

EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*



Springline Pop-Up Choir performing at the Hendred Heritage Auction (see page 5 for reports)



Penny Lees on the bench with John Sharp (Parish Council Chair)

John Stevenson's Bench

The Winter *Bulletin* for 2014 contained an article recording John Stevenson's significant involvement with many village activities such as Hendred Heritage and Snells Hall. In addition John chaired the Parish Council for nine years and the Council thought it appropriate that there should be a permanent memorial to him. It was thought that given the many hours that John spent in the Chapel which is the village museum, it would be appropriate for the new seat to be installed dedicated to John, overlooking the Chapel. After a short reception in Champs Chapel on Sunday 23rd August, John's daughter Penny Lees formally dedicated the seat, cutting the traditional red ribbon.

The New Defibrillator is Up and Running

A defibrillator can save life in the case of cardiac arrest.

Volunteers have refurbished the disused call box on the High Street and installed a safe containing a defibrillator.

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Modern defibrillators are designed to be used by untrained people, but having some training can help to save time, which is vitally important when using this equipment.

A basic training course will be held at Snells Hall on **Tuesday, 15th September at 8:15pm**, for anyone who would like to be involved.

The Community First Response group continues to do their excellent work and this defibrillator will complement the one that they operate.

The defibrillator and safe were bought with a large donation from a generous village resident who wishes to remain anonymous and with further donations from the public via Hendred Stores and from the Carpet Bowls Club.

Thanks to those who helped this project forward in practical and financial ways, including Julia Evans, John Groves, Martin Johnson, Robin Livett, Charles Pappenheim, Sue Roberts, David Rolfe, Chris Salmon, Barbara Smith, Lucy Taylor and Tony Wheeler.



Examination of the Vale Draft Local Plan 2031

The deadline for responses to the Inspector's questions was 21st August. Between 22nd September and 1st October 2015, Stage 1 hearings on Strategic Issues will be held at the Beacon in Wantage.

The Inspector, Malcolm Rivett, will then publish an Interim Report saying whether:

1. the plan is unsound and cannot be remedied, or is not legally compliant, and should be withdrawn. The plan would not be legally compliant if the Inspector finds that the plan does not meet the Duty to Co-operate with adjoining authorities, and other procedural matters. (*The City of Oxford considers that the plan does not meet these requirements because it should meet the need for new housing, which cannot be met within the City Council boundaries.*)
2. the plan needs no modifications.
3. the plan should be modified.

The Inspector will consider detailed site proposals in Stage 2. He will be able to modify Strategic matters if he finds that:

1. the household projections are out of date. (*The Parish Council say that the most recent household projections would require c.8,000 new dwellings (2012-2031).*)
2. the adjustments to take account of economic growth etc are unrealistic or would not necessarily require more dwellings. (*The Parish Council seeks a reduction from 21,000 to 12-13,000 houses and from 24,000 to 14-15,000 new jobs. There are nearly 500 objections to large-scale development in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as contrary to national planning policy.*)
3. the proposed amount of employment land, 219 hectares (548 acres) cannot be justified by the likely demand for new jobs.
4. the distribution of housing/jobs is not a sustainable pattern of development, or if the ring fence is not adequately explained.

Report from Mike Murray, our District Councillor

There has been much talk in the paper and on the radio about how we might be asked to accommodate some of Oxford City's unmet housing need. The City is one of the most expensive places to live in the country, and this is proving a problem for businesses unable to recruit or retain staff. The need figure is in a range from 24-32,000 homes between 2011 and 2031. The City has some fairly obvious constraints (predominantly the need to protect the "Dreaming Spires") so it is likely they will need some help in meeting their numbers. They think that they can only accommodate 10,000 homes. Having done some research we think they could find at least 16,000. Together with the County and other Districts we are working out what this genuine unmet figure should be, and how it should be best accommodated. We have said that we will look at options assuming that we take 25% of their net unmet need assuming three testing points of 2,000, 3,000, and 4,000 homes over the plan period. There is no certainty that any of these will be the final number, and we are right at the beginning of the process of working out where they might best be allocated.

