

Bulletin

EAST HENDRED



Springline Productions - the Panto is back and much more

Springline Productions has been woken up, dusted down, slapped round the face with a wet fish and is ready to kick off with a shiny new panto in early 2022! BUT we need you! Lockdown has brought about many challenges and changes and shown people the importance of family, friends and neighbours. So, if you're looking for a way to support your community, start a new hobby or just to make some new friends, why not come along to our audition for Aladdin on Sunday 3rd October at 3pm, Snells Hall. There is opportunity for backstage roles such as

costumes, makeup, set design, props as well as on-stage roles of varied sizes, the auditions are very informal and fun and you are guaranteed to have a very silly time on Sunday afternoons during the dark winter months.

Children age 9 and over who love the stage are welcome, parents joining them to take part are VERY welcome, it is a great family activity!

Email susieturnbull@monkscourt.co.uk for more details, go to *Springline Productions* | Facebook or just turn up! More information about Springline is on page 5.

Scouts Summer 2021 Report

It was touch and go whether government regulations would allow youth camping trips to proceed, but at the eleventh hour permission was granted. "Be Prepared" is our motto so it was simply a matter of gathering the equipment, buying the food and ensuring all the children and leaders were signed up.

The Cubs went first for a weekend; to Great Sandford near Oxford. They slept under canvas, and had action-packed days making dens in the woods, doing craft work, constructing miniature rafts to float down the stream, learning about knots and lashings to make pioneering projects and making swings. In the evening, the Cubs cooked their supper over a campfire and then sang songs and performed sketches in the open air. Despite some overnight rain, the Cubs had a great time. The leaders may even have managed a little sleep!

The Scouts undertook a weekend expedition along part of the Ridgeway and surrounding footpaths. They planned the route and carried all their own food and equipment, including tents. Having been dropped off, they all found their way to the overnight campsite successfully. The navigation training earlier in the year must have paid off!

For the main week-long camp, seventeen Scouts took part in an action-packed week of hill walking, swimming, climbing, kayaking, abseiling, raft building and a shopping expedition to the local town. Each patrol was responsible for their own tent and dining shelter, for cooking their meals AND for doing the washing up afterwards.

Beavers put up a tent at Snells Hall, and also took part in nature walks, first aid training, running trails and a wide-game, all in the vicinity of East & West Hendred.

See page 7 for information about the 1st Cuckhamsley Scouts, Cubs and Beavers.

Hendred Sports Club - Autumn Update

As the *Bulletin* goes to print there are a couple of weeks left in the Cricket season: currently the 1st team are top of the league and through to the final of the cup; the 2nd team are vying for promotion and made it to the cup semi-final; and the Wednesday evening T20 team finished second in the league. Thanks to Q Gardens for their continued support. The Cricket club has also invested in future growth this year, with:

- In several age groups, 160 youngsters have been enjoying training on Friday evenings. Big thanks to the volunteers who stepped up to make sure the training was Covid-safe, and to Bellinger Izuzu for their support;
- A 3rd team on Saturdays which provides a route through for youngsters to start out in adult cricket, whilst also providing a home for older cricketers to pass on their wisdom and for occasional players to enjoy a game;

- The launch of the Women's & Girls Cricket section (11yrs to adult), with taster sessions in July and August each attended by more than 20 aspiring cricketers. Thanks to Sally Povolotsky and Oxfordshire County Council for the funding that made this possible.

As the Cricket season ends the Football season starts, and East Hendred AFC are launching a third Saturday adult team in the North Berks league this year. If you are interested in finding out more or want to register to play please contact Steve Mulford on 07751 515 412 or Stevemulford58@hotmail.co.uk

Looking to the future, the Sports Club Trustees are starting a major piece of work to look at how we can expand the range of sport and leisure activities which take place at Mill Lane. We also need to make sure the facilities are fit for purpose as the Club and village grow, and that we co-exist well alongside our neighbours. We welcome any thoughts, observations or suggestions on the future development of the Club to hendredsportsclub@gmail.com or to Dom McKenna on 07540 921 017.

Message from our local County Councillor

Dear Residents

The few months since I was elected as your representative for the Hendreds & Harwell Division at Oxfordshire County Council has been a hugely busy time.

I now sit on the following committees / councillor responsibilities / champion....

