

Bulletin

EAST HENDRED



Mummers - a traditional attraction



The steady beat of the drum on Boxing Day announced that the East Hendred Mummers were at the Eyston Arms and about to perform their play.

A collection on the day raised £216 for East Hendred Heritage Trust.

The East Hendred play is a variant of that of the Berkshire mummers traditionally performed up until the early 1900s by labourers and artisans.

In East Hendred, the play passed down from one father to his daughter. Rose Shailer, born 1868, the youngest of nine children, learnt the play from her father, Isaac. She married Matthew Kimber in 1887 and they raised seven boys and two girls.

In 1933 James Madison Carpenter, an American folklore collector, visited UK villages to find remnants of the mummers plays. He visited Rose Kimber and noted the characters and words she remembered of the East Hendred play.

In 2014 the Carpenter notes went online including the lost East Hendred play revived on Boxing Day 2019. On Boxing Day 2022, three new mummers took part, one of whom was a great granddaughter of Rose Kimber. We would welcome anyone with an interest in the play or in folk song and music. Please contact: robinhine123@gmail.com

Coronation of King Charles III May 6th - 8th 2023

There will be three days of celebrations to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III. Please note the following dates and information.

Monday 1st May – meet at 10 am at Hendred Stores to take part in a working party to deck the village with bunting.

Saturday 6th May – a Beacon to be lit near the Ridgeway. Set off from East and West Hendred at 6pm. Bonfire lighting at 7:30 pm. Horse box bar at the top. Transport will be organised if needed.

Sunday 7th May – a village picnic at 2 pm in Poplars Field. Bring food and drink to share. Horse box bar, fun & games, sing-along with Dom and possibly a tea tent.

Monday 8th May – The Big Help Out – community activity – details to be finalised.

There will be a flyer distributed to everyone in the village in early April with further details regarding all these events and updates publicised on the 'What's On in The Hendreds' weekly email messages.

East Hendred Parish Council needs more Parish Councillors and elections are on Thursday 4 May.

If you would like to find out more about what is involved please contact our Parish Clerk,

Julia Evans
easthendred.clerk@gmail.com
Tel: 01235 833466

You can also find information and download a nomination form from electoralcommission.org.uk

Have you thought about becoming a parish councillor?



The deadline for registration is Monday 3rd April, 4:30pm

Duties include:

Attend monthly meetings

Look after and improve the local environment

Review planning applications

Manage playparks, allotments and village lighting

Develop new village amenities

Provide input to local government policies

You need to have lived in East Hendred parish for a year and be on the electoral roll to join the Council

Message from our local County Councillor

Spring is in the air....

We've had some lasting frosts, but I have seen buds appearing, my daffodils have started to sprout and our attention turns to that period of renewal. It's been a few months of near hibernation for me and I feel like I've been reading consultation papers for the proposed reservoir at Steventon constantly. We have had several village meetings which GARD (the Group Against Reservoir Development) have kindly organised and informed us all. Please be very aware we have a huge fight on our hands. Those who live in Portway and Ridgeway Close will be able to see the proposed reservoir if it gets permission and I am sure be affected by the 10 year construction, vibration, earth movement and pollution! Please get engaged!

The County Council has prepared a response to Thames Water and the Water Resources South East Consultations which in no uncertain terms calls out the nonsense in their reports. I have been working with residents within the division (which includes Steventon), groups and councillors to ensure we are as informed as we can be of the data being presented, including writing to OFWAT to ask again for redacted data to be shown!

Of course January gave us plenty of congestion on the A417, and a combination of Thames Water, awful pothole filling and BT Openreach. My hands were numb from standing in the cold asking to speak to supervisors and calling the permit teams to find out what on earth was happening - hours spent chasing my own tail. The works outside Ridgeway Close by BT Open Reach were so poor on all levels they have been fined to date over £8,000 for the issues caused. One thing is for sure, I and my Wantage colleagues are calling for more enforcement and better management of utility companies when they come onto the highway. You however remain our eyes and ears on the ground and I've been appreciating all the messages on Facebook and WhatsApp, but kindly ask you not to message me at midnight - even I need my sleep!

The Warm Space in Snells Hall has really been a great village addition and I am forever grateful to Frances and

Mike Tristram for their continued investment of time and energy into our village. If you haven't been yet, it's every Friday from 9-4pm and now I hear there will be toddler meet-ups too and breakfast and lunch available, as well as endless tea and cake!

