

Bulletin

EAST HENDRED



The end of hand-written Marriage Certificates and Registers

As we all await better times and the end of the Covid-19 crisis, a rather drastic change has silently affected the way church marriages will be registered in the future. One thing clergy and church staff learn is how to deal with marriage registers. For generations, on the day of their marriage, couples saw the vicar compiling and signing two registers and issuing that long green hand-written Marriage Certificate we all jealously keep in a drawer among the most important documents. All that changed on the 4th of May when the Civil Partnerships, Marriages and Death (Registration) Act 2019 came into force.

By order of the General Register Office, I (and every incumbent in the country) had to officially close and surrender the marriage registers and certificate books of our parishes, and train for a new system. The priest will now conduct the wedding as usual, but rather than registers and certificates, I will have to compile a "Marriage Document" and take it to the local Registry Office to have it registered. Once entered on the electronic marriage register, couples will then obtain their Certificate of Marriage.

In the old system - under which I and most of us were married - there was a certain sense of accomplishment when the priest handed over the certificate to the couple, a feeling that all had been done. I am sure it will not be the same with the new rules.

My reflection though goes a little deeper. It is obvious that this change was implemented to reflect a society which is no more predominantly practising Anglican (not even Christian), but rather a melting pot of many races and traditions, and that is good in itself. Nevertheless, part of me is mourning the fact that Church of England incumbents have been deprived of a centuries-long

privilege; that of holding registers and being de facto registrars as representatives of the National Church.

There was a time when the certifying signature of the vicar was as good as that of the GP or a lawyer on official documents such as mortgage applications etc., but this is already changing as we have moved from a society where the local parish church was the heart of community and the vicar a key figure in it, to a place where at best we are something people like to know it's there but don't join, at worst something completely irrelevant.

Going back to registers, keeping them in order, compiling them without making mistakes and sending quarterly returns to the Registry Office was a daunting and time-consuming task. Selfishly speaking, this change will make my life much easier. And yet, to me, this is sadly just another step in the direction of further irrelevance of the Church of England in the official life of the nation, a quiet, gentle degradation of its ministers, and another step on the way that, one day, will inevitably lead to disestablishment.

Dr O. Camaioni, Rector



And now - news of some 'normality' returning to our parish. Inside is more news of popular clubs and activities re-starting this Summer.

Springline Productions

After a very frustrating year Springline Productions are much looking forward to putting on a show. We are sure the village will be thrilled to hear that we are hoping to put on a Panto in 2022 (Oh yes, we are!) The provisional timing is that we would start rehearsing in January 2022 and the performances would be in mid-March. We would love new participants, aged 9+ to 90 (or older). Either for performing on stage or helping behind the scenes. Please register your interest by emailing susie@monks court.co.uk

Springline Singers Community Choir

Springline Singers is resuming on Thursday 20th May and will be outside until restrictions are hopefully lifted on 21st June. The first three meetings will be held in the garden of Monks Court, Newbury Road, East Hendred at 7.30pm. There will be NO charge for these three sessions and if the weather looks inclement the session will be cancelled. The dates in June are Thursday 10th June and Thursday 17th June. On Thursday 24th June we will hopefully return to West Hendred Hall, 8 to 10 pm. £7 per session, for 4 weeks up to Thursday 15th July. We will then have a break until early September. We are a very friendly group who would welcome new members, no previous singing experience necessary. For more information, please email susie@monks court.co.uk

Annual Report of the Parish Council

This year due to Covid the annual public meeting is not feasible so we are using this *Bulletin* to bring you up-to-date on the PC's activities. If you have any questions please contact the Clerk and she will arrange for a response.

2020 was an exceptional year for the PC with all meetings from April onwards being held online. These proved surprisingly successful enabling the PC to undertake its usual business effectively. The County and District Councillors also linked in and provided us with an update on both District and County Council business. Members of the public have also joined in. At the beginning of the year we were short of two councillors and Natalie Coates and Julie Roberts were co-opted and welcomed to the PC during the year but unfortunately Natalie had to resign in early 2021 as the family moved out of the village.

Financial Summary A precept of £43,000 was agreed for the year which was a 3% increase on the previous year. Additional funds were required for repairs and maintenance, and saving toward new play equipment. The main items of expenditure were village maintenance: £15,900, staff costs (clerk and lengthmen): £12572, playgrounds: £2259, *Bulletin*: £1848, allotments: £1050 and fees (insurance/audit etc): £2374. Grants made to village and local organisations totalled £1058.

Covid-19 The PC has been fully supportive of the village initiative - Community Friends - by facilitating access to grants and with some councillors being directly involved. The aim of Community Friends is to support those in the village in need due to the pandemic, by offering help with shopping, getting prescriptions and other requirements, a service much appreciated by the village.

Emergency planning is important for villages and during the year the PC with volunteer help has produced a plan which is now on the village web site. It is hoped that it will not be needed but in the event of an emergency some forward planning has been done.

