

# Play Equipment for Older Children...

We are fortunate to have our two play parks in the village and for a long time the Parish Council has been wanting to install some equipment for older children.

The PC has looked at various options over some years and is keen to find the right answer.

We have consulted with the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association (OPFA) who have put forward some ideas for pieces of equipment, but when it comes to making a choice, we need ideas from the users!

There are grants available and with some effort we are confident that we can afford a good attractive solution.

We are now asking for input, particularly from young people, but from anyone who has good thoughts on the subject to select a piece of equipment for users aged from about 10 to 15.

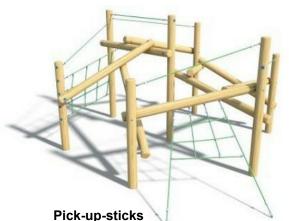
The pictures below show some equipment suggested by OPFA, but no choice has been made yet, and there is plenty of other equipment in the market. It may well be that you have used a piece of equipment in another play park that you found attractive and would like to see installed here.

To make it easy to provide input we have set up a Facebook page called East Hendred Parish Council.

Please take a look at the pictures below, look at the catalogues on the web, think about play equipment you like, and get back to us with your ideas and comments on Facebook or by email to parishcouncil@hendred.org or drop a note to the Parish Council at Hendred Stores.

Please respond by 5th July.

# ... Have Your Say!



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# Local Planning – Major Concerns

Our Parish Council is increasingly concerned (together with many other Councils) that their input to decisions on local planning is reducing to the stage of being valueless. So much for the Localism Bill which was heralded as an opportunity for communities to have a significant input to decisions with respect to local input.

A major concern is that the Vale District Council does not have a current Local Plan – the previous one covered the period up to 2012 and a replacement was planned for 2014. It was started but was overtaken by Government decisions to remove central planning requirements for housing. While there is no Local Plan in place the planning system refers back to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which is a broad-based planning system with a general priority to build new housing. Hence even when the local District Council turns down a planning application, when it goes to appeal it is judged against the requirements of the NPPF. This is the main reason that the 21 house development north of Hendred was approved.

We are still in the period with no Local Plan although pressures are being applied to put one in place. As part of this the Government decided that each County should have a Strategic Housing Market assessment (SCHMA). This was completed recently for Oxfordshire and showed a much larger target than had previously been proposed. The County's target was divided between the different District Councils and the Vale DC was set a target of providing 1028 new homes each year in the period 2011-2031 (total of ~20,000). A substantial part of this target is to provide new housing for planned employment growth, which has been challenged as the basis for this appears not to be properly established.

As a result of this requirement the Vale DC has published a list of potential housing sites to meet this target. This includes a new site to the east of the Harwell-Oxford campus with an initial requirement for 1400 homes to be built by 2031 and a further 2000 homes in due course. Surprisingly this is in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty AONB), which would normally not be a permitted area for such a large development. The assumed logic is this site is close to the Harwell-Oxford site which has major growth plans and hence would reduce transport requirements. The initial development would have more than twice the number of houses as East Hendred.

So far East Hendred has escaped major housing developments but we understand that further sites will be allocated. Most of the village is in the AONB which we hope will restrict further major growth. However as stated at the beginning the Parish Council feels that its views count little in the overall state of developments – definitely not Localism in action!

Our current Parish Clerk, Alison Hardisty, is standing down after four years' valiant service to the Council. Many thanks to Alison for her professional, efficient and friendly approach to the many different aspects of the clerk's role.

We are currently seeking a new clerk.

# John Sharp

# **Parish Council Annual Meeting**

The Council held its annual meeting in Snells Hall on 23rd April . This is the occasion when the Council reports on its activities over the past year, with inputs from our District and County Councillors and other relevant organisations. Despite it being well advertised the attendance this year from the public was disappointing, partly as it was held on a Friday evening.

