

Bulletin

EAST HENDRED



Thank you!

A huge thank you goes out to all those who have helped and are helping residents of the parish since the start of the lock-down due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Thank you in particular to:

- Our new shopkeepers, Steve and Nickie – It's hard to imagine worse timing for their arrival in the village but they are coming through this challenging time with warm smiles and good cheer and keep us supplied with all kinds of basic essentials and Post Office services as well as treats.
- Val Prior and friends who have adorned the village with funny and fascinating knitted figures, some of which appear in the banner above. They have been very cheering at a time when we can all appreciate that!
- Those at the Hive Hut, also newly opened, who adapted rapidly to our needs by offering a safe collection and home delivery service for other local suppliers as well as their specialist environmentally friendly products.
- The Community Friends, residents who volunteered to assist with shopping, collecting prescriptions and whatever is needed by neighbours who are vulnerable or isolating at home. Along with others they joined the cheerful work parties first cleaning the Parish Church and then clearing up the Cat Street cemetery.
- Everyone who is looking out for and helping their neighbours throughout the crisis. You don't do it for the thanks, but thank you anyway.

We live in a wonderful community, as the response to the Covid-19 crisis has shown.

East Hendred Heritage Trust

Champs Chapel Museum is coming out of the long sleep of lockdown.

At the beginning of August we gave the museum a thorough clean and soon will begin to open for visitors. Visits will have to be strictly controlled and by prior appointment only made by email or telephone (details below). Face masks will be required, visitors will not be able to touch any of the artefacts and the number of visitors at any one time restricted to one household. Visiting slots will normally be half an hour and only available during the Summer and early Autumn on Sunday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm. These restrictions may be loosened as things develop. Individual or household appointments can be made at other times if accompanying stewards are available.

We also plan to increase our Facebook presence and make better use of our virtual profile. Ideas about this are

welcome, as indeed are volunteers to help us to do this. Sadly the Trustees' age profile mentioned above is more real than virtual and it leaves us lacking in this area!! More details about this will be on our website and in the "What's On" messages.

Finally we would like to publicly recognise the Vale of the White Horse District Council whose small business grant of £10,000 has meant that we can look to the future with confidence despite the cancellation all of this year's fundraising plans. We also want to acknowledge the kindness of the Snells Hall committee who have remitted the half year rent we pay for storage space.

The past puts the present into perspective and the strange present needs that. If you want to be involved in preserving and publicising the history of the village, do contact us, especially if you are young at heart!

To arrange a visit, please email hendredheritagesecretary@gmail.com or phone Peter (861326) or Diana (833279).

Great bus service improvements

Major improvements to bus services through East Hendred will start from 30th August.

The Monday to Saturday daytime service through East Hendred and Rowstock will now operate throughout the evening until almost midnight. Three additional X33 services will operate in each direction between Didcot Parkway and Wantage, serving Rowstock, White Road and the Plough (not Portway Close). The last bus from Didcot Parkway will be at 23:15 and the last bus from Wantage will be at 23:45.

East Hendred will also have a Sunday (and bank holiday) service after a gap of many years. Service 33 will operate hourly between Abingdon, Didcot, Harwell Campus, East Hendred and Wantage, again serving Rowstock, White Road and the Plough, but not Portway Close. First buses towards Wantage and Didcot will be at 08:18 and 08:54 from the Plough. Last buses from Wantage and Didcot will be at 22.05 and 21.16 respectively. These replace the current Sunday service on route X32 that operates between Didcot and Chilton only.

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

Hundreds Hedgehog Haven

In Britain the hedgehog often comes top of the polls as one of our favourite animals. They are indeed cute, spiny creatures and gardeners are often pleased to see one as they are reputed to eat slugs. This is not quite true as slugs are not the top choice for a hedgehog, as, unsurprisingly, they are not very tasty. However, they do love eating lots of other invertebrates that they can find in our gardens and hence gardens are a favoured haunt for them. Sadly, however, as of the 30th July the UK hedgehog has now been officially classed as vulnerable to extinction and since the millennium, we have lost a third of our hedgehog population, with the biggest drop being in rural areas.

