

EAST HENDRED Bulletin



Act of Remembrance on Sunday 13 November 2022

This year the Act of Remembrance again attracted a large turnout on a fine, mild day that got warmer as the service progressed.

The service was conducted by Father Andrew Burnham of St Mary's Catholic Church and Olwen Lintern-Smyth, Churchwarden of St Augustine's. The Last Post and Reveille were expertly played by bugler Brian Thomas of Wantage Silver Band. The exhortation to 'remember them' was read by Gavin Beaumont, and the names of the fallen were read by Jonathan and Catherine Shortis.

Martin Realey laid a wreath on behalf of the village, Pip Couchman for the Scouting organisations, Sylvia May followed with a wreath for the fallen in Burma, Jacob Realey for the Parachute Regiment in Afghanistan and Dair Farrar-Hockley for the Falklands war.

After the service, refreshments (a very nice sherry and hot sausage rolls!) were served by gracious volunteers from the East Hendred Heritage Trust. Thanks to the backup team, including Jane and Will England and Oli Barton who directed the traffic and ran the sound system.

As ever, thanks are due to Vicki Farrar-Hockley for organising this event and also the Poppy Appeal house-to-house collection across the village, to support those who personally bear the cost of protecting us.



Lest we forget



The Esso Site - Rowstock Residents Association needs your help!

To fight the massive warehouse development & HGV traffic explosion

RRA are taking on Goliath and need your help before a final inquiry in just a few weeks' time. They have got an excellent, evidenced case and with your help, they can win this!

In April 2021, Vale of White Horse District Council refused planning permission for a huge (400,000 sq ft, 18 metre high) warehousing facility on the old Esso Research Centre site, between Abingdon Road and Featherbed Lane. The scale of this operation is massive - comparable with the huge warehouses in Didcot or on the M40 at Banbury. It is estimated that up to 1400 HGVs per day would go to and from the site via the Rowstock roundabout and A34, on a 24-hour basis. The applicant is appealing against the unanimous decision of elected representatives by going directly to the Secretary of State. This appeal will be heard at a public inquiry in Wantage, starting on 17th January.

Why should I care?

The Rowstock roundabout is already congested, and the Milton and Chilton A34 interchanges are at or near to capacity. The local road network would become significantly more congested, 24 hours a day - impacting local traffic and increasing danger for cyclists. This is a development of huge, inappropriate buildings on a rural site - not the high tech industries planned for the Science Vale. Local residents in Rowstock and Milton Heights will be massively affected by both noise and pollution - 24/7, 365 days a year.

How can I help?

RRA has collected 1100 signatures on a petition against the development. East Hendred Parish Council is strongly supporting RRA's fight. RRA has launched a crowd-funding campaign to pay for a barrister - vital to represent them at the inquiry. Please contribute to the campaign online and spread the word through your networks. Every little helps!

See the hendred.org website, or go to justgiving.com and search for *RowstockResidentsAssociationEssoSite*

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 be added to the subscribers list, email events@hendred.org

You can also see the messages at www.hendred.org

Message from our local County Councillor

What's new at County Hall?

Well it's been an interesting few months in politics - I literally have to Google who ministers and Secretaries of State are, and a lettuce lasts longer than I thought!

The reality is that we have budget cuts, instability in public funding, uncertainty and are now in a cost of living crisis. I have penned several motions around this at the County Council, one declaring a Cost of Living Emergency, which has resulted in a £2 million package of support for the county, and in November I proposed one around the need for parity in off-grid fuels.

As your county councillor I deal with 15-20 items of casework a week, from highways issues to children that are vulnerable, healthcare, education and adult social care needs. There's been a shift the last few months and I am getting asked a lot about cost of living.

What's on our doorstep?

We are currently in the consultation for the village 20mph speed limit and the Relief to Rowstock Phase 1. Worryingly we face an appeal for the former Esso site near the Milton House Hotel, which will be here in January 2023! Appeals make me mad - a democratic process was carried out yet a developer with deep pockets can overturn the decision made by democratically elected representatives of communities.

Featherbed Lane remains a race track - I had a close call in November by utterly ridiculous driving behaviour.

As many of you may know, with HEG in February I founded the scheme to open the Community Larder. This has expanded into a Community Hub, which you can read about on page 5. We've shifted over 50 tonnes of food waste saving it all from landfill. Extraordinary,

A quick note to thank Sarah James, who's recently joined the Parish Council, for all her hard work on the Hendreds Environment Group. Last month Sarah stepped down, as the Vice Chair I am now co-chairing with Kate Pritchard who has written this edition's Green Column.

