past on footpath maintenance, and so is calling on volunteer Parish Path Wardens to help. Our new Parish Path warden is Anne Pappenheim, who walks most of East Hendred's footpaths regularly with her dog. From now on, she'll be looking at them rather more closely. Mark Sumner, OCC Field Officer for the area including East Hendred, says that if the volunteers can keep vegetation cut back along paths and particularly around stiles and gates, and report any dangers or obstructions, it will help his team prioritise its workload and get rid of some of the lower priority work that they now have difficulty in dealing with.

Any member of the public can report a problem with a footpath on the interactive online map, but since Anne's being trained in using the map and prioritising issues, it's

probably better if you report problems to her first. Urgent problems are those that are immediately dangerous – eg a rotten bridge, broken stile, or hung up tree that may fall. Other high priority issues include new encroachment onto a path that cannot be easily cleared with secateurs, and seasonal matters such as a path that needs mowing. The urgency assigned by the Field Officer will depend on potential danger and also such things as how well-used the path is and whether it is a strategic route such as a route to school.

As well as passing on urgent issues, Anne will be reporting on the state of our parish paths twice a year, in February and March, to the Field Officer and to the Parish Council. If you spot a problem with a right of way in the parish, please contact Anne on 01235 835014.

Harwell Oxford: Your stakeholder group

Some people have little knowledge or even interest in the nuclear work that is carried out at Harwell or to give it its correct name Harwell Oxford. Part of the Harwell site is in East Hendred parish.

The Harwell Oxford Campus has evolved over the years from what was once UKAEA Harwell, a well-known nuclear research establishment, into a world-class centre for science, technology and innovation. Much of the site is now occupied by a number of different science and technology organisations, including the Science and Technology Facilities Council and the Diamond Light Source; the latest arrival being the European Space Agency. However nuclear work is still carried out by an organisation called *Research Sites Restoration Limited (RSRL)*. RSRL, which is owned and operated by the Babcock International group, has been tasked with decommissioning its sites at Harwell and Winfrith, on behalf of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA), which is a Government funded organisation with responsibility for decommissioning nuclear waste sites across the country.

The NDA funds Site Stakeholder Groups (SSG) at all the sites it controls and they describe the purpose of an SSG as a standing forum for communications between the NDA, site operators and the local community. It has the overarching aim of ensuring that decisions taken by the NDA or operators that affect NDA sites are informed by the local community's views. Members of the Site Stakeholder Group are from local Councils, and related organisations with interests in activities on the site. East Hendred has had a representative on the group for many years; the current Council representative is John Sharp (chair of the Council) who regularly attends meetings. There are three public meetings each year which are held locally at which RSRL describes its recent work and what it proposes to do in the coming months.

There are also presentations from other organisations, such as the Environment Agency, Office for Nuclear Regulation and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority. Anyone is welcome to attend and the next meeting is on 6th December at the Electron Building, Fermi Avenue, Harwell Oxford.

Upgrade to Featherbed Lane

The County Council are planning to upgrade Featherbed lane, to take traffic on the A417 north before reaching Rowstock. This upgrade was highlighted in the Vale District Council's draft Local Plan to 2029.

We now gather that funding is available for this upgrade earlier than expected and we await the plans as to what is to be done. This will include straightening the "dog-leg" and possibly mini-roundabouts at the junctions on the A417 and the A4130, although the latter has not been confirmed yet. Although the upgrade will benefit users travelling north it will not help the problem of access from our village to the A417. The Council is keeping pressure on the County Council to fully recognise this problem and we understand that a study is underway at the moment on ways in which the A417 from Wantage to

Rowstock can be improved. At a recent meeting of Parish Councillors with the Vale District Council the point was made that a proper cycle track would help to prevent cyclists on the A417 holding up lines of traffic as there is not room to pass at peak times.