Last September, 1st Cuckhamsley Cubs decided to get involved in a hedgehog project to take some steps to help. The first step was for us to find out if and where there were hedgehogs in the village. Using some old plastic signs, we made some special triangular tunnels with food inside to attract any hedgehogs and leave their footprints. These were placed in several gardens; the churchyard; Snells Hall and St Amunds school grounds. The good news was that there was evidence of hedgehogs in White Road, Mill Lane, Church Street and Horn Lane. More recently since then one of the gardens in Orchard Lane has had sightings of a hedgehog, where there hadn't previously been any footprint evidence, which is exciting!

The next action the Cubs took was to make some hedgehog homes from recycled wood for the hibernation period during winter. This took a lot of sawing and hammering of nails, but was a great achievement. Then later on in the new year the Cubs made and shared on Facebook some posters with helpful tips on how to help hedgehogs. If you want to help create a Hedgehog Haven in the Hundreds then the first step you can take is to make sure they can access your garden and create a 'hedgehog highway' or hole in your boundary, the more gardens that can be linked up the better for the hedgehog range, as they can roam 1-2 km a night. Then you can enhance your garden by creating log piles, compost heaps, ponds and planting nectar-rich plants, which will encourage invertebrates and also be a huge benefit for other wildlife too.

Not long after this action Scouting had to stop meeting face to face due to Covid-19. However, in true Scouting spirit we have ensured we are doing our best to keep everyone safe and have been carrying on our activities remotely with online Zoom 'video-call' meetings or by setting badge challenges. Many fun activities have taken place including several 'Camps at Home'; VE Day celebrations; scavenger hunts; on-screen games; skills such as cooking, art, knots and even knife skills along with many badges being earned as the young people did their best to help at home. Our groups have also still managed to have some community involvement with Scouts linking up with Downs Golden Age Club and writing letters to some of the members about their lockdown experiences and VE Day.

A hedgehog highlight during our Cub Zoom meetings was taking advantage of the digital world and inviting Hugh Warwick, a hedgehog champion, who has appeared on TV many times and written several books, to come and talk to us. He did this enthusiastically, even without cake, and gave a very informative and engaging talk about our spiny friends and answered informed questions from the Cubs. He was really pleased to hear of the actions Cubs have been taking and has promised to come and see us again when it is safe to do so. In April the other good news we heard during lockdown came from Ali Eyston, about the releasing of over 40 hedgehogs from a rescue centre behind Hundred House. This will be a great boost for rural numbers of hedgehogs in our area and makes it even more important that we create a Hedgehog Haven in Hundreds gardens! If you want to find out what more you can do then please visit the Hedgehog Street website and on the Hundreds Environment Group facebook page there should be updates on hedgehog news and action you can take in your garden to make it more hedgehog and wildlife friendly.

Now, during the summer, we are taking the chance to plan how we can safely get back to face to face Scouting. It will probably be a while before we go back our normal sessions, however, you will hopefully see smaller groups of young people out and about enjoying some of the life skills that Scouting brings to them in the Autumn. If you could help our volunteer leaders then we are currently looking for someone to help our Beaver leader, so please do get in touch with our Group Scout Leader Doron on 07711474883 or doron.jensen.scouts@gmail.com.



from the chair



The on-going limitations on meeting with others in the village has had significant impacts on several village societies such as the DGA and WI. However it is encouraging reading this *Bulletin* that many village activities such as cricket and tennis are underway, Champs Chapel is open albeit for pre-booked slots and the two Churches are meeting with restricted attendance. It is hoped that both schools will be able to restart in September. There are discussions on opening Snells Hall for meetings with tight restrictions on numbers and cleaning requirements. So far the village has been fortunate in escaping the worst effects of Covid-19 and long may this continue. We still need to be careful when meeting with others, and we need to recognise that the older and more vulnerable members of the community are especially at risk. The coming autumn and winter months will place a more onerous burden on everyone with increasingly limited access to their gardens and outdoor space. Let's hope a vaccine is made available as soon as feasible. We need to thank the volunteers who have assisted with shopping and collecting medication and helped in many other ways with those who are less able to get out.

