

# EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*

## Remembrance Day

The Act of Remembrance took place on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 11 o'clock at the War Memorial.

In beautiful weather, a large number of people took part in the ceremony. The Scouting organisations marched to the War Memorial and wreaths in honour of the fallen were laid.

The church clock began to strike 11 an instant after the Last Post was sounded – a wonderful piece of timing for a machine that has been running for 488 years (388 up to the start of the Great War!)

It was very moving to hear the names of the fallen, the units in which they served and the date of their death being read out.

The traditional two minutes' silence was held, at the centre of this very respectful occasion.

Prayers were led by the Rev Elizabeth Birch and Rev Mgr Andrew Burnham.

With the War Memorial and its garden in fine order, excellent organisation of the event with a light touch, all through voluntary effort, and people of good will attending, this was a memorable occasion that also underlined what a nice village this is.

Following the service, everyone was very generously invited by East Hendred Heritage to enjoy the new

First World War exhibition at the Champs Chapel museum, along with a glass of sherry. This lovely exhibition which includes relevant items that villagers have inherited from people involved in the Great War is very interesting and emotive, and a credit to the museum. The museum will be open on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 2:30 to 4:30pm.



## Volunteering for the Vale

### Chairman's Awards 2014

The annual Chairman's Award Lunch to recognise people who have made significant voluntary contributions to their community was held at The Beacon, Wantage on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

This year the people nominated from our community were:

**Jackie Francis**, a very long-term and highly active resident of the village, who has been Churchwarden for the last 14 years and a member of the Downs Golden Age committee. In both of these positions and also as treasurer of the Twinning Group in the past, Jackie is a key member of our community.

**John Sharp**, who has been chairman of East Hendred Community Centre since 1975, a parish councillor since 1976 and Chairman of the Parish Council since 1998, Chairman of Hendreds Twinning Group since 1997, representative for East Hendred on the Harwell Local Stakeholder Group since 1998 and its deputy chairman since 2013. John gives large amounts of his time and systematic and careful attention to many aspects of local community life, apart from also being a patron and past chairman of the Oxford Rural Community Council.

**Richard Tingley**, who has been a Scout leader in East Hendred, Lockinge and Ardington for 38 years. Richard has had a positive effect on many local youngsters, teaching them skills such as cooking, camping and map-reading, encouraging independence and self-sufficiency.

Congratulations to our award winners! Your dedicated efforts across many aspects of village life are appreciated by people from all parts of our community!



## John Stevenson – 1926-2014

John and Pauline came into the village in 1949, to live in Valentine's, Cat Street. For almost all of the 60 years he lived in this village John took an active part in several village organisations. Many will remember them both in a series of amateur dramatics productions during the 50's. He became a parish councillor in 1983 and chairman of the Council three years later. During the nine years he chaired the Council the village won Best Kept Village in Oxfordshire but John's main contribution during that time was the building of six much needed affordable houses off Couplings Close for village people, acquiring land, negotiating funds, gaining planning permission and seeing them built to house young people with village connections. He also secured the continuation of the village shop and the temporary relocation of the Post Office to Snells Hall. During this period he with other helpers arranged for security cover for the Post Office at the end of each day. John also acted as editor-in-chief of the *Bulletin* over several years.

John was also a main force with the village hall, initially chair of the committee for the old Village Hall (in Cat Street), with support from Pauline. A new hall was needed and in the early 1970's he set up the Community Centre Committee which he chaired. He chaired the public meetings which decided to purchase of the old Church of England school for the very reasonable sum of £7000, then arranged for major grants to be obtained and selected a builder to convert the old school into a hall for the village.

John was proud to open the new hall on 9<sup>th</sup> March 1974 and it is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. John stayed on the committee until 1991. His commitment to active involvement in both village halls spanned a period of 40 years, which shows real dedication. It is fitting that the gathering after John's funeral service was in the hall that he helped to create. A plaque will be placed in Snells Hall to celebrate his achievements.