You may have seen the Group Against the Reservoir banners, because the SESRO Reservoir project is of huge concern to us all locally. I do hope you can make it to the public meeting, which is at Snells Hall on Thursday 8th December at 7.30pm.

It's great to see the revamp and diverse programme of the Hendred Owls WI. I am so glad Louise & Frances helped me to keep it alive, and it's growing month by month! Hopefully I'll see some of you at Hendred House for our Festive meeting.

I've been talking to the allotment group about some of their plans, and cannot wait for Hilary's Wreath Class!

My priority funding (£15k) has all been spent for this period and I am pleased to say locally I have spent...

- Be Free Young Carers £500 (Based at Harwell Innovation Centre on campus)
- EHPC £840 (Snells Walkway repairs)
- £1500 Hendred Sports Club Women's/Girls Cricket
- £500 - Hendred & Harwell Youth FC

Sadly it's not much money to spread over 9 parishes. If you have ideas for 2023/2025 funding period, please do speak to me in the first instance. My priority areas are equality and inclusion, climate and ecology, biodiversity and nature recovery and finally youth and young people's engagement and development. We have some hard-pressed issues in SEND and Adult Social Care, and it's not getting any easier.

You can contact me at the County Council (pg 15) or:
Phone - 07939 912997

Facebook - sally4hendredsandharwell

IG and TikTok - Sally4Change

Highways issues - report on <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

Highways Out of Hours - evenings, weekends and bank

holidays - NB new tel no: **01223 849731**

For any other concerns please look at -

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

Sally Povolotsky

The Hendred Owls WI

We've had a great couple of months with more new members joining and a much more diverse age range. The autumn programme kicked off with a fabulous introduction to Yoga with Jodi who took us through a great range of movements to calm us and increase our flexibility. October we had an fascinating time learning about how conkers can be used to make washing liquid (and yes it works), followed by using bicarbonate of soda for multiple cleaning ideas. We all left with more eco-friendly products for cleaning our homes from our very own Sally Povolotsky. November will be the last hands-on night for a while as we indulge in some Christmas crafting, ahead of our Christmas treat of a trip up to Hendred House with Ali Eyston (strictly members only in December).

Do come along and try us out, we are a lively bunch of ladies, there's always a friendly face to greet you, a glass of wine and plenty of us to get to know. In January we are having a talk on the Women of Oxford who have been ground breaking in their fields of expertise. Then we are embarking on our fundraiser for the year, we will be selling tickets for a Bingo night of fun with prizes for all, so save the date Saturday 25th February, tickets will be on sale in the new year.

New members and visitors (small entry fee) are welcome. We meet at Snells Hall on the third Wednesday of the month, doors open at 7:15pm, the wine is always cold – just turn up. Follow us on Facebook @hendredowlswi and Instagram @hendredowlswi or email thehendredowlswi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

Walking Group - every Wednesday

We've had a beautiful autumn with some stunning weather and not too much rain. We've had plenty of walks round East and West Hendred with a coffee stop at Ardington and have also ventured further afield. We are currently planning our Christmas lunch on 7th December which will be at the Ridgeway café at Court Hill. 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. Our East Hendred walks always start at 9.30 by St. Augustine's church. For more information please email: susie@monks court.co.uk or ring 07710 274653. We now have a Facebook page *Hendred Walking Group*

from the chair



It was encouraging to see such a good turnout at this year's Remembrance Service on 13th November, demonstrating that we all still have a continuing concern for those from the village who died in war.

The setting up of a "warm space" in Snells Hall on two days each week is a positive step to help those faced with increasing energy bills. It is also an occasion when people can meet up and have a coffee and enjoy each other's company. The Parish Council will aim to support these facilities as the winter progresses. The continuing success of the Community Larder is also a help to those needing support from increasing food bills, as well as minimising the food that would go to landfill. We should all be grateful to those who run these events.

The proposed speed reduction to 20mph in the village is welcome as accidents at this speed are significantly less serious than those at higher speeds. This follows a general move to introduce this speed limit to other Oxfordshire villages. Village roads are not designed for higher speeds.

The village benefits from having an active Scouting group - of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts organised by volunteer leaders who plan and run programmes, supported by other helpers working in the background. Our thanks are to all those involved.

It's good news that one of our councillors, Sarah James, has recently trained and qualified as Fix My Street "super-user" which means she can check and mark potholes and arrange for a repair if they meet certain criteria. The best way to report potholes and other street problems such as blocked gullies is to log on to Fix My Street at <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

Please come along to the GARD meeting at 7.30 pm on 8th December at Snells Hall. There will be a presentation on the new draft Regional plan, together with the Thames Water draft plan for the Abingdon reservoir. This reservoir is still centre stage as an early Strategic Source of water for the region and would have a major effect on this area. The leaflet with this *Bulletin* (also on the hendred.org website) gives more information.