At a separate meeting with Goodmans (the commercial management organisation for the Harwell Oxford site) the Parish Council was informed that there are other funds available to develop cycleways. Priority will be given to upgrading the Winnaway (track from Harwell site to Harwell village), however the second priority is an improved cycle way from Wantage to the Harwell site, passing close to East Hendred, which could help with the congestion on the A417. Various possible routes are at an early stage of being considered.



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This May the Government introduced measures to increase the scope of development that can be undertaken as so called "Permitted Development". For a period of 3 years householders can build larger single story rear extensions. The length of the extension has doubled from 4m to 8m for detached houses and from 3m to 6m for all other houses. However a homeowner wishing to build a larger single-story rear extension must go through a notification process which includes preparing detailed plans and listing all adjacent properties which will be informed by the District Council to see if they have any objections. Adjoining neighbours have a limited period of 21 days to raise any objections, which will be taken into account by the Local Planning Authority in making its decision on the planned extension. However this relaxation does not apply in Conservation Areas or in Areas Of Outstanding Natural Beauty which excludes most of East Hendred.

There are other changes to which apply to changing offices to residential accommodation, changes of use of agricultural buildings etc. Details of these are on the Vale District Council web site www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Parish Council Finance

The Council is preparing its budget for 2014/15, as a request for its annual precept has to be made by the January meeting. Last year the Council precepted for a sum of £25,250, all of which is spent locally. Our main cost is the maintenance of the village, including the costs of the Lengthman (40% of the total).

We also budget for grants to village organisations and would welcome forward information from any organisation planning large grant requests in the coming year. Parish Council grants often help to unlock access to larger funding from other bodies.



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Change to Village Bus Services

Thames Travel is revising its network from the 8th December. The new timetable is available to download from www.hendred.org and is posted on the village noticeboard. The main changes are as follows:

- Monday-Saturday: Hourly service 32 renumbered X1, extended from Abingdon to Oxford and will terminate in Wantage instead of Grove. It will also serve Drayton instead of Culham, and continues to serve the Harwell Campus and Didcot.
- Sunday: Two-hourly service 32A renumbered X1 and will operate from Grove via the Hendreds and Didcot to Abingdon instead of Oxford.
- Daily: Two-hourly bus services in the evening, with the last bus in both directions after 2200.

Rowstock will also benefit from the extension of the X32 to Wantage on Mondays to Saturdays, increasing the frequency to half-hourly. The X32 will not stop between Rowstock and West Hendred.

The Parish Council knows that the new timetable will make it much more difficult to travel to the Health Centre in Wantage. There will also be one fewer bus each way in the morning peak. The parish council is surveying users of the affected buses to see whether it is necessary to campaign for a revision to the timetable and Jacqui Francis has organised a petition protesting about the loss of the bus to Grove. Since Thames Travel started operating the route commercially in 2011, without any subsidy or contract from the County Council, it has become difficult to achieve any changes, but we will do what we can. The parish council has long campaigned for evening bus services and it is pleasing that this improvement has occurred. Hopefully, it will encourage people from Wantage or the Harwell campus to enjoy a car-free evening out in our village pubs. As always, these improvements will only remain if they are used.

Message from our County Councillor

Life has been tough at County Hall as Government cut-backs to the Local Authority Grant meant tough decisions had to be made. However, compared to other Councils we have found many innovative solutions that will hopefully minimise the impact.

The good news is that local Bus Services are transformed. The former 32 bus has been re-designated as Route X1. The X1 will provide a second means of access into Oxford with additional later evening services. This has been a result of extensive negotiations with the Bus Companies by local Councillors, but more work still needs to be done.

One of the County Council's prime responsibilities is care of the elderly with an anticipated rise of 30% in demand in the next few years. More than 400 children from troubled and dangerous backgrounds are also in the care of our authority. Many of these children would be better served by foster care or adoption. If anyone has ever considered fostering or adopting a child, do let me know. I can put you in touch with the appropriate department.