John was a collector of historical artefacts from the village. He was a founder member of both the Hendred Society and the Hendred Heritage group, the latter starting in 1986, and setting up the village museum in Champs Chapel where many of John's collection found a home. He became the official archivist for the Museum and with

Pauline catalogued the artefacts and photos and arranged the annual exhibitions which continue to this day. His work and networking with other museums helped to get the museum formal accreditation in 2008 which was quite an achievement for a small museum. In a fitting tribute to John the upstairs gallery in Champs Chapel has been named as the "Stevenson Gallery".

He also found the funding to restore the Sheard painting of the Feast and re-housed it in a new cabinet, which is in Champs Chapel.

John was also a keen supporter of the 1831 village fire pump and took it with others to show it off at village events. He was the driving force to find it a permanent home in the garden at Snells Hall. He managed to find a suitable building, persuaded a local builder to lay the foundation and cajoled several volunteers to help him erect the home for fire pump, which was inaugurated by John in 2004.

We owe a great deal to John for his tireless work for this village over most of his active life. We benefit from so many things that John initiated or helped to support. We shall all miss him.



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# from the chair

The current development north of the A417 brings with it a benefit in the form of affordable housing. There are eight houses being built for letting through the South Oxfordshire Housing Association (SOHA) and SOHA is encouraging East Hendred residents or families with strong village connections living outside the village to apply. This is an important opportunity as there is a limited supply of such housing in the village.

As you can read elsewhere in this *Bulletin* we are being asked to comment on the Vale Council's Draft Local Plan to 2031. This is about to be assessed by an independent inspector and hopefully will provide this area with a valid Local Plan. The absence of an up-to-date plan and a five year housing supply has enabled developers to get approval for sites that would not normally have been approved. The Parish Council will be commenting on this latest draft and welcomes comments from village residents to input to our response.

There are a number of large sites being put forward for new housing in the Local Plan; the two nearest to this parish are the ones linked to the Harwell site. These include one to the east of the site for 850 new houses and one to the north of the site adjacent to North Drive for a total of 550 houses. The first site is in the parishes of Harwell and Chilton, the second is in both Harwell and East Hendred parishes. Some years ago there were

approximately 60 prefabs on a site close to this second site, all of which were in East Hendred parish. It is unclear at this stage how many houses, if built, would be in East Hendred parish but clearly their distance from the main part of the village would create many issues in providing services etc. There is also concern that both of these sites are within the protected area of the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, normally exempt from large housing developments.

We were sad to hear of the death of John Stevenson who contributed so much to this village. His obituary appears elsewhere in this *Bulletin*. John was instrumental in my getting involved in village organisations, when he asked me just after we'd moved into the village to be the Treasurer of the Community Centre Committee, newly formed to initiate a replacement hall for the one in Cat Street. I took over from him as chair of the Committee in due course. I also supported him when he was chair of the Parish Council. I owe John a personal thank you for getting me into village activities and acting as my mentor for many years. The Parish Council is planning to provide a memorial to John, somewhere in the village.

I am honoured to have received an award from the Vale District Council for my services to this village, over a period of the last 40 years. There were two other worthy local recipients for these awards, Jackie Francis and Richard Tingley, for their significant and generous voluntary efforts over many years.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

**John Sharp**

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## Parish Council Grants

The Parish Council sets aside funds each year to support village organisations with grants for capital projects or supporting events, as we recognise that obtaining grants from external organisations is increasingly difficult. In addition a grant from the Parish Council often unlocks funds from other bodies, by demonstrating village support for the project for which grant funding is sought.

Organisations interested in applying for grants should apply to the Clerk. We normally ask for a copy of the last set of accounts and invite a representative of the organisation to come to a meeting to present their case.

## A417 Pedestrian Crossing Progress Report

The Parish Council continues to campaign for a safer crossing. The design consultants for Pye Homes are working with Oxfordshire Highways and the Vale of White Horse to try to get approval for a design including a Puffin Crossing (a pedestrian crossing controlled by a traffic light - the improved version of a Pelican Crossing).

