Bulletin



Richard and Tessa Case reading the Roll of Honour

There was a excellent turnout for the Remembrance Sunday Ceremony at the War Memorial on 8th November, including the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers in their smart uniforms.

Jackie Francis read the opening words. Brian Thomas, (Wantage Silver Band) signalled the start and end of the two minutes silence by playing *The Last Post* and *Reveille* respectively. Louise Johnson read the memorable words ending with "We will remember them". Wreaths were laid by Major Darren Fisher on behalf of the village, Sylvia May on behalf of the veterans of Kohima and Alice Hawkins on behalf of the Scouts. Again this year the Roll of Honour included the names of all those from East Hendred killed in the two World Wars. Father Andrew Burnham led the closing prayers following the singing of *I vow to thee, my country.*

The Hendred Heritage Committee kindly invited everyone into the Museum for sherry and a final chance to see the Cat Street Exhibition as well as the First World War exhibits.

To Save the Hoot - Say You Want It!

Many people will have missed the Hoot since it stopped being delivered a couple of months ago.

The East Hendred Hoot is a very useful info sheet that has been published for about five years, but has become difficult to sustain. We can get the Hoot back, but Pam Lund-Yates needs some support to make it practical. We can help by:

- Sending in items for inclusion (announcements of events, snippets of local news, recipes etc)
- · Offering to help with delivery
- Generally letting Pam Lund-Yates, who produces the Hoot, know that we appreciate her effort.

If people write in offering practical help or just saying that they would like the Hoot to continue, the Parish Council can help with printing costs. To help bring back the Hoot, please email ehehendredhoot@gmail.com, or write a note to Pam, and leave it at Hendred Stores for delivery.

What's On in The Hendreds?

The "What's On in The Hendreds" email message is sent out weekly to anyone who requests it.

If you use email, please do register for "What's On". Apart from letting you know about village events, it provides a way of communicating very quickly in case of need.

To register, just send an email to events@hendred.org saying that you would like to receive the What's On messages. The address list includes email addresses only and is used for no other purpose.

To include an announcement in the What's On message, send an email to events@hendred.org

Scarecrow Trail

The Loch Ness Monster by Lizzie & Vicky Low was the winning entry in the Myths and Legends Scarecrow Trail in September. Congratulations to all who entered for taking the time to amuse us with their creative entries. The Romulus and Remus entry by John Grove entertained dogs as well as humans. Many thanks also to Hendred Hatters for organising the trail (see page 13).





Community Art

The village is eligible for a grant for "Community Art", as part of the conditions of the planning permission for the houses being built opposite the village on the A417. The Parish Council is intending to use this grant to commission some wood carvings. The carvings will probably be based on the theme of Hendred's emblem – the Hendred Owl - to be placed both north and south of the A417. We have selected Nick Speakman to produce the artwork. His website www.3dwood.co.uk includes a photograph of a wonderful totem pole topped by an owl.

We are hoping to involve local groups and seek their ideas in helping Nick to produce the artwork. The wood for the carvings will be sourced locally and Hendred Estate has kindly offered some timber.

We plan to hold a formal unveiling of the artwork in Summer 2016, at an event we are calling "Hendred Owl Day". We hope to include some or all of the following at Hendred Owl Day - a falconry fly past, competitions for best knitted owls/biscuit owls, storytelling, art workshops etc. Watch this space for further information. It's going to be a **HOOT!**

Affordable Homes for Local People?

Under current planning rules, 40% of the new houses built need to be affordable, that is, provided at a reduced rent or purchase cost. This applied to the Portway Close development where eight properties were built as affordable.

At the public meeting to discuss the planning application for Greensands and Mather House, someone asked how many of the affordable houses built by Pye Homes at Portway Close were bought or rented by people from or associated with East Hendred. South Oxfordshire Housing Association (SOHA), for whom the houses were built, provided the following information:

- Rented Units Of the five rented properties advertised two were let to people from East Hendred and one with a connection (employment);
- Shared Ownership Units Adverts were posted in the East Hendred Bulletin to encourage local people to apply.
 Priority was given to people of East Hendred, a couple of people showed an interest but then took it no further, therefore these units were sold to people within The Vale district

It is reassuring to know that affordable houses built in the parish are being offered to local people as a priority, but property prices and rents are so high that even with a discount not all deserving people can afford to take up the offer.