The Parish Council has continued to meet successfully by Zoom each month (except for August when we take a break). These meetings enable the Council to undertake its usual business effectively such as responding to planning applications and approving any financial items. Members of the public can join these meetings by letting the Clerk know in advance.

The Parish Council currently has two vacancies. We have one applicant, Natalie Coates who lives on White Road and we plan to co-opt her at the September meeting.

Stephen Web has moved to Abingdon, but is staying on the Council for the time being. Stephen makes considerable efforts as a councillor and takes a particular interest in transport and monitoring bus services and cycle route plans, as well as following up planning applications for properties in the Conservation Area.

The article on the village cemetery in this *Bulletin* emphasises that the responsibility for it lies with the Church authorities. The Parish Council arranges for the grass and hedges to be cut although payment for these services is made by the Parochial Church Council. However the Parish Council usually makes a grant each year to partially cover these costs. It is encouraging that in general the cemetery is in good condition.

As stated on page one of this *Bulletin*, we live in a wonderful community and the difficulties of recent months has served to remind us of this. Let's keep it that way and all stay safe.
John Sharp

Planning Update

Since the last *Bulletin* we have seen revised plans for the 10 units for elderly people behind Mather House which are a considerable improvement on the previous ones to which we objected. A communal area in Mather House will also be part of the development. The Vale of White Horse District Council has now approved this development.

The proposed development of seven three-bedroomed houses off Woods Farm Lane has been rejected by the Vale on grounds of development outside the village and major highway issues.

We have been in negotiation with Mears concerning the plans for the 65 houses on the Greensands site, with improvements being included to minimise the impact on the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and to improve the style of the houses proposed. We are still waiting for the modified plans to be sent out for comment by the Vale Planning Department so that we can make our input. Their appeal (launched much earlier in the year on plans that both the Parish Council and the Vale objected to) has still not been resolved.

You may have seen recently in the press the Government plans to simplify and modernise the current planning system with land to be given three designations at the Local Plan stage. These are growth areas, renewal areas and protected areas. Growth areas are suitable for substantial development and once land is included in the Plan as a growth area it is understood there will be minimal further stages before planning permission is given. Renewal areas are suitable for some development whilst in protected areas development will be limited.

The central part of our village is in the North Wessex Downs Area of Natural Beauty and hence we assume will be part of a protected area where limited new development will be allowed, very much as at the present. However land in our parish north of the A417 outside the AONB could be subject to growth. It is of some concern that currently plans for housing are usually modified at the detailed planning stage to obtain styles and lay-out suitable for the local area. The plan is also to abolish the current system for developers to fund local infrastructure via Section 106 agreements and replace it with a new scheme, yet to be developed. This could have serious implications for obtaining the necessary funding for road and other improvements required for a proposed development. The District Council is already starting work on a new local plan and will have to follow these new rules if finally accepted. The Parish Council will be reviewing these significant proposals in depth and will comment by 29th October. Individuals can also comment and if you have strong views on what is being proposed please take the opportunity to comment via the Government web site.

The Parish Council is invited to comment on planning applications in our parish on the Harwell campus. A recent development which has considerable national interest is the UK's Vaccines Manufacturing and Innovation Centre (VMIC). Plans for this have been brought forward by Covid-19. Work has started on site and it is now expected to be ready by next year for the production of vaccines from one of the successful trials underway. Not surprisingly the Parish Council supported this although we did have some reservations about its planned landscaping. Further information on the VMIC is available at <https://www.bbc.com/news/health-53741966>.

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Springline Amateur Dramatics Society

The Society was formed in 2007 and with numerous pantomimes, variety shows and village events under our belt, it was inevitable that we would turn their hand to "Steam Radio" and with Podbean, SoundCloud, YouTube and iTunes we are now able to present to a wider public base.