The Chairman (Dr.Sharp) reported on the year's activities. His report and those from our County and District Councillors the Parish Council's Working Groups included the following:

- Two new members joined the Council (Bill Watkin and Fiona Fanthome)
- Progress in developing a village emergency plan
- 34 planning applications during the year on which the Council had provided comments, including four appeals and the approval of 29 new dwellings in the parish during the year
- Approval on appeal of a major housing development in North Hendred (21 houses) and its implications for the village
- Review and commenting on the Vale District Council Local Plan (to 2031). The major issues were seen to be the location of housing and employment sites and lack of plans for the necessary infrastructure
- Implications for the village of the Oxfordshire strategic housing market assessment (SHMA) with a large increase in housing numbers and allocation of major housing sites in the area

- Implications of major housing developments in the Wantage/Grove area, with increased pressure on the A417
- A start on reviewing potential local improvements to the A417 which could improve access to and from this village at peak times, plus enhanced provision for pedestrians and cyclists
- Report on the Council's finances background to the village precept request for £25,250
- The construction of a solar farm shared between East Hendred and Steventon parishes
- Application for a larger solar farm (43 ha) north of East Hendred (rejected by the Vale DC planners); the Council responded with a range of comments. It has very recently been resubmitted
- Production of four Bulletins during the year and maintenance of the Hendred.org web site
- Children's play-areas progress report and consideration of some equipment for teenagers
- Harwell Stakeholder Group report on progress with decommissioning the Harwell site and an update on proposed commercial developments on the site, including new housing
- There were also reports from the two village schools and those organisations who had received grants in the past year from the Council (Snells Hall, Family Show, East Hendred Heritage Trust).

# A Message from Our New Police Community Support Officer, Denise Clements

Hello, I would like to introduce myself to everyone as the new PCSO covering Lockinge, Ardington and the Hendreds.

Many will have seen me before as I have worked in the Wantage area for nearly nine years.

I would be very happy to attend any schools, groups, organisations or clubs to give talks on crime prevention and the work of Thames Valley Police. I would equally be very happy to attend any Garden Parties or Fetes in the area, I already have a few booked into my diary.

One thing I'm very keen to do is make available another defibrillator in the villages as these life saving pieces of equipment are so cheap and easy to use when saving a

Snells Hall East Hendred Community Centre

# **New Wardens**

The Hall Management Committee is pleased to announce the very welcome appointment of Maria Jaremchuk and Frank Aldridge as the new wardens at Snells Hall. Maria already knows the village well, having once lived here, and is Head Chef at the Eyston Arms. Frank is a very experienced tiler and decorator who owns his own business.

Having wardens with skills so relevant to the needs of the hall is a great asset.

Maria and Frank have already made an excellent job of repairing and renovating Snells House and their enthusiasm for looking after Snells Hall, internally and externally, is clearly evident.

Maria will be gradually taking over part of the booking service and so making contact with many users in due course.

Welcome, Maria and Frank!

# life, and I'm sure everyone would agree that you can't put a price on someone's life, especially family and friends. To do this I will be arranging some special money-making events around the villages over the next year. Please help to support these as they happen, but you can also make a donation towards these vitally important pieces of equipment if you wish.

I'm also very keen to engage some new members for the NAG, the Neighbourhood Action Group. This is a team of key individuals representing each village of Steventon, Milton, Harwell, Blewbury, Upton, Chilton, Hendreds, Lockinge and Ardington. These individuals meet once a month for a couple of hours to discuss any key issues in the area to help resolve them.

If you would like to contact me about any of the above or you may have an issue you would like to discuss please contact me by calling 101 or email me at <u>denise.clements@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk</u>

# **New Chairs**

Regular users will have experienced the Hall's rather uncomfortable hard plastic chairs – particularly if one is so constrained during a lengthy talk or stage show. After consulting our main users we now have ordered one hundred new folding, steel framed chairs and two storage trolleys from Morleys of Bicester. The chairs have fully upholstered seats and contoured backs with permanent linkages for safe operation when set in semi-permanent rows. Delivery date is during the week ending 20th June 2014. We are very fortunate and thankful to have received grants totalling £3000 (£500 from East Hendred Parish Council; £1500 from East Hendred Entertains; and £1000 from the Doris Field Trust) towards the total cost of £3780. The balance is being met from the hall's own funds.