We are optimistic that approval can be gained in time for a Puffin Crossing to be installed for the completion of the 21 houses currently under construction. The design of the crossing is being developed at present.

## Dogs Barking in the Village

The spring *Bulletin* featured an article asking dog owners, particularly in Coulings Close, to prevent their dogs from persistent barking after there had been several complaints. There was an improvement for some time but there are still occasions when dog barking is a problem. Dogs are being left outside when the owners are out which can often result in persistent barking. Please consider your neighbours.

In law, barking dogs can be a statutory noise nuisance. Under the Environmental Protection Act (1990) a dog owner can be taken to court if they do nothing to stop the nuisance. The Local District Council has advice on handling nuisance problems, which includes excessive noise.



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## Local Plan 2031 Consultation

The Vale of White Horse District Council is required to produce a Local Plan which determines the locations of housing and employment within the district. A draft was consulted on earlier in the year which, in our area, included thousands of homes adjacent to the Harwell Campus, at Milton Heights and between Didcot and the A34, although none were within our parish. It accepted a requirement for the district to take over a thousand extra homes each year until 2031, partly to meet planned employment growth.

There was considerable opposition to the plans because the accompanying infrastructure improvements to support them would be too little and too late and because large numbers of houses would be within protected landscapes. The revised proposals do not change the overall number of houses, but reduce the number in our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. However, they now include a 550-home site mainly in East Hendred parish and in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty adjacent to the Harwell Campus, adjoining the Hungerford Road and the Icknield Way.

The parish council notes that the plans also include a large proportion of the houses no longer adjacent to employment sites, but instead in North Abingdon and Faringdon, increasing road use without adding infrastructure to cope. We consider that housing around the campus should initially be within the existing campus boundaries and only be considered outside it if employment reaches the forecast levels. There is also concern that the proportion of housing classified as 'affordable' is planned to be reduced from 40% to 35% as even 'affordable' is more expensive than most people can afford.

If you wish to take part in the consultation, please submit your comments directly to the District Council by the 19th December. If you copy them to the parish council before the 9th December, we will be able to consider them when making our response. Further consultations on developer financial contributions and on design have the same closing dates.

You can find the draft Local Plan on the Vale DC website:

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/new-local-plan-203>

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## Review of Subsidised Bus Services

Oxfordshire County Council reviews the bus network it supports every few years and is currently considering the buses in the Didcot and Wantage area.

The majority of buses serving both East Hendred and Rowstock are operated commercially and are not directly affected by the review.

The subsidised services are the 19:46 X1 journey from Didcot to Wantage, the entire X1 service on Sundays and the twice-weekly A1 service that provides a direct link to the Health Centre on Mably Way.

However, the parish council considers that the passengers on these services contribute to the usage of

the other commercially-run services and that the current overall level of service would be at risk if the subsidy is removed, as is threatened.

The parish council will work to ensure that the overall bus service meets the needs of people travelling to Wantage, Didcot, the Harwell Campus and elsewhere to get to work, school, shops and health care facilities.

Please contact Parish Councillor Stephen Webb if the withdrawal of these services would cause you difficulties.

You can find the bus service consultation on the Oxfordshire CC website:

<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/Busreview2014/consultationHome>

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## Community Infrastructure Levy

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a levy that local authorities can choose to charge on new developments in their area. The money can be used to support development by funding the infrastructure that the council, local community and neighbourhoods deem as necessary.

The Vale of White House District Council is a charging authority under the CIL legislation and it is investigating the potential for adopting a CIL. CIL will be a charge on new development, it is charged per square metre on net additional floor-space of development. CIL is not charged on affordable housing and buildings used for charitable purposes. The amount payable will be set at the time planning permission is granted and payment will be due at the commencement of development.

The preliminary charging schedule for residential development is £120 per sq.metre of floor space. Hence a 100 sq.m new dwelling would incur a CIL levy of £12,000 which would be shared between the local authorities

including the Parish Council. This direct allocation to the Parish Council is a new step and to be welcomed. We understand that the percentage to be allocated to Parish Councils would be 15% and increased to 25% if the village had a neighbourhood plan in place. This funding could be used to improve our village facilities. The Parish Council is considering the development of a neighbourhood plan but recognises that it would involve a lot of work.