Local planning for infrastructure is another important aspect, especially with the number of planning permissions being issued by the Vale of White Horse District Council. I am determined that developers should pay appropriately for improvements to our Highways and that additional funding is sought from the government. Funding has already been found for changes to the Chilton and Milton intersections on the A34 and I am keen to ensure that the Harwell Bypass is established as quickly as possible. Improvements to the A417 are also vital and I am discussing various alternatives with Council Officers.

I look forward to serving you all in 2014.

Stewart Lilley

Snells Hall

Mark Vaughan has been appointed by the Management Committee as our new Warden. Mark is a full time Fire Officer and is based at Oxford's main Fire Station. Our regular users will want to meet and make him welcome. No doubt his specialist knowledge will be very helpful in the day to day operation of Snells Hall and to the village in general.

The Hall's Christmas Bazaar takes place on Saturday, December 7th opening at 2 p.m. As well as seasonal stalls the usual Grand Draw with its many excellent prizes will be made during the afternoon and Father Christmas will be there!

The Committee would like to emphasize that the Bazaar is the only fund raising event specifically for the hall being held at the hall this year. Given the recent large expenditures on resurfacing the main car park (over £4,000) and the

renovation of the Main Hall floor (more than £2,000) we are depending on an excellent response to help finance future needs and to enable us to maintain the Hall fees at a level which all our regular users find acceptable.

We would like to remind residents that the Snells Hall car park is not a public car park, but the private property of the Community Centre and Hirers using the Hall get priority at all times. By arrangement, the car park is used by a large number of parents taking and fetching pupils to and from the schools, and extra cars parked during the day lead to overflow and a potentially dangerous situation. Please do not park in the hall car park unless you are attending an event there.

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Springline Productions

As the Summer Soiree fades away into a memory, Springline are planning their contribution to the Christmas Celebrations in East Hendred. This time it will be a more 'intimate' affair with a collection of Christmas Goodies: - poems, songs, Carols and Readings all mixed up in 'A Christmas Pudding'.

Veroni and Anthony Gilbert have kindly allowed us to hold the event in their 'Barn' so our audience target will be about 50 (we said it would be intimate). **It will be held on Saturday 7th December 7-9pm.** The tickets will be £5.00 each and include a Mince Pie and Mulled Wine. The event

will probably sell out quickly, so please contact Susie on 833797.

With 2014 soon upon us we are planning our future performances.

Our first event in 2014 will be a Taster Singing Workshop in Snell's Hall on Sunday January 26th from 3pm to 5pm. This will be run by Matt Winkworth and Jo Noble and is open to all who want to just come along and sing. It will be light music with the emphasis on fun and participation. If you are interested in joining in or just coming along please contact Susie on 833797

We are planning a further event early in the Summer so look out for posters and more information in the Spring Bulletin.

Downs Golden Age

The AGM was held in early September and was well attended. Tea was served and nearly all the existing committee were re-elected. Jean Hoskin stood down as Vice Chair but luckily remains on the committee to help organise the Outings. Jean was presented with a bouquets of flowers in thanks for her invaluable work as the Vice Chair. Also in September there was a very successful trip to Highclere Castle. This stately home is now so popular due to *Downton Abbey* that this outing had to be booked a year in advance.

A coachload of us enjoyed an excellent tour of the house, admired the lovely gardens and sat in the sun for lunch! An extremely enjoyable outing!

On 3rd October, tea was planned and a talk by Cathy Dreyer on Turtle Conservation. Sadly this meeting had to be cancelled due to the funeral of much loved Ron Foster. Ron and Vera had been residents of East Hendred for over 30 years. After retiring as the Rector, Ron was involved in many village activities and was a stalwart member of the DGA and always a very popular Father Christmas, handing out presents at the DGA Xmas party! He will be sadly missed and we send our condolences to Vera and his family. We hope to re-schedule Cathy's talk for our April meeting.

