

EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*



The Second Big Bash

Ali Eyston called out the team to put on another great party on 26th May, with Springline Singers, Ceildh Band, Jazz Band, Hog Roast, Beer Tent, Gin Bar, Ice Cream Van, Photo Booth, Bouncy Castle and more.

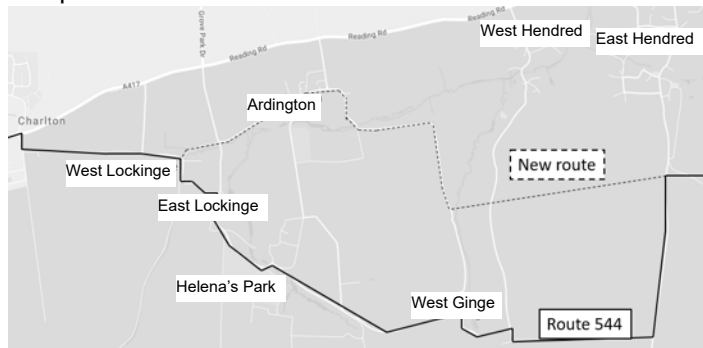
New members of the village, old stagers and everyone in between had a wonderful time. Thank you to all who made the bash such a blast!



A New Bike Route to Wantage is On The Way

Currently if you want to cycle to Wantage there are a couple of options. You can cycle down the A417, but not many people find this appealing because of the traffic. You can use regional route 544 which links Didcot to Wantage via Harwell Campus. This provides a very attractive, quiet route, but it's a bit of a long way round. From East Hendred (and aiming to end up going west to Wantage) you must first cycle south for one-and-a-half miles to pick up the Ginge Farm track.

Science Vale funding for cycle routes in the area means that a more direct route could be created. Oxfordshire County Council are working closely with landowners to develop a route via Icknield Way and Ardington as shown on the map below.



Considerable efforts were made to try and take the route via East and West Hendred, but key land was not available. This plan will involve crossing Ginge Brook at a spot that locals will know is steep and tricky. A solution here must be suitable for pedestrians, horse-riders and cyclists. It's not fixed yet, but may look something like the picture above right.

Route 544 to Didcot from East Hendred will remain unchanged. It follows Icknield Way past Harwell Campus to Hagbourne Hill, then goes by road to Upton. Upton to Didcot uses the disused railway line. Again, it's not the most direct route to Didcot, but the railway line is a particular pleasure to ride and connects well to Didcot Parkway with an off-road cycle lane via Hitchcock Way. Harwell Bike Users Group (HarBUG) is a great resource for local route information: www.harbug.org.uk

Sarah James (HEG and HarBUG)

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The thriving community working on the Campus is now up to 6,000 people in about 250 public, private and academic organisations. With core areas of work focused on Space, Health and Energy, underpinned by major technology groups working in Big Data, Super Computing and Artificial Intelligence, the pioneering research and innovative technologies emerging from Harwell will touch all of our lives at some point.

More locally, the Campus provides job opportunities, work experience placements and is actively involved with schools throughout the region, encouraging young people to consider careers within the science and technology sectors. Focusing on our Campus and surrounding villages, the recently launched Harwell Hub (www.harwellhub.com) aims to be a one-stop shop for jobs, events, campus updates and accommodation. In its short life to date, the Hub has received details of over 60

science and technology related jobs, tangible evidence of the growth of the organisations on campus and their need for skilled people. One reason for creating the Hub was to connect people on the Campus, or our visitors, to local accommodation and amenities. With that in mind local suppliers, be they pubs, cafes, B&Bs or hotels are all welcome to upload information to the Hub.

Two super new additions to the Campus are Pierrepoints Café and the Fitness Experts. With a sister branch located in Goring, Pierrepoints is not limited to Campus people so if you want a local option for seasonal hot and cold dishes to eat in or take away and delicious coffee, the café is open between 8.00 and 17.00 Monday to Friday. The gym next door run by The Fitness Experts offers Personal Trainer led group training sessions. A choice of over 60 classes is available each week from bootcamp to strength training, box-fit and recovery sessions, as well as over 20 hours of open gym slots for members.

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These fantastic new additions to the Campus are great not only for people here but also those of you in surrounding villages who want to take advantage of your proximity to the Campus.