# Hall Bookings

Because of the increasing number of different uses of the premises we are having to disappoint some late booking application enquiries particularly for repeat children's parties. We suggest that potential customers should, if possible, make booking requests at least three months in advance of their preferred date.

# Trees, Hedges and Plants Encroaching on Walkways

If your garden plants adjoin walkways, footpaths or pavements, please help by keeping them from spreading to cause an obstruction! It can be very uncomfortable to walk past encroaching plants - particularly wet leaves, thorns or nettles.

If you can't control such plants due to a disability, please contact the Parish Council and we will find a way to help.



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To arrange a visit, call our Supervisor, Fiona Brown, on 01235 831555.

To discuss places and grant funding call Kate Swanzy (Membership Secretary) on 01235 833344 or email <u>info@hendredspreschool.org.uk</u>

http://www.hendredspresChool.org/

# LEST WE FORGET

# SPRINGLINE PRODUCTIONS AND EAST HENDRED HERITAGE TRUST REMEMBER THE GREAT WAR

Come and join us at the War Memorial in East Hendred

ON SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST AT 4.30 - 5.15pm

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# Hendred Hatters

Hendred Hatters formed with the closure of East Hendred Entertains. A completely separate entity, the focus of the Hatters is to use our business and life skills to benefit volunteer led and youth organisations within the Hendreds villages and local surrounds (Rowstock, Ardington, Ginge and Lockinge). This informal group meets monthly and each member uses their skill set to organise events, functions or assist other groups to fundraise for themselves.

The group has a great pedigree and is approaching its 3rd year organising

the West Hendred Christmas Fayre (Yuletide), the Village Cupboard in West Hendred and local groups like Coffee Crafters, local Gymnastics club and school PTA / WI members. What is important is that everyone once had a career, maybe degrees or qualifications in a trade, and just because we may be retired, homemakers, part time workers, does not mean that grey matter can't still work! Also several members are in full time employment, or running their own businesses.

Embracing, Empowering and Community Cohesion is at the group's core, and we encourage engagement, whether you can help online, social media, paint signs, knit, sew, make tea and cakes, organise, advertise, donate, sponsor - the list is endless.

What is important is helping groups raise essential funds themselves and become sustainable. In order for volunteer led groups to do this, they need to feel supported and that is where Hendred Hatters can add value.

The Hatters also has a packed diary for 2014, and is taking on many of the events previously run so successfully by East Hendred Entertains and other local groups like the Family Show led by Helen Young and her team. The baton is now passed down and we are lining up to make a difference.

The Hatters are also looking for corporate sponsors for donations with high cost events like the Family Show and the Yuletide Fayre.

# **Dogs Barking!**

There have been numerous complaints about dogs barking, particularly in the Coulings Close area. It is very important that dog owners recognise their responsibilities to keep their dogs under control and avoid upsetting their neighbours. It is such a pity with good weather when people are out in their gardens to have to listen to dogs barking on a regular basis.

In law, a barking dog can be a statutory noise nuisance. Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 dog owners can be taken to court if they do nothing to stop the nuisance.

The Local District Council has advice on handling nuisance problems and those affected are recommended to contact the Environmental Protection Department and report their complaint.

However it is hoped that this won't be necessary and that dog owners will heed this reminder and ensure that their dogs do not bark on a regular basis upsetting their neighbours.

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# **Downs Golden Age**

We have had a busy few months with well-attended meetings and some interesting speakers. On 6th March we had a tea time meeting and a talk by John Caldicott on *The Foundling Hospital*. This was an OPEN MEETING to try and encourage more village folk to join the club and we were pleased to see how many came and some even joined. The talk was extremely interesting especially when John disclosed that he had actually been a child at the Foundling Hospital.

