

EAST HENDRED Bulletin



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Springline Productions

**THE PANTO IS BACK –
OH YES, IT IS!**

After a four-year absence the village pantomime is back with ALADDIN and promises to be a fun-filled evening. Performances were delayed a month due to Covid restrictions but will be at Snells Hall on

Thursday 10th March and
Friday 11th March at 7.30pm and
Saturday 12th March at 2pm and 7.30.

There will be a pay bar at all evening performances. Tickets can be purchased now from Hendred Stores with prices of £12 per adult and £8 for under 16s. Under 3s are free **if sitting on a parent's lap**. Cash or cheques please, no cards.

Don't delay – we anticipate this being a sellout event!

Easter Bazaar - Snells Hall Saturday 9th April, 11 to 2

Snells Hall and St Augustine's Church are holding an Easter Bazaar at the hall.

There will be **market stalls, refreshments, barbecue in the garden, free Easter crafts for children, songs by the pre-school choir** and a **Main Draw** with many prizes.

With a bit of help from the weather, we're looking forward to a nice village occasion in the garden as well as in the hall.

Entry is free - do come along, now that we can get together after having to miss two Christmas Bazaars!

Platinum Jubilee

Exciting plans are being made for big celebrations in the village on the long weekend of 2nd to 5th June.

A torch-lit procession to light a beacon near the Ridgeway, a street party, a village cricket match and a Big Hendred Bash are being planned and other ideas may be forthcoming.

As things develop, more information will be on *What's On in The Hendreds* and Spotted Hendred. Do save the dates!

If you would like to help with organising the celebrations, email bighendredbash@hendred.org

HEG Community Larder

Our County Councillor, Sally Povolotsky, is also Vice Chair of Hendreds Environment Group and is pleased to announce the launch of the HEG Community Larder.

Community Larders are not Food Banks. Food banks do a fantastic and very necessary job supporting people who are experiencing food poverty, but you have to be means tested and referred to use them. Community Larders are open to everyone who wants to prevent food waste or to save money, by using food that would otherwise go to landfill. The food comes from supermarkets that no longer want to sell it for many different reasons, only one of which is because it's near its best before date! The parent organisation SOFEA sends generous quantities each week so

there's no need to worry that by taking some you are depriving someone more needy.

The weekly subscription is £3.50 for a single person, £7 for a family, entitling you to around 14 or 28 items, plus as much fruit and veg as you would like to take! (There's also a one-time £10 joining fee.) It's quick and easy to join, all done by direct debit, managed by SOFEA.

Our Community Larder is also a place to stop for a chat and ask advice – about anything. When the weather improves we plan to serve refreshments, too.

There's more on Facebook and the flyers and posters around the village, or email heglarder@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer your help. Or just drop in on Monday afternoons, from 3:30 to 6:30pm, at the Mill Lane Sports Club. See you there!

Storm Eunice - be prepared for the next one

The storm on 18th February did some local damage to trees, fences and buildings. The main difficulty it caused was a 26 hour power cut for part of the village and another outage which is ongoing at the time of writing. This is a clear reminder of the difficulties caused by losing the electrical supply, which often happens in stormy weather.

If you rely on electrically powered medical equipment or are a pensioner or are disabled you can register free with Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) for Priority Services.

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Message from our local County Councillor

Dear Residents,

As I type this I am preparing to go to full council tomorrow for our budget meeting. We are at the end of a ten-year period during which central government-funded spending power for English local authorities has more than halved, falling by 52%. Faced with declining budgets, Council officers have been driven to find continual savings. In some areas, efforts to increase efficiency may have become counterproductive. We are concerned, for example, by the levels of outsourcing and the regular use of contract/agency staff. We have been struck by how stretched many services are and are worried they risk failing to deliver the standards expected by council taxpayers.

While funding has fallen, there has been no reduction in demand for our services. In our services for individual residents, such as children's and adults' social care and support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), there has been huge increase in demand, increased complexity and rising cost. For example:

- the number of new adult social care cases has risen 62% each year since 2016 (from 12,500 to 21,500), and for adults aged 18-64 by 280% (from 2400 to 6780)
- following legislation changes in 2014, since 2016 the number of children and young people in Oxfordshire with an Education, Health and Care Plan has risen by 91% (nationally it's closer to 60%)
- the average older person required 12.3 hours of personal home care per week in 2021 (it was 10.6 hours in 2017)
- the cost of a care home bed for an older person rose 29% between 2017-2021 and 80% for an adult with learning disability
- the Competition and Markets Authority reported on children's social care on 22nd October, with its Chief Executive, Andrea Coscelli, stating: "We are concerned this is a failing system, with children not being placed in the right homes while providers are being allowed to charge high prices and make big profits."