Planning has remained a key issue for the PC in 2020 with about 50 planning applications to be considered and commented on as required. Major applications included:

- Mather House – addition of 10 bungalows suitable for older people. The PC was active seeking to improve the appearance, landscaping, layout and access. It is now approved and at some stage building work will follow.
- Greensands – following considerable discussion of a second planning application that the owner of the site submitted while refusal of the original application was under appeal, the owner has now withdrawn the second application. The original application included many reserved matters and the PC is seeking the best outcomes when these are considered.
- Harwell Campus – during the year there were several significant applications. These include the erection of a Vaccine Manufacturing Innovation Centre, erection of a multi-occupier Class B employment building, land to the west of Thomson Avenue and the Fermi Gate application. This last application is to provide employment space in offices and laboratories covering a large area. The PC has commented and lodged holding objections on these as they are in our parish and also within the AONB.
- Brightwell House, Woods Farm Lane – the PC objected to the proposal to build seven 3 bed detached houses on several grounds, including access and over-development of

the site. The District Council also objected leading to the applicant going to appeal, which was rejected.

- Plough Inn – this application which includes conversion of the inn to a residential dwelling and the Oak Room into a residential dwellings, creation of a new club-house and a unit for community offices, was welcomed in principle. This has involved the PC in many detailed discussions with the District Council and the applicant, leading to the PC requesting many improvements to the plans concerning impact on the Conservation Area, of the proposed new club-house, access and other issues. The District Council's Conservation Officer rejected the plans on similar grounds. New plans are awaited.

The parish is represented on the **Harwell Campus** Stakeholder group by the chairman and provides scrutiny of the decommissioning of the Harwell site.

Traffic problems, mostly related to the A417 operating close to capacity at peak times, lead to problems with village access. The upgrade of Featherbed Lane and the proposed roundabout at the junction with the A417 are on hold we understand. Diversion of traffic through Rowstock when the A34 is closed has led to many complaints of night-time noise. This has been taken up with our MP who has been active in making the case for alternative diversion routes. Speeding traffic on the approach to Rowstock has also been an issue and a speed monitor (SID) is being obtained to remind drivers of the 30mph speed limits.

The Bulletin, published by the Parish Council since 1967, has been ably edited by Rachel Sutton since 2017. She is doing an excellent job, taking great care to obtain articles from all village organisations, including sending the gentle reminders that are so essential! The *Bulletin* is delivered by parish councillors and some highly appreciated volunteers.

The Hendred.org website has been run by the PC since 2000. Village organisations have developed their own websites in recent years and the emphasis of the hendred.org website is to provide up-to-date practical information and links to village organisations' and other useful websites.

Village Maintenance The duties of our Lengthman, Brian Goodwin, had to be reduced due to ill health, but he has been happy to continue to help with lighter tasks along with his brother Ron, who took over grass cutting for some time after Brian became ill. Brian and Ron, along with Rob Connolly at Rowstock, keep the parish tidy by litter picking, collecting the rubbish from the public bins, weeding the playparks and carrying out other useful tasks.

Paul Stoter took on grass cutting in public areas and the cemeteries in May 2020. Paul also maintains playground equipment and fences and the Snells Woodland Walkway. His services are highly valued by the PC.

The grass areas on the frontage of Portway Close and on the west side of the Rowstock roundabout are mown by Evergreen Services.

The **Courtesy Lighting** system is run by the PC to provide modest but essential lighting to village streets. The 33 lights receive electricity from the houses or other buildings where they are situated and the owners are reimbursed for the electricity used. Some of the house owners who host the lights do not collect the electricity payment, supporting the village by covering the cost themselves – the gesture is appreciated!

Defibrillators The PC owns the defibrillator which is in the ex-telephone kiosk on the High Street. Barbara Smith is an official guardian of the defibrillator and makes sure it is ready for action. John Groves maintains the kiosk meticulously.

A second defibrillator, obtained by Snells Hall in 2020, is located at the hall entrance.

The PC maintains the **Penney Play Park and the Mill Lane Play Park** and both parks are inspected monthly by two members of the Parish Council to ensure that they are safe. An annual RoSPA inspection takes place in July to ensure that all the equipment meets the required safety legislation.

Over the year several wooden components of the Penney Play Park equipment were replaced due to wood rotting. Work is planned to improve the surface beneath the swings.

The Mill Lane play area equipment continues to show signs of age and plans are developing for its replacement.

The PC is in discussion with the Sports Club to address safety and the wider redevelopment of the whole sports ground site.

Snells Woodland and Walkway The Walkway provides a safe route from Snells Hall car park to the Hendreds School, avoiding Church Street.

The path and walkway has been inspected monthly by a rota of people organised by Sarah James of the Hendreds Environment Group and repairs are carried out by the PC.

Trees in the woodland are professionally inspected approximately every two years.

Snells Hall Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the hall was very quiet during the year, with the number of bookings reduced by 70%, and the opportunity was taken to carry out building maintenance.

