# Bulletin

# The Green Column

#### The Climate Emergency

Our local authorities, Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC) and Oxfordshire County Council, have both declared a Climate Emergency in recognition of the need to take urgent action to minimise climate change. They're far from alone, many local authorities and Parliament have done the same in the last year or so.

What has brought about this new sense of urgency in an issue that we've known about for a long time? The publication in late 2018 of the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) report into 1.5 degrees of warming was pretty significant. The report found that despite warming of about 1 °C to date, it is still possible to stay under 1.5 °C of warming by 2100. To have a 50% chance of doing this we would need global carbon emissions to start going down each year from 2020, halve them by 2030 and go to zero by 2050. This was perhaps the clearest message yet of how urgently we need to act.

VoWHDC declared a climate emergency on 13 February 2019 and established a Climate Emergency Advisory Committee to recommend mitigating actions. The council has agreed to the targets recommended by the committee which are that the council should aim for a 75 per cent reduction in carbon emissions in its own operations by 2025 and become carbon neutral by 2030. For the VoWH district, the aim is for a 75 per cent reduction in carbon emissions by 2030 and to aspire to become a carbon neutral district by 2045 at the latest.

The council is considering ways to achieve the desired targets and wishes to engage with town and parish councils, residents and community action groups, like Hendreds Environment Group (HEG) and we in HEG are keen to engage. If you would like to hear more, please email heg@hendred.org to join our mailing list.

Climate change can feel quite an overwhelming problem to even think about because of its serious and global nature and this can leave people feeling so powerless and worried that it becomes a natural response to just avoid thinking about it. Research has shown that taking some action does help with these feelings. Do something to reduce your own carbon footprint so that what you do aligns with what you think if you are worried about climate change. Here are some quick suggestions:

EASY: Switch energy provider to a 100% renewables provider. If you haven't switched supplier for a while this may well save you money.

A BIT HARDER: Shift your diet away from meat (especially beef) and dairy and towards plant based. It doesn't need to be all the time, any shift in this direction will reduce the carbon footprint of your diet.

HARD (unless you already don't): Fly a lot less. It is quite easy to effortlessly double your carbon footprint for a year with one long-haul return flight. I rated this one as hard, because there isn't as yet a low carbon alternative to take up.

Connecting with other people to take action is even better. Join a local group acting on climate change and the environment. There are lots, including HEG.

# **SAVE THE DATES for "HENDRED VE 75"**

# Friday 8th to Sunday 10th May 2020 - VE Celebrations in East Hendred

A big celebration of Victory in Europe day, 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, will be held in East Hendred. Keep an eye out in the Stores and What's On for details. The plan so far includes:

### Friday 8th

- A 1940's parade to Champs Chapel
- Bring and Share picnic by the Hendred Stores
- Tug of war, games, music, cake competition, Home Guard style flag race, Conga
- National raise a glass to the Troops
- Church Bells

• Beacon bonfire

### Saturday 9th

• 1940's Party in Snells Hall 7pm, cash bar, fish and chip/pizza supper. Tickets £5 available from Hendred Stores

#### Sunday 10th

Ecumenical church service

The village will be festooned with bunting, and there will be a competition for the best-decorated house & front garden. This is a village event, if you have any other ideas please leave a note at Hendred Stores for Val Prior. The plan is still under discussion and any new ideas or enhancements most welcome!

# **East Hendred Heritage Trust**

We were pleased to welcome visitors to the museum on Remembrance Sunday and again for the annual lighting of the Christmas tree with crib service and carols. Thanks to all who attended and helped out.

On Boxing Day, the historical "Mummers" play was re-enacted in front of the Eyston Arms pub, with spectacular handmade costumes. Again, despite awful weather a huge turnout made this a very entertaining Christmas event for all ages. Special thanks should go to Robin for the research and also to the players who kept us entertained, made even more special by the fact that a great, great grandson of an original Mummer, Isaac Shayler, took part. Let's hope this becomes an annual event.

Looking to Spring, our new Exhibition will launch at the end of April – look out for posters!

The Museum will be opening its doors on Saturday 4th April at 2.30pm offering a last chance to see the 2019 exhibition on "Down Street" which includes Hendred House. This will then be replaced at the end of the month with the new exciting exhibition.

