

Bulletin

EAST HENDRED



Emergency Plan Published

The emergency services can be relied on to respond fast to accidents or dangerous events, but there may be times when we as a Parish have to be ready to help ourselves. With that in mind, all Parishes have to develop and publish an Emergency Plan to be prepared to help people who are vulnerable or who cannot get about easily in situations such as power failures, severe weather and so on. The Parish Council, with help from a number of parties, has produced such an Emergency Plan.

The plan gives advice on what actions to take and who to contact in various emergencies and seeks to help us look after each other as a community.

You can see the plan on the village website, www.hendred.org.

If you have any comments or suggestions for enhancements to the plan or ways in which you might offer help in emergencies, please write to our Parish Clerk - see page 15 for contact details.

East & West Hendred WI: Centenary Celebration

The very first WI in Britain was established in Anglesey in 1915; the inaugural meeting of our own WI followed soon after in January 1921 which must make it probably the oldest still active organisation in the village.

The founder President was Mrs Coates, and members at this first meeting watched a demonstration on how to dress rabbit and mole skins. (Not sure how useful such a skill remains a century later!) The subsequent competition was judged by nurses from Oxford (why nurses?), and Mrs Dainty was the winner.

Over the last century the village WI has provided

women with the chance to meet, socialise and learn new skills as well as to make their voices heard on national campaigns such as Keep Britain Tidy. During the



war years members did their bit by making jam from surplus fruit and knitting socks for soldiers. The WI has joined in all major national celebrations with floats in processions through the village.

Their Golden Jubilee celebration saw members enjoying a magnificent tiered fruit cake, made and iced for us by Norman Francis who has an enduring reputation for making special cakes.

We would have liked to celebrate our Centenary in style but the constraints of the pandemic mean that our celebrations will have to be limited to Zoom, with members joining either online or by telephone. They will be raising their glasses of prosecco and enjoying a slice of cake, this time made by Jill Broadley, one of our members and pictured with our Banner on the right. The cake will be delivered to the doorsteps of each member.

Our programme in more normal times has included a wide variety of speakers (e.g. Bollywood – Get your Feet & Body Going!, Experiences of a T.A. Nurse in Afganistan, Dumped at Birth – the Foundling Hospital, and many others).

Visits such as to a recycling plant, stately homes, theatres, London trips and local meals out as well as craft demonstrations and monthly coffee mornings are regular features. Every member throughout the country has a vote each year selecting a Resolution to promote national campaigns on issues that matter to them and their communities. Recently the more energetic members have joined in weekly walking netball sessions with other WIs. It's all a far cry from the old 'Jam & Jerusalem' image of the earlier WIs.

New members are most welcome from both of the Hendreds as well as from the surrounding local area. All will appreciate the chance to meet socially and make new friends as well as catching up with existing ones.

Membership is an excellent and enjoyable route to becoming more integrated into this vibrant community. More information is available from the contacts below, and you are invited to sample our March meeting by Zoom or telephone (Thursday 18th, 7.30pm). The talk is 'The Life and Loves of a Taxi Driver Poet'. Jennie will send you the Zoom link or phone number if you contact her.

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The WI plays a unique role nationally, being the largest women's organisation in the UK with more than 200,000 members. It provides women with educational opportunities and the chance to build new skills, some passed down through generations, others continually updated to reflect the lives of women today.

Members all relish the chance to meet new people, catch up with friends and can take part in a wide variety of activities. They famously once slow hand clapped Tony Blair at a national annual meeting in the Albert Hall, in protest at his attempt to make a political statement.



Downs Golden Age Club

A distinct advantage, surely, of being a DGA member at the moment is that so many of us qualify for early inoculation against Covid! Happily, many have already received the first injection: a life-altering milestone.

Although we're denied the pleasure of seeing one another at our customary monthly meetings, I know many members are keeping in touch. I hope everyone felt a sense of connection at Christmas? How I wish you could have seen dear Ali, lining up and filling over ninety gift bags in serried rows on her dining table! Huge appreciation must go also to Doron Jensen for leading his Scouts to deliver them all.

The club donated £50 to Sobell House in memory of Betty Holliday, our revered former chair. We miss her so...

The committee arranged for posies of 'Spring' flowers to be sent to Ali and Vicki in January in appreciation of their efforts and contributions to the Christmas gift bags.

A VERY Happy Easter to you all... and roll on Springtime!!

Betty Holliday (1931 – 2020)

Betty was a highly respected and major contributor to the success of the Downs Golden Age Club. She had been invited by Lady Penney to join the committee in 1983 - at a much younger age than most members.

She was soon referred to in club minutes as 'Caterer' and this was followed by her holding all the main committee roles culminating in her being Chair from 2002 to 2012. When she stood down, she was made a life time member and Honorary Vice President in recognition of her many years of dedication to the club and its members.