Report from Mike Murray, our District Councillor

The inspector (Mr Malcolm Rivett) has set aside the first 3 weeks in February to examine the Local Plan. The Examination will be split into half day sessions, with each half day dealing with a particular topic. The topics to be covered are all as one would expect - sites in the Green Belt and AONB (so all the proposed site allocations), five year housing land supply (i.e. is our housing delivery plan credible), District wide policies, infrastructure and viability. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) examination will immediately follow the Local Plan. The policy team has a busy period ahead preparing statements and presentation material and we hope that it all goes as well as it possibly can.

Allotments

2015 has been a productive year on the village allotments. One allotment has changed hands and we still have two people on the waiting list. If demand increases with more people living in the village, the Parish Council will look into finding more land. Please let Catherine Shortis (820824) know if you are interested.

Letters

Johnny Chick The Eyston Arms

Whilst most people drive sensibly in the village, the Parish Council is aware that some are driving too fast although probably not exceeding the speed limit. We would be grateful for suggestions as to how to address the problem, bearing in mind that Oxford County Council have no money for traffic calming measures such as speed bumps or new signs

OK – You have picked it up and bagged it. Now what do you do with it. Yes, we are talking about **dog poo bags**. Either take it home and put it in your black wheelie bin or take it to the nearest dog waste bin – there are plenty round the village. Do not throw it into a field, hang it from a fence, or hide it under a hedge. (I have seen all three.) Sheep and cattle grazing should not be able to get to either the poo or its bag. Poo bags take years to decompose, whereas poo can disappear in a matter of days when subjected to the action of dung beetles, mould, soil borne bacteria and the weather. **Think about it.**

Pauline Gibson

The Parish Council is grateful to Pauline for highlighting this unpleasant practice.

chair

Since the last Bulletin we have heard of yet more planning applications for this village and the approval of an appeal to build 26 houses in the area north of the A417. As noted in another article in this Bulletin we could have over 160 new houses being built north of the A417. The Parish Council called a public meeting to discuss the application to build 65 houses on the Greensands site. A large majorrity recommended that the Parish Council to object to the application. Indeed the Parish Council feels overwhelmed by the current situation, which is as a result of the absence of a Local Plan for the area and an appropriate housing supply. This window is leading to speculative applications which are being approved on appeal. The character of our village is being changed permanently by the current situation. We have written to our MP to see if more pressure can be brought on the Appeal Inspectorate so that they take a longer term view of planning applications.

The pressure on the northern part of the village arises because it lies just outside the North Wessex Downs Area

of Outstanding Beauty (AONB), whereas the core of the village is within the AONB where planning is more restricted. I have recently been appointed to the Council of Partners of the AONB to fill a vacancy for someone to represent communities and parishes, supported in my application by the Parish Council. This role will give me the opportunity to help strengthen the protection provided by the AONB in limiting the extent of new developments.

Some of you may remember the prefabs on the Aldfield site on the Harwell campus, which is within the East Hendred parish. The 100 prefabs were demolished during the 1980's and the site is at present unused. However with pressure on housing in the area there are plans under discussion to redevelop this site with more conventional housing; the site is large enough for up to 300 houses at current density levels. If this goes ahead our parish will grow in size by over 60% and the implications for providing amenities and services for this new satellite community will need careful consideration. Interestingly Karl Fuchs lived in one of the prefabs on the Aldfield site for a period prior to his arrest as a spy and subsequent imprisonment.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

John Sharp

More Housing for the Village - North of the A417?

In the last issue of the Bulletin we outlined the current situation with respect to new housing plans in the area of the village north of the A417. Portway Close is now complete and occupied. A second stage of 26 houses had been applied for by Pye Homes, behind Portway Close. It was objected to by the Parish Council, rejected by the Vale District Council Planning Committee and subsequently went to appeal. The Parish Council was very disappointed to learn about a month ago that the appeal had been accepted, mainly on the grounds of the lack of a Local Plan and a 5 year housing supply of land. The inspector admitted that this development was into open countryside (a reason normally for rejection) but the lack of the land supply outweighed this factor. On the plus side the village will gain a further 10 affordable houses, some of which should be available for village people and a children's playpark which as the village grows north of the A417 is increasingly needed.

The expected planning application has been made for 65 houses on the Greensands site, with the demolition of the current guest house and outbuildings. A public meeting was held on 10th November which was very well attended, with over 70 villagers present. The Chairman, John Sharp, outlined the background to this proposal and Councillors took questions from the audience, supported by a planning consultant employed by the Council. Part of this application includes building 10 properties for older people at the rear of Mather House which would be of benefit to the village.