East & West Hendred WI

Whilst we firmly remain the vibrant East & West Hendred WI, the first few months of the year tend to be a little quieter, although certainly not less interesting. In January as we do every year, we celebrated our Birthday – we are 98 years young. In February we learnt about The History and Meaning of Nursery Rhymes – a fascinating talk by Barbara Hatley. March is a serious time – but maybe not *too* serious – when we have our AGM and the new Committee are elected. April saw an absolute humdinger of a talk when Julie Goodson told of scandals in Oxford High Society – you should come and then you *too* would know the secrets!

On to the new WI year. In May we are having a talk by a nurse who served in Afghanistan – sounds terrifying! And in June John Caldicot will give us a talk entitled "Dumped at Birth" on The Foundlings Hospital. In July we are to have an antiques quiz with Andrew Anderson, and there will be yet another party in August.

Our extra-curricular activities continue apace; the Walking Netball team is proving very popular, so watch out England – here we come! And our coffee mornings, afternoons, "whenever" are always a draw. Lunch at Umami in Wantage was a great time for chat and laughter. As previously advised, every year East & West Hendred fundraise for a *local* – I stress that word – charity and this year it is the Wantage Independent Advice Centre. In March we held a quiz evening to raise funds and in April we were able to present the Advice Centre with a cheque for £850. Well done to everyone in our team.

So you can see from this the WI is very far from being "Jam & Jerusalem". Why not give us a try – we offer a lot – fun, friendship and frivolity. 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 Jennie on 01235 224467 or jen@wpj.me.uk

Snells Hall Millennium Extension

This March the hall's Millennium extension was 20 years old. Opened on 6th March 1999 by Lord Jenkins, who lived in the village, with the help of Millennium Project funding as well as funding from the Rural Development Commission, the Vale of White Horse District Council and the Parish Council, the project was successfully completed. In addition to the direct funding, several local guarantors made available considerable immediate funding for the project. Many individuals also gave a great deal of their valuable personal time towards its success. The new extension was designed by Bogdan Nedelkoff who lives in the village and it was awarded a Design Award from the Vale of White Horse District Council. The judges' comments were "Interaction and well thought out additions to an attractive hall of some architectural merit.

Good use of materials and a very functional design, both internally and externally. A commendable effort by all who were involved, particularly the volunteers who laid the entrance floor".

The extension links the Pre-school room which had been opened a year earlier with the main hall. The Gallery was created from a previous school classroom, and a small room was added at the top of the new stairs.

The chimes of the old school bell were heard once again to open the extension, the first time to ring out since the last war. Stan Francis had the honour of ringing the bell – a task he had done when at the village school several decades earlier.

There are plaques in the hall commemorating the formal opening by Lord Jenkins and the sources of funding for the project (particularly from the Millennium Commission).

from the chair



There were eight applications for nine posts at the recent East Hendred Parish Council election and hence there was no formal election. The eight councillors are the same as those on the previous Council. One vacancy remains and we would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in joining the Council; one requirement is that the candidate has to have lived or worked in the village for at least a year. Many other local Parish Councils also had fewer candidates than the required number.

We note the change in the political status of the Vale District Council as a result of the recent election, losing its Conservative leadership; it will be interesting to see what the implications of this will be. Our District Councillor (Mike Murray) resigned and Janet Shelley has been elected to represent the Hendreds. She lives in East Hendred and was a Parish Councillor some time ago; we look forward to working with Janet.

Planning remains a topic requiring the Parish Council to put in considerable work as the reserved matters for the 65 houses planned for the Greensands site are currently under discussion. A separate article in this *Bulletin* lists the many issues that we have raised with the District Council. We are hoping to work positively with the developers and have already had one meeting with them.

The Morland Bowling Club is under threat as the Plough Inn site is up for sale. The Council, recognising the local benefit of the club, has decided to apply for the green and club-house to be designated as an “asset of community value” and we are working with the Bowls club to achieve this. This would, however, only provide a temporary limit to a potential sale. A separate article in this *Bulletin* outlines the benefits of the club and its forthcoming open days. We hope many villagers will take advantage of these. The Council has also been approached to apply for similar status for The Plough but with two active other public houses in the village we have been advised that this would be difficult. The Plough is a Grade 2 listed building, as is the building used as the bowls club clubhouse, and it will be interesting to see what plans develop for their future.