We welcome our new Rector, Rev. Dr. Nikolaj Christensen and his young family in the rectory and look forward to their involvement in the village.

John Sharp

Planning Update

The Plough site development has been approved with conditions relating to the use of the club house and bowling green. It will be welcome to see development of this site considering its current condition. The possibility of a new bowling club being started in a purpose-built club house on the site has been proposed - see page 13.

The application for the Greensands development progresses with applications to approve reserved matters, which have included tree protection and landscaping, drainage strategy, play area and travel plan. It is encouraging that the play area plans include seven pieces of equipment including a multi-play unit, roundabout, climbing unit and swings. A play area for children in the new developments north of the A417 has been needed for some time. A condition on the drainage strategy may mean upgrading the sewage system through the village and the Council has asked Thames Water for further details.

The Mather House development of ten bungalows is nearing completion and these properties are being advertised for sale as retirement bungalows.

The Council has been active in commenting on new developments on the Harwell Campus. The Council initially objected to the TechEdge development, mainly on the grounds of loss of biodiversity (i.e. loss of 100 trees). Following a site visit and discussion with the agents the Council withdrew its objection and sought a condition relating to boundary treatment. This application was approved recently. The Council objected to another Harwell application, for a building north of Thompson Avenue, on the grounds of the size of the proposed building and loss of biodiversity. This application is being considered by the Vale.

The Vale's refusal of permission for development of the old Esso Research Centre site, between Abingdon Road and Featherbed Lane into a very large warehousing and goods distribution centre has been appealed to the Secretary of State - see page 1.

Age UK AGM in Oxford

I attended the AGM with the keynote speaker Natalie Turner of The Centre for Better Ageing. This is a social movement to change how people think, feel and act about ageing. Amongst their priorities is that of developing age-friendly communities across the country where people are able to live healthy and active later lives and it is possible to stay living in their homes, participate in activities they value, and contribute to their communities as long as possible.

We saw many examples of communities working to achieve this such as;

- Adaptation of outside spaces with ramps, benches and dropped curbs following an "accessibility audit"

- Shared tables for people living alone to eat together in restaurants and cafes
- Providing information and services by means other than online
- Providing clearer signage to local services.

Do you think East Hendred is an Age Friendly Community? We know East Hendred is a village with a big heart, but could we be doing more? Your views are welcome!

It's also worth remembering that if you are 45 now, when you are 65 the percentage of the population over that age will have increased by 32%.

More information is available online at ageing-better.org.uk or written information from Penny Tel: 833497 or Email: pennyannewall@gmail.com

Penny Wall

Gardening Club

We have been meeting regularly over the season. If you would like to join us, email angelapawlyn@outlook.com

We have a wide range of type of gardens. Louise, new member Sarah, Rosie and Ann are developing gardens round their recently built houses.

We also have a range of approaches to managing established gardens. We are always fascinated by the extension of Pauline's garden down Home Farm Close and impressed by her knowledge of plants. We enjoyed Alison and Paul's stunning rose collection planted in their borders and courtyard area. Anna's garden was still very colourful in early October with dahlias still in full flower.

Lots of things have been done in our gardens to make space for wildlife. Barbara has lots of lovely bird boxes. Angela makes it an excuse for her untidy garden.

Swapping plants is great. In early November Angela was enjoying the cosmos which Sarah gave her. The ones she had grown had long gone over.

Springline Radio Players

It has been a busy few months since the Autumn *Bulletin* and our repertory company has expanded to over thirty voice-over artists, four directors and six writers making up the team.

To celebrate the season of Halloween in October, you could have listened to "Dracula" by Bram Stoker or "The Body in the Boot" by Karen McKivitt, while November featured the first play by local writer, Ralph Wears, entitled "The Lockdown" and took the audience through the two years of the pandemic. For Christmas, we have the fourth in the Dame Felicity adventures, "Felicity's Christmas Carol" and the famous American poem penned in 1823 by Clement Clarke Moore, "The Night Before Christmas".

2023 looks like another busy year with six plays in pre-production including "Séance for a Spy", "Something for the Weekend", "Two Billion Problems", and a new play specifically written for Remembrance Sunday.

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Community Hub

Over the last few months there have been some big changes for the HEG Community Larder, expanded into Snells Hall (with thanks to the Hall Committee) and now the creation of a warm space, cafe, and more. We have rolled this all into one big Community Hub, alongside the Cinnamon Cafe and the Community Kitchen.

