

EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*

Farewell and Thank You to East Hendred Entertains

For the last six years, East Hendred Entertains has lived up to its name and also provided great support for all kinds of village organisations and individual projects.

The key to EHE's great success has been the dedication of the small team of core members who have successfully run the Thrift Shop (Tin Hut) raising extraordinary amounts of money, donating over £32500 in grants, and organising many competitions, celebrations and social events.

At the Tin Hut, EHE laid on tea and cakes, providing a very pleasant weekly social occasion.

In the earlier days there were Bingo games and film shows, the famous annual scarecrow competitions and snowman competitions (the latest of which was even held without snow!).

In 2009, EHE sponsored a rip-roaring "It's a Knockout" at the Family Show, bringing out all sorts of athletic talents that were hidden in the village.

The annual nativity scene has become a village tradition and it is good to hear that this will be continued by East Hendred Heritage. A high point was reached with the very successful Royal Wedding in 2011, where EHE galvanised the entire village into a joyful celebration. That was followed by the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012.

For the last five years, EHE has produced 'The Hoot', a free monthly newsletter delivered to all the houses in the Hendreds and some villages beyond. Pam Lund-Yates is going to continue to produce 'The Hoot' in the future, which is great news.

Thank you to all who did so much to make East Hendred Entertains such a success and contributed so much to village life in the process. We wish you every good wish for your new endeavours!

The Village Emergency Plan – Power Cut Serves as a Reminder!

The power cuts in the village due to high wind on 14th February were fortunately not accompanied by very cold weather or snow.

It is sensible to be prepared for more severe events.

In the Winter Bulletin, we asked for volunteers to be available to contact people who may face difficulties in such conditions, and we had a very good response. Sincere thanks to those who responded!

Yet few people came forward to be contacted in the case of severe conditions. We hope this means almost everyone knows someone will be looking out for them and would be in touch if things look difficult, but we want to make further efforts to ensure people are not isolated or in danger when they could be helped.

We are asking for help from village organisations to tell people who might benefit from this scheme.

If you would like to be contacted by someone to check you are alright in case of a potential emergency, drop a note to the Emergency Planning Group at the village shop, giving your name, address, phone number and email address if you have one. *East Hendred Parish Council – Emergency Planning Group*

Proposed Solar Farm

Planning permission is being sought for a solar farm to be situated about 450 metres north of the A417, opposite the village. A public presentation about this project took place in Snells Hall in May 2013. The solar farm would cover about 43 Ha (106 acres) and would have a rated power output of about 25 megawatts.

All members of the Parish Council have visited the site and considered the project carefully, taking into account objections from nearby residents. The main point in favour of this development is environmental. Solar panels generate electrical power with no production of greenhouse gases. Also in favour of the project, the developer has promised a considerable sum for the parish and a solar installation on a public building in the parish.

Against the project is its visual impact on the surroundings. Although the solar farm would not be visible from the main part of the village and many footpaths around it, including the Ridgeway, a significant stretch of the footpath that

starts almost opposite White Road and goes to Steventon would run between rows of solar panels, rather than in open fields. Views from some local houses would also be impacted. Concerns have been raised about the view from the local Area of Outstanding Beauty and one proposal is to move the southern boundary of the farm to limit this impact.

There is also a loss of agricultural land, although we understand that the solar farm is located on low grade land. There are concerns about the cumulative effect of the several solar farms being built or planned in the area. Given the positive contribution that this solar farm could make to renewable energy generation, the Parish Council has decided not to object to this proposal, but has raised queries with respect to protection of the surroundings, effect on neighbours and road safety during construction, to be raised during the assessment of the application.

The planning application for the Solar Farm has now been rejected by the Vale of White Horse Planning Department.



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from the chair

We are all familiar with East and West Hendred, but North Hendred is now being discussed, particularly with the recent approval on appeal of a new housing estate north of the A417. North Hendred extends a long way north from the A417 as far as the railway line. At present it is mainly rural and farm land, with a few isolated dwellings, except for some immediately opposite White Road. The recent development of a solar farm in North Hendred, shared with Steventon parish, introduces a new feature into the landscape. There is a planning application for a much larger solar farm closer to the A417, which if approved

will make a further significant change to the local landscape in this part of our parish. The village did not want a housing development north of the A417, as evidenced by a public meeting and posters on the road (see separate article). We hope that further housing in this area will not follow the first site, otherwise North Hendred will really develop into its own community.