- Verges and BioDiversity Group (Lead)
- Armed Forces Champion - Locality - Shrivenham Defence Academy
- OCC Adoption Panel Member / Representative
- AONB OCC Member / Representative
- New Scrutiny committee - Places member
- Environment Spokesperson for Alliance - assisting Cabinet Member for Climate

Just a reminder you can report any pathway, overgrown verges, pot holes or signage issues to Fix My Street - <https://www.fixmystreet.com>

The Councillor Priority Fund is now open. This is a fund of £15,000 to be used over two years on projects in Hendreds & Harwell division. My approach to using this fund will be to encourage applications early and spend the money as soon as possible. Please note that I am allocating them in priority areas of Diversity and Gender Balance (inclusive services), Climate Change and Mitigation, Natural World and Biodiversity, Youth and Engagement.

Priority will be to smaller organisations disadvantaged by Covid/Funding/Fundraising.

Payments so far have included:

EWHCC - £1,500 - Women's/Female Cricket Development

Cuckhamsley Scouting Group - £400 - Towards new Event Tents

You can get details by going to oxfordshire.gov.uk and searching on Councillor Priority Fund.

Please discuss any applications with me in the first instance.

Find Latest News and Information online here - <https://hendredsandharwell.mycouncillor.org.uk>

Find Daily updates/news and events on Facebook here: [@sally4hendredsandharwell](https://www.facebook.com/sally4hendredsandharwell)

Share your community news on our new GROUP on Facebook - SEARCH - Hendreds & Harwell Community Official - where we can share events/news and ideas together

You can WhatsApp or call me on - 07939 912997

You can email me on - sally.povolotsky@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Take care and Stay Safe,

Sally Povolotsky

Do it slowly with SID!

Drivers will have noticed the new Speed Indicator Device which the Parish Council obtained in July. The SID displays their speed to drivers of approaching cars and shows a smile or a frown according to whether they are above or below the speed limit.

The purpose of SIDs is to slow traffic down (it does not record registration numbers, generate speeding tickets or report speeders to the police) in the interest of safety. SIDs also keep a record of the speed of passing vehicles.

Oxfordshire Highways recommend SIDs because they help reduce speeding. Formal observations show that SIDs are most effective immediately after being installed at a site. Evidently, their effectiveness reduces over time, as drivers get accustomed to them. For this reason, SIDs are periodically moved between different sites.

Harwell Parish have also obtained a SID and between theirs and ours our first goal is to slow traffic down on the approaches to the Rowstock Roundabout.

SIDs' intentions are entirely honourable – please heed their gentle reminders!

Roads to Rowstock Residents' Association

Residents of the roads that join the Rowstock roundabout face hazards from the ever-increasing traffic – particularly trucks serving construction sites and appalling amounts of traffic when road works or crashes on the A34 lead to diversions via Rowstock. In trying to get this and other problems addressed, these residents feel that, because they live in three different parishes, their combined interests are not receiving due attention.

Our County Councillor advocated that they form a

residents association and local residents are setting up the RRRA. They are inviting everyone who lives or runs a business on the Reading Road, Newbury Road or Abingdon Road, near to the Rowstock roundabout, to join the RRRA, free of charge, at a meeting at the Milton House Hotel on Wednesday 15th September at 7:30pm. A committee will be elected and the first meeting of the RRRA will be held.

Full details about RRRA can be found in the Constitution. For a copy, email carole_hooper_uk@yahoo.co.uk, or call 01235 863057 for a printed version.

Poppy Appeal 2021

The past two years have been a barren time for fundraising by the Royal British Legion – as a door to door collection was forbidden during lockdown. This year the Legion are cautiously advising that such a collection may go ahead: so be ready for our collectors to come and knock on your door! This would take place from Thursday, 28th October and carry on until Remembrance Day, which falls

on Sunday, 14th November. People sometimes say, 'I have a poppy from last year'...but the Legion is so reliant upon donations made every year. We have dispatched paratroopers to Afghanistan at the very time of writing this – which accentuates the urgency of continuing to support your servicemen. Contributors carry less cash these days; but it would be wonderful if you could set a little pile of coins aside! Even £1 is such a fantastic help...

from the chair



It is encouraging to see normal life beginning to return to the village, from rehearsals for the village pantomime to be held next February, opening up of Snells Hall with a number of activities back in action, including weddings, children's parties and Scouts, Cubs and Beavers meetings. The village shop is also active, not only continuing to offer an excellent service but organizing wine tasting sessions and coffee mornings as well. Children back to school in September will also add to village activity.