The HEG Larder celebrated its first anniversary in February and over 70 tonnes of food surplus saved from waste and passed to you all, I am super proud of the HEG larder team and always humbled by the time you all give to the community.

The Hendreds 20 mph speed limit has been implemented. Objections were minimal and the Parish Council and I both supported making our streets safer and more sustainable for all. There are some vehicles that really speed in the village and we need to keep East Hendred safe for all to be able to walk or cycle locally.

On April 1st my community fund reopens. This is priority funding we get as county councillors. In the past locally I've contributed towards Snells Walkway repairs and the start of the girls / women's cricket club, so come talk to me if you have any ideas you think could do with some funds this year! The pot is £15,000 and has to last two years!

Meanwhile I stay committed to voicing and championing change within politics, and transparency. As we head into another election period this May please do remember now you need Voter ID. There's lots on the government websites about this or you can always message or WhatsApp me for links. Postal votes mean that you don't have to worry, no rushing to the polling station to only find you don't have the "approved" ID available.

Of course there's a coronation and extended Bank Holiday on the horizon and I look forward to being involved in a great big village knees-up of some sort!

Until then, I might see you down the pub or wandering around the village maybe? Do stop and say hello!

Cllr Sally Povolotsky Oxfordshire County Council
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Annual Parish Meeting - come and join us!

East Hendred Parish Council is striving to increase its engagement with the Parish community and understand the priorities and the projects which you would like us to focus on.

To this end, we are holding the **Annual Parish Meeting** and wish to invite you to both attend and participate. Join us on **Thursday 20th April**, in **Snells Hall, East Hendred**, at **7pm for a 7.30pm start**. Teas, coffees, wine and light refreshments will be provided.

The meeting will follow a similar format to last year - an approach which worked successfully and which strongly influenced PC priorities for the past year:

Parish Council Round-Up of 2022-23

A short update on achievements, developments and changes across our Parish

Harwell Development Plan

A brief overview of Harwell Campus developments and environmental remediation measures

Your views

This is the most important part of the meeting, where everyone will be able to give their views on:

- Your vision for East Hendred - what would it be like to live in the best Ridgeway Downland village?
- How can the PC help realise this vision?

You are welcome to turn up to the Annual Parish Meeting on the evening, but if you can, please let us know (email easthendred.clerk@gmail.com) if you are intending to attend, so that we have enough sausage rolls!

We do hope that you can attend the meeting, as this represents a great opportunity to enhance engagement within our community and develop an exciting vision for our Parish.

from the chair



It is encouraging to note the HEG Community larder is celebrating its first anniversary this month and a staggering 70 tonnes of surplus food and waste has been processed. Each week more local people come to Snells Hall to select items of food and vegetables reducing the amount of food going to landfill. The "Warm Space" in Snells Hall on Fridays is also an asset with an increasing number of people taking the opportunity to meet with friends and have a coffee or snack. A grant has been obtained from the County Council to pay for the use of Snells Hall for the Warm Space for a period and a grant was provided by the Parish Council to pay for insurance for the Community Kitchen.

The Harwell Campus is recognised as a world class research and technology centre employing over 7000 people and growing. One third of the Harwell Campus is within our parish. Harwell is keen to have a good working relationship with its neighbouring communities. An increasing number of leisure type facilities are being developed and are open to use by villagers. This includes DiSH, a dining area with music performances and an

outdoor cinema (photo on page 5). Many new office and laboratory developments are also underway. The list of planning items on pages 15 of this *Bulletin* includes five current applications concerning the Harwell Campus. Members of the Council have been meeting with the Campus management team to discuss our concerns and ways in which we can work together. On planning we have mainly been concerned with loss of biodiversity, impact on the local area and on the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (the whole Campus is within the AONB) and traffic management.

The very recent introduction of the 20mph speed limit to the village is a real benefit. It was supported by the Parish Council and will help to reduce speeding in the village and the severity of injury in an accident.

It is welcome that plans are in place for the village to celebrate the King's Coronation at the beginning of May. It is almost 70 years since the village last had an opportunity to celebrate such an event and, hopefully, with good weather there will be a large turn-out for the village picnic on the Sunday.