A fundraising Bridge Day was held in early October and 40 enjoyed an excellent lunch as well as playing bridge. Stella, as always, set up a wonderful raffle. This was sadly the last bridge drive being run by Betty Holliday who has

been organising these special days for many years. Many thanks to her from all the Committee and members. The Committee are attempting to continue with the Bridge days and the next on in on Monday 4th March. Please contact susie@monkscourt.co.uk if you would like to book a table.

The next event on 7th November was lunch followed by a really excellent talk entitled *A Burmese Odyssey* by Phil & Janet Harrison. Phil and Janet had travelled to Burma earlier this year and the slides were wonderful as was the talk. They have promised to come back next year to tell us more about their travels!

On 5TH Dec it's the Christmas Lunch at 1pm with Entertainment by The Hendreds School.

Sadly, as well as loosing Ron, we have also lost Pauline Thompson, a well-known and much loved village character. Pauline arrived in the village in 1963, establishing the Ginge Brook Pottery from where she ran pottery classes and held an annual exhibition.

We sent our condolences to her family and also to Susan Gould who has recently lost her husband Ronald. A sad time for many people.

The DGA continues to meet on the first Thursday of every month at Snells hall. New members and visitors are always welcome at our meetings. The annual subscription is just £10 and visitors pay just £2.50 for tea and £5.00 for lunch. Just come along!

For more information contact Niall Duggan on 833778 or Susie on 833797

Right: Having Fun at Highclere, picturing Ron and Vera Foster, Tom and Jean Hoskin, and May Goddard.



Hendreds Twinning Group

The Twinning Group is already making plans for the return visit to the Hendreds by friends new and old from our twin village of Sarceaux near Argentan in Normandy. We are expecting around 25 visitors for the weekend of **5 - 7th July 2014**. Their ages range from primary school-aged children to the over 80s, and the programme will include local visits on the Saturday, a meal in Snells Hall in the evening, with an all day visit by coach on the Sunday.

We hope as many hosts as possible will be able to take part in these activities, and to this end we try to keep the costs of participation as low as possible. Anyone living in the local area is welcome to become involved. It's an educational experience for all of us, adults and especially school-age children.

Our next fund-raising event is a revival of a *Feast of Local Food*, in Snells Hall on Saturday 29th March 2014.

A varied and delicious meal is promised, and we aim to source as many as possible of the ingredients either from a 10 mile radius of the village, or as Fair Trade products where this is not possible. Please keep the date in your diary, more details to follow.

New members always welcome.

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The Green Column: How's your thermal image?

The most effective way to reduce energy bills (and also make your home more comfortable) is to reduce waste of heat.

There are several well-known ways of improving the insulation of houses, such as wall cavity insulation, double glazing and loft insulation.

There are less-publicised, cheaper and effective measures one can take, such as adjusting existing windows to stop air leakage, improving door seals and using heavily lined curtains.

Thermal imaging – that is, taking photographs of the outside of a house that show the relative temperatures of

different parts of the building, can be a great help to identify where heat is being lost.

Hendreds Environment Group has arranged to borrow a thermal imaging camera from Vale of White Horse District Council in January and we would like to offer to take thermal images of your house to help you decide if there are measures you would like to take to improve its heat insulation.

We are looking for twenty households to take part. Unless you would prefer otherwise images will be taken from public viewpoints on the

road or footpath. You don't need to be in at the time, and only external images will be taken.

All participants will receive a report with the images taken. You will also have the opportunity to come along to an informal information evening in February to compare notes with other participants and find out what you can do to save energy at home.

If you would like to take part in this exercise (free of charge) please contact Sarah James at heg@hendred.org or by phone on 01235 831568.

Hendreds Environment Group: Autumn Litter Pick

Volunteers in East and West Hendred joined Hendreds Environment Group in an autumn litter pick on the afternoon of Sunday 10th November. We had lovely weather and, after the stormy weather of previous weekends, found plenty to collect in the local hedgerows. Seventeen volunteers collected eight bags of rubbish and four bags of recycling in just two hours.