So what is it?

Well, the **Community Larder** is a membership scheme run by SOFEA in which for £3.50 a week you can come and take up to 14 items of food waste - fruit and veg, chilled, frozen and ambient foods. Not only does it reduce landfill waste but it's fantastic value for money. Most weeks you will be taking £20/40 worth of actual food. **BARGAIN!** Also note we have shifted over 50 tonnes of food waste since February 2022!!

Anyone can sign up - just email heglarder@gmail.com for the link, it's super easy!

We also have the **Community Kitchen**, where we cook from food waste every week and you can collect meals every Tuesday evening, email heglarder@gmail.com to book ahead or ask at the Larder on Mondays. There's no charge but a donation of £1 per person per meal is welcome if you have it - no questions asked if you don't. Please bring your own food containers or bring ours back.

The **Cinnamon Cafe** is twice a week on Mondays and Fridays, a safe, warm space to just hang out, eat, chat, cook, read, work, wherever you like, it's your space!

What is a warm space, and why do we need it? First, a warm space is for everyone, a place that's open to share, whether it's to work, rest or play! We have the café open for breakfasts, lunches and kids' high teas. You can bring your laptop and work (excellent wifi!), or meet friends and socialise, or come alone and chat with us. We have colouring in, space for toddlers, children and small ones in prams, and it's disabled accessible too. It's a true community space. The principle behind it is to save money and energy: we bulk cook, it's warm and gives you somewhere else to be other than at home.

Every time you come to our warm space you'll be given a warm welcome from our volunteers. Everyone is treated equally, with dignity and respect. Everyone has a right to be warm, so everyone in a warm space treats people, and is treated by people, with dignity and respect.

We'll not tell anyone about you needing a warm space. If you want to share the reasons you need a warm space, someone will listen, but they won't tell anyone else unless you give them permission. We have information about other available help should you need it. This is all about helping each other.

It doesn't matter why you need a warm space. It's a non-judgemental space; whatever the reason you have for needing to come in, everyone is treated the same and never judged. We are all feeling the pinch in so many ways, but we can get through this together.

What's the cost? Nothing, we don't charge, it's open to all but we do not receive any funding so we are reliant on donations. We have had some from the West Hendred Beer festival, which is covering food waste and insurances, but we have a pot you can pop a £1 into, but only if you can, it's welcomed but NOT expected. The Hall has been very generous and we are operating the space with no charge at present. We also have an Amazon wish list for things we need!

Slow Cooker Loan

Earlier in the year we did a collection for slow cookers, which are energy efficient (so much cheaper than using the oven) and easy to use. Ideal when combined with food from the Larder that's for sure! We have them to give away for the winter, so please do contact us if you need one and we will arrange collection/drop off - email heglarder@gmail.com

Thank you and we hope to see you soon.

Roots & Shoots Community Hub

Supported by: HEG Community Larder and Hendreds & Harwell Community support.

Hub events each week in Snells Hall

Monday	Community Larder	4 - 5:30pm
	Cinnamon Cafe	2 - 5.30pm
Tuesday	Community Kitchen	Collect food 5.30 - 6:30pm
Friday	Community Kitchen & Cafe	9am - 4pm

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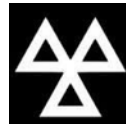
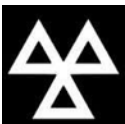
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East Hendred Heritage Trust

This year has proven to be a good year for the museum and we have been pleased to welcome so many visitors since we reopened after the difficult period during the pandemic.

We have enjoyed many interesting fundraisers which was good after being unable to fundraise since early 2020.

The work of the museum trustees is varied and we are always looking for new projects to ensure we continue with our objective which is to enhance the public education in the history and culture of East Hendred and the surrounding villages, in particular to acquire, conserve and house historical relics and other items relating to the Parish of East Hendred and the local community; to display relics, artefacts, books, tools and photographs and other appropriate exhibits of local interest. With this in mind we welcome the many donations we have received over the past years and we thank you because this has helped to make the museum the place you see today. If you or your family have items which you would like to either loan or donate into our safe keeping, we would love to hear from you. In the first instance please contact our secretary Diana Wheeler by email on hendredheritagesecretary@gmail.com or by popping a note through her door, The Old Post Office, next to The Eyston Arms.

Rappaport talk ... When we asked author Helen Rappaport if she would come and give a talk in support of our village Museum she replied, 'If you can get more than three people...'