We have approached the budget process with a three key principles in mind:

1. A relentless focus on high quality services for the residents of Oxfordshire

2. Opportunities to make investments now that will save the council cost in the future
3. Effective ways to deliver our priorities, in particular addressing climate change and reducing inequality

The previous administration left some significant capital underfunding. In some areas, the sums provisioned for projects were inadequate. This includes the Housing Infrastructure Funding scheme locally which has huge gaps in funding despite being sold as a "government funded scheme". More generally, over the coming years, we face a major challenge to shift the capital budget so that investments are made with an eye to the future not a nod to the past, and ensure major capital investments are consistent with our carbon reduction commitments. Travel and transport infrastructure is a key area. The estimated cost of maintaining Oxford's highways over the next five years (from 2022-23 to 2026-27) is £228m. Yet we are set to receive only £70m from national government. Previous borrowing of £32m is scheduled for the next two years, but the total funding gap is currently £125m. As we look to maintain our roads, we will have to confront some difficult choices.

Rises in council tax will affect us all, and we are looking to ensure we can protect and have packages in place for the most vulnerable in our communities. I would rather be open and transparent with you all around the challenges we face, but those challenges now extend to increased national insurance, fuel and food prices. I've been shocked at my own utilities and bills and want you all to know we are tackling some major issues head on.

What does this mean to the village? We are pushing ahead with projects like reducing street lighting's carbon and energy bills, we are patching roads where possible, I am working with officers on several schemes to relieve traffic around Rowstock, and now the Greensands site has passed on appeal, we need to ensure the least impact to the villages and the natural environment.

There's a huge amount going on around the Steventon reservoir (known as SESRO), so please do raise your concerns on the latest rounds of consultations on the link: <https://wrse.uk.engagementhq.com/about-our-consultation>

But there are also good things going on, like the Community Larder scheme (see front page). I keep working for you and our wonderful villages and trying to make your voices heard and questions answered.

Sally.Povolotsky@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Sally

Springline Productions to the Big Screen

East Hendred local Anna Wright will appear in the short horror film ZMORA, set to be released this year. Growing up, Anna took part in many Springline Productions and is currently one of the Springline Radio Players.

ZMORA was produced by Black Elk Productions and has received nine awards, including from Florence Film Festival and the Independent Shorts Awards in LA. It features a cast of young actors from APA Talent, a local Oxfordshire agency. The film is intended to act as a platform to find more opportunities for the young performers/creatives, and would greatly benefit from your support. Search *Zmora short film* on Google for links to the trailer and details about the production.

What's On?

The weekly email message *What's On in The Hendreds* announces local events and provides information when important issues or local emergencies arise.

To receive the messages, send an email to events@hendred.org and your email address will be added to the subscribers' list.

The messages are also displayed at www.hendred.org

from the chair



The future is looking more positive with the government about to relax all Covid requirements. It will be a real opportunity for the village to come together for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in early June. Plans for a special weekend are well in hand which is encouraging.

The recent storms have caused damage in many locations, but the village appears to have not suffered any major damage, apart from power cuts and Allins Lane being closed. A notice to villagers from the Parish Council emergency group was sent offering help to those who might need it.

The Parish Council has been low on numbers recently with three vacancies. Three new councillors were elected at the February Council meeting. We warmly welcome them:

Sarah James: Sarah was a Councillor in the past but then decided to resign so that she could complete her Master's degree. She is welcomed back to the Council. Sarah is very active in the environmental field including being chair of the Hendreds Environment Group.

Penny Wall: Penny and her husband moved into the village fairly recently. She is retired and previously has had experience as a school governor, member of a Parochial Church Council and also as a volunteer for an organisation involved in befriending older people. She is a very effective member of the DGA committee.

Jonathan Shortis: Jonathan has recently retired having held senior positions in several large companies. He has lived in the village for many years, married to Catherine who is one of our current Councillors. We look forward to benefiting from his management experience on the Council.

There is increasing support for reducing the speed limit to 20 miles per hour in cities, towns and villages, to reduce numbers and severity of accidents, encourage the use of roads by cyclists and make crossing the road safer for pedestrians. The Parish Council has registered interest in possible funding from Oxfordshire County Council to implement a 20mph limit in the village. Local opinion will be sought before a decision is made but if you have views on this, please contact our Parish Clerk (contact details on page 15).

The Community Larder project is good news, reducing food waste and providing help for people struggling with rising costs. See page 1 for more information.

John Sharp

Planning Update

The application for development of the former Esso Research centre into a distribution centre was strongly opposed, particularly by the Rowstock Residents Association (whose online petition against the development attracted more than 1100 signatures) due to the increased traffic much of which would travel via Rowstock. Oxfordshire Highways Department did object initially and then changed their position. The Parish Council objected strongly to this application on several grounds. Despite the planning officer recommending approval, the Vale's planning committee recently refused planning permission unanimously which is encouraging.