On 3rd April it was tea and Hot Cross Buns. No speaker but some entertainment was organised by Stella. There was also an Easter themed competition; there were some lovely floral decorations, Easter bonnets and delicious cakes. The members voted for the ones they liked best and there were prizes for the winners.

In May it was tea again and Angela Panrucker came to speak about *Nature through the Year*. She certainly had some wonderful photos and kept everyone well entertained. On 14th May we have our first outing of the year, a short coach trip to Bampton with tea at Aston Pottery. We even have a Blue Badge guide, Jane Lennox. There are 2 further trips planned for later in the summer. The first to Bourtonon-the Water and the second to Kintbury for a trip on the canal.

On 12th June we have our annual visit to Hendred House, where we have tea and a talk by Alistair Lack on *Oxford and Inspector Morse*. Alistair has talked to us in the past and is always very informative and entertaining. On 3rd July we hold our Summer Lunch and hope to have guests from Ardington, Blewbury and Chilton and a choir from St. Amands School is coming to sing a few songs.

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.

# East & West Hendred WI We continue to flourish

We kicked off our first meeting of the 2014-15 year with a change of venue to The Sports Club, a social evening of a Beetle Drive with wine and nibbles aplenty. It proved to be a great evening with our chatter heard across the playing fields.

Brian Marshall, a water colourist gave an amusing and informative presentation to members as he painted a wonderful landscape, which came to life from a blank canvas, which was raffled at the end of the evening.

Our June meeting has a somewhat 'celebrity' feel in Christine Wallace, who hails from Didcot and a quarter finalist from the BBC series 'The Great British Bake Off'. Christine will speak of her experience on the show, how she came to be involved and what it was like to bake for Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry. Christine has kindly offered to bring one of her baked goods to raffle at the end of the evening. All welcome.

We have a quiz with a twist planned for 5 September at

Snells Hall. Ray Spiller presents a Music Quiz - each question accompanied by music with a touch of humour thrown in.

Ray travels with **every** Number One record since the UK charts started in 1952. You will have the opportunity to give any date to Ray for the last 60 years, and moments later you will be listening to the record that was Number One on that date. All welcome.

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. We have a varied and interesting year planned and many opportunities to meet and make some wonderful new friends.

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  $\pounds 3$  for visitors.

Website is <u>www.hendredswi.com</u> and contact is <u>Lesley.Hendred@gmail.com</u>

# St Augustine's Church, East Hendred Fete to be held in the historic mediaeval Church Saturday 14th June, 12 noon – 3:30pm

Grand Raffle Draw – with lots of exciting prizes to be won! Refreshments will be served Many traditional stalls both inside the church and outside in the pleasant church grounds. These will include Plant Stall, Cake Stall, Tombola, Bottle Stall, Book Stall, Bric-a Brac and

fun games for the children and families to enjoy!

Our Church Tower will be open – so do bring your camera and see the view over the picturesque village.

All Welcome! Please put this date in your diary! Bring your friends and family along Contributions of cakes, books, plants, bric-a-brac, raffle prizes would be most appreciated

and items can be left in the church prior to the fete.

Please contact Church Warden Jackie Francis on 01235 – 833473 if you can help with any of these stalls.

# EAST HENDRED HERITAGE TRUST The Secret History of White Road

New Annual Exhibition 2014 in Champs Chapel Museum East Hendred

Following on from the success of last year's 'The Secret History of St Mary's Road', the Museum's 2014 Annual Exhibition shifts focus to the northern part of the village covering White Road, Orchard Lane, and Allin's Lane.

Up until the mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century White Road was a backwater. Since medieval times the principal way into East Hendred was from the turnpike on Portway Road (A417) up Allin's Lane. In comparison to Allin's Lane, White Road was a minor track.