At the end of the meeting a vote was taken on how the people wanted the Parish Council to respond to this application; there was an overwhelming vote for the Council to object, based on limited access to the main village facilities and extension of development into an area which has remained undeveloped. The Council at its

meeting on 19th November. decided to object, based on the strong mandate from the public meeting. The main reason was that the application does not meet the requirements to demonstrate sustainability required by the National Planning Policy Framework as the Greensands site is surrounded by fields with minimum connectivity to the main part of the village.

Recently a further application from Pye Homes for more housing has received; this is to build a further 48 houses on a site west of Greensands, adjacent to the A417, which is currently an open field. The Council will respond in due course. The main reason for focussing new development in the part of the village north of the A417 is that it is just outside the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Most of the remaining village is within the AONB where new building is more restricted.

Overall we now have new 51 houses approved on land north of the A417, of which 21 are currently built. If all the new applications are approved this will mean a total of over 160 houses being built north of the A417 which will then be over 20% of the village housing stock. The large number of houses will place increasing emphasis on the two pedestrian crossings on the A417 (one already in operation) and the increasing problems of slowing traffic on the A417 and its effect on leaving or entering the village at peak times. On the plus side there will be over 40 affordable houses in the new developments, some of which can benefit village people plus 10 units for older people. However these developments, if all approved, will change the nature of this village with a significant population living north of the A417 without easy access to the main village amenities such as the main village amenities such as the shop, pubs, schools, churches etc.. These speculative developments are being approved now because of the current situation with regard to the Vale District Local Plan and the lack of a 5 year land supply for housing.



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East Hendred Heritage Trust News Alert!

The 2016 Champs Chapel Exhibition being put on by the East Hendred Heritage Trust will be on Church Street. And here are just a few facts to tempt you:

- Did you know that Hendred Fire Brigade saved the day in Church Street?
- You'll be able to learn about the TV and Radio shop where your horse could be shod, your accumulator charged or your bike brakes fixed.
- Do you know why guns were fired from the Church tower or why the bells were rung backwards or, indeed, why John Saunders had his ears cut off?
- And there will be images of a 14th century blacksmith's forge – now a garage. Can you spot it in this photo taken from the St Augustine's tower? We'd love to hear your memories and see your photographs of Church Street. So if you can help, please



Part of Church Street in the 1920's

East & West Hendred WI

get in touch with Robin Hine on 01235 833453

September 2015 marked the centenary of the founding of the first WI in the UK. On 15th September over 100 WI banners from all over Oxfordshire were paraded through Oxford to Christchurch Cathedral for a special service. The following day E. & W. Hendred WI celebrated the actual centenary with a party and beautiful iced cake at Jill Broadley's home. Unfortunately it had to be held inside due to poor weather. The next evening Major Ian Jones MBE gave a fascinating talk about his 40 years in Bomb Disposal in the Army and Metropolitan Police. Several men attended!

On 29th September local historian Norman Francis led a group around historic Dorchester. Walking down the High Street he pointed out the different styles of architecture and explained how the town had evolved from a Roman settlement. In the Abbey he pointed out the Norman font, ancient memorial tombs and the amazing Jesse window. Afterwards we enjoyed tea at the White Hart.

At the October meeting we were entertained by a magician from Faringdon, Peter Wentworth, who performed some amazing tricks. A charity coffee morning was held on November 12th in aid of the Wantage Blind Club and raised over £130. Drayton WI held a Quiz Evening including supper on 13th November.and 2 teams from the Hendreds attended. At the November meeting Gillian Petts showed some members how to make Christmas tree decorations using ribbons while others made wreaths and table centrepieces.

The December Christmas party will be at Hendred House by kind permission of the Eyston family. We shall be celebrating our own 95th birthday in January, accompanied by several men singing sea shanties. The annual meeting and fish-and-chip supper takes place in March. These three meetings are for members only but visitors are welcome at most of our meetings including 18th February when we shall find out what goes on behind the scenes at Abingdon Operatics.

Anne Pagett

Downs Golden Age

The AGM was held on Thursday 3rd September followed by tea. In early October it was another tea time meeting and we were well entertained by Dan Allan whose talk was entitled "What did you do in the War, Granny?" which gave us a good insight into the contribution made by women in the First World War.

We had a very well attended Bridge Drive on Monday 12th October with 16 tables. A wonderful 2 course lunch was served with wine plus an excellent raffle put together by Stella. The profit for this event was over £900 (our Treasurer says this is the best ever profit!) and this will be used to subsidise the club for outings and special meals such as the Christmas Dinner.

On a rainy day in early November it was back to lunches which are always popular and well attended. After lunch it was the annual visit of Phil and Janet Harrison.

