

Bulletin

EAST HENDRED



Remembrance Sunday - Lest we forget

Remembering those who have lost their lives defending our country, its values and its people, villagers attend commemorative services and process from the churches to the War Memorial every normal year.

Wreaths are laid, prayers are said, a hymn is sung and the names of people from East Hendred who fell in the two world wars are read in a respectful ceremony.

This year, precautions against the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic meant that we could not gather in a large group as is traditional, but the commemorative ceremony was carried out, watched by a small number of widely-spaced people in Chapel Square and available for watching by everyone with internet access.

Laurence Binyon's Exhortation was delivered by Bill Sheehan. Wreaths were laid by Edward Eyston for the Fallen of the village, Chris Harrison for the Scouting organisations, Sylvia May for the Kohima Association and Dair Farrar-Hockley for his soldiers who fell during the Falklands War. The Roll of Honour was read out by Ali and Tom Eyston.

Mgr Andrew Burnham carried out the service at the memorial, also acting on behalf of Rev Orazio Camaioni, who was officiating at West Hendred.

Thanks to Vicki Farrar-Hockley for organising the ceremony, Brian Thomas, bugler of the Wantage Silver Band, who played The Last Post and Will England, who filmed the ceremony for transmission via the internet.



East Hendred Heritage Trust

Complying with Government local restrictions due to coronavirus, the Museum is once again closed.

We have prepared a small display on the Second World War to commemorate 75 years since VE Day. Naturally we had hoped to offer a much bigger exhibition but had to put that on hold.

We will be putting up the Christmas Tree and installing the Crib early in December. No carol singing this year, but

a bit of Christmas Cheer.

If you would like to visit the Museum on a pre-arranged visit, we will be pleased to arrange this, once the regulations allow us to do so, even during the winter period when we are normally closed. To arrange a visit, please email: hendredheritagesecretary@gmail.com or call 833279.

Our thanks to all who support us over the year.

Late News: More bus service changes from 3rd January

Due to major alterations to bus services serving Milton Park, the 33 service will no longer operate to East Hendred. It will be replaced by additional X32 services, which serve the Portway Close stops on the A417 and Rowstock. This means that the White Road and Orchard Lane stops will no longer be served by Thames Travel except by the schools service BB4.

From 3rd January, the X32 will operate half-hourly Monday to Saturday daytime between Oxford (JR Hospital and city centre), Milton Park, Didcot, Harwell Campus, East

Hendred and Wantage, and hourly late evening and Sundays on the same route between Didcot and Wantage only. So, buses will now serve the JR Hospital, but journeys from East Hendred to Abingdon, Chilton, Mably Way Health Centre and Faringdon will require a change of bus.

The Parish Council did not support the installation of bus stops at Portway Close as it predicted that this route change would occur if they were installed. Bypassing the centre of the village increases the distance from a bus stop for most village residents and businesses. It makes buses less convenient and runs against the effort to reduce climate change at a time when more public transport use is seen as a significant way to reduce carbon emissions.

Message from the DGA Chair

I'm devastated to note that we haven't met since March! How are you faring, I'd like to know? Ali and I and your lovely committee keep in touch as best we can, by telephone; if we find you're out and haven't managed to speak to you yet – be sure we shall, eventually, catch up with you! I hope that you have all stayed well and fit...and as cheerful as circumstances allow. And for those not so fit...that you have had ready access to a GP, without delays. Have a serene and peaceful Christmas; we must hope we shall all be with our families or good friends. We shall very much be thinking of you.

HEG says that hedgehogs need community help

We have identified **hedgehogs** as an animal that can benefit from community help as they need to move across bigger than garden scale territories. This will build on the hedgehog project that 1st Cuckhamsley Cubs started in 2019 as featured in the last *Bulletin* at <http://hendred.org/>

*Sarah James - Chair
Hendreds Environment Group*

Don't miss HEG's 'Space for Wildlife' events, activities and tips! Sign up for the HEG mailing list by emailing heg@hendred.org

For more Environmental news, please see page 11



Photo credit: Hedgehog Highway hole in a garden fence from 'A villager and hedgehog lover.'