Regarding community leisure facilities, the Vale has commissioned consultants to do an audit of the open spaces, playing pitches and sports facilities in the District to establish what communities need to upgrade their infrastructure. Parish Councils are being asked to help with this audit and research.

On waste collection, a reminder that small (broken or unwanted) electrical items can be left out in a bag next to your black bin for collection by Biffa and recycling. This new service will start on 5th October.

Finally, readers will be interested to know that the next window for applications for grants (from £1,000 for worthwhile projects) from the Vale will be open from 7th September. The fund is fairly significant and applications are appraised by area committees (next meeting at the beginning of next year). We are in the Wantage area, so now is a good time to prepare a bid for this year's funding.

Please email me if you would like to know more about the above or I can help with another Vale related matter.

Mike.murray@causewayland.com

Car Parking - Please be considerate!

Many of the houses in the village were built before cars were invented, and many others at a time when their residents were not expected to own cars. The result is a shortage of spaces to park all the cars in the village today. In the interest of safety and consideration for others, please give a thought to the following points, which arise from the way people are parking in the village at the moment:

- Where you have space for cars on your own property, use it. Some people park on the street leaving their drive empty, which makes things more difficult for those who do not have space to park on their own property and for visitors.
- If you park with two wheels on the kerb, always leave enough room for people with pushchairs to pass on the pavement.
- Avoid parking on junctions and corners. Your car may block other drivers' view of oncoming traffic or force them into the middle of the road to get around the corner. It is against the law to park within 10 metres of a junction.

from the chair

Most of the new houses in Portway Close (north of the A417) are now occupied and we welcome the residents to be part of the village. In particular there are 8 “affordable houses” and some of these have been let to families who have close links to the village, which we very much welcome.

“North Hendred” is in the news again with a forthcoming planning application to build over 80 houses on the Greensands site. As noted below there is the prospect of up to 80 houses being built north of the A417 which will change the nature of our village forever. A major factor is the lack of a Local Plan and we hope that one can be approved soon – the examination by an inspector is due to start in September and a separate article explains the position (see opposite).

We welcome two new councillors who have filled casual vacancies since the election in May. This brings the total number up to 9 which is our full complement. The newcomers are:

Catherine Shortis, who lives at Oak Barn in Old Road, has lived in the village for 15 years and has three children. She has had a variety of jobs and is currently working as a receptionist/administrator at the Oratory Preparatory School in Reading. She has already joined the Council working group for the allotments.

Selby Stocks is a relative newcomer to the village. He and his family live in one of the older houses north of the A417. He is about to become a fully chartered architect and works at David Parker Architects based in Watlington. His knowledge of the planning system and experience with the formation of local and neighbourhood plans is expected to be of real benefit to the Council.

Planning remains a major concern for the Parish Council and recently the Council has been overwhelmed with applications, several of which involve new housing. This involves a lot of work in preparing our response to the Vale Planning Department and in some cases speaking at Vale Planning Committee meetings explaining our case against a particular development. We regard this work as important as new housing in particular changes the nature of the village.

A warm welcome to Angela Pawlyn, as new editor of the *Bulletin*!

John Sharp

Developments North of the A417 at East Hendred

Until about a year ago there was only a handful of houses north of the A417 at East Hendred. At Portway Close 21 houses have been built and a further four are to follow in the grounds of Lynwood. Pye Homes have been refused planning permission for a further 26 houses to adjoin the Portway Close development, and this is now under appeal. If the appeal, which the Parish Council has opposed, is successful, this will bring the total of new houses north of the A417 at East Hendred to 51.

An application to build a solar farm north of the A417 close to the main part of the village was refused by the Vale Planning Department and at appeal was rejected because it would be likely to have a significant detrimental impact on views towards, and the setting of, the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The appeal inspector stated that the proposal would have a significant adverse effect on the character of the area, and would harm the appearance of the area. One of the reasons for the interest in developing land north of the A417 is that it is not in the AONB. The main part of our village is inside the AONB where planning is more restrictive.

