

# EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*

## Dangerous Proposal

The Parish Council believes that the Pye Homes plan for 46 houses north of the A417 between Portway Cottages and Greensands includes a serious hazard for pedestrians. The plan (which was passed by the Vale of White Horse Planning Department with the approval of Oxfordshire Highways) includes a traffic-light-controlled pedestrian and cycle crossing on the Reading Road (A417) about 25 metres east of the White Road junction. From the crossing, there is to be a shared, two-metre-wide, footway/cycleway to the corner of White Road. This will be the only access for pedestrians and cyclists from the new houses to the village.

The Reading Road is very narrow at this point and there are no plans to widen it. The proposed footway/cycleway is on the right of the photograph. As you can see, when two wide vehicles pass, the mirrors of the westbound vehicle have to overhang the proposed footway/cycleway – a serious threat to any cyclist or pedestrian.

This situation would occur many times a day.

The Parish Council believes that this is clearly dangerous and that a serious accident would be almost inevitable if this layout is built.



We cannot accept this obvious danger to our residents and are doing everything we can to make it safer.

We are in contact with our MP, Ed Vaizey, on this, but we need your support to succeed.

**Please email your comments to  
[crossing@hendred.org](mailto:crossing@hendred.org).**

More information on page 3.

## Dame Jennifer Jenkins

Dame Jennifer died on 2<sup>nd</sup> February aged 96. Her funeral was held in the village on 15<sup>th</sup> February, attended by many representatives from the wide range of organisations that she had been involved in during her lifetime. For example, she was a founder member and Chair for 11 years of the Consumers' Association and Chair of the National Trust for five years. The Jenkins bought their house in Church Street in the 1960's and spent considerable time in the village over almost 50 years. Despite all her other activities Dame Jennifer found the time to take an interest in village affairs, being Patron of the Hendred Heritage Trust for many years and helping the Trust to acquire accredited museum status for Champs

Chapel. She chaired the village committee that prepared the 2008 Parish Plan and wrote the foreword to the Plan.

Her husband, Roy Jenkins, who died in 2003, was a leading Labour politician, being Home Secretary and then Chancellor of the Exchequer during Harold Wilson's government in the 1960's. In 1981 he was one of the founders of the Social Democratic Party. The family commissioned the bench at the top of Snells in his memory. He also is buried in the Cat Street cemetery.

With her strong interest in conservation and the environment Dame Jennifer, when she was in the village, took an interest in local planning issues and often requested an update from the Parish Council. The village will miss a lady who was well known on the national stage but also took a keen interest in East Hendred.

## Greensands Planning Appeal

The appeal against the refusal of planning permission for 65 houses at Greensands and 10 houses at Mather House started on 28<sup>th</sup> February after being adjourned in November 2016. Residents' reasons for objecting to this application include the unnecessary building on a green-field site next to the AONB, increased traffic in the village, more expansion across the busy A417 and no safe pedestrian access to the main village facilities.

Thirty people from the village attended the opening session of the appeal, reflecting the depth of feeling about this development. The PC and residents made statements at the beginning of the hearing.



*Residents showing their support at the appeal in November*

## East Hendred Community Centre – Snells Hall

Things are going well at the hall!

Our new wardens, Louise Simms and Dan England, moved in at the end of January and immediately took on all their responsibilities with enthusiasm and energy. Hall users will find them a pleasure to deal with.

For hall bookings, please contact Louise – [snellshall@hendred.org](mailto:snellshall@hendred.org), or call 01235 833561.

With a grant from the Magnox Socio-Economic Scheme and an equally generous donation from the Hendreds Reeling Group, and fund-raising by Louise Johnson of Hendred Stores and East Hendred Entertains

(via the Elves Trail) we have purchased a completely new set of cutlery and crockery, sufficient for a three-course meal for 100 people. Many thanks to the people and organisations involved! The tableware is available to East Hendred village organisations without charge and to private hirers for a reasonable fee.

If you would like to help with the running of our fine hall (in business for over 40 years and getting better!) please get in touch with John Sharp (833367 or Charles Pappenheim (835014).