NHS Covid-19 vaccine trials

Could you join more than 1,000 people in the Vale of White Horse district who have signed up to be contacted about NHS Covid-19 vaccine studies they could take part in? Anyone aged 18 and over can sign up to the NHS Covid-19 vaccine research registry at nhs.uk/researchcontact. Researchers then contact those who sign up to ask if they wish to take part in vaccine studies that are due to open in their area. There is no obligation to take part and people can withdraw at any time. Patient-facing healthcare workers and people from ethnic minorities are particularly needed to sign up, to ensure vaccines work for everyone. **Message received from NHIR**

Tackling isolation in and around East Hendred

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from the chair



Oxfordshire is now in Covid-19 local restriction tier 2 and having the schools open is a great help to pupils and parents. However, there are limits on many activities at Snells Hall, and Champs Chapel is effectively closed. Many clubs and societies continue to have many of their activities curtailed. One unfortunate casualty is the annual Christmas Bazaar which has been held for the last 40 years to my knowledge. The opportunity for families to meet over the Christmas period is important but will be limited due to the ongoing pandemic. The recent good news about the availability of a vaccine is very encouraging but this is not expected to have any significant impact until well into next year.

This pandemic has changed the way many people operate, both in work and leisure. Many of us have got used to Zoom or Teams meetings which has allowed more people to be involved, particularly since travelling is not required for work-oriented meetings. It is difficult to think that when the pandemic is over people will start travelling again for many meetings. Working from home has become the norm for many with benefits in the time saved in not travelling. However, one of the downsides is the lack of social contact and there may be an opportunity at the village level for individuals to get together on

planned occasions for a coffee or a beer simply to socialise with other people also working from home.

The Parish Council continues to operate with monthly meetings using Zoom with both County and District councillors involved. This way of working has been surprisingly effective. Members of the public can be involved by letting the Clerk know in advance, so that the link to the Zoom meeting can be sent.

Since the last Bulletin we welcome Julie Roberts to the Council. She lives in Portway Close, has a son at the Hendreds School and works at the Medical Research Council unit on the Harwell campus. This brings the Council to its full complement of nine councillors, but as mentioned in the last *Bulletin* Stephen Webb has moved to Abingdon so will resign at some stage, creating a vacancy.

Further changes to village bus services have been announced. It is regrettable that buses will no longer leave the A417 to come through the main part of the village, discouraging their use. As noted on page 1 the Parish Council has tried to avoid this occurring.

As noted last time we live in an amazing community which has responded magnificently to this pandemic. Let's continue by helping others and hope that there is now a way forward next year to the resumption of more normal life. With hopes and best wishes for a good Christmas.

John Sharp

Planning Update

The main application that has involved the Parish Council recently is for the Plough and neighbouring buildings, which involved a special meeting held on Zoom, involving councillors, the applicant and members of the public. This is a complex application; the site includes two listed buildings, a listed cob wall, a bowling green and a proposed access across a Village Green, all in the heart of the Conservation Area. The Parish Council welcomes the proposed conversion to residential use of both the Plough and the adjacent Oak Barn and the retention of the bowling green. There are some concerns about the planned replacement of the existing club house for the Morland Bowling Club by significantly extending the height, width and length of the current changing rooms. There also concerns about access to parking, financial viability, and the amenity of neighbouring properties. An alternative position for the proposed clubhouse is suggested. The addition of a new unit for village office working space has also raised some concerns. The Council considers that the existing cob wall which is in a very poor state should be repaired as it is listed. The Council considers plans to build a higher wall across the front of the Plough for privacy would significantly affect the important street scene and should be avoided. Overall the Council welcomes a plan to retain the Plough, Oak Barn and the bowling green but has proposed that significant modifications are needed before the plan is acceptable.

In the last *Bulletin* we mentioned the Government's recent consultation on modernising the planning system which is radical in its approach. The Council has prepared

a robust response objecting strongly to several of the proposals which would severely limit the ability of local councils to influence applications in their areas. There are also plans to abolish the current system for funding local infrastructure associated with new developments, to be replaced by a new scheme yet to be developed. We consider that this could have significant implications for obtaining the required funding for new roads, schools, etc. Many other councils, including the Vale of White Horse, have objected to this plan. We have copied our response to our MP hoping that he can influence Parliament in its consideration of this plan.

The Council has also been involved in applications on the Harwell campus for new office buildings which are in our parish. Our concerns have been to provide improved landscaping to protect the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in which the development is proposed.

We are still awaiting updated plans for the 65 houses on the Greensands site, having had useful Zoom meetings with the developer. The main issues are protection of the adjoining AONB with more landscaping and also the styles of the houses. The appeal which was launched earlier in the year has still to be decided.