There will shortly be a planning application to develop the Greensands site and land at Mather House, with up to a further 80 new houses. Villagers will have had the opportunity to inspect the plans in early September. Safe pedestrian access for people living north of the A417 to the main part of the village where the shop, schools, churches, pubs, hall and playgrounds are located is a major issue. We understand that if the development went ahead, pedestrians would need to use the Mather House site to access the village as there is no footpath along this part of the A417. The question of a safe crossing on the A417 for these pedestrians is crucial. The Parish Council has yet to review this application and decide on its response.

These developments would change East Hendred into a village divided by a busy road. The A417 is already close to capacity at peak times and further traffic will be generated with the large housing developments in Wantage/Grove.

A key question is if the village wants to see further growth north of the A417? Unfortunately with the current planning situation without a Local Plan, speculative applications for development are being approved. We may find that due to the critical shortcoming of a lack of a local plan, East Hendred becomes a different village with a fifth of its houses north of the A417.

From the Editor

Many thanks to all contributors. I am sorry that it has been necessary to do quite a bit of pruning.

I am particularly pleased to include Isabel Case's contribution to the Twinning article on page 11. I am hoping that there will be room to have a section for younger readers and writers in future *Bulletins*. For example, I would like to hear about the junior sports teams, Cubs and Scouts as well as interesting trips.

I would also like to follow Susie Turnbull's Four Churches and Villages walk with descriptions of other walks either from East Hendred or further afield. For the Winter Edition, it would be good to feature a walk which is not too muddy!

Angela Pawlyn bulletin@hendred.org



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Hendred Heritage Auction 20th June

Just before the event started the rain stopped and held off for the rest of the evening, and although it wasn't warm and balmy it was pleasant enough for an outside event in June. There was a great turn out of people and the accompaniment by The Mulberry Band and then the performance by Springline Pop-up Choir added to the ambience of the evening. Our thanks to them both.

Ali Eyston did a magnificent job, as always, of auctioning the lots and gleaming every pound she could on our behalf. We also had a bar and raffle so altogether we made around £4,200 with Gift Aid yet to come! We would like to thank Edward & Ali Eyston for their hospitality in holding the event in their beautiful gardens, as well as all the donors of the lots and bidders who were very generous.

Sonia Roberts



Ali Eyston in action

Springline Productions

Springline Amateur Dramatics Society's Pop-Up choir was led by our musical director, Matt Winkworth. After just two rehearsals, a group of local people performed three songs in the grounds of Hendred House. The experience was enjoyed by all, audience and singers alike, some of whom had not been in a choir since school! We welcomed the newcomers and hope that many will return to become part of Springline's next performance. This will be two evening performances on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th November, one including food, showcasing a range of comedy songs and sketches. We would love people to join us in our taster session on Sunday 20th September in Snells Hall from 3-5pm when we will be introducing some of the group pieces.

For more information, please contact Susie Turnbull on 833797 or susie@monks court.co.uk.

Clare Bedford (Springline Chair)

East & West Hendred WI



In June Dave Maycock came and gave a fascinating talk about the history of brass rubbing and brought resin replicas so that members were able to have a go and produce their own brass rubbing.

Rev. Nicholas Henderson is an expert on Tudor history and in July we learned about two of Henry VIII's wives - Anne of Cleves and Jane Seymour. A visit to Sheepdrove Organic Farm near Lambourn included a bumpy tractor ride and a delicious lunch.

In August we enjoyed two parties – a Pimms and canapés evening in Jill's lovely garden and our summer party at West Hendred Village Hall, when Jim Mitchell and Graham O'Connor entertained us with Flanders & Swann old favourites as well as humorous poems and songs.

On 16th September a picnic at Jill Broadley's will celebrate 100 years of the W.I. The next day we have a talk entitled "Forty years in Bomb Disposal and still 10 fingers" by Major Ian Jones, MBE. He has worked in the Bomb Disposal Squad in the British Army and Metropolitan Police. On 29th September Norman Francis will lead a walk round historic Dorchester.

Peter Wentworth, a magician from Faringdon, will provide an evening of entertainment for our October meeting. In November, Gillian Pett will demonstrate how to make Christmas decorations and members will be able to have a go.