If you would like to join Hendreds Environment Group in litter picks or other conservation work in the future, contact heg@hendred.org to join our mailing list.

Church News

St Mary's Catholic Parish – News Update

The Children's Liturgy group's latest outreach event was to host afternoon tea and cake in Snells Hall for the village in September. It was well supported and a great chance to catch up with old friends and to make some new!

This year we had a family Vigil Mass and Hallowe'en (Eve of All Saints) party. This was a great success and will no doubt become an annual occasion.

On Sunday 3rd November the graves at St Mary's were blessed.

The Year of Faith groups continue to meet and times are advertised in our weekly newsletter

www.thamesisis.org.uk

Advent and Christmas Services at St Mary's

Saturday 14th December Reconciliation Service 10am

Christmas Eve Crib Service 4pm (All children are invited to come dressed as characters from the Nativity).

Office of Readings (popularly known as 'Carols') will start at 8pm. The First Mass of Christmas 8:30pm.

Christmas Day

St. Mary's, East Hendred Mass 9:30am

(St. Patrick's, East Ilsley 11:15am)

Christmas Services at St Augustine's, East Hendred

Thursday 19th December The Hendreds School carol service 5:30pm

Sunday 22nd December Christingle 3:45pm – Christingle oranges in the candlelit church for all ages but especially children

Walking Group

The walking group still continues to meet every Wednesday at 9.30 at Snells. We have between 14-18 regular walkers (+ several dogs) and it would be over 20 if everyone was able to come at the same time. We usually walk for about 2 hours and nearly always stop for a coffee! We have enjoyed some lovely autumn days and also some very wet ones. But we always set forth whatever the weather!

The group (usually 6 to 8 of us) who are walking **The Oxfordshire Way** have completed 4 stages with 2 more to go. We have been very fortunate with the weather and enjoyed some excellent pubs lunches. We hope to finish this route in early February and wonder where to go 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!

Susie - 833797 susie@monks court.co.uk

Below: Fifteen ladies out walking near Blewbury



(Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at Lockinge 10:30pm)

Christmas Day Holy Communion 10:30am

Sunday 29th December Benefice Communion 10:30am

Don't forget our coffee mornings in church at 10:30am on the last Wednesday of each month – though not on Christmas Day! Dates for the next few months are 29th January, 26th February and 26th March. You will be made very welcome and the cakes are excellent.

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Lynda Warren's presentation entitled 'Location, Location, Location - a Funny Way To Make A Living' told how she found props and locations and even animal training for science, comedy and drama programmes. Following a background in theatre, music and TV/video production, Lynda has an been event producer for a company specialising in educational seminars and workshops in the UK, Europe and America for the last sixteen years.

'The Opium Wars and The Forgotten Story of Britain's First Chinese Island – Chusan' was presented by Liam D'arcy Brown, which proved to be a very popular topic as several guests visited to hear his fascinating tale. After graduating from Oxford with a degree in Mandarin and Classical Chinese, Liam went on to study Chinese history amongst the cherry blossoms of Fudan University in Shanghai. Following spells with the top-end tour operator

Voyages Jules Verne and with BBC Haymarket in London, at the age of 30 Liam swapped his briefcase for a rucksack and became a traveller and writer.

Dr. Tony Maisey, a retired GP from Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire, spoke at our November meeting. Dr. Maisey worked at the Cross Keys Surgery for over thirty-five years. He is in the process of completing an MPhil degree at Oxford Brookes University and completed a Master of Science (MSc) at the University of Luton last year. His talk provided a humorous look at transplants, implants and what technology can offer.

The Christmas Market on Sunday 24 November saw us supporting East Hendred Entertains when we returned to the event to serve refreshments to the many visitors as well raffling a superb selection of hampers provided by our members.