Well, there were definitely more than three at the illustrated talk she generously gave on 'The lost painting of Mary Seacole and its forgotten Artist' in Snells Hall at the beginning of October. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining evening. We heard how, while researching her biography, she had tracked down the iconic painting and that the relatives of the painter, Albert Challen, had lived in East Hendred. All interspersed with fascinating facts about the Jamaican nurse it portrayed. The Madhatter bookshop came along to the event and books were sold and signed. But, best of all, Helen Rappaport later wrote on her facebook page: '...the people of East Hendred did me proud and filled the village hall. It was a wonderful evening!' There is a new display board about Mary Seacole in the museum – come and see next spring.

Family photographic day ... This event was another one well attended and we were really pleased to see a lot more younger people sitting going through the photographs; many looking for school pictures of themselves, which I am sorry to say we seem to be lacking in our collection. If you have any school photographs you would like to share with us and add a copy to our collection, we would be very happy to receive them.

A project we would still like to take further is to research the family trees of some of the older names associated with the village like Prater, Stone, Shailer, Stoter, Roberts and Besley to name but a few. We are in the process of applying for a grant to enable this project to move forward.

Memories ... The museum has books which record the memories of people in the village. If you would like to help us enhance these books with your memories of living in East Hendred we would love to hear from you: what was your first day at school like? Do you remember when the Church of England school moved from what is now Snells Hall? Can you remember the old village hall and what took place there? This village is known for its parades, fetes and tea parties. These and many more memories make up East Hendred. Please help us ensure those memories are not lost for ever.

Amazon Smile ... If you use Amazon Smile to purchase items, please consider naming us as your chosen charity and help raise money to support the museum.

Volunteers ... The role of the volunteer with East Hendred Heritage Trust is one we could not do without, from the stewards who open the museum to the public and answer their many questions to the people who prefer to work in the background, we thank you all. If you would like to join our band of volunteers you would be most welcome. One of the roles we are trying to fill is helping with social media. If that is you, please do get in touch (hendredheritagesecretary@gmail.com)

Christmas Lights and Carols ... There will be singing of carols, mulled wine and the switching on of the lights on the village Christmas tree on Sunday 4th December at 5pm, outside the Museum and War Memorial.

Please do come along, bring your torch and a few coins for our donations bucket!

Museum closed for winter but individual visits can be arranged during this period. Contact the secretary to arrange. We open again in April.

Springline Singers - Your Community Choir

Springline Singers, our Community Choir, meets regularly on Thursday evening 7.30 to 9.30pm at West Hendred Village Hall. Since September we have been very busy practicing for performances in December which include singing to the WI at Hendred House. We will resume after the Christmas break on Thursday 12th January. £7 per session.

The choir is for anyone aged 16+ who wants to sing. 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 wellbeing and be part of our community of singers!

For more information, please look at the Facebook group page: Springline Singers or email susieturnbull51@icloud.com

High Street Rose Beds

The rose beds have been cheered up! The dead roses are gone and been replaced with catmint and alliums. The soil has had specialist compost added. Fingers crossed for a good display next year!

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Parish Church of St Augustine

It has been a joy for my family and me to move into the Rectory this autumn and to begin to get to know our local community. So many people have made us feel welcome – we are deeply grateful.

I've lived in Oxfordshire since 2011 and was most recently a minister at Iffley Church in south-east Oxford. I've moved here with my wife Hannah who is a physicist and our two young children.

Connecting with the next generation is the challenge that will define the church's future. As well as supporting the churches in East Hendred, West Hendred, Ardington, and Lockinge, I will be coming in to the Hendreds C of E school to lead collective worship approximately once a fortnight.

As I write this, we are preparing to welcome the Scouts for our Remembrance Sunday service, but very soon we'll be looking ahead to Advent and Christmas. We will be celebrating the light that shines in the darkness – the God who still looks out for humanity despite all the sometimes disastrous things we get up to. It would be lovely to see

you at one or more of our Christmas services, on Christmas Day at 11am or before that at our ecumenical carol service at 6:30pm on Friday 23 December. Times of all services are posted in *What's On in The Hendreds*. Please don't hesitate to contact me for further information.

For the moment our Sunday services are continuing fortnightly at 11am. There will be services in East Hendred on 4, 18 and 25 December, 8 and 22 January, and so forth, pending a review in the new year. On other Sundays you can join the services in West Hendred at 9:30am or Ardington at 11am. The church is also usually open as a place for quiet prayer or contemplation every day from early morning to late afternoon.

I am more than happy to be contacted if you wish to talk to someone in confidence about anything that's troubling you, or to visit you at home if you struggle to come to the church building.