## From our County Councillor

### Proposals for Adult Social Care Temporary Funding

The OCC is being allowed by Government to set a 5% council tax rise in 2017/18 and 2018/19 – with 3% intended to be spent on adult social care. The OCC proposes to invest the adult social care portion to help respond to future demand. The proposals are to address three key areas:

- To improve recruitment and retention for existing providers
- To increase the number of social workers, occupational therapists, and care managers
- To help Daytime Support Services to transition to the new model of service provision. This includes guaranteeing core service for people who require daytime support, and financial support for community-based services.

Stewart Lilly



*This year's exhibition at Champs Chapel will be about Newbury Road and Horn Lane. It opens on 30<sup>th</sup> April.*



## Christmas Cracker

Springline Amateur Dramatics Society produced a highly entertaining variety show, on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December at Snells Hall.

On the Saturday, an excellent three course meal was served by members of the cast as well. The range and standard of talent on display was amazing.

Eliza England's rendition of 'Santa Baby' and comic pieces by Chris and Clare Bedford and Roger and Susie Turnbull were real show-stoppers. Director Jo Noble and Musical Director Matt Winkworth did a wonderful job. Congratulations and thanks for a lovely evening to the whole company!



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# from the chair

The publication of the Vale of White Horse District Council's Local Plan in December was a major step forward in planning, reducing the risks of further speculative developments in our village.

Given the three developments that have been approved north of the A417, totalling over 80 houses, the Parish Council needs to consider how best to integrate these into the village given the barrier of the A417 in accessing the village activities and facilities, which we hope the new residents will enjoy and make use of. We had hoped that a children's play area with equipment would be installed in the Pye phase 2 site. Although a green space is included we understand that there will be no equipment provided which is a disappointment. Given the number of new houses, together with over 100 houses in the Couplings Close/White Road area without easy access to children's play facilities, a new playground north of the A417 would benefit both communities.

You may have seen the recent information on creating a Unitary authority for Oxfordshire, to replace the existing County Council and District Councils. We would then be represented by a single Councillor who would have the benefit of representing all the different functions that are currently shared between County and District Councils. One obvious benefit would be in planning where at present highway issues are dealt with at County level and the District has the responsibility of reviewing applications and making decisions. However a single Councillor will have several Parishes within their remit. According to the published information Parish Councils will have added

responsibility, although exactly what this is has not been specified. Our Parish Council is seeking more information on how the proposed change will affect Parish Councils, before we commit to supporting the Unitary proposal.

As noted in the last *Bulletin* another recent development is the new status for Didcot as a Garden Town. We have attended several of the meetings to discuss this development. In addition to the Garden Town itself a "Science Vale Area of Influence" is proposed which includes several local villages and the Harwell campus and the Milton Trading Estate. Although the eastern parts of our parish are within this Area of Influence (i.e. part of the Harwell campus) the main part of our village is outside it. The Council has discussed this position and we are unsure at this stage what the benefits would be, if any, to include the main part of the village in the Area of Influence, but we are keeping a watching brief on this. The final draft Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan will be published for public consultation in the spring of this year, followed by a six week consultation.

Part 2 of the Vale's Local Plan will address sites for smaller developments and sites for alleviating the district's unmet housing needs. Public consultation on this will be via the Vale's website and is due to start on 9<sup>th</sup> March. You will be able to take part in the consultation at: [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building)

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We have many common interests with both Harwell and Chilton Parish Councils, since the Harwell Campus is shared between the three parishes. We also share interests in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Beauty, as well as having the same County Councillor. New developments in each parish are also of common concern. The three chairmen discuss common issues on a regular basis, to the benefit of all three communities.

*John Sharp*

## Planning News

The last *Bulletin* included an update on planning developments in the village. A major change since then is the good news that the Local Plan has been adopted in December, identifying a five-year land supply, reducing the risk of further speculative developments.

The Pye Homes planning application for 46 houses between Portway Cottages and Greensands ("Pye 3") was granted planning permission just days before the Local Plan was adopted. The Parish Council objected to the application on several grounds, both in writing and at the meeting, but through a combination of poor procedures by the Vale's Planning Committee and their refusal to accept the imminent publication of the Local Plan, permission was granted. The Parish Council has made formal objections about the conduct of the committee and is pursuing this further because the responses from the Vale DC to our complaints so far have been very unsatisfactory, as they have glossed over our concerns, and not addressed some key issues. The next stage is to involve our MP, Ed Vaizey.

