

# EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*

## Beacon Night, 21<sup>st</sup> April

About 300 people joined the torch-lit procession to light a beacon celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Headed by a Union Jack, the procession started in West Hendred and went up to Knob Down via East Hendred in fine weather. It was one of largest of the 300 beacons lit across the country, visible from many miles away. A letter from Prince Charles was read, and everyone joined in singing Happy Birthday and the National Anthem before the beacon was lit.

Thanks to Richard Evans for organising the event, Gordon Pill for hosting the beacon on his land, Karen Phillips and Pam Lundyates of Community First Response for providing first aid cover, David Clayton for providing refreshments and everyone who helped make this such a fine occasion.



*Lighting the Beacon (photo Ian Chambers)*



*Torch-lit Procession (photo Richard Evans)*

## Major Planning Issues:

### Public Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May

As a result of changes to the planning application by Pye Homes for 48 houses north of the A417, together with the Greensands application (65 houses) the Parish Council decided to call a second public meeting to explain the current position and seek views on its planned response to both applications.

The meeting was well attended (45 present). John Sharp (chair of the Parish Council) explained the background to the current planning position and the approval on appeal of both Portway Close and Pye Homes phase 2 (26 houses yet to be built). The main factors had been the District Council's lack of a Local Plan and a five year housing supply, which was still the current position although it was expected that later this year both the Local Plan and the required land supply would be in place.

The main issues were that the proposed development of 48 houses north of the A417 (Pye Homes phase 3) would result in a disproportionate extension of the village, without proper access to the village services and facilities and seriously change the character of the area to the north east of White Road, which is mainly open countryside at

present. In addition the development is likely to cause moderate to adverse harm to the setting of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which is immediately adjacent to the south of this site. Access to village facilities is most likely to be by car; the current road system in the village was not designed for large numbers of cars and there are already significant problems with village traffic both morning and afternoon with parents delivering or collecting children from the two local schools. If this application were to be approved, the case for the proposed Greensands development would become stronger because there would be housing rather than fields on its west side. Therefore, it is clearly necessary to consider the combined effect of both developments. Together, they would add 113 houses in this area of the village which is at present mainly open countryside; a settlement of over 100 houses without direct access to any local facilities.

A large majority vote against the proposals was cast at the meeting. This is consistent with the comments sent to the planning website, which are unanimously in favour of objection. At the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May the Council voted unanimously to oppose both the Pye Homes phase 3 and the Greensands application.

## East Hendred Community Art Project

In August 2013, the District Council and Pye Homes agreed that Pye Homes would make a monetary contribution towards public art in the locality.

Last year, the District Council asked the Parish Council for assistance in using this contribution for a community art project in East Hendred. The Parish Council therefore created a Hendred Art Committee, comprising members from local groups, including the East Hendred Heritage Trust, to scope out the project for the benefit of the community.

After a number of meetings, the Committee opted for an "Owl Trail"; made up of six wooden carved owl sculptures to be located around East Hendred, each representing some of the fantastic history of our village.

Over the years, the owl has become a symbol for East Hendred and has been adopted by a number of local groups including some of our sports clubs. It is also the emblem of the Hendreds School and appears in a stained glass window in Snells Hall. One villager recalls that the connection with owls goes back a long way – a "Hendred Owl", she explains,

is someone who knows the local paths so well, they can walk around the village in the dark without a torch!

The sculptures on our new owl trail will be made from timber kindly donated to the project by Hendred Estate. The chosen artist for the project is Nick Speakman of 3D Wood. Nick was one of a number of artists interviewed by the District Council and the Parish Council for this commission and was selected based on, among other things, his excellent portfolio of work.

I am pleased to report that all of the sculptures are now nearly complete and installation started in May.

It is such a rare opportunity to be given funds to spend specifically on community art. Judging by the look and feel of the sculptures we have seen so far, Nick is doing East Hendred extremely proud in creating a trail of wonderful sculptures that the village can treasure for years to come. See images of three of our owl sculptures below.

*Chris Bedford*



*From left to right:*

**Knowledge Owl**, to be located between Penney Playpark and Snells Hall – representing learning and knowledge, recognising the history and present day uses of our community centre at Snells Hall.