East Hendred has generally escaped the flooding that has seriously affected many Thames Valley communities. However the recent high winds led to a power failure in parts of the village lasting 44 hours; many of us now rely on electricity for heating, lighting and cooking and its loss makes a big difference to our life style. It was fortuitous, however, that the power cut did not coincide with a period of really cold weather. A few families do have their own generators to provide some

lighting and keep the deep freeze operating. However this is an extra expense beyond the reach of many people. The recent power failure brought a good reminder that Emergency Planning is important and that the Council's plans to identify families or individuals at risk in these conditions needs to be developed further (see separate article asking for names of those at risk so that they can be linked up with others prepared to help).

The closing down of East Hendred Entertains is a significant loss to village life as they have done so much over the last six years to provide both social activities and funding for many village organisations. The continuation of the regular monthly "Hoot" is welcome, as it supplements this Bulletin in providing regular news to villagers.

John Sharp

Housing Development Rejected by the Village and the Vale DC Allowed on Appeal

We would like you to be aware of a recent appeal decision to give the go-ahead to the development of 21 houses north of the A417 in East Hendred. The village has totally opposed this proposal on the grounds of extending the village north of the current site and highway safety issues of pedestrians accessing the main part of the village via an uncontrolled crossing on the A417 (which at present has a 40mph speed limit).

Unfortunately the County Council Highways Department did not object to the proposal at the time the application was first considered, which meant that the Vale District Council could not use highway safety as an argument for rejecting the application. We have made our concerns on this aspect of safety clear to the Highways Department.

With regard to the appeal the main factor was that The Vale District Council did not have sufficient housing sites on its list to demonstrate a five year supply which is a Government requirement, and that this site,

although small, would help to meet the five year plan. The appeal inspector has dismissed other issues which were raised, including highways safety, on the basis that the need for more houses overrides these concerns.

The Parish Council raised several important issues based on planning guidance in its response to the Appeal. These included:

- *The development was outside the built-up area of the village*
- *Outside the built-up areas of existing settlements new building will not be permitted unless it is on land identified for development in the Local Plan (this site was not)*
- *Development should be limited to sites that can be developed in a way which safeguards the village's structure and character*
- *The road network can't accommodate the traffic arising from the development without causing safety, congestion etc. [the A417 is already overloaded]*
- *Safe and convenient access needs to be provided both within the site and to and from the adjoining highway.*
- *Safe and suitable access to the site needs to be achieved for all people (including disabled).*

To properly address road safety issues, the Parish Council commissioned a study by a Reading-based company who are experts in this area. Their review of the Travel

Plan prepared by the Developer was very critical and highlighted several key omissions. This was submitted to the Appeal Inspector to support our case. Unfortunately the National Planning Policy Framework, which is now the key planning document, states that an application should only be refused in terms of highway safety if there is severe harm. We tried to demonstrate that in this case an uncontrolled crossing on the A417 would create "severe harm" but failed to convince the Inspector. He argued that the Highways Department could find a suitable safe highways solution with the developer. We will, however, place pressure on the Highways Department to meet this requirement, including a strong case for a 30mph limit on the section of the A417 through the village.



Message from Mike Murray, District Councillor

Readers will be very familiar with the current sorry state of planning affairs, where housing applications of more than 10 units in the Vale are judged on national (NPPF) rather than local planning policies. This is due to a failure to deliver housing numbers in the past, coupled with a lack of an up to date local plan. We have been working as quickly as possible to deliver a local plan to redress this and regain control of housing planning in our District. You will recall that the draft local plan part 1 was last consulted on in February 2013, over a year ago. At the time we based housing number targets on those contained in the South East Plan, being the best available evidence at the time (even though we knew that they would need to be revised with the withdrawal of the SEP). Since then we have been endeavouring to produce a housing number target that will be "sound" when tested by the Government's inspectors, but have been beset by a number of problems, predominantly caused by the Government changing the goalposts

throughout the year. These have been very unhelpful, and have caused significant delay to the process.