At the same time, Betty was presented with the first award under the Parish Council's new Community Award Scheme, given to those who have made a significant contribution to village life. A most worthy recipient.

Betty initially set up the very well supported Bridge Drives as the club's main fundraising events each year and continued to attend our monthly meetings prior to the first lockdown. Then, as always, she spent time speaking to members with compassion and interest. She cared deeply about the members' well-being.

Our thoughts are with Betty's husband, Barry, her sons, her wider family and her very many friends.

East Hendred Heritage Trust

Spring is slowly approaching and the Trustees of the Museum are talking about what we can do once the current lockdown restrictions start to ease. We are looking forward to when we can offer visits again, in whatever form allowed and will let you know how to arrange these once guidelines are published.

There has been an interesting development with Champs Chapel itself –

Dating Champs Chapel

We have long thought that the Chapel of Jesus of Bethlehem (to give Champs Chapel its original name) was built in the middle of the fifteenth century but recently we have had an opportunity to date it accurately. Dr Dan Miles from the Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory (based at Mapledurham) and Nick Wright, a Historic Environment Consultant who has been studying the Chapel for some time, have carried out a tree-ring dating exercise on three timbers in the Chapel.

Over the past 30 years Dendrochronology has become one of the leading most accurate scientific dating methods. In the Chapel three timbers were selected as being appropriate. All three oak samples retained bark edge which included a full measured ring and the spring growth for the following year. This enabled precise felling dates for all three timbers. The earliest of these was Spring 1464 and the latest 1466. It also appears that the trees were from different environmental locations and the different felling dates suggest that some initial stockpiling took place. The scientists therefore conclude that the present building was constructed during 1466 or shortly thereafter.

The Chapel is not the first building in the village which Dr Miles has investigated and the three samples from the Chapel match well with dates obtained from other building including Godfreys Farm, The Village Shop and Hickman's Cottages.

The dendrochronology was organised by Nick Wright and funded primarily by the Oxfordshire Architectural and Historical Society with material and financial contributions from the East Hendred Heritage Trust.

Snowy January in East Hendred



Snow is not wasted on our village - even a small fall brings out the sledgers, the sculptors and the photographers.

The light but perfect snow of 24th January brought out the best!

With thanks for the pictures to Rebecca Roberts (left), Katherine Sanders (middle) and Lucy Hanna (right)

from the chair



Another year, another lock-down, with children at home, but there is hope with vaccination progressing apace. The elderly and vulnerable in the village should have already had their first vaccination giving some protection. We hear normal schooling may restart in early March. Better weather should lie ahead with more usual life on the horizon. I hear plans of a big village party being planned to celebrate better conditions. Many thanks to all those who have provided much needed support to the elderly and vulnerable in the village.

This January the East and West Hendreds Women's Institute was 100 years old, making it probably the oldest society or organisation in the village. Over the last century this village has seen many major changes from for example cars being a novelty to most households having at least one car. Another change is the village with at least six shops to our current (much valued) village store and post office. Let's hope the WI will continue for many more years serving both of the Hendreds and the surrounding villages, providing opportunities for women to meet up, socialise, be entertained, learn and join together for interesting visits.

Planning continues to occupy the time of the Council. It looks as though the Greensands site will at last start

being developed, which will be an improvement on its current state. Transport issues are also in the news with Rowstock residents likely to benefit soon from a SID device warning car drivers of speeding on the A4183 (which is a regular problem approaching the round-about).

Natalie Coates has resigned from the Parish Council as she and her family have moved out of the village. We thank her for her support while she was on the council.

A considerable amount of work has gone into developing an Emergency Plan for the village (now on the village web site). We hope that it will not be needed but it is important to have plans in place to cope with sudden emergencies.

Congratulations to the organisers of the Hendred Book Character Trail with many characters hidden around the village in gardens. It's been a good opportunity for families to take part and name the children's books from which the characters have been taken.

Over the years the village has won the "Best-kept" village competition in Oxfordshire on several occasions (there are plaques around the village celebrating this). This competition no longer exists but it is encouraging to see that plans are starting to enter the RHS Britain in Bloom competition with three categories of horticulture, environment and community. Let's hope that the pandemic does not mean that it is cancelled this year.

With fingers crossed for a return to more normal life in the near future.

John Sharp

Planning Update

Since the last *Bulletin* we have heard about the appeal on the 65 houses at Greensands which has been outstanding for some time. It was successful (surprisingly) but the appeal statement contained many conditions which we are hoping can be used to cover the concerns which we have been expressing to the developer. These include protection of the adjoining AONB, better landscaping and traffic issues. At the time of writing the Highways Department had a holding objection based on internal roads and footpaths being too narrow and lack of information on visibility splays.

A revised application for development of the Plough site has been received; the main change has been the listed cob wall which is now to be restored in its original position. However, the other concerns that the Parish Council raised earlier have not been addressed and the Vale District Conservation Officer has also indicated that significant further changes will be needed before he is satisfied. A revised application is now needed.