**Maori Venture Owl**, to be located on Orchard Lane, celebrating East Hendred's famous Grand National winner, "Maori Venture". Local horseshoes will be fixed to the base of the sculpture.

**Drapery Owl**, to be located on Dancing Hill, recognising one of the oldest trades in the village – dyeing cloth in the local stream.

The other sculptures are: a Poppy Owl (to be located opposite the war memorial, on the bank behind John Stevenson's bench), a Local Produce Owl (to be located near the allotments) and an owl-themed noticeboard to be located near the houses at Portway Close.

## Hendred Owl Day - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016 12 to 3pm at Snells Hall

Join us to celebrate our new exciting Hendred Owl Trail. Keep an eye out over the coming weeks for these fantastic carvings!

Activities for Hendred Owl Day include:

- A live owl demonstration
- Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust will be there to discuss wildlife in the local area
- Face paints and glitter tattoos
- Art and craft activities for adults and children including a Community Owl Weave
- A wildlife quiz
- BBQ and drinks
- Tea, coffee and cake
- A performance by Hendred Pop-up Choir

**Competitions** - Have some fun and win a prize!

- Wildlife photography - judged by Jacqueline Cross
- Wildlife picture - all media welcome (Age categories - 0-7, 8-15, 15+)
- Best owl made from fruit & veg! (All ages welcome)
- All competitions: 50p per entry

All entries to be entered on the day unless otherwise arranged with Jenni Dimbylow:

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# from the chair

We are pleased to welcome David Jones as a new Councillor; he applied to fill one of the vacancies. David has a business background and has lived in the village since 2002. He has been an active member of the East & West Hendred Cricket Club and very recently been elected the chair of the Sports Club. This will have the benefit of encouraging closer interaction between the Sports Club and the Parish Council.

It is encouraging to see the Owl project progressing well and the first owls that have been sculptured are amazing in detail. The Owls will be publicly opened at an event on 10<sup>th</sup> July. Do come along and see all six owls in place. There will also be a new notice board with an owl theme in Portway Close, where the trail will start.

Planning remains a key issue for the Council. A public meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> May to explain the background to two applications which if approved would add a further 113 houses north of the A417. A separate account of the meeting appears elsewhere in this *Bulletin*. The increase in housing north of the A417 without any associated local facilities will lead to even more cars in the village at peak times. The Parish Council have objected to these applications. We hope the District Council will have a Local Plan in place as soon as possible, together with a five year land housing supply. With these in place the approval of speculative developments will be less likely to succeed on appeal.

We look forward to the plans to celebrate the Queen's official 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in June, with a street party, pram race and fancy dress parade. About 300 people took part in a torchlit procession to the Downs in a joint celebration with West Hendred of her actual birthday with a bonfire on 21<sup>st</sup> April as part of the national chain of beacons on that day.

It is encouraging to see so many village organisations flourishing. The WI now has over 50 members (several from outside the village) and meets monthly; the DGA continues to meet monthly, offering social activities, lunches or teas at minimal cost to the older residents of the village. We are also fortunate in having active sports clubs in the village (tennis club, football and cricket teams). The new exhibition at Champs Chapel on the Secret Life of Church Street is also well worth a visit.

This summer will see some key planning decisions which if approved will change the nature of our village for ever. It seems a pity that their approval seems to depend on matters outside our control.

John Sharp

## Annual Parish Meeting

Each year the Parish Council holds a public meeting to present the Council's activities over the previous year. This year the meeting was held in Snells Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

The Chairman (John Sharp) gave an overview of the Council's activities noting that in May 2015 eight members were appointed to the Council, leaving one vacancy. He noted a large increase in planning issues, which cost the Council a great deal of time. This included two public meetings to explain two large planning applications north of the A417 which could add over 100 houses to this part of the village. There was strong opposition to this which backed up the Council's decision to object.

Stewart Lilly (our County Councillor) explained the difficulties arising from lack of funding and the County's proposals for a Unitary authority for Oxfordshire. Michael Murray (our District Councillor) highlighted the efforts to get a Local Plan in place, the pressure on housing sites in the area and the plans to create a Unitary Authority involving just the Vale District and South Oxfordshire (an alternative to the County proposal).

The Clerk (Julia Evans) outlined the financial position over the last year with expenditure exceeding income by a small amount (£570). Main items of expenditure were staff costs (37%), village and playground maintenance (23%).

