

EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*

Armistice – A Century On

On 9 November 2018, over 200 people gathered in St. Augustine's church for an evening of poetry, readings and song to commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War. The event was presented by Springline Productions and St. Augustine's (with production led by Chris Bedford) and performed by members of our community in memory of those from East Hendred who fell and suffered during World War 1.

The evening began with a warm reception from the church, drawing people in from a stormy night. As the pews and additional seating filled, the lights dimmed and our narrator (Anne Pappenheim) began to tell the story of the Great War, taking the audience through key moments from its outbreak to the signing of the armistice, linking vivid and evocative readings and songs from the time. We heard the poetry of Siegfried Sassoon, Laurence Binyon, Moina Michael and others, and readings from a wide range of sources including the Hendred Parish Magazine, diaries written by soldiers at the front, and a telegram informing a family of their son killed in action. The readings helped us to understand the brutal impact of the war on our village, across the country and throughout the Empire, as well as on those fighting at the front.

The music of the time demonstrates how the bright light of the human spirit shines even in the darkness of terrible adversity. This was the first ever performance by the Springline Singers Community Choir (Musical Director, Clare Bedford), which began rehearsing just a few short months ago. The choir led the audience in several numbers that were popular at the time and helped to raise spirits, including 'Pack Up Your Troubles', 'If You Were the Only Girl in the World' and 'Keep the Home Fires Burning', as well as singing some more modern pieces to fit the theme of national pride.

Then came the time to remember the fallen. Like every village in the land, East Hendred sent men to fight and, after the war, erected a War Memorial to honour those who did not come home. The poet Wilfred Owen, who was killed in action exactly one week before the end of the war, wrote perhaps the best-known war poem, 'Dulce Et Decorum Est'. Each of its 27 lines were read by a different man, representing the 27 servicemen named on our Memorial. As each of their names was read, a single bell tolled, and one of the readers took his seat. It was a powerful and moving reminder of the loss the people of our village suffered 100 years ago.

We will never forget. We will remember them.



Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 11th November 2018, exactly 100 years after the signing of the Armistice that brought the First World War to a close, was commemorated by East Hendred at the War Memorial on a beautiful winter morning. Many villagers and friends attended.

The parade was led by the 1st Cuckhamsley Scouts, the ceremony was conducted by Rev Antonia Cretney and Fr Martin Flatman and the roll of honour was read by Jacob Realey and his mother Elaine. Wreaths were laid by Lt Patrick Vickers RN for the Armed Forces, Findlay MacGillivray-Edwards for the Scouts, and Sylvia May for the Kohima Association. Brian Thomas, trumpeter of the Wantage Silver Band, played the bugle calls and accompanied the singing. 'For the Fallen' was read by Olwen Lintern-Smyth.

It was a quiet and reflective occasion, which brought us together to give thanks for the courage and sacrifice of the men who had lived so close to where we were gathered.

Thanks are due to Vicki Farrar-Hockley for organising the proceedings, together with her support team, including Will England, Chris Bedford, Matthew Wild and others.

After the service East Hendred Heritage Trust generously invited everyone in for refreshments and a chance to see this year's exhibition, 'Up Street', items dating from WW1 and their other displays in Champs Chapel museum.

In the evening, the East and West Hendred ringers rang call changes on the bells of Holy Trinity, West Hendred, and St Augustine's, East Hendred, bringing a close to this special day of remembrance.

East Hendred Heritage Trust - Champs Chapel Museum

The Museum enjoyed a well visited summer and would like to thank all those volunteers who helped as Stewards, and all who visited, donated and supported events held over the last few months – quiz nights, folk nights and the marvellous Open Gardens event.

We are pleased to announce that during the winter season we are opening on the third Sunday of each month from 18th November until 17th March 2019 to offer a small exhibition of Romano-British finds unearthed over a 10 year period (see right). The museum will be open from 2.30-4:30pm and is free to enter. You will be able to handle some of the artefacts on display and John Groves, who found them, will be there to answer any questions. Don't miss this opportunity!

The Village Christmas Tree and Crib will be illuminated outside Champs Chapel at 4pm on Sunday 9th December. Christmas Carols will be sung and mince pies and mulled wine will be served by members of the EHHT. Everybody is welcome to share this lovely Christmas celebration. Last year this was enjoyed by more people than ever.