Whilst CIL will replace many of the purposes of the existing S106 Agreements, S106 Agreements will remain to deal with matters such as site specific infrastructure requirements and affordable housing.

The Vale District Council is consulting on the CIL and the consultation will close on Friday 19 December 2014. The Parish Council will be responding and would welcome any input from village residents.

The CIL consultation is on the Vale DC website at:

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/delivering-infrastructure/community-infras>

## The Green Column - Hendreds Environment Group

### Hendred Estate Harnesses the Sun

Hendred Estate is cutting its carbon footprint by generating electricity from solar panels on and alongside one of their barns. Julian Gold of Hendred Estate says the motivation was a desire to reduce the farm's carbon footprint, but it should also more than pay for itself with an anticipated return of 12% on the capital investment.

Although the Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) payments have fallen significantly since they were first introduced, the price of solar photovoltaic panels has also fallen dramatically in the same period. FIT payments are paid for every unit of electricity generated, whether used on site or not, with a small, extra payment for every unit exported to the grid.

The Hendred Estate panels have a peak output power of 48kW. The estate expects to use about 30% of the electricity generated on site and to export the rest.

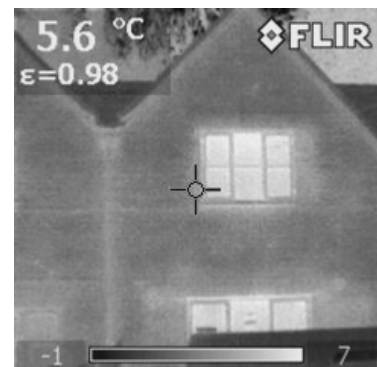


### Are You Heating Your Home, or Your Neighbourhood?

Hendreds Environment Group is offering thermal imaging of village homes this January. The Vale of White Horse District Council is kindly loaning us their thermal imaging camera once again.

Last January HEG volunteers imaged 27 homes in East and West Hendred. The images show which parts of the outside of a house are relatively warm, that is which parts are losing most heat to the outside. In February participants were invited to an information evening at Snells Hall to compare notes with other participants and to pick up some tips on conserving energy at home.

If you would like to take part this year please contact Sarah on 831568 or email [heg@hendred.org](mailto:heg@hendred.org).



## Snells Hall

We were sorry to learn that John Stevenson had passed away on 25<sup>th</sup> October. John had been associated with the village in many ways since arriving here in 1949. In particular his and others' vision had led to the purchase of the former Victorian School by the village as a community centre, which over time has been extended into the splendid premises of Snells Hall. This together with the village museum at Champs Chapel can be viewed as lasting memorials to his efforts.

Continuing the tradition of looking after our hall, Frank Aldridge has made an excellent job of repairing and painting the hall's front window frames. Thank you Frank for all your hard work!

We are still hoping to hear from anyone interested in continuing to run the Carpet Bowls Club. If anyone is interested in setting up a Junior Club, for example, or in

purchasing one of the carpets, complete with woods, jack and storage box for use elsewhere, please contact Ken Taylor (01235 833359)

The Mother & Toddler group has a need for new people to take part. Since the village schools and consequently the Pre-School have lowered their ages for acceptance attendance at M & Ts has fallen so low as to be almost unviable. Clara and Vikki who run this very useful group deserve support and would very much welcome more people to join in.

Please remember to book Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December to attend the Christmas Bazaar at Snells Hall. The income from this event is shared between the Community Centre, St. Augustine's Church and St. Mary's Church. The excellent singers of Hendreds Pre-school will be singing carols, tickets for the January pantomime (Robin Hood) will go on sale and the Grand Draw, with a large number of prizes will be held. Do come along at 2 p.m. and enjoy!

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## East & West Hendred W.I.