A precept for the coming year was agreed in January when it was decided to precept for a sum of £31,000, which represented an increase of 5%; a small contingency had been included to allow for less spending by the County Council on village items such as grass cutting. As in previous years a sum of £2000 had been included for grants to village and other organisations.

The Council has a number of Working Groups and there were presentations on each of these from Councillors.

Charles Pappenheim presented the progress over the last year on courtesy lighting, the *Bulletin* and the defibrillator. Catherine Shortis outlined what had happened with the allotments and playgrounds. In planning there had been approval for 12 new houses during the year (including 4 at the Lynch) although applications had been received for a further 113 houses awaiting a decision. There were also written reports from both village schools. Organisations that had received a grant from the Parish Council in the year were invited to come and explain how the money had been used (in 2015/16 the main recipients were the Twinning group and St Augustine's Church).

The attendance at this meeting was very poor, despite it being well advertised. It was felt that the earlier public meeting on planning held on 9<sup>th</sup> May was a factor.

## Village Street Party for the Queen's Official 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June

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## Walking Group

The walking group has managed to keep going all through the winter with some pretty awful weather and mud to contend with. Now that spring has arrived at last, we have been enjoying our longer monthly circular walks and have discovered new parts of Oxfordshire. We are truly blessed that we are surrounded by such wonderful countryside. In early May we all arranged to meet at the Saddleback Farmshop (Brightwalton) to walk through the

bluebell woods. The weather was diabolical but still 6 of us set forth. One of the wettest walks in 5 years. The walk was followed by a restorative coffee at the café.

If you are new to the village or have a couple of hours to spare, why not join us on a Wednesday. We normally walk for about 2½ hours which includes a stop for coffee. Shorter walks can always be arranged. So no excuses - see you at 9.30 at Snells Hall sometime soon! Whatever the weather!

For more information contact [susie@monkscourt.co.uk](mailto:susie@monkscourt.co.uk)

## East & West Hendred WI

At our February meeting we learned about what goes on behind the scenes of Abingdon Operatic Society and were surprised to find that it has over 100 members.

Several WI members took part in the "Clean for the Queen" campaign and pruned dozens of roses in the Millennium Beds outside the Hendred Stores and generally tidied up the overgrown areas. More than three sacks of rubbish were collected in East and West Hendred.

Instead of our usual fish and chips, we enjoyed cheese and wine at our Annual Meeting in March.

Unfortunately our April meeting clashed with the Beacon procession, but we had an entertaining talk about the life of a film extra.

### Future meetings

At Snells Hall:

16<sup>th</sup> June - "Blood, Bikers and Babies"

At West Hendred Village Hall:

21<sup>st</sup> July - "The History of Witney Blankets"

18<sup>th</sup> August - Summer party (Members only)



"Clean for the Queen" on a wet March day

My apologies for misnaming Wickens' shop in the report about Pennies and Buns in the Spring Issue. It was the name of our present shop when it was run by Mr and Mrs Wickens from the late 1940s to about 1980. The photo on the right shows the shop in about 1914 when it was run by Robert Duck. It is surprising how little it has changed in the last 100 years.(Ed.)



## Downs Golden Age

We reverted to tea meetings for the summer on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The speaker was Graham Wren on "Best of Britain". As it was close to Easter everyone was served with Hot Cross Buns and there was an Easter Bonnets competition.

We had fewer people at the Bridge Drive in March, but we still managed to make a profit for the DGA funds. This is our main fund raiser for the year. The next Bridge Drive is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. In April we had a most entertaining talk by Norman Francis on the history of Snells Hall and his life as a school boy in East Hendred. In early May it was another tea and the speaker was Peter King who gave a talk about Dogs for the Disabled. The highlight of the afternoon was Pauline Fretter and her adorable puppy whom she is "socialising" in the hope she (the

puppy) will be trained as a Dog for the Disabled in due course. Our next meeting is our annual visit to Hendred House on 9<sup>th</sup> June with a talk by Alistair Lack.