Transport There is a new hourly bus service throughout the evening and on Sundays between Wantage and Didcot, while most daytime buses now operate direct to the JR Hospital. Within East Hendred, all buses stop only on the A417, except school buses which serve the stops at Orchard Lane and White Road. Travel to the Mably Way Health Centre or Abingdon now requires a change of bus.

The new cycle route from East Hendred to Lockinge was completed, including a substantial new bridge over the Ginge Brook, providing a much shorter quiet cycle route to Wantage. The Sustrans cycle route 544 from East Hendred to Didcot is now almost entirely traffic-free, following the closure of the road between Hagbourne Hill and Upton to vehicles.

Allotments Over the past year the Bowling Alley Allotments have probably been cultivated to their highest level since the second World War. Allotment demand is greater than for years; waiting time is about 12 months.

The twice-yearly inspection routine is proving to be very beneficial and plots are handed back in a better state than previously, giving new tenants a good start. The allotment association BAAA have given considerable support, including plot preparation, advice and widening participation in gardening through the community raised beds scheme. It was a very good year for the village allotments!

From the Chair

It is encouraging that village life is slowly returning to normal as restrictions are lifted. However at the time of writing it is not clear whether the planned removal of most restrictions on 21st June will take place due to the Covid variants that are still causing problems.

We had a useful on-line meeting with our MP, David Johnston, to raise some issues where we felt he could help. These included sewage and water supply issues, local traffic problems (particularly the A417), new local housing without renewable energy and the effect on the local infrastructure of more large developments at the Harwell campus.

To address sewage problems in the White Road and Couplings Close the PC sent out a questionnaire and obtained useful information. This was discussed at a recent meeting with Thames Water which our MP had assisted in arranging. As a result we have a better understanding of the problems and Thames Water has

offered some more survey work. A new pipe is to be provided to take surface water which is currently entering the sewage system in the White Road area to a site in High Street. Thames Water strongly requested that residents are careful what they put down their toilets, and a leaflet from them is included with this *Bulletin*.

Several residents have raised the problem of noise from heavy lorries passing though Rowstock at night when there is a diversion of the A34. We raised this with our MP and he is putting pressure on Highways England to find an alternative diversion route.

We welcome Sally Povolotsky as our new County Councillor. She lives in the village so will have the advantage of being particularly aware of local issues. She is taking new initiatives to communicate with our Parish Council and we welcome this.

Hopefully we are entering the summer without too many restrictions and village organisations will once again be able to meet in person.

John Sharp

Planning Update

As mentioned in the Spring *Bulletin* the plans for 65 houses on the Greensands site are still being developed. The PC is continuing to work for improvements to these plans. The Harwell Campus is developing fast, as noted in the annual report. The biggest development under consideration for the Campus in our parish is called Fermi Gate, which includes plans for offices, laboratories and light industrial uses, temporary accommodation and supporting parking within five years. In general, the Parish Council welcomes the high-quality employment opportunities that development on the Campus brings. However, all industrial development comes at an

environmental cost, and it is important that these large projects are designed to minimise this cost, by encouraging cycling, the use of public transport and by mitigating the impact of buildings on the rural nature of the area which is part of the AONB.

A new application has been made for a site at Milton Hill, to build five large commercial buildings, suitable for warehousing/goods distribution purposes, along with parking for more than 400 cars, 70 HGVs, plus loading bays for 40 HGVs. The implications for traffic, both on the over-stretched A34 and, when the A34 is disrupted, going through Rowstock, are severe. The Parish Council has developed a strong objection which covers planning and traffic issues.

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Downs Golden Age Club

Hello all DGA members! During the lockdowns, we have tried to keep in touch with everyone by phone. It has been such a desolate time for people: especially for members who live alone. If we haven't managed to get through to YOU yet, I've learnt that the Oxford Playhouse have hitched up with Age UK to run a brilliant project called "Tea Talks" through May and June. They would love to hear from anyone out there who needs a good chat! They'd like to hear your views and your life stories...like any good friend. Feeling fed up? Feeling brave?! Do ring Beth Chadwick on 01865-305346. Meanwhile, our committee will be meeting soon; and we'll contact you the minute we feel we can all get together again. What a party THAT will be!

Love, Vicki F-H

Scouting news

Since the easing of lockdown just before Easter, the Scout Association has permitted a return to face-to-face Scouting. All three sections of 1st Cuckhamsley - Beavers (6-8 years), Cubs (8-10.5 years) and Scouts (10.5-14 years) have started meeting outdoors once again. They have had the opportunity to get involved with hikes, games, shelter building, camp cooking, wildlife and gardening activities.

It's clear to see that the young people (and leaders!) are thrilled to be back together again. For the foreseeable future, meetings will continue to be held outside, as this is easier to socially distance, and safer in terms of preventing viral spread. Luckily, this is more straightforward as we move into the milder weather of Spring and Summer, with more light in the evenings. We are fortunate to have ample scope for outdoor adventures around the Hendreds. The leaders have completed risks assessments for Outdoor Scouting activities and are keen to deliver an exciting and varied programme.