As described on page 1, the Parish Council considers that the design of a shared foot-and-cycleway on the south side of the Reading Road (A417) adjoining White Road is

extremely dangerous. This connects the 46 houses in the development to the village facilities. Now planning permission has been granted, it is more difficult to have this design changed. However, because this design carries an obvious danger, the PC has a moral duty to do everything in its power to have it changed. It was only through the efforts of the Parish Council, with village support, that the pedestrian crossing for Portway Close was fitted with lights, rather than a less safe solution. We have already raised the issue with Oxfordshire Highways and will raise it with Ed Vaizey when we meet him. Support from the village to help us achieve the change would be welcome. Please let us have your comments at [crossing@hendred.org](mailto:crossing@hendred.org)

The planning appeal for the 75 houses on the Greensands and Mather House sites was postponed from November to 28<sup>th</sup> February, as a result of the absence of a key spokesman for the applicant. This was reported in a late insert to the last *Bulletin*. At the hearing of the appeal, the Parish Council presented our case objecting to this application and some village residents gave their views.

An important fact is that the Greensands site is not an allocated site within the published Local Plan.

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## Scouting Continues to Thrive in East Hendred

We have an active and growing Scout Group based in East Hendred and also serving the surrounding villages of West Hendred, Ginge, Lockinge and Ardington. The Group consists of a Beaver Colony for ages 6-8, a Cub Pack for 8-10½ and a Scout Troop for 10½ to 14 and all have both girls and boys. At 14, the Scouts are encouraged to join the Wantage Explorer unit.

Scouting is about learning by doing and having fun with a varied programme of activities with the emphasis being on the outdoors. In the Scout section, our activities are focussed on equipping the young people to enjoy the countryside with fire lighting, handling knives, axes and saws, cooking on stoves, back-woods cooking, cycling, camping, hiking, building survival shelters, navigating, first aid, playing 'wide games' (games played outside over a wide area) and camp fires.

Each term we visit a local site of interest which in recent years has included Diamond, Newbury Fire Station, the local churches, Abingdon Police Station and our local farm.

We have recently introduced a rolling three-year programme to cover all the nine 'challenge badges' which leads to attainment of the highest award in Scouting, the Chief Scout's Award. Scouts can also attain DofE Bronze as a result of their Scouting activities. This term we are concentrating on the Creative Challenge badge and the Scouts have been creating magic tricks and will be making puppets to perform at our first ever 'Gang Show' for the parents.

Each year for the older Scouts who have been trained and passed the necessary tests, we have a weekend back-packing Expedition involving hiking, navigating in unfamiliar territory, camping and cooking on back-packing stoves. The Scouts really enjoy the independence of this event.

Summer Camp is always the highlight – a fantastic week under canvas spent in a different part of the country each year. Activities include canoeing, kayaking, climbing,

caving, abseiling, high ropes and the 'Banquet' where the Scouts plan their own menu (to a budget!) and compete to create the best three course meal of the camp.

The Scout Troop plays an active role in the community with the maintenance of Skutchamer's Knob, on behalf of English Heritage, attendance at the Remembrance Day services, entertaining the old folk at a local care home and the distribution of Christmas boxes around the villages, funded by carol singing in East Hendred.

Both the uniformed Leaders and the members of the Group Committee, that are vital in keeping the Group running efficiently, all volunteer their time and find their involvement very rewarding.

If you are interested in finding out more, with a view to a young person joining or volunteering to help (which can be on an occasional basis), we'd be delighted to hear from you – please contact Chris Harrison, one of the Scout Leaders (07885 288422, [harrisonchrisd@gmail.com](mailto:harrisonchrisd@gmail.com)).



Scouts enjoying a camp fire

## Hendreds Environment Group

### Reuse/recycle

At the Christmas Bazaar, Sarah James, Sylvia Wild and Jill Broadley were busy helping people to make shopping bags out of old T shirts. It involved

- Cutting off the sleeves and if necessary making the neck larger
- Sewing up the bottom



Eve with her shopping bag

A reminder that old clothes and textiles are collected for recycling if they are left in a plastic bag put on top of your green bin on recycling day. This could include the pieces cut off the T shirt.

### Snells Wood Big Garden Birdwatch

The Big Garden Birdwatch is an annual event that asks people to count the birds that they see in one hour in their garden, park or other outdoor space. Hendreds Environment Group has been taking

part for the last five years, counting the birds we see in Snells Wood for one hour on a Sunday morning on Birdwatch weekend.