Do come and join us at the Annual Parish Meeting in Snells Hall on April 20th. There will be a presentation on recent activities followed by workshops (as last year) where you can put forward your views and ideas on how the village can grow and develop. *John Sharp*

Planning Update

The Rowstock Residents Association supported by the Parish Council developed a strong case against the appeal to the Secretary of State against the building of a large warehousing and distribution centre on the former Esso Research Centre site at Milton Hill. Major concerns included the impact of a large number of HGV's daily on the local road network. Since the last *Bulletin* good news emerged that the appeal had been withdrawn, although the reasons for this are unclear.

The Mather House development of ten bungalows at the entrance to the village for older people is nearing completion and some are already on sale.

Members of the Council have been continuing their discussions with the Harwell Campus management on some new developments on the Campus within our parish (listed on page 15). The Council has been very concerned about a general loss of biodiversity arising

from these new developments, particularly for the proposed large Dexter development which is planned to be built on chalk grassland. The loss of biodiversity would amount to an 85% loss, to be offset by a large payment of over £200K to the Oxfordshire Trust for Environment (TOE) to fund appropriate habitat development. The Council is pressing that this development is either on the Campus or nearby (possibly in this village).

The Council has been concerned about the proposed development of the Colt Corner site on Horn Lane, replacing the existing wooden bungalow with a large house and a new entrance onto Horn Lane. The Council has objected on several grounds, particularly the size of the dwelling and its impact on neighbours. The site has existing access on its western side and the Council has objected to the unnecessary proposed new entrance on Horn Lane because of the narrow width of the lane at this point, limited sight-lines, the lack of a pavement and its use by children attending the local schools.

All Ideas Welcome !

Following a great suggestion at last year's Annual Parish Meeting, the Parish Council is delighted to have installed the suggestion box pictured right in the village shop. Many thanks to Steve and Nickie for 'hosting' the box.

We would very much welcome all of your ideas for improving the village - its facilities, services, look and feel, so please come forward with your thoughts. Suggestions can be made anonymously if you wish. Alternatively, please add in your name and contact details, so that we can discuss your idea or comment in detail and work with you to respond to your suggestion.



Easter Bazaar

Snells Hall
Saturday 1st April
11am to 2pm

Barbecue
Stalls
Refreshments
Children's crafts
Grand Draw

Hendreds Owls WI

For the last 12 months the Hendreds Owls has been growing and bringing together women to inspire each other, share, learn and experience new skills. It was only a year ago that the local WI was on the brink of closing forever. We have given it an injection of hope, but we need you!

The Women's Institute isn't about jam making and singing Jerusalem, for us it's about a strong tribe of women of all ages, coming together to learn, look at key issues like sustainability, neurodiversity, equality and more!

Our meetings start at 7:15pm for a drink and a social and we then crack on with fun workshops and activities after that. Coming up this spring we have:

Calligraphy with local artist Jane John
Pottery with Oxfordshire Arts owners Alison Jones (based on Featherbed Lane)
Chocolate Fun, making and creating together.

You can join the WI, or just come to our events as a guest (we charge just £5 a meeting). We meet every third Wednesday, and we are on Facebook and Instagram (@HendredsOwlsWI).

We are currently forming a new committee and programme with lots of exciting and fun elements for us all from dancing to mindfulness, murder mystery and more!

For more info just email us at thehendredowlswi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

Sally, Ria, Pauline, Margaret, Nora and Frances (current committee members)

Scouts

Beavers have been confined mainly to Hall activities but once the weather improves they'll be outside more. We are supporting the Easter Bazaar on 1st April when Cubs will have a stall and the Scouts will be running the BBQ for burgers again.

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.

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Harwell Campus update

Two miles to the east of East Hendred is Harwell Science and Innovation campus. It was established in 1946 on the site of an RAF airfield to work on nuclear science. Today it is home to over 200 organisations employing around 7,000 people. They range from start-ups to national scientific facilities and major innovation companies. and work across the space, quantum, life sciences and energy tech sectors.

As you would expect there is lots happening on the campus. The best way to keep up to date with events and community news is to sign up for the 'Harwellian' newsletter which comes out every two weeks.