Later in the year, the Cubs and the Scouts are both planning to go away on camps, which is always a great way to encourage confidence and independence in youngsters.

As ever, we are keen to recruit further leaders - particularly for our youngest age group - Beavers (age 6-8 years).

1st Cuckhamsley are your local Scout Group and we provide adventurous activities for around 60 youngsters every week. We're always seeking new volunteers to join the team. Whether you have experience with working with youngsters or not, you'll be most welcome. Full training is provided and you'll have support from an experienced team.

If you're looking for a way to become more involved in your local community... If you'd like to help plan and deliver varied and challenging sessions... If you enjoy the great outdoors and want to share this with young people... Then do get in touch.

You can find out more about 1st Cuckhamsley Scout Group on our website:

<https://www.kascouts.org.uk/our-groups/1st-cuckhamsley> or get in touch with the Group Scout Leader, Doron Jensen, email: doron.jensen.scouts@gmail.com.

East and West Hendred WI

In the WI we have continued to have our regular meetings on Zoom. We celebrated our 100th Birthday in January with one meeting that explored the archives and culminated in us toasting our members past and present while eating a piece of our Celebration Cake delivered to each member as part of a Party Bag. The future plan for our Birthday Year is to have a big Face to Face party when restrictions allow.

From February onwards we have had some very interesting speakers at our Zoom Meetings including a fascinating talk by Peter Harbour entitled 'Bakewell to Frankenstein', about animal breeding and how certain breeds evolved. The following month 'The Taxi Driver Poet' entertained us with some hilarious poetry of his working life and last month John Caldicot gave us a heart warming talk about 'What Happened to Daisy'.

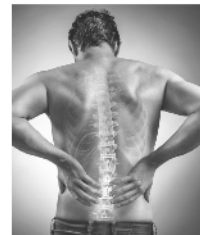
Our future meetings include talks on Doodle Art, Observing the Universe, Lost Villages in Oxfordshire, Nell Gwynn and even an Illusionist.

We have restarted our Afternoon Teas in members' gardens and will soon be having a coffee morning in the same way. In August we are aiming to have a tea party at the back of the East Hendred Village shop, probably our first venture into meeting up as a whole group.

If anyone would like to 'try us out' please get in touch with Jennie Cosgrave (President) Tel: 224467 or jen@wpj.me.uk or Margaret Sharp (Secretary) Tel: 833367 or m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com

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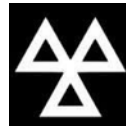
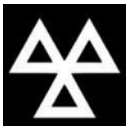
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Report from Mike Fox-Davies, outgoing County Councillor

After four years as your County Councillor, here is a quick recap on my time representing Hendreds and Harwell.

At Full Council, I presented four motions, all carried with unanimous cross-party support. These were on HGV Routing Agreements, HGV Developer Road Damage, Steventon Reservoir, and Adoption of New Housing Developments.

During the past 15 months, I attended the majority of my eight Parishes' meetings, reporting from the County Council, and hearing about local issues to bring additional pressure to bear on behalf of the residents. I continued to push for 20 mph limits within all Hendreds and Harwell residential areas, and more traffic calming where necessary.

Each Councillor has a fund of £15,000 per year to spend in their own Division on specific community

projects. This has been fully invested in over 20 community projects including new and replacement recreation ground equipment, new footpaths, extra street lighting, and a primary schools' healthy eating programme.

As well as the full County Council, I sat on the Performance Scrutiny Committee, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Planning and Regulations committee.

I am proud to have been part of a pro-active Carbon Zero focussed Oxfordshire County Council. The aim of the County is to achieve net-zero carbon on the OCC estate by 2030 and enable all Oxfordshire to achieve net-zero by 2050. The County supports over 85 community climate action groups and is pursuing over 80 projects, including five Cycle Network routes, converting street lights to LED, low traffic neighbourhoods, installing EV charging points in Council-owned car parks, and Home to School transport decarbonisation plan.

Finally, I thank all who have contributed to my work and to those valued residents and hard-working Parish Councillors whom it has been my honour to quietly serve.

Message from our new County Councillor, Sally Povolotsky

Thank you for electing me to serve our community as County Councillor for Hendreds & Harwell.

In 2019 I became disheartened by some of the planning and highways issues that surround our wonderful villages. I emailed, asked questions and, as time passed, got more engaged with local Liberal Democrat colleagues and friends and in 2020 was endorsed as a candidate by the Liberal Democrats.

I am immensely proud of what my team of volunteers and helpers, working alongside the Green Party, achieved against tough opposition.

I am Vice-Chair of Hendreds Environment Group, own The Hive 'eco' Hut, run the markets in the village and am hugely passionate about the environment and small independent businesses.