The appeal for seven houses off Woods Farm Lane has been determined with a rejection on several grounds including vehicular access. Both the Vale District and the Parish Council objected to this application.

The Vale Council is consulting on the charging schedule for the Community Infrastructure levy (CIL). It is

a charge on new development that is collected by the District Council to provide additional funding to help pay for the cost of infrastructure. The sum involved depends on the size of the house, which is shared between the Vale Council and the Parish Council. We receive 15% of the levy. To date we have £610 in the CIL account from one or two village housing developments but it will increase as other developments take place. Unfortunately, the CIL levy came in after the Greensands site was approved for development on appeal.

The consultation is proposing that CIL funds can be spent more widely than initially proposed where such funds must currently be used local to the development. If approved we hope that might benefit the village as there are significant housing developments in the neighbourhood.

Applications on the Harwell campus in our parish keep appearing before the Parish Council. The latest one is a new building (1930 m²) on the Rutherford site for a National Quantum Computing Centre. This is another development confirming the Harwell campus as a national scientific centre.

Planning applications that will be discussed at a Parish Council meeting are listed on the published agenda each month. Members of the public who want to comment at the meeting should contact the clerk who will provide the link to the Zoom meeting.

Potholes and other street problems

If you are concerned about potholes, broken street signs, or blocked road drains, take a photograph and report the damage online via fixmystreet.com. It is easy to do and effective, even if not instantaneous!

What's On in The Hendreds

This is a weekly email message that publicises village events and other useful information. Your email address will be added to the subscribers' list if you send a message to events@hendred.org

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Scouting news

Cuckhamsley Scout Group (covering the Hendreds, Rowstock, Lockinge and Ardington).

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts were thrilled to be able to get back to face-to-face activities last term. We are fortunate to live in a part of the world where access to the countryside is very easy, and so all the meetings could take place outside. As a youth organisation, Scouts were permitted to meet in groups larger than six (up to fifteen) as long as social distancing was observed, and with suitable risk assessments in place.

The Scouts (10½ to 14 years) met in local woodland, to practise cooking, navigation, shelter building and other survival skills. Cubs (8-10½ years) based themselves at the allotments, where they helped to grow a variety of vegetables, which were subsequently shared for the pot. They also followed tracks laid on footpaths around the village, and later met on some mornings at a nearby farm. Meanwhile Beavers (6-8 years) played outdoor games and set off on expeditions on trails around East Hendred.

As lockdown returned in November the sections returned to meeting up virtually by Zoom. Whilst all prefer the face-to-face activities, these online video meetings were still well attended, thanks to the inventive projects, quizzes and challenges devised by the leaders. Even the Remembrance Parade could not take place as normal this year, but instead the Group listened to an online presentation of what Cubs & Scouts did during the two World Wars, followed by Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in full uniform marking the two minutes silence on their doorsteps. A wreath was still laid at the village ceremony on Remembrance Sunday, by a single leader, representing the Group.

One of the last events of the year was Cubs and Scouts volunteering their services to deliver parcels on behalf of the Downs Golden Age Club, around the villages. We finished up the year with a family viewing at home, of an online panto: Jack and the Beanstalk, produced by, and starring ex-Blue Peter presenter and previous Chief Scout Peter Duncan.

Now in lockdown again, we have to wait to learn when we can get back together again this year. Individual Scout groups have to abide by the policies laid down by the Scout Association, and will be guided by County before seeking approval from the District, to meet once more. In the meantime, there is always Zoom!

Hopefully, as we come out of the winter, and as the new vaccines are rolled out, we will start to see things improve. Already, tentative plans are being laid for new camps and outdoor activities in the coming year.

In fact, the Cubs already have a new challenge: to walk the length of the Ridgeway over the next few weeks, totting up a few miles at a time, until they achieve the distance of 87 miles - something they can do in their family group. If you would like to learn more about your local Scout Group, then there are further details at the District website: www.kascouts.org.uk/our-groups

If you are interested in joining the Cuckhamsley Scout Group as an adult volunteer or have a young person who is interested in joining Beavers (6-8), Cubs (8-10½) or Scouts (10½ -14) then please get in touch with Doron Jensen on 07711 474883 or

Dog Walkers Beware!

If you are reading this and are a dog walker it is very likely that you pick up after your dog. Sadly, not all dog walkers share your standards. Dog fouling of pavements and footpaths around East Hendred is an unpleasant regular occurrence.

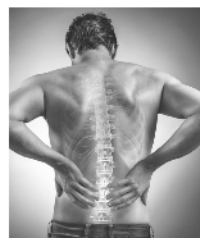
Not clearing up after the dog under your control poops on public land is an offence which carries severe penalties. The council's envirocrime officer can issue a £50 fixed penalty notice to someone who fails to clean up after their dog. If the case goes to court fines can reach £1,000.