Next summer season, we are hoping to be able to open the Museum on Saturday afternoons in July and August. We are always looking for volunteers who could give up

two hours on a Sunday (or Saturday) afternoon between April and October. You do not need to "join" the museum, or be a Trustee, just a person who can give up two hours once a year. If you are interested, if you would like to become a regular donor to the Museum or have ideas for future fundraising events, please contact Peter Kilgarriff (Tel: 861326) or Diana Wheeler (Tel: 833279).

The Romans are coming! Or have they already been? Artefacts suggest the possible presence of a substantial (unrecorded?) Romano-British farmstead/villa dating to around the 1st-4th century AD. The finds include Roman coins, brooches, bronze jewellery fragments, pottery, building materials, votive offerings and a rare piece of painted wall plaster. If you do not know what a votive offering is, please come along to find out this and lots more.

This coin shows Emperor Hadrian and dates from around 128 AD



New Bus Stops on A417

New bus stops have been installed on the A417 either side of the pedestrian crossing leading to Portway Close. While the overall bus service to the village is broadly unchanged, around half the buses now serve the new bus stops, with the remainder serving the existing bus stops on White Road and Orchard Lane. At the same time, the 32A service has been renumbered to 33/X33. The hourly X32 to Wantage westwards and Harwell Campus, Didcot and

Oxford eastwards serves the new Portway Close stops, as does the twice-daily 34 service. The hourly 33/X33 to Wantage westwards and Harwell Campus (not X33 journeys), Didcot and Abingdon eastwards will stop in White Road and Orchard Lane. As before, most buses to Wantage continue to Grove or Faringdon and there is no service on Sundays. These services all also stop at Rowstock, which is also served by the 98 to Didcot and the Harwell Campus every 15-30 minutes on Mondays to Fridays.

The Walking Group

Every Wednesday 9:30 am

The walking group is now in its 7th year and we have new members joining all the time. We meet every Wednesday at 9.30 either at Snells Hall or a nearby village – whatever the weather! The walks are generally a circular route of 5 miles with a coffee stop in the middle

or at the end. We have 22 coming for our Christmas walk on 12th December (a record) when we will be celebrating with afternoon tea (at lunchtime!) at the café in Ardington. Dogs very welcome. Shorter walks can always be arranged. If you want to join us please ring Susie on 833797 – or email susie@monks court.co.uk to check where the next walk will be.

East Hendred Community Centre Snells Hall

The Christmas Bazaar will be in Snells Hall on Saturday, 8th December, from 2 to 4pm.

With Father Christmas, Bell Ringers, the Springline and Pre-school choirs, many stalls and the Main Draw (with a chance to win a turkey and food and drinks hampers) we hope to see you at this traditional village event!

We shut the hall in August for work to be done. With a generous grant from the late John Stevenson, a high definition projector and large screen were installed. The projector can be driven by a laptop and is connected to the hall's sound system, so that high quality sound can be enjoyed by all, including those using the hearing loop. Use of the projector is free to village organisations and local hirers and we have already had a couple of very pleased users.

Harwell Magnox, the Vale of White Horse DC and East Hendred Parish Council kindly provided funds towards new LED lighting and we now have dimmable lights in the Main Hall.

The inside of the Main Hall has been painted by Duncan Smith, achieving a much brighter look – with the new lighting, it positively sparkles!

The lovely Victorian (1856) brickwork on the front of the hall has been entirely re-pointed with lime mortar. Meticulously cutting out all the old mortar and cement patches and keeping the work damp in the scorching heat (where did that go?) Keith Wall and Gary Aldridge really did full justice to our fine old building.

With 53 separate events, the month of October must have been a near record. Thanks to all who use the hall with care, and particular thanks to our wardens, Lou and Dan, who keep it so nice to be in!

See you at the Christmas Bazaar!

from the chair



As reported on page 1, the village commemorated the 100th anniversary of the ending of WW1 with respect and recognition of the sacrifices made, with an Armistice event on Friday 9th November in St. Augustines' church, followed by a very large turn-out, including a large number of children, at the War Memorial on Sunday 11th. It is important that the village gave proper recognition to the WW1 anniversary event and continues to remember the villagers who were killed in action.

It is encouraging to see some improvements in safety being made to the highway works on the A417 linking the three Pye developments to the village. A full report on planning issues since the last *Bulletin* appears below.

We welcome Dominic Hardisty as a new Parish Councillor. He is Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief

Executive at Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust which he joined in early 2016. He and his family have been resident in the village since 2003. We look forward to his contribution to the work of the Parish Council. Next May there will be local elections to Parish Councils and all existing councillors will stand down but can stand again. We hope that some new people will stand for the election to be councillors. Further information on the election process will follow, once available.