This year, three of us stood quietly for an hour, and were rewarded with a total count of 24 birds across 13 species. Wood pigeons were the most numerous type of bird, which has been the case more often than not since we've taken part.

If you have an interest in our local environment, or in actions to protect the wider environment, do join our mailing list by getting in touch with [heg@hendred.org](mailto:heg@hendred.org). There are opportunities to take part in practical working parties, promoting environmentally friendly choices in our community, and to make connections with the wider, very active community action network in Oxfordshire.



Maddy enlarging the neck

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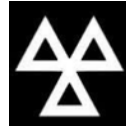
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## East & West Hendred Cricket Club

### Senior Cricket

Preparations are well under way for the 2017 Cricket season, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI are looking to continue last year's Division 2 championship winning form and hope to consolidate in the Oxfordshire Cricket Association Division 1 topflight in 2017. Strengthened by returning players the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI will be aiming for promotion from Division 6. The popular 20/20 Downs League Midweek games will take place on Wednesday evenings from early to mid summer. Last but not least a full programme of Sunday friendly matches has been arranged.

Pre-season events include Adult indoor nets at Abingdon School (Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April and from 2:00 to 3:30pm) and Outdoor nets at the Sports Club on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2.00 to 3:30pm.

### Junior Cricket

Due to its popularity last year, we will be increasing to 3 junior teams this season at U11, U13 and U15 age. League games will be on Sunday mornings and mid week evenings. Training will be on Thursday evenings. Coaching will be available for 9 to 15 year olds providing organised active team sport for boys and girls. It also provides a proven player development pathway to both club and County standard cricket with no less than 3 village based junior players currently representing Oxfordshire at County standard and many others in the District development programme.

Junior cricket coaching starts Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 6:00 to 7:30pm at the Sports Club. Pre season friendlies start on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. First league game Sat 29<sup>th</sup> April 1:00pm.

You can see that the sports ground is a busy place during the summer months with approximately 100 fixtures planned plus training and practice sessions, Like many clubs we are always on the lookout for new members in all areas of club activity and currently have opportunities for junior team managers/assistants and league scorers.

So if you have a passion for anything cricket related contact Ivan Mulford on [ivanmulford@hotmail.com](mailto:ivanmulford@hotmail.com). We would love to hear from you.



*Junior Members at the Sports Ground*

## Dogs

Can we remind everyone that dogs are not permitted at any time on or off a lead on the Sports Ground in Mill Lane. Increasing amounts of dog mess have been found on various areas of the sports field recently, particularly on the football pitch. It is a danger if cuts become infected with dog faeces and can cause blindness if rubbed into the eyes by accident by children and adults alike.

## Spring into Action with the Hendreds Tennis Club

Hendreds Tennis Club is welcoming new players to join – from complete beginners to seasoned pros, with family and individual membership available. Club mornings run on Sundays from 10 o'clock. Club evenings will also run from May, so look out for confirmation of which day this will take place on.

A new programme of junior coaching is set to start on Wednesday evenings in April and members will have priority booking. A junior coaching taster day is set for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-12pm, to which all are welcome.

With junior and adult coaching opportunities, tournaments, local leagues, friendly matches and social events during the year, you don't want to miss out! The club is now registered with the LTA, which means members can also benefit from entry into the Wimbledon ballot. To register your interest in joining, you can email the club at [play@hendredstennis.co.uk](mailto:play@hendredstennis.co.uk), visit the website to find out more at [www.tennis.hendreds.co.uk](http://www.tennis.hendreds.co.uk), or simply turn up on Sunday mornings. Hope to see you soon.

## Morland Bowling Club

### Bowls for the Whole Family

Fourteen year old Louis has been playing bowls with his parents for three years. They play together as equals in a team, talking about their tactics during and after the match

Bowls is a pleasurable way of spending a sunny weekend afternoon. For those who may want more adrenaline there are lots of competitions to enter, not only at club level but also at County level. Louis now plays for the Royal County of Berkshire under 25's.

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There are some external works going on too. Thanks to the East Hendred Consolidated Catholic Charities, we have a new notice-board, a new lamp-post, and a new pair of gates. All done in fine oak. I suspect a successor of mine will be wringing his hands over the state of these items in another century and a half but, in the meantime, they have years of splendour ahead.