This year they told us about their travels in "Rajasthan and Beyond" with beautiful slides and commentary.

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed our Christmas Dinner on Thursday 3rd December including a visit by Santa with presents and the Hendred School Choir. On Tuesday 8th December there is an outing to Evesham Country Park, departing from East Hendred at 10am and returning at 3pm. There may still be places available, please ring Gabby Geddes on 820473.

The DGA meets on the first Thursday of the month at Snells Hall and we always welcome new members and guests. Its 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

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Farming Focus

It is a few years since I wrote about our farming activities in the Bulletin. We have been consolidating and fine tuning our controlled traffic system. We use ultra-accurate satellite navigation to enable all of our machines to steer (hands free on some) down a fixed set of wheel tracks in the fields. All of our field operations are now done with machines that are 10m wide (or multiples of 10m) which means that 80% of our fields are completely untouched by the wheels of heavy machines.

Because most of the field surface is not compacted we have been able to radically reduce our cultivation depth and intensity. The big benefit is savings in time and fuel as well as an improvement in soil health due to less earthworm destruction and less oxidation of organic carbon. (The useful job of carbon sequestration that growing crops do in converting CO_2 from the atmosphere into carbon in their tissues and root systems gets undone to some extent when farmers cultivate after harvest – a process which causes oxidation of the carbon in the previous crops root system and releases CO_2)

We have also been experimenting with techniques to make better use of expensive inputs such as fertiliser, seeds and sprays. For a number of years we have been using satellite images of our crops to see if there are opportunities to apply more or less inputs to different areas of the fields. These are all ongoing trials and result in a lot of data to be analysed

This year we have been trying a real time sensor mounted on the front of the tractor which looks at the crop with LED transmitters. This machine receives 2000 impulses per second from the crop, averages the results every second, and "blue tooth's" them back to a box in the tractor cab which analyses the results and decides how much fertiliser the crop needs. It then sends a signal to the fertiliser spreader on the back of the tractor and opens and shuts the outlets to give the correct amount! (All a far cry from spreading manure with forks!)

This drive for efficiency is particularly important. The world is awash with wheat, soya etc. and prices for our crops have plummeted over the last few years. (From nearly £200/t for wheat in 2013 to around £100/t this year). During this time all of our costs have continued to rise. The price has been softened a bit by high yields in the last two seasons. This year was the highest yielding I have ever known. This was all down to weather conditions being just about perfect in terms of rainfall, temperatures and sunshine at the right stages of development.

The kind autumn has also allowed us to plant our harvest 2016 crops in good conditions so we are ever hopeful that the good early development will lead to high yielding crops again next year.

Julian Gold, Farm Manager, Hendred Estate

Hendreds Tennis Club

On 27th September, as the autumn dew eased itself off the Sports Club field and the sun began to make its presence felt, thirty-two players gathered for Hendreds tennis club's Mixed Doubles tournament.

Racquets at the ready, the competitors headed off in the direction of four allocated courts. Each court hosted four couples playing three rounds, consisting of seven games. Many of the games were closely fought, often to sudden death on first deuce. During the course of the morning four sets of semi-finalists emerged following some terrific tennis.

Ollie and Catriona, both of Letcombe tennis club, finished up as overall winners of the tournament having pursued an effective game plan.

The competition owed its success to the players, the great standard of competition, and in no small way, the glorious weather.

A club for all seasons

Hendreds tennis club encourages play throughout the year, even in the winter by encouraging players to join in Sunday morning sessions 10am-12pm. Nonmembers are welcome to try a couple of these sessions before joining.

Make a diary date for the 2016 summer tournament which will be held on Saturday 25th June. To find out more about the club and next events visit the website www.hendredstennis.co.uk



Finalists
Jason Riley,
Catriona
Galbraith,
Aisling
O'Keefe and
Ollie Tabor

East and West Hendreds Bells

On Saturday 21st November, the visiting team of bell ringers from Aldenham, Herts succeeded in completing a full peal of 5040 changes in the order the bells are rung in 3hrs 30mins. This is the first successful peal on the heavy bells of St. Augustines since 1989. Other teams have attempted to complete the challenge, but have been unsuccessful for a variety of different reasons, often because the weather has been too fine. Fortunately Saturday was cool most of the day.

The peal was made by combining seven sequences of ringing with such emotive names as; Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Ockley, Capel and Norbury, all without errors.

I would like to thank the residents of East Hendred for their support of this challenge and hope you all enjoyed hearing the bells rung so well.