The Council is taking a keen interest in the proposed plans for the Steventon reservoir as Thames Water continue to develop their plans. If eventually built the southern end would be very close to our northern parish boundary. It is now considerably larger than the plan which was proposed several years ago. We are working with GARD (Group Against Reservoir Development). One key issue is water leakage and it is claimed that if Thames Water reduced its leakage over the whole of its supply area the case for the reservoir would be much weaker. Oxfordshire County Council is seeking an independent enquiry which the Parish Council strongly supports.

Congratulations to the organisers of the Big Hendred Bank Holiday Bash on another successful event.

John Sharp

Planning Update

The main issue for the Parish Council is the development of the Greensands site by Mears. An appeal held in 2017 approved 65 houses on the Greensands site together with 10 dwellings for older people on the Mather House site. The current planning application is to approve reserved matters for the 65 houses on the Greensands site. We have queried the status of the 10 dwellings for older people on the Mather House site, given that an alternative application has been made for this site to develop 10 units of holiday accommodation. The Council was in support of the dwellings for older people as they would meet a local need.

The Parish Council met to discuss the reserved matters application in mid-April and developed a set of comments which were sent to the Vale District Council. Two councillors have also met with the Case Officer. The Council has also had a meeting with developer and their architects. The main points of the Parish Council comments are:

- The application should be reviewed to ensure that it conforms to the Vale Design Guide, and Core Policy 37, with particular focus on issues such as existing movement corridors, encouragement of or walking and cycling, screening and light pollution (site abuts the AONB).
- The quality of house-types being proposed is generally inferior to those in the adjacent Pye developments. There is a lack in variety of house-types and little variety of materials is proposed. These house-types proposed are standard units and not developed with the local

vernacular in mind. Improvements to the design are requested including varying house types, materials more in keeping with the local vernacular, and more landscaping/planting.

- The Council requests that improvements be made to vehicular connectivity through the site. Concern has been made about all the vehicular traffic from the site using Featherbed Lane, particularly as there is some doubt whether the proposed roundabout at the junction with the A417 will be built. Over 100 extra cars using Featherbed Lane, many of them wanting to join the A417, may have to use the existing junction which has several safety issues and has been the site of accidents in the past.
- The Council also requests that shared-use footpaths are connected to the indicated road access, to the adjacent Portway development, to the village and to the byway opposite Featherbed Lane. The footpath also needs to be a shared-use path, to include cycling.
- The Council is particularly concerned that over 90 houses have already been built north of the A417 without any play equipment for youngsters. There is a requirement at the Greensands site for a LEAP (Local Equipped Area for Play) and we are asking that this is well equipped. In addition, we are asking for a recreational area to be provided at the north of the site to benefit both the new residents on this site as well as those in Portway, Ludbridge and Ridgeway Closes. East Hendred Parish Council has stated that it would be very interested to work with the developer to achieve these recreational areas.

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Dom "da Vinci" puts finishing touches to 'Golda Lisa' at the 2019 Art of Reeling party

We have been holding our annual Scottish Reeling party for over 20 years now and it is continuing to attract a full house on every occasion. We raise funds for a different local charity each year and the event is slightly themed to reflect the particular charitable organization.

We recently held the 2019 party raising funds for The Art Room which is attached to the new Aureus School in Didcot. Its aim is to help children who have experienced emotional and/or behavioural difficulties to re-engage with learning and to help them thrive in life.

Our theme was therefore "an artistic flourish" and as such we had several Frieda Kahlo's at the party and many other imaginative ideas which made for a very colourful and joyful evening with fast and furious dancing to The Oddpiece Band!

"Just to say a HUGE thank you all the Committee for a wonderful dance on Saturday night. We did really enjoy it and now totally get the value of homework/rehearsal!!!! It must have been such a lot of work for you all however you all managed it utterly seamlessly. The food was delicious as well and we are most grateful to each and everyone of you for helping to make it a beautiful evening which definitely put a smile on everyone's faces."

If you think you might be interested in joining us next year – we do have three practice sessions beforehand, guided expertly by a professional and patient instructor – and very much encourage both complete beginners and experienced reelers to come along – please contact rachaelaustin@fastmail.fm

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Springline Productions

Springline Productions are actively seeking new members

Your local friendly amateur theatre group is looking for new members to help with backstage activities for our next production which will be held at Snells Hall over 2 nights just before Christmas 2019.

If you have experience or even just an interest in helping out with props, lighting, stage management, sound or costumes we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Susie Turnbull on susieturnbull@monks court.co.uk for more info.