The annual outing will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June to Weston-super-Mare, leaving Hendred at 9.30am. There are still places on the coach. Cost is £15.00 for members and £19.00 for non-members. Please ring Gaby on 820473 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. 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](mailto:susie@monkscourt.co.uk)

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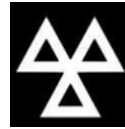
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Spring has finally sprung and the better weather came just in time to make the second half of our lambing season more pleasant for the sheep giving birth outside. The first couple of weeks of lambing coincided with the return of wintry weather in late April/early May. The cold nights and biting winds meant that we had quite a few fatalities amongst the new born lambs. This is one of the risks of lambing outside and the increased chance of catching good weather is why we choose to lamb in late April/early May rather than earlier in the year. We used to lamb the sheep in March and house them in the buildings for the whole period. Whilst this insulated us from poor weather, it was very unnatural for the sheep, hard work for staff and led to increased use of medicines and antibiotics to counter build-up of infections in the intensive environment.

The switch to outside lambing has made the process much more natural, antibiotic use is virtually non-existent, and in general we tend to have fewer fatalities.

When the sheep were inside lambing they were in large crowded groups and the instant they lambed they were removed to 6ft by 4ft 'mothering up' pens for a few days before being taken in trailers to the fields; all very disruptive for the sheep, and hard work for the shepherd.

Now it is great to see the sheep lambing in a much more natural way outside. If there are no problems there will be no human intervention and the ewe will stay in a very tight radius of where she lambed for a day or more. (A process which cements the bond with the lambs, as they are all in close confines to the smells of the amniotic fluids, placenta, etc).

The ewes are North Country Mules (Swaledale crossed with Blue Faced Leicester rams). They have the best combination of motherly traits needed from the two parents: Swaledale gives hardiness and good mothering ability, Blue Faced Leicester gives size and prolificacy and

good milk yields. The ewes are put to a Charollais ram to give a suitable nice lean meat lamb with good conformation.

On the arable side we have been struggling to get dry enough soil conditions for planting of spring crops. With our minimum soil disturbance philosophy we have to be much more patient than farmers who are prepared to carry out multiple cultivation passes to dry out the soil. By the time it got to late April we had to abandon plans to drill spring beans on the last three fields and switched these instead to linseed, which is a crop which can be sown much later than beans and still achieve good growth and yields (linseed flowers with lovely blue/purple flowers later in June and provides a nice contrast to the sea of yellow oilseed rape which we are all used to seeing in spring ) The only downside with Linseed is that it is a plant of the Hemp family and the stems are basically fibrous rope. If the sun is not shining during harvest it can be nearly impossible to cut with the combine harvester as it wraps and jams everything up.

*Julian Gold, Farm Manager, Hendred Estate*



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## Club takes its Lead from Davis Cup Legacy

In 2015 Britain won the Davis Cup for the first time in 79 years led by brothers Andy and Jamie Murray. The Lawn Tennis Association, the hub of national tennis, is using this legacy to inspire the next generation of tennis players across the land, under the 'Tennis for Kids' programme launched in April. Hendreds Tennis Club is also keen to build opportunities for junior players and hopes to run a year-round after-school coaching programme starting in 2016. If your passion has already been ignited by the Tennis for Kids programme, keep an

eye out for more news from Hendred.

In the meantime, five sets of tickets were allotted to Hendreds Tennis Club in the LTA Wimbledon ballot, including centre court seats for the mens' final and mixed doubles final! Come to our club sessions on Sundays from 10am or Wednesdays from 6.30pm.

Membership forms are available to download from [www.hendredstennis.co.uk](http://www.hendredstennis.co.uk).

*Lorraine Clayton*

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## Springline's Pop-up Choir

Springline's second pop-up choir took place over the middle weekend of May, with our performance for family and friends at West Hendred Hall. In just two rehearsals, the choir learnt three pieces in two parts: Hallelujah, Twist and Shout and Over the Rainbow. We shared an informal performance during our garden party and the pieces were received well by our invited audience. From

this event, we would love to share our music with others in the villages and have been given the opportunity at Hendred Owl Day, where we will be singing again on the Snells Hall stage. We hope you would like to come in and hear us perform!

*Clare Bedford*



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## East Hendred Catholic Parish

The summer months at St Mary's Catholic Church, East Hendred, are mainly what the service books inelegantly call 'Ordinary Time'. There is still plenty going on, however, that is far from 'ordinary'. Half a dozen of our young people were confirmed by Bishop Philip in Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 21st May.