A list of activities and consultations that the Parish Council has been involved in since the last *Bulletin* was issued appears below. This is to give an indication of the breadth of the Council's work. Planning always takes a considerable part of the Council's time and effort, but is important as the Vale District Council takes full account of the Parish Council's views in making a decision. Being a councillor provides a significant opportunity to influence issues affecting this village.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

John Sharp

Parish Council actions since the last *Bulletin*

Residents have asked what the functions of the Parish Council are. Here is a partial list of activities in the last three months:

- Examined and commented on 9 planning applications for the parish
- Spoke at the Vale Planning Committee meeting on 3rd October regarding the Pye site
- Presented at the planning inquiry on the Vale Local Plan part 2, mainly concerning the 1000 houses proposed for the Harwell Campus
- Attended a meeting to discuss the latest Thames Water proposal for the Steventon reservoir
- Met with representative of the Harwell campus to discuss nuclear decommissioning
- Distributed the new Welcome Booklet to all village households
- Met with representatives from County Council Highways on safety issues relating to Rowstock
- Agreed allotment rents for the next year
- Financial review of PC income and spend over the last quarter, first draft 2019/20 budget
- Agreed grit boxes for severe weather, to be located in Portway Close and Ludbridge Close
- Organised speed monitoring in the Rowstock area
- Commissioned a tree survey for Snells Wood, Sports Ground and Cat Street cemeteries
- Met with Vale District Council officer to discuss public art arising from funds available from the Pye development
- Maintained playgrounds, courtesy lights and the Snells Woodland walkway.

Planning Update

As noted in the last *Bulletin*, condition 8 associated with the Pye 3 development remained to be resolved. This was concerned with the type of crossing and the position of bus stops. This was eventually heard at the Vale DC Planning Committee on 3rd October. Dr. Sharp (chair) and Mark Beddow spoke outlining the remaining safety problems, particularly related to residents of the Pye 3 site having to walk some distance to the new bus stops opposite Portway Close. The councillors noted the safety concerns but a County Council highways officer was present who assured them that the issues raised were acceptable. We were concerned that the highways officer did not properly represent the safety issues and we have asked via our County Councillor to meet with a senior highways person to discuss further the safety issues. However, given the type of crossing has been accepted and that new bus stops have already been provided opposite Portway Close, the Planning Committee approved condition 8. More recently two bollards have been added into the pavement at the eastern corner of White Road, where it joins the A417. This restricts large vehicles from overrunning the pavement and putting pedestrians at risk.

We have received the first applications associated with the Greensands development. Greensands has outline approval for 65 houses (from the inquiry) and there will be many steps required before full planning approval can be achieved. In particular the highways component was treated as a reserved matter and this will need to be examined in depth. We understand that all vehicles will use the entrance on Featherbed Lane. Meanwhile the upgrade to Featherbed Lane is still on hold due to a dispute over land ownership. A roundabout is planned for the junction with the A417. We also understand that bus stops will need to be provided on the A417 opposite the Greensands site. Access to the south side bus stop from the site will be difficult and may need a third pedestrian crossing (!) due to the heavy traffic on the A417.

In the last *Bulletin* we reported on the inquiry into the Vale's Local Plan part 2. The inspector is currently reviewing the evidence obtained at the hearings in September. An amendment has been made by the Vale Council on the proposed ownership of the 1000 houses proposed for the Harwell campus (many in our parish). This will limit initial ownership to people working on the Harwell campus; it is unclear how subsequent ownership can be restricted to Harwell workers. A decision on the 1000 houses will be made by the inspector in due course.

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Folk@Snells

Folk music is alive and well, and, after appearances in October 2017 and April 2018, made for another very entertaining evening at Snells Hall on Saturday 27th October.

Led by Mark Beddow (who organises the sessions) East Hendred folk group Single Malt played the first set of ballads and sea shanties to get things going in a dynamic and traditional style. Next on the bill was Rowan Godel (in the centre below), an excellent and well-known Oxfordshire singer and guitarist who sang several of her own compositions, as well as traditional songs of love, war and rivalries. Next was Edward Fitzgibbon (pictured left) a very well-known and highly accomplished lutenist, playing several Elizabethan compositions and one of his own. He also improvised an accompaniment to a song of Rowan's, the guitar and lute producing a very mellow sound. A change of mood was brought by Michael Kilgarrieff (right), all the way from the Midlands, playing the banjo and singing in a very pleasant and direct style that brought a tap to the foot and a smile to the face.