I want you to know how important your voice is - over the coming weeks and months I will be asking for your opinions, your ideas and especially engaging with our youth locally. I'll be running regular Surgeries. Meanwhile, you can contact me through my Facebook page [@sally4hendredsandharwell](https://www.facebook.com/sally4hendredsandharwell) or our website <https://hendredsandharwell.mycouncillor.org.uk/>

As we come out of this pandemic let's build a brave, new and dynamic society together in a way I know this village excels at with community at its core.



The allotments are busier than ever – or at least busier than I can ever remember. It's that time of year when a good summer and winter crop depends

on action now – sowing, planting on, getting the bean sticks up, weeding and watering. Although writing this in mid May after a fortnight of rain and wind it's difficult to imagine needing to cart watering cans back and forth.

But the time of year isn't the only reason the allotments are busy. More and more people in the village are wanting to grow locally, producing their own healthy food, eliminating food miles and reducing impact on the environment. The Allotment Association and Parish Council have therefore been working together to create more growing space. Full sized plots can be daunting for

those new to allotment gardening. A number of the larger plots have therefore been sub-divided in recent months to create several new smaller plots. This has allowed two gardeners who 'cut their teeth' on raised beds on the Community Plot to take on their own allotment. This has both reduced the waiting list for an allotment and released two raised beds on the Community Plot. There is no charge for the use of the raised beds and if you are interested in making use of one perhaps while you wait for an allotment, because you have limited space at home or maybe to give yourself a space to escape to please contact the Allotment Association (Sianlab@aol.com). Meanwhile if you would like to add your name to the allotment waiting list contact the Parish Council (catherineshortis.ehpc@gmail.com).

Drinkwise

What makes a wine suitable for vegans? This is a question I often get asked. It comes down to the fining agent which is used by the winemaker. The fining agent essentially acts as a filter, removing any tiny particles of sediment before the wine is bottled and helping to stabilise it. In the past products like bull's blood were used, although fortunately this is no longer permitted. Products commonly used today include egg whites, gelatine and isinglass, which is derived from the swim bladders of fishes. However, there are several non-animal derived products which can be used. Bentonite, a clay derived from volcanic ash, is the most common. Many producers are using vegan-friendly fining agents, and their vegan credentials will be clearly marked on the back label. If you see the words unfiltered or unfiltered on the bottle, then nothing has been used at all so the wines will also be suitable for vegans to drink. Finally, any wine marked kosher is also suitable.

Article by Nikki from the shop

The Walking Group

Hurrah - The walking group started again in mid-May. After 10 years the group is having a bit of a re-vamp. On the first Wednesday of each month the group will meet in East Hendred at 9.30am outside the church and do a circular walk with coffee in Ardington. If necessary, there will be two groups going on different length walks. On the other three Wednesdays the walks will be from different locations round Oxfordshire or Berkshire. These walks will start at 9.30am and be 5 to 6 miles in length with participants carrying their own coffee and snack (if needed). An email will be sent out prior to the walk with exact details of meeting point etc. If you would like to be put on the mailing list for the walking group or have any questions, please email susie@monks court.co.uk

Morland Bowling Club

Lawn bowling has resumed at Morland Bowling Club which is located behind the former Plough Public House in Orchard Lane, East Hendred.

Thanks to the hard work of our members who voluntarily maintain the green throughout the year, practice and 'in-house' competitions are already well underway - subject of course to Covid-19 conditions.

Our summer programme, with other clubs and our competitive leagues, is also in place. However, the season, which normally starts at the end of April, will be shorter than usual this year due to the delayed start.

New members, beginners or experienced players, are always welcome and if you are interested in finding out more about the club, or would like to visit, then please contact Marion or Joe for further information (see below).

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Gardening Group

We made our first garden visit in late April when we met in Anna and Chris's lovely garden in Newbury Road. We had to divide into two groups to comply with the rule of six.

We enjoyed seeing lovely blossom on an old pear tree growing on the side of the house and lovely displays of tulips, hellebores and Snake's Head fritillaries. They have made a new pond and are planning to lay a wild flower mat in the wilder area at the bottom of the garden. We are planning a second visit later in the Summer when the roses and delphiniums are out. It will also be interesting to see how the pond has developed.

In early May, we again split into two to visit Jill's garden in Orchard Close. There were so many interesting things to see and unusual plants and shrubs to discuss. I was pleased to be in the same group as Pauline who was able to tell us the names of the plants. Peter tends their productive vegetable patch. As a result of the unusual weather the asparagus was only just appearing whereas it is normally ready in April.

By the time you read this, the group will also have visited my randomly organised garden in Horn Lane. I have been pleased that so many plants that I have left outside have found new homes.

Please look out for notices in "What's on in the Hendreds" for information about future events.

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As we emerge from a strange fifteen months, we find the world a rather different place. Everyone has a different story to tell but the shared experience is of everything changing very fast. Things which were happening very slowly and gradually have suddenly speeded up. This is as true of the Catholic Church as it is of everywhere else.