Locally, increasing numbers of irresponsible dog walkers are being caught with evidence from mobile phone footage and CCTV recordings being used.

For further information on how to report dog fouling offences or provide evidence of them having taken place, visit The Vale of White Horse website at: <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/environment-and-neighbourhood-issues/neighbourhood-services/littering-fly-tipping-and-dumping-waste/dog-fouling-and-littering/>

If you have read this and are a dog walker who thinks it is okay not to clean up after your pooch, because you think no one is going to do anything about it, you are mistaken. When you pick up your lead to walk your dog - PICK UP A POOP BAG TOO - or you could find your next walk costs you a lot more than the price of a pack of poop bags.

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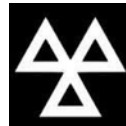
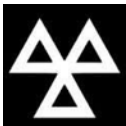
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As I write we've just enjoyed the January snow, the snowdrops are at their best but the daffodils little more than a promise. However, by the time this

reaches you spring will be with us and this year of all years is welcomed like no other!

The allotment plots are still quiet and it'll be several months before planting starts in earnest – we need longer days and a little sunshine before the plots begin to fill. However, that doesn't mean plot-holders are resting on their laurels - quite the opposite! Early plantings of garlic, onions and broad beans were made a while ago and are beginning to get some traction. Meanwhile seed sowing has started in readiness – greenhouses, sunny windowsills and other bright spaces are increasingly stacked out with the fledgling plants that promise to fill the allotment plots in a month or so. Naturally we all believe that this year will be our best year yet – and in one way or another it surely will be!

The Allotment Association manages the Community Plot at the entrance to the allotment site and looks after the bed adjacent to the footpath. This year we will be supporting Hendred Environment Group's *Space for Wildlife* project. Instead of vegetables we will be planting a cutting bed. Hopefully this will create a vibrant and colourful floral display for everyone to enjoy while at the same time supporting pollinating insects. We plan to crop the blooms throughout the season and make them available at the village shop.

We also welcome two new gardeners to the Community Plot who will each take on one of the raised beds. Since these beds were constructed these have been a huge success allowing those new to growing their own food to get a taste for what's involved without having to jump in with both boots and take on a whole allotment plot. If you would like to be added to the waiting list for one of these raised beds contact Sian on sianlab@aol.com

Spring's here - happy gardening!

Gardening Group - Village Gardens

Sadly, my hope that the Gardening Group would be able to start meeting in the Spring without restricting numbers has not been realised. Also, it looks unlikely that we will be able to meet at all in March. We are considering the use of social media to exchange photos until we can meet. Please look out for announcements in What's On in The Hendreds. We hope to see lots of new members later in the year.

Our gardens can play an important part in HEG's Space for Wildlife initiative. Even if your space is small, you could contribute by planting in pots. You could sow wild flower seeds but cultivated flowers also provide a good source of nectar for bees, butterflies and other insects. Suitable plants include wallflower, stock, love-in-a-mist, marigold, violets, borage, and foxgloves.

I have potted up some plants in the hope that either the Garden Group or the Space for Wildlife Group would be holding a sale. I have put them outside my gate in Horn Lane for people to help themselves. They include forget-me-nots, sedum and Michaelmas daisy which are recommended as being a good source of nectar for butterflies in a leaflet which I found on www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk.

Food for caterpillars is equally important, so please tolerate them eating plants such as cabbages and nasturtiums. Stinging nettles are particularly good for the caterpillars of peacock, red admiral and small tortoiseshell butterflies so I must encourage rather than discourage them in corners of my garden!

If you have enough room, leave some of your grass uncut until late summer. It will provide a home for grasshoppers and many other invertebrates. If you have daisies and clover in your lawn, raise the height of your mower on the rest and enjoy them. During the Naturehood Webinar, James recommended not cutting your lawn in May (see Green Column).

There is so much else you could do. You could develop the uncut area into a wild flower meadow by planting plugs or sowing seeds. If you want to make a pond, it would be best to leave digging it until the Autumn. However, you could set up a mini-pond in a container at any time.

Lots of useful advice online, particularly on the Naturehood Website.

Angela Pawlyn

Garden Waste collections resume

The fortnightly collections of Garden Waste (brown bins) resumed on Tuesday 16th February 2021 following some weeks when the collections were suspended.

Hendred in Bloom 2021

As we look forward to 2021, the Hendred In Bloom committee met in January in the hope that the competition goes ahead this year. The RHS In Bloom movement covers three pillars: Horticulture, Environment and Community. The village has much to offer to show a strong community spirit as well as actions and initiatives that benefit the environment. However, despite the many lovely gardens there is less in our public spaces that will score well under the heading of horticulture. There are a number of flower beds which

have been tended by volunteers in the community over many years. We will be approaching them to thank them for the work that they do and to explore whether it might be possible to develop a theme in 2021 that provides continuity to the planting in these public spaces. We're hopeful that if a general theme can be agreed others throughout the village will be keen to support the more co-ordinated approach. If you would like to lend your support by putting out tubs, hanging baskets or other containers which can be seen from the road please contact us on hendredinbloom@gmail.com and we'll be very happy to discuss how we can help.