For our September meeting Tony Strafford, a Yeoman Warder at Her Majesty's Royal Palace and Fortress, the Tower of London, arrived at Snells Hall dressed in his magnificent Beefeater uniform. Tony gave a wonderful talk on 'Ladies of the Tower' and kept members enthralled with his very informative talk and anecdotes.

On a warm sunny September day Norman Francis accompanied members on an historical walk, this time we visited Abingdon and what a fascinating and historical town it is. Norman proved to be a fountain of knowledge and a terrific morning was enjoyed followed by the 'obligatory' pub lunch.

At our October meeting several members were eager to chat with Eileen Race after she gave a presentation on care and finances in later life. Eileen believes, as the demographics are changing and we live longer, there is a need for independent, empathetic information and advice on choosing and funding long-term care. Eileen proved to be a very popular speaker.

A number of members travelled by train and visited the Tower of London to view the poppies, 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red'. A moving and uplifting experience.

If you are new to the village or surrounding area come and visit East & West Hendred WI. We are a lively welcoming group and meet on the third Thursday of the month at Snells Hall Community Centre, East Hendred at 7:30pm. We have a varied and interesting programme, with many opportunities to meet and make some wonderful new friends. Our 2015-16 syllabus is almost complete and it promises to be a bumper year.

Check out the web site for dates and the occasional location change showing details of which meetings are open to visitors.

Website is [www.hendredswi.com](http://www.hendredswi.com) and contact is [lesley.hendred@gmail.com](mailto:lesley.hendred@gmail.com).



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## Springline Productions

Snells Hall and the Sports Club resound with sounds of slapping thighs, "Oh no they won't!" and songs, sung as they have never been sung before, as the cast rehearse for this year's Pantomime, **Robin Hood and his Merry Men**.

You will not want to miss it!

Remember that the actual performances will be in Snells Hall on the evenings of January 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 with a matinee on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>.

We can now announce that **tickets** to the public will **go on sale at the Snell's Hall Christmas Bazaar on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 2pm**. After that they will be available from Hendred Stores. Don't wait to get your tickets as **they sell out quickly**.

We are still looking for people to **assist with make-up** for the show. It would be really good experience for any 6<sup>th</sup> former interested in the performing arts or anyone who has a talent in that direction.

**Come and join us and have some fun.**

If you are interested in any way please get in touch with Susie on: [susieturnbull@monkscourt.co.uk](mailto:susieturnbull@monkscourt.co.uk)

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## Walking Group

As we all know the weather has been wonderful for the past few months. After a fabulous summer we then had a very dry and sunny September and October. We've had some lovely walks around East and West Hendred and have several times ventured further afield including to Blewbury and the Saddleback café at Farnborough. A smaller group started the Darcy Dalton Way in September and has now completed two legs. We have discovered parts of north Oxfordshire that we never knew existed, all very beautiful especially with the autumn colours. We've also got very lost!!

The walking group meets every Wednesday at 9.30 at Snells. We have between 14-18 regular walkers (plus 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 will be holding our Walkers Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at the Wheatsheaf Pub.

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](mailto:susie@monkscourt.co.uk)



Our first cold winter walk in Blewbury

## Church News

**Advent Sunday** – 30<sup>th</sup> November

Ecumenical Advent Carol Service for both parishes, this year to be held at St Mary's church at 6:30pm, with music from the fantastic Newman Consort.

**Christingle** – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

A Traditional Christingle service with oranges, sweets and candles will take place in St Augustine's church at 3.45pm. This has been timed so that you can also go to the **Nativity Procession** in East Hendred on the same afternoon.

**Christmas Services at St Mary's**

Christmas Eve: 4pm Crib Service; 8pm Carols and Readings and the First Mass of Christmas

**Christmas Day:**

9.30am Sung Mass at St Mary's; 11.15am Sung Mass at St Patrick's, East Ilsley

**Christmas Services at St Augustine's** are not yet fixed but will be announced in December in the Henchman magazine and on the church notice board.

## 2014 Wassail Project

You may remember that last Christmas we ran a project based on the carol "Good King Wenceslas", giving winter warmth parcels to people in our communities. This year we are varying the formula, making it an ecumenical initiative and using a traditional Wassail carol as inspiration.