We have news of the planned setting up of the "Roads to Rowstock Residents Association" with interests in representing the different parts of Rowstock, as it is split between three Parish Councils at present. The East Hendred part is mainly the housing along the A417 approaching Rowstock, together with the houses on Tudor Walk. The Association will concentrate on issues concerning the roads leading up to the roundabout. An increasing problem is the noise, particularly at night, from

heavy traffic when there is a traffic diversion from the A34 through Rowstock. Our County Councillor has been active in trying to seek alternative diversion routes.

The Parish Council obtained in July a new Speed Indicator Device (SID). The purpose of the SID is to slow traffic down and it will be used in several locations, approaching the Rowstock roundabout. Please take note of the messages on SID and if necessary, reduce your speed to help road safety.

Planning has fortunately been fairly quiet during August with few major planning applications requiring attention. We await revisions to two major applications (Greensands and the Plough). One application of concern is the proposed large scale distribution centre at Milton; although not in our parish the large amount of HGV vehicles involved could affect particularly those in the Rowstock area. An objection has been submitted.

Thanks to East Hendred Heritage Trust, who have had the WW2 panels on the War Memorial renewed and who maintain the memorial and its garden.

Let's hope that the village can remain Covid free this coming autumn with an increasing progress back to normal life.

John Sharp

Planning Update

Planning has been fairly quiet recently. However, the revised application for the 65 houses at Greensands is still awaited. We have made many comments on previous applications, mainly concerning the lay-out and effect on the adjacent AONB. At the last check Oxfordshire Highway had a holding objection until revised plans for several items including the widening of footpaths and footpath/cycleways had been submitted, which would affect overall lay-out.

Revised plans for the proposed restoration of the Plough Inn to a residential dwelling with conversion of the Oak Room into a residential property, together with the creation of a new club house for the Morlands Bowls Club are awaited with great interest. The Vale Conservation Officer had significant concerns about the previous plans.

Hendred Estate have been granted approval for five Shepherd's Hut style portable self-contained accommodation units to be sited in the large field behind the shop and Eyston Arms.

Neighbours expressed concern about late night noise, which was endorsed by the Parish Council in their response.

A more recent application by the estate is for an office extension with additional car parking for an extra 10 cars on current green space. The Parish Council has yet to comment on this at the time of writing.

Some serious concern has been expressed about the proposed large scale distribution centre at Milton, on the former Esso Research Centre. Although not in our parish if it goes ahead the large amount of traffic generated (particularly HGV's) could impact those near the Rowstock roundabout. The Parish Council put in a strong objection to this as also have Harwell Parish Council and CPRE. We await developments.

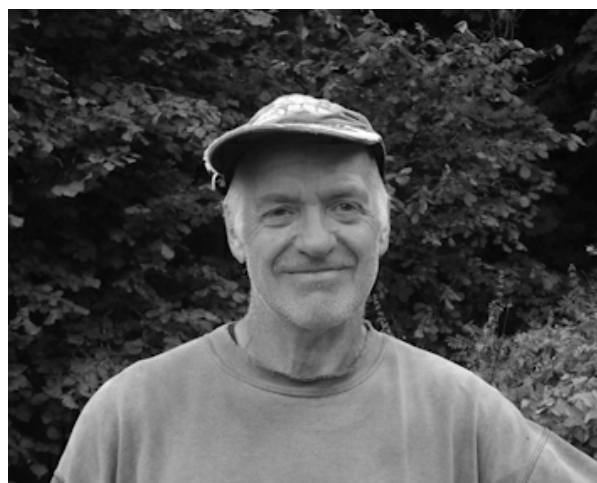
On a wider front Oxfordshire County Council is seeking comments on their "Oxfordshire 2050" strategic plan with a deadline of 8th October. This will set out how much new development there will be in the county until 2050, which clearly is important. The Parish Council will prepare its comments in good time to meet the deadline.

Village Stalwart - Paul Stoter

For many years Paul has carried out maintenance and other kinds of work for the village, such as repairing and replacing fences, pruning the cemetery hedges, repairing playpark equipment and the boardwalk through Snells Woodland. Last year Paul took over cutting grass for the Parish Council, when Brian Goodwin's workload needed to be reduced. Recently, Paul has been helping with the Space for Wildlife project.

In doing his work, Paul has contended with criticism from people who don't grasp that grass cutting can be delayed by rain or that strimmers are noisy. The leavings of some people's dogs are also unhelpful!

Many thanks are due to Paul for his cheerful and reliable efforts to keep East Hendred in good shape - his work is highly valued!