Meanwhile younger children continue with Children's Liturgy in the Holy Family Room on Sunday morning. We are already beginning to get names together for the next First Communion class, which will begin in the autumn. It's not all hard work though: the youth club meets monthly on a Friday night, mainly to enjoy themselves and, for the older generation, the tradition of St Mary's Feasts, begun during our 150th celebrations, continues.

At the time of writing, plans are far from clear but we hope soon to have another Snells Hall tea party for families with very young children. On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August, we hope to mark the Feast of Title and Dedication – the Assumption – with special celebrations. Plans are still to be announced for other events. One thing already planned is a Quiet Morning on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August, the Feast of the Transfiguration. We begin at 9.30am with Mass and will then meet in St Mary's and Snells Hall. Anyone may come and, whether or not you bring sandwiches, there will be drinks on hand during the morning and at lunchtime.



*The confirmation group*

### Open Gardens 2016 Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 11am - 5pm

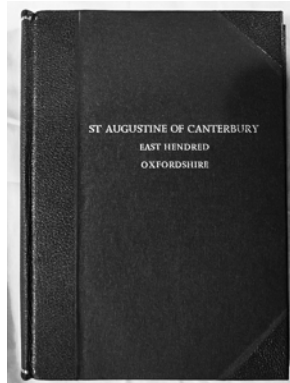
A chance to visit 20 beautiful East Hendred gardens and the allotments!

Cream teas will be served at Hendred House. The pubs and the shop will also be open.

## St Augustine's, East Hendred

Over two years ago a group of Church Recorders from the Wantage branch of **NADFAS** started a comprehensive chronicling of the history and artefacts of St Augustine's Church, here in East Hendred. The **National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS)** is a leading arts charity which works to advance decorative and fine arts education and appreciation, alongside promoting the conservation of our artistic heritage. The work involved many aspects including the recording of such items as the memorials, the woodwork, the stonework, books, births, deaths, marriages, metalwork, the windows and so on. The team spent many hours in the church itself, but also had to go to the various Records Offices in Reading and Oxford. Some 20 Church Recorders in total worked on the project, including Julie Pearce from the St Augustine's congregation, and an extremely worthwhile and rewarding exercise it turned out to be. The group's photographer, Alec Finch, produced some amazing and beautiful records of whole process.

The result has been a very fine weighty tome, which was finally formally presented to the Rector of St Augustine's, Rev. Elizabeth Birch, during the morning service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May. If you would like to view this magnificent book, please speak to either of the Church Wardens, Jackie Francis or Suzanne Fairlie.



*The book and (L to R) Alec Finch, Julie Pearce, Andrew Loutit, Jean Wickens, Terry Ralph, Christine Ralph of NADFAS*

Other events include St Augustine's Summer Fete on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, and the coffee mornings in St Augustine's church from 10:30am on Wednesdays 29<sup>th</sup> June and 27<sup>th</sup> July (we take a break in August) – everyone is welcome to join us for coffee, cake and a chat. Even if you are not a regular churchgoer, do come along.

Looking ahead, the annual Ride and Stride will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Churches of all denominations across the county, including all three churches in our village – St Augustine's, St Mary's, and St Amand's chapel in Hendred House – will be open to visitors on foot or bike. The money raised by sponsorship is split between the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and the church of your choice. There are opportunities for the less energetic as well, to welcome visitors to the churches and serve refreshments.

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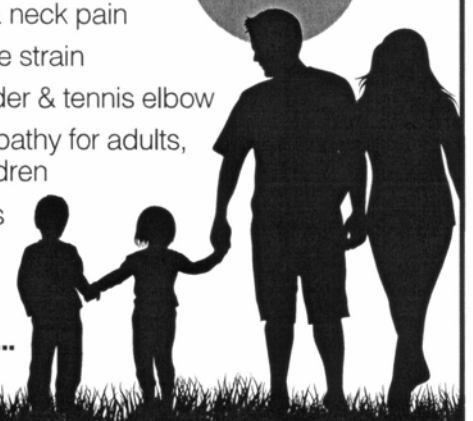
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## The Local Company with Worldwide Ambitions

Nestled in a sleepy corner of East Hendred lies *The Marketing Practice*, a multi-national business-to-business marketing agency that services major IT and technology companies across the globe. From the outside, its sloped barns are a picture-postcard scene of tranquillity. But a quick step inside and it's all go. There's a contagious excitement in the air, a real sense that something is happening. And, it is.