Fun for Kids (and everyone)

For many months, Val Prior and Lynn Salt have been adorning the village with knitted characters from babies to Captain Tom Moore.

They have also organised competitions and trails (the current one being a Book Character Trail) and the latest venture is adding a "Community Hub" to the Orchard Lane bus shelter. This is a series of competitions for children to make works of art, on various themes, such as decorating a pine cone.

Ben Holderness is curating the Hub exhibits, as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.

The bus shelter is the home of the The Bus Stop Book swap, a book exchange run by the local book club. The Stop is highly popular, and is used by many village residents and visitors from around the area.

(Excessive donations are a challenge - interesting novels only, please!)

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Home Schooling Computer Appeal

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An appeal was launched via What's On in The Hendreds, asking for unwanted laptops and tablets to be delivered to Hendred Stores for Charlton School. To date 10 computers have been donated and Charlton school are incredibly grateful.

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We are now looking forward to things gradually returning to normal. Our social isolation has been terrible for some but none of us will forget the warmth of the local community. Many will continue to struggle and all of us need to do whatever we can to support one another as time goes on.

The journey for Christians is a journey of Faith – belief and trust in God and his promises and belief that each of us can work together for the common good. The love of our neighbour comes second only to the love of God. 'Lent' is an old English reference to the 'lengthening' of daylight – Spring – and, after the darkness of winter, Christians prepare to celebrate the Easter Faith. To assist us in this journey, there are extra opportunities for prayer, study, and worship in Lent. Both parishes – Catholic and Anglican – will be providing these opportunities, so do have a look at what is on offer.

Fr Andrew
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St Augustine's Parish Church

Dear Friends, morning and evenings are getting lighter, and Lent (which means "Spring") is upon us. It seems like yesterday that we sadly had to cancel all our Easter celebrations because of the first lockdown, and here we are again. This has been a very tough year mentally and physically for all of us, and, although the crisis is not over yet, there are signs that we are heading in the right direction. Local practices have been excellent in the administration of vaccines and most of the vulnerable members of our village have now received their shot.

The Churches of the Benefice of Wantage Downs have taken the decision to remain open for public worship and private prayer during the present lockdown, strengthening the already robust safety measures we have in place. We intend to continue to remain open as we begin the season of Lent, the solemn preparation to the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. A full list of services is available on the Church noticeboard and on the Benefice of Wantage Downs Facebook page. If you wish to be included in the Benefice Newsletter mailing list please get in touch with me on rectorwd@outlook.com

The Eucharist is celebrated at St Augustine's on alternate Sundays and Wednesdays, and the church is open for private prayer every Wednesday and Sunday. Please do use it for prayer or a moment of quietness and reflection. The church belongs to all and is a house of prayer where all are welcome irrespective of their faith or lack of it. May God continue to bless and protect you and your families.

Rev Orazio Camaioni, Rector

Springline swap their stage for microphones

With lockdown constraints and social distancing putting drama and the village choir out of action, Springline Amdram hasn't rested on its laurels. The company created Springline Radio Players as a vehicle to record and release plays which they have adapted for audio. The Radio Players has now broadcast eleven audio plays via its own website and popular podcast apps, including HG Wells' War of the Worlds, John Buchan's The 39 Steps and Charles Dickens' The Pickwick Papers and Christmas Carol, as well as a number of original audio plays, with a further three dramas currently in production – The Importance of Being Earnest, Great Expectations and The Lost Lamp of Lorretta.

Springline's radio plays have had over 2,000 downloads on apps like Podbean and Spotify from as far afield as Israel, Russia, Alaska, Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Panama, and Columbia, as well as most European countries and, of course, the United Kingdom. "The response we've had has been far greater than we expected. Who would have thought that people in Peru would be listening to an Oxfordshire am-dram group," says Clare Bedford, Chair and choir master. "You might say that the local amdram group has gone global".

As to future productions. Springline has been approached by a professional theatre company based in Pasadena, California, "Open Door Playhouse Theater" to work on joint productions and, to this end, we have two audio dramas that are currently in the works, "The Canterville Ghost", an adaptation of a short story by Oscar Wilde which will be available in time for Halloween, and a new play written by Hendred resident Gareth Thomas, which involves a team of US and UK scientists joining forces to prevent an environmental catastrophe.

David and John Hunter are taking on the producer roles for this new part of the audio drama journey and are looking for more people to join the group. If you have always wanted to get involved in the theatre but do not want to learn lines, put on costumes and make-up, and have a serious feeling of "stage fright", then maybe Springline Radio Players can help you scratch that itch.