Our major fundraising event this year is the Open Gardens on Sunday 14th June, 11.00am-5.00pm. There will be lots of beautiful gardens, small and large, open. A display of Morgan cars will be parked in Hendred House drive thanks to Graham with refreshments including cream teas being served in the garden at Hendred House. There will be a plant stall and we would be grateful for any offerings from your gardens beforehand. If you would like to open your garden, be involved on the day or donate plants, please contact Diana Wheeker hendredheritagesecretary@gmail.com or telephone 833279. We always need many hands to help with refreshments, selling programmes and manning the museum which will be open.

There is a Quiz Night on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at the Wheatsheaf - £12.50 per person to include a two-course supper, maximum of 6 people per team. Always a fun evening with a raffle and great prizes. Our question master will be the enigmatic Malcolm Fretter. Please call Bill or Carmel to book your table on 833229 – but hurry, this is always a very popular event!

The photographic and history day which we held last year was so popular that we have been asked to run another event so watch out for posters.

We are always interested in hearing and preserving for future generations your memories of life living in East Hendred. If you would like to share them either by a tape recording or the written word then please do get in touch.



Pictured left is the Mummers Group which included some familiar faces from the village.

Pictured right is the Mummers Group performing to those who had gathered to see the return of this fine tradition on Boxing Day.





# chair



This is the first *Bulletin* in the 2020s. It does not seem 20 years since the village was celebrating the new millennium. A torchlight procession through the village together with a fireworks display in Snells and a party in the hall on New Year's Eve heralded such a special date. It was an active year with many special events for both young and old many of which I helped organise as I was a councillor. We obtained a grant so that a DVD record could be made of all the many activities in that year. The collage of village views prepared by individual members of the WI for Snells Halls is also a record of that year. The large extension to Snells Hall opened in 1999 by Lord Jenkins was funded mainly by a grant from the Millennium Commission.

It is encouraging to hear that a group has been set up to plan the village's celebration for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day on May 8th. Many villagers were extremely pleased to see the end of the individual sacrifices and privations of the war here and throughout Europe and it is appropriate that we should commemorate and celebrate this anniversary.

Planning remains a major and demanding topic for the Council with the appeal just confirmed for the 65 houses

on the Greensands site and an application for reserved matters on the Mather House site. It is hoped that the latter can deliver 10 units for older people in the village but the initial plans are disappointing and we have commented to that effect.

The recent very high winds have focused the need for a village emergency plan which is at the draft stage. When an emergency happens it is important that responsibilities within the village are known so that action can be taken quickly. We hope not to have to put the emergency plan into action but it is better to be prepared.

We have decided on a precept of £43,000 for this coming year to cover the Council's costs in fulfilling its responsibilities, including maintaining the village facilities. The precept is higher than last year but with contributions from the new houses the amount per house is slightly less than the previous year. The Council is very conscious of the need to manage its costs productively yet efficiently.

We remain short of two councillors (see our advertisement on page 2) and would welcome applications from anyone who has lived in the village for at least a year. We would particularly welcome applicants from both the western part of Rowstock (in our parish) and from any of the new housing north of the A417. Contact our Clerk if you are interested (contact details on page 15).

John Sharp

# **Planning Update**

In the last *Bulletin* we noted that the Parish Council's main concern had been the reserved matters application for the 65 houses on the Greensands site, covering design, layout etc. The Parish Council had objected to the application on several grounds. The Vale's Planning Unit has recently decided to reject the application since no improvements to the original application had been forthcoming. We have recently heard that Mears have decided to go to appeal on the decision, using the written submission type of appeal. However, it will now be several months before a decision is made. The Parish Council will submit its critical comments to the appeal based on those submitted to the Vale for the reserved matters application. Unfortunately, the current derelict nature of the site will continue until a decision is made.

As part of the original approval for the 65 houses on appeal there was a second approval for ten older persons' houses behind Mather House, together with a communal hub. The Council has very recently received a reserved matters application for this development. In principle the Council welcomes a development providing accommodation for older people. However, the application submitted has a number of problems such as no landscaping on the southern and eastern boundaries and a new car park for Mather House visible from White Road. This site is within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and as such needs to meet the more stringent requirements for an AONB.