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Springline Productions

Local amateur dramatics group Springline Productions has reset how it puts on plays in response to the pandemic – launching an audio-only group called the Springline Radio Players.

Led by East Hendred resident and former Christmas Panto dame David Hunter, the Radio Players has gone from strength to strength during lockdown – gaining listeners as far afield as Israel, Russia, Peru, and Australia.

Following the success of their recent production of The Canterville Ghost, which saw the group team up with *Opendoorplayhouse.org*, a Californian professional company, they are now searching for local talent to voice their next audio play – Great Expectations.

The Radio Players are looking for up to twenty-five people to voice big and small parts in the Dickens classic, which will be recorded over the next two months.

No experience required: If you are interested in voicing, writing, or editing as part of the Springline Radio Players, contact SpringlineRadio@gmail.com or visit: <https://springlineamdram.podbean.com>

Springline Singers Community Choir

The choir will also be returning from Thursday September 16th at 8:00pm at West Hendred Village Hall. We are a non-auditioned choir for men and women and sing a variety of material including The Beatles, John Rutter, Elvis, Musicals, folk, and even a bit of Mozart! No need to book, just turn up on the 16th and try it out. Go to *Springline Singers* | Facebook for more details.

NEW: Drama and drink

For something new, Springline have decided to try 'Drama and Drink' and have some script reading evenings in the pub starting with extracts from The Importance of Being Earnest on Friday 1st October at 8pm at The Hare. If you would like to take part in the reading please email susieturnbull@monks court.co.uk for a copy of the script.

News from the Shop

Our thoughts are turning to autumn and that we have to place orders with suppliers for Christmas treats before the end of August is frightening but necessary to ensure we will have goodies on our shelves in time for the festive season. Christmas 2021 has to be brighter and more positive than last year surely!

At the beginning of August we finally conducted our first wine tasting with Hendred Vineyard kindly letting us use their premises for it. We will run these tastings regularly over the coming months, on different days of the week and in different venues, so if you are interested to be put on our mailing list please share your contact details with us. Nickie is a certified Wine Educator with many years experience working in the wine industry with some of the most renowned names in the world, and the tastings will be a mixture of informative and fun. Please note the following dates:

24th September – our second Macmillan Coffee Morning when we hope to raise more funds for this worthy cause. Treat yourself to some of our home-baked cakes.
Saturday 16th October, the tradition of apple pressing will be back outside the shop and we look forward to watching it all happening.
Nickie and Steve



Help for Afghan Refugees

Some of the 1000 boxes of clothes, prams and household items donated to help people who have arrived from terrible dangers of Afghanistan to make a start in the UK.

The Upton Tea Birds WI were inspired by member Sally Povolotsky, our County Councillor and East Hendred resident, to form Oxfordshire Afghan Aid and within 10 days collected a mass of donations, which they are distributing at the time of going to press.

This is a wonderful positive action, accomplished at unbelievable speed!

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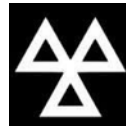
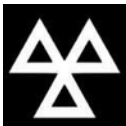
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Morland Bowling Club

Although restrictions resulted in a late start to the lawn bowling season, we have nonetheless been enjoying some very good bowling with extremely popular club competitions and leagues played over a shorter than usual period.

Our outdoor season comes to a close during late September, however green maintenance continues throughout the winter, thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers who maintain the green throughout the year.

We have not been able to play indoor short-mat bowls during the last two winters but hope to resume in October.

New members are always welcome. If you would like to find out more about lawn bowls and/or short-mat, or come along for a practice 'roll-up', then please contact Marion Pointer or Joe Preston (details at end). You just need flat shoes. Morland Bowls Club is in Orchard Lane, behind the Plough (opposite what was the bus stop shelter).

Contact: Marion Pointer - 01865 391679 or Joe Preston - 01235 833648



Hendreds Tennis Club Autumn Update

We have been blessed with some great club nights/mornings this Summer, making the most of the light evenings and Summer sun. There is always a fun game to be had for all abilities.

Club sessions run 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. 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 been able to run friendly matches and hold our first tournament of the year, an American Mixed Doubles. A tie-break in the final saw Lucy Taylor and Duncan Shearman edge out Guy Taylor and Kamila Thomas.

Another Mixed Doubles tournament is planned for 12th September. It is open to all. Look out for more details on the website.

We have also booked Friday 19th November at West Hendred Village Hall for the legendary quiz night. Keep the date free!