This is clearly a case of "Local Amdram group goes to Hollywood". Contact David Hunter at SpringlineRadio@gmail.com for more information and find the audio dramas at <https://springlineamdram.podbean.com>.





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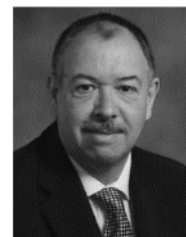


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The Green Column

There are loads of things that you can do if you want to be good to the environment. But nothing pays you back and brings joy like taking actions to help your local wildlife. HEG's Space for Wildlife project is looking at all the ways we can do this in our community. And it's hit a chord with you all – our first Space for Wildlife webinar was fully booked.

HEG is engaging with those who manage the land around and in the village. Hendred Estate manages a substantial part of this and we welcomed farm manager Julian Gold as our first Space for Wildlife speaker. Julian has an exceptional knowledge and practice of environmentally sensitive farming. His methods support healthy soils and natural pest predators and he works with local research institutes to deepen the scientific knowledge base of regenerative farming.

East Hendred Parish Council manage many of our shared village spaces, paths and edges and has been very supportive in engaging with HEG about its areas of responsibility. Parish Councillor Catherine Shortis and HEG member and ecologist Sian Mitchell took a socially distanced walk to look at some of these spaces in January. We are proposing reducing the frequency of cutting in a small number of wider verges, whilst still keeping edge strips trimmed and tidy. This can save the Parish Council resources while increasing the diversity of natural spaces available to wildlife.

What is clear from taking an overview of the village is just how much of the space in the village is gardens. Can you close your eyes and imagine hovering over your home? No matter how large or how tiny your outside space is, it is connecting to all those other outside spaces. A couple of pots of bee-friendly flowers are a staging post within insect range of next door's flowers. Any size of water feature is staging post for all those tiny water creatures that miraculously appear in any new pond without any human help.

This is where you all come in. Together we can transform the availability of food, water and space for wildlife across our village. Our second Space for Wildlife webinar welcomed James Winder of Naturehood, which helps communities to help their local wildlife. James Winder's talk was really enjoyable, with lots of time for all our wildlife gardening questions afterwards, covering everything from bee hotel hygiene to encouraging frogs to a new pond. And our next webinar speaker is hedgehog specialist Hugh Warwick (Wednesday March 3rd) who will help us understand these lovely but threatened animals and what we can do to help them here.

To take part in Space for Wildlife and work with your neighbours to help our nature thrive:

Join the HEG mailing list – email heg@hendred.org

Read the Gardening Group article on page 7 for loads of wildlife gardening tips

Sign up for our webinars – all can be booked (free) at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hendreds-environment-group-31774240569> (google "eventbrite Hendreds Environment Group")

Like our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HendredsEnvironmentGroup/> for regular, seasonal wildlife gardening tips and to share what you are doing

Check out <https://naturehood.uk/> for lots more ideas and advice for all shapes and sizes of outside space.

Sarah James

Our first year in the Shop

As I sit and write this, our first anniversary in the shop draws near. We always knew it would be a big life change for us, but we could never have envisaged the changes that would happen worldwide due to the coronavirus. Just 10 days after arriving in the shop a national lockdown was announced, and we were thrust headfirst into the multiple challenges that arose. Several customers moved overnight to newspaper deliveries, which would be easy for us to manage now but at the time we hardly knew a road name, let alone house locations. Our stock deliveries were erratic to say the least and we battled for weeks to ensure we had full shelves, even if some products such as flour and marmite remained completely elusive. We could only have 2 customers in the shop at any given time to maintain social distancing and ensure everyone who came in felt comfortable, and the lunchtime food business effectively stopped. And alongside all of this were the difficulties in getting to know people properly, as lockdown followed lockdown and restrictions were placed on the mixing of households. However, we count ourselves incredibly lucky to have gone through all of this here in East Hendred. Not only do we live in such a beautiful area, which offers fantastic walks literally from the front door, but we have discovered how truly amazing our customers are. You supported us when we really needed it, and for that we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We hope that 2021 is a better year for everyone, and that there will come a time when we can get to know more of you even better. Until then, take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Nickie, Steve and the cats.

As I see it

Lockdown again, what a pain. Nowhere to go, no-one to see.

Christmas was quiet just the two cats and me.

And then there was New Year - no welcome fanfare,
Just fear of Winter's long months and even longer hair.

With variants new, the virus still spread,
Bringing many more patients to many a bed.

In scientists' labs hopes for vaccines prevailed
Men in white coats will protect us where others have failed.

Only when all this is over - and end it will -
We'll remember the horrors of those who were ill.

We'll grieve for those dear ones, sadly, no longer here
And praise doctors, nurses and many a volunteer.

Yes, 2020 was a year when many things changed
When planned celebrations were all re-arranged.

