## Bulletin East Hendred Bulletin

#### **Celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III**

Please see the colour supplement in the centre pages of this edition.





In May residents of Ludbridge Close took part in a tree planting event. The Silver Birch sapling was given to the parish in 2018 by Oxfordshire County Council and the Woodland Trust, to mark the Centenary of the Armistice of WWI. Parish councillors nurtured the sapling to reach a suitable size for planting, and the green space at Ludbridge Close was chosen to become its permanent home. The event was attended by local residents and several councillors. Peter Williams, a director of the Ludbridge Close management company, welcomed everyone and highlighted the symbolism of new beginnings and protection, long associated with Silver Birches. This was followed by enthusiastic spade-work from younger residents, to ensure that their new tree was firmly planted. Thank you to Catherine Shortis who initiated this project and to everyone involved with carrying it out..

In April, the Parish Council had a defibrillator installed at the junction of Ludbridge Close and Portway Close. Thanks to Thames Water, who did the installation and provide electricity free of charge, and to Peter Williams, who has taken responsibility as Custodian of the defibrillator.

#### **Hello from your new District Councillor**

At the time of writing this I have been your new District Councillor for just a week. Thank you very much for the support I received on the doorstep when I was campaigning and at the ballot box. I would also like to thank Janet Shelley my predecessor in this role for her hard work over a number of years for this area, and for her helpful support in handing over to me.

It is now my job to represent your interests at Vale of White Horse District Council and you are welcome to contact me. I am your councillor and your representative whether you voted for me or not.

In Oxfordshire there are three types of council: parish or town council, district council and county council. The district council collects your council tax and keeps about 10% of it to pay for services that the district council provides. These include planning, bin collections, housing, leisure centres, food hygiene and some housing related benefits. The rest of your council tax goes to Oxfordshire County Council, Thames Valley Police and your local parish (or town) council. You can find out more

at https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/about-the-council/what-we-do/

If you have a problem and you're not sure which council it might fall under, you can get in touch with me anyway and I will point you in the right direction.

Sarah James

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#### County Council, Reservoir news and Bulletin Deadline Date

#### Message from our local County Councillor

Well finally some sunshine, the chickens are all out of 'flockdown', spring has spung and the blossoms now turn to leaves and fruits. It's always beautiful in the village at this time of the year, and of course we had a brilliant weekend of celebrations for the King's coronation, well done to all those who helped from the bunting to the refreshments and beacon lighting, and as always a huge thanks to the Eyston family for hosting.

A councillor's work is never over, there's been plenty going on locally from pushing back on Highways permits to being a strong and what sometimes feels like solitary voice for our rural communities amongst a wave of funding from government that focuses on cities and big towns! Of course we have had our fair share of utility companies and their nonsense, from Thames Water on Cat Street who appeared to not understand how to fix a leak (but none of us are surprised are we?) through to the gas "works" on A417 which appeared to not even encroach on the highway! When these things happen, please WhatsApp me, as I don't always see Facebook tags and posts. Don't forget, keep reporting pot holes on Fix My Street!

This May saw District elections and I was really pleased to see Sarah James get elected and I once again won my district seat for Steventon & Hanneys, where I am fighting hard against the reservoir insanity. A huge thanks, as I am

sure you will all join me in, to Janet Shelley for her time as the district councillor. Elections are never easy and it takes a lot to put your name on a ballot paper and endure the campaigning, these days it seems all of us are in the firing lines and some of the negativity of national politics tars us all, despite our hard and honest work! I've also just been appointed the Chair of Council for Vale of White Horse, so that's an exciting turn of events!

Meanwhile my OCC councillor priority fund is open again and I would love to hear about projects you may need some help with; the fund is fairly small so bear that in mind! Speaking of fundraising, the Bingo nights have been a huge success and the next one is on the 8<sup>th</sup> July. I do hope you can join us! Ping me an email for more details.

I will keep doing the best I can to represent you all. If you follow me on social media I'll share the latest Highways nonsense and issues as well as what the County Council is up to!