Your local team of bell ringers ring the bells at both East and West Hendred for services, festivals and weddings, and are always seeking experienced ringers and anyone who would like to take up this challenging hobby, especially younger people, who pulled the bell ropes as they left the Hendreds School.

Bell ringing is a skill which can be included in a Duke of Edinburgh Award program, and introduce you to other young people with similar interests. Our practices are every Wednesday evening. If you would like to learn to ring bells as part of the team you will be very welcome, please contact Dave Trotman on 833531.



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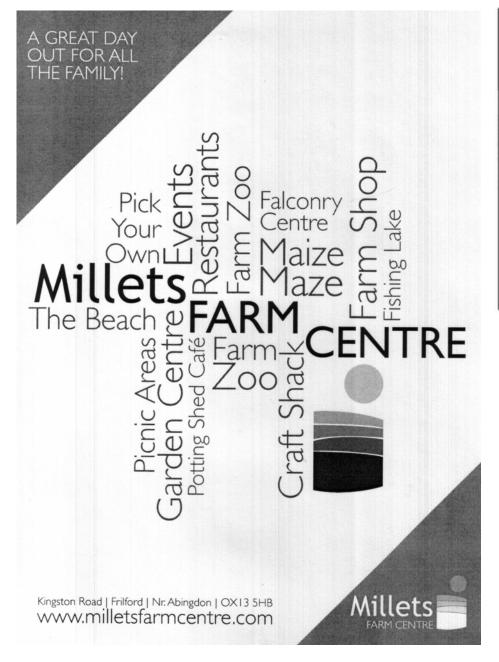
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History of Hendreds School Part 1

From 1860 - 1933

In the early 1800s many parishes were without a school although this wasn't necessarily seen as a hindrance and even as late as 1857 the Bishop of Oxford, Samuel Wilberforce, commented that if everyone became learned and unsuited for the plough, "The rest of us would have nothing to eat". Fortunately others recognised the importance of education. Alfred Pott Rector of East Hendred wrote an indenture in 1859 conveying a piece of land for a School for the education of children of the labouring manufacturing and other poorer classes in the parish of East Hendred. On 6 January 1860 the East Hendred National School was opened with 100 children on the roll, one master and two pupil teachers. The school was built by the famous architect, Henry Currey. His plan showed a large room for a mixed boys' and girls' school although most properly there were separate boys' and girls' entrances and of course separate play grounds.

The Admissions Register for the school dating from 1 November 1908 shows the first child registered as Charles Chasney (born 29 October 1894) who lived at The Plough. Charles started at school on 7 March 1898 and continued until 29 April 1909, the reason for his leaving was that he was 'Over 14 years of age'. Other reasons for leaving include children 'removed' to London, Reading, Lockinge, Ardington or West Hendred. Kenneth Harrison (born 6 July 1898) who lived at Rose Cottage left the school in 1912 to attend the Wantage Grammar School. Frank Aldworth of St Catherine's Street was given '6 months leave through weakness' in 1909. Between the dry dates and names one can glean stories which include the tragic one of 11 year old Albert Hine from No. 3 White Road Cottages. He left the school on 29 May 1912 and the reason given in the Admissions Register was 'Accidently killed'. This distant history became much more personal when I spoke to Robin Hine who lives in East Hendred. I mentioned Albert Hine, "That was my uncle", said Robin and he told me that Albert was killed by a car when bowling a hoop from his house across the road - now the A417.

From 1933 - 1945

I had the privilege of speaking to one of the older former pupils of The Hendreds School, Stan Francis (b. 1928), who attended the school from 1933. He well remembers Mr Bertram Everest Newman, the headmaster from 1900 to 1936 as well from 1939 to 1945. He was known as a strict disciplinarian and Stan concurred that corporal punishment was the norm. At break time the children liked to play, 'I wrote a letter to my love', marbles and the perennial favourite: conkers. Stan could still remember the rhyme the children used, "I tiddly onker, my first conker" (conquer).

Tony Hine (b. 1933) also shared the story of his school days. He joined Miss Prior's infant class where he spent two years learning to read, write, count and knit. The children progressed to 'The Classroom', where after a year due to academic achievement or the need for stricter

discipline the children then moved to the main schoolroom. Mr Newman had the challenging task of teaching boys and girls with a wide range of ages and no doubt ability. Lighting was provided by oil lamps suspended from the ceiling and there were rows of fixed desks, a piano and a large printed, dog-eared wall chart of hymns. Tony also described how school life changed with the advent of the Second World War and the arrival of evacuees from East London. In order for their schooling to continue the village children attended school in the morning and played organised games outside afterwards and the evacuees vice versa. Eventually some evacuees returned home and the reduced number and one of their teachers joined the school. Gardening lessons were adapted to the Dig for Victory campaign and the children picked fruit and dug up potatoes.