In 2021 we hope that the lockdown will ease
Then we'll be free again to do just whatever we please.

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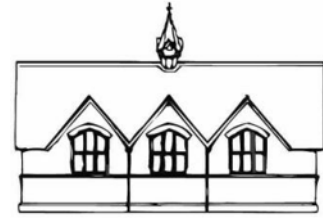
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East & West Hendred Cricket Club

Whilst 2020 delivered a great deal of uncertainty it demonstrated to all at EWHCC the part the club plays in the community. Despite a shortened summer season, the club sprang into life and set about offering a safe social playing environment for adults, juniors, and parents alike. Like everyone we are hoping 2021 allows us to expand our activities whilst enjoying the community vibe at Mill Lane. Inspired by continued support on and off the field the Cricket Club is about to embark on its most ambitious season for many years.

Building on last year's cup winning season the club will be introducing a 3rd Adult league team on Saturdays which will use Ardington Sports ground to allow us to give even more opportunities to offer cricket to all, especially our older junior players who have outgrown youth cricket. Following a County wide league amalgamation all 3 teams will play in the Cherwell Cricket League for the first time, 1st Team in Div. 5C, 2nds in 7C and 3rds in 8A.

Another bold step for 2021 is the formation of the Women's and Girls' team as we plan to hold taster sessions and hopefully a few Sunday afternoon games for our growing group of mixed age Women cricketers.

Additionally, a small number of Sunday friendlies and the shorter T20 game on a Wednesday evening in the Downs T20 league have been arranged.

Our Junior Coaches and parent helpers are preparing for another even bigger "Friday night experience" starting on Friday 7th May where kids of all ages can develop their physical and social skills while having fun at the same time.

"All Stars" for 5–8-year-olds, and "Dynamos" for 8–10-year-olds are ECB organised national schemes delivered locally by clubs like ours, so, if you have a youngster in your family and want to enjoy the family friendly Friday night atmosphere, please get in touch.

Older Girls and Boys at U11, U13 and U15 age groups will commence training on Friday 23rd April. These juniors play competitive league matches throughout the summer in a variety of formats to suit all skill levels.

As you can see EWHCC have ambitious plans for 2021 intended to enhance what we have already achieved and to help shake off the lockdown blues. These expansion plans are a massive step for our small village club, thankfully we have help from some amazing volunteers who prepare the ground, coach the kids, umpire, score, provide refreshments, tend the bar, BBQ the burgers, decorate the Pavilion, paint the fence, design the website, raise funds, and even more supporters who drink the wine and beer to help generate the fantastic social atmosphere that erupts during Spring and Summer at the Sports Ground.

You are very welcome to come and join us in any capacity you choose, if you need more details please contact Ivan Mulford 07748 631116 or Liam Richards 07730 6548178 or follow us on Facebook, or our new upgraded website www.eastwesthendredcricketclub.com.

We will of course alter any of the planned events should restrictions remain in place or ECB guidelines dictate, fingers crossed for a bright and enjoyable Summer in 2021.

Anyone for Aunt Sally?

Among the many sports/games traditionally played in East Hendred has been the game of Aunt Sally. Over the years it has been played in the local pubs with great success, with the leagues being won by Hendred hostelries many times. However, since the closure of the Plough some three years or so ago the game has been lost to the Village, with players who still wanted to play having to travel to Wantage each week to compete.

In addition to hosting successful and growing Football, Tennis and Cricket clubs at the Sports Club on Mill Lane, we are now looking at the level of interest of bringing Aunt Sally back to the Village with a team based at the Sports Club on Wednesday evenings at 8.30pm between May and September, playing "home and away" fixtures against nine other local teams.

An Aunt Sally game has two teams of eight people competing against one another over three legs (or "horses" as they are known). Each player has six wooden sticks which are lobbed underarm at a wooden doll on a post thirty inches high at a distance of ten yards. The team that knocks the doll cleanly off the post most often wins the leg. The usual fee to register the team and each player for the Season is circa £5 per person, and each week each player chips in £1 for "pinchers" (won by the highest scorer over the 3 legs of the match). Also, it is common to put 50p into the kitty if you fail to score in each throw (known as a "blob"), and to play a "beer leg" at the end of the game (loser buys the winner a drink).

This is a great opportunity to meet people and to see other pubs in the area, whilst enjoying a sociable competitive game. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Denis Mulford (Tel: 861778, Mob: 07850 062 932 or email: denis.mulford@btinternet.com) or Andrew Stoter (Mob: 07724 630 399). More information about the game can be found at <https://abingdonauntsally.com>.