The idea of the Radio Players started several years ago but with the improvements in digital recording equipment including dramatic price reductions, coupled with a partnership with Gobo Theatre Foundation, a charity created to help, support, mentor and inspire young people in the theatrical arts, our first radio play was rehearsed in March and recorded and completed in April 2016. Our total focus is to provide quality radio plays to a world-wide internet-based audience, while adding to our membership with like-minded people.

To date we have produced and uploaded four plays, the latest being "The 39 Steps" by John Buchan – the link to the PodBean website is <https://springlineamdram.podbean.com> where you can listen online or download.

Over the next few weeks we will be uploading our latest Sherlock Holmes mystery – "The Adventure of the Speckled Band" following by our adaptation of H G Wells' "The War of The Worlds" which has been adapted for audio and relocated to Oxfordshire with Wallingford being the focus of the Martian attack.

If you would like to get involved in the drama group, the choir or the audio plays then please contact David Hunter at DavidJHunter47@gmail.com for more information.

East Hendred Community Centre Snells Hall

The hall committee is delighted that we have a new Warden, Richard Illingworth, who moved into Snells House in early August and is taking on the warden's duties. Richard is a partner in a carpentry business and his practical and friendly approach will surely be assets to the hall.

The lockdown has meant that the hall has been closed since late March and it has been very difficult for several regular user organisations as well as the four couples whose weddings have had to be cancelled or postponed.

We have been delighted to have the very successful Hive market held in the car park on three Sundays and InFineSpirits have had their very popular Pizza van in the car park on Wednesday evenings.

We look forward to gradually returning to normal, starting in September, with procedures in place to follow Government rules for dealing with the Covid-19 challenge.

Parking and Barking

Rural villages like ours were not designed to accommodate residents with cars and certainly not multiple-vehicle owners. Please be considerate to your neighbours by not parking where it inconveniences or endangers others.

You are also asked not to allow dogs to bark loudly, especially late at night. The 'tropical nights' endured during recent months mean that we all wish to have windows open without being disturbed by dogs barking.

Reporting a nuisance noise

You can make a formal complaint by completing the online form found on the District Council's website <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/>. You can search for advice on various types of noise nuisance including dog barking as well as 'out of hours' reporting.

You can contact Environmental Protection directly by email at env.health@southandvale.gov.uk or telephone on 422403.

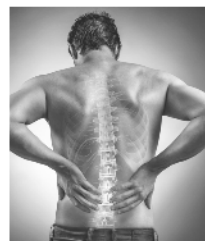
If you prefer to write to them, the address is:
Vale of White Horse District Council,
135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon OX14 4SB

Walking Group

At the time of writing only a group of 6 are allowed to meet and walk together. We have been keeping in touch with Zoom meetings and very much hope that larger groups will be allowed to meet soon. When life returns to some semblance of normality we will continue to meet at 9.30 every Wednesday. For more details contact susie@monkscourt.co.uk or 833797

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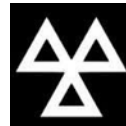
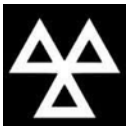
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Doubtless Covid-19 has meant that 2020 is a strange year for us all in so many ways with the early lockdown restrictions keeping us all at home for weeks. Luckily the government determined that visits to allotment sites were permitted and, subject to some simple measures to ensure shared facilities were used safely, plot-holders have been lucky enough to be able to enjoy uninterrupted use of their plots. As a result, the allotment site hasn't looked so good for a long time.

Almost without exception every single plot is tidy, well-tended and extremely fruitful. Peas, salads, early potatoes, beans and more have already cropped and plot-holders are now enjoying a maincrop harvest of beet, carrots, beans, sweetcorn, cabbage, early leeks and more.