From 1945 - 1967

Another fascinating document held by the Berkshire Record Office is the Punishment Book. The offences varied from 'Bullying smaller children' and 'Filthy Language' to 'Interfering with girl's clothing'. Punishments were normally '2 strokes on each hand'. Two naughty little boys, Brian Kimber from 7 Mill Lane and Albert Bourton from St. Catherine's Street, were very late to school one day in 1952 arriving at 10:10am and received two strokes on their seat.

Mr Phil Heading was the headmaster from the 1940s until 1967 and lived in the school house alongside the school. He would write volumes of information on the blackboard then put two children in charge of the class and just disappear! Not many parents were pleased about this and some chose not to send their children to the local school.

Following a paper trail of letters and documents at Berkshire Record Office from 1946 it became clear a drama was unfolding about whether the school was viable or not. On 12 December 1946 Berkshire Education Committee reported that the school's buildings were substandard and unsuitable for adaptation. There were some very angry letters from Colonel Tennant of White Cottage who was the school's correspondent. He said that the school was not aware they were being surveyed and that the managers were not approached. There were no more than 30 children at the school and this would never be exceeded due to the small size of East Hendred and because there was another school in the village - St. Amands. The letters go back and forth emphasizing to me the complexity, confusion and frustration over the school's status and future. Yet somehow resolutions must have been reached and a new building was completed on the edge of East Hendred by 1967.

Thank you to everyone who shared their memories with me. If you have a story, an anecdote or a correction to this history, please email tessa@casebase.co.uk.

Tessa Case

The history in detail will soon be on The Hendreds School website and we hope to include Part 2 in a future Bulletin.

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Christmas in East Hendred Catholic Parish

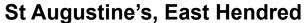
St Mary's, East Hendred **Christmas Eve**

4:00pm Crib Service (small children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds etc.) Carols and First Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day

9:30am Sung Mass with Carols

St Patrick's, East IIslev Christmas Day Family Mass with Carols



The Christminster Singers made a welcome return in October to provide an entertaining evening of West Gallery Music and traditional folk tunes accompanied by concertina, fiddle, flute, clarinet and accordion. The concert made £137 for Church funds

Christmas services in the Benefice Sunday 20th December

Carol Service at Lockinge at 6:00pm

Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th December

Crib Service at West Hendred at 3:00pm; Crib Service at Ardington at 6:00pm; Candlelit Midnight Mass at Lockinge at 10:30pm

Christmas Day, Friday 25th December

Holy Communion at West Hendred at 9:00am; and at St Augustine's, East Hendred, at 10:30am

Sunday 27th December

Holy Communion at West Hendred at 9:00am **Coffee mornings**

There will be no coffee morning at the end of December, but they start again as usual in the new year on the last Wednesday of the month (27th January and 24th February) from 10:30am in the church. Everyone is welcome for coffee, cake and a chat.



St Mary's Crib Service, 2014



Members of the congregation of St Augustine's church enjoyed a sumptuous home-made Harvest Lunch after the Harvest Festival service on Sunday 4th October

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Hendreds Pre-school

The Pre-school began in 1963 and has been a vibrant part of the community seeing many village children through their first steps towards school. Since 1998 the Pre-school has its own purpose-built building attached to Snells Hall and is thriving thanks to a great team of staff and enthusiastic and supportive parents. It is still a committee run Pre-school, and it has recently become an incorporated charity helping it to keep pace with the rising professionalism of early years childcare.

As well as all the great activities planned by the Preschool staff, watching caterpillar's metamorphosis, cooking, growing tomatoes and learning about Diwali, being part of the village brings unique opportunities. This year Sam the Shepherd kindly led the children on a great farming adventure as they went to watching the lambing. It was greatly enjoyed by children and adults alike! Also, this year we have been very lucky to congratulate Vicky Marsh on achieving her Forest School qualification. She now runs a Forest School session once a week for the children

in the Snell's wood nature area between Penney Park and Fordy Lane. It's a fantastic learning experience for the children and a chance to have real adventures climbing trees and building camps. Being part of Snells Hall also brings great opportunities. The children loved performing their songs at the Snells Hall Christmas Bazaar last year and are very much looking forward to the repeat performance this year! The hall committee are a great support to preschool and working together helped make the preschool what is it today.