The Government has recently commissioned a report on National Parks and AONBs and this has been published as the Glover report. This has extolled the benefits of both National parks and AONBs. The central proposal is to bring National Parks and AONBs together as part of one family of national landscapes, served by a shared National Landscapes Service (NLS). This will give them a bigger voice, and a new way of working to meet new challenges. The report proposes that both National Parks and AONBs are designated as "National Landscapes". The report states that AONBs should be strengthened, with increased funding, new shared purposes with National Parks, and a greater voice on development. Whether these recommendations are taken up is uncertain but any improved status of AONBs can only benefit our village, most of which is in the AONB, particularly related to planning. John Sharp (our chairman) is a member of the Council of Partners for the North Wessex Downs AONB.

The very large Steventon reservoir remains a proposal in which the Parish Council continues to take a strong interest. If built it would be close to the northern boundary of our parish. The latest positon appears to be that both Ofwat and the Environment Agency (EA) are not yet convinced by the Water Companies' (including Thames Water and Affinity) plans for new water sources in the South-east, which include the reservoir. Ofwat are insisting that the companies perform a proper 'joined up' study of the water needs of the whole of the South-east region which will take place over the period up to the Summer 2023. The case for the reservoir will now have to be properly and transparently considered alongside other schemes, such as the Severn-Thames water transfer. GARD (Group against Reservoir Development) have been very active and keep our Council informed.

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# Springline – Report and News

Mid-December brought Springline's latest production 'A Christmas Cracker' which followed the now familiar format of food, drink and true variety. Highlights from the show included the black and white leg dance, the cinema sketch and the men's synchronised swimming. We performed over two sell-out nights and we would like to thank Snells Hall and everyone involved in running the venue for accommodating us and our enthusiastic audience.

Springline Productions is a voluntarily run organisation of dedicated people who care about our local community and we are proud not only to try and entertain you all, but also to support local or personally significant charities and good causes. The success of the last production means we are able to make a donation of £500 to the Macmillan Oxfordshire Buddy Scheme. This will take our total charitable donations up to £3,442.31 which have included The Royal British Legion, Help For Heroes, Meningitis Research Trust, The Brain Tumour Trust and St Augustine's. If you know of any local charities or good causes we could look to support in the future, please get in touch

Springline Singers community choir had an extremely busy festive season with performances at the Christmas

# **East Hendred Community Centre – Snells Hall Needs Wardens!**

The hall is in great condition, has a steady stream of bookings and many satisfied users, but unfortunately our wardens, Dan and Lou, have moved on.

We are looking for people to take over the position, living in Snells House which is a nice single-bedroomed house attached to the hall, and looking after the hall, bookings and hirers.

The position is best suited to a couple, one of whom works part time, or works from home.

Wardens get to meet people and can be involved in events that take place at the hall to whatever extent suits them.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Charles on 835014 or email snellshall@hendred.org.

Cracker, Snells Christmas Bazaar and singing in the beautiful Hendred House for the WI Christmas supper. We sang from our repertoire including John Rutter, ABBA, Mozart and the very well received Elvis. We already have several bookings for this year and have made a good start on our new material ranging from pop to folk to musicals.

New members to Springline Singers are most welcome, please get in touch if you'd like to join us: susieturnbull@monkscourt.co.uk We rehearse term-time Thursdays at West Hendred Village Hall 8-10pm.

If you would like to join our fantastic team at Springline Productions, whether on stage or behind the scenes, drop us a line at the same address. We are always happy to hear from younger members of the village if they are looking for experience for their CV or university applications. We have been proud to support past members going into the worlds of directing, theatrical make up, and stage management and lighting design at RADA.

Towards the end of the year, we will be putting on our first Murder Mystery play and are busy putting plans in action. We hope to see you there!

Clare Bedford - Chair of Springline Productions and Leader of Springline Singers

# **Britain in Bloom**

#### "...it's not just about the hanging baskets!"

That's the answer I got when I grimaced at the suggestion that the village should enter RHS Britain in Bloom. A little more investigation revealed this to be true – it really isn't all about the hanging baskets - in fact far from it. Britain in Bloom has been run by the Royal Horticultural Society since 1963 - back then it was all about colour and sensational planting. Things have moved on in the intervening 50+ years. Only 40% of the marks now relate to horticulture, with planting for wildlife and ecological sustainability now causing more excitement with the judges than hanging baskets. And the remaining marks? These relate to activities under the headings of *Environment* and *Community* (30% each). In effect Bloom recognises the importance of all that happens in our village. Well maintained and diverse

planting still attract marks under the heading of Horticulture. But it's the initiatives of groups such as the Allotment Association, Heritage Trust and Environment Group, alongside the sense of community brought about by our schools, churches, pubs and the many clubs and associations that jointly are also destined to score well.