Last year we distributed over thirty parcels. It would be wonderful to match that or surpass it this year. Donations of cash, clearly marked "2014 Wassail Project" or actual items would be most welcome. If you would like further information or to offer help in any way, see the leaflets in church or the article in the November Henchman for details, or call the Rector on 01235 833235 or Marie Bailey on 01235 762221.



*Love and joy come to you,  
And to you your wassail too,  
And God bless you and send you a happy New Year,  
And God send you a happy New Year!*

## The 'Tin Hut' is now the 'Rusty Bucket'

Anyone who goes along Newbury Road will see that the old Tin Hut has had a makeover. The hut was built in the early 1900s and given by the then owner of Church Place as a meeting room for St Augustine's church. In recent years it has hosted the thrift shop run by East Hendred Entertains, which raised many thousands of pounds each year that were given back to the village in the form of grants to village organisations and to subsidise village events. When the thrift shop closed, essential repairs were carried out on the building and proposals were invited for new uses for it.

St Augustine's churchwardens, Jackie and Suzanne, went to Reading to look at the original deeds in the Berkshire Records Office (East Hendred was in Berkshire when the hut was built). They found that the hut was given to St Augustine's parish and that the deeds stipulated that if it were used for any commercial purpose then St Augustine's was to be the beneficiary.

The Rector, churchwardens and PCC considered several plans put forward for the hut and have let it to Frank Aldridge, the warden of Snell's Hall, to open 'The Rusty Bucket', restoring furniture. The rent will be a very welcome source of income for St Augustine's, and it is hoped that Frank's business will be popular in the village.

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## Downs Golden Age

We held our fundraising Bridge Drive on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October which was well attended. As always, Stella put on a wonderful raffle and the food was delicious. Some of the Bridge players say they only come for the food!

On 6<sup>th</sup> November we reverted to our winter lunches and we had a talk by Phil and Janet Harrison on their recent trip to Cuba "**Cuban Calypso**", which was very entertaining. Our Xmas party is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December complete with a visit from Santa and a choir from Hendred School.

We were all very sad to hear the news of John Stevenson's death a few weeks ago. John had lived in the village since 1949. He was very involved in village life, was Chairman of the Parish Council and instrumental in the conversion of the old village school into Snells Hall. Also, of course, a much loved member of the DGA who will be much missed.

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.

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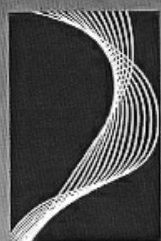
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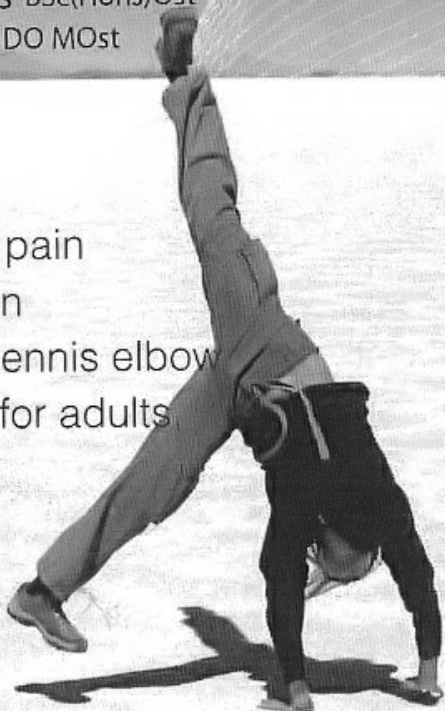
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## Hendreds Twinning Group

The Hendreds' own version of the Antiques Roadshow was held in Snells Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> October, with Simon Jones of the auctioneers Jones and Jacob of Watlington as the expert who undertook the identification and valuation of the wide variety of items brought by those attending. A light supper was included in the ticket price, and everyone present enjoyed the evening. It provided a welcome boost to the Twinning Group's funds.