East Hendred Community Centre – Snells Hall

Snells Hall was rather quiet for months but is getting back up to speed. The Scouts are back and we expect Cubs and Beavers to re-start with the new school year. A wedding reception and a couple of children's parties were held at the hall in July and Irish Dancing, Toddler Sense and Jazzercise were back in action. We look forward to welcoming DGA and the WI when they feel comfortable about meeting indoors again.

The hall was built as a Church of England school in 1856, and sound Victorian building though it is, needs a certain amount of love and care to keep it nice. During the Covid closure the ceiling in the Committee Room was replaced, the Foyer was re-painted and the front door ramp re-paved.

The hall has been an essential village amenity since 1974 – it is a Registered Charity called East Hendred Community Centre and is run by a management committee of volunteers. We are seeking new committee members to help run this major village amenity and if you would like to join us, please email snells.hall@gmail.com.

Scouting Information

1st Cuckhamsley Scouts, Cubs and Beavers are meeting once again, after the Summer break.

The Group covers the villages around East & West Hendred, and provides a programme of adventurous, imaginative and community-based activities. If you have a young person who is interested in joining Beavers (6-8), Cubs (8-10½) or Scouts (10½-14), please contact Doron on **07711 474883** or GSLcuckhamsley@kascouts.org.uk

We're also keen to take on adults who wish to join the team as either uniformed leaders or as trustees on the executive committee. Whether you have experience of

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.

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At St Augustine's the PCC discussed and approved the following measures. Congregational singing is now allowed (to the great joy of many), but for those who feel uncomfortable there is a reserved area at the back of the church which will prevent them from being exposed to voice projections. Please let the churchwarden know if you wish to sit there. Social distancing is no longer enforced, but we invite people to be respectful of others, particularly by not assuming that other people are ready or happy to sit in groups. Face covering, although no

longer compulsory, is strongly recommended going to and from your seat.

Services will continue to be at 11 am every other Sunday for the foreseeable future. Please check times and venues of services on the Benefice of Wantage Downs Facebook Page or on the church noticeboard.

On a different note, on Saturday the 14th August we had an Archdeacon's inspection carried out by the Area Dean. This routine visitation makes sure that the church is in good order in terms of fabric, registers, communion vessels, robes etc. I am pleased to say that St Augustine's passed with flying colours thanks to the hard work and dedication of the PCC and particularly our two churchwardens Suzanne and Olwen. The roof is still leaky, but we hope to receive enough donations to be able to repair it before too long.

Finally, just a reminder that the Parish church is your church, and that you are welcome to go in and spend some quality time with your Creator every Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday.

God bless you.

Rev O. Camaioni

St Mary's Catholic Church

In some ways, the beginning of September and the onset of autumn mark a new year for everyone. There is the new school year, with almost everyone under twenty moving up a stage. We particularly pray for a good year ahead for children and young people, who have had to put up with a great deal to protect the rest of us. A particular focus for me in the last year has been work with young people and school children - the Confirmation of a large group of teenagers last All Saintside and, this July, the admitting of a dozen or so children to Holy Communion. Though this work has been a priority, we have been busy more recently, and into the future, catching up with postponed weddings and the opportunity for Baptisms. And yet, we have not yet found a way of restarting our Children's Church on Sunday nor yet involved children once more in serving on the altar. All of this is part of a necessary 'reboot'.

Mid-August it is still too early to abandon entirely the contingency measures in place but we hope soon to end the

difficult business of booking for Sunday 9.30am Mass, and the even more difficult business of telling people that the Church is already full. Fortunately, the 6pm Mass on Sundays is still attracting only twenty to thirty people and so there is no need to book for that. The midweek masses too usually attract double figures but, when St Amand's School isn't with us for the Thursday Mass, we are never full and there is no need to book.

We continue to benefit from Church Services TV (further details on www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk) and many nowadays make use of our 24-hour livestream, whether at service times or else to look at our sanctuary and altar, perhaps for comfort during a sleepless night. It is a good way of having a think about things without having to put in an appearance, which for some is at present a step too far. Whatever your own circumstances – personal or family, old or young, rich or poor, sick or healthy - I assure you of my best wishes and prayers.

Fr Andrew

East and West Hendred WI

Since the last publication, life for our WI has settled into the 'New Normal'. Meetings on Zoom, joining up with no more than 6 members for Afternoon Tea outside, always at arms-length or more, and courses from Oxfordshire and Denman also on Zoom.