With a bar and a raffle and lots of good cheer, the evening raising money for Hendred Heritage and Yellow Submarine (an Oxford charity for adults with learning disabilities) was a great success – let's have another soon please!



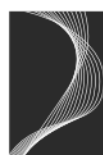
East and West Hendred Cricket Club

After enjoying the glorious hot summer of 2018 East and West Hendred cricketers enjoy a well-earned rest during the dormant winter months, annual end of season renovations have all been completed on the square, covers have been packed away and sightscreens parked awaiting the dawn of 2019 spring. Players and committee reflect on the past season and thoughts turn to how improvements can be made on and off the field. The club has refurbished a remote-controlled electronic scoreboard which was kindly donated by Radley College and will be erecting this on the southern boundary; work will involve digging a trench to lay an electricity supply cable across the outfield which will also include a water supply to the square to improve wicket irrigation. The millennium clock has also been repaired and will be re-fitted to the pavilion gable.

The club will be expanding the vibrant Friday evening junior coaching sessions by introducing the ECB "ALLSTARS" programme for 5 to 8 year olds next season. To achieve this we need help from parents to deliver tailored coaching and game plans so if you can help please let us know. The club is already well connected to the wider village community as a result of the Friday night club sessions which not only provide a great social platform but also a pathway for young people to improve their game. Two such players have this year won awards as a result – Andrew Francis won the OCA League young player award for his all-round 1st XI batting and bowling performances in Division 1, and Alec Cooke won the League under-18 batting averages at the age of 15 following his outstanding season in the 2nd XI.

The Club would like to thank all of the parents, players and wider village community for their continued support on the Friday club nights. Without your attendance none of the achievements outlined

above would be possible so thanks again and hope to see you soon. More accurate details and dates will be available in the Spring *Bulletin* issue but if you can't wait till then contact Ivan Mulford, Dom McKenna or Liam Richards asap.



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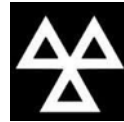
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Farming Focus

Another year's farming cycle has now finished and we planted the harvest 2019 crops.

The 2018 harvest year was one of extreme weather patterns. The early spring was incredibly wet and we struggled to plant our spring-drilled crops. This was then followed by the dry and warm summer (June was only the second time in 25 years that I have recorded a month with no rainfall). I was expecting to harvest some very poor yielding crops but in the end was pleasantly surprised by the respectable yields that we achieved. Keeping our soils in good health will have helped in this respect because the high organic matter levels and good structure meant that the plants were able to extract more moisture from the soil profile.

The recent IPCC report on climate change is sobering reading and highlights the enormity of the global challenge to try to limit the inexorable rise in greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere. Agriculture has a potential useful role in mitigation efforts if soils can be managed to maximise the sequestration (and long term holding) of carbon from the atmosphere.

We operate a system which aims to do this with a number of techniques:

Firstly, we aim to grow high yielding crops that have large green leaf areas to maximise photosynthesis potential. (When crops are photosynthesising and converting sunshine and carbon dioxide from the atmosphere into plant tissue they produce more `carbon-based sugar compounds` than they need for growth. These excess sugars are pumped down into the soil via root exudates and are a food source for all the below-ground micro-organisms living in the soil. A bit like the Pantomime Dame throwing sweets out into the audience!)

When these (hopefully!) high yielding crops are harvested we try to only take the grains from the field and chop the straw rather than baling and selling it. This means that we are maximising the amount of plant material (containing lots of atmospheric carbon converted via photosynthesis into plant tissue) that remains on the soil surface and is gradually assimilated by decomposition and earthworms.

There is also a large amount of very stable carbon left underground after harvest in the tissues of the plants' root systems.

Farming systems that involve a lot of ploughing and intensive cultivations tend to lose a lot of the stored

carbon from the above mentioned sequestration sources because they introduce oxygen into the soil as it is moved. This oxygen reacts with the carbon in the soil and leads to the release of carbon dioxide back into the atmosphere, hence undoing all the previous sequestration. Our cultivation system is based on a controlled traffic system which involves all field work being carried out on fixed wheelways 10 metres apart. This means that about 80% of our soil surface is un-trafficked by heavy farm machinery and it allows us to carry out very minimal and shallow cultivations as we do not have compaction to remove between crops. These shallow cultivations allow most of our sequestered carbon to remain undisturbed for long term storage in the soil.