Planning of our next visit to Sarceaux near Argentan in Normandy on the week-end of July 3-6<sup>th</sup> 2015 is already underway. It is expected that travel will be by coach from the village on the Friday evening, crossing on the overnight ferry from Portsmouth to Ouistreham and arriving in Sarceaux early on the Saturday morning.

Accommodation and generous hospitality will be with host families and an exciting week-end of activities will be

organised by our French counterparts. The return journey is on the Monday on the daytime crossing, arriving back in the village about 10pm. The visit is open to anyone interested from the Hendreds and neighbouring areas, and the ages of those travelling usually range from about 5 to 80+ years. It's an excellent opportunity for families with school children to practise their French, although rusty French from school days or even no French at all is not a problem as host families are matched accordingly with members of our group.

As noted in the last *Bulletin* the Group urgently needs a new Treasurer to be responsible for preparing the annual accounts as the current Treasurer wishes to step down.

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## Hendreds Preschool

The Hendreds Preschool has had a great term and the children have enjoyed their topic 'all about me'. We have welcomed some new faces and are now at capacity. This is fantastic and a real testament to the excellent job done by our preschool staff and committee.

We are looking forward to singing at the East Hendred Christmas Bazaar at Snells Hall and decorating cakes at the West Hendred Christmas Fair.

If anyone is interested in securing a place for their child (2 and 3 year olds are welcome) next September please pop in or visit our website [www.hendredspreschool.org](http://www.hendredspreschool.org)

## From our District Councillor

Readers should have received two leaflets from the Vale, one publicising the final consultation phase of the local plan identifying where the large strategic housing sites will be from now to 2031, and the other the consultation on the new Design Guide and the "Community Infrastructure Levy" (CIL). Consultations close on 19th December, so please do have your say before then.

After the local plan is examined, and adopted by the Council (hopefully) next year, then the next stage will be to consider allocation of smaller sites (under 200 units). The plan allows for nearly 2,000 units to be provided this way and through windfalls. We are suggesting that communities get involved in this by preparing a Neighbourhood Plan (NP), which can detail the particular character of their location (typically, but not necessarily, a parish) and influence its future in a way not possible before. A NP involves a lot of work, and is quite expensive, and we are looking at how we can support this through e.g. a toolkit, and guidance on production. Where communities do get development in the future, and they have a NP in place, then they receive 25% of the CIL tax collected in their area to spend on infrastructure. It is usually the Parish Council that prepares a NP, but volunteers may often be very welcome.

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## Broadband Update

Fibre-optic cables are being run to many areas in the effort to bring fast internet connections to areas all over the country. The Better Broadband for Oxfordshire effort has now brought fibre tantalisingly close, but where the end of this year was the hoped-for delivery date, the latest update shows the end of June 2015 as being the current target.

You can find the latest update at <http://www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk>

## Large numbers of houses being planned - what about their design?

Because of the numbers of houses being planned, their design is going to influence the look of our whole area.

The Vale of White Horse DC is publishing a new Design Guide, with the aim of providing "guidance to decision makers and those wishing to develop housing on the rules we will use to assess high quality, well designed homes and neighbourhoods in our district".

The Design Guide is under review and until 19<sup>th</sup> December, you can view and comment on it at:

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-development-framework/supplementar-2>

## Update on Play Equipment for Older Children

Thank you for all the responses we received via email and Facebook for your choices for play equipment for older children. The zipwire and the basket swing were neck and neck as choices. After researching through locations for the equipment, the Parish Council has decided to install a basket swing and we are currently getting quotes for a standard swing and a cantilever basket swing. We will keep you updated on our progress.



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## There is no such thing as a dog poo fairy!

We all very fortunate to live in a village that is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, however it is also our responsibility to keep our village beautiful. There has been an increasing amount of dog mess not being picked up from our footpaths and grass verges.

We take dog fouling very seriously as dog mess is not only unpleasant but it spreads diseases, which can cause illness and even blindness. Please remember we have two primary schools in our village and a lot of young children use the footpaths as well. **So please pick up after your dog!**

## Planning Matters

**P13/V2544/FUL** – Land north of the Reading Road, Solar Farm

This application has now gone to appeal. The parish council does not object to the application, but has raised a number of issues including concerns about the public footpath and vehicular access to the site.