Anne Pagett

Hendred Ukelele Group

I founded the Group (known locally as HUG) with other members of St Augustine's congregation. None of us had any experience of playing this rather splendid instrument that does not need to be plugged in to the mains and can be carried easily in one hand with shopping or children in the other.

Since our performance at St Augustine's Fete in June we have had a number of invitations and are now booking for 2016. We were pleased to raise £88 for Thames Valley Air Ambulance busking outside the Bear in August. We have had a visit from BBC Radio Oxford and also photos and report in the Wantage *Herald*.

We meet on Wednesdays at the Barn opposite the Wheatsheaf. The group has rapidly grown to 20 so there is a waiting list for beginners. Do not wait - call me now. (831115)

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Downs Golden Age

We have yet again had a successful few months with the DGA. We had a very well supported and fun day out to Poole in June with not a spare seat on the coach. On 2nd July the Summer Luncheon was very well attended and included visitors from Ardington, Blewbury and Harwell. As always Salvador and his team provided an excellent lunch and we were all entertained by the choir from St Amunds School. On 6th August it was our annual themed afternoon and this year it was a "A 1945 Street Party" with tea and musical entertainment. The committee festooned the hall with patriotic bunting and the tables were laid in red, white and blue. A suitable "ration style" tea was served – but of course it was much more lavish than what would have been on offer in 1945. During the afternoon we were delightfully entertained by Sairah Rees, a young village resident, who sang a selection of wartime songs and encouraged the audience to join in. Good fun was had by all. There was a prize for the best dressed 1945 costume. First prize to Betty Holliday and second prize to Avis Atkins.

Our October Bridge Drive is on Monday 12th October, starting at 10am, £15 per person which includes a wonderful 2 course lunch and wine. Please contact Susie to book a place.

The DGA meets on the first Thursday of the month at Snells Hall and we always welcome new members and guests. It's only £10 per year and that covers all the lunches and teas, speakers and subsidised outings. For more information please ring Susie on 833797 or email susie@monkscourt.co.uk



Members dressed up for 1945 Street Party

Sun Shines on Tennis Club's Main Event

Hendreds Tennis club basked in glory and sunshine on Saturday 28th June. "The best time ever," is how one junior described her experience of the tournament. It was one of the many plaudits the club received for the 2015 tournament. Over 40 players entered the competition which took place under mostly blue skies, a wonderful lead-up to Wimbledon fortnight. The event was held on five courts including the club's own newly refurbished surfaces.

Once again the player profile included a good mix of ages, some joining the competition for the first time which provided opportunities for surprise and challenge. Many of the members had made good use of the club's weekly 'turn up and play' sessions to prepare for the competition, including those who were rediscovering tennis after a number of years from the game.

This year saw the return of a Ladies' singles competition. Exciting rallies and high standards of tennis were witnessed across all draws, culminating in six separate finals.

The day's winners were presented with a range of silverware. Normally the club awards its MacKinnon Plate to an outstanding junior player. This year the plate was presented to the most senior member of the club, John D'Alton. It recognises John's years of contributing to all aspects of club life. He has coached many of the club's junior members including some who competed in this tournament as well as many who are now adult, with children of their own. Most of all, John continues to demonstrate his love of the game by taking every opportunity to play.

The day was smartly summed up by John D'Alton who said, "It ain't just tennis", reflecting on what it means to

members to have a thriving, characterful club where enjoyment of the game and social collaboration is as important as developing play.

Thanks to the Eyston, Taylor and Wilson-MacDonald families who loaned their courts and to all who helped stage a fabulous event.