If you're more interested in science and technology updates our 'Exponent' newsletter comes out each month. You can sign up for both at www.harwellcampus.com

A popular addition to the northern end of the campus (and pictured right) has been DiSH – a 'boxpark' dining destination located with a choice of delicious cuisines and open to all. There are regular music performances and this summer the outdoor cinema is returning with classics like Back to the Future.

The latest updates are at www.tucktrucks.co.uk/dish



The next major building to open on campus will be this summer. The European Space Agency conference centre is adjacent to the main ESA building. It will be able to host up to 300 people and is a valuable addition to the region which is short on this type of space.

Community Hub

The Hub is supported by HEG Community Larder and Hendreds & Harwell Community support.

We are open in Snells Hall each week as follows:

Monday Cinnamon Cafe & Warm Place 2 - 5.30pm
Community Larder 4 - 5:30pm
(4 - 4.45 walkers and cyclists 5 - 5.30 car users)

Friday Cinnamon Cafe & Warm Place 9am - 4pm

Please follow us on Facebook for changes to the above and food help or pick up. Also see the What's On email.

You can email us at Heglarder@gmail.com

Golden Age Club

On 1st December we had our wonderful Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. Many thanks to Salvador and his team for the delicious food plus the yummy trifles provided by the committee members. After lunch we had carol singing accompanied by Michael Evans and a visit from Santa with a laden sack. Plus, an amazing raffle organised by Stella.

On 12th January we had another excellent lunch and Fun and Games! In early February it was our last winter lunch so spring must be round the corner. Yet another good meal which was followed by a fascinating talk by Sally Povolotsky on the important role of bees and how to make our gardens more wildlife friendly.

Our next meeting is on 2nd March and it's tea at 3pm. Also, on 14th March we have a Bridge Day which is one of our fund-raising events.

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 from the village and surrounding area. It's 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

We were saddened to learn that Jean Hoskin had passed away in December. Jean was a club member for many years and had contributed enormously in the past by taking on the roles of Club Outings organiser and Vice Chair.

In the latter role, she generously hosted many of our lively committee meetings around her very large dining table. Jean was highly thought of and is greatly missed.

Deadline date for the next *Bulletin*

The Summer edition is due out in early June. Please send your articles, diary dates, reports, B&W photographs etc. as an e-mail attachment to the *Bulletin* at bulletin@hendred.org to reach me no later than **Wednesday 10th May 2023.**

Thank you.
Rachel (Editor)

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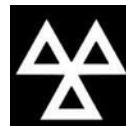
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Museum Spring Opening – Sunday 23rd April

We look forward to welcoming visitors back. Opening hours on Saturday and Sunday are 2:30 until 4:30 (April until October). If you would like to help us by volunteering as a steward on one or two afternoons per year, please contact Diana at hendredheritagesecretary@gmail.com. Any help would be greatly received.

The Secret Life of St Mary's Road exhibition

Sunday 23rd April 2023 – Sunday 29th October 2023

The annual exhibition is back! Exactly 10 years ago East Hendred Heritage Trust started 'The street where you live' project. So far it has produced eight exhibitions including seven short films. Each exhibition takes a street or area of the village and displays people, film footage, photos, and objects bringing the last 170 years to life. We started the series with a lesser-known part of the village, St Mary's Road and Hill Farm Road. We were blown away by what we found in St Mary's but the display was limited. So in 2023 to celebrate the tenth anniversary we are doing a new and exciting updated version. We have tons of new material to show including the exciting link between Moat Cottage and Mary Seacole, and the amazing connection between the Palace of Westminster and St Mary's. Don't miss it!

The East Hendred Mummers Boxing Day 2022

The Mummers' play was performed to a good crowd on Boxing Day and the collection raised £216 for EHHT.