We are also very lucky to have great links with St Amand's primary school. The children visit once a term and have great fun taking part in all sorts of activities, such as listening to stories, exploring their library, watching the Nativity dress rehearsal, meeting the newly hatched chicks and having the opportunity to explore the schools outdoor play equipment.

For more information see:

http://www.hendredspreschool.org

Jennifer Dimbylow

The Walking Group

The walking group has now been running for five years and goes from strength to strength. In early October, on a lovely sunny Wednesday, we had a 5th Anniversary walk. About 20 of us set off on a 5 mile circular route to the Ardington café where we had a celebratory cup of coffee. Apart from the Wednesdays near to Christmas there has virtually never been a missed Wednesday in five years. Sometimes only 2 or 3 people turn up and sometimes over 20! On Wednesday 9th December we will be celebrating once again – with our Christmas lunch at The Wheatsheaf. If you are new to the village or have a couple of hours to spare, why not join us on a Wednesday. Shorter walks can always be arranged. So no excuses - see you at 9.30 at Snells Hall sometime soon! For more information contact susie@monkscourt.co.uk



Celebrating 5 years of the Hendred Walking Group

Hendred Hatters

The Hendred Hatters started as a fairly big group, some with families, working full and part time. Work pressures, kids, etc have reduced our numbers. We really need help, and we want more volunteers and ideas and someone to take the reins and move the group forward.

In 2014/15 we organized a couple of car boot sales and two scarecrow trails. In 2014 the pumpkin trail was fun, we attempted to rescue the Family Show and we brought back the Nativity Procession. However, organizing another Nativity procession has become impossible owing to personal commitments.

The **book crossing** is an ongoing initiative, a way to engage young and old in literature. The crossing has popped up in various parts of the village and desperately wants to find a home, perhaps in the bus stop, For pop up

locations, please follow the Hatters on www.facebook.com/hendredhatters

Do you want the great village activities like the Nativity Procession, Scarecrow Trail, Thrifting, Fetes and Fairs (perhaps car boot sales or village hall jumble sales) to continue? The more people that help, the more big tasks are disseminated and actually, become bite size manageable chunks!

A successful fundraising scheme with Abel & Cole delivering fruit and vegetable bags raised over £3000 for the Hendreds School PTA (well done Ali Macklin). The scheme sadly ceased at the October Half Term. Not wanting to lose such a great concept, I decided to launch Field2Fork foods (.www.field2fork.weebly.com.)

Do contact me if you would like to help

Sally Povolotsky hendredhatters@gmail.com

Hendreds Twinning Group

Feast of Local Food, 18thOctober

Fifty people enjoyed a 3 course Sunday lunch followed by a talk from Helen Browning of the Soil Association about organic farming and wild life conservation. The event raised valuable funds towards the costs of hosting our visitors next year, and of subsidising the travel costs for school age children when it's our turn to travel to France in 2017.

Visit from our twinned community of Sarceaux in Normandy, 9 – 11thJuly 2016

We are expecting about 32 visitors from France to join us for a very varied weekend of activities, all staying with host families in the Hendreds and surrounding villages. Their ages and backgrounds are wide ranging, from school age children with their parents, students to pensioners.

They are due to arrive early on the Saturday morning, and depart after breakfast on the Monday, travelling down to Portsmouth to catch the cross-Channel ferry back to France. Some of the visitors will be long-standing friends

via our twinning link, but for others it will be a new experience.

A meal with entertainment is planned for the Saturday evening in Snells Hall for hosts and visitors, and Sunday will be an all day outing by coach followed by an evening meal with host families, when several host families often join together to share the catering and arrangements. We make every effort to pair up visitors and hosts with similar ages and backgrounds. Don't worry if your knowledge of French is rudimentary or even non-existent! It's amazing what can be achieved with a small dictionary, lots of hand gestures and a sense of humour. The weekend is an excellent and educational experience for children learning French at school.

So if you fancy hosting or just joining in the fun we'd love to hear from you.

Lesley Lewis 01235 863184 lesley.lewis@avondale.co.uk Margaret Sharp. 01235 833367 m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com

Jane Lennox (West Hendred) wrote the following account after the visit to France in July 2015:

We've just come back from our first twinning visit to Normandy. It was a non-stop activity weekend starting with kisses and smiles from our French hosts. We attended a reception, a lunch party, a surreal outing to an English Garden Party, a BBQ, a full visit to Le Mans and a dinner party all crammed in before being waved off with kisses and tears by all our new friends. I can't imagine why we haven't joined before. And we are old! For families with children at school, this is really an opportunity they shouldn't miss. I so wish I'd been able to give my children this experience. Join now before it's too late knowledge of French is not necessary.