Traditionally many farmers cultivate or plough fields that are destined for spring crops and leave them brown and bare over the winter period. At Hendred we maximise our ability to use photosynthesis to sequester carbon by planting all of our fields that are going into spring-drilled crops with cover crops over winter. This also gives us food for the sheep over winter and means that we are continuously throwing `sweeties` down for the soil organisms and keeping them happy and well fed!

A carbon-focussed farming system such as ours is a real win/win situation because we are doing our bit to help climate change and at the same time the increased carbon in the soil builds a healthy population of soil organisms and earthworms, better structure and water and nutrient holding capacity. All of these factors help provide for reliable and stable crop yields even in years of unfavourable weather patterns as in 2018.

This `virtuous circle` of increasing soil health leading to increasing yields tends to carry on building like a snowball rolling downhill until soil carbon levels get to a level of equilibrium at which carbon sequestration is balanced by losses back to the atmosphere – i.e. agriculture alone cannot solve climate change, only provide short to medium term positive effects. At Hendred we have already built soil organic matter levels (organic matter is the simplest way of measuring soil carbon) to around 5-7% and further increases will now only be small. Average organic matter levels on UK arable farms are probably nearer 1-3%.

We are currently involved in an experiment to measure greenhouse gas flows in and out of soils and some of you may have seen the equipment in the field near Hill Farm.

Julian Gold, Farm Manager, Hendred Farm Partnership

Village Infrastructure - Have Your Say

When new houses are built in the village, a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is now charged. The Parish Council receives 15% of the levy to spend on infrastructure, with the remainder going to the Vale of White Horse District Council. Larger developments continue to be usually liable for 'section 106' payments to pay for infrastructure required for that development but CIL funds are more flexible in what they can be spent on. Both the District Council and East Hendred Parish Council are developing a priority list for items that such funds can be spent on. The Parish Council is inviting suggestions from residents about what to spend any CIL funds it receives on. As a guide, a typical single house

being built in East Hendred will lead to the Parish Council receiving £1,800. CIL funds can be spent on either the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area. Please send your suggestions to Cllr Stephen Webb at stephenwebb.ehpc@gmail.com or by post to the Parish Clerk, for consideration by the Council. Examples of suitable projects could include play equipment, sports facilities, benches, public transport improvements, cycle infrastructure, art works, etc. If you are able to provide costings, that would be helpful. The suggested projects must be accessible to all without requiring a membership fee.



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We are very grateful for the magnificent support we receive from the various stand-in clergy, including Pam Rolls and Antonia Cretney, and to Jason for his unstinting ongoing assistance.

St Augustine's Church Gift Day was held to coincide with the Ride and Stride day on Saturday 8th September. Leaflets regarding Gift Day were distributed to all households in our Parish, and we are very grateful for the positive response, bringing in much-needed funds.

Benefice of Wantage Downs

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Christmas Day		East Hendred
Sun 30 Dec	10.30	Benefice Communion, Lockinge

We also benefitted from sponsorship of those visiting the many historic churches that were open on the annual Ride and Stride Day.

Our Harvest Festival service and lunch on 7th October was a lovely occasion. On Friday 9th November, St Augustine's in collaboration with our local drama group community choir (Springline) hosted a commemoration of 100 years since the end of the First World War. Coming up we have the magical Christingle service on Sunday 2nd December and we will have a stall at the annual Bazaar in Snells Hall on Saturday 8th December. Our Christmas services across the Benefice are listed below, and in December we are leading an exciting new venture – see the Living Advent Calendar article below for details.

Have you visited our church yet? Well, now is the time to join our diverse congregation, meet new people and friends and become part of our wonderful community. If you are already a member we thank you for your continued support, and look forward to seeing you in church soon.

Julie Pearce - Churchwarden

East Hendred's Living Advent Calendar

By the time you read this, our living Advent Calendar should be up and running.

Each day in Advent (2 December to Christmas Eve) you're invited to knock on a different (real) door in the village to get a chocolate, a sticker for your record card and an instalment of the Christmas story. You need to register in order to find out which address to go to on each day, so if you missed the start and want to join in, call Anne Pappenheim (tel: 01235 835014).

For children accompanied by an adult. It's £1 to register – see how many stickers you can collect between now and Christmas!

East Hendred Catholic Parish - Advent and Christmas 2018

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

We wish you, and your families and friends, a holy and happy Christmas and blessings for the New Year.