In brief the government is evolving requirements have included: a requirement to produce an up to date SHMA (Strategic Housing Market Assessment) for the Vale in the context of Oxfordshire (being our housing market area) with a "duty to cooperate" with our neighbouring authorities, a need to take account of job growth numbers from the Oxfordshire Local Economic Partnership's Strategic Economic Plan (SEP), to use the new Census data as a "starting point" for demographic projections, a need to take into account of affordability of housing ("market signals"), and a need to "catch up" past underdelivery in the first 5 years of the plan. This is clearly all designed to drive up the housing target (in order to stimulate the economy through housebuilding).

We have now finally received our housing target number, and as feared, it is very large. At just over 20,000 units for the period 2011- 2031 it means that we have to find more than 7,000 new house allocations, that will be delivered before 2031. This also means that we cannot just rely on developments at eg Didcot and Wantage / Grove, as on the

basis of current delivery rates, they will not all be built and sold quickly enough.

This all adds up to a very significant challenge. We have some very difficult decisions ahead of us, as in order to deliver enough houses, we will need to look at building in the Green Belt and in the AONB. We are trying to relate development as much as possible to the centres of job growth, and this means that the South East part of the Vale (that we are at the centre of) will need to provide a significant proportion (about 70%) of the new housing. In particular this may mean major housing development at Milton Heights and at Harwell Campus.

A major 6 week comprehensive consultation programme starts on 21st February. Please could I encourage everyone to take part? The simplest way is via the Vale website www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk, but there will also be exhibitions at:

Abingdon Guildhall 11th March (and public meeting)
Didcot Cornerstone 12th March
Harwell school 15th March
Milton school 17th March (and public meeting at Milton Hill House)
Abingdon shopping precinct 22nd March

As ever please do contact me on any Vale related matters.

Snells Hall

New Wardens needed

Our current warden is moving on so the position now is open. It is ideally suited to a couple, without children, who will live in the very pleasant one bedroom flat at Snells House adjoining the hall. Payment for performing Warden's duties take the form of a considerable reduction in rent for the flat. Anyone who may be interested is invited to get in touch by e-mail to www.snellshall@hendred.org or to contact Charles Pappenheim (835014) or Ken Taylor (833359) for further details and an application form.

Hall Bookings: The number and variety of events being held at Snells Hall have increased extensively, for example an Italian language course is now being held on Mondays between 10 and 12 noon (10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March). Chilton Hall is being renovated the Cubs and Scouts of the 2nd Chilton Troop are meeting here on Wednesdays from 5.45 to 9.15 p.m.

It is considered that many of the new bookings (eg we already have three Wedding Receptions booked for 2015!) are due to the established reputation of the Hall and its excellent facilities, but also because of the very efficient booking service that is operated by e-mail. Enquiries are generally responded to the same day, sometimes within the hour, and arrangements made for prospective customers to view the hall. Booking forms are provided by hand or post. However, delays in receiving a response can be frustrating and inhibit other potential hirers. To try to overcome this it is proposed in future to apply a firm target date for the receipt of a completed form and deposit beyond which a provisional booking will lapse. We would also ask hirers to cash their returned deposits within a month of receipt to avoid confusing our accounts.



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Snells Hall is 40 Years Old!

Snells Hall was formally opened on March 9th 1974 after the conversion from the old Church of England School which had closed in 1967 and was bought for the village for the princely sum of £8000. Plans were submitted to convert the school into a village hall, retaining several of the original school features. The Anglican school had been built over one hundred years earlier in 1859, designed by a famous architect, Henry Currey, who also designed St. Thomas's hospital in London and the Pump Room at Buxton. A major concern was finding suitable funding for the purchase and conversion which required major grants and a massive fund raising campaign in the village. The overall cost of the project was just over £25000, which is about £250,000 in current money. Grant funding of £15,000 (£149,000) was obtained involving a massive amount of lobbying and hard work by the committee. Fund raising was needed to make up the difference, and a sum of nearly £9000 was raised (equal to £85,000 now). At one stage there was an event every week to find the funds required. John Stevenson led the committee to purchase the hall and raise the funds; John Sharp was the Committee Treasurer.

The opening of the hall was brought forward as the old hall in Cat Street was burnt down in February 1974 leaving the village without a hall. The opening was performed by John Parker, chair of the Parish Council; the well attended event included performances by several village organisations, including the village Guides.