So next steps? Hopefully a Hendred in Bloom submission this year to test the water. This will give us judge's feedback and provide a focus for activities for the year ahead with a view to making a (hopefully) high scoring submission in 2021. Next steps therefore include bringing together a group of people from across our community who know the village and all it has to offer. If you'd be interested in helping to shape the Hendred in Bloom 2020 submission we'd love to hear from you. Please contact hendredinbloom@gmail.com to find out more.

Lyn, Sian and Catherine

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With the winter months now behind us, planning for the year ahead has started and early sowings made. Broad beans and spring garlic are already in the

ground, alongside winter crops planted last summer - cabbage, sprouts, celeriac, kale, leeks and purple sprouting, all of which are still cropping well.

Midwinter saw the delivery of a large quantity of compost, courtesy of the Hendred Estate. This essential item for organic growing was gratefully received by all BAAA members, prompting a day of frenetic activity with plot-holders scurrying to and fro with barrowloads of the 'good stuff'. Thanks to Julian Gold and Edward Eyston!

Weather has a huge influence on growing success. Cold winters are important for pest control and the success of such crops as rhubarb, parsnips and sprouts, However, recent years have seen frosts replaced by successive months of rain and comparatively warm temperatures, making winter digging and early planting more difficult. Conversely, summers have been dry and hot meaning young plants struggle to establish without

regular watering. These shifts in the weather add to the challenges of gardening but arguably make the rewards all the sweeter – fresh, seasonal food is undeniably good for both the mind and the body.

Despite the challenges of the weather the allotments are more popular than they've been for some years with all plots occupied and many cropping all year round. There is a waiting list which EHPC is working effectively to reduce by splitting some of the larger plots. In addition, the raised beds on the Community Plot at the entrance to the allotment site have proved a real success, setting new gardeners on a path to successfully growing their own vegetables. Last year all five beds were tended by different people from the village; three of these have now taken on full allotments resulting in their raised beds having become available to others. There is no charge so if you, or someone you know, would be interested in taking on one of these beds then please contact Sian Mitchell, BAAA secretary on sianlab@aol.com for more details.

Article by plot-holder, Bill Dorling

# **Gardening Group**

Saturday 4 April 10:30 Gardening Group meeting at Ann Lewis's home, 21 Portway Close, OX12 8FQ. Come to share ideas and plants.

# **East & West Hendred WI**

As is always the way with the vibrant East & West Hendred WI, the end of 2019 proved to be a busy time - in December we were once again guests at Hendred House, where Ali Eyston kindly allowed us the use of the "baronial hall", with roaring fire and an enormous Christmas tree. The usual mince pies, stollen and mulled wine – both alcoholic and non-alcoholic varieties – were consumed. Secret Santa was also present! A fabulous evening, this year boosted by the wonderful singing of the Springline Community Choir – wow! This is a truly magnificent annual event – and if that is not the perfect excuse to join us, what else is? Our sincerest thanks go to Ali and her family for being once again perfect hosts.

In December we also had a stall at Snells Hall Bazaar, where we were able to boost funds. January saw our annual birthday party – we are 99 years young! As with the event at Hendred House, this was for members only.

February will have seen Elizabeth Rowe speak on Keble College and the painting of The Light of the World – fascinating! In March we hold our Annual Meeting (members only) when the WI President and Committee are elected. And then on to the new WI year, when there will be lots going on. Here are a few things to whet your appetite: in May we have a return visit from John Caldicott; this time he is coming to let us know "What happened to Daisy?" In July we have "The memoirs of a Royal Footman", in November, we will learn how to make bead jewellery, and then it's Christmas again.

As a WI we continue to have a Walking Netball Team – always great fun. We also seek out visits that would be of interest to all. We usually have a monthly coffee morning, either at a member's house or at a local venue such as Savages and bi-annually we have challenges with one (or more) of our sister WI's.

Keep the date!!! On Saturday 16 May East & West Hendred WI will be hosting a QUIZ, with proceeds going to charity. Full details in due course

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. Go on – give it a try – you know it makes sense!! Visitors and new members always welcome.