Nikolaj Christensen
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St Mary's Catholic Church, East Hendred

Listening to the radio in the car recently I heard a bit of a phone-in on the subject of Christmas. The callers were people without much money, and in some lonely and in poor health. They were focused on making Christmas special, ensuring that children got presents and that it was the best celebration they could manage. One caller was anxious to give his children a proper Christmas before the magic wore off – he seemed to mean believing in Santa Claus. None of those I heard mentioned what really makes Christmas special: God becoming one of us, a human being and living in our midst, so that, eventually, we can become one with Him. The Christmas stories, which come to us mainly in St Luke's Gospel, are the real magic of Christmas. This is the real Christmas gift and it is perfectly captured in the lovely poem of Christina Rossetti:

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?

*Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.*

A holy and blessed Christmas and a happy New Year to you and yours.
Fr Andrew



Advent and Christmas 2022

All events at St Mary's, except as indicated. All welcome.

Sunday 27th November Advent Sunday

9.30am	Parish Mass
11.15am	Mass at St Patrick's, East Ilsley
5pm	Ecumenical Advent Carols and Readings
6pm	Sung Mass

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

4pm	Vigil Mass for Families
<i>Children dress as angels, shepherds, Joseph, Mary etc.</i>	
8pm	Mass of Christmas Night

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

9.30am	Mass of the Day
11.15am	Mass at St Patrick's, East Ilsley
<i>No 6pm Mass</i>	

Sunday 1st January 2023 Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9.30am	Parish Mass
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Winter Harvest

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After the record breaking heat and drought in the summer, the weather has broken and the ground is now more than a little soggy. This means that there's not a lot of action on the allotments apart from clearing the debris of summer crops and watching closely to make sure that Brussels sprouts swell in time for Christmas. There should also be crops of various kales, cabbages,

parsnips, leeks as well as the much anticipated purple sprouting.

To ensure hands don't get too idle over the autumn and winter months, there are plans for some useful learning with three workshops planned that will be open to everyone: A **Christmas Wreath Workshop** using natural and foraged materials and **Winter Pruning** (apple trees) in late January.

Start to grow your own vegetables: Fancy growing some fruit and veg? We'll explore growing in plots, beds and containers, look at dig and no dig methods and choose crops to grow through the summer for you and your family - late March TBC.

These workshops are open to anyone, not just allotment holders so if you'd like to join one or all of the sessions then please contact Hil on hildorling@gmail.com

The Green Column - Hendred Environment Group (HEG)

After many years as Chair of HEG, Sarah James has decided to stand down from the Group committee. Sarah's community spirit and her love of our natural environment is evident, Sarah was instrumental in gaining the funding for creating the walkway through Snells Woodland, creating a traffic-free walk between Snells and Fordy Lane, and a community conservation space was also created here, where Sarah has organised many work parties to improve its wildlife value.

The Carbon Conversations championed by Sarah resulted in HEG winning a prize for carbon footprint reduction as part of the Big Carbon Challenge initiative. Sarah encouraged residents to take part in Space for

Wildlife during the pandemic. This was a great antidote to lockdowns, where people could focus on creating more biodiverse spaces in their own gardens and within the village. More recently HEG has been proud to support the zero-waste Community Larder.

HEG represents all the spring line villages and hamlets between West Lockinge and Rowstock. HEG organises and supports activities that encourage our communities to work together for people, nature, and the environment.

Over the winter months HEG will be planning for the year ahead. Could you share your skills and ideas? Want to learn and meet more folk in your community? How about a New Year's Resolution that benefits you and the environment?! Watch this space and social media for updates and shout-outs for opportunities to become involved.

Kate Pritchard

What makes a Scout Leader tick?

We are very lucky in our village, to have a Scout Group of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts which welcomes boys and girls and is led by volunteer leaders supported by a volunteer Executive Committee which manages administration and compliance with Scout Movement rules. The committee meets about six times a year – usually in one of the local pubs.

So why do they do it?

Some enjoy inspiring young people with varied activities, where they can challenge themselves. Others like the activities - bike rides, canoeing trips, hill walks and camping. Leaders participate alongside the youngsters, and even undertake nationally recognised training qualifications.

This year, the Scouts have undertaken visits to such places as the EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) HQ at Didcot and the Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford. As well as these trips away, leaders plan games and activities in the hall or locally. There is a wealth of materials and ideas on the Scouting website, to tailor to our own group providing opportunities for creativity and organisation.

Most training and visits are funded by the Scout Association. This includes courses on; leadership, managing people, planning, and teamwork. Undertaking this training, and then putting it into practice can enhance a leader's CV.