St Amand's School visits

We were very pleased to host a visit by Year 5 from St Amand's School on 24th November. Mrs Smart, their teacher, had compiled an excellent quiz for the children then they watched a short video before returning to school for lunch. In the afternoon, village sites relevant to the children's curriculum were visited and some map work carried out. Despite the torrential rain and soggy maps, the tour was completed. On 9th December, Year 6 visited with Miss Price, their teacher. The children completed the same quiz before touring the village on a freezing cold day! The thought of fish and chips for lunch kept them going! All the children were excited by what

they saw in the Museum and village. Many thanks to Robin Hine for leading the village tours and answering all the tricky questions in the Museum; thanks also to others who helped on both days. As we write this, we are looking forward to welcoming Years 3 and 4 for their visit. It gives the Museum Trustees enormous pleasure to host visits by groups of children. If you are interested in bringing a group, young or old, please email hendredheritagesecretary@gmail.com

The Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Crib

This event held on 4th December was very well attended despite the chilly weather. Carols were sung, mince pies and mulled wine served. A collection on the evening raised £217 for the Museum which was most welcome. Many people are involved every year in obtaining the tree (thank you to the Parish Council for paying for it), putting the tree and lights up, setting up the crib and then taking it all down again. We're grateful to Gavin for playing his keyboard and to Chris Bedford this year for leading the singing and to all those who helped with refreshments to make an enjoyable evening.

EHHT Quiz Night – Friday 18 November 2022

The early birds were already seated with their drinks when 7.00pm came around. Tension mounted before each team was given a sheet of 20 flags to identify during the evening. After the first two rounds came the main course of a two-course supper. Rounds three and four preceded the dessert, followed by four further rounds. The flags were identified with some difficulty, it appeared, and the Grand Totals announced. Three teams managed to tie and so each team nominated one member to answer a deciding question. Who would have thought that a golf ball could cause such heart-ache or such joy and ecstasy – but it did. Our winning team received their goodies for being so successful. The evening concluded with a raffle and a lot of good humour. Our thanks go to Bill and Carmel for hosting us (ably assisted by James and other staff), to Dave Harper for providing the sound system and all the teams who participated in the right spirit. It's the taking part that matters not the winning.



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Parish Church of St Augustine

It was wonderful to have so many joining us for our Christmas services at the end of last year. The coming of Jesus into the world as a small baby is everyone's favourite Christian celebration for good reasons, and it's one that has special appeal to children. My goal as rector is to make the church ever more welcoming to children and young people and their families – all year round. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have ideas for what we could do to make this happen.

For the moment our Sunday services in East Hendred are continuing fortnightly at 11am as follows: 5 and 19 March (Mothering Sunday), 2 April (Palm Sunday), 16 and 30 April, 14 and 28 May (Whitsunday). There's a children's corner for those for whom that's relevant, and children are more than welcome to use the toys and books there or in the pews during the service. On other Sundays you are more than welcome to join the services in West Hendred at 9:30am or Ardington at 11am.

Around Easter we will have special services for Maundy Thursday, 6 April at 8pm, where we commemorate the last supper – with foot washing (participation in this is optional!) and Holy Communion. This is followed by a service on

Good Friday, 7 April at 3pm, commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus; this latter service is at Holy Trinity Ardington and all are welcome. At the time of writing, the service time on Easter Day itself is to be decided. Do look out for information on *What's On in The Hendreds* or AChurchNearYou.com, or contact me for further information.

Our annual meeting to elect churchwardens and other officers is scheduled to take place on 30 April after the 11am service. The church is now also usually open to all every day from 9am to 4pm as a place for quiet contemplation or prayer.

Our famous ancient faceless clock has sadly been out of order for the last few years, but plans are now underway to restore it in time for its 500th anniversary in 2025. This project will require considerable funding, and we are hoping the whole village will come together to help make this happen and then to celebrate this remarkable anniversary in two years' time. More information will be forthcoming in a future edition of the *Bulletin*, but do get in touch already now if you'd like to know more.

Nikolaj Christensen
rector@wantagedowns.org / tel. 634940

St Mary's Catholic Church, East Hendred

At the time of writing, one could almost believe that Spring is here. It is lovely afternoons like today's that are described by the word 'Lent', referring to the lengthening of daylight and the beginning of the journey to the glory of Easter. We are still wedded to the phases of the moon, however, and this year Ash Wednesday, the beginning of 'Lent', is not until 22nd February and Easter Day 9th April. Meanwhile there are quite a few things happening: First Communion children are being prepared and the parish is preparing for significant change as my retirement comes into view. Officially I finish on 31st August but I will be taking a pre-retirement sabbatical to recharge my batteries from 1st June.