Since the last *Bulletin* the revised Plough application has not progressed as the Conservation Officer still has concerns that need to be addressed, including reduction of the impact of the scheme on the character of the group of listed buildings and the Conservation Area. The Parish Council welcomed the revision but still had some concerns about parking and the size of the new clubhouse. The Bowling Club is also concerned about the space available in the new clubhouse.

A new application has been listed for the Harwell Science campus which is in our parish for a new science and research facility linked to the Mary Lyons Centre. This is part of the delivery of the Medical Research Council's strategy and will complement the activities undertaken at the existing MRC Harwell site. The proposed building is to accommodate laboratory and office spaces with supporting facilities.

The District Council is planning a revised Design Guide jointly with South Oxfordshire Council and is consulting on this, with a deadline of 15th March. The District Council publishes a Design Guide as a Supplementary Planning Document which is to help developers and designers in proposing new housing schemes and other features to be appropriate to the location.

The Parish Council has requested that the revision includes particular features relevant to our village and similar Springline villages. The North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty also has some guidance, and we are asking that this is also referenced in the update. The design of some recent housing developments planned for this village are more suited to an urban location and would benefit from use of the Design Guide.

Downs Golden Age Club

We had a wonderful Christmas dinner on 2nd December and many thanks to Salvador, Jeni and Barbara for all their hard work in the kitchen. The committee provided delicious trifles and there were mince pies with the coffee. Michael Evans played the organ and we sang carols and, importantly, we had a visit from Father Christmas who arrived laden with gifts for all. The afternoon ended with Stella's amazing raffle. A good time was had by all. Sadly, we had to cancel our meeting in January due to concerns of the rising Covid cases but met again on 3rd February for the last lunch of winter. After a warming meal of

cottage pie and apple pie we were well entertained by Mike Olver, an East Hendred resident. Mike made an amazing trip to Botswana and Namibia several years ago and he gave an entertaining description with lovely slides. On 3rd March we revert to tea at 3pm, so Spring must be round the corner!

If you are new to the village, we would like to welcome you to our very friendly club. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at Snells Hall and we always welcome new members from the village. It's only £20 per year which covers all the lunches and teas, speakers and subsidised outings. For more information please ring Susie on 833797 or email susie@monks court.co.uk

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Thinking about solar panels?

With the need to reduce our carbon footprint, coupled with rising energy prices, now is a great time to find out more about solar panels and if they could work for you. Whilst doing some of my own research into solar panels for our house in the Hendreds, I came across a community based solar panel initiative called Solar Streets <https://www.solarstreets.net> that I thought may be of interest to our community.

What is the Solar Streets Scheme?

This initiative is a community partnership between IDDEA (a UK company focused on solar panel installation www.iddea.co.uk) and the local council. Importantly, Sustainable Wantage is launching the initiative on 7th April and would welcome the Hendreds within their OX12 cluster. Their website will be www.solarstreets.co.uk/wantageplus

Solar Streets brings discounted Solar PV systems to local residents; the installer IDDEA makes multiple installations in one area and passes on the savings. You will still get an individual quote based on your property and

energy needs and can include the option of battery storage. As with any major purchase anyone looking into Solar PV should also seek alternative quotes. Solar Streets makes a donation of £50 for each household and £100 for each business that buys a system – in Wantage this will go into a fund managed by Sustainable Wantage that will be used to support local energy-saving projects. Solar Streets started in 2019 in Frome, Somerset and by the end of 2021 had been adopted in 23 towns including nearby Faringdon, Didcot and Wallingford. Feedback has been positive. There is a good introduction to the initiative on the Didcot solar streets website <https://solarstreets.co.uk/didcotplus> including a link to a video introduction.

So what should I do if I want to find out more?

If you are interested in hearing more when the scheme launches in April sign up for the launch event at <https://tinyurl.com/WantageLaunch> Hendreds Environment Group can also keep you up to date if you email hcg@hendred.org. If April is too long to wait, then please contact IDDEA direct on info@iddea.co.uk

Katharine Gotto Walton

East Hendred Heritage Trust

Champs Chapel Museum is getting ready to open its doors for the 2022 season. We are opening from Sunday 2nd April (2:30 - 4:30pm) to give everyone the last chance to see our current "Secret Streets" exhibition which covers the upper part of the High Street. We hope that later in the year we are able to open on both Saturday and Sunday at least during the school holidays.

Our exhibition team are working hard on the 2022 exhibition. This takes a more in-depth look at the buildings and history of St Mary's Road. This new exhibition will open on Sunday 24th April and will run through to the Autumn. Details will be on *What's On in The Hendreds*. The Trust, like many other organisations, has been unable to do any fundraising since our last quiz night in early 2019. With annual running costs in excess of £5,000 we are conscious of the need to once again seek the support of the village to enable us to continue with the work we do conserving and preserving the history and artefacts which represents the village of East Hendred.