Tennis News

The Hendreds Tennis Club is welcoming new players of all abilities. Tennis lessons (catering from toddlers up to adults) are running on Friday afternoon and evening, and there is still availability in the adult class. Non-members are very welcome to come along for a trial at club sessions (Wednesday evenings & Sunday mornings) and also to participate in tennis lessons. Please come along and give it a go!

Also, make room in your diaries for the Hendreds Summer Tournament on Sunday 9th June. A great day of tennis for adults and juniors, open to both members and non-members. Register your interest at play@hendredstennis.co.uk and use reference ST 2019.

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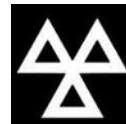
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East Hendred Heritage Trust

The Museum is open! Saturday and Sunday afternoons, 2.30-4.30pm until the end of October. Come and see our Street Exhibition on "Down Street" – this includes Hendred House and its amazingly long history. The magnificent Roman finds exhibition remains in place – not only to look at but to handle coins and fragments of pottery found in East Hendred. There are many other interesting objects and pictures on display!

At the opening (pictured below), our Chair, Peter Kilgarriff, presented Sonia Roberts, who stepped down last year, with gifts from the Trustees to thank her for her years of hard work for the Trust. She volunteered as Secretary and Treasurer and is sorely missed.

Saturday June 29th is a date for your diaries – we are holding a Favours Auction in the garden of Hendred House. The Springline Choir will be performing. Bar opens at 6.15pm, Auction starts at 7.00pm – there will be many very exciting, useful and modest lots – something for everybody! Come and enjoy the fun on the night! Bring a plate of nibbles to share! If you can't make it, the

catalogue will be available beforehand and you can leave a sealed bid up until June 28th with Peter Kilgarriff, Diana Wheeler or the Shop. We would be very grateful for any donations of bottles for the "wheelbarrow of bottles" raffle – we are happy to collect. Contact for information, to donate or to bid: hendredheritagesecretary@gmail.com or Diana Wheeler 833279 or Peter Kilgarriff 861326.

We are very grateful to the Parish Council for a very generous grant for the production costs of the Street Exhibition and we have just been awarded a grant from the Co-op to pay for upgraded audio visual equipment. This helps our funding enormously. A recent quiz night was really well supported and we hope to hold more this year – watch out for dates!

Amazon Smile! If you are an Amazon shopper, you get the chance to register for Amazon to make donations every time you shop to a charity of your choice. East Hendred Heritage Trust is now an Amazon Smile charity and we'd be really grateful if you selected us to be your chosen charity. The process to register is really easy – you use your existing account.

Come and visit us this summer!



The Green Column

New Tree for Snells Wood

Hendreds Environment Group planted a new tree in Snells Wood in March, a native small-leaved lime (*tilia cordata*) pictured with Sarah. A work party in January cleared the patch of ground alongside the Penney Playpark kick-around, tackling some major brambles. We chose to plant a small-leaved lime here, because it may replace some habitat functions of ash. Ash trees are expected to be badly affected by ash dieback in the future. East Hendred has plenty of common lime trees, but we aren't aware of any small-leaved limes (though they may be out there somewhere).

Do take a walk through Snells Wood to see the new tree. The woodland is lovely at the moment, still full of wild garlic as I write, though that will be coming to an end soon. Other trees in the wood and close to the boardwalk include sycamores, aspens, hazels and willows.

Hendreds Environment Group is a community group working to help the local and the global environment. We run practical conservation work parties and campaign on wider issues and we are part of the Oxfordshire Community Action Groups Network. You can get involved by emailing heg@hendred.org or phoning Sarah on 831568.





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And as previously advised, anyone who wishes to arrange a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral should contact the Area Dean, The Revd. Jason St. John Nicholle at The Churn Benefice Office on 850267 or email him on office@churnchurches.co.uk.

Our wonderful loyal "stand in" rectors, including Pam Rolls and Antonia Cretney, have seen us through our Interregnum wonderfully and we are more than grateful to them and to Jason for his unstinting ongoing assistance.

After the busy Advent season, the new year onwards has been somewhat quieter. The parish Electoral Roll has been revised, as it has to be every six years and in April the Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held. Suzanne Fairlie and Julie Pearce were re-elected as Church Wardens and Jill Broadley remains the St. Augustine's Safeguarding Officer.