With a team and lots of equipment, camping is great fun. The group has a wide range of tents and camping equipment. The annual camp is usually a highlight of each

section's year – many people to share the planning and organisation – and scouts to put the actual tents up.

You can camp in luxury with a gas-powered fridge, solar shower and porta-loos – or you can get back to nature with one of our backwoods camps, learning bushcraft skills.

Some people volunteer because they want to give something back to the community, or wish to become more engaged with village life. It's a great way to meet new people and become part of an effective team. Not everyone can commit to a regular weekly meeting. Some have skills in particular areas – such as finance, store-keeping, cooking (camp chefs always needed!) or in teaching particular hobbies or sports. Some were Cubs and Scouts, Brownies or Guides. But this is not essential to be a leader.

Whatever the reason – all Scout Leaders agree – just like the youngsters, they get involved to have fun!

If you would like to learn more, come along to an evening meeting, or contact the Group Scout Leader (GSL) Doron Jensen at gslcuckhamsley@kascouts.org.uk for a chat. (Tel. 07711 474 883.)

All leaders and trustees have to undertake a DBS (vetting) check in order to work with young people, arranged and paid for by the Scout Association.

There are perks: Leaders can get an extra 15% off the discount card price at Go Outdoors and 20% off at Blacks and Millets outdoor shops, and other outdoor gear shops. Anyone who volunteers as a leader, or on the Exec Committee, automatically gets one child's subscription waived for as long as they are a leader. *Doron Jensen*

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Golden Age Club

The last few months have been very busy. On 1st September we had an "Open Tea" to attract some new members from East and West Hendred and we had a speaker from a local charity Parkinsons.me. It was very interesting to hear about their work and especially their beautiful garden in Lockinge. In October it was a tea meeting and a talk entitled "Tax, Care and the New Guy". We were certainly given a lot of information about how to sort out our finances. Mid October saw the return of our popular Bridge Drive which, of course, we have not had for over two years. This in one of our main fund-raising events and we were thrilled to raise over £800 for the club. Our November meeting saw the welcome return of our lunches, always more popular than the teas, and 60

members sat down to a delicious main course provided by Salvador and his team followed by apple crumbles made by the committee. After lunch we were delighted to have a talk by Jan and Phil Harrison. This time it was their inspiring tale of walking the Camino trail. On 1st December it's our Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, carol singing and a visit from Santa with a laden sack. On 12th January it's another lunch and Fun and Games!

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 for lunch or tea and we always welcome new members. Membership is only £20 per year and that covers all the lunches and teas, speakers and subsidised outings. For more information, please ring Susie on 07710274653 or email susie@monkscourt.co.uk

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The X32 has great time coverage now. You can get to Didcot Parkway after 11pm and still get a bus back to East Hendred. It takes only 10 minutes to get to Wantage, but Didcot and Oxford routes are slower.

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X32 – as above.

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Local cycle routes:

East Hendred is very close to the Icknield Greenway cycle route to Wantage and route 544 to Harwell Campus and on to Didcot. In both directions the route is mainly traffic free. The disused railway line from Upton to Didcot is a particular pleasure. You can find both of these routes just south of East Hendred, up Newbury Road.

Sarah James

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See www.hendred.org.

Hendred Bowls – a new club?

There is a long tradition of playing lawn bowls in the village – there was a bowling green at the junction of White Road and High Street; it is now the Bowling Alley Allotments. In 1997, Abingdon-based Morland brewery moved the bowling club for its staff and retirees to the Plough in East Hendred. They converted part of the garden into a bowls green. The players came from all around Abingdon.

The brewery, and the Plough, closed in early 2017. The Morland Bowls Club stopped using the green in February. Villagers and their friends are encouraged to say if they are keen to re-open a club, to be called Hendred Bowls Club. Probably about 50 to 100 family and individual memberships will be needed to restart the club and to ensure there are enough funds to maintain the green.

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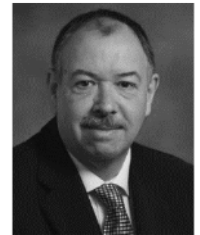


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P20/V1667/O – Outline application with all matters reserved for the redevelopment of part of the Harwell Campus known as Fermi Gate to provide employment floorspace for offices, laboratories and light industrial uses, temporary accommodation, parking and ancillary uses, landscaping and open space. The PC responded with a holding objection, requesting information on a Harwell Campus Masterplan, details of the of the floorspace and a travel plan. Awaiting determination.

P21/V1171/FUL – Former Esso Research Centre, Milton Hill. Application for use as a distribution centre, with access, servicing, parking, landscaping etc. The PC objected strongly to this application. Application refused by VOWH DC. The applicant has appealed against the refusal to the Secretary of State. Rowstock Residents' Association, VOWH DC, the PC and Milton Hill House Hotel are opposing the appeal.