It is our intention that our fundraising should be both full of fun and help to bring the village together. To this end we normally try to organise at least one big fundraising event a year and we are very pleased that 2022 will see the return of the Open Gardens. This will take place on Sunday 12th June and more details will follow as we are tempted out into our gardens.

Finally we would welcome practical help. The Trust is entirely dependent on volunteers and we are looking for volunteer stewards to help keep the museum open for as many hours per week as possible. Stewards are the face of the museum who welcome visitors and engage with them. Listening to their stories as they take a step back in time and remember the most interesting tales of life living in a rural village. We are also looking for people who have the skills needed to make sure the trust is well governed.

Please do get in touch with one of the following if you are interested in knowing more about the village and its history. Diana Wheeler, Secretary 833279
Peter Kilgarriff, Chair 861326.

Walking Group

We've got through the winter with January in particular providing us with some lovely dry days. It's funny how often it's sunny on a Wednesday. Hopefully we will shortly get some beautiful spring weather. 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 to 6 miles, sometimes stopping at a coffee shop and sometimes carrying our own. On the first Wednesday of the month, we always walk from East Hendred to Ardington but on other Wednesdays we often venture further afield. For more information please email: susie@monks court.co.uk or ring 07710 274653

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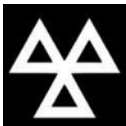
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The Green Column - Hendreds Environment Group

'Glyphosate: Friend or Foe' was the provocative title of HEG's first event of 2022. Hendred Estate farm manager Julian Gold spoke to an online audience about some of the environmental and health concerns around this widely used herbicide (see a summary below). This and Julian's talk last year are available as recordings. Email heg@hendred.org for a link.

Hendreds Environment Group is a great way to take action locally on some of the most worrying issues of our times, and to make friendships and connections in your community at the same time. Getting involved is simple. Just email heg@hendred.org to join our mailing list. Then you can join in with activities that suit your availability and interests.

This year we are:

- launching our HEG Community Larder to tackle food waste (see page 1)
- working with Sustainable Wantage to promote Solar Streets to make installing solar panels on your roof as cost effective as possible with a group discount (see page 5)
- working with the County Council to help them trial a wildflower verge between East and West Hendred
- carrying on our Space for Wildlife project to encourage wildlife to thrive in our gardens and shared spaces. This includes our long-term project with the Parish Council to encourage wildflowers in the grass areas either side of the tarmac path through Snells. Last year you will have seen that this area was dominated by rough, tough grass. But over a few years of less frequent cutting, and taking away the rakings, we will gradually see a lot more wildflowers able to thrive here amongst the grass.

Articles on the Community Larder, Solar Streets and gardening for wildlife appear elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.

Sarah James

Glyphosate: Friend or Foe?

Glyphosate, marketed as Roundup, is the most commonly used herbicide in the world. Its main use is for killing unwanted plants (weeds or previous crops) before planting but can also be sprayed on crops that have been genetically modified to tolerate glyphosate while they are growing to kill weeds. It has very low toxicity to insects, animals and humans and is very effective as a weed killer, which has led to its widespread use. It is also sprayed on food crops (such as wheat) in order to kill the plants, so that they start to dry out, or desiccate, and can be harvested sooner, requiring less artificial drying.

The effect on consumers of any residue of glyphosate that may be in the harvested crop is not fully known. Apart from direct effects on our bodies, it is possible that glyphosate remaining in the food affects the microorganisms in our gut that play an essential part in our digestive processes. Glyphosate is suspected of injuring certain insects, such as bees, even if it is not lethal to them. There are also concerns about the long-term effect of its anti-bacterial properties on the essential microorganisms in the soil – glyphosate has actually been registered as an antibiotic. Some countries (such as Austria and Luxembourg) have banned its use and others (such as Germany) are banning it in the near future.

Glyphosate should be used with caution – low toxicity does not mean harmlessness. Sensible caution means that spray should not be inhaled, and personal protection equipment should be used to avoid skin contact. Any risks are different for farm or council workers in PPE and amateur gardeners in shorts and flipflops!

Despite the possible risks, like those mentioned above, using glyphosate away from food plants, for instance to kill weeds on pavements, and taking precautions, does not seem to carry any significant risk. However, it is not a harmless miracle cure for unwanted plants and like any potentially dangerous substance, it should be treated with caution.

Morland Bowling Club

Work has continued at the club throughout the winter, maintaining the green and equipment – we are indebted to our voluntary maintenance team who work tirelessly all year round to keep the green in good order, and we give them our sincere thanks.

Indoor short-mat bowls has also been ongoing during the winter and will come to a close at the end of March/early April in preparation for the outdoor season which starts late April, subject to weather conditions.