The proposed development of seven three-bedroomed houses off Woods Farm Lane, which was rejected by the Vale District Council with support from the Parish Council, has also gone to appeal.

Planning applications that will be discussed by the Parish Council are listed in the agenda on the village web site and members of the public who want to comment at the meeting can do so via the clerk who will provide the link to the Zoom meeting.

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What's On in The Hendreds

This is a weekly email message that publicises village events and other useful information.

Everyone is welcome to be added to the subscribers' list by sending a message to events@hendred.org

Scouts achieve top award

Three of our Scouts, Seth Hutchinson, Katie Shand and Sylvia Wild have achieved their Chief Scouts Award Gold, the top award in the Scout section. This involves an extensive programme of challenge and activity badges and we are delighted with their achievement. Two of them are now moving on to the Explorer Unit that meets in Grove.

They completed the requirements during the initial Lockdown where we adapted the programme to meeting on Zoom. We met each week, in uniform, to play games, learn new skills and achieve badges. Doron Jensen (Group Scout Leader) presented the Chief Scouts Award Gold when we returned to face-to-face Scouting in September after the summer break and we have been meeting since then, with all the appropriate social distancing and sanitising in place.

Troop meetings have been taking place in local woods. We have been developing the Scouts' outdoor skills exploring fire-lighting techniques (including using steel wool and a spark - who knew?), cooking over open fires and using 'tarps' to create various types of shelter. We are now back to Zoom meetings for a while where the Scouts have picked the Entertainer badge to work on.

Scouts were not permitted to participate in this year's Remembrance Sunday commemorations and so Chris Harrison (Scout Leader) laid a wreath at the war memorial on behalf of the Group who instead met online to reflect on the role that Scouts have played in previous conflicts.

We anticipate adapting our normal Christmas plans this year to help another local organisation with their community service.

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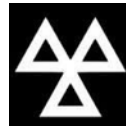
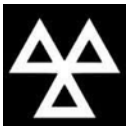
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During late autumn and early winter, allotmenters can reflect on a successful summer season and look ahead to the next horticultural year. This summer's

bountiful harvests have been eaten, stored and processed giving our members full tummies, bulging freezers and stacked store cupboards, although in our household the question most asked is "just how are we going to use all that piccalilli and squash achar?"

As a result of lockdown, 2020 has been a very good year for Bowling Alley Allotments. It was wonderful to be able to take exercise on the plots in the good spring weather, and members' efforts certainly paid off in a wide range of interesting and tasty fruit and vegetables. Crops from the Village Plot were offered via Hendred Stores and courgettes, squashes and cucumbers, small and large, were extremely popular, along with onions, potatoes and french beans - celeriac still to come!

Plots have been cleared and prepared for the winter and next year's harvest - all weeded, dug and manured. Fruit bushes have been pruned and strawberry runners planted out for luscious berries next summer.

Overwintering onions, garlic and broad beans are in the soil, growing slowly but surely. A start has been made on stocking the Village Plot with plants to form a cutting garden for next year.

Almost the best treat of all has been the only allotment job that can be done sitting down in front of the fire with a cup of tea - seed ordering! Many of our members order their seeds via BAAA from King's Seeds, enjoying a discount on a wide variety of horticultural necessities - from seed potatoes to propagators, from asparagus crowns to antirrhinum, from planters to peas. If you would like to join BAAA to take advantage of the savings offered via King's Seeds, the annual cost of £4.50 also includes affiliate membership of the National Allotment Society. Please contact either Sian (sianlab@aol.com) or Hilary (hildorling@gmail.com). Plots are let by the Parish Council. To go on the waiting list please contact Catherine (catherineshortis.ehpc@gmail.com). All the raised beds on the Village Plot, managed by BAAA, are taken but if you would like to join the waiting list, please contact Sian.

Morland Bowling Club

Unfortunately, Covid-19 is preventing the club from playing our winter season of indoor 'short-mat' bowling which should have started early in October. Restrictions mean we are unable to organise social and fund-raising events which would normally earn vital income for the club during the winter months. However, it has not been all gloom and doom as during the summer many of our amazing members played against each other in various socially distanced club matches, organised by our competition's secretary under Bowls England rules.