Take care everyone and see you around the village Sally

Cllr Sally Povolotsky Oxfordshire County Council Facebook - sally4hendredsandharwell IG - sally4change WhatsApp - 07939 912 997

#### **GARD Update**

**GARD's Annual General Meeting** took place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May in Steventon Village Hall. There were forty-three people present (including the committee and two District Councillors), from seven villages, South Abingdon and Wantage.

#### Where are we now with the proposals and responses? There will be news in June.

We await the responses of WRSE and Thames Water to our opposition (Thames Water by 13th June). Responses to RAPID (Regulator Alliance for Progressing of Infrastructure Development), the third leg of 'triple bill' of responses, are now in (11th May). RAPID produced its draft decision on the Strategic Water Sources (e.g. Abingdon Reservoir and Severn Thames Transfer) on 30th March. Responses have been sent from Stakeholders (i.e. GARD, OCC, the Vale, Parish Councils, Wantage and Grove Campaign Group).

So far, we see that RAPID wishes both the Reservoir and the competing Severn Thames Transfer to move on to the next stage of evaluation. GARD believes that the Reservoir should not be allowed to proceed for further evaluation UNTIL a proper public assessment of the Reservoir's safety and flood risk potential has been carried out and published.

We oppose wastage of further public money on the Reservoir in these Ofwat/RAPID studies (your water bills are paying). We are canvassing support from our MP on this. RAPID's response will be issued on 28<sup>th</sup> June. If they do not listen to our concerns, we will seek a meeting with them, local MPs and the County Council. Our response to RAPID and to Thames Water are on our website. Keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter for more information.

GARD is considering the next moves and needs to build a fighting fund. We will possibly have to consider a legal challenge. We shall continue to work on publicity and increasing opposition support, perhaps via a petition. We ask you to continue lobbying your MP and Councillors, and we would urge all members and supporters to consider a contribution to our campaign fund (donations will be matched by our major and organisational donors).

The proposed Reservoir has no justification and, as Oxfordshire County Council stated in its January 2023 Press Release, it is 'a destructive scheme, both environmentally and in its impacts on local people'.

Website: www.gard-oxon.org.uk Facebook: @abingdonreservoir Twitter: @GARD\_OXON

#### Deadline date for the next Bulletin

The Autumn edition is due out in early September. Please send your articles, diary dates, reports, B&W photographs etc. as an e-mail attachment to the *Bulletin* at *bulletin*@*hendred.org t*o reach me no later than **Wednesday 9**<sup>th</sup> **August 2023.** 

If you are in a group/club not mentioned in the *Bulletin*, please let me know the appropriate contact details and I will endeavour to include the details in future.

Thank you. Rachel (Editor)

## from the •



Inspired and led by Ali Eyston, the village celebrated the Coronation in style. Bunting adorned the High Street and surroundings, a beacon bonfire was lit near the Ridgeway, a very enjoyable and successful outdoor party was held in Poplars Field in an excellent weather window and a Big Help Out event was held at Snells Hall to encourage volunteering. Photos of the coronation celebrations are included in a special colour section of this Bulletin. Many thanks to all those who helped to make these events successful.

There have been several changes at both parish and district council levels. Parish council elections were held this May. However, for our village there were only eight nominations for the nine vacancies so there was no election. We welcome three newcomers, Hilary Dorling, Mark Francis and Aloysius Atkinson to the Council and we look forward to working with them. At the annual meeting of the Council there was an election for the chair and I was fortunate to be re-elected. However, at the

meeting, regrettably, Catherine and Jonathan Shortis resigned. Both have been valuable councillors and we thank them for their work for the Council. Catherine has been a councillor for several years and managed the allotments very efficiently on behalf of the Council. Jonathan joined the Council in February 2022 and has been very active in developing a new web site for the parish and developing plans for the Jubilee Playpark at the Mill Lane site. As a result of the resignations there are now three vacancies which are being advertised. A decision on who will be selected will be taken at our next Council meeting on 15th June. We congratulate Sarah James who became our new District Councillor representing the Green Party. Sarah has been an effective member of our Parish Council; she has decided to stand down from the Parish Council to make time for her new role. We thank her for her work as an active parish councillor and look forward to working with her at the District level. We would like to thank our previous District Councillor Janet Shelley who supported our Council over many years and was particularly active on planning issues. We were sorry to hear of the recent death of Jimmy Francis who was a Parish Councillor for several years with active interests in the Sports Club.