In 1998 a major extension was added for the Hendreds Pre-school which has operated successfully there since then. A home for the village fire engine was built in the hall gardens, as an initiative by the Hendred Heritage Trust. In 1999 a Millennium extension was proposed to join the preschool to the main hall, extend the foyer area and add the gallery. Funding from the Millennium Commission was obtained which together with more fund raising enabled the extension to be completed in time for it to be opened by Lord Jenkins on March 6th 1999. This extension is therefore also celebrating its 15th anniversary this year.

The Community Centre was set up as a Charity in 1973 and has continued to be operated by a management committee with appointed trustees and representatives of user organizations.

An event is being planned for later in the year to celebrate the 40th anniversary when we hope that user organisations can share with us memories of the last 40 years.

Key events in the last 40 years involving Snells Hall:

- 1974 - Hall opened; Hendreds Playgroup moved to the hall.
- 1976 - First production by Hendred Players of "With Vacant Possession"
- 1980 - Indoor Bowling Club started
- 1981- Pig roast and entertainment at hall to celebrate Royal Wedding
- 1881 - "Best kept village hall" in Oxfordshire
- 1994 - Snells Hall used as a temporary Post Office for the village
- 1997- Snells Hall hosts first visit from Sarceaux (twin village) with signing of the charter at the celebratory dinner
- 1998 - Extension for pre-school opened
- 1999 - Millennium Extension, including new gallery and extended porch, opened by Lord Jenkins
- 1999 - New computer room at the hall opened as a local centre for adult learners week. Village College opens in conjunction with Abingdon College to teach computing skills
- 1999 - Vale Council design award for Snells Hall extension
- 2000 - Millennium events at the hall included a party on New Year's Eve, Hendred Heritage "Now and Then" evening, exhibition of children's art work, WI collage displayed in hall, Children's school concert, children's Millennium party, DGA party etc.
- 2003 - Lord Jenkins' funeral. Snells Hall hosted reception; mourners included the Prime Minister and several national figures
- 2004 - New home for village Fire Pump inaugurated in the grounds of Snells Hall
- 2005 - Car park extensions opened
- 2006 - Youth Club formed
- 2008 - First Springline production of Aladdin; new kitchen fitted
- 2009 - Major upgrade of sound and electrical facilities, in conjunction with Springline; Springline's second production, of Cinderella
- 2009 - First Snells Hall Beer Festival to raise funds
- 2011 - Ken Taylor (Hall Treasurer) received a Community Volunteering award from the chair of the Vale District Council.
- 2013 - 50th anniversary of the Pre-school
- 2014 - 40th Anniversary of opening of the hall, 15th anniversary of Millennium extension.

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Community First Response Team

The idea of setting up a Community First Response Team in the village was brought to the attention of the Parish Council at the beginning of 2011 and it was decided to gauge what the village as a whole thought about it. The lead was taken by Pam Lundyates and Sue Roberts who wrote and had distributed a questionnaire to find out what people thought of the idea.

The response was overwhelming, so a meeting was organised at Snells Hall in conjunction with the South Central Ambulance Service to learn what would be involved. From that meeting twelve people put their names down to be considered for training as Community First Responders.

The initial six took their training course learning about the incidents they would be expected to attend. The 2 day course was very intense where we learned how to deal with Heart Attacks, Strokes and Diabetic Comas to name but a few. We were taught how to do CPR and to use a defibrillator. Time is of the essence when someone has a Heart Attack and the sooner CPR can be started the better the chances of survival. It takes only minutes for the brain to be starved of oxygen and leave a survivor brain damaged!

By September 2011, we had six qualified volunteer responders who wanted to be able to help their community. Once we had all been CRB checked we could start to answer call outs from the ambulance service.

We were extremely grateful for the help we got from local village groups and individual people, who organised

fund raising events, which enabled us to raise the money needed to purchase our first kit.

Each responder must take a re-qualifying exam including a written paper every six months to ensure that their knowledge is kept up to date.

We have the opportunity to visit EOC at Bicester and see the other side of the operation as the 999 calls come in and spend days third-manning on the ambulances. All of this gives us a better insight in to why we do what we do.

By 2014, two responders decided that they were no longer able to fulfil the role and tendered their resignation. It was a great shame but the commitment required can be difficult for some people with full time work and a family. We are pleased to say that we have had enquiries from four other people interested in finding out more!

We have made links with the groups in Wantage and Grove and try to attend their meetings regularly. They cover East Hendred as we cover part of Wantage so our connection seemed a natural progression to all of us.