When the outdoor season ends the fun does not stop there. The bowling green needs to be scarified, hollow-tined, 'top-dressed', seeded and fertilised in preparation

for the following year's season which normally starts in April. Indeed, work goes on throughout the year, since fallen leaves and other debris must be cleared from the green and benches repaired and treated, gardens tidied, the mowers and other machinery are serviced. All of these activities are carried out by volunteer members, without whom there would be no club.

If you are interested in finding out more about Morland Bowling Club and its activities then please do not hesitate to contact either:

Geoff Wyatt on email: gp.wyatt@btinternet.com or mobile: 07530 104749

Marion Pointer on email: marion.pointer@btinternet.com or mobile: 07790 717733

East Hendred in Bloom

Although the RHS 'In Bloom' competition was halted this year, The Royal Horticultural Society and Thames & Chilton In Bloom have issued a Certificate of Recognition to those who villages, town and cities which entered the competition. Let's hope 2021 will allow us to enter properly and prove that East Hendred is worthy of a real award.

The committee of East Hendred in Bloom would be pleased to hear from any villager who would like to get more involved (hendredinbloom@gmail.com). Our plan would be to meet in Spring to discuss our strategy and how we can maximise on the resources already available. It isn't all about pretty flowers either but about how we look after our environment, include all generations in working towards creating a better place to live and how we take pride our surroundings. *Lyn Mason*

Hendreds Twinning Group

We have been in contact with our friends in Hendreds' twinned community of Sarceaux in Normandy. We hope to welcome them here over the weekend of 10-11th July, 2021, Covid restrictions permitting. Our visitors have a wide range of ages and backgrounds and will all stay with host families in the Hendreds and surrounding villages. New members welcome, please contact either Margaret Sharp (833367), m.i.r.sharp@btinternet.com or Lesley Lewis, 07977502369 or lesleylewiswh@outlook.com.

Walking Group

Sadly, like most organisations, the Walking group has been hard hit by the Covid restrictions. We had a small informal group walking together in July and August and managed one larger group walk in September then the 'Rule of Six' was introduced. So we have stuck to six and now it's down to the 'rule of two' - you can walk with a friend from another household which is definitely better than walking alone! But by the time the *Bulletin* is published this may have changed yet again! Walking group members keep in regular touch with each other and we have all kept walking through the last seven months. Just so looking forward to walking as a large group again - sometime soon!

East and West Hendred Women's Institute

East and West Hendred WI members have continued, in various ways, to keep in touch with each other during these past difficult months. In particular we have had Coffee Mornings and Afternoon Teas on Zoom as well as up to six of us 'face to face' when allowed, all socially distanced of course. (see photograph below).

We have also managed to have some of our monthly meetings on Zoom - a talk on **Bhutan** by East Hendred resident Peter Harbour, a talk on **The Microbiome** by Linda Swann and one on the **Young with Impaired Hearing** by Peter Gale, Headmaster of the Mary Hare school. We will be continuing in this vein as this month, November, we have a **Beading Session** lead by Amy Surman and in December a **Christmas Quiz**.

During these months we have been fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to 'Zoom' into talks with a wide range of topics that are organised by our County Federation and Denman College. These have ranged from Historical Talks through to cookery demonstrations and physical activity i.e. Yoga. They have been very popular.

January 2021 is our 100th Birthday, quite a landmark, and we are discussing ways in which we can celebrate and mark the occasion. It all depends on Mr Johnson and the government as to how restricted we will be, so we have to plan accordingly.

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From Dr Orazio Camaioni, Rector

One of the first people I met when I began my curacy in Wantage was Miss Daphne Fisher, who passed away last year at the venerable age of 100. She was one of the most devoted and sincere Christians I ever met, and I had the privilege to celebrate Holy Communion in her house and administer to her the last rites. She was the last surviving daughter of one of my predecessors here in East Hendred, the Reverend Charles W. Fisher. An Oxford graduate, he came to East Hendred in 1932 and was rector until 1947. Revd Fisher and his family lived in the old Rectory which is now called Church Place, and, despite his aristocratic countenance, lived a very simple life, almost on the edge of poverty. I have heard people talking about 'big holes in their carpets' and I remember Daphne saying that the house was so cold that they had to put their coats on to go from the kitchen to their bedrooms.



Revd Fisher studied Hebrew and Greek, and after Daphne's death I have inherited two of his dictionaries, a *Liber Precum Publicarum* (a Book of Common Prayer in Latin), his armchair, and a series of old photographs, including these two portraits of Reverend Fisher which I jealously keep in my study.