After many loyal and very busy years, Gail Miles has hung up her pen and stepped down as PCC Secretary. At the APCM Gail was presented with a basket of flowers by Geoff Bailey on behalf of the PCC. Christine Fielding has been elected as the new Secretary. Although not church "officers" a number of people have been recognised in their various positions within the church – Chris Miles as

Treasurer, Anne Pappenheim in charge of flowers, Clara Williams looks after the vestments, altar cloths etc.; Di Witts is the Cleaning Supremo – and so on. All these good people and more continue to work hard to ensure our beautiful church is always welcoming and looking its best.

April was of course Easter time and the very special services were held across the Benefice, with St Augustine's taking their share. There will be numerous weddings over the summer, and we so look forward to them as they often bring new and younger people into our community.

Keep an eye out for what is going on, either by looking at the various posters on display or by visiting our website <http://www.wantedownsbenefice.com>

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



Gail Miles being presented with flowers by Geoff Bailey on behalf of the PCC

St Mary's Catholic Church, East Hendred

The glorious weather over Easter showed off our churches and our village to visitors. We are so richly blessed to live here and those who work locally are doubly blessed. I hope our First Communion Class at St Mary's – well over a dozen children, aged 7 and above – cherish and remember their Catholic upbringing against such a lovely backdrop. They will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time on Corpus Christi, Sunday 23rd June. Let us hope for the fine weather that we usually have that weekend in June. Their First Communion Mass is at 11am. One of the downsides of a village church is the lack of spare seating capacity so we shall ask our normal 9.30am congregation to move swiftly on to make room for the children, their families and friends at 11.

Corpus Christi is not our next highlight. Before that we have Ascension Day – thankfully now restored to its proper Thursday date, 40 days after Easter. This year that will be 30th May. Then, on Sunday 9th June, it will be Pentecost, which, as the word suggests, is 50 days after Easter. Our modern world, gradually more secular, has forgotten that Ascension Day is as important as Christmas Day – what comes down must go up! – and that both days rank with Easter and Pentecost (Whitsun) as the four

great celebrations of the Christian Year. We lost the Whitsuntide Bank Holiday years ago. Instead, the government has given us two Bank Holidays, one at either end of May, both of which offer unreliable weather. (At least Easter and Whitsun, being moveable feasts, gave us two sporting chances of fine Bank Holiday weather).

I have noticed that, as well as always talking about the weather, we nowadays always seem to talk about politics too. Perhaps there is a golden and sunny future when nations will trade fairly and peacefully with one another, to the increased well-being of humankind and the safeguarding of the natural environment. You don't have to espouse the Whig view of history to embrace optimism about such developments. Older and more reliable is the Judaeo-Christian tradition, which has taught us to love one another and to work and to pray for the coming of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. So far, it's been hard going and it's not prelates and priests who manage progress. It's the daily growth in decency of human beings who, in villages like ours and in well-functioning communities throughout the world, do their best for their families, and their friends, and one another.

May God richly bless you.

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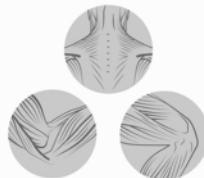
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We welcome all new members and no previous experience is necessary.

We are currently preparing to sing at The Big Bash on 26th May, and then in June will be at the West Hendred Beer Festival and East Hendred Heritage Trust event at Hendred House. Please contact:

springlinesingers@gmail.com or see springlineproductions.com

Our new term starts on Thursday 6th June for six weeks £35 per 6 week term or £7 drop-in.

Come and improve your health and well-being and be part of our community of singers.

Downs Golden Age Club

On 7th March we reverted back to tea time meetings at 3pm. So Spring must be round the corner. We welcomed back Jan and Phil Harrison who come to talk to us every year about their adventures. This time about they gave an extremely interesting talk about their charity work in India, *Bookwork Alley*. Phil and Janet were overcome with the generosity of the members of the club who made donations at the end of the afternoon. In April it was another well-attended tea followed by a fascinating talk by Diane Berridge on *Photographic Restoration*. On 9th May we had a lunch, kindly prepared by the Committee, followed by a Games Session – that was great fun! There was something for everyone from Dominoes to Giant Connect 4, Snakes and Ladders to Quoits, word-

search puzzles to Ten Pin Bowling and much more. The hall was filled with laughter, whoops of delight and memories of childhood games flooded back in gleeful, companionable chat.

We also have our first two outings planned. One to Saville Gardens on 14th May and then Beaulieu on 27th June – these trips proved so popular that places were taken up instantly resulting in a larger coach being booked for Beaulieu.