However, our talks at the Zoom Meetings have been fun and very enlightening. Doodle Art found the Artists in some of us or not in others, Observing the Universe was fascinating encouraging some of us to become very amateur astrologists and finding the Lost Villages in Oxfordshire was an eye opener.

Our future meetings include an Illusionist, a talk on Nell Gwynn and Ali Eyston is generously allowing us to have

our traditional Christmas Meeting again in Hendred House for members only, where The Springline Singers will entertain us during the evening.

For the next couple of months or so we will be continuing to meet via Zoom and even when we return to face-to-face meetings (under strict covid guidelines) we will continue with the opportunity for virtual participation. However, one exception is our August Meeting which will be Afternoon Tea in the Garden of The Hendred Stores, for all members, as part of our 100th Birthday Celebrations.

If anyone would like to join our WI and join in with our exciting programme then please do get in touch with Jennie, our President. Email: jen@wpj.me.uk



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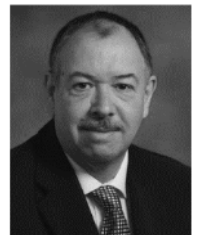


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The Green Column

Space for Wildlife in East Hendred

By Sarah James, Hendreds Environment Group Chair



Small Tortoiseshell butterfly on Scabious

This year our community worked together to make more Space for Wildlife. Much of this space was created in people's gardens, trying out wildlife gardening tips from our Facebook page, Naturehood and our series of HEG webinars. Please tell us about your garden in our simple survey – <https://forms.gle/uq2JbYYLCCbFF2b7>

Space was created either side of the path through Snells, with the Parish Council's help, and at the edge of the allotments with the Allotment Association's help. The edges were kept cut and tidy, but the rest allowed to flower and to set seed. They will be cut back in Autumn with the grass cuttings removed. Removing the cuttings means the soil gets less nutrients and that favours more diversity and flowers and makes it less easy for just grass to dominate. So next year these areas should be even more lovely.



We are part of a movement

Our small patches wouldn't be much on their own, but this is happening all over the place and that makes a big difference. You'll have heard about Hendred Estate's efforts if you joined our first webinar this year. And here is a picture of Harwell Campus in August.

Help us make a difference for wildlife in your garden or with a work party – sign up to our mailing list (email heg@hendred.org) for events and actions and follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HendredsEnvironmentGroup/> for wildlife gardening tips.

Learn and share tips in person – Gardening Group and HEG member Angela is opening her garden on Horn Lane on Saturday Sept 11th and has plenty of wildlife-friendly plants looking for a new home to give away. She would also like to show you the things that have worked well (and not so well) to increase space for wildlife.

Gardening Group

We have been meeting twice most months over the summer. If you would like to join us, email angelapawlyn@outlook.com.

In June we met in Barbara's garden in the High Street. She has a garden pond in a quiet area, giving good access to the many birds who visit her feeders and help to control 'pests'. As well as many other interesting things, an old apple tree which was completely hollow was still bearing fruit.

We also met in Ann's garden in Portway Close. It is particularly interesting because she tends to allow most of her plants to self-seed, resulting in a lovely colourful display.

At the beginning of July, we visited Alison and Paul's garden in Old Road. There was a colourful tiered display near the seated area. The roses which were in full bloom and fragrant, surrounded a pretty summer house giving a tranquil atmosphere.

Later in the month we went to Rosemary's fascinating garden at Twilley Springs in West Hendred. It was interesting to see the work they had done to develop the site over the last twenty years. After such a wet year there was plenty of water flowing down from the spring.

At the end of the month, we were invited to Pauline's in Home Farm Close to see the wonderful colours in her back garden. Phlox, in many different colours, were the star of the show but there were lots of other lovely flowers.

As a result of the unusual weather, some flowers have bloomed later than usual and autumn flowering plants have grown much taller than usual. Gardening is always full of surprises.

Angela is opening her garden in Horn Lane on Saturday 11th September from 10 to 4. She would like to show you the things that have worked well (and not so well) to increase space for wildlife (see Green Column above).

Walking Group

On 20th May we were at last allowed to meet again as a large group. It was lovely to see so many familiar, and some new, faces, waiting to set off from East Hendred at 9:30. Since then, we have met every week and have done the regular East Hendred walks and also explored some new routes. Of course, a variety of weather but that hasn't stopped us. Undoubtedly the

highlight was on 23rd June when a large group of us walked from Scutchamer Knob over the Ridgeway to Farnborough to visit The Old Rectory. The gardens were open as part of the NGS and well worth the long walk! The coffee and wonderful array of cakes were also very welcome. Suitably refreshed and inspired from the garden we walked all the way back. The group is currently quite small due to the

summer holidays but we expect to get back to our normal numbers in September.