The club's next event is a mixed doubles tournament on **Sunday 27th September**, open to members and non-members. To join Hendreds Tennis Club or for enquiries email our Membership Secretary: play@hendredstennis.co.uk. Membership forms are also available to download from our website: www.hendredstennis.co.uk

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News from St Mary's

This autumn, now we have completed our 150th Anniversary celebrations, we begin to use our lovely new facilities at St Mary's. It's good to have a loo on site at last – how many are put off by the fear of a young child or old person being 'caught short'? It's good too to have the 1865 Sacristy restored to its lofty splendour. What we are really proud of, though, is the Holy Family Room. Here at last is somewhere pleasant for our expanding Children's Liturgy to meet, whilst parents are listening to the readings and the homily in Church. People sometimes say 'Children are our future'. They're not, of course. They are our present (in more than one sense of the word). People sometimes say, rather unthinkingly, that they will let their children make their own minds up about spiritual matters, when they have grown up. That would be like not teaching children to speak, or read, or eat or drink anything other than milk. We do our best for our children – teaching them English (of the various languages on offer) and to eat and drink the kind of food we think is good and wholesome. So it is with our values and with spiritual matters. Catholics believe in the importance of Baptism, teaching of the Faith, First Communion and Confirmation. We're not always very good at passing on these things and sometimes the problem is the opportunity and the facilities. Here in East Hendred, with well-equipped Church premises, and with St Amand's Catholic Primary School, we are able to give children and families a flying start in life.

Date for your diary: A Children's Mass at 9:30am on Sunday 20th September.

Fr Andrew



Philip, Bishop of Portsmouth at the Mass to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St Mary's church, Sunday 16th August 2015

News from St Augustine's

The Benefice of Wantage Downs, of which the parish of St Augustine's, East Hendred, is the largest member (the others are West Hendred, Ardington and Lockinge), has two new initiatives to announce.

First, a new Benefice website. With regret, the *Henchman* magazine has become too expensive to continue and will no longer be published. Instead, service times and events, as well as information about baptism and church weddings and funerals, will be available on the website: www.wantagedownsbenefice.com

The website is already live, but the plan is to use this pilot for a few months and see how people want to use it, then upgrade to a professionally designed version when it's clear exactly what's required. Please have a look at the site and let us know what you think, and what else you'd like to see there.

People who don't have access to the internet will still be able to find out about church services and events in this *Bulletin*, on the pew sheets available each week in church, and through the noticeboards at the door of the church. They are also included in the weekly email 'What's On in The Hendreds' (send an email to events@hendred.org to add your name to the distribution list).

Second, a new Family Service in St Augustine's at 10:30am on the third Sunday of each month (that's 20th September, 18th October and 15th November). The Family Service is short and informal, and for those with active small children a lot more accessible than more traditional services. But it is not exclusively for children by any means, and everyone is invited to come and join in, whatever their age.

For those who will miss the Holy Communion service that the Family Service replaces, there'll be a new **mid-week Holy Communion** service at St Augustine's at 11am on the fourth Thursday of the month: 24th September, 22nd October, 19th November.

This year's **Harvest Festival service** will be held on Sunday 4th October at 10:30am, followed by a **ploughman's harvest lunch** in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend, but for catering purposes please let Jackie Francis know in advance that you are coming (tel: 833473). The church will be decorated for the festival, so please drop in to have a look.

Remembrance Sunday falls on 8th November, when the service at St Augustine's will start early to enable the congregation to attend the **Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11am** with the congregation of St Mary's and the whole village.

As well as **coffee mornings** on the last Wednesday of the month, there is an additional one in aid of **Save the Children**, on Wednesday 11th November, from 10:30am at Peeler's Cottage, Chapel Square – a chance to buy all your Christmas cards, wrapping paper and small presents without leaving the village. Again, everyone is invited.

Benefice Communion - On the 2nd and 5th Sundays of the month, the whole Benefice meets together for worship at one of the four churches:

Sept 13th West Hendred 10:30am

Oct 11th Lockinge 10:30am

Nov 8th East Hendred (Remembrance Sunday – service starts early)

Nov 29th Ardington 10:30am

Dec 13th West Hendred 10:30am

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Hendreds Twinning Group July visit to Sarceaux

Twenty-five people, including 7 school-age children, travelled by coach and cross-channel ferry to our twinned village near Argentan in Normandy. The itinerary was slightly different this year in that we used the afternoon fast ferry crossing to Cherbourg, arriving late evening in Sarceaux to meet our hosts before being taken to their homes for a welcome night's sleep. The formal welcome at the Mairie was 11 a.m. the next morning, a welcome change from 8 a.m. on previous visits! Two full days of generous hospitality and interesting visits followed, before we left again on the Monday morning to catch the afternoon ferry back from Caen, with stops at a giant Hypermarket and an extra unscheduled stop at the Pegasus Bridge Museum (site of the first gliders landing on French soil in June 1944 on the eve of the D-Day landings) on the way there.