This summer we hope to return to a full programme of outdoor activities. We play very sociable friendly matches with other local clubs, both at home and away, and also

run a series of competitive leagues throughout the summer and 'in-house' club competitions towards the end of the season. For the ultra-competitive amongst us, our affiliation to the Royal County of Berkshire Bowling Association and Bowls England enables members to compete in County and National Competitions too.

New members, beginners or experienced players, are always welcome and if you are interested in finding out more, or would like to visit, then please contact Marion or Joe for further information (see below). We can also offer you a trial session, without obligation, but please note flat shoes are essential so as not to damage the green. Joe Preston: 833648 Marion Pointer: 01865 391679 E-mail: marion.pointer@btinternet.com

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We are currently without a Rector at St Augustine's, but the process of finding a replacement is well under way, with advertising for the post due to start next month. We hope that we will have a positive response, and that we will be able to welcome a new Rector later this year.

We were delighted that we are able to hold an ecumenical carol service in December, despite ongoing worries about Covid, and we hope to plan more events as we continue to come out of Covid restrictions.

We are continuing with our pattern of Sunday services, with an 11.00 am Holy Communion service every other week. We are fortunate to have the support of the Area Dean, Rev. John Durant, for urgent matters, and for weddings and funerals, and we are grateful to Rev. Mary

Harwood for helping us with christenings, and to all the clergy who are helping by leading Sunday services for us.

Looking forward to Lent and Easter, there will be a service on Ash Wednesday, and services across the benefice on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Day. We plan to hold a service on Easter Day at St Augustine's even though it is not one of our Sundays according to the regular pattern. Further details and timings for all these services will be available in *What's On in the Hendreds*.

St Augustine's is also pleased to be part of the Easter fundraising event on 9 April, at Snells Hall - see page 1.

*Olwen Lintern-Smyth, Church Warden
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St Mary's Catholic Church, East Hendred

I don't know whether you managed a 'Dry January', or a new diet and lost a kilo or two. A few weeks of fasting and abstinence can be very helpful and, for this purpose, the Church prescribes not the month of January but the season of Lent. Lent starts this year on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March, and lasts until Easter, in the middle of April. For me, that's six weeks mostly without dark chocolate – Lindt 70%, since you ask – and my daily bottle of Becks Blue. Mostly? Well, Sundays are different and so are feast days.

Fasting and abstinence helps us with a problem most of us have: keeping our bodies disciplined. But, along with this, the Church asks us to attend to the spiritual side of things. Coming to Mass, praying, bible reading are the usual ways. But what about those who feel they don't belong? People who doubt the existence of God. People who dislike formal religion. People who are out of sorts with the Church. Everybody finds their own way and we try to help that, at St Mary's, not only by making everybody welcome but also by having the Church open most of the week. Between 9am and sundown St Mary's is usually open for private prayer, candle lighting, or quiet reflection. And it is available 24/7 on <https://www.churchservices.tv/easthendred>

As well as 'fasting' (getting on with our bodies) and 'prayer' (getting on with God), there is 'almsgiving' (getting on with others). Lent is an opportunity to reflect on how we can help, whether its offering others a helping hand or working to tackle climate change, giving to a charity or supporting the local food banks. These three areas – 'fasting', 'prayer', and 'almsgiving' are at the centre of the teaching of Jesus of Nazareth (Matthew 6), whom everyone recognises to have been a very fine teacher and whom Christians worship as the Son of God, fully human and fully divine.

Have a good Lent – a bespoke one!

Fr Andrew

The Gardening Group

Making Space for Wildlife in Gardens

I gave some ideas for making space for wildlife in last Spring's *Bulletin*. Last season I experimented by leaving areas of my grass uncut (and welcomed not having to mow as much). I cut a small area in June, having allowed insects to enjoy daisies and clover, another area in August and a third in September. I did not get round to the final area, so it will be interesting to see what happens to it this year. I think I will cut half of it once early in the season and leave the rest. The area cut in September still looks untidy so I will not cut at that time this year. Even with a small area of grass, do consider not cutting some until June. If you visit my garden during Hendreds Open Gardens on 12 June you will be able to see the results of my experiments.

Online there are many ideas to provide homes for insects, other invertebrates, frogs, toads and small mammals. I recently read that invertebrates benefit from a pile of leaves left for at least two years; and that home-made compost containers are better for wildlife than bins. (The disadvantage is that the compost does not rot as quickly.)

Early last year HEG promoted a great idea from Sarah Lunt. She filled an old wooden fruit box with branches from her Christmas tree and added pine cones, other twigs and sticks, leaves etc. You could use one as a mini-compost bin this year then add bits from your Christmas tree for next year. There are plenty of cones and sticks on walks in Ardington wood. However, even a small pile of leaves or a brick left in a corner will be welcomed by wildlife.

In my view a weed is either something I have too much of, or something I do not like. Do not assume that any plant that appears without you planting or sowing it is a weed. A plant with attractive leaves and small daisy-like flowers has found a home in the crack between my house and a path. Because it was making it difficult to get my wheelie bins past it, I started to reduce it in January. However, I noticed it was about to come into flower so I decided to leave it for a couple of months.