There are other changes too, recent and to come. Recently, thanks to funding received from the East Hendred Consolidated Catholic Charities, St Mary's Parish Rooms have been beautifully re-fitted, with heat pump technology, permitting economical heating in winter and air-conditioning in summer. We are hoping that, with Wi-Fi installed, this will also be another facility for the wider community. Meanwhile the heating system has failed its test at St Mary's and we are making do with a gas heater (the Burning Fiery Furnace of the Book of Daniel) until this can all be sorted out.

Things get busier once Lent begins. Details of daily services and activities are displayed on the notice-board and Lent is a marvellous opportunity for a spiritual MOT, a spring clean. There will be once again be ecumenical celebrations of Morning and Evening Prayer: 9am on Wednesdays at St Mary's, beginning on Ash Wednesday, and 5pm on Fridays at St Augustine's. For many Catholics this is the season when they find their way to Confession, either in their own church or, if they prefer, with the anonymity of the confessional in a nearby town. There will be a Quiet Morning on 1st April with extended Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday (2nd April) and the Procession of Palms from Champs Chapel at 9.30am. On Maundy Thursday (6th April) there will be Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm and Watch of the Passion. On Good Friday (7th April) there will be a Children's Workshop in the morning, Stations of the Cross at 12 noon, and the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3pm. There will be a baptism or confirmation or two at the Easter services: the Easter Vigil at 8pm on Easter Eve (8th April) and the Solemn Mass on Easter Day. For now, we wait awhile quietly and look forward to the outburst of alleluias, worshipping the Risen Lord, the Lamb that was slain, and yet lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Fr. Andrew

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. Our first meeting in 2023 was advertised as a free Taster session and we had an excellent response and have now acquired 10 new choir members. If you are interested in joining the choir its still possible to have a free Taster session. Just email springlinesingers@gmail.com

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Date: Saturday 15 April 9.30-12 Cost: £15

Venue: Bowling Alley Allotments, Old Road

After the success of our Christmas wreath workshops, there will be an Easter wreath making workshop. Come along and get creative with foliage, twigs, feathers, eggs and flowering bulbs!

Date: Saturday 1 April 9.15-11.30 Cost: £15

(includes mossed wreath) + materials on the day (£10-12) Venue: to be confirmed

To enrol on either workshop or for more details, please email Hilary on hildorling@gmail.com or text or call 07767364986.

Other allotment news

Apart from a few hardy souls picking frozen Brussels sprouts and wrestling carrots and parsnips from the ground for Christmas lunch, December and January are quiet months at the allotments. Garlic, overwintering onions and broad beans will have been planted in November, following soil preparation and general plot tidying in October. In the warmth and comfort of their homes though, BAAA members will have been poring over seed catalogues and planning what they're going to sow for the coming growing season. As long as the weather is kind, activities should ramp up in February - not the least of which is harvesting the much anticipated tasty spears of purple sprouting! In March we'll be searching for the blooming of the first strawberry flowers and by the end of the month, closely examining the ground for signs of asparagus pushing through. Once April and May arrive, it will be all systems go!



Hendreds Environment Group Achievements in 2022

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East and West Cricket Club

The excitement is beginning to build at Mill Lane as East and West Hendred Cricket Club look forward to what promises to be another fantastic 2023 season. Last season saw the Senior Saturday First XI promoted to Division 3 of the Cherwell League, the highest level that we have ever played at. The team were strengthened by our first-ever overseas player who joined us and threw himself into the club community, coaching and playing at the weekends. The 2nd and 3rd teams consolidated their positions in divisions 6 and 8 respectively and to top it all off the 2nd XI made it all the way to the Steve Dixon cup final, where sadly we lost to Bledlow Ridge in a close contest.

We had over 20 Junior players selected for Saturday Adult League cricket including some of our younger ladies playing active roles in the Senior League teams making it a ground-breaking season. This was backed up with several Sunday Friendly matches, allowing even more players the opportunity to shine.

In Mid-week we had two T20 teams playing every Wednesday night. It's the first season that we had run two midweek teams, with lots of new faces and strong on field performances. This format of the game has allowed us to welcome many new members to the club offering a quick-fire short game format.

We ran our first full season ladies' section playing both hard and softball cricket. The season was a real success,

with appearances in tournaments and one day festivals giving novices and experienced players the opportunity to play together. Some wonderful memories were made, and we hope to have even stronger representation this year. We are always looking for new players, so Ladies if you fancy a go? Contact Dawn Barksfield.