The Catholic Church suspended the Sunday Mass Obligation over a year ago and, after we had shut the church for a while, we wondered what would happen when we opened up again. Our new problem has been that more people have wanted to come to the 9.30am than we have space for, with social distancing rules in place, so Sunday Mass is restricted to those who book at hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Weekday masses (mostly 9:15am) continue and no booking is required. We eagerly await a further relaxation of restrictions.

As we open up more fully, the Catholic Church nationally is reminding us that, for Catholics, attendance at Sunday Mass is central to our lives and encouraging us all to rediscover its importance. At East Hendred, we now find ourselves with significant numbers every day watching our live-stream services on www.churchservices.tv/easthendred. Many look at our web-site www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk or the East Hendred Catholic Parish Facebook page. There are signs that many are beginning once more to ask basic questions and the worldwide emergency is inviting us all to return to God, in whom we live, move, and have our being. Similarly, the issues of climate change and environmental sustainability are revealing themselves, particularly to the millennial generation, as serious spiritual questions, demanding urgent attention.

Assuring the whole community of my prayers and best wishes

Fr Andrew

Parish Church Appeal

Help get our famous church clock chiming again!

St Augustine's church is the home of John Seymour's faceless chiming clock, which will soon be nearly 500 years old. Sadly, we haven't heard the clock chime for quite some time, as it is in need of repair. We need to start the process of getting it fixed now, to make sure it is in full working order well before its big birthday in 2025.

Could you donate a few pounds to help with this?

If clocks are not your thing, spare a thought, and perhaps some money(!), for the rest of the building,

which is suffering from a leaky roof requiring us to place buckets to catch rain water as pictured.

We are fortunate to have a historic, beautiful church in our village, but the costs of maintaining it and being part of a parish are high, and this is exacerbated when some-thing needs repair, such as the clock or the roof.

Please help raise some funds to keep St Augustine's and its clock working well for many years to come! To make a donation, please contact the Parish Treasurer, Chris Miles, on chris.miles246@outlook.com, or get in touch with the Rector.

Thank you for your generosity.



Holy Trinity West Hendred Appeal

We need your help. Holy Trinity West Hendred is the only church in this area to be listed Grade 1 and it needs over £50,000 to cover urgent roof repairs.

Holy Trinity was built on the site of a spring which was seen as a source of life. The original building was of wood and is mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086. It was replaced by the core of the current building in the 14th century and the tower, nave and side aisles were rebuilt between 1390 and 1410. The porch and the font were added in the 15th century. The flooring of the nave is of rare medieval encaustic tiles (tiles whose colour and pattern are formed by the use of different clays).

The truss-raftered nave roof was renewed in the 17th and 18th centuries. This roof rests on a base of wooden 'wall plates' which lie on top of the stone walls. It is the state of some of these plates that have resulted in the current

appeal: those supporting the north aisle roof have deteriorated to the point where they must be repaired or replaced. This is not easily done and will be a major building project. The current budgetary estimate is just under £52,000.

This is a huge sum of money for a comparatively small village to raise. We have managed to gain grants from several charities and we have had very generous contributions from members of the congregation and others in West Hendred. As a result of this, we have now reached over half our target but that still leaves us with a sizeable sum to raise – and needing the help of supporters across the benefice.

To add your donation, just visit www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6046 and select 'Give now'; or contact our Treasurer, Roland Jack (rolandmjack@gmail.com; Tames Farm Cottage, Ginge Road, West Hendred, OX12 8RP).

What's On in The Hendreds

This is a weekly email message that publicises village events including church services and other useful information. Everyone is welcome to be added to the subscribers' list by sending a message to events@hendred.org



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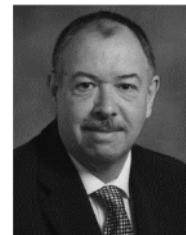


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The Green Column

HEG held its second-ever online AGM at the end of April. In a year that has seen many activities curtailed, HEG has been really busy and has attracted record numbers to our online events.

Space for Wildlife In the last year, HEG has set up its Space for Wildlife project, led by a working group of 14 HEG members. We have engaged with Hendred Estate, East Hendred Parish Council and Bowling Alley Allotment Association so far to look for opportunities to manage small and large pieces of land in ways that will make more Space for Nature. We have joined Naturehood which promotes community action to help wildlife, and heard from speakers from Hendred Estate, Naturehood and the British Hedgehog Preservation Society about what they are doing and what we can do in our own outside spaces. We are providing regular wildlife gardening tips via our Facebook page which now has 172 followers.

Help make a difference – sign up to our mailing list (email heg@hendred.org) and follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HendredsEnvironmentGroup/>. We are planning more wildlife related webinars, tips and community actions, including hand-on work parties.

Supporting Cycling The quiet roads and the desire to get out of the house for exercise saw an upsurge in the popularity of cycling in the first lockdown last year. Cycling of course is great for pollution-free travel and for our health and well-being.