Good websites include www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk and www.naturehood.uk – do have a look and even if your garden is small, take at least one step to make more room for wildlife. Finally, the Gardening Group will be starting to meet again soon. Look out for announcements in *What's On in The Hendreds* if you would like to join us.

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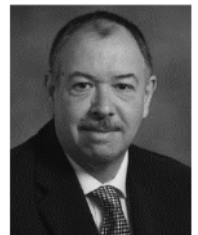


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Springline Radio Players

A New Year and a new radio play, "Hard Times" by a Canadian writer, Chris McKerracher. It is a female three-hander play, just twelve minutes long and presents an encounter in the local police cell of three ladies that would normally not have a close encounter.

Please visit our website <https://springlineamdram.podbean.com> to listen or download "Hard Times" and our 33 audio plays.

If you would like to get involved - no lines to learn, no make-up or costumes and no walking across a stage with loads of people in chairs, looking at you, then please contact David Hunter at SpringlineRadio@gmail.com



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Spring crops, broad beans, peas, shallots, garlic and others are already in the ground and plot-holders are choosing seeds for the seasons later in the year. Seeds for the cutting bed on the Community allotment are on order and we look forward to sharing a riot of colour with everyone later in the summer – Posies and Punnets will be back on Saturday mornings as soon as we have

plenty of blooms. Later in the year we hope to host a Produce Show with plot-holders and people from across the whole village joining in. Planning is at an early stage but the Show is likely to be on the first weekend of September – venue TBC – with classes for fruit, vegetables, flowers, cakes, breads and jams as well as classes for the children to enter. More details in the next *Bulletin* but in the meantime you may want to think whether your spring sowings might be your autumn exhibits and select your varieties accordingly? Hended Apple Day will round off harvest activities - again date TBC - but save your juice bottles over the coming months so we can again fill them with delicious organic juice in the autumn.

Happy sowing!

East and West Hended Womens' Institute

Good News!

Our own local WI is currently celebrating 101 years since its inception by women from East and West Hended in 1921. Rural life has changed almost beyond recognition since then. Our members still value their involvement for the friendships, mutual support and social contacts generated by the WI.

A few days ago we were on the brink of either having to suspend activities for a maximum of 3 years, with existing funds held temporarily by Oxfordshire Federation of WIs, possibly never restarting, or amalgamating with a neighbouring village's WI, so losing local focus.

An urgent request went out on Facebook and was also being sent out on local newsletters, for new members with different ideas to revitalise next year's programme. This appeal has been successful, and we do now have new members willing to take on the key roles in the committee.

2021's programme was unfortunately mostly on Zoom; we hope that this year's programme will be back to normal.

New or recently moved to the area? Just retired? We still do need your help too with active involvement in our WI. We also welcome ladies from the neighbouring area and recently have had members from Wantage, Letcombe and the Springline villages.

Contact: Margaret Sharp, Secretary, 833367, m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com

Springline Singers

Springline Singers, our Community Choir, is delighted to announce that meetings will re-start, after a few months break, on Thursday 17th March for four weeks up to Thursday 7th April. £7 per session. After a break for Easter the choir will start the summer term on Thursday 21st April.

The choir is for anyone aged 16+ who wants to sing.

We meet on Thursday evenings 7:30 to 9:30 usually at West Hended Hall (please look out for venue changes). Music includes world music, folk, pop, musicals, sea shanties. No singing experience needed. We are a very friendly inclusive group.

Come and improve your health and well-being by being part of our community of singers!

For more information please look at the Facebook group Springline Singers.

The Post Office in Hended Stores

We are extremely lucky to have the Post Office in the shop, especially with the ongoing bank closures. We therefore thought it would be helpful to summarise the services which we currently offer. Whenever the shop is open so is the Post Office; 6am to 5pm Monday to Friday, 7am to 1pm Saturday and 7am to 11am Sunday. You can both withdraw cash and pay it into your account, just as at any ATM, for all major banks, plus you can pay cheques in.

We are part of a trial with DPD whereby they will drop parcels here for you to collect, and soon you will be able to leave parcels here for them to pick up. Likewise, a similar service will soon start with Amazon.

As travel opens up remember the currency services. We always have Euros, and can order in most other currencies with a minimum of 24 hours' notice. Or you can order online to have currency delivered to the Post Office for you to collect at a time that suits you.

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East & West Hendred Cricket Club

The dawn of spring promises another ambitious season for E & W Hendred Cricketers.

Pre-season nets

At Radley College Sports Hall on 18th March, 25th March, 4th April, meet at 7:30pm. We will have at least four net lanes each session so plenty of room for fresh players. Thursday night training will start 7th April 6.00pm at the club.