John Sharp

#### **Planning Update**

As noted in the last Bulletin Council members have continued their liaison with the Harwell Campus regarding new developments. Loss of biodiversity has been a key issue, particularly for the large Dexter development which is to be built on a site with rare chalk grassland. A large offsetting payment has already been made to the Trust for Oxfordshire Environment to compensate for this loss of biodiversity. The Council has remained concerned about the biodiversity loss and it has recently been agreed by the Harwell Campus that all the chalk grassland will be relocated elsewhere on the Harwell site prior to development. On this basis the Council has agreed to remove its objection.

The redevelopment of the Plough site was finally approved but an additional planning application was recently made to enlarge the approved new dwelling on the western side of the site and add a garage immediately next to the cob wall which is a listed building. Listed buildings are protected in the Local Plan and the Council considers that the proposed additions did not meet the Local Plan requirements. Following

objections from the Vale's Conservation Officer, the application has been withdrawn.

A significant change to planning will take place in mid-June this year when modified Building Regulations become effective. As a result, new-build homes will need to produce at least 31 per cent less carbon emissions. The installation of electric heating systems combined with renewable energy sources such as solar are both seen as enablers for doing so. New non-domestic builds will need to produce at least 27 per cent less carbon emissions using similar low energy measures to those for homes. In addition, new minimum energy efficiency standards have been introduced. Existing non-domestic buildings must also improve the efficiency of heating and hot water boiler systems through installation of new controls. All domestic new builds will also be required to have the preparatory work completed for future installation of an electric vehicle charging point. The Government statement states the changes 'mark an important step on our journey towards a cleaner, greener built environment and it supports us in our target to reduce the UK's carbon emissions to net-zero by 2050'. The Council looks forward to receiving planning applications that reflect these changes.

#### **Jimmy Francis**

The Parish Council was sorry to hear about the recent peaceful passing of Jimmy Francis. Jimmy was a parish councillor for several years. Jimmy was a well-known figure in the village and had particular interest in the Sports Club, where he was ever-present, supporting the cricket and football teams. He gave freely of his time to help with grounds maintenance and

for years made what was said to be "the best cup of tea in the North Berks League". After living in East Hendred all his life, Jimmy moved to Didcot in 2008 but his heart was always in Hendred. He returned to the village almost daily to visit his family and keep in touch with friends. Jimmy will be sadly missed by his family and all that knew him.

Jimmy's funeral will be at St Augustine's Church, East Hendred on Friday 23rd June at 11:00am.



## Walking Group - every Wednesday 9.30 am

We've had some challenging weather this spring with rather too many wet Wednesdays. We are hoping that summer is round the corner. However, at the end of April we had two wonderful walks both in the sunshine. The first was to see the stunning cowslips at Segsbury Castle and the second to see the bluebells in the woods round Farnborough. We've also had plenty of walks round East and West Hendred with a coffee stop at Ardington.

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@monkscourt.co.uk or ring 07710274653. We now have a FB page Hendred Walking Group

## The Hendred Owls Women's Institute

Our group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm.

Our membership is always open and we welcome visitors to our meetings for just £5. So far this year we have learnt about Bees, had a pottery session with Ali Jones from Oxfordshire Arts on Featherbed Lane, felting and calligraphy with Jane Johns. Coming up we have the hugely talented Kitty Tait from Watlington coming to talk about bread and we will be making some of "Kitty's Kits" too!

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

#### **Board Games Club**

Our open, friendly and welcoming group play board games of all types on a Friday evening.

The pre-Coronation session on 5<sup>th</sup> May was well supported and great fun.