We supported Tin Hut Cycles with offering free bike checks at Hive markets in June and October last year. We've also been raising awareness about the new cycle route to Wantage and the improved, traffic free section of the route to Didcot (Hagbourne Hill to Upton on the Sustrans 544 route is now traffic-free). We're following up our members' concerns about the Wantage route surface for cycling, and we understand that this is not the

final surface. Much of the loose stone will be removed after a bedding-in period.

Working with Decision Makers HEG members took part in the Virtual Climate Lobby last June, joining other individuals and groups from our constituency in an online meeting with our MP David Johnston about Climate Change.

HEG vice-chair, Sally Povolotsky, joined other local community groups and councillors to represent us at an important planning meeting about the nearby Valley Park development. They achieved an important agreement that the developer's contribution to biodiversity funding should be paid up front before building commences, and their representations have led to a deferral of the planning decision to better consider various issues, including the impact of a massive roundabout on existing cycle routes, and managing carbon and climate change impacts.

Thank you HEG would like to say a big thank you to Max Gilbert for organising the Vine House Marmalade Competition and to everyone who entered, and to the Hive Markets. Both have raised funds for HEG in the last year and this will help us enormously in our Space for Wildlife project.

How to get active with HEG:

- Join the HEG mailing list – email heg@hendred.org
- 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 wildlife supporting ideas and advice for all shapes and sizes of outside space.

*Sarah James, Hendreds Environment Group Chair
heg@hendred.org*

Hendred Sports Club

The HSC acts as an umbrella for three self-run sports clubs all operating on our Sports Ground on Mill Lane. As well as tennis (above), we have football, East Hendred AFC founded in 1912 and East and West Hendred Cricket Club established back in 1862. You can find us on the websites and social media platforms detailed on page 16.

Hendreds Tennis Club Summer Update

The season is now in full swing and it is a great feeling to be enjoying the fun and laughter of a social game of Tennis on a beautiful day, looking out over the cricket pitch and the Downs beyond.

To help us shelter when the weather is not quite so nice we now have a small Club House to wait out the rain. Thanks to the team who have given their time to build this during the Spring.

The club has a wide range of abilities and welcomes everybody

wanting to learn or dust off those rusty strokes. It would be great to see you at the courts. After June half term we will be offering coaching to help players improve their game.

Club sessions are now running twice a week:

Sunday club mornings

between 10am and 12pm

Wednesday club nights

run from 5.30pm

Players thinking of joining the club are welcome to attend club sessions.

If you have any queries about the sessions, please contact our Membership Secretary by emailing play@hendredstennis.co.uk

Join the club's **WhatsApp group** to check who'll be available to play on club morning/evening (or indeed whenever the opportunity presents!). Please email

play@hendredstennis.co.uk to get your details added to the group.

We have also planned two Tournaments for the year:
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East Hendred Heritage Trust

The village Museum, located in Champs Chapel, opened its doors to visitors from Sunday 23rd May, 2pm-4pm. We are pleased to be able to welcome people in to enjoy this very special building but will need to limit entry to 6 people at any given time due to the space available. Masks will be required unless exempt. Contact information for every visitor will be required upon entry. Please do come and see our fabulous WW2 exhibition and revisit the exhibition from 2019 – we very much look forward to seeing you!

The museum often receives enquiries from past residents and people researching their family history which can be a fascinating step back in time. Contact has recently been made by Bernard Hunt, a retired global journalist, resident in Las Vegas. He is a descendent of the Hunt family who have had a long connection to East Hendred and the surrounding villages, which can currently be traced back to the early 1600s. The family were tenants and workers of the Eyston family throughout that time and were recusant Catholics. The family was connected to the area of East Hendred known as Hunt's End, to the cottages that bear the family's name and to the land on which St. Amand's school stands today. As tenants of the Eyston family, they never owned any of these properties, but bequeathed the family name. The Hunt barn given by the Eystons to the Downland Museum in Wantage also had associations with the family. In 1902 East Hendred-born Arthur Hunt headed to London, with his lady friend, Evaline Blanche Carter, from East Ilsley, who he had met when they both worked as servants at Milton Manor. The family they began after their marriage in London now includes branches in Canada, the USA, Australia and New Zealand. Mr Hunt would welcome

hearing from anyone who can add to his knowledge of the Hunt family. Information can be sent to chatachak@gmail.com.

See the painting of Hunt's Farm, below. This was one of two paintings by Mathew William Webb c1905 emailed to EHHT in 2014 by his great grandson Peter Shore. The paintings are in his possession.

Peter lives in Sweden, but came to Hendred in August 2014 to view the Berkshire Wagon painting housed in the museum, which is also by Mathew Webb.

Mathew Webb spent time at 'Downside' probably staying with T.F.M. Sheard. He was a member of the Pre-Raphaelite group and was at one time assistant to Sir Edward Burne-Jones. In the 1911 census for East Hendred he is said to be 60 years of age and living with his wife Edith and daughter Mary Shore, with a 14 year old servant, Gertrude Champ, from the village.