Senior Cricket

Following last year's successful Championship winning season 1st XI were promoted to Cherwell League Division 4A, the highest League position ever achieved in the club's history, the 2nd XI also gained promotion to Division 6B, and the 3rd XI will play in Division 8C playing home games at Ardington. The League programme starts Saturday 7th May and runs every Saturday to 3rd September. Fixtures are on EWHCC or CCL website, pre-season friendlies have been arranged for two weekends before then.

Increased interest promotes entering two teams into the Wednesday evening Downs League this year, so more T20 Cricket on offer in 2022.

Women and Girls teams

Following last year's successful taster sessions, we have entered a development team into the Serious Cricket Home Counties Women's League super eight format which is a fun introduction to hard ball cricket for U13 age upwards playing 16-over games mainly on Sundays in May followed by more 11-a-side games and a softball festival later in summer.

U13 Girls are entered into the Oxfordshire League playing 11-a-side games in the first half of season offering girls-only cricket to our expanding junior girls' section.

The introduction of Women and Girls cricket has been assisted by generous local council funding which allowed appointment of an ECB trained player/coach, Laura Jacobs, who will run women- and girls-only training every Monday evening from 6:30 to 7:30pm starting 25th April. If you wish to be involved in any capacity contact dawn.h.barksfield@btinternet.com.

Junior Cricket

Friday night Junior training sessions will commence Friday 22nd April 6:30 to 8:00pm and will run every Friday to end of August. U11, U13 and U15 teams for mixed Boys and Girls are entered into County Leagues, U11 matches play on Sunday mornings, U13 Thursday nights, and U15 Monday nights.

Allstars and Dynamos

The ECB programme for 5-8 year olds (Allstars) and 8-10 year olds (Dynamos) begins on Friday 6th May and runs nationally for 8 weeks. EWHCC will then run extended sessions through to the end of August. Early registration, via ECB, is recommended as last year we were forced to limit the numbers due to Activator ratio restrictions; we need more Activators or parental help to avoid future limiting, please let Paul Ansty know if you can help.

As you can see EWHCC have ambitious plans for 2022 season intended to enhance what we have already achieved. The combined "Friday night experience" of Allstars, Dynamos, and Junior training sessions has produced amazing results for the club. The social gathering has never been stronger, this year we will hold regular BBQs to improve this further.

New players are always welcome, this year we also need a 1st XI non-playing Scorer and an Umpire to satisfy our league criteria. If you don't fancy that then stroll down Mill Lane on a Friday evening and join in the friendly community vibe, there's not many better places to be on a summer Friday evening!

Contact those named above, Ivan Mulford, Liam Richards, or checkout our new website

www.eastwesthendredcricketclub.com for more details, we would love to hear from you - bring on the summer!

East Hendred AFC

We have two teams playing in the North Berks League Divisions 1 & 2. Currently our 1st Team are challenging for the 1st Division title and have reached one Cup semi-final and our Reserves are improving all the time after a difficult start to the season.

Our games kick off at 2pm on a Saturday afternoon at the sports field in Mill Lane. Come along and give the village teams your support and enjoy a drink in the bar during or after the game.

We are always looking for Sponsorship to assist with the ever-increasing cost of running the Club. Please contact me if you can help in any way.

Steve Mulford (Chair/Secretary) 07751515412

Also visit our website: www.theowls1912.co.uk

Hendreds Tennis Club Spring Update

Happily, the Winter is drawing to a close and we can look ahead to the longer evenings of Spring. The Wednesday night club sessions will be starting in April. The Sunday session starts at 10am every week.

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.

The much-delayed Quiz night has now moved to Friday 25th March. Look out for details on the *What's On Hendred* mailing.

We are looking to run coaching sessions after the Easter Holidays. The plan is to have children's classes from 5-7pm and then run an adult session. The day of the week is yet to be fixed.

Please drop us an email if you are interested as we need to get enough participants to cover the costs.

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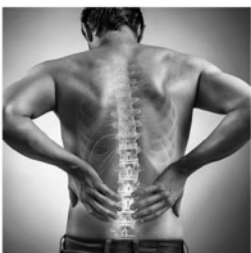
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Planning Matters

NOTE: PC means Parish Council

P20/V1667/O – Fermi Gate, Harwell Campus. Outline application to provide employment floorspace for offices, laboratories and light industrial uses. The PC responded with a holding objection, requesting information on a Harwell Campus Masterplan, Awaiting determination.

P21/V1171/FUL – Former Esso Research Centre, Milton Hill. Application for 44,380sq.m of industrial development. The Parish Council objected strongly to this proposal. Permission refused.

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 Parish Council submitted a holding objection pending revised plans. Permission granted.