We often meet up and play at the Wheatsheaf, but **please** check the WhatsApp each week for confirmation.

Message me on: 07881950400 or *maxwellgilbert@me.com* if you would like me to add you to the group WhatsApp.

Looking forward to meeting you,

Max Gilbert



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#### **Very Good News about the Esso Site Application**

Alarmed by the impact that the proposal to build a massive distribution centre on the old Esso site (next to Infineum) would have had on our area, Rowstock Residents' Association (RRA) mounted a highly effective campaign, objecting to the application.

Having been denied planning permission at the Planning Meeting in February 2022, the applicant (Equation) submitted an appeal to the Planning Inspector with an Inquiry due to take place in January 2023.

At considerable financial cost RRA retained a barrister and highways consultants to make the case against the development leading up to and at the Inquiry. They were supported by local parish councils, including an offer of funding from East Hendred PC, and many local residents, who contributed towards the costs.

The application was withdrawn five weeks before the Inquiry was due to start, with Equation citing commercial viability as the reason for withdrawal. The Planning Inspector ruled this was not a valid reason and the applicant was ordered to pay RRAs cost of the campaign over the Planning Inquiry period. This means that they are able to return the donations that were made.

This is a massive win for residents after both the Vale and OCC officers recommended the plans for approval.

Hearty congratulations to RRA for successfully fighting to save our area from a huge increase in HGV traffic, and the noise, congestion and pollution it would have brought, and thank you to the Vale's Planning Committee for listening to our concerns and acting upon them.

#### Ivy on Trees

English ivy is native to the UK and provides many benefits in the natural environment, but left unmanaged it can overwhelm trees and other species of plant life.

Here in the village there are many trees with ivy growing on them with no apparent ill effect, but we have had experience of ivy invading tree canopies to the point where the trees' leaves were receiving too little sunlight and the trees were looking unhealthy. Removing the ivy restored the affected trees.

For arborists, the major concerns regarding ivy are related to tree stability. Structural or buttress roots are one of the most crucial areas of a tree when inspecting for risk assessment. They are one of the most common sites for

decay and eventual tree failure. Ivy adds considerable weight and wind resistance to a tree canopy. A thick layer of ivy will trap moisture and organic matter, and reduce air and light penetration inside a canopy. This can favour decay and development of leaf disease in addition to reducing overall tree vigour.

A moderate growth of ivy appears to do no damage, but when it invades the crown, the bad effect on the tree becomes apparent, so the Parish Council has ivy stems cut through when the ivy threatens to grow into the crown.

If you own or are responsible for trees, do consider avoiding them becoming overwhelmed, by keeping ivy under control.

Thanks to John Foster for raising this subject.

## Motorbikes on Restricted Byways - police action taken

In April, after over a year of trying to catch up with motor bike riders unlawfully using our local restricted byways, the police stopped them in Wantage and issued a Section 59 'anti-social use of motor vehicles on or off public roads'.

This warning is placed against both the driver/rider and the vehicle and lasts for a period of 12 months.

Having caught up with these individuals, the police now know who they are.

#### **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 2 - 5.00pm

Community Larder 4 - 5:30pm

4 - 4.45 walkers and cyclists

5 - 5.30 all means of transport

(Except on Bank Holidays)

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

For our March meeting, we reverted to tea at 3pm so winter is over! After the tea we welcomed back Liz and Patrick Wherity who came to give us an update on their charity in Nepal. As previously it was very uplifting and we are all so impressed with the work they do there.

On 14<sup>th</sup> March we had a Bridge Day which is one of our fund-raising events. We raised over £1000! Well worth all the effort!

In April we had a special Easter themed tea and another fascinating talk this time given by Miranda Marsh on her amazing work with street children in Mongolia.

May was a tea meeting, a Bring and Buy stall and an entertaining Bingo session organised by Joe Preston.

In early June we will be paying our annual visit to Hendred House for tea. In July we will enjoy our Summer Lunch starting at 12.30pm.