Things get busier once Lent begins. Details of daily services and activities are displayed on the notice-board and Lent is a marvellous opportunity for a spiritual MOT, a spring clean. For many Catholics this is the one time

of year when they find their way to Confession, either in their own church or, if they prefer, with the anonymity of the confessional in a nearby town. There will also be a Quiet Morning on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> April) and the Procession of Palms from Champs Chapel at 9.30am. On Maundy Thursday (13<sup>th</sup> April) there will be Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm and Watch of the Passion. On Good Friday (14<sup>th</sup> April) there will be a Children's Workshop in the morning, Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at 12 noon (starting at Champs Chapel), and the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3pm. I hope there will be baptisms and confirmations at the Easter services: the Easter Vigil at 8pm on Easter Eve (15<sup>th</sup> April) and the Solemn Mass on Easter Day. For now, we wait awhile quietly and look forward to the outburst of alleluias, worshipping the Risen Lord, the Lamb that was slain, and yet lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

*Fr Andrew*



## **St Augustine's Church Services in Holy Week and Easter**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April: Holy Communion 6:30pm

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During the early years of the last century, the ringers visited the village farm houses at Christmas time, to entertain the company by playing the hand bells. This of course would involve sampling the farmers' brew.

Evidently on one occasion when worse for wear, on the walk back from Aldfield Farm, there was an argument between them which resulted in one of the ringers throwing his bells over the hedge! Baden Stone, whose father Albert was foreman of the ringers at that time, recalled that his father had to return the next morning, to retrieve them from the field.

Those days are long gone, but we still have a

connection to the past. William Swadling was a ringer at that time and over the past thirty years three of his grandchildren, John, Mabel and Sylvia, have played the hand bells.

*Robin Hine*



*The Ringers of 1894 with the Rev Henry Lewis and Curate. William Swadling is standing second left of photo.*

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## Farming Focus

The winter period has followed the usual pattern of grain outloading, machinery maintenance and moving sheep around on cover crops and rented grass.

We have sold nearly all of Harvest 2016 crops and the continuing weak pound has kept prices of all of our different crops much higher than we were expecting considering the good worldwide stocks of most food products. Brexit has been a bit of a double edged sword for agriculture (but mainly positive), the weak pound has kept our income up but costs of imported inputs such as fertiliser and machinery have risen. Farmers have to manage a reasonable amount of volatility in our businesses, be it weather variation or seesawing input and output prices and Brexit has certainly added to this challenge. Before the vote, I confidently predicted that the remain camp would win and that the pound would strengthen and reduce prices and therefore forward sold approximately half of our 2016 harvest in early June at price levels at which we could lock in to a profit (assuming average or better than average yields). The subsequent weakening of the pound raised prices significantly but luckily we still had some crops to sell and bring our overall average price up. On the plus side, I managed to buy all of our 2017 nitrogen fertiliser on the Monday after the Brexit vote at a super competitive price before all the merchants started withdrawing terms and hiking the price.

One of my main interests is soil health, and how to maintain it and maximise chemical and biological interactions between soil and crops to reduce the need for artificial chemicals and fertilisers. One of the key factors in soil biology, which is attracting more interest

and research, is the interaction between soil living mycorrhizal fungi and plants. These fungi 'infect' the plant root system and live in a symbiotic relationship with it. The fungus spreads out into the soil and brings water and nutrients to the plant; in return the plant feeds the fungus with sugars produced during photosynthesis. Both organisms are better off for the relationship; a classic win/win deal. In a healthy soil the underground fungal networks are also like a kind of internet system and plants can use fungal connections to send messages to each other to warn of insect or disease attacks for example.

In modern agricultural systems it is hard to maintain good levels of fungi in soils but undisturbed forest soils have high levels of tree /fungal interactions which have been extensively researched. Through the use of radioactive labelling techniques researchers have found that in a forest environment healthy, photosynthesising trees will use the fungal networks to pump extra sugars to young trees that are struggling to get light below the main canopy. They will also feed sick and old trees in the same way. Interestingly the research found that although trees will help 'feed' many of the struggling trees around them, they will send more food to their own genetic offspring!

The largest single organism yet found on the planet is a Honey Fungus found under a forest in Oregon. Researchers used DNA testing to establish that it was a single organism and found that it was approximately 4 square miles in area; equivalent to 1665 football pitches. They have estimated its age to be between 2,400 and 8,600 years old so it is probably one of the oldest living things on the planet too!