East Hendred Marmalade Competition

The first Marmalade Competition was a big success and created lots of joy. It created an activity and got everyone going in lockdown.

Using lots of judges really spread the fun. Approximately 40 villagers judged the marmalade, timed with the easing of lockdown, when people could meet for the first time in their gardens. All this created quite a buzz. Charlie even judged from a boat!

The total money raised was £345. With £110 going to Hendred Environment Group and the rest going to The Life You Can Save charity.

The prize giving was fun with orange juice and croissants, outside the Stores.

The Winners were: Francina Kilgarriff in the Just Citrus category, Rachel Austin in the Most Interesting category and Charlie Peach in the Best Looking category.

Runners up were Anne Castle, Will England, Penny Clement, Susie Turnbull and Iggy Bullen
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Planning Matters

NOTE: PC means Parish Council

P20/V0389/RM - Greensands, Reading Road. Reserved Matters following outline planning permission P15/V2328/O. This application has now been withdrawn. The appeal against the refusal of permission for the original proposal has been allowed.

P20/V1667/O – Fermi Gate, Harwell Campus. Outline application with all matters reserved for the redevelopment of part of Harwell Campus known as Fermi Gate. The PC lodged a holding objection pending further information. Amended plans have been received and are being considered by the PC.

P20/V3076/HH and P20/V3079/LB – Vine House, Chapel Square. Single storey kitchen extension at rear of house with some internal and external alterations (garden elevation only). The PC had no objection. Permission granted.

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 shed. The PC had no objection. Permission granted.

P20/V3176/HH – Wyatts, Orchard Lane. First floor extension - convert bungalow to two storey dwelling. The PC was concerned about the impact on the Conservation Area. Permission granted.

P20/V3283/HH – Kingsgate, Chapel Square. Proposed 2 bay garage. The Parish Council had no objection. Awaiting determination.

P14/V2873/O – Land to the west of Great Western Park, Didcot. Amended plans for up to 4254 dwellings and amenities. The PC had no comment.

P20/V3332/FUL – Building 12, RAL, Harwell Campus. Erection of Class E building with associated car and cycle parking and landscaping. The PC had no objection. Permission granted.

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. Permission granted.

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 reconfigurations. The PC had no objections. Permission granted.

P21/V0428/FUL – Park North Field. Proposal to instal up to five Shepherds Hut style portable self contained accommodation units. The PC requested conditions on the siting of refuse and forbidding music after 10pm. Awaiting determination.

P21/V0481/LDP – 19 Portway Close. Proposed loft conversion with no dormers. Permitted development.

P21/V0619/FUL – Land west of Newbury Road. Proposed new dwelling. The PC had no objection. Awaiting determination.

P21/V0664/FUL – Land north of Building R96, Road 1, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. Erection of Class E workshop. The PC had no objection. Awaiting determination.

P21/V1012/HH – Sandpipers, Ford Lane. Conversion of garage and construction of ground floor store, first floor extension. A statement of the number of people that may work at the property and a transport assessment including cycle storage and car parking was requested. Awaiting determination.

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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Sports Club: S Stocks, J Roberts
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Planning Matters (continued)

P21/V0892/FUL – Fordybrook, Ford Lane. Variation of conditions 2,3,7,9 and 11. The PC was concerned about the construction Method statement and the way route vehicles would take to access and egress the site. Awaiting determination.

P21/V0793/HH – Portway and Portway Villa, Reading Road. Demolition of conservatory and single storey extension. The PC had no objection. Awaiting determination.

P21/V1125/FUL – Monks Farm, Newbury Road. Change of use to equestrian, erection of manege and relocation of earth bund. The PC is considering this application.

P21/V0986/LDP – Trenfield, Wantage Road, Rowstock. Single storey rear extension. This is a permitted development application. The Parish Council has not commented.

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Village Diary - Summer 2021

For the latest information and contacts, please check the weekly 'What's On in the Hendreds' email, Regular Events (right) or refer to articles in this issue of the *Bulletin*

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Regular Events (In normal times)

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

Sunday Champs Chapel Museum 2pm - 4pm

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(Contact for all Scout group matters:
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Tuesday Beaver Scouts 5:25 - 6:25pm, Snells Hall. (Simon, 07891 931166)

Cub Scouts 6:30 - 8pm, Snells Hall (Mhairi, 820249)

Wednesday Walking Group 9.30 am
See page 8 for details and contact

Thursday Springline Singers 7.30 pm
See front page for venue and contact

Weekdays Pre-school, at Snells Hall, **Mon - Fri**
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Monthly Snells Hall Committee Meeting
1st Tuesday - Currently on Zoom
7:45pm, Snells Hall Gallery

Parish Council Meeting
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Downs Golden Age Club
No meetings currently - see page 5

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Zoom meetings currently - see page 5

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