This year we had two new families with us, Jane and Roy Lennox from West Hendred and the Case family, lately moved from West to East Hendred.

Richard Case writes:

They said "Visit the Hendreds' French twin village Sarceaux and spend three nights getting to know the local culture and improving your French". My son, Nicholas (12) had just started French at school and it seemed an opportunity not to miss. When Isabel (9) said "me too" the deal was sealed. A few months later there I was on a coach to Portsmouth, I'll admit to some trepidation. Was my GCSE French really up to it? Would the family we were visiting be pleasant and accommodating? Arriving in a stranger's house in a foreign country at 11pm with two tired and nervous children was certainly a little daunting but from there it got better and better. Unexpectedly, Arnaud, Ghyslaine and their two children spoke very little English but part of the fun was practicing French and by the end we were able to share jokes and even discuss the state of the Greek economy! Ghyslaine was from Ivory Coast and we were treated to delicious food and it was interesting to hear the family stories while bobbing around in the swimming pool in the baking 34°C heat.

Isabel Case (age 9) writes

We went to France to the twin village of the Hendreds called Sarceaux. The thing I liked most was the French family we stayed with. We don't speak French that well so we couldn't understand some things they said and their English was a bit rusty. We went to a famous race track called Le Mans on Sunday. There were very fast car and motorbike races. I cheered for a blue and orange car. The orange car came seventh and the blue car came eighteenth. There were 36 cars altogether. In the French family there was a boy called Côme, a girl called Nora and a mum and dad called Ghyslaine and Arnaud. On Saturday we had a BBQ for lunch and played in the pool with a big blow up crocodile and a big blow up Nemo it was very fun. There was a big mountain dog called something like Lulu. The trip was very exciting.

The French love the Hendreds and will be coming back for a weekend next July in even greater numbers. So if you fancy hosting or just joining in the fun we'd love to hear from you.

Feast of Local Food, 18th October, Snells Hall, 12:30 pm.

This will be the third time Hendreds Twinning Group has organised a meal like this, sourcing as many ingredients as possible from a 10 mile radius of the villages. The planned menu will include choices of 6 different soups, 6 main courses and 6 delicious desserts, with a speaker from one of the local farm shops afterwards. Open to all, so bring along family and friends, tickets excellent value at £12.50 for adults, £5 for school-age children. (Advance purchase only please for catering purposes.)

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The Walking Group

We have had some wonderful weather this summer with very little rain and so have enjoyed some lovely walks. We have had a few walks further afield; to Blewbury, on the Ridgeway and a visit to the Saddleback café. We were also invited to join the Uffington group for lunch and a walk in July. We have become "more than a walking group" and now have at least 2 lunches a year and trips to the theatre.

The D'arcy-Dalton Way has almost been completed! It's taken a year. This will be the third long distance footpath completed in three years. For the next one we are heading further south towards Winchester.

The walking group meets every Wednesday come rain or shine. New walkers are always welcome. We normally start at Snells Hall at 9.30 but sometimes venture further afield so it's always best to ring or email first so that you know the length of the walk. Ring Susie – 833797 or susie@monkscourt.co.uk



Near the end of the D'arcy Dalton Way

Four Villages and Churches Walk

This is a lovely 6 mile walk taking in the four Springline villages and churches.