Every month we have the opportunity to go to a training evening at the Churchill Hospital where we cover different illnesses and situations you could find yourself in. Getting together with other CFR's and paramedics gives you the confidence you need to perform your role. We are extremely lucky to have such supportive trainers and in fact the whole team from South Central Ambulance Service.

Remember **ALWAYS** dial 999 when you have an emergency in your life and the ambulance service will decide whether a CFR should attend the incident if an ambulance is going to take a while to respond.

Pam, Sue, Karen and Miriam

Downs Golden Age

In early December we had our wonderful Christmas lunch prepared for us for Salvador and his two assistants Barbara and Jenny. Many thanks to them for a delicious meal. Just prior to the Christmas meal the group heard that they had been successful in obtaining a donation for Waitrose to help with the funding of the party. This enabled the committee to spend extra on food and raffle prizes. We are all very grateful to Waitrose for this wonderful gift and there is still plenty more of it to spend. After the meal we were well entertained by a choir from Hendred School and then a visit from Father Christmas. The afternoon ended with Stella's magnificent raffle. We met again in early January, another delicious lunch but rather low numbers. Stella organised an excellent quiz, read out some hilarious jokes and then we played Bingo. A good time was had by all.

Our next meeting was on Thursday 5th February, this was very well attended with another delicious lunch. This was followed by a talk on *The History of Pinewood Studios* by Michael Payne which was extremely interesting and entertaining and we all loved the photos of much loved film stars!

On 6th March we revert to a tea time meeting and a talk by John Caldicott on *The Foundling Hospital*. This will be an OPEN MEETING to try and encourage more village folk to join the club. Please come and join us at 3pm for tea and cakes and discover that we are a lovely, friendly club! No charge!

On 3rd April it's tea and Hot Cross Buns. No speaker but some entertainment will be organised by Stella. Also an Easter themed competition: a decoration, an Easter bonnet, cakes, flowers etc. Prizes for the winners.

We have recently lost yet another member, Janet Povey, a great character who always made a huge effort with dressing up for our themed day and won a prize on at least 2 occasions for her wonderful costumes. She will be much missed. We also lost Jim Taylor and send our love and condolences to both families.

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 £2.50 for tea and £5.00 for lunch. Just come along! For more information contact Niall Duggan on 833778 or Susie on 833797.



Pictured: Santa's Helpers at the Christmas Party, Doreen, Tacina and Avis

Springline Productions

Our presentation of 'A Christmas Pudding' in December was well received by the 'select' audience in Veroni and Anthony Gilbert's Barn. The selection of music, songs and words seemed just right for the time of the year enhanced by the fantastic decorating of the Barn by Emma Bainbridge and her crew with special effects and lighting by Will England! All the usual participants had a spot in the show (some are shown in the picture below) and it certainly started off the Xmas season for us. We had scrumptious mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine arranged by Helen Mckenna and Veroni donated one of her coats for a raffle which raised a goodly sum.



The singing and Drama Workshop held in January 2014 was excellent. It was run by Jo Noble and Matt Winkworth our Director and Music Director for our next January 2015 Pantomime. We had a collection of exercises, games and singing experiences setting the way for this production.

We will be holding auditions for the Pantomime in September 2014 so not to miss out please let us know if you are interested in being in the Panto either on stage or behind the scenes by emailing Susie on susieturnbull@monkscourt.co.uk and we will then ensure that you are kept up to date with any further workshops and the date of the auditions.

Pictured : David Hunter, John Hunter, Chris Bedford, Jennie Cosgrave, Roger Turnbull, Susie Turnbull, Jill Broadley, Emma Hawkins, Clare Bedford, Eliza England. Also in the show were Niall Duggan, and Emily Young. Helping front of house were Lesley Hunter, Jackie Hunter, Sophie Dyer and Jane Parker.

Church News

Services at St Mary's in Holy Week and Easter:

Palm Sunday, 13th April: 9.30am Procession and Sung Mass

Maundy Thursday, 17th April: 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watch of the Passion in the Chapel of St Amand and St John the Baptist, Hendred House

Good Friday, 18th April: 12noon Stations of the Cross in the Village (shared with St Augustine's) 3pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Easter Eve, 19th April: 8pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY, 20th April: 9.30am Sung Mass

Services at St Augustine's will be listed nearer the time in *The Henchman*, on the noticeboards outside the church, and in the weekly *What's On in The Hendreds* email.