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. Its 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

bowling alley allotment association

"It was one of those spring days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold, when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade." Charles Dickens

Plotholders will suspect from this quote that Dickens was a vegetable grower who knew about spring digging! Work has started in earnest with garlic, onions, potatoes and shallots planted out as well as a range of seeds and plants such as carrots, parsnips, broad beans, peas and brassicas being sown. Bean trenches have been dug and sticks put up, seed beds prepared and compost turned. Rhubarb is cropping, along with asparagus.

Greenhouses (and windowsills) are full of tender seedlings - French and runner beans, courgettes, squash, sweetcorn, tomatoes, herbs and many other delights - as we anticipate those balmy days ahead and the joys of our summer harvests.

After much effort and support, 5 new raised beds have been created on the "village plot". All the beds were swiftly taken and the new plotholders are already regular visitors to Bowling Alley site - tilling, sowing, and of course taking time for BAAA members' favourite activity of exchanging growing stories. With the support of EHPC, BAAA will be erecting an arbour for the existing grape vine, with a seat to provide a shady resting place on hotter days to come.

The BAAA part of the village plot is being planted up with a range of veg that will be offered to villagers. Surplus plants will also be available and we hope that these will be as popular as the strawberry plants,

available from Hendred Stores, have been.

East Hendred Parish Council let the allotments and if you would like to go on the waiting list, contact Catherine Shortis on catherineshortis.ehpc@gmail.com. BAAA is an association for plotholders but membership is open to anyone in the village who would like to benefit from the National Allotment Society seed scheme and various other NAS opportunities. Please contact Hilary Dorling on hildorling@gmail.com or Sian Mitchell on sianlab@aol.com for more details.





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Scouts Celebrate Patron Saint

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts of our local Scout Group, 1st Cuckhamsley, celebrated St George's Day again this year with a back-woods activity in woods near the Ridgeway. In small teams called 'patrols' the Scouts built shelters to stay in overnight. They were joined at lunchtime by the Beavers and Cubs, after which they all renewed their Scouting promise and heard a little about the life of St George, the patron saint of Scouting. Then it was time to build fires. The young people chose, prepared and cooked a variety of food including pigeons, sausages, vegetables and bread twists. After the Beavers and Cubs had departed, the Scouts learned about different fire lighting techniques before the Leaders served freshly prepared jacket potatoes with rabbit and vegetable stews. After songs round the camp fire, the Scouts settled down for the night in their shelters. The following morning the Scouts made long arrows which are launched using rope for greater range. It was then time to dismantle the shelters and return to civilisation.

The Scouts are now preparing for three activities. The older Scouts will take part in a two-day, unaccompanied expedition in unfamiliar territory, navigating using map and compass, which takes place at the end of June.

Later in the summer, some of the troop will be joining other Scouts from the King Alfred District on a trip to the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland. Meanwhile, the rest of the troop will be on the annual week-long Summer Camp which this year is in Dorset.

If you are interested in joining the Scout Group as an adult volunteer or have a young person who is interested in joining Beavers (6-8) then please contact Doron Jensen on 07711 474883 or doron.jensen.scouts@gmail.com. The Cub pack and Scout troop now both have waiting lists.



Morlands Bowls Club A Hidden Gem in East Hendred

Morland Bowls Club is situated behind The Plough, offering a peaceful village setting.

Bowls is a game for mixed ages and abilities, our youngest member was 11 when he joined five years ago, and is a very successful County player. Now he's telling his parents which way to bowl if he is their skip in a friendly game! The Club recently won Kennet League Division 2, KLV West and were runners up in KLV Berkshire, with some members representing the County.

There is also a social side where we play friendly matches and have inter-club tournaments, bingo and quizzes.

The game of bowls improves wellbeing, be it fitness or social side, so please come along to our open evenings, where Go Active Gold will also be present, offering a "FREE" three week course "Learn to Bowl" on Monday 3rd, 10th and 17th June at 6.30 – 7.30pm, or just come along and see if it's for you. All you require is flat shoes. If you are unable to make these dates but would like to give bowls a try, please feel free to contact our President, Peter Brown, on 529922 or Glanville Preston on 833648.

Hendreds Twinning Group Weekend in France?

There may still be places available for the visit to our twinned community of Sarceaux near Argentan in Normandy over the weekend of 5th – 8th July, 2019. We travel by Barnes coach all the way from the Plough in East Hendred to Sarceaux. The cost includes all travel accommodation, meals and entertainment in Sarceaux courtesy of our French hosts. We stay with our hosts in their own homes and every effort is made to match interests and ages of visitors with hosts. The ages of our group travelling this year span a wide spectrum from

school-aged teenagers to early 80s, with individuals, couples and families going.