Hendreds Twinning Group

All the HTG's activities have been temporarily suspended, but we hope to re-start our normal programme once the current restrictions are lifted. We have been in regular contact with our Sarceaux friends, but their exchange visit to the Hendreds, originally planned for early July, is now more likely to take place in the Autumn. Group Contacts: Lesley Lewis lesleyewiswh@outlook.com 07977 502369
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Walking Group

During lockdown, we can only walk with one other person and keeping socially distanced. By the time the *Bulletin* is published, we may have had an indication that some restrictions could be eased. As a group, we keep in touch regularly and have each managed to continue taking walks as part of our daily permitted exercise. We very much look forward to walking as a group again.

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Planning Matters

NOTE: PC stands for Parish Council

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 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 was submitted to the Vale; the PC reviewed them and sought further information prior to withdrawing their objection. Awaiting determination. The appeal against the refusal of permission for the original proposal has been allowed.

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 were received. The PC withdrew its holding objection. Permission Granted.

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 floorspace (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 PC lodged a holding objection pending further information. Awaiting determination.

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 to this application but submitted a number of comments, particularly about the impact of the proposed development on the surrounding area. Permission has been granted.

P20/V2382/FUL & P20/V2383/LB - The Plough Inn, Orchard Lane. Proposed restoration of the Plough Inn to its former state as a residential dwelling with the erection of a new garage and additional enabling works. Conversion of the Oak Room into a residential property. Creation of a new club house for the bowls club with social space for the local community on the site of the existing changing rooms, and introduction of a new pedestrian gate. Creation of community co-working offices and associated art rooms with associated works. Application withdrawn.

P20/V2439/HH - Springfield, Newbury Rd. Erection of garden room with external dimensions of 4.2m by 3.6m with overall height of 2.5m. The PC had no objection to this application. Permission has been granted.

P20/V2769/HH and P20/V2771/LB – Manor House, Allins Lane. Rebuilding of collapsed garden/boundary wall and extend along the whole of the boundary on Orchard Lane. The PC had no objection to this application. Permission has been granted.

P20/V2880/HH - Greenways Wantage Road Rowstock. Two storey rear extension. The PC had no objection to this application. Permission has been granted.

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/V3076/HH and P20/V3079/LB – Vine House, Chapel Square. Plans for single storey kitchen extension at rear of house were submitted and withdrawn. Amended plans were received for a new internal open plan kitchen area, and alterations including the demolition of a 1960s fireplace, and external alterations (on rear garden elevation only), and a proposed new patio. The PC had no objection. Awaiting determination.

P20/V3141/HH – Oak Barn, Old Road. Construction of a detached, single storey, oak framed outbuilding for use as a home office and garden store. The new building will replace an existing old and deteriorating large wooden shed. The PC had no objection to this application. Awaiting determination.

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Planning Matters (continued)

P20/V3176/HH – Wyatts, Orchard Lane. First floor extension to convert bungalow to two storey dwelling and single storey rear extension. The PC was concerned about the impact of this proposal on the Conservation Area. Awaiting determination.

P20/V3283/HH – Kingsgate, Chapel Square. Proposed 2 bay garage. The PC had no objection to this application. Awaiting determination.

P14/V2873/O – Land to the west of Great Western Park (Valley Park), Didcot. Amended plans for up to 4254 dwellings and associated amenities. The PC had no comment to make on this application.

P20/V2984/FUL – 22 Ridgeway Close. Change of use of land from public use to residential garden. The PC objected to this application due to the impact on the local area. Awaiting determination.

P20/V3332/FUL – Building 12, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Harwell Campus. Demolition of external stairs to B65 and erection of Class E building to be known as NQCC with associated disabled car parking, cycle parking and landscaping. The PC had no objection to this application but had concerns about the impact on the landscape. Awaiting determination.

P21/V0133/HH – 8 Couplings Close. Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans - change rear single storey pitched roof to a flat roof; internal reconfigurations and enlargement of side window to new bedroom) on planning application P19/V1016/HH - Erection of new two storey rear extension and associated internal changes. The PC is still considering this application.

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Village Diary - March to June 2021

Please check the weekly What's On in The Hendreds email or contact organisers using details in article or shown below.

Regular Events (in normal times)

Note: Some details below may not apply due to current Covid-19 related restrictions.

Sunday	Champs Chapel Museum
Monday	Scouts 7 - 9pm, Snells Hall Scout Leader - Chris Harrison (Contact for all Scout group matters: Doron Jensen, 07711 474883)
Tuesday	Beaver Scouts 5:25 - 6:25pm, Snells Hall. (Simon, 07891 931166) Cub Scouts 6:30 - 8pm, Snells Hall (Mhairi, 820249)
Weekdays	Pre-school , at Snells Hall, Mon - Fri 9 am - 12 noon and 12 noon - 3 pm Tel: 831555 or www.hendredspreschool.org
Monthly	Snells Hall Committee Meeting 1 st Tuesday - Currently on Zoom 7:45pm Parish Council Meeting 1 st Thursday - Currently on Zoom 7:30pm Downs Golden Age Club 1 st Thursday (with lunch or tea) Women's Institute - see page 1

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