And today, turning into East Hendred from the A417, White Road may seem an unlikely candidate for an exhibition about Hendred history,but go and see Hendred Heritage Trust's latest exhibition and it will change your mind. How is White Road connected to a famous golf course designer, Alex Higgins the snooker player, the 1987 Grand National winner and the 1952 Helsinki Olympic 100m bronze medalist? Where was Dennis's bakery, Theobald's cobblers, Cowdery's slaughter house, Home Farm and Hendred Fruit Farm? Who lived in the labour camp?

Over 100 photographs going back to the 1880s together with live excerpts from a new oral history project that the Museum is running give you the answers.

# **The Secret History**

The name White Road (originally 'The White Road') comes from the fact that before it was tarmaced, it was repaired with chalk from the parish pit on the Downs and therefore had a very distinctive white colour. In heavy rains the white dust would turn to white mud and then to a milky stream flowing down the hill towards the village.

In 1910 the only house on White Road was a large house set back down a drive and surrounded by fields, grass verges and elm trees. The house was known as Orchard House and was built by Charles Robey in the 1850s.

The second house, Well Cottage, was built in 1918.

The character of White Road began to change in the 1920s with the first council houses in East Hendred built as part of



Photograph taken in the 1900s of Portway Place and the White Road

the 'Homes for Heroes' programme after WW1 but the main period of change in the area was in the 1950s and 1960s.

In the early 20th Century the area was predominantly agricultural with some locally significant farmsteads; Manor Farm, Home Farm. Orchard House, and the Fruit Farm. However after 1918 the day of the purely agricultural village was over and all four farms eventually closed. The Robey's farming empire finished with the sale of Orchard House to George Colbeck in 1923. Home Farm closed in 1933 and Manor Farm went through several manifestations eventually closing in the 1950s. In the 1920s George Colbeck started the racing stables in the existing stable vard of Orchard House and Orchard Stables became a significant racing yard with several famous trainers and jockeys and horses for most of the 20th century. As well as farmsteads and stables there was the Plough Inn, a bookies, a petrol station, a bakery, a butchers, a

cobbler and a car mechanic; only the pub remains. The racing stables closed in 1999. Today White Road is predominantly residential and has replaced Allin's Lane as the principal way into East Hendred.

In 1910 there were fewer than 17 dwellings in the White Road/ Orchard Lane area, there are now almost 200.

# **Our Forgotten Heroes**

In conjunction with the Annual Exhibition, there is also a supplementary mini exhibition entitled 'Our Forgotten Heroes' to contribute to the national centenary commemoration of the start of WW1 in 1914.

# Champs Chapel Museum

is open 2.30pm - 4.30pm every Sunday until 26th October.

The Museum is in Chapel Square, East Hendred, OX12 8JN. (by the Wheatsheaf Pub behind the War Memorial). Entry is free.



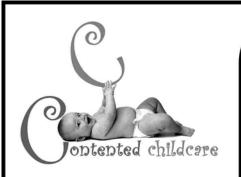


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# **Church News**

St Augustine's fete will be on will be on Saturday 14th June, 12 noon to 3:30pm in and around the church. (See notice on page 7.)

On Sunday 15th June there'll be an ecumenical service for both parishes, held in St Augustine's at 6.00pm, with the theme 'Seasons of The Spirit.' This will be a service of the Word with scripture readings, poems and hymns for the season of Pentecost. Afterwards there will be refreshments inside the church (and outside if the weather is fine). All, of course, are very welcome.

Then on Sunday 13th July, St Mary's would like to invite any villagers and their families and friends to join them for tea and cakes between 2 and 4pm at Snells Hall. •There is no charge – this is just to give something back to the village.

Looking further ahead, please note in your diary that St Augustine's Harvest Festival and



St Augustine's church was full on Easter Sunday morning, and younger members of the congregation were delighted to be sent outside during the service to hunt for Easter eggs hidden all round the churchyard.