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Planning Matters

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 and permission was refused. This application has now been approved on appeal.

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. This application has still not been decided upon by the

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. Amendments to the plans have now been received. The number of new homes has been reduced to four. The Parish Council will determine its response to the amended plans at the December meeting. 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. Permission has been refused by the Vale.

P15/V1648/HH - 3 The Old Smithy, Church Street. Erection of garden buildings. The parish council has responded with no objections. Permission has been granted.

P15/V1897/HH - Mulberry Cottage, Ford Lane. for a single Storey rear extension. The Parish Council had no objections to this application. Permission has been granted.

P15/V1918/O - Land adjoining Cornerbrook Mill Lane East Hendred. Proposal to develop one new dwelling. The Parish Council had no objections to this application. Permission has been granted.

P15/V1965/HH - 2 Croom Cottages Rowstock. Proposal for a single storey rear extension, swimming pool and carport. The Parish Council objected to this application because of the impact the car port would have on the local

environment. The application was amended to remove the development of a car port and the parish council removed its objection. Permission has been granted.

P15/V1974/FUL - 1 Coulings Close. Erection of a new dwelling on land to the side of the property. The Parish Council has objected to this application on the grounds of over development and the impact on the local area. The application was due to be discussed at the Planning Committee meeting on 25th November.

P15/V2192/LB - Chapel House, Chapel Square, Application for listed building consent for Internal works at the property. The Parish Council had no objections to this application. Permission has been granted.

P15/V2255/HH - Hunts Orchard, St Marys Rd. Proposed loft conversion and internal alterations. The Parish Council had no objections to this application. Permission has been granted.

P15/V2328/O - Mather House White Road and Greensands. Outline proposal for 10 homes for the elderly on the Mather site and 65 new homes on the Greensands site. Following a clear mandate from residents at the public meeting held on 10th November, the Parish Council resolved to object to the application at the council meeting held on 19th November. The Parish Council's final response is currently under development and will be submitted to the Vale by 7th December.

P15/V2345/FUL - Land behind Lynwood. Amendments to application 14/V1626/FUL (condition 2). The Parish Council has objected to this application on the grounds that the promised parking allocation for Lynwood does not appear on the plans. Awaiting a decision from the Vale.

Parish Council

Council meetings are held in Snells Hall at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month. An Öpen Forum, in which parishioners may ask questions, starts at 8pm.

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Planning Matters cont

P15/V2560/FUL - Pye Homes phase 3. Proposal for a further 48 new dwellings on the north of the A417 on land to the east of Portway Villas. The Parish Council plans to hold a public meeting on this application with a view to making a decision on its response to the Vale DC on it at the January meeting

P15/V2628/FUL -Geggs Corner, Newbury Road. Proposal for two new 5 bed detached houses. This application is still under consideration by the Parish Council. A decision on its response will be made at the December meeting"

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Village Diary

December 2015- February 2016

December

5th Christmas Bazaar Snells Hall

17th WI Christmas Party (Members only)

24th Crib Service St Mary's 4pm

Carols and First Mass of Christmas St

Mary's 8pm

25th Sung Mass with Carols St Mary's 9.30am Holy Communion St Augustine's, 10:30am

January

21st WI 95th Birthday Party (Members only) 30th and 31st Big Garden Birdwatch

February

18th WI "Behind the Scenes of a Local Operatic Society"

What's On?

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

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email to events@hendred.org

From the Editor

Many thanks to all who have contributed to this issue. I am sorry that I have had to do quite a bit of pruning. The deadline for the Spring issue is 8th February. Please submit all contributions and diary listings to me, preferably electronically.

Angela Pawlyn bulletin@hendred.org

Regular Events

Monday Scouts 7-9pm, Snells Hall

(Richard Tingley, 07771 545006)

Beaver Scouts 5.25-6.25pm, Snells Tuesday

Hall (Vicki 833544)

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(Mhairi, 820249)

Wednesday Walking Group 9.30am, meet at

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7.45pm, Snells Hall Gallery, 1st Tuesday

Parish Council Meeting

7.30pm, Snells Hall, 2nd Tuesday

Coffee Morning

10.30am, St Augustines,

Last Wednesday,

(except August and December)

Downs Golden Age

Snells Hall, 1st Thursday (see page 5)

Women's Institute

7.30pm, usually Snells Hall, 3rd Thursday (see page 5)

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