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

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Oxford City Council: www.oxford.gov.uk



#### **East Hendred Heritage Trust**

The Museum opened in April and is open every Saturday and Sunday afternoon, 2.30-4.30, until the end of October. Our revitalised street exhibition is "St Mary's Road" showing links to Mary Seacole and the Palace of Westminster – do visit! There's lots to read and look at!

We are exhibiting for the first time, a bequest from the late Norman Francis – six paintings which show views of the village that have been painted over the years by Will North, a local artist.

The Hendred Iris in front of the Museum bloomed well this year – there are very few remaining in the village. (Pictured right). Please do admire!

We have just hosted a visit by the Cuckhamsley Cubs who are working towards their local history badge and learning about navigation. It is always a pleasure to host groups of any age and we can generally fit in with timings. Contact the secretary to arrange (details below).

Our major fundraising event this year is a Race Night to be held if November in Snells Hall – watch out for the date to be announced! This will be a fun evening during the dark days of November!

We would like to thank Dave Knight and his team who very kindly painted our railing whilst painting the war memorial railing – a splendid job for which we are very grateful.

Thank you to all the volunteer stewards, without whom we could not open.

If you would like to volunteer for an afternoon, please contact Diana Wheeker on

hendredheritagesecretary@gmail.com or 01235 833279.

We're always looking for IT help, if you have knowledge and a bit of free time, contact as above.



## 1st Cuckhamsley Scout Group - News and update

It has been a busy year so far for the young people of 1st Cuckhamsley Scout Group. At the start of the year we held a Group Winter Challenge Hike. With staggered starts, each section followed different length routes, finishing up at Snells Hall at the same time for hot chocolate and cake.

The Easter Bazaar is a popular village event, and the Scouts provided sausages and burger rolls to all comers.

We are very grateful to the village hall committee for hosting our regular meetings at Snells Hall, and for their support to our other activities.

The first camp of the year was over St George's weekend, and took place in local woodland. It's very much a back-to-basics camp, featuring bushcraft skills such as fire-lighting, campfire cooking and shelter building. All three sections attend, and it's great to see the older Scouts guiding the younger Cub and Beaver members to learn new skills.

Both Cubs and Scouts have been to Harwell to visit RAL and Diamond Light Source respectively. The Cubs have also been learning lots about the natural environment and working at the allotments, with the support of Hil Dorling from the Bowling Alley Allotment Group. Over several weeks they also made clay models under the tutorship of local potter Ali Jones (Oxfordshire Arts). They've been picking up litter on the Ridgeway at Scutchamers Knob, with the help of Pete Barlow. The Champs Chapel museum volunteers kindly hosted another visit from the Cubs, to introduce them to local history.

The biggest event so far this year has been the Coronation of King Charles III, and the village celebrations with the 'Picnic in Poplars Park'. We were invited to provide refreshments, and elected to serve crepes (well - pancakes!) with a variety of fillings. The Scouts and Cubs and Beavers took turns cooking, adding

fillings and serving ice cream - and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We got through 1.5 kg of flour, 30 eggs and 9 pints of milk. Ali Eyston and the Hendred Estate kindly provided us with ice cream to sell as well, and so this helped us raise £200 for new camp cooking equipment. The Scouts also laid on a variety of games to keep everyone entertained. The weather was glorious and it proved a wonderful celebration bringing the whole village together.

Still to come are visits to a local fire station (Beavers and Scouts), to the Williams Formula 1 centre in Grove (Scouts), to the International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford, (Scouts) and to the fish farm in East Hendred (Beavers).

The Scouts also have a couple of weekend expeditions - one hiking and the other a canoe trip along the River Thames.

The Scouting year culminates in the traditional summer camps for all sections. One or two nights for Beavers and Cubs, going up to a full week away for Scouts, with a range of activities to take part in. This year, there is also a Leaders' Camp (no kids!), to take place near Faringdon where leaders can meet others from across the District and get to learn traditional skills to pass on to their young charges.