Start at **St Augustine's Church** in East Hendred. Walk up Newbury Road. After about 1/2 mile you will come to a track crossing Newbury Road. Turn right on to the Icknield Way. Follow the IW, crossing the road from West Hendred to Ginge and gradually downhill to the Ginge Brook. Be careful here. The path is steep and can be slippery after rain. Go over the bridge and continue on the IW. Soon you will see views of Ardington on your right. After about a mile you will come to the road from Ardington to Ginge. Go along the road for approx 200 yards and turn left down a private road. This will take you to the road from Ginge to Lockinge. At that road turn right and then right again through a group of office buildings bearing slightly left. **Locking Church** is on your left and is usually open for a visit.

After the last cottage climb over the gate and follow the track with river and lake on your left. At end of track turn right through a kissing gate into a field. At the end of the

field go through another kissing gate and bear slightly left through a field until you meet the road.

Ardington Church is straight ahead of you.

Go left onto road and the after 50 yds turn right, going past the church and The Boars Head. Ardington is a good place to stop as you have the choice of the pub or the village shop/cafe round the next corner. After you have passed the entrance to Ardington House on your right look for a little footpath on your right. Go down the footpath and at the end turn right, over the river and turn left. Follow the road and track in a straight line to West Hendred. Over one bridge and stile and then a kissing gate, through the churchyard of **Holy Trinity Church**. This church is also usually open.

Go over the road and through the kissing gate straight ahead, through small field and through next gate to join The Lynch back to East Hendred. At the end of The Lynch turn left down Ford Lane and then right into Church Street which will take you back to **St Augustine's**.

Susie Turnbull

Citizens Advice Offers Pension Wise Appointments

Citizens Advice is providing Pension Wise appointments at Abingdon and other bureaux in South Oxfordshire, giving people access to free and impartial pension guidance in their local area.

Pension Wise is a new government service designed to help people understand their pension options and empower them to make the right choices for themselves. The 45-minute appointments will be tailored to individuals, taking into account the value of their pensions and their plans for retirement. A Pension Wise appointment could help you if:

- you are approaching retirement or are aged 50 or over;
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Guidance appointments are also available on the telephone, provided by the Pensions Advisory Service. Information and general guidance is also obtainable online at www.pensionwise.gov.uk.

To book an appointment either on the telephone or face to face, call 0300 330 1001.

New! Family service

Every third Sunday in the month at 10.30am at Saint Augustine's East Hendred

Upcoming dates:

Sun 20th Sept

Sun 18th Oct

Sun 15th Nov



Informal, family-friendly service lasting about half an hour with children's activities.

Cycling Heroes Pedal 175 Miles for Charity

As millions around the world sat at home watching the Tour de France in July, an East Hendred-based marketing agency decided to go one step further, asking "Tour de What?" as they took on an epic 175-mile dawn-till-dusk cycle challenge.

On Friday 10th July, employees from The Marketing Practice hit the road to raise money for the children of Footsteps – a charity specialising in the intensive rehabilitation of children and young adults with cerebral palsy. As the sun beat down on a scorching day, they peddled from Marlborough, Wiltshire to East Hendred, stopping off at a variety of spots along the way including Bracknell, Slough, Marlow, Thames Valley Park and Oxford (the offices of their major clients – companies like O₂, Microsoft and AXA Wealth). It ended with a party at The Plough, with 150 guests, including the cyclists' families. With the longest single leg of *le Tour* standing at 'only' 127 miles, the charity cyclists had an early idea of just how difficult the task would be. Stu Whyte, a Senior Designer at The Marketing Practice, and originator of this mad idea, said, "It's without doubt the hardest thing I've ever done. Before the event the furthest I'd ever cycled was 89 miles so I wasn't really sure what to expect after that!"

To date, The Marketing Practice has raised a dizzying £14,000 for Footsteps and that figure is still rising. Anna Hutton, MD, said: "We set out to raise £17,500 and that's still our goal. People keep coming up with interesting fundraising ideas for us to get involved in and the donations are still coming in."

The £17,500 target would fund a full year of therapy for two disabled children. Pip Hoyer Millar, founder of Footsteps, said: "The support we've received from The Marketing Practice has been truly inspiring. These fundraising projects are what keep the centre alive, and without them we wouldn't be able to afford a lot of our family programmes. The Footsteps Foundation part-funds the centre's unique treatment for families that can't afford to pay the whole amount on their own. So every penny is going to those most in need."