It's an excellent way for anyone new to the villages here to make contacts in France as well as to meet different people from our own communities.

Cost: £220/adult and a heavily subsidised £15/accompanied school aged child, with £20 annual subscription per family or £12/individual.

Barbecue and Aunt Sally practice is planned for later in the summer, date to be confirmed. Contacts: Margaret Sharp m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com tel: 833367 or Lesley Lewis lesleyewiswh@outlook.com Tel: 07977 502 369

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! We have enjoyed some wonderful spring walks in a variety of different places in the last few months and even found some new cafes. The walks are generally an approximately five-mile route with a coffee stop in the middle or at the end. Dogs very welcome.

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Planning Matters

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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 requested improvements to cycle routes and bus services to enhance transport links to the site. This application has been withdrawn.

P18/V2735/FUL - 462 Complex, Rutherford Avenue, Harwell. Erection of an extension to existing building for the storage of equipment used in connection with the recovery of waste. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. Permission granted.

P18/V3081/HH - 2 Croom Cottages, Rowstock. Single storey rear extension. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. Permission granted.

P18/V3105/FUL - MRC Harwell Institute - Building 524 Nineteenth Street, Harwell Campus. The proposed building is for a training centre, that will include 2 x Wet Lab Training Rooms, Ante Room, Seminar Space, Meetings Rooms, Breakout Space, and accompanying back of house spaces. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. Permission granted.

P19/V0019/HH - Glendale, Orchard Close. Extension to the garage to form a store. The Parish Council requested a condition that trees be retained to screen the new extension. Permission granted.

P19/V0219/HH and **P19/V0220/LB** - Hickmans Cottage, Cat Street. Construction of a two storey extension to restore the original outline of the cottage. The PC had no objection to this application. Permission granted.

P19/V0301/RM – Greensands, Reading Road. Reserved matters application for details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following approval of outline permission, reference **P15/V2328/O** for the erection of 75 dwellings (10 of which will be specialist accommodation for older people), communal hub for older persons accommodation, retention of the existing Bed and Breakfast and associated open space, with all matters reserved save for that of access. The Parish Council sent a list of comments to the Vale and has met the developer to discuss. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P19/V0353/FUL- Mather House, White Road. Extension to guest house accommodation through the development of 10 holiday chalets. The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds that it was out of keeping with the surrounding area and that there was no identified need for holiday chalets. Permission refused.

P19/V0362/HH and **P19/V0363/LB** – Pebble Cottage, Cat Street. Proposed single storey rear extension and conversion of garage. The Parish Council objected to this application due to the scale and mass of the proposed extension and its impact on the Conservation area. 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)

P19/V0503/HH – 2 Portway Cottages, Reading Road. Rear elevation link from dwelling to existing detached laundry. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. Permission granted.

P19/V0551/HH and **P19/V0552/LB** – Corner House, Allins Lane. Demolition of existing side porch and erection of single storey side and rear extension. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. Permission Granted.

P19/V0690/HH – 1 Ford Lane. Proposed carport. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P19/V1016/HH – 8 Couplings Close. Erection of new two storey rear extension and associated internal reconfigurations. The Parish Council is considering this application.

June - September 2019

June 2019

- 3rd Bowls Club tournament starts
- 6th DGA Tea at Hendred House 3pm
- 6th PC Meeting 7:30 pm (open forum 8 pm)
- 9th Tennis tournament starts
- 20th WI Snells Hall 7:30pm
- 27th DGA Trip to Beaulieu
- 23rd Carnival-style Fun Day - Sports Ground

July 2019

- 4th DGA Summer Lunch & entertainment 1pm
- 4th PC Meeting 7:30 pm (open forum 8 pm)
- 5th Twinning Group trip to France

August 2019

- 1st DGA Tea 3pm
- 1st PC Meeting 7:30 pm (open forum 8 pm)
- 15th WI Snells Hall 7:30 pm

September 2019

- 5th DGA tea and AGM 3 pm
- 5th PC Meeting 7:30 pm (open forum 8 pm)
- 19th WI Snells Hall 7:30 pm

August BH Bin Collection

Wednesday 28th - Grey bin and Food

Autumn Bulletin

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