As well reported in the press the Covid restrictions prompted an increased interest in growing fruit and vegetables. This is no less true locally and we have seen increased demand for allotments and for the raised beds on the Community Plot, with the waiting list for both having lengthened. Early autumn is the time to sow hardy lettuce and other winter salad leaves, spring onions, plant out spring cabbage and think about onion sets and garlic for planting later in the autumn. If you'd like to be Growing Your Own - now's the time to act as tenancy agreements are renewed or resigned annually at the end of September! To be added to the list for an allotment contact Catherine of the Parish Council (catherineshortis.ehpc@gmail.com) or for a raised bed contact BAAA (Sian Mitchell sianlab@aol.com).

East & West Hendred WI

What a strange time we have all been having and not least the East and West Hendred WI.

We managed to meet in February and had a fascinating talk by Elizabeth Rowe about Keble College and The Light of the World then just as our Annual Meeting was due it was 'Bang' straight into 'Lockdown' and we have had to rethink our programme and ways of keeping in touch.

Zoom came into its own very early on with first tentative small planning meetings then branching out and offering all our members 'Coffee and Chat', 'Afternoon Tea and Natter' and a 'Quiz' all on this medium. All were so much enjoyed that we then experimented with a talk by Peter Harbour who recounted a trip to Bhutan. Enhanced by a PowerPoint presentation, we had a

fascinating and very enjoyable hour or so. It was so successful that we will be inviting our September Speaker Linda Swan to give her talk on Zoom. It is entitled 'The Microbiome – the missing link to Gut Health'.

From then we will take each meeting month by month.

As well as our 'virtual' get-togethers we have talked on the telephone and as and when allowed we have met up in small groups in each others' gardens. Some members have been on walks together and as things ease off we may in the future be able to meet up in larger groups in the open air.

Meanwhile we will be continuing our Zoom activities and small meet ups and as you would expect from the WI, we are always there if any of our members are in need.

If anyone is interested in joining in with our activities as a guest or becoming a member please contact Jennie Cosgrave, email jen@wpj.me.uk

Morland Bowling Club

The Club normally play outdoor bowling between April and September but of course all our competitions, open evenings and social events have been cancelled this year and we have only recently re-opened the bowling green for casual play and some 'in-house' competitions in accordance with Bowls England guidance. However, we have not been idle as we have been busy working with our new owners, Hendred Oak, on mutually beneficial plans for the long-term future of the club.

Following the outdoor season, we would normally play 'short-mat' bowls indoors from October to April – bowling on a special carpet over a shorter distance. This activity

is a good way to learn about bowling in a friendly and relaxed environment. Obviously Covid-19 conditions will determine whether or not this activity can take place this winter.

Carol Fisher has decided to step back from her role on the committee. We wish to extend our thanks to Carol who had worked extremely hard for our club. Her work was very much appreciated by the club and committee.

For more information about our club and its activities please contact Geoff or Marion as follows:

Geoff Wyatt: Email: gp.wyatt@btinternet.com
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Marion Pointer: Email: marion.pointer@btinternet.com
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Downs Golden Age Club

A message from the Chair - Vicki Farrar-Hockley

Our last monthly meeting this year occurred on 5th March: and I remember vividly saying to the committee, 'I think we should wear disposable gloves to prepare tea'. Little did we know... We haven't been able to meet since then, of course; and it is profoundly sad that there can be no prospect for starting events any time soon. Alas! This is a harsh curse upon all our members - especially those who live alone and have had to remain so isolated in their homes: for so many months.

A number of us have been keeping in touch with members by telephone. It's not the same as sitting in

Snells Hall with a cup of tea, a wedge of gooey cake - and a very good friend at your elbow.... but don't let us lose heart! Let's stay in touch by every means possible - and keep one another's spirits up. This unprecedented situation *will* come to an end. If you are new to the village and like the sound of our very friendly club, below is more information and the club's contact details.

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Rev Orazio Camaioni writes:

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or the Church notice board to see what happens and when. We would love to see you, and please remember that face covering is now mandatory in all places of worship.

God bless.

St Mary's Catholic Church, East Hendred

Sadly, there is a limit of 30 people at mass and, from 8th August, those attending places of worship are required to wear masks or face coverings. Please book to come to St Mary's by emailing or telephoning Fr Andrew. His e-mail address is aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and his telephone number is 835038.