We are delighted to donate a Christmas Tree to East Hendred this year, which will be sited at Hendred Stores. Thank you to Martin and Louise for their support in coordinating this. We are planning to make this an annual event for East & West Hendred WI.

In December we will gather at the stunning Hendred House where Flower of the Quern ensemble make a welcome return visit and will be playing medieval music and instrumental carols. Mulled wine, mince pies and stollen will be plentiful.

Website is www.hendredswi.com and contact is Lesley.Hendred@gmail.com

Remembrance Sunday

This year, Remembrance Sunday brought beautiful sunshine, with a seasonal nip in the air.

A good number of people attended the Act of Remembrance, led by Reverend Andrew Burnham.

With the War Memorial gleaming in the sunlight in its beautifully tended garden, this was a peaceful and friendly occasion for remembering those who gave their lives for us all.

Many thanks to our Lengthman, Brian Goodwin and Diana Wheeler for re-planting the flower beds.



A message from the new Chairs of Hendreds Pre-school

We would like to say a huge thank you to Lucy for doing a brilliant job of chairing Pre-school over the last year. She has now passed the mantel on to us and we are looking forward to building on her good work.

So far we've hit the ground running and are enjoying the new challenge.

As ever Pre-school is open to new faces so new children and parents (on the committee and as volunteers) are always welcome to join us.

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Best,

Jenni Dimbylow and
Katherine Sanders



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Planning Matters

P12/V0705/FUL Stoney Hedge House Car Park in ANOB
The appeal against the refusal of planning permission has been rejected.

P12/V1878/FUL 21 New Houses on the Reading Road.
Planning permission was refused and the application has gone to appeal.
The Parish Council opposes this application.

P13/V0989/FUL Land by Tudor Walk, Rowstock
Erection of 4 new dwellings
The Parish Council did not object but raised concerns re the type of houses, the access and the sewers.
Planning permission granted

P13/V1139/FUL Construction of: A Class B8 home deliveries (Dot Com) centre, revised access from A4130, emergency access from Featherbed Lane, landscaping and associated infrastructure
The Parish Council commented that we welcome additional jobs to the area but raised concerns re the volume of traffic on an already fast and busy road.
Planning permission granted

P13/V1478/FUL Land west of Hill Farm, Steventon
Solar panel development
Planning permission granted.

P13/V1987/DA Greensands use of a container as a dwelling
This has now gone to appeal.

P13/V2244/DA and V2245/DA Land Adjoining Lynwood
Appeals have been submitted against an enforcement notice.
The Parish Council supports the enforcement notice.

P13/V1695/FUL RSRL upgrade to security gates and car park
The Parish Council has yet to comment.

P13/V2168/FUL Harwell, variation on planning condition 1 to P13/V0190/FUL
The Parish Council had no objection.
No decision issued

P13/V2260/FUL Land NW of Hill Farm, construction of underground electricity cable
The Parish Council has no objection.
No decision issued.

Parish Council

Council meetings are held in Snells Hall at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month. An Open Forum, in which parishioners may ask questions, starts at 8pm.

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	7 th	Christmas Bazaar, Snells Hall
	7 th	Spingline's 'A Christmas Pudding'
	14 th	St. Mary's Reconciliation Service
	19 th	Hendreds School Carol Service, St. Augustine's
	22 nd	Christingle, St. Augustine's
	24 th	St Mary's Crib Service/Carols/First Mass
	25 th	St Mary Mass and St. Augustine's Holy Communion
	29 th	St Austine's Benefice Communion
January	16 th	Springline's Taster Singing Workshops
	29 ^h	St Augustine's Coffee Morning

MONDAY	Scouts 7-9pm, Snells Hall (Richard Tingley, 07771 545006)
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THURSDAY	Bowls 7.45-10pm, Snells Hall (Ken Taylor, 833359)
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