# Fire Pump – Update

After a generous donation from East Hendred Entertains and the tremendous efforts of the Village Knitters•(Val Prior, Malcolm Prior, Margaret Pill and Monica Stoter), who knitted corsages and sold them in aid of the Fire Pump, we have been able to install a glass front to the Fire Pump Shed (housed behind Snells Hall).••This will help protect one of the village's most prized artefacts – our 1831 Horse Drawn Fire Pump.

The glass front will help protect the Fire Pump from the weather and allow our small team of volunteers to work in the dry to undertake renovation works. If you are interested in the Fire Pump or would like to be involved in preserving it for the future then please contact Sonia Roberts 821796 (after 6pm or weekends).



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# 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!

The weather has continued to be very challenging but we have had some lovely sunny days.. At least once a month we have had a walk in a different location including Blewbury, Farnborough and Letcombe Regis. These walks are usually slightly longer but a café is always included.

We have at last completed **The Oxfordshire Way.** It took us much longer than expected as we had to cancel our walk in January and February due to the weather and flooded fields. We are now planning 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@monkscourt.co.uk



# **Hendreds Twinning Group**

# Visitors from Sarceaux, near Argentan 5th to 7th July 5, 2014

We are expecting a group of 33 French visitors at the beginning of July. They will all stay with families in the villages and surrounding area, and a full programme of social occasions and outings has been planned for the weekend.

On Saturday evening, 5th July, there is meal in Snells Hall followed by a performance by a professional puppeteer (in her traditional sea-side style Punch and Judy booth). Tickets are available from

Margaret Sharp (833367, m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com) or Lesley Lewis (863184, Lesley.lewis@avondale.co.uk) if you would like to come along for a fun evening and to meet some of our visitors.

# A date for your diary: 4th October, 2014

Antiques Roadshow, with Simon Jones (from Jones & Jacob, Auctioneers in Watlington) as the expert to appraise and value items brought by members of the audience. (Note change of date).

# New members welcome!

The Twinning Group is open to anyone living in the Hendreds or surrounding area. (£10/family/year, or £6 for individual membership).



# The Green Column Wildlife Gardening

Hendreds Environment Group (HEG) is looking at the theme of Biodiversity in the Hendreds this year. Our gardens are a place where we can have some influence on the biodiversity and wildlife in our area.

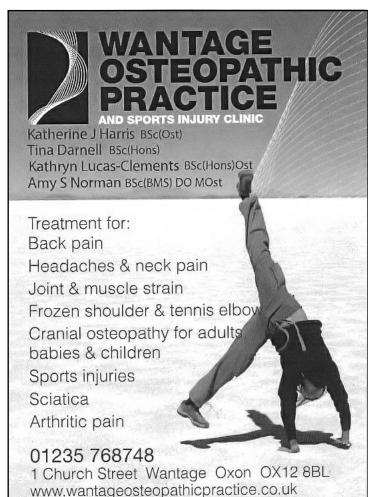
It is sometimes thought that wildlife gardening is a whole different activity to regular gardening, but this needn't be the case. Whether you like your garden formal or informal, and however you like to use it, you can do some things to encourage wildlife to share the space with you.

Even in a rural area like the Hendreds, the varied habitats that gardens can provide can be of great value in creating space for wildlife, and seeing wildlife in your garden is a pleasure.

Here are just a few simple ideas to attract wildlife to your garden. Most can be done even in a tiny outside space: **A water feature:** 

Even a very small amount of water in a garden will attract wildlife, from insects and birds to frogs and newts, depending on the size. Fish will eat most wildlife, so a fish pond is not so helpful, but wildlife won't care if your pond looks formal or informal. If you can't have a pond, perhaps you could have a small container feature, or a bird bath? **Variety in your planting:** 

Choose a variety of flowering plants to give yourself and the insects flowers to enjoy over a long season. Native species will of course benefit native insects, but so will many non-natives. Single petalled varieties often have greater nectar and pollen value.