The agency is expanding, with plans to have offices in Germany, the US and London by the end of 2016. Awards are coming in hard and fast. But, despite the change, one thing will stay the same: their headquarters will remain in the heart of East Hendred, and this is something that the company is resolute on.

The Marketing Practice, also known as TMP, has local heritage, with its first offices being in Ardington. They moved to their premises to The Old Estate Yard, East Hendred in 2007 and employee numbers have since grown from 30 to over 120.

Their success is based on being able to offer something really unique in the marketing world: all services in one place, from creative to planning, data and telemarketing. And from their village headquarters, they deliver their services to huge IT and technology giants including the likes of O<sub>2</sub>, Hewlett Packard Enterprise and Microsoft.

But it's not all work and no play. TMP are just as well-known across the world for their campaigns as they are locally for their social activities and charity fundraisers.



*Opening of the third barn*

'Ordinary' is a foreign word when it comes to choosing fundraising activities at TMP, with past events including an Alice in Wonderland-themed summer party at Ardington House, and a 175-mile cycle ride from dawn to dusk.

TMP is a real hub for local recruitment, and they're looking to take on 30 people across a range of departments in full- and part-time positions in 2016. Whether you're looking to become part of their story by taking on one of their marketing roles, or supporting their charity initiatives, they'd love to hear from you. Get in touch and find out about the opportunities available.

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## Hendreds Twinning Group

It's our turn to host our friends from Sarceaux this year, which is the 19<sup>th</sup> year of the link between our communities. We have a coach load of 32 visitors due to arrive early on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July, all staying with local hosts, and leaving again early on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>. Saturday evening will follow our usual format, with an Aunt Sally competition, meal in Snells Hall followed by some fun instruction in modern ballroom dancing – cha-cha etc. – with an instructor who speaks French as well as being a dance teacher. We are planning taking them to Warwick Castle for an all-day outing by coach on Sunday, using the proceeds of our fund-raising to encourage most host family members, and especially their children, to go. One or two host families have prior commitments on the Sunday, so would welcome offers to accompany their guests on the trip to Warwick. Please contact either Lesley Lewis or Margaret Sharp if you would like to look after and get to know some of our visitors on this trip. Non hosts are also welcome to join in with the meal and activities on the Saturday evening in Snells Hall (tickets from Lesley or Margaret)

Our most recent fund raising event was a stall at West Hendred's Table Top sale on Sunday morning, 24<sup>th</sup> April.

We are also planning another Feast of Local Food in October, choosing Sunday lunch time once again to attract families with children as well as those more elderly residents who may not like to venture out on darker evenings.

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## Report from Mike Murray, our District Councillor

The Vale of White Horse District has one of the best records for recycling in the country. Our households recycle 65% of all their waste (including Food, Garden, Re-use / dry recycling) and this is a fantastic proportion, however, it has been falling over the past year. The principle reason for this is that new, stricter rules mean that if ANY contamination is found in the recycling truck when it reaches the depot, the entire load has to be sent to the Energy Recovery Facility (which used to be known as the Energy from Waste facility) and does not get recycled.

Typically, "contamination" of the recycling take the form of food or nappies, very often in black plastic sacks. Food should of course go in the food waste caddy, and nappies in the black bin. In order to help reduce contamination we are asking everyone to please remember not to put food and nappies in the green wheelie bin, and also to put recycling in loose (not in black bin liners).

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## History of Hendreds School - Part 2 1967- 2015

### From 1967 - 1990

In 1967 The Hendreds School moved to its current site. Following the agreed school merger, West Hendred School closed and the children there moved to the East Hendred School. On 11 November 1967 The Hendreds School was officially opened by Baron Penney. It was headed by Mr Stuart Hepple aided by three full-time assistants and had four classes with 83 children in total.

In the late 1970s and 1980s school numbers fell and the head's report of July 1982 makes glum reading, "Great shock as the school has become a two teacher school". Mr Hepple retired in 1982 and was succeeded by Mr Phillip Gurney who stated that the school was "unable to buy any reading or reference books. Secretarial equipment is restricted and we are now at the bare bones". Mr Gurney resigned in 1986 and there was fear that it would be difficult to attract applicants with only 51 children on the roll.