The Parish Church needs you!

Standing proud and overlooking the village stands the centuries old building of St. Augustine's Church. The bells ring and services continue to serve the whole community's mental and spiritual welfare. The loyal worshipping band works very hard to provide the tender love and care that it requires.

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Geoffrey Bailey (St. Augustine's Parochial Church Council.)

St Mary's Catholic Church

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St Mary's, East Hendred, will be open daily between 10am and approximately 4pm. If you do go into church, please use the QR check-in system or contact hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk afterwards to say that you have been and follow the safety instructions on the noticeboard in the doorway.

Mass will be celebrated and live-streamed on Church Services TV (from 11 November or soon after) and details will appear in the What's On message. In addition, the Catholic Bishops are asking Catholics to pray together every evening at 6pm and access is via East Hendred Catholic Parish Facebook page and the Benefice of Wantage Downs Facebook page, alternate days.

Prayers and best wishes. *Fr Andrew*

Gardening Group

Just before the first lockdown, six of us met and agreed to form a group. We were planning to advertise our first garden visit in Anne's garden in April. This was postponed until July and we did not advertise because of the need to restrict numbers.

It was lovely to see the results of Anne's work since she had moved into her newly built house five years ago. We then met in Barbara's garden in August to enjoy seeing her lovely flowers and productive vegetable patch. In September, we went to Pauline's garden which she extends down Home Farm Close. I was very impressed by her knowledge of plants. We had gained some more members by word of mouth. Therefore, in October we had to divide into two because of the rule of six. Some visited Jill's garden and enjoyed seeing her flowers and vegetables and some came to see my display of Michaelmas Daisies.

It has been great to swap plants. My old cosmos seeds did not germinate well but in early November, I am still enjoying the colour of the red ones which Barbara gave me. I am also looking forward to seeing the Chilean Glory Flower plants, which Pauline gave me, growing up some new trellis.

Hopefully, we will not need to restrict numbers when we get going again in the Spring. Please look out for dates in 'What's On in The Hendreds'. We were hoping to liaise with the 'Britain in Bloom' initiative. We look forward to doing so in the next year as well as working with HEG's wildlife plans.

Angela Pawlyn



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What are Collective Communities?

A collective community is a sustainable place where people want to live and work, now and in the future. It meets the diverse needs of existing and future residents, is sensitive to the environment and supports a high quality of life. East Hendred has a strong foundation as a sustainable and collective community, and during Lockdown 1.0 as a by-product of the pandemic, glimmers of how a sustainable and collective community could and should work were seen.

Here are just a few steps we can all make now and in the coming months, to help drive us towards that point:

1. Energy Conservation - using clean, renewable energy sources and conserving what you can. There are some great companies out there who offer 100% renewable packages from your home energy provider. Also the basics, switching lightbulbs to LED, turning lights off, changing over from gas to electricity and more!

There are some great tips here -

<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/hub/quick-tips-to-save-energy/>

2. Waste Reduction - there is a huge amount of work to be done in waste reduction starting with patterns of consumption and purchasing power. For example, in the village we have The Hive Hut, which offers refills of home, hair and skin care amongst other eco and zero waste solutions for your home. Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Repair and Refill are key and we hope to get a village-based swap shop off the ground once rules and pandemic allow! If you're unsure of what you can or cannot recycle then please use the BinZone App available from your app store.

3. Promotion of Local Food Sources - this is one of the 'supporting local' rules we need to follow. You can of course grow your own, join the allotment group and also focus on foods from sources you can trace. Sometimes there is some free game hung around the estate gates too! Access to fresh food is essential to sustainable living and good health, as well as important for the economic wellbeing of the community. Q Gardens, Savages of Blewbury and the Old Farm Shop offer us some fantastic local produce.

4. Support for local businesses - this is more important than it has ever been. Supporting local increases the economic stability of a community. When money remains within a local area, it's available for use by that community. When businesses prosper, it leads to jobs, donations, and support. The pandemic makes this more important than ever. Because a business may close its doors due to regulation, doesn't mean it may not be online or on social media, you could buy a gift voucher for use later! Check out **'Hive Market OX12' on Facebook** for an online marketplace for local businesses.