As well as the normal Sunday Masses of 9.30am at St Mary's, East Hendred and 11:15am, at St Patrick's, East Ilsley there will be the following:

8 Dec Immaculate Conception of Our Lady	9:30am	Solemn Mass at St Mary's
13 Dec St Lucy	7pm	Advent Vigil at St Patrick's
16 Dec Third Sunday in Advent	6pm	Ecumenical Nine Lessons and Carols at Lockinge Church
19 Dec <i>O Radix Jesse</i>	6:30pm	St Amand's School Carol Service at St Mary's
24 Dec Christmas Eve	4pm	Crib Service for Children at St Mary's
	8pm	Christmas Mass (Of the Night) at St Mary's
25 Dec Christmas Day	9:30am	Christmas Mass (Of the Day) at St Mary's
	11:15am	Family Christmas Mass at St Patrick's

Hendreds Twinning Group

We have a stall at the Christmas Bazaar. Items for sale welcome or come along and try your luck on the tombola! Please help to fund-raise so we can continue to offer subsidised places for children on our exchange visits.

Membership of the Twinning Group is open to anyone living in the Hendreds or surrounding area. We welcome anyone who would like to travel to Sarceaux in July (more details will appear in the next *Bulletin*) or be involved in our other activities. Contacts for further details: Lesley on 863184 or Lesleyewiswh@outlook.com, Hilary on 833636 or hildorling@gmail.com, Margaret on 833367 or m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com

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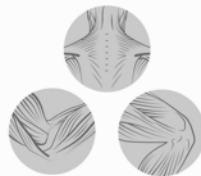


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1st Cuckhamsley Scouts

Scouts from East and West Hendred have won the County Patrol Camping competition.

The annual weekend event held in October at the Horley Scout Camp site near Banbury was attended by over 250 scouts from across Oxfordshire. Over 40 patrols took part, each with about six scouts. They camped and cooked on their own supported by over 50 adult volunteers. As well as being judged on their camping skills, the patrols participated in a themed cooking competition on open fires. A wide range of fun activities were laid on including archery, inflatable whack-a-mole, giant inflatable table football, giant pool played in a field using adults as balls, three shooting galleries including nerf gun, laser tag and extreme Lego.

In the photo from left to right are Findlay MacGillivray-Edwards (13), Toby Prescott (12), Estella Reeve (11), Sheona MacGillivray-Edwards (11), Katie Shand (12), Eve Peach (12) and Sylvia Wild (12).

Findlay MacGillivray-Edwards, the patrol leader, said "We liked the freedom of not being told what to do. It was challenging but we enjoyed lighting fires, cooking and

playing games." The judges highlighted teamwork as the key aspect displayed by the winning patrol from the 1st Cuckhamsley Scouts based in East Hendred. Sylvia Wild said "The best thing was the disco!"

Dave Walsh, King Alfred District Commissioner said "I'm delighted that scouts from our District have won this competition. We have seen real growth in girls in Scouting in our area recently so it is particularly encouraging to see so many girls in the winning patrol."



Downs Golden Age Club

The first meeting of the autumn was the AGM on 13th September. Never a very popular meeting but necessary for the club! In early October it was a tea and we were well entertained and instructed by Jilly Trafford in how to *Make your Own Poppy*. Jilly gave an interesting talk on the origins of felt and its many uses and most of us went home with something that vaguely looked like a poppy! Also in October we had our Bridge Drive which was attended by 56 players. They were given a delicious lunch (I think some of them only come for the lunch!) a fantastic raffle courtesy of Stella and we were thrilled to discover that we had raised over £1,000 for the club. In November we reverted to lunches for the winter. Lunches are always more popular than tea and at least 60 members arrived for a warming main course of meat balls and pasta followed by apple crumbles made by all the committee from village apples! Lunch was followed by an extremely good talk by Alan Copeland on *The Curiosities in the Cotswolds*. On 6th December it's the Christmas Lunch – one of the highlights of the year! Full Christmas dinner, a visit by Santa with gifts for everyone, carol singing and a gigantic festive raffle! On 10th January it's another lunch and a talk by Trevor Hancock on *Wantage Tales*.

If you are new to the village we would like to welcome you to our very friendly club. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at Snells Hall and we always welcome new members and guests. For more information and details of the fundraising Bridge Drives, please contact Susie on 833797 or email susie@monks court.co.uk. It's only £12 per year and that covers all the lunches and teas, speakers and subsidised outings.

Hendred Apple Day

National Apple Day was marked by the inaugural Hendred Apple Day. This took place in glorious autumn sunshine outside the village shop on Saturday 20th October when bags, boxes and barrows of apples appeared from all corners of the village. Hosted by Bowling Alley Allotment Association, and with a little help from the Cuckhamsley Scout Group, apples were quickly chopped, pressed and bottled to produce nearly 300 litres of fresh tasty apple juice, raising funds for both the allotment association and scout group. Thanks go to Louise and Martin for hosting (and providing water and electrics) and to The Hendred Press for the loan of the press and paraphernalia.