Mrs Pamela Bowen was appointed head in April 1987 and during this period, the school formed the Ridgeway Federation of Small Schools providing support for each other.

### From 1990 - 2015

In January 1990 Ms Elizabeth Tansley took on the mantle of headship from Mrs Bowen. At the end of 1994, the school expanded when Ardington School closed as numbers had dropped to 17 and children were to be bussed to The Hendreds School. The Hendreds School aimed to provide a varied curriculum and was offering regular PE lessons, French, Latin, music and Judo. There were cultural delights such as a theatre trip to see 'Sleeping Beauty' and a day in Oxford.

In 2003 the school began to develop proposals for major improvements. By the end of 2005 the first phase of this £200k project was complete. Finally in early 2010 after a year of building work a new hall was completed along with the new foyer, a kitchen, a breakout classroom and a purpose-built reception classroom.

Outdoor areas were not forgotten and have been adjusted and improved over time. The school has recently

created a remarkable addition to the play area with a sensory garden complete with pipe drums and a wooden owl sculpture. Gardening and growing vegetables has been ever popular during the 2000's and the children have delighted in the process of 'seed to salad and sandwich'.

As a Church of England school, local vicars have played a role in the life of the school. Not only are harvest festivals, Easter services and carol services held in the village church but the vicars have also regularly spent time with the children. St. Augustine's church plays an important role in the farewell to the Year 6's. School leavers used to climb the church tower but in 2004 this tradition was adjusted so school leavers had the privilege of ringing the church bells. As the Year 6's pull on the ropes the teachers are there to steady them so they don't fly through the rafters... a metaphor perhaps?

Another highlight is the centuries-old custom of village children converging on Hendred House at midday on Shrove Tuesday to receive the traditional bun and a halfpenny. The children chant: "Pit pat, pan's hot, here we come a' shroving with a batcher on my back a ha'penny's better than nothing!" They receive their currant bun and a penny (these days) from Ali and Edward Eyston.

The Hendreds School is now 155 years old and has seen countless children through its doors and helped to set them on the path of education. No school comes without its challenges but in the words of one ex-pupil: "Some of the best times of my life were spent at The Hendreds School. It was a good school then and it is still a fantastic school now."

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](mailto:tessa@casebase.co.uk).

*Tessa Case (2015)*

*You can find read the full history with photos on the Schools page of the [hendred.org](http://www.hendred.org) website, at <http://www.hendred.org/pdfs/HendredsSchool/HendredsSchoolHistory.pdf>*

*(Part 1 covering 1860 to 1967 was published in the Winter 2015 Bulletin)*

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## GO Active GOLD

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have been awarded funding by Sport England for a three year project - GO Active Gold will offer support for people in rural areas, age 60 and over, to live more active lifestyles, by setting up more local physical activities that cater for all abilities. The project will be delivered in 68 parishes across both districts. Our activities aim to improve not only health and well being but also improve loneliness and isolation amongst some of the elderly in more rural villages.

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## Planning Matters

P14/V2258/O – South Drive, Harwell. Outline permission to demolish the existing properties on the site and develop up to 120 new homes. The PC had no strong views but requested improvements to cycle routes and bus services to enhance transport links to the site. No decision yet by the Vale.

P15/V1319/O – Development of 4 new homes at The Lynch. There have been a number of amendments to this application: 1) The number of houses has been reduced from 5 to 4; 2) the proper notification process for unregistered land (The Lynch) has now been followed and 3) drawings have been produced showing proposed parking for residents of The Lynch. The PC objected to the application but permission was granted at the Vale's planning meeting in March.

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 public meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, the PC objected and the Vale refused planning permission in January. This application has now gone to appeal. The PC has submitted its objection to the Appeal Inspector.

P15/V2560/FUL – Pye Homes phase 3. Proposal for 48 new dwellings on the north of the A417 east of Portway Villas. A public meeting was held in January to discuss this application. The PC has been made aware that there have been significant Roman finds on the site and has requested a full archaeological survey be carried out. A survey was subsequently carried out by OCC's archaeological team, but they did not consider the site to be significant. Revised plans have been received and reviewed, with a further public meeting held in May. The PC has objected to this application. Expected to go before the Vale Planning Committee in June.