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

# Downs Golden Age Club

On 5<sup>th</sup> December we had a packed hall for our wonderful Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings cooked by Salvador, Barbara and Jeni. There was a visit by Father Christmas laden with sacks and gifts for everyone. This was followed by carols and a fabulous raffle provided by Stella. On 9<sup>th</sup> January it was another lunch, an excellent Bring and Buy stall and very entertaining bingo organised by Dawn. Also in January a large coach load of members went from East Hendred to the Oxford Playhouse to see the excellent musical '*Crazy for You*'. On 6<sup>th</sup> February it's the last lunch of the winter (Spring

must be round the corner) and a talk is 'All About Trees'. On 5th March we revert to our tea time meetings at 3pm.

Outings planned for this year include Highgrove (date to be advised) and theatre trip to 'My Fair Lady' in Oxford in May. More are being discussed. We hope to return to Highclere Castle in 2021.

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 from the village. 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@monkscourt.co.uk



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### **Easter Church Services**

#### **HOLY WEEK**

5th April 2020 - Palm Sunday

10am Champs Chapel (weather permitting) - Ecumenical blessing of palm crosses and procession followed by

Holy Communion in St Augustine's and St Mary's churches.

9th April 2020 - Maundy Thursday

8pm Evening Holy Communion on Thursday of the Lord's Supper

10th April 2020 - Good Friday

10:30am Snells Hall – Ecumenical children's Good Friday workshop

12noon Champs Chapel, East Hendred – Ecumenical Stations of the Cross (weather permitting)

11th April 2020 - Holy Saturday

10 am Mattins (BCP)

12th April 2020 - Easter Day

10.30 am Holy Communion

Details of services in neighbouring churches can be found on the website www.wantagedownsbenefice.com

# St Mary's Catholic Church, East Hendred

#### Looking Forward to Easter

SPRING approaches and with it, great pleasure that Christians in Hendred are working more closely together than ever before. A group, each time in double figures, meets for Morning Prayer at 9am on Wednesdays at St Mary's and for Evensong at 5pm on Fridays at St Augustine's.

The churches will plan their own Lent and Easter celebrations, some of it separately and some of it together. So, at St Mary's there will be two or three Lent groups for people to join and there will be our normal round of masses and other services, including nowadays a mass on Sunday evenings at 6pm, particularly suitable for teenagers and others who prefer to play sport or have a lie-in on Sunday mornings.

The Holy Week programme will see the churches doing more together. For Palm Sunday and Good Friday events, please refer to the above details from St Augustine's church. On Maundy Thursday (9<sup>th</sup> April) there will be Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm and Watch of the Passion. In addition on Good Friday, at 3pm, St Mary's will have the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord. I hope there will be baptisms and confirmations at the Easter services: the Easter Vigil at 8pm on Easter Eve (11<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.

#### What's On?

To receive the What's On in The Hendreds email each week, send an email to events@hendred.org You can also see the What's On messages at www.hendred.org

# Hendreds Twinning Group

It's our turn this year to entertain visitors from our twinned French village of Sarceaux near Argentan in Normandy. They should arrive from the overnight ferry early on Saturday morning, July 4<sup>th</sup> and leave after breakfast on Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Visitors are all accommodated at home with local residents. We expect a range of ages, from families with schoolage children up to pensioners, single people as well as couples. The ages and interests of hosts and visitors are matched whenever possible. It is an excellent opportunity to get to know some of our French neighbours.

Offers of hospitality are urgently needed as some regular hosts have moved away or have family commitments that

A brief resumé of the weekend's programme includes an informal morning reception to introduce visitors and hosts to each other on arrival, a meal and entertainment in Snells Hall in the evening for everyone and a whole day excursion by coach on Sunday for visitors and hosts alike.

Our Sarceaux friends are very generous with their hospitality when we visit France in alternate years. We hope to return their generosity, but do need to raise funds in the next few months to be able to do so since we are not due to receive either grants or outside funding. Any help or ideas would be most welcome.

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# Village News and Advertisements

### Scouts News

The winter months have not stopped our Cubs, Scouts and Beavers from venturing out on a variety of activities. During the Autumn, the Cubs conducted surveys around East & West Hendred, to learn how many hedgehogs were living in gardens. This involved making tunnels, with ink pads, to view the paw prints they left. Subsequently, they constructed hedgehog houses to assist the population, once they were seeking suitable places to hibernate. All the sections took part in a District trip to RAF Hendon, and enjoyed a fascinating day at the museum. At Christmas, money was raised for charity by collecting old clothes and by the traditional Carol Singing around the village.