P21/V2296/FUL and P21/V2297/LB – The Plough Inn, Orchard Lane. Restoration of the Plough Inn 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,. Erection of a new house. Refurbishment of existing listed Cob Wall. Permission granted.

P21/V3129/HH & V3130/LB – Corner House, Allins Lane. Works to existing barns, to provide ancillary accommodation. New access gate proposed, with existing boundary treatment to be retained. The PC had no objection. 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 by VOWH.

P22/V0396/FUL – Vaccine Manufacturing Centre, Harwell Campus, Variation of condition 2. PC made comments on visual impact. Permission granted.

P22/V0416/O – Land south of Curie Avenue and west of Eighth Street. Provision of new employment floorspace, car parking and green infrastructure, comprising: Detailed planning application for Tech Edge Zone 1 and 2 and outline planning application for Tech Edge Zone 3 and 4. The PC objected as the plan was contrary to Local Plan Part 2 Core Policy CP15B on the development of Harwell Campus, Local Plan Part 1 Core Policy CP44 on Landscape and the NPPF paragraphs 174 and 176. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P22/V1787/FUL – Harwell Science and Innovation Campus North of Thomson Avenue. Erection of employment building for office use with associated landscaping and car parking. The PC objected as the plan was contrary to CP46 of the Local Plan. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P22/V2029/FUL – Smallholding adjacent to Bowling Alley Allotments. Proposal to provide a dog walking paddock with 1.8m high fencing and replacement of existing derelict building. The Parish Council requested a number of amendments. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P22/V2282/HH and P22/V1469/LB – Pebble Cottage, Cat Street. Removal of modern wall replace windows with french doors, The PC had no objections. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

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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Thursday 5 th January	Green & Food NO GARDEN	Monday 9 th January
Wednesday 11 th January	Grey & Food	Saturday 14 th January

Planning Matters (continued)

P22/V2241/HH – 33 Couplings Close. Erection of timber framed garden building. The PC had no objections. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P22/V2250/FUL – Unit 7, BEPO land to north of Thompson Avenue, Harwell Campus. Temporary change of use for storage purposes. The PC had no objections. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P22/V2283/HH – 20 Portway Close. Single storey rear extensions. The PC had no objections. Permission granted.

P22/V2411/O – Cornerbrook, Mill Lane. Single residential dwelling and garage. The PC had no objections. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P22/V2607/FUL – Colt Corner, Horn Lane. (Resubmission of V2607/FUL). Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 4 bedroom house, conversion of existing garage into an annex, moving street access into Horn Lane. Under consideration by the PC.

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Village Diary - Winter 2022

December 2022

- 1st** GA Members Christmas Lunch 1pm
Snells Hall (pg 13)
- 1st** Parish Council meeting 7:30pm
- 4th** Switching on of Christmas Lights
and Carols (see EHHT pg 7)
- 8th** GARD meeting Snells Hall 7pm
- 23rd** Carol service, St Augustine's 6:30pm

January 2023

- 5th** Parish Council meeting 7:30pm
- 12th** GA Lunch 1pm Snells Hall (pg 13)
- 17th** Appeal public inquiry - Wantage
See article by RRA on front page.
- 18th** Hendred Owls WI Snells Hall 7:15pm

February 2023

- 2nd** GA Lunch 1pm Snells (pg 13)
- 2nd** Parish Council meeting 7:30pm
- 15th** Hendred Owls WI Snells Hall
7:15pm (pg 2)

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 bulletin@hendred.org to reach me by **Wednesday 8th February 2023**

Thank you.

Rachel

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- Tuesday** Beaver Scouts 5:25 - 6:25pm, Snells Hall.
(Doron 07711 474 883)
- Cub Scouts 6:30 - 8pm, Snells Hall
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- Contact Doron Jensen - Group Scout Leader - for enquiries about joining at gslcuckhamsley@kascouts.org.uk
- Wednesday Walking Group** 9:30 am See pg 2
- Thursday Springline Singers** 7:30 pm See pg 7
- Weekdays** Pre-school, at Snells Hall, **Mon - Fri**
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- Monthly** Snells Hall Committee Meeting
1st Tuesday - 7:45pm, Snells Hall Gallery
- The Hendred Owls WI** See pg 2
3rd Wednesday (unless advised)
- Parish Council Meeting**
1st Thursday - 7:30pm, Snells Hall (Main Hall)
- Golden Age Club**
1st Thursday (unless advised) meeting with tea or lunch. See pg 13

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