Coffee Mornings at St Augustine's

There are coffee mornings on the last Wednesdays in the month – that's 26th March, 30th April, 28th May and 25th June – at 10:30am in the church.

The coffee morning on Wednesday 26th March will be in aid of the church flower fund, to help with the cost of the Easter lilies. There'll be home-made cakes and a raffle as well as the usual bring-and-buy. Please come – everyone is very welcome.

St Augustine's Church Fete will be held this year on Saturday 14th June, in and around the church.

Visit to 10 Downing Street

Samantha Cameron invited Style Acre (the charity which supports Martin) to host a reception at 10 Downing Street on the evening of 4 February, and we were all lucky enough to attend. It was a wonderful opportunity and one which we thoroughly enjoyed.

Those present included Patrons (Sinead Cusack and John Craven), Trustees, local government representatives, senior Style Acre staff, carers, volunteers and "clients". The surroundings were splendid and the atmosphere was friendly and welcoming. Samantha was especially pleased to support a charity from her home county of Oxfordshire. Many of you will know that she and David were married at St Augustine's and, with their family, have often attended our services at Christmas and Easter.

Style Acre also supports over 100 young handicapped adults at day centres in

Wallingford and Didcot. These have been so successful that Oxfordshire County Council has invited the charity to develop a similar service in Banbury. All these centres offer recreational and social opportunities, teach a wide range of skills, and support people in finding volunteer/work opportunities and community involvement. To this end, Style Acre has a charity shop in and a café in Blewbury (at Savages Garden Centre), where Martin works on a Monday.

Style Acre provides excellent supported living for over 60 people in 26 houses in Oxfordshire. Dedicated carers enable and facilitate the lives of those they support in dynamic and varied ways. People with mild to moderate learning difficulties often fall through the net, with little local authority support – especially with councils having to drastically reduce their current outgoings.

Martin has a lovely flat in Didcot, where Style Acre supports him, but he still likes to come back to East Hendred at weekends.

The Lawrence Family





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Hendreds Twinning Group

Feast of Local Food, in Snells Hall on Saturday March 29th. 2014.

Members of the Twinning Group have taken on the challenge of organising a 3 course feast with a varied and delicious menu, with as many of the ingredients as possible sourced from within a 10 mile radius of the village, or Fairtrade where this is not possible. Previous similar events have been very successful, with a wide range of dishes on offer, all with a local theme.

The evening will start at 7 for 7.30 p.m., and there will be a speaker after the meal (to be confirmed). The bar will be open. Tickets £15 adults/£8 children from any committee member or contact Margaret Sharp, m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com, 833367, or Lesley Lewis, Lesley.lewis@avondale.co.uk, 863184.

Visitors from Sarceaux, near Argentan, July 5 – 7th. 2014.

We are expecting a group of around 25 visitors on their return visit from our twin village in Normandy. Their ages range from 8 to 80+, and we hope to accommodate all of them in private houses in East or West Hendred or the surrounding area. The French arrive from the overnight ferry on the Saturday morning, and are introduced to their hosts at a short reception in Snells Hall. In the evening we have an Aunt Sally competition at Snells Hall, followed by a meal for everyone – hosts, visitors and anyone else interested in meeting some of our nearest European neighbours. A professional Puppeteer has been booked to entertain everyone after the meal, with her

traditional puppet theatre and even one or two French-speaking puppets!

On the Sunday we have an all day outing by coach, with lunch cooked by the students of a local Catering College for everyone – hosts and visitors alike. Sunday evening is spent with host families, usually several group together to share both the conversation and the catering arrangements.

The visitors depart again early on the Monday morning, to catch the afternoon ferry back from Portsmouth.

Rusty or minimal French is not usually a problem if you would like to offer to host one or more visitors. Many of the visitors will speak at least some English anyway. We do try to match hosts and visitors as much as possible, and it's amazing what can be achieved with a sense of humour and a dictionary! It's an excellent opportunity for children to practise the French they are learning at school, also.

Please contact either Margaret Sharp, m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com, 833367, or Lesley Lewis Lesley.lewis@avondale.co.uk 863184 if interested.

French Pen-friend ?

We have a request to find a pen-friend for a 16 year old girl living near Sarceaux in Normandy. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be, please contact Lesley Lewis in the first instance.