For those parents who would like to offer an alternative to computer games and mobile devices, Scouting offers the opportunity to take part in adventurous activities in a safe environment.

### Self confidence, responsibility, teamwork, leadership

Most importantly – Scouting encourages young people to engage with their community and become good citizens. 1st Cuckhamsley are part of the King Alfred's District, that stretches from Shrivenham and Faringdon, across Wantage and Grove, to the Hendreds. More information about the King Alfred's District as well as the Cuckhamsley Group, can be found at <a href="https://www.kascouts.org.uk">www.kascouts.org.uk</a>

Several of our leaders have moved on in 2019. The Taylor brothers, Conor and Tom, moved away for work and study. And Richard "Rich T" Tingley, has stepped down after many years of service to Scouting. He began as a Scout Leader in the 1970's.

We are always on the lookout for helpers – either in a uniformed leaders role or as 'backroom' support in administration. The Scout Association provides a structured training programme in areas such as leadership, programme planning, safety, as well as specialist instruction in running particular activities.

Coming up this Spring we have the Winter Challenge Hike along the Ridgeway, a District Cooking competition and the ever popular St George's Camp, where we practise our backwoods skills. The Cubs have been invited up to the Rutherford Appleton Laboratories to take part in star gazing.

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), Cubs (8-101/2) or Scouts (101/2-14) please get in touch with Doron Jensen on 07711 474883 or doron.jensen.scouts@gmail.com. NB: The Cub pack and Scout troop now both have waiting lists,

# The Walking Group

#### Wednesdays 9.30 am

We are a very friendly and welcoming group and we meet every Wednesday at 9.30 either in East Hendred on the corner by St. Augustine's church or a nearby village – whatever the weather! We have enjoyed some very muddy walks in a variety of different places in the last few months and even found some new cafes. The walks are generally circular routes approximately. 5 to 6 mile with a coffee stop in the middle or at the end. Dogs very welcome. Shorter walks can always be arranged. If you want to join us please ring Susie on 833797 – or email susie@monkscourt.co.uk to check where the next walk will be.

### **Hendred Stores**

A large number of villagers came along to Snells Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> January to give Martin and Louise Johnson our warmest wishes for the future, following their very successful and popular 11 years running the Hendred Stores.

A hearty welcome is extended to the new shopkeepers, Steve Donnelly and Nickie Tilbury.

Martin and Louise's last day at the Stores will be Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March. The Stores will be closed for the handover on the 11<sup>th</sup> and Steve and Nickie will be in business on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March.





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# East & West Hendred Cricket Club

As the evenings become lighter and spring approaches, we have one eye on the upcoming cricket season - Summer 2020 is on the way!

2019 was a successful year for English Cricket with the National team securing the ODI World Cup and equally as successful year for East and West Hendred Cricket Club both on and off the field. The First team won the Division 2 title and were crowned Champions bouncing back to Div. 1 at the first attempt. The Second team retained their Division 5 status and all the Junior sections saw us welcoming many new members and having a fabulous season of cricket and fun.

We also welcomed the community to our Friday night Junior/All Stars sessions, we had an amazing family day with players from 4-80 taking part in games and an end-of-season celebration. It was great to see so many familiar and new faces and we hope to see even more of you in 2020.

So, what's happening in 2020? In March we start indoor nets in preparation for the season ahead. This is open to existing and new players, adults and juniors in the U13 to U15 age range. Sessions will take place at Radley College Sports Centre on Saturday 21st March 11am to 1pm, Friday 27th March 7.30 to 9.00, Saturday 28th March and Saturday 4th April both 11am to 1pm.

Nat West Cricketforce events will take place on Sunday 29th March and Sunday 5th April, this is a nationally organised event for Clubs and local community members to meet to help prepare their facilities for the coming season. Check out <code>cricket.force@ecb.co.uk</code> for more info.

Hardball junior coaching for 9-15 Year olds will begin on Friday 17th April from 6 to 7.30 and will run every Friday through the summer and will be followed by a BBQ and bar.

Even more Junior activities will be introduced for 2020, All Stars sessions will continue, these are on a Friday

nights starting Friday 1st May and offer a great introduction for children in the 5-8 year age range. Sessions will run from 5-6pm every Friday right through to 1st week September and are followed by BBQ, snacks and drinks for the children and the bar is open all evening.