*Julian Gold, Farm Manager, Hendred Estate*

## Hendreds Twinning Group

We will be celebrating 20 years of twinning during the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017. We travel to France, staying with host families in and around our twin village of Sarceaux near Argentan in Normandy. The coach will leave East Hendred around midday on the Friday to catch the ferry from Portsmouth to Caen (Ouistreham) and thence by coach to the village. Our hosts are planning special events to mark this anniversary. They also lay on an extensive programme of local visits and activities, with very generous hospitality throughout. Return travel is by coach and the afternoon ferry, with a stop en route at a big hypermarket to stock up on French delicacies, arriving back in the village late on Monday.

It's a very inexpensive short break for everyone who goes (particularly for accompanied children who are heavily subsidised from the proceeds of fundraising over the year). The cost per adult will be £220, with school-age children paying only £12 each for the whole weekend. It's a great educational experience for children, as staying with a French family is very different from holidays staying in hotels or gîtes. It's worth approaching your children's school for special permission for time off.

Places are available for anyone living in the Hendreds or surrounding area. We welcome newcomers who will be just as welcome in France as some of us who have already been to Sarceaux several times.

## Feast of Local Food

Snells Hall

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 12.30pm

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After lunch Julian Gold will talk about  
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## Christmas Tree and Crib

The Christmas Tree which was at Champs Chapel with the Crib was donated by Ali and Edward Eyston. A good crowd attended the switching on of the lights on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December and enjoyed singing carols, with mince pies and mulled wine kindly provided by East Hendred Heritage Trust.

The lovely crib was purchased by East Hendred Entertains in 2009 with prize money from the Village of the Year Competition and has since been given to East Hendred Heritage Trust.



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## East & West Hendred WI

Five large hampers of Christmas goodies were raffled at the Dickensian Evening in Wantage on 4<sup>th</sup> December and raised £450 for the local charities we supported this year – ‘Young Parkinsons Society’ and ‘Young Carers’.

As usual, the Eyston family kindly hosted the December meeting at Hendred House and mulled wine and mince pies were eaten in front of a blazing log fire. The folk duo ‘Anno Domini’ entertained us with seasonal songs and carols.

East & West Hendred WI celebrated its 96<sup>th</sup> birthday in January with a “pot luck” supper and entertainment was provided by the Didcot Divas, a local choir of ladies who sing in concerts in care homes and other venues to raise money for local charities. The songs and humorous monologue were very popular.



*Didcot Divas in Full Song*

In February Chris Lowe, a volunteer at the RNLI, gave an inspiring talk about the history of lifeboats and the role of the volunteers who selflessly man them.

*Anne Pagett*

## Downs Golden Age

The club has had another busy few months. Our last outing of the year was in November when about 26 of us went on an outing to see ‘Oliver’ in Oxford. This trip proved to be so popular that for once it was oversubscribed. The musical was wonderful and we have already decided to go to ‘Fiddler on the Roof’ in November of this year.

On 8<sup>th</sup> December we had our Christmas lunch with all the trimmings plus a visit from Santa and musical entertainment. This was very well attended and of course the food was delicious. Many thanks to Salvador, Barbara and Jenni. On 5<sup>th</sup> January we had another lunch and entertainment by HUG, our local Ukulele band. At the beginning of February we had our last lunch which means that winter must be nearly over. Our talk was given by Judy Gibbons on the work of Island Donkey Sanctuary near Wallingford. Judy gave an excellent account of the

centre, their fund raising and the lives of the donkeys. We hope to go for a visit there later in the year. On 9<sup>th</sup> March we revert to our tea time meetings and Phil and Janet Harrison are coming for their annual visit to tell us about their travels. This time it’s ‘Guilin to Hong Kong’. On 6<sup>th</sup> April we will have a special Easter Tea with Hot Cross Buns, an Easter bonnet competition and a talk by Jane Stubbs on ‘Corsets, Crinolines and Mangles’.

We are holding a fund raising Bridge Day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March which we hope will be a great success and raise funds for the club.

The DGA normally meets on the first Thursday of the month at Snells Hall and we always welcome new members and guests. It’s only £12 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@monks court.co.uk](mailto:susie@monks court.co.uk)

## The Walking Group

The group continues to go from strength to strength. We have had an amazing contrast of weather; but we have never cancelled a walk. Our longer walks take place about once a month, these are usually about 10 miles and most importantly include a pub lunch. In December, 16 of us enjoyed a very festive Christmas lunch at the Wheatsheaf.