A date for your diary: October 11th. 2014

An evening with an Antiques theme, similar to the popular event held in West Hendred Hall last year.

New members welcome: Open to anyone living in the Hendreds or surrounding area.

Nearly New children's sale

Saturday 29th March, 11-1 at Snells Hall

Hendreds Preschool is hosting a nearly new sale of children's clothes, toys and small furniture. Come and join us for tea, cake and a browse round. Tables are also available. Contact Kate for a booking form at kategalp99@hotmail.com

Hendreds Preschool is very nearly full for its intake after Easter. If you would like your 2 or 3 year old to join us in September you can put in their application form now. All the information you need is at <http://hendredspreschool.wix.com/hendredspreschool>

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East & West Hendred WI

What a wonderful start to the Christmas Festivities we had. Members gathered at the resplendent Hendred Manor House with the Christmas tree taking centre stage in the grand hall. Flower of the Quern made a welcome return playing music and accompanying carols. Mulled wine, mince pies and stollen were much in evidence.

Snells Hall had a WI makeover for the January Birthday Party when Kevin O'Regan and his bass player entertained us with their own brand of folk and acoustic music.

At the February meeting Angela Panrucker gave a fascinating presentation on the Royal Order of the Garter which takes place each year in June at Windsor Castle. Angela has attended the ceremony many, many times and advised members how they too could apply for tickets to attend.

March will be our Annual Meeting, which will start with a fish and chip supper. This will be followed with a review of highlights from 2013, followed by voting for President and the Committee and ending with a discussion on the year ahead. Our 2014-2015 programme is all set and

promises to be, dare we say it, the best yet!

Check out the web site for dates and the occasional location change which details which meetings are open to visitors. There is a small donation of £3 for visitors. Do come along to a meeting you may be surprised how much you enjoy the evening. Our web site is www.hendredswi.com.



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 been extremely challenged by the weather during last 2 months and have been restricted with our routes due to the terrible mud. However we set off whatever the weather! We had a wonderful Christmas lunch at The Wheatsheaf, 24 of us and many thanks to Bill and Carmel for providing such a delicious meal.

A group of 8 are walking **The Oxfordshire Way** have completed 4 stages with 2 more to go. Sadly our January and February walks were cancelled due to the weather, but we are hoping for better luck in March!

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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Christmas in the Hendreds

Having only moved here last March, this Christmas was my first as an East Hendred resident and I was amazed at just how busy my calendar became. With three Christmas fayres taking place in December, I was saved from battling the hordes of Christmas shoppers in the city centre. At East Hendred Entertain's fayre, I bought a plethora of homemade and antique goods including a hand-sown Scotty Dog cushion for my Grandma which now takes centre stage on her armchair.

The Hendred's School fayre was a raging success with mulled wine and a wealth of crafts on sale. I was only sorry that I wasn't allowed in the no-adults zone which I'm sure was exciting as it sounds!

The final Bazaar of the village had the children from Hendred's Pre-school delighting us with festive tunes. I lucked out at the Tombola, but the decorate your own cupcake store went down a storm.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend Springline Production's 'A Christmas Pudding' but everyone I've spoken to has raved about the evenings performance.

January saw a Snowman competition with residents displaying their creations on Dancing Hill.

Despite the unseasonably wet weather, and the scarcity of snow, East Hendred certainly seems to embrace the festive season with carol concerts, bell ringing, fayres, and Christmas performances. I'm left looking forward to the next (although preferably after a long, hot summer).

Charlotte Stewart

Seeing the Hendreds in a Different Light

Nearly 30 households have taken part in the Hendreds Thermal Imaging Project this January. A team of 8 volunteers from **Hendreds Environment Group** dodged the many rain storms to take the images, which can highlight problem areas that are losing excess heat. Some of these can benefit from quick fixes, like checking seals around doors and window.

The thermal imaging camera was borrowed from the Vale of White Horse District Council who lend it to community groups throughout their area during the winter months.

To find out more about saving energy at home and schemes like the Green Deal, contact the Energy Saving Trust: visit <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/> or call 0300 123 1234

To find out more about Hendreds Environment Group and get involved with practical projects like this, contact heg@hendred.org or Sarah on 831568.