It is important that Fr Andrew knows who attends services to comply with the requirements of the Covid-19 Track and Trace system.

Details of services are given in the weekly What's on email message.

Cat Street Cemetery (Churchyard)

There seems to be some confusion in the village as to the ownership and maintenance of what is known as Cat Street Cemetery, and the aim of this contribution is to shed some light on what the legal and canonical situation is. A bit of history first.

In the Vestry minutes of St Augustine's Parish Church dated 28th June 1886, we read that "*a piece of land belonging to John Allin Esq. situated in East Hendred...and previously conveyed by John Allin Esq. to the Rector and Churchwardens for the time being and their successors in trust to hold the same for the Parishioners for burial ground forever was consecrated by the Lord Bishop in the presence of the Churchwardens and parishioners*". The first person to be buried in the new burial ground in March 1887 was a lady named Mary Mayo. The newer part of the cemetery was donated much later, but on the same legal and canonical terms, after the old Village Hall was destroyed by fire.

This means that even though it is often referred to as a cemetery – perhaps to mark the distinction with the burial ground surrounding the Parish Church – Cat Street cemetery is in every respect a Churchyard, which, as the word suggests, is a *yard* (a piece of enclosed ground) belonging to the Church. As such it falls under Canon (Church) Law and is administered by the Rector as 'corporate sole' in collaboration with the Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council.

When it comes to the general maintenance of churchyards, the Incumbent (Rector) has a legal and canonical obligation to apply the regulations which the Chancellor of the Diocese makes. In the Diocese of Oxford the document of reference is the Churchyard Regulations 2016 (which can be found here <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Churchyard-Regulations-2016.pdf>). These rules regulate very clearly what may or may not be introduced in churchyards in terms of headstones, ledger stones for cremated remains, writings, and miscellaneous material such as flowers, wreaths etc.

Not everybody is aware of the things mentioned above, and some are under the impression that the cemetery belongs to the village, probably because the Parish Council cuts its grass and trims its hedges. What most people don't realise is that the Parish Council is paid to do that by the Church, which has the obligation to maintain its churchyards under Canon F13.2 of the Canons of the Church of England.

Upon my arrival I was very impressed to see how people in the village take great interest in Cat Street Cemetery and make every effort to keep it clean and tidy. I would like to take advantage of this occasion to thank officially Paul Stoter, who does the regular mowing and hedge trimming for the Parish Council, and all those who have organised and joined cleaning and litter-picking parties. Your help is very much appreciated, particularly since the Parish is struggling financially and we cannot afford to go beyond the regular maintenance.

Should you have any queries, complaints, ideas on how to improve our cemetery, please get in touch with the Rector who would be delighted to discuss it over a cup of tea or – even better – beer.

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Plastic Free July

In Plastic Free July The Hive in East Hendred provided 267 litres of refills. On average, people refill 500ml so that's 534 bottles saved from landfill. The Hive in East Hendred and The Mix in Wantage sell cleaning and washing products for refill and it's amazing how quickly the number of new, single-use plastic bottles that you **don't** buy adds up!

Reducing plastic waste faces quite a challenge as concerns about spreading Covid-19 increases demand for single-use, disposable items. Some of these like medical PPE are essential and very difficult to avoid. So it's more important than ever to avoid waste where we can.

REDUCE – do you need it? Wherever possible, buy less stuff.

RE-USE – keep re-using stuff for as long as possible. Buy refills rather than new bottles. Make use of local Repair Cafés at Didcot and Wantage to keep your belongings going. Offer it to someone else to use: you can advertise things you are giving away on Freegle.

RECYCLE – if it can't be re-used, if possible recycle it. <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/recycling-rubbish-and-waste/recycling/what-can-i-recycle>

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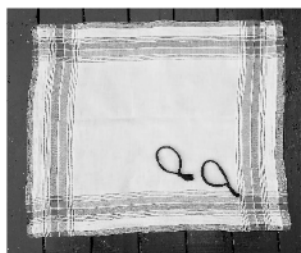
Many of us found more time for cycling and walking in lockdown, and some nice quiet roads too. Post lockdown you may well have seen that work is progressing on a cycle route to Wantage via Icknield Way. So don't put your bike away, fit in time to cycle by using your bike for journeys you need to make.