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

The plaque has now been installed.

**P14/V1269/HH** – East View, St Mary's. Two storey side extension. The Parish Council objected to the amended application on the grounds that no provision for on-site parking had been made. Planning permission granted.

**P14/1515/FUL** – Curie Avenue, Harwell. Drilling of 5 boreholes. The Parish Council had no objections. Planning permission granted.

**P14/1626/FUL** – Land to the rear of Lynwood, Reading Road. Erection of 4 detached houses. The Parish Council has raised strong objections to this application on the grounds that the lack of a controlled crossing on the A417 means the application does not meet highway safety criteria. Objections were also raised on the impact to the character of the village, inadequate parking provision for Lynwood, lack of safe access to public rights of way and potential flood risks. Planning permission granted.

**P14/1632/FUL** – Hill Farm, St Mary's Road. Replacement of general purpose storage building. The Parish Council had no objections. Planning permission granted.

**P14/1676/HH and P14/1677/LB** – Wells Head, Newbury Road. Structural repairs, improved vehicular access and the removal of trees. The Parish Council objected to this application because it would remove disabled access and the impact it would have on the character of the village. Planning permission refused, listed building consent granted.

**P14/V1964/FUL** – Development of a further 26 houses on land to the north of Portway Villas, Reading Road. Following well-attended public consultation the Parish Council has strongly objected to this development. The main grounds for objection were the changes to the character of the village, the sustainability of the development and the lack of a clear northern boundary. Awaiting a decision by the Vale.

**P14/V2017/HH** – Various extensions to Old Hickory, White Road. The Parish Council had no objections. Awaiting a decision by the Vale.

**P14/V2019/PAR** – Muster Point, Featherbed Lane. Change of use from agricultural building to dwelling. The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds that it had been refused twice before and there has been no material changes since the last refusal. Planning permission granted.

**P14/V2043/FUL** – The Lodge, Wantage Road, Rowstock. Amendments to a previously approved application which involve changes to the boundaries of plot 1. The Parish Council had no objections. Planning permission granted.

**P14/V2107/LB** – Dunelm, Horn Lane. Application for listed building consent to insert horizontal boiler flue pipes through the external wall. Planning permission granted.

## 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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<b>Howard Spicer Fund:</b>	Ann Taylor, Diana Wheeler, Barbara Smith
<b>Transport:</b>	Stephen Webb

**P14/V2258/O** – South Drive, Harwell. Outline permission to demolish the existing properties on the site and develop up to 120 new homes. The Parish Council had no strong views on this application. Awaiting a decision by the Vale.

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## Dec 2014 - Feb 2015

### December

6 <sup>th</sup>	12 to 3pm	Christmas Market, St Amands
6 <sup>th</sup>	2 to 4pm	Christmas Bazaar, Snells Hall
14 <sup>th</sup>	2 to 4pm	First World War Exhibition, Champs Chapel
21 <sup>st</sup>	3pm	East Hendred Nativity Procession
	3:45pm	Christingle, St Augustine's
24 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Crib Service, St Mary's
	8pm	Carols and 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Christmas, St Mary's
25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Sung Mass, St Mary's
	10:30am	Christmas Communion, St Augustine's

### January

29 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup>		Pantomime, Robin Hood and his Merry Men, Snells Hall
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### What's On?

To find out what's on in East and West Hendred in coming weeks, see [www.hendred.org](http://www.hendred.org)

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## Regular Events

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Wednesday	<b>Beaver Scouts</b> 5.25–6.25pm, Snells Hall <b>Walking Group</b> 9.30am, meet at Snells Hall (Susie Turnbull, 833797) <b>Mother &amp; Toddler Group</b> 10–12am, Snells Hall (Clara Williams, 833204)
Sunday	<b>Champs Chapel Museum</b> 2:30 - 4:30pm, 27th April to 26th October
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## Church Services

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