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Planning Matters

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

The Parish Council did not object to the application, but raised a number of issues including concerns about the public footpath and vehicular access to the site. This application was rejected on appeal on the grounds of landscape impact.

P14/V1964/FUL – Development of a further 26 houses on land to the north of Portway Villas, Reading Road. The Parish Council 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. The Parish Council presented its objection to the application at the Vale Planning Committee in January. Permission was refused. This application has now gone to appeal and the Parish Council has made representations against the development.

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 but requested improvements to cycle routes and bus services to enhance transport links to the site. Decision awaited.

P15/V0771/HH – Victoria Cottage, Newbury Road, Rowstock. Application to demolish the existing conservatory and replace it with a single storey brick extension. The Parish Council had no objections to this application. Permission granted.

P15/V0851/HH – Oak Barn, Old Road. Application for the erection of a three bay garage. The Parish Council requested a condition be applied to prevent future conversion into a dwelling. The Parish Council also requested hedging to provide screening for adjacent properties. Permission has been granted without a condition to provide screening.

P15/V0854/FUL – Land adjacent to 3 The Old Smithy, Church Street. Application for change of use from agricultural to domestic curtilage. The Parish Council supported this application on the basis that it would improve the site, however because of the position of the site in the AONB and in the centre of the conservation area, the Parish Council requested a condition that hedges be kept below 8 feet. Permission granted.

P15/V1002/LB – Hunts Farm, St Mary's Road. Application to install a flue for a wood burning stove. The Parish Council had no objections to this application. Permission granted.

P15/V1033/LB – Telephone Kiosk, High Street. Application to convert the telephone kiosk to house a defibrillator unit. This application was made by the Parish Council. Permission granted.

P15/V1061/FUL – Hunts Farm, St Mary's Road.

Application to create an off-road parking space. The Parish Council responded with no objections. Permission has granted.

P15/V1173/HH – Eyston Barn, Newbury Road. Application for a single storey rear extension. The Parish Council had no objections to this application but did request that a planning condition be included to prevent future raising of the ridge height of the extension. This property is in the village conservation area, therefore the materials used must be appropriate and in keeping with the local area. Permission has been granted without the condition regarding ridge height.

P15/V1319/O – Development of 5 new homes at The Lynch. The Parish Council has responded with a holding objection on the basis that there is insufficient evidence for an informed decision to be made. Awaiting receipt of the requested information.

P15/V1612/FUL – Land behind Greenways, Rowstock. The application is for the development of a new dwelling on this land. The Parish Council has objected on a number of grounds including illegality of the application, access issues and inappropriate development. Decision awaited.

P15/V1648/HH – 3 The Old Smithy, Church Street. Erection of garden buildings. The Parish Council has responded with no objections. 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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September

- 15th Defibrillator training course
- 16th WI 100 years party
- 17th East Hendred Heritage Trust, AGM 7:30pm, Champs Chapel
- 20th Children's Mass, St Mary's
- 27th Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament
- 29th WI Dorchester Walk

October

- 4th Harvest Festival, St Augustines
- 12th DGA Bridge Drive
- 18th Feast of Local Food, Twinning Group

November

- 8th Remembrance Sunday
- 11th Coffee morning in aid of Save the

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- Tuesday **Beaver Scouts** 5.25-6.25pm, Snells Hall (Vicki, 833544)
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- Wednesday **Walking Group** 9.30am, meet at Snells Hall (Susie Turnbull, 833797)
- Hendred Ukelele Group** 9am The Barn (Derek Witts, 831115)
- Sunday **Champs Chapel Museum** 2:30 - 4:30pm, 27th April to 25th October
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- Monthly**
- Snells Hall Committee Meeting** 7.45pm, Snells Hall Gallery, 1st Tuesday
- Parish Council Meeting** 7.30pm, Snells Hall, 2nd Tuesday
- Coffee Morning** 10.30am, St Augustine's, Last Wednesday, (except August and December)
- Downs Golden Age** Snells Hall, 1st Thursday (see p 7)
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