If your bike might need some care and attention, Tin Hut Cycles will be offering free bike checks to diagnose issues at The Hive Market at Snells Hall on Sunday 30th August, 10am – 2pm. They are also registered for the Government's Bike Voucher Repair Scheme which is offering a limited number of £50 vouchers for bike maintenance costs. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/fix-your-bike-voucher-scheme-apply-for-a-voucher>

Make your own no-sew face mask

Something that doesn't need to be disposable is a face mask. Washable, fabric masks are entirely suitable for general use. An online search will bring up lots of instructions for making your own, using fabric that you already have, for example cut from damaged clothes.

Here's a method for making a mask with no sewing or pins, using a large handkerchief, or similar sized piece of fabric, and two hair-bands or loops cut from old tights.



1: Take your hankie and two bands.



2: Fold one edge down to the centre line.



3: Fold the opposite edge up to meet it.



4: Flip it over.



5: Again, fold a long edge down to the centre line.



6: Fold the opposite edge up to meet it.



7: Turn it over again, and slide the bands on as shown.



8: Fold both ends inwards and tuck one into the other.



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East & West Hendred Cricket Club

It has been a strange old season for Hendred cricketers. Covid 19 has meant that the cricket ground saw an extended winter break and all the usual frantic activity to prepare for the season was put on hold.

Volunteers did what they could to maintain the ground and have it ready for a hopeful restart, we had furloughed club members painting, replacing fences, and carrying out maintenance on the clubhouse, all within the required guidelines of course.

Eventually restrictions were slowly lifted and by working with the sports club, we were able to see the nets opened for use, with reduced capacity, bookings required, and a great deal of sanitising procedures introduced.

During June and into July we were once again allowed to train and ultimately play. We started with small Junior Groups from age 5-15 years. Lockdown provided us with a very welcome upturn in numbers in all age groups, but particularly 10 to 11 year olds which allowed pupils from both village primary schools to have one last summer together before dispersing to Secondary education. The boys and girls who attend have been an absolute pleasure to coach, showing us how much they missed each other's company and sport in general over the lockdown period. Most of our newcomers had their first taste of cricket and team game experience and the club is extremely grateful for the support parents and children alike.

The Juniors have all started participating in matches against local clubs, with some real success and some great performances. Being able to start competitive cricket really gives an opportunity for them to display their new skills and to demonstrate all they have picked up in the training sessions which have taken place.

The revised adult season started in late July with a Saturday cup competition for the 1st and 2nd teams which replaced the league schedule. Squeezing a normal 4 ½ month season into 6 to 8 weeks was another challenge for the club creating high demand for player spaces, it's also presented a great opportunity for us to play a number of our younger players to gain invaluable experience. We are hoping to see both the First and Second XI teams progress to the finals in early September, fingers crossed!

Like the rest of the world the club had to adapt to a new normal but despite the ups and downs of the pandemic the Cricket Club has again thrived in an unusual 2020 season but we could not have achieved this without the dedication and support of our committee, players, parents and juniors. We must also thank other village organisations for their support through the year, The Hive generously donated large sanitiser dispensers to clean the kit and hand sanitiser to keep us safe, their support was much appreciated. Local businesses raised £95 for the All Stars section from an outdoor event held at Snells Hall, again thank you to all those who contributed to sales that day and to the businesses who generously donated towards the club.

This year may have thrown up its challenges, but it has also demonstrated what a great community spirit we have at East and West Hendred Cricket Club, long may it continue.



Hendreds Tennis Club

The courts reopened at the start of June and have seen lots of use. It is great to see so many new members as well as returning members using the courts.

The courts are open all year and membership fees have been reduced by 50% so if you are still thinking about playing take the plunge. Details of the membership packages can be found on our website, <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HendredsTennisClub>.