East Hendred Heritage Trust

'The Secret History of White Road'

2014 Annual Exhibition

How is White Road connected to a famous golf course designer, Alex Higgins the snooker player, the 1987 Grand National winner and the 1952 Olympic 100m bronze medalist? Where was the 19C manor house on White Road? What do you know about the village bakery, the cobbler's, the slaughter house, the pig farm and the fruit farm? Who lived in the labour camp?

Following on from the success of last year's 'The Secret History of St Mary's Road', the 2014 Annual Exhibition shifts focus to the northern part of the village covering White Road, Orchard Lane, Allin's Lane and Reading Road. Like last year, the exhibition uses people's memories, artefacts, maps and photographs old and new, to track changes over the last 150 years. If you can contribute to the exhibition or would like to become a volunteer at the Museum, contact Jane Parker by phone on 833326 or by e mail jl Parker@btinternet.com.

Otherwise, to find out the answers to the above questions, please come to this year's exhibition which opens **2.30pm-4.30pm every Sunday 27th April to 26th October 2014 at Champs Chapel** (next to the Wheatsheaf and behind the War Memorial).

Wednesday April 30th, 7.30pm at Snells Hall

Joanna Matthews, the Secretary of the Oxfordshire Gardens Trust (OGT) will talk about the work of the Trust which promotes the understanding, enjoyment and protection of parks and gardens in the County of Oxfordshire. They promote all designed, green landscapes, private or public, and are currently researching and recording Oxfordshire walled gardens – over 200 of which have been identified so far. There will be a £5 entry fee.

Sunday June 22nd, 11.00am till 4pm. Open Gardens.

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Planning Matters

P13/V1695/FUL RSRL upgrade to security gates and car park
Planning permission granted.

P12/V1878/FUL 21 New Houses on the Reading Road.
Planning permission was refused by VOWH DC. Permission was granted on appeal.

P13/V1987/DA Greensands use of a container as a dwelling.
Enforcement notifications were issued and an appeal against them has been lodged.

P13/V2168/FUL Harwell, variation on planning condition 1 to P13/V0190/FUL. The Parish Council had no objection. Planning permission granted.

P12/V2244/DA Land Adjoining Lynwood
Without planning permission, erection of a barn, a shed, the construction of a gravel driveway and change of use from agricultural to residential garden. An enforcement notice for these to be removed is under appeal, awaiting decisions.

P13/V2260/FUL Land NW of Hill Farm, construction of underground electricity cable
The Parish Council had no objection.
Planning permission granted.

P13/V2511/FUL – Reactor site off Pluto Road and Downsway, Dido Road
The Parish Council had no objection.
No decision issued.

P13/V2544/FUL – Land north of the Reading Road, Solar Farm
The Parish Council did not object, but have raised a number of concerns. These have focused on the size of the proposed site, its relationship to the AONB, changes to surrounding footpaths, the fact that there are already other solar farms nearby and access to the site itself. Additionally they have also requested that an Environmental Impact Assessment is carried out prior to any decision being made.
Application Rejected.

P13/V2564/LB Kings Manor, amendment to plans
The Parish Council had no objection.
Planning permission granted.

P13/V2611/FUL – The Lodge, Rowstock
amendment to plan to include additional garages.
The Parish Council had no objection, but commented that sufficient off street parking must be provided as it is likely the garages will not be used for cars. Comment was also made that this development is now at a size that was originally turned down by the Vale Planning Department.
Planning permission granted.

P13/V2654/LB – Downside House, erection of Study, amendment to plans
The Parish Council had no objection.

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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P13/V2700/HH – Downside House, removal of summer house, new swimming pool and oak framed pool building.

The Parish Council The Parish Council had no objection, but commented that the property is Grade 2 listed and this needs to be consideration when reviewing the plans. They also requested that the appropriate permission is sought prior to any tree removal/works that need to be carried out.
Planning permission granted.

P14/V0188/HH Downside House, Skeats Bush – Resubmission of plans to increase the size of a rear extension.
The Parish Council is yet to comment.

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	29 th	Twinning Group - Feast of Local Food
	29 th	Hendred's Pre-School Nearly New Child's Sale
April	3 rd	DGA Tea & Hot Cross Buns
	13 th	St Mary's Procession & Sung Mass
	17 th	WI Beetle Drive
	30 th	St Augustine's Coffee Morning
	30 th	EHHT 'OGT' Talk
May	15 th	WI Watercolour Workshop
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June	14 th	St Augustine's Church Fete
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