If you are new to the village, recently retired or have a couple of hours to spare, why not join us on a Wednesday. We are a very friendly and welcoming group. We normally walk for about 2 ½ hours which includes a stop for coffee. Shorter walks can always be arranged. We normally start from Snells Hall but sometimes go on an excursion.

So no excuses - see you at 9.30 on a Wednesday at Snells Hall sometime soon! Whatever the weather!

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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. Awaiting decision by the Vale.

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 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015, the PC resolved to object to the application at the council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November. The PC's final response was submitted to the Vale in December. The Vale refused planning permission in January 2016 and the application has now gone to appeal. The appeal by Public Enquiry started on 28 February 2017 at Snells Hall.

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 PC has objected to this application on the grounds of the harm that would be caused to the AONB and the impact on the village. Permission was granted at the Vale Planning Committee meeting in September. The PC objected to the conduct of the meeting.

P16/V2687/FUL - Geggs Corner, Newbury Road. Application to build 2 detached dwellings with garages. The PC requested planning conditions be attached to ensure that the development does not cause harm to the adjacent listed building. Permission granted.

P16/V2790/HH - Allins Barn, Allins Lane. Application to remove existing fence and erect a new fence, gate and steps. The PC did not object but requested safety facilities for the steps. Permission granted.

P16/V2909/HH - Cinque-Foin, Wantage Road, Rowstock. Application for extension to existing dwelling and dormer windows to front. The PC did not object but requested conditions to protect the amenities of the neighbouring property. Permission granted.

P16/V2962/HH - Chapel Furlong, Ford Lane. Application for new rear kitchen extension, car port and veranda. The PC had no objection. Permission granted.

P16/V2976/HH - Monks Hollow, Newbury Road. Application for replacement of existing garden room with the erection of an oak framed single storey orangery garden room to rear elevation. The PC had no objection. Permission granted.

P16/V3058/HH - Wych End, 5 The Spinney, Ford Lane. Application for demolition of existing conservatory and erection of side and rear extensions. The PC had no objection. Permission granted.

P16/V3085/HH and P16/V3086/LB - The Cottage, Horn Lane. Application to replace a summerhouse with a greenhouse of the

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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.

same height and made of glass and cedar wood with aluminium cladding. The PC had no objection. Permission granted.

P16/V3195/HH - Bramley House, Featherbed Lane. Application for erection of 2m high sound barrier fence. The PC objected due to the siting of the fence.

Awaiting decision by the Vale

P17/V0090/HH - 7 Croom Cottages, Wantage Road, Rowstock. Application for the erection of an Ancillary Granny Annexe. The PC did not object but raised concerns about the size of the proposed building and the need for an additional parking space. A condition was requested to ensure that this did not become a separate dwelling. Awaiting decision by the Vale.

P17/V0306/LDP - The Cobb, Muster Point, Featherbed Lane. Application for the temporary siting of a mobile home under Permitted Development. The PC will not be consulted. Awaiting decision by the Vale.

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## March to July 2017

### March

- 9<sup>th</sup> DGA - 'Guilin to Hong Kong'  
(note change of date)  
12<sup>th</sup> Tennis - junior coaching taster  
13<sup>th</sup> DGA Bridge Day  
16<sup>th</sup> WI Annual meeting (Members only).  
19<sup>th</sup> Twinning Group Feast of Local Food

### April

- 6<sup>th</sup> DGA 'Corsets, Crinolines and Mangles'  
16<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday  
20<sup>th</sup> WI 'Antarctic in the Wake of Scott & Shackleton'  
20<sup>th</sup> Cricket Junior coaching starts

### May

- 18<sup>th</sup> WI 'The Queen's Flight Helicopters'

### July

- 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Twinning Group Visit France

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### From the Editor

Many thanks for all the contributions, I am sorry that it has been necessary to prune some of them and that I have not been able to fit in all the photos.  
Please can I have copy for the Summer *Bulletin* by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Angela Pawlyn  
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- Wednesday** **Walking Group** 9:30am, meet at Snells Hall (Susie Turnbull, 833797)  
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Last Wednesday,  
(except August and December)  
**Downs Golden Age**  
Snells Hall, 1st Thursday (see page 13)  
**Women's Institute**  
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