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Selecting a variety of structure and size of plants will provide shelter for wildlife. If you have the space, include shrubs and hedgerow plants for cover and fruits. Fruiting examples are hawthorn, cotoneaster and pyracanthus. Climbing plants like ivy and honeysuckle can provide great nest sites. Ivy also fruits very late in the year, when there is not much else available to wildlife.

#### Shelter:

You can also provide shelter and food for wildlife in much smaller spaces, with small piles of logs, sticks or leaves left to rot in a corner. Cutting back stems and stalks in spring rather than autumn also provides shelter for overwintering insects.

There are many purpose built wildlife shelters such as bird boxes, bat boxes and insect hotels available to buy. You can also make your own insect hotels from a bundle of hollow cane sections, or by drilling holes in a block of wood.

There's a lot more advice and ideas available online from organisations such as the RSPB and the Wildlife Trusts. Their websites include many examples from ordinary gardeners.

Hendreds Environment Group would love to hear your wildlife gardening tips. What works for you, gardening in the Hendreds?

Would you like to help Hendreds Environment Group support biodiversity in the Hendreds?

# Join our mailing list by contacting Sarah on heg@hendred.org or 831568.

# Bird and bat boxes in Snells Wood

HEG maintains several bird and bat boxes which you can see in trees near the Snells Wood walkway. The picture below shows one of the bird boxes before its winter clean last year.



# **Planning Matters**

**P13/V1987/DA Greensands** use of a container as a dwelling.

Enforcement notifications were issued and an appeal against them has been lodged. 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. Granted on appeal.

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

P14/0839/Ful – Land north of the Reading Road, Solar Farm

Following the refusal of application P13/V2544/FUL the application has been re-submitted. The Parish Council did not object.

## 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. Granted.

# P13/V2654/LB – Downside House Erection of

Study, amendment to plans The Parish Council had no objection. Granted.

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

The Parish Council had no objection, but commented that the property is Grade 2 listed and this needs to be a 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.

Granted.

**P14/V0068/PDS – Coldharbour Barn** Change of use of barn from agricultural to Class D2 (assembly and leisure) purposes. The Parish Council requested that this application was refused on a number of grounds, namely, the increase in traffic through the village and on a single track road, access to the site and its position in the AONB. Granted.

## P14/V0188/HH Downsview House, Skeats Bush

Resubmission of plans to increase the size of a rear extension.

The Parish Council had no objections. Granted.

# P14/V0236/EZ - R100, Fermi Avenue

Construction of a new Space Technology Research building with associated car parking and landscaping R100. Granted.

# P14/V0337/FUL – Solar Panels - Hendred Estate

The provision of 196 photovoltaic panels. Granted.

# P14/V0717/HH – 63a Coulings Close

Two storey extension to provide increased kitchen and bedroom facilities The Parish Council had no objections.

Awaiting decision.

# 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.

Clerk to the Council: *Position vacant* Chairman: Dr John Sharp, Inish Fail, Orchard Close Tel: 833367 **Deputy Chairman:** Mr Charles Pappenheim, Willow House, Horn Lane Tel: 835014 Finance Officer: Diana Wheeker Tel 833279 **Councillors:** Mr Mark Beddow, The Old Cottage, Cat Street Tel: 833725 Mrs Fiona Fanthome, 12 Cat Street Tel 07775 446244 Mr Bogdan Nedelkoff, Acacia House, Old Road Tel: 833937 Ms Janet Shelley, 1 Hill Side, Newbury Rd Tel: 07791 266331 Mr Martin Simmonds, Portway Villa, Reading Rd Tel: 833544 Mr Bill Watkin, Appletree Cottage, Ford Lane Tel: 833751 Mr. Stephen Webb, Chapel House, Chapel Square Tel: 833395

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	Bill Watkin

# **Council Representatives on Other Bodies**

Harwell Liaison: Snells Hall: Sports Club: Howard Spicer Fund: Transport: NAG Police:

John Sharp, Stephen Webb Bill Watkin Fiona Fanthome Ann Taylor, Diana Wheeker, Barbara Smith Stephen Webb Janet Shelley

#### P14/V0923/LB – Blue Plaque on Orchard House, Cat Street

Erection of a blue plaque to the front of the building to commemorate William Penney The Parish Council has no objection. Awaiting decision.