5. Being kind - this is surely the easiest thing everyone reading this can do, today. Kindness takes no energy at all, and yet can radiate and produce a warmth you cannot see! A wave, or a hello, takes nothing, and yet can mean everything.

We can be a collective community and work towards a sustainable future, make sure you follow **'Hendred Environment Group'** on Facebook for details of events, and possible swap shops etc coming up in 2021. Get involved, be a part of making the Hendreds even more amazing than it is now, embrace the change, embrace the future and remember, be kind!

Sally Povolotsky Founder of The Hive - www.hivehut.uk



The Green Column

There is growing concern about the loss of wild animals and plants in the world. If you missed it, David Attenborough's programme "Extinction: The Facts" is on BBC iPlayer for 10 more months at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000mn4n>

Space for Wildlife is Hendred Environment Group's new project to increase biodiversity in our community by working together. We will be really active on this through 2021, with lots of ways for you to get involved. We are running a series of talks on the theme (see the Village Diary, page 16).

We will help you to help wildlife in your garden or other outside space. Find our regular, seasonal wildlife gardening tips on our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/HendredsEnvironmentGroup/>

We will carry on looking after Snells Woodland next to Penney Play Park. Over the years we have provided bird and bat boxes, planted and coppiced trees, removed invasive plant species and cut back plants to encourage biodiversity. We have regular volunteer work parties.

We will work with others who manage land to find ways we might help them make more Space for Wildlife and more opportunities for community involvement in conservation.

Winter Wildlife Gardening Tips

Feed the birds. It's the easiest way to bring wildlife to any outdoor space and one of the best ways to see a lot more wildlife. If you have windfall apples leave some for the birds. These can attract winter visitors: redwings and fieldfares. You can help us with the **RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch in Snells Wood on Sunday 31st January**. We will be watching and recording from 9:30 to 10:30 am.

Repurposing Christmas Trees

After Christmas, repurpose 'dead' Christmas trees to create over-wintering habitat for invertebrates and other small creatures. A HEG member says "last year, I sawed the branches off our tree and kept the trunk to cut into small logs. I piled a few of the small branches into an old fruit box (to contain them and make it look prettier) and put it next to some logs in our garden."

You could also add pine cones, twigs, sticks, leaves etc. An easy little 'bug hotel' which could also provide shelter for voles, shrews, frogs and toads.

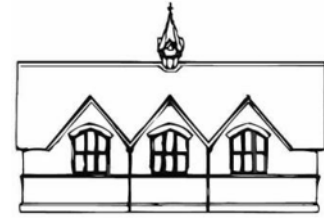


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Hendred Sports Club

The Club acts as an umbrella for the associated Tennis, Football and Cricket Clubs.

We look after the pavilion, the bar, ancillary facilities and the maintenance of the outfield. To do this more effectively we registered as a Charity and now have a small group of dedicated Trustees.

Over the past couple of years this focus has enabled us to raise and invest almost £15k to perform much-needed maintenance and safety work on the pavilion and purchase a newly refurbished mower to keep up the excellent quality of the outfield. We have also supported the associate clubs to raise £4k that funded new Junior Goals as well as electrical work that enabled the Cricket Club to install a smart new scoreboard.

In 2020 we went into partnership with Quentin Bevan from the Outdoor Training Company to introduce small group and personal training services. It's been great to see so many local people taking up the opportunity to get fit. If you are interested give Quentin a call on 07977 796870.

It has also been a challenging year and we have been working very hard to make sure all the activities at the

Mill Lane site are safe and socially distanced in line with the evolving Government advice. Further to this we have recently invested in a substantial marquee to provide additional space for players to get changed - something our Footballers have been using since the beginning of October. Where at all possible we want to help people to keep on playing sport and keeping or getting fit.

To recap, the purpose of the Hendred Sports Club is to

- Promote existing and new amateur sports activities at the Sports Club

- Encourage participation in healthy recreation; and
- Provide a focal point for the community to come together at a sport and leisure-based hub.

So if you have an idea for a new sports or leisure activity that needs access to a facility like ours please reach out. We want to enable the local community to get the maximum out of the facility we manage on your behalf. Contact details for Club trustees and the associated clubs can be found on our new website

www.hendredsports.org.uk

Alternatively, call David Jones (Chair - Hendred Sports Club) on 07782 326065.

Hendreds Tennis Club

2020 has been a good year for the club with membership increasing as tennis benefited from some of the COVID rules. A reduction in membership fees also helped.