P15/V3028/FUL – Allins Barn, Allins Lane. To demolish existing property and erect new detached house with car port. The PC had no objection to this application but requested that the wall adjacent to Allins Lane be retained. Permission granted.

P16/V0173/HH – The White House, Horn Lane. To demolish the existing defective garage and build and replacement garage with workshop. Permission granted.  
P16/V0237/HH and V2038/LB – Woodbine Cottage, Cat Street. For extension to existing garage plus external and internal repairs. Permission granted.

P16/V0235/O – Greensands and Mather House. Resubmission of the application for the development of 75 new homes on the Greensands and Mather House sites. Following a public meeting in May the PC has objected on the same grounds as before  
P16/V0245/LDP – Downs View House, Skeats Bush. For a certificate of lawful development to erect a single storey link structure between the garage and the house. Permission granted.

P16/V0310/HH – Ball Haye, Orchard Lane. To erect a single storey oak framed orangery to the rear of the property. Permission granted.

P16/V0338/LB – White Cottage, Cat Street. Replace an existing external doorway with window and an existing window with new doorway; to construct a new enclosed porch and internal alterations. Permission granted.

P16/V0341/LB – Chapel House, Chapel Square. For listed building consent to carry out lime rendering of exposed brickwork. Permission granted.

P16/V0487/HH – Cowdrays, Cat Street. Erection of oak pool building. The PC had no objection to this application. Permission granted.

P16/V0645/HH – Wayside, Rowstock. For single Storey rear extension, new windows and internal alterations. The PC had no objection. Awaiting a decision from the Vale.

## Parish Council

Council meetings are held in Snells Hall at 7:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. An Open Forum, in which parishioners may ask questions, starts at 8pm.

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## Planning Matters cont

P16/V688/FUL – Monks Court, Newbury Road. Construction of one new house. The PC did not object but raised some significant concerns and has requested that the application is taken to the Vale Planning Committee.

P16/V0699/HH – 5 Croom Cottages, Rowstock. To demolish existing garage, erection of side extension and single storey rear extension. Permission granted.

P16/V0723/LB – Church Place, Church Street. Listed building consent for work to chimney. Awaiting a decision from the Vale.

P16/V0795/HH – Chantry Cottage, Cat Street. For 1) Erection of oak framed front porch on dwarf stone walls and new front door 2) Erection of single storey oak framed rear covered area (pergola/lean-to) with side gate Being considered by the PC.

P16/V0875/CM – Rutherford Avenue, Harwell. Non-material amendment of condition 16 of application MW.0183/12. The PC was not able to comment on this application.

P16/V0907/DIS – Muster Point, Featherbed Lane. Discharge of conditions 4 - access, 5 - turning space, 6 – car parking spaces, 7 - visibility splays on application ref.

P15/V2949/FUL. The PC was not able to comment on this application.

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## June to October 2016

### June

- 4<sup>th</sup> St Augustine's Summer Fete  
 11<sup>th</sup> The Hendreds School Summer Fete  
 12<sup>th</sup> Queen's Birthday Street Party  
 21<sup>st</sup> DGA outing to Weston Super Mare  
 25<sup>th</sup> St Amand's School Fete  
 25<sup>th</sup> Tennis Club Tournament  
 26<sup>th</sup> East Hendred Open Gardens

### July

- 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Twinning Visit from Sarceaux  
 10<sup>th</sup> Hendred Owl Day

### August

- 6<sup>th</sup> Quiet Morning (St Mary's)  
 14<sup>th</sup> Feast of Title and Dedication (St Mary's)

### September

- 10<sup>th</sup> Ride and Stride sponsored church crawl

### October

- 10<sup>th</sup> DGA Bridge Drive

### What's On?

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### From the Editor

Many thanks to all who have contributed to this issue. The deadline for the Autumn issue is 12<sup>th</sup> August. Please submit all contributions and diary listings to me, preferably electronically.

Angela Pawlyn [bulletin@hendred.org](mailto:bulletin@hendred.org)

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- Wednesday **Walking Group** 9.30am, meet at Snells Hall (Susie Turnbull, 833797)  
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- Sunday **Champs Chapel Museum** 2.30 - 4.30pm April to October
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**Coffee Morning** 10.30am, St Augustines, Last Wednesday, (except August and December)  
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