If you are new to the village or looking for a new activity why not join us. We are a very friendly group. We normally walk about 5 miles, sometimes stopping at a coffee shop and sometimes carrying our own. For more information please email: susie@monks court.co.uk or ring 07710274653.

Waste Collection Disruption

At the start of August, The Vale of White Horse District Council suspended the collection of Garden waste for 'one month' and this was to be reviewed at the end of August. This suspension together with other recent disrupted collections have been caused, The Vale website states, by the shortage of HGV drivers, the pandemic and Brexit.

Residents have until 5pm the day after a due collection to report a missed collection but The Vale ask that you leave bins out for three days to allow for a late collection.

Bank Holiday arrangements on Page 16

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East Hendred Heritage Trust

The Museum in Champs Chapel was very pleased to have reopened at the end of May and continues to be open Saturdays and Sundays during August, then Sundays throughout September and October, 2.30-4.30pm. At all times, we will be open following Government Covid guidelines and respectfully request that you wear a mask when visiting.

There is an excellent Roman Finds exhibition particularly suitable for children, with pottery and coins that can be handled.

We have a World War 2 exhibition of memorabilia from village residents and a panel that gives information on the names on the WW2 panels of the War Memorial.

The Trust has had the War Memorial WW2 panels restored so that the names are clearer. We are paying

the majority of the cost but are very grateful to the Parish Council for their generous contribution towards this work. We have organised a regular tidy up of the surrounding garden, an on-going task, and thank our volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Diana Wheeker (833279) or Catherine Shortis (820284).

We will open the museum on Remembrance Sunday (14th November) unless instructed otherwise by Government changes.

The Trustees are putting together for 2022 an updated version of the St Mary's Road street exhibition, which was the first we did several years ago. This will be in the more sophisticated format we developed since then. If you have any memories, stories or information, please get in touch with Robin Hine (robinhine123@gmail.com, 833453) or Jan Wansell (janwansell@hotmail.com, 832355).

Downs Golden Age Club

Have we kissed lockdown goodbye at last?! Following a spontaneous - and momentarily generous offer by Ali Eyston to host a cream tea, members flocked to enjoy sitting under a variety of gazebos - in the warm drizzle - in her gorgeous garden. Dear Ali provided scones hot from the oven and abundant sandwiches - and much Prosecco, followed by a spread of luscious cakes from all the committee. This was an oasis at the end of a vast desert of...nothing! No meeting-up; no chatting; no trips; no events. We have kept in touch since March 2019 as best we could by telephone. The next meeting will be, as usual, on Thursday 2nd September, at Snells Hall for tea at 3pm. You'll need to pay your sub on the day (£20). There will be an AGM: usually in August, but much overdue. PLEASE come: your views count!



DGA Tea in a gazebo at Hendred House

What's On in The Hendreds

This is a weekly email message that publicises village events and useful information. Everyone is welcome to join the subscribers' list. Just send an email to events@hendred.org



The Cutting Patch by Hilary Dorling

As part of the Community Plot, BAAA has a long bed which abuts the public footpath to Rowstock. During the strange autumn of 2020, after a discussion about which vegetables to grow in it, we decided to do things differently and to develop it as a flower cutting bed for summer 2021.

The whole bed was prepared by digging and mucking with black gold kindly supplied by Hendred Estate. Then the real fun began, as we planned what seeds and plants would not only grow well and look beautiful but would be attractive to insects and bees. Sweet peas were an absolute must because of their fragrance, cosmos for their prettiness, dahlias for their colour and range of forms, and sunflowers . . . just because we liked them. Larkspur for their jewel-like blues and purples, allium for unusual shapes, ammi for lightness and some beautiful white nigella all made the list.

After a busy spring sowing seeds, starting off tubers and cossetting plants, we planted up the cutting patch. As a special touch, three step-over espalier apples were used to edge the bed.

By the beginning of July plants began to bud and flower and we were able to start cutting. On Saturdays between 10 and 12 a group of BAAA volunteers started picking and bunching fragrant and colourful posies of flowers and Posies and Punnets was born. Each week we made up 15-20 posies (a total of well over 200 stems) and fellow villagers came along to make their choice in return for a donation to BAAA. The flowers from the mid week cut were posied up and given to people who might need a bit of cheering up.