**P14/V0417/LB – Cowdrays, Cat Street** Proposed replacement windows, lantern style roof light to the existing flat roof and erection of porch. Granted.

# Information

# HENDRED STORES & POST OFFICE Opening Hours:

From Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2014 Monday to Friday: 6am - 6pm Saturday: 6am - 4pm Sunday: 6am - 12 noon

#### POST COLLECTIONS Weekdays

7:00am & 4:15pm Saturday 7:00am (Hendred Stores)

# **REFUSE COLLECTION**

Weekly on Tuesday: Food Waste (small green bin)

Alternate Tuesdays: Non-Recyclables (grey bin) Alternate Tuesdays:

Recycling (green bin) and Garden Waste (brown bin)

# POLICE

Thames Valley Police, Tel: 101 PCSO Denise Clements, Badge C9845

# MOBILE LIBRARY

Alternate Wednesdays 11:05am - Snells Hall 11:25am - White Rd layby

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# June - August 2014

June	14 <sup>th</sup>	St Augustine's Church Fete
	19 <sup>th</sup>	WI - Christine Wallace
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Hendreds School Fete
	25 <sup>th</sup>	St Augustine's Coffee Morning
July	13 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's - Tea & Cakes at Snells Hall
	30 <sup>th</sup>	St Augustine's Coffee Morning
August	3 <sup>rd</sup>	WWI Commemoration
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Scarecrow Trail

# What's On?

To find out what's on in East and West Hendred in next few weeks, see www.hendred.org

To receive the What's On in The Hendreds email each week, send an email to events@hendred.org

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# **Regular Events**

Monday Scouts 7-9pm, Snells Hall (Richard Tingley, 07771 545006) Tuesday Cub Scouts 6.30-8pm, Snells Hall (Robin Gray, 769787) Wednesday Beaver Scouts 5.25-6.25pm, Snells Hall Walking Group 9.30am, meet at Snells Hall (Susie Turnbull, 833797)

Thursday

Sunday

Weekdays

MONTHLY

Mother & Toddler Group, 10-12am, Snells Hall (Clara Williams, 833204)

Bowls 7.45-10pm, Snells Hall (Ken Taylor, 833359)

**Champs Chapel Museum** 2:30 - 4:30pm, 27th April to 26th October

Preschool, at Snells Hall 9-12 noon daily 12-3pm Weds and Thurs Fiona Brown, 831555 www.hendredspreschool.org.uk

**Snells Hall Committee Meeting** 7.45pm, Snells Hall Gallery, 1st Tuesday **Downs Golden Age** 

Snells Hall, 1st Thursday Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm, Snells Hall, 2nd Tuesday

**Coffee Morning** 10.30am St Augustines, Last Wednesday, except August and December

Women's Institute 7.30pm, Snells Hall, 3rd Thursdav

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# Church Services

# **Catholic Parish** of St Mary

Priest-in-Charge: The Revd Mgr Andrew Burnham Tel: 01235 835038 or 07976437979 Email: aburnham @portsmouthdiocese .org.uk or Hendredandilsley @portsmouthdiocese .org.uk

Sunday Mass 9.30am St Mary's, East Hendred

# Parish Church of St Augustine of Canterbury

Rector: Rev. Elizabeth Birch Tel: 833235

Usually the Sunday service is at 10:30am, but please check the noticeboard at the church door or see What's On in The Hendreds

# The *Bulletin*

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