There was some great tennis played at the courts this summer, culminating in our mixed doubles tournament, spread across 4 locations to ensure social distancing. The final featured the 'youth' of Kamila Sumajova and Dom Hones facing the experience of Lucy and Guy Taylor. Tennis know-how won out with Lucy and Guy taking the cup home. Thanks to all who made it such a fun Sunday morning, especially the Eyston and Wilson-Macdonald families for letting us use their courts.

We also started some free beginner sessions this autumn which were well attended. 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. As we look ahead to 2021 we are looking at setting up coaching to suit all levels so if you are interested or would like to attend a beginners' session please send us an email to

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Planning Matters

P19/V2630/O - Land to the rear of 1 & 2 Portway Cottages. Development two 2-bedroomed 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. Permission was refused.

P20/V0129/RM – Mather House, White Road. Reserved matters application for the erection of 10 specialist accommodation units for older people. The PC had concerns about appearance and landscaping, layout and access. Following discussions the developers submitted amended plans which took into account most of the PC's concerns and the objection was withdrawn. 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 PC objected to this application on the grounds of 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 was submitted; the PC has reviewed them and seeks further information prior to withdrawing their objection. Awaiting determination.

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. Amended plans have been received - PC is currently considering them.

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 and the PC had no objection. Permission granted.

P20/V1667/O – Land known as Fermi Gate, Harwell Campus. Outline application with all matters reserved for redevelopment of part of Harwell Campus to provide employment floorspace for offices, laboratories and light industrial uses, temporary accommodation, supporting parking and ancillary uses, landscaping and open space. The PC had a holding objection pending further information.

P20/V1911/HH - 2 Croom Cottages, Rowstock. Raise the level of existing roof. The PC had no objection to this application. Permission granted.

P20/V1963/FUL - Western area of the Harwell Licenced Nuclear Site. Grouting and sealing of three existing boreholes, and associated temporary site compound and material laydown areas. The PC had no objection. Permission granted.

P20/V2199/FUL - Fordybrook, Ford Lane. Demolition of existing dwelling. Construction of replacement dwelling, erection of detached garage with store above and associated works. The PC did not object but submitted comments, particularly about the impact of the proposed development on the surrounding area. Awaiting determination.

P20/V2206/LB - Hines Cottage, Horn Lane. Amendment to Listed Building consent regarding the reduction in size of proposed basement. The PC supported this application. Permission granted.

P20/V2382/FUL & P20/V2383/LB - The Plough Inn, Orchard Lane. See page 3.

Parish Council

Council meetings are currently held on Zoom 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)

P20/V2439/HH - Springfield, Newbury Rd. Erection of garden room. The PC had no objection. Permission granted.

P20/V2674/HH - Old Methodist Chapel, Chapel Square. Balcony over existing rear extension and insert patio doors in rear wall at first floor to provide means of escape in case of fire. Withdrawn.

P20/V2880/HH - Greenways, Wantage Road, Rowstock. Two storey rear extension. The Parish Council is still considering this application.

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December 2020 - March 2021

Current restrictions mean many events cannot take place. Please look out for the weekly 'What's On' email or contact organisers using information in their article or listed to the right.

Wednesday 6th January 2021, 7pm:

HEG Space for Wildlife Webinar - Farming on the Hendred Estate, Julian Gold. Free, book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hendreds-environment-group-31774240569>

Wednesday 3rd February 2021 (TBC):

HEG Space for Wildlife Webinar: Introduction to Naturehood, James Winder (Earthwatch). Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hendreds-environment-group-31774240569>

Bank Holiday Bin Collections Christmas and New Year

Because of bank holidays, instead of Tuesdays, collections will be as follows:

Thursday 31st December 2020:

Grey bins and food waste

Thursday 7th January 2021:

Green bins and food waste;
no garden waste

Wednesday 13th January 2021:

Grey bins and food waste

Deadline date for next *Bulletin*

Please send articles, information, diary entries, B&W photographs etc. for the Spring *Bulletin* as an e-mail attachment to me at the editor's e-mail address (see right) to reach me by **Sunday 7th February 2021**. New contributors always welcome. Thank you. *Rachel*

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- Monday** **Scouts 7 - 9pm**, Snells Hall
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- Wednesday** **Walking Group 9:30am**,
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1st Thursday - Currently on Zoom
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