The club session continues to run every Wednesday, 5 -8 and Sunday 10 til 12. 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.

As with all village clubs and societies, Hendreds Tennis Club relies on a strong membership and a small group of dedicated volunteers. At the AGM held in July we said goodbye to Jason and Nicola. Thanks to both for their work to help run the club over the past years. We are currently on the look-out for a new Committee Members 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.

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.



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Planning Matters

Planning

19/V2301/FUL - Riduna, Church Street. Demolition of existing building and erection of two storey replacement. An amended plan was received which altered the height. The Parish Council initially objected but further amendment was received. The Parish Council withdrew the 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 Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds of access, overdevelopment, lack of visitor parking and lack of amenity space. An amended planning application recently submitted is being considered by the Parish Council. 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). Permission granted. P19/V3320/HH and P19/V3321/LB - Hines Cottage, Horn Lane. Re-submission of applications P19/V3320/HH and P19/V1362/LB to substitute the approved studio/store outbuilding for a garage and demolish the existing garage. PC did not object to the application but expressed concern about the removal of mature trees. Permission granted. P20/V0129/RM - Mather House, White Road. Reserved matters application for the erection of 10 specialist accommodation units for older people. The Parish Council had concerns about appearance and landscaping, layout and access. Following discussions with the developers, amended plans were submitted which took into account most of the Parish Council's concerns, so the objection was withdrawn. Permission has been granted. P20/V0236/FUL - West of Thompson Avenue, Harwell Campus. Construction of a western extension to Thompson Avenue. Permission granted. P20/V0325/A - MRC Harwell Institute - Building 524 Nineteenth Street, Harwell Campus. Proposed illuminated outdoor sign located at the approach to the Training Centre. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. Permission granted. P20/V0389/RM - Greensands, Reading Road. Reserved Matters following outline planning permission P15/V2328/O - details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds of the impact on the AONB, the concentration of affordable housing, the overall housing mix, the general design of the houses and the lack of an acceptable travel plan. A new set of plans is about to be submitted to the Vale; the Parish Council will have an opportunity to review and comment on them. P20/V0743/FUL - Land to the west of Thomson Avenue Harwell Campus. Erection of a multi-occupier Class B employment building, with landscaping and car parking. The Parish Council objected to this application due to its impact on the landscape of the AONB. Awaiting determination by the Vale. P20/V0784/FUL - Harwell Science and Innovation Campus Limited Partnership. Land West of Thompson Avenue. Erection of a Vaccine Manufacturing Innovation Centre, with associated landscaping and car parking. Amended plans have been received which are currently being considered by the PC. P20/V0833/LB and P20/V1030/FUL. The Oak Room, Orchard Lane. Restoration of doorway as disabled

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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)

and emergency access. The Parish Council issued a holding objection pending clarification of access. The application has been withdrawn.

P20/V0842/O - Brightwell House, Reading Road. Proposal for 7 x 3 bed detached houses. The Parish Council objected to this application. Permission has been refused.

P20/V1344/LDP - Riduna, Church Street. Temporary caravan to live in while house is being built. The Vale has agreed that this application is lawful under permitted development rights.

P20/V1410/LB - The Old Cottage, Church Street. Internal alterations and decoration to Grade II listed cottage. The Parish Council had no objection to this application. Permission has been granted.

P20/V1425/LDP - Oakwood House, 15 Mill Lane. Conversion of garage into habitable space. This was a permitted development application so the Parish Council was unable to comment. This application is lawful under permitted development rights.

P20/V1667/O - Land known as Fermi Gate, Harwell Campus. Outline application with all matters reserved for the redevelopment of part of Harwell Science and Innovation Campus known as Fermi Gate to provide employment floor-space (Use classes B1 and B2) for offices, laboratories and light industrial uses, temporary accommodation (Use class C1), supporting parking and ancillary uses (Class A1/A3) and landscaping and open space. The Parish Council is still considering the application.

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1st Thursday

Downs Golden Age Club
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