Dove and Pigeon Hazard

Birds are a wonderful and important part of our wildlife, but when their numbers increase massively in a limited area the mess they make can become a serious nuisance and a health hazard. In the village and particularly the area around Champs Chapel, some people are encouraging doves by feeding them, and this has led to worsening accumulations of mess.

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Tennis Club Don't let winter put you off your tennis game

Although the junior and adult coaching sessions have finished for 2018, watch this space for more opportunities in Spring 2019. Meanwhile, club sessions continue year-round on Sundays from 10am to 12pm. On the social front, members and guests will be competing in the club's sell-out annual quiz night on Friday 16th November at the West Hendred village hall – if you missed this one, check our website for news of future events. Our highly anticipated mixed doubles event scheduled for 23rd September was cancelled due to very wet weather, but the good news is that we've rescheduled it for April 2019.

We're always keen to welcome new players. If you're interested in coming along for a taster session, please email play@hendredstennis.co.uk Visit the website (www.hendredstennis.co.uk) for club information and news.

East & West Hendred WI

Once again it has been a busy time for the ladies of East & West Hendred WI. In September, the meeting was host to Judy Bagott, a solicitor, who spoke to us about "Where there's a Will" – the importance of future planning for your estate, be it big or small. In October we then played host to members of the **Get Active!** team, who demonstrated and informed us of exercise classes available locally. They were also able to inspire us by showing us how exercise can be enormous fun – by demonstrating and letting us participate in seated yoga! Highly recommended for all ages and abilities. As has been said on numerous occasions, exercise is a crucial component of our physical and mental wellbeing. It does not need to be overly strenuous and even the taking part is good for us. It promotes friendship and makes us part of a larger "family". In November Jackie O'Hagan brought along the St Denys Handbell Ringers, and an entertaining evening was spent both listening to and having a go at the art of handbell ringing.

As part of the theme of improving our minds and bodies, East & West Hendred WI are proud to be part of a new initiative entitled Walking Netball, which we began in September. It really is the most tremendous fun – probably more laughter than goals, but that is what being part of a team is all about.

So what is coming up in the future as we head towards the festive season? The December and January meetings are for members only. In December we are honoured to hold our meeting at Hendred House and in January it is our annual Birthday Party – 98 years and counting! So really these two events should whet your appetite for becoming a member! Things return to "normal" in February, when Barbara Hatley will tell us about the history and (hidden) meaning of Nursery Rhymes.

Of course we also get together in addition to the set meeting dates. We usually have a coffee morning monthly, at a member's house, when we raise money for our Charity; or else we visit a local coffee house, causing havoc with our chatter and laughter. There are also serious matters, such as the planned visit to the Ardley Recycling Plant next March, this visit having to be rearranged from September.

We meet on the third Thursday of every month, often in Snells Hall, but sometimes in West Hendred Village Hall. The meetings start at 7:30pm and last for about two hours.

Visitors and new members always welcome.

For more details please contact the President on 01235 224467 or jen@wpj.me.uk



The long wet spring and abnormally hot summer brought their challenges, but ultimately the harvest months provided fantastic crops of fruit and vegetables. It's now all quiet on the allotments – onions, garlic and shallots went in the ground in October, winter greens will reliably crop through until April and the Christmas brussels are all but ready for their big day.

BAAA was formed last autumn and has covered a lot of ground in so many ways in its first 12 months. We have worked with EHPC to ensure all plots are occupied, safe

and well cared for, participated in Hendred Open Gardens, introduced Hendred Apple Day to the village calendar (see article on page 11) and taken on and cleared what was an overgrown plot for community gardening and the production and sharing of local food. We hope the pop-up press on Apple Day and the community plot are just the beginning of a number of activities that will provide the opportunity to share locally grown food next year. Time to plan for 2019!

For more information about joining BAAA or our planned activities contact Hilary Dorling on hildorling@gmail.com

E glande quercus

Where in East Hendred is a nice spot for an oak or a silver birch?

Oxfordshire County Council has provided the Parish Council with two year-old saplings and a plaque to plant as part of the Trees of Remembrance initiative.

We would like some help with finding somewhere to plant these, where they will become an enhancement to our parish over the years. Finding the right spot needs a bit of care, to avoid being too close to buildings or in a place where the view of oncoming traffic would be obscured, etc.