This year sees the launch of Dynamos, a new ECB-organised initiative extending the Allstars format aimed at 8-11 year olds; these sessions run from 5 to 6.30 again from Friday 1st May running right through the summer. If you want to know more about Allstars or Dynamos log on to the ECB website for all the registration details.

Fixtures for Adults and Juniors begin late April/ very early May with the start of league/ friendly and midweek 20/20 fixtures on a regular weekly basis.

The most important message is that we are here all summer for all ages and abilities, families or individuals, men and women, girls and boys, players and non-players, we have worked hard over the past few years to develop a vibrant, friendly, welcoming community sports hub with beautiful facilities right on your doorstep in Mill Lane' If you want to get involved on the playing or non-playing side, volunteer to help preparing the ground, Umpire, score or prefer to just sit back, enjoy a drink and watch, you will always be made welcome.

Look out for news of club events which will have a community edge, like last year's family day and other events!

Contact details should you wish to get involved or to know more about what is on offer:

All Stars/Dynamos:

Liam Richards 07730 548178 liamrichards@live.co.uk Juniors/Adult Teams:

Ivan Mulford 07748 631116 ivanmulford@hotmail.com Duncan Francis 07770 575592 duncan.francis1@ntlworld.com



# **Hendreds Tennis Club Spring Update**

The club session continues to run every Sunday 10 to 12 noon. If you fancy a game, just pop along or you can send us an email at play@hendredstennis.co.uk to be added to the WhatsApp group to keep up to date with our plans.

The club has a wide range of abilities and welcomes everybody wanting to learn or dust off those rusty strokes. It would be great to see you at the courts. After Easter we will be offering coaching to help players improve their game, so look out for details on the website.

On Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a mixed doubles tournament. If you don't have a partner, let us know! We can link you up with other players so NO EXCUSES, R.S.V.P to *play@hendredstennis.co.uk* before 5<sup>th</sup> April. Members £6, Non-Members £8. No forms to fill in, just pay cash on the day. Entry includes freshly baked croissants & fresh coffee/tea at 9 am in the club house.

The new membership year is fast approaching. Details of the membership packages can be found on our website, https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HendredsTennisClub.

As with all village clubs and societies, Hendreds Tennis Club relies on a strong membership and a small group of dedicated volunteers. We are currently on the look-out for a new Secretary for the Committee so if you think you can spare some time helping keep up the club please contact us at our email or talk directly to one of the Committee.



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# **Planning Matters**

# **Planning**

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 PC sent a list of comments to the Vale and has met the developer to discuss. Permission refused. P19/V1507/HH and P19/V1508/LB - Wells Head, Newbury Road. Internal alterations and erection of new garage outbuilding and associated internal works. The PC objected on the grounds of form and access within the conservation area and AONB. Additional historic surveys have been submitted. Permission granted.

P19/V1609/HH - Dolphin Cottage, Wantage Road, Rowstock. Amended plans to form new bedrooms and bathroom at first floor level adding a first floor and new roof. The PC had no objection to this application. Permission granted.

19/V2301/FUL - Riduna, Church Street. Demolition of existing building and erection of two storey replacement. The PC did not object but requested conditions on traffic movement. Awaiting determination by the Vale. P19/V2537/HH - 43 Coulinas Close, Front entrance porch and rear single storey extension, internal WC. The PC did not object.

Permission granted.

P19/V2551/HH - Chestnut Cottage, Horn Lane. Installation of a Western Red Cedar Summerhouse, footprint 2527mm x 1791mm. The PC had no objection. Permission granted. P19/V2630/O - Land to the rear of 1 & 2 Portway Cottages. Development of a pair of 4 bedroom semi-detached dwellings. The PC objected to this application on the grounds of access, over-development, lack of visitor parking and lack of amenity space. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P19/V3268/LB - Old Chapel Cottage, Chapel Square. Opening up of blocked fireplace to central chimney, new chimney pot, liner flue and plate. New pot to eastern chimney. The PC submitted a holding objection pending receipt of additional information that had been requested by the Conservation Officer. This has yet to be received. Awaiting determination by the Vale. P19/V3304/TDC – Monks Court, Newbury Road. Application for Stage 2 Technical Details Consent for one dwelling, in accordance with Permission in Principle for 1-2 dwellings, ref: P18/V2637/PIP. (Re-submission of withdrawn Stage 2 application ref: P19/V1287/TDC).