Before we cut the blooms each week, the flowers brightened up the bed and many compliments were received. Besides the posies, punnets of surplus vegetables from the plots proved popular, from white currants and strawberries for jam making, to courgettes and French beans.

It's been a pleasure to tend the cutting patch and make up the posies. We know that next year we'll need a lot more sweet peas!

Sadly missed last year was the BAAA Apple Day when villagers can bring along their apple crop to be pressed or buy some of the delicious juice. We're very pleased to say that Apple Day 2021 is planned for Saturday 16th October outside Hendred Stores. Please come along with apples for pressing (we ask for a donation) or to purchase some apple juice.

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Planning Matters

NOTE: PC means Parish Council

P20/V1667/O – Redevelopment of land and known as Fermi Gate, Harwell Campus. The PC sent a holding objection, requesting information on a Harwell Campus Masterplan, details of the of floorspace and the lack of a travel plan. Awaiting determination.

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

P21/V0428/FUL – Park North Field. Proposal for up to five Shepherd's Hut-style portable accommodation units. The PC requested conditions on the siting of refuse and forbidding music after 10pm. Permission granted.

P21/V0619/FUL – Land west of Newbury Road. Proposed new dwelling. The PC had no objections. Permission Granted.

P21/V0664/FUL – Land north of Building R96, Road 1, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. The PC had no objection. Permission granted.

P21/V1012/HH – Sandpipers, Ford Lane. Conversion of garage and construction of extension and ancillary works. The extension is intended for use by the resident of the property so that no additional traffic will be generated. Permission granted.

P21/V0892/FUL – Fordybrook, Ford Lane. Variation of conditions. The PC was concerned about the route vehicles would take to access and egress the site. Permission granted.

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

P21/V1125/FUL – Monks Farm, Newbury Road. Change of use to equestrian, erection of manege and relocation of earth bund. Permission granted.

P21/V1171/FUL – Former Esso Research Centre, Milton Hill. Application for 44,380sq.m of industrial development. The PC objected strongly to this proposal on the grounds that it was contrary to a number of policies in the Local Plan. Awaiting determination.

P21/V1592/HH – Orchard House, White Road. Proposal to replace existing flat roof with pitched roof, extend 6m off the back to create outdoor storage area. To render the external walls of the property and clad the garage with a softwood cladding. Permission granted.

P21/V1690/O – Cornerbrook, Mill Lane. Outline application, all matters reserved except for access, for single self-build residential dwelling. The PC had no objection subject to further information on the protected trees in the area and OCC approval on access. Amended plans received. The PC is considering them.

P21/V1677/HH – Trenfield, Wantage Road, Rowstock. Single storey rear extension. The PC had no objection. 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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Planning Matters (continued)

P21/V1684/HH – 8 Orchard Lane. Single storey rear extension and two storey side extension. Permission granted.

P21/V1905/HH and P21/V1907/LB – Vine House, Chapel Square. Additional up-grade and alteration to the windows and doors of the barn and replacement cladding on both road and garden elevations. Awaiting determination.

P21/V2105/FUL – Unit 7, The Old Estate Yard. Removal of existing building. Single storey extension to north of Unit 7 to provide additional office accommodation. Alterations to parking layout and provision of additional parking area. The PC is still considering the application.

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Village Diary - Autumn 2021

Please check that the following and any subsequent scheduled events are still taking place by contacting clubs and groups using details in their articles or under Regular Events (right)

September

- 2nd DGA club - AGM 3 pm (tea) Snells Hall
 11th Oxford Historic Churches Ride & Stride
 11th Open Garden, Horn Lane - see p. 11
 12th Tennis Mixed Doubles - see p. 7
 24th Macmillan Coffee Morning - Outside Village Stores

October

- 3rd Springline Panto Auditions - see p.1
 10th St Augustine's Harvest Festival
 16th Apple Pressing - Outside village stores

November

- 19th Tennis Club Quiz Night - W. Hendred

Deadline date for next *Bulletin*

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Regular Events (In normal times)

Note: Some details below may differ due to the aftermath of Covid-19 related restrictions.

- Sunday** **Champs Chapel Museum**
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- Monday** **Scouts** 7 - 9pm, Snells Hall
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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 11 for details and contact
- Thursday** **Springline Singers** 8:00 pm
 See page 5 for details 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
 1st Thursday - Currently on Zoom
 7:30pm, Snells Hall (Main Hall)
Downs Golden Age Club
 1st Thursday with tea or lunch
 See page 13 - meetings re-started.
Women's Institute
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