P21/V2296/FUL and P21/V2297/LB – The Plough Inn, Orchard Lane. Resubmission (within 12 months of original submission) of Planning and Listed Building applications (P20/V2382/FUL and P20/V2383/LB) – proposed restoration of the Listed Plough Inn to its former state as a residential dwelling with additional enabling works. Conversion of the Listed Oak Room into a residential property. Creation of an extended clubhouse for the Bowls Club and introduction of a new pedestrian gate. Erection of a new house. Refurbishment of existing Listed Cob Wall. The Parish Council submitted comments but did not object. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P21/V2788/HH and P21/V2791/LB – Hines Cottage, Horn Lane. Proposed additional rooflight to slate roof, minor adjustment to position of other rooflights, addition of new pedestrian and vehicle gates, replacement of glazed doors with window. The Parish Council had no objection. Permission granted.

P21/V2772/FUL – Harwell Science & Innovation Campus. Erection of transformer substation at the National Centre for pre-clinical innovation. The Parish Council had no objection. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P21/V2918/LB – Church Place, Church Street. Repair/Replace secondary glazing of external doors and windows. The Parish Council had no objection. Permission granted.

P21/V3129/HH and P21/V3130/LB – Corner House, Allins Lane. Alterations to existing barns to provide ancillary accommodation together with new boundary treatment. The Parish Council had no objection. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P21/V3137/T28 – Portway Farm Buildings, Featherbed Lane. Installation of new equipment cabinet with associated ancillary works. The Parish Council had no comment. Permission granted.

P21/V3125/FUL – Southernwood, Cat Street. Conversion of existing shed into workplace. The Parish Council had no objection. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P21/V3356 – The Beeches, Wantage Road, Rowstock. Single storey rear extension. The Parish Council had no comment. Permission granted.

P21/V3405/FUL – Mary Lyon Centre, Harwell Campus. Erection of new science and research facility with associated landscaping, car and cycle parking. Awaiting determination.

Parish Council

Council meetings are held at Snells Hall at 7:30pm on the 1st Thursday of each month. An Open Forum, in which parishioners may ask questions, starts at 8pm.

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Fund: Diana Wheeker, Jan Wansell

Viewing and commenting on planning applications online

All planning applications in the Vale of White Horse available at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Planning Matters (continued)

P22/V0126/HH and P22/V0127/LB – The Old Post Office, High Street. Installation of two new rooflights in the kitchen ceiling at the rear of the property. The Parish Council had no objection. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P22/V0132/HH – Towersey, Skeats Bush. Extension and remodelling of existing dwelling through replacement roof and demolition of single storey part to rear of dwelling. Thermal upgrade of external building envelope. The Parish Council had no objection. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P22/V0175/O – Cornerbrook, Mill Lane. Self build project for single residential dwelling and garage adjacent to Cornerbrook. Access is from Mill Lane. The Parish Council did not object to this application.

P00/V0295/HH – Hines Cottage, Horn Lane. Proposed bin store and air source heat pump enclosure to front corner of the site. The Parish Council is still considering this application.

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Village Diary - Spring 2022

Please check that the following are still taking place by contacting clubs and groups direct. Contact details are in articles or under Regular Events (right)

March 2022

3rd DGA Tea 3pm Snells Hall (page 3)
Parish Council meeting 7:30pm

10th to

12th Springline Panto (see front page)

17th WI Snells Hall 7pm

25th Tennis Club Quiz (see page 13)

April 2022

2nd Champs Chapel open (see page 5)

7th DGA Tea 3pm Snells Hall (page 3)
Parish Council meeting 7:30pm

9th Easter Bazaar Snells Hall 11 to 3

May 2022

5th Parish Council meeting 7:30pm

12th DGA Tea 3pm Snells Hall (page 3)

June 2022

2nd to

5th Platinum Jubilee events - TBA

12th Open Gardens (see page 5)

Deadline date for next *Bulletin*

Please send your articles, B&W photographs (separately and not part of text), diary entries etc. for the next *Bulletin* to me at the editor's e-mail address of bulletin@hendred.org to reach me by

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Thank you.

Rachel

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Regular Events

These details may have been impacted by the Covid pandemic - please check with contacts.

Sunday Champs Chapel Museum
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Monday Community Larder 3:30 - 6:30pm
Mill Lane Sports Club

Scouts 7 - 9pm, Snells Hall
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Tuesday Beaver Scouts 5:25 - 6:25pm, Snells Hall.
(Doron 07711 474 883)

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

Contact Doron Jensen - Group Scout Leader - for enquiries about joining at gslcuckhamsley@kascouts.org.uk

Wednesday Walking Group 9:30 am
See page 5 for details and contact

Thursday Springline Singers 7:30 pm
See page 11 for details and contact

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1st Tuesday - 7:45pm, Snells Hall Gallery

Parish Council Meeting
1st Thursday - 7:30pm, Snells Hall (Main Hall)

Downs Golden Age Club
1st Thursday with tea or lunch
See page 3

Women's Institute
See page 11

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