If you have a suggestion for a site (or two) please send it to Julia Evans, our Parish Clerk at easthendred.clerk@gmail.com or any of our parish councillors – contact details on page 15.



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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 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 not been decided upon by the Vale. P18/V0113/FUL - Pye Homes phase 3. Revised amendment to condition 8 relating to the pedestrian crossing and the footway on the south side of the A417. The Parish Council objected to this because of hazards to pedestrians. Permission has been granted.

MW.0036/18 - Magnox Ltd, 462 Rutherford Avenue. Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission EHE/9294/1 to allow for import of a small amount of Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) from Winfrith to Harwell for encapsulation and interim storage. The Parish Council has objected to this application. The Vale website records that this is a County matter and has recommended approval. Awaiting determination by the County Council.

P18/V1560/HH - 19 Portway Close. Demolition and replacement of garden wall. The Parish Council objected due to the height of the proposed wall and the impact on the street scene. The application has been withdrawn.

P18/V1654/HH - Hill Farm, St Marys Road. Proposed replacement Porch. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. Permission has been granted.

P18/V1812/LB - 7-8 Newbury Road. Remove existing tiles and make good any timber and lathes as necessary. Replace old tiles and alignment with old tiles. The Parish Council had no objection to the application but requested that the new tiles matched the existing ones. Permission has been granted.

P18/V1935/HH - 31 Couplings Close. Erection of prefab garage 6.2m x 6.2m in size. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. Permission has been granted.

P18/V2295/FUL - CCLRC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory Harwell. New extract ductwork for existing laboratory facility. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. Permission has been granted.

P18/V2299/FUL - Land at Harwell Campus. A bus turning area north of Fermi Avenue with new bus stop and three further pairs of bus stops. The Parish Council objected to this application on various grounds, including the traffic impact of the proposed bus stops and the lack of adequate bus shelters. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

MW.0111.18 - Land adjacent to building 418.19, Dido Road, Harwell Campus. Installation of semi-rigid building for the temporary storage of non-radioactive and very low-level radioactive waste. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. Awaiting determination by the County Council.

P18/V2362/HH - Martins Cottage Horn Lane. Convert existing garage to gym/ home office. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. The application was subsequently withdrawn.

P18/V2397/HH - 1 White Road. Demolition of existing lightweight timber outbuilding shed and single garage. Garage to be replaced with lightweight timber double garage and shed to be replaced with lightweight log cabin. The Parish Council expressed concerns about the proximity of the proposed buildings to the road. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

Parish Council

Council meetings are held in Snells Hall at 7:30pm on the 1st Thursday of each month. An Open Forum, in which parishioners may ask questions, starts at 8pm.

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Planning Matters (Continued)

P18/V2406/HH - Rosevale, Wantage Road, Rowstock. Erection of a rear extension. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P18/V2496/O - Cornerbrook, Mill Lane. Outline application for erection of new dwelling and garage. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P18/V2637/PIP - Monks Court, Newbury Rd. Development of the site for 1-2 dwellings. The Parish Council is still considering this application.

P18/V2699/LB - Cobblers Cottage, Cat Street. Erection of small flat-roofed porch and internal changes. The Parish Council is still considering this application.

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December 2018 - March 2019

December 2018

- 2nd Christingle Service, St Augustine's 4pm
 6th DGA Christmas Lunch Snells Hall 1pm
 8th Christmas Bazaar, Snells Hall 2pm
 9th Christmas Tree and Crib lighting up 4pm
 24th Crib Service, St Mary's 4pm

January 2019

- 10th DGA Lunch, Snells Hall 1pm
 17th WI, Snells Hall 7.30pm

February 2019

- 7th DGA Lunch, Snells Hall 1pm
 21st WI, Snells Hall 7.30pm

March 2019

- 7th DGA Tea, Snells Hall 3pm
 11th DGA Bridge Drive, Snells Hall
 21st WI, Snells Hall 7.30pm

December 2018 and January 2019 Bank Holiday Refuse Collections

Recycling (green bin) and Food waste
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 1st Thursday
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 10:30am, St Augustines,
 Last Wednesday,
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Downs Golden Age Club
 Snells Hall, 1st Thursday
 (see page 11)
Women's Institute
 7:30pm, either Snells Hall or West
 Hendred Hall, 3rd Thursday
 (see page 13)
Champs Chapel Museum
 3rd Sunday 2:30 - 4:30pm

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