### **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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**Dr John Sharp**, Inish Fail, Orchard Close Tel: 833367

**Deputy Chairman:** 

Roger Turnbull, Monks Court, Newbury Rd Tel: 833797

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# **Council Working Groups**

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#### Information

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Saturday

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#### **REFUSE COLLECTION** Easter and late May collections see pg 16

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### Planning Matters (Continued)

The PC is concerned about the impact on the Conservation Area and the AONB. It submitted a holding objection pending comments from the Conservation Officer. Awaiting determination by the Vale. P19/V3338/FUL - Aldfield Farm. Retrospective change of use of barns to provide workshop and yard storage space. The PC had no objection to this application. Permission granted.

P20/V0129/RM – Mather House, White Road. Reserved matters application for the erection of 10 specialist accommodation units for older people. The PC objected about appearance and landscaping, layout and access. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P19/V3320/HH and P19/V3321/LB - Hines Cottage, Horn Lane. Resubmission to substitute a garage for the approved studio/store outbuilding. The PC did not object but expressed concern about the removal of mature trees. Awaiting determination by the Vale. P20/V0236/FUL – West of Thompson Avenue, Harwell Campus. Construction of a western extension to Thompson Avenue. Still under consideration by the PC.

# Village Diary and Information

	March - June 2020		Regular Events	Church Services
	March 5 <sup>th</sup> DGA Tea Snells Hall 3 pm	Sunday	Champs Chapel Museum 2:30 - 4:30pm (Summer only)	Parish Church of St Augustine of
	sth PC Meeting 7.30 pm (open forum 8 pm) 9th WI - Snells Hall 7.30 pm	Monday	Scouts 7 - 9pm, Snells Hall Scout Leader - Doron Jensen	The Reverend Dr Orazio Camaioni, Rector of the Wantage Downs Benefice Tel. 01235 832849
	April	Wednesday	(Contact for all Scout Group matters: Doron Jensen, 07711 474883)	
	Easter Church Services - see page 9  2 <sup>nd</sup> DGA Tea Snells Hall 3 pm		<b>Beaver Scouts</b> 5:25 - 6:25pm, Snells Hall (Simon, 07891 931166)	
4 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> PC Meeting 7.30 pm (open forum 8 pm) 4 <sup>th</sup> Gardening Group meeting 10:30am (see p.7)		Cub Scouts 6:30 - 8pm, Snells Hall (Mhairi, 820249)	Usually the <b>Sunday service</b> is at 10:30am, but please check the noticeboard at the church door, see What's On in
	10 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday Workshop - see church news 16 <sup>th</sup> WI - Snells Hall 7.30 pm		<b>Walking Group</b> 9:30am, meet at Snells Hall (Susie Turnbull, 833797)	
	28 <sup>th</sup> Drayton Waste Recycling centre CLOSED 29 <sup>h</sup> Drayton Waste Recycling centre CLOSED		Hendred Ukulele Group Dave Parry (07796 674 147)	The Hendreds or go to wantagedownsbenefice.com
		Weekdays	Pre-school, at Snells Hall, Mon - Fri	
	<b>May</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> VE Day Celebrations		9 to 12 noon and 12:00 to 3pm Mon-Fri Tel: 831555 www.hendredspreschool.org	Catholic Parish of St Mary
13 <sup>h</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> DGA Tea Snells Hall 3 pm 13 <sup>h</sup> PC Meeting 7.30 pm (open forum 8 pm) 16 <sup>th</sup> WI Charity Quiz	Monthly	Snells Hall Committee Meeting 7:45pm, Snells Hall Gallery, 1st Tuesday	Parish Priest: The Reverend Mgr Andrew Burnham Tel: 01235 835038 or
	21 <sup>st</sup> WI - Snells Hall 7.30 pm		Parish Council Meeting	07976 437979

14th DGA Tea Hendred House 3 pm 18th East & West WI - Snells Hall 7.30 pm

#### Deadline date for next *Bulletin*

Because of the Bank Holidays in May, the deadline is a little earlier than usual. Please send all articles, information, diary entries, B&W pictures etc. for the Summer Bulletin to reach me by 4th May 2020 using the editor's e-mail bulletin@hendred.org.

> Thank you Rachel Sutton

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# Easter and late May BH bin collections:

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Hendred Hall, 3rd Thursday (page 7)

10:30am, St Augustine's,

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(see page 7)

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