The junior section is as strong as ever, with training on a Friday evenings from mid-April onwards for All Stars (5-8 years), Dynamos(8-11), Under 11s, Under 13s and Under 15s and league matches arranged in the week. It's a real success story which has allowed 5 of our junior players the chance to represent Oxfordshire County age groups.

The long summer Friday evenings are a real social occasion, filled with fun and laughter and that's just the adults! It would be great to see even more people join us from the village, the bar is open and normally a BBQ is there for all to enjoy. These start from mid-April onwards and run all through the summer months.

If you are interested in joining us to play at any level or can help with any aspect of running the club let us know by contacting Ivan Mulford, Liam Richards or any of our committee then click on our website www.eastandwesthendredcricketclub.com or if you just want to join us for a drink and some usual silly chatter pop down the club on a Friday evening or match day, we would love to see you.

Springline Radio Players

Our 2023 production schedule has started with our latest audio play, "Vinegar Hill". Written by Alan Kilpatrick it tells the true story of Kate Webster, the last female prisoner to be hanged at Wandsworth Prison, for the murder of her landlady. Our website, SpringlineAmdram.Podbean.com, is fast approaching nine thousand downloads and our target for 2023 is ten thousand plus. We are looking for new voices so please make contact at SpringlineRadio@gmail.com.

Below: some of the faces behind the voices!



Walking Group - every Wednesday

Well we've managed to get through nearly all of the winter without a cancelled walk! We are all much looking forward to the Spring. We've had plenty of walks round East and West Hendred with a coffee stop at Ardington and have also ventured further afield. We had a very successful "austerity" Christmas lunch on 7th December at the Ridgeway café at Court hill which included a Secret Santa. 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 07710274653. We now have a Facebook page *Hendred Walking Group*.

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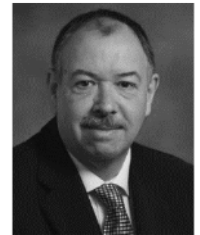


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Planning Matters

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 appealed against the refusal to the Secretary of State. Rowstock Residents' Association, VOWH DC, the PC and Milton Hill House Hotel opposed the appeal. The appeal was withdrawn by the applicant.

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

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 PC requested a number of amendments. Permission granted.

P22/V2282/HH and **P22/V1469/LB** – Pebble Cottage, Cat Street. Removal of modern wall and replace windows with french doors. The PC had no objections. Permission granted.

P22/V2241/HH – 33 Couplings Close. Erection of timber framed garden building. The PC had no objections. Permission granted.

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. Permission granted.

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

P22/V2411/O – Cornerbrook, Mill Lane. Self-build single residential dwelling and garage. The Parish Council 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. The PC objected on the grounds that it was contrary to a number of policies within the Local Plan and the NPPF. 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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Planning Matters (continued)

P22/V2645/HH – St Aidan's, Cat Street, Erection of timber garden shed. The PC had no objections. Permission granted.

P22/V2742/HH and **P22/V2743/LB** – The Old Cottage, Church Street. Modification to existing orangery, removal of garden wall and new office room in garden. The PC had no objections. Permission granted.

P22/V2973/HH – Towersey, Skeats Bush. Installation of 2 air source heat pump units adjacent to the south elevation of existing dwelling. The PC had no objections. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P22/V2984/FUL – Johnsons Farm. Change of use of land from agriculture to tourist uses, stationing of camping pods and siting of communal activity space; use of barn for ancillary purposes; and associated landscaping. The PC had no objections subject to a landscape condition on the northern boundary. Planning application withdrawn.

Note: PC means Parish Council

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March 2023

- 2nd GA Tea 3pm Snells Hall (see pg 5)
 2nd Parish Council meeting 7:30pm
 14th GA Bridge Fundraiser (pg 5)
 15th WI Snells Hall 7:15pm (pg 4)

April 2023

- 1st Easter Bazaar Snells Hall 11:00am
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 6th Parish Council meeting 7:30pm
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May 2023

- 4th Local Elections
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 11th GA Tea 3pm Snells Hall (pg 5)
 11th Parish Council meeting 7:30pm
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June 2023

- 1st Parish Council meeting 7:30pm
 8th GA Tea at Hendred House 3:00pm
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Thursday Springline Singers 7:30 pm (pg 9)
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