There are 15 Beavers, 24 Cubs and 24 Scouts in 1st Cuckhamsley Group, supported by 12 Leaders and a small but efficient board of Trustees. Incidentally, you don't need to be a parent to join the trustees. Anyone who wants to help out from the local community would be much appreciated. There are about six meetings a year, at the local pub, to look after the administration of the Group. Likewise, prospective Leaders are always welcome. You can come along to see what each of the sections do and join in. Full training is provided. Beavers are aged 6-8 years, Cubs 8-10.5 years and Scouts 10.5-14 years. If you'd like to learn more, please get in touch at doron.jensen.scouts@gmail.com or 07711 474 883.

Doron Jensen, GSL 1st Cuckhamsley



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#### The Coronation of King Charles III as celebrated in East Hendred







Setting the scene by decorating the village with bunting.

An Apache captured over the village on its return from the Buckingham Palace fly past.









Left - On the eve of the Coronation, Max's Board Game Night started the celebrations early.

Right - For this 'once in a lifetime' royal occasion, Betsy wore her pearls!







Setting off for the walk up to the Ridgeway



Arriving for the lighting of the Beacon.



Ali up!

Ali Eyston is raised aloft to give the opening speech and onlookers watch as the beacon is lit.





The Beacon brought together East and West Hendred residents and soon roared in fiery celebration as glasses were raised.

Below is the full panoramic scene.

















The Poplars picnic on a sunny Sunday afternoon brought out the villagers.

There was Dom's sing-along, several tug of war contests, and bouncy castle.























All sections of the Scout Group worked together making fresh pancakes.

Robin Malloy supplied the 'splat the rat' game.

The flag flew and the empties piled up!

The children ensured we had our own gold horse drawn carriage and corgis!

Our new District Councillor (Sarah James) is pictured enjoying the event with our County Councillor and neighbouring







With many thanks to **everyone** who kindly sent in their photographs.

They truly capture the atmosphere of our local celebrations. Rachel (Editor)

#### **Parish Church of St Augustine**

It has already been over six months since I was installed as Rector here, and it has been an incredible half year. There have been great joys – from welcoming 140 children with their parents to St Augustine's for a school service on my first day on the job, right through to our recent services for Easter and for the Coronation, which all had a great turnout. There have also been times of grief for some in our community. As a church we are honoured to be asked to support those who are going through a bereavement, with the faith that someone much greater than us will sustain us.

Recently we had our annual meeting. Our churchwardens and other officers were all re-elected, and meanwhile others stepped up to fill gaps on the Deanery Synod (which coordinates the work of the Church of England across the Wantage area) and on the Parochial Church Council ('PCC', the trustees of each local church). I am deeply thankful for the diligent work they all put in behind the scenes to keep us afloat. The church could not function without volunteers who love this community and freely give up their time.

Following the annual meeting, the PCC agreed a new and more predictable schedule of Sunday services. In the coming months there will be a service of Holy Communion at St Augustine's at the usual time of 11am on the first and third Sunday of every month and on the fifth Sunday when there is one: 4th and 18th June; 2nd, 16th, and 30th July; 6th and 20th August; and so forth. On other Sundays you are welcome to join the services nearby in West Hendred at 9:30 or Ardington at 11am.

Of course, 11am doesn't work for everyone, and the next step will be to consider what else can be done. On Palm Sunday afternoon, we welcomed 71 people and one donkey to a joyful family service. This took place in West Hendred but attracted families from across the local villages. It's likely we will be experimenting with more afternoon services later this year. And we will look forward to welcoming the new Catholic priest to East Hendred and continuing a strong relationship and collaboration between our churches.

Nikolaj Christensen rector@wantagedowns.org / tel. 634940

#### St Mary's Catholic Church, East Hendred

As I write, I am preparing to retire after eleven years in East Hendred Catholic Parish. I am taking some leave from the beginning of June – a pre-retirement sabbatical – and, back on duty for a week or so in August, will cease to be in post from the end of that month. Before I go, there are Baptisms, Confirmations, and a Marriage as well as the usual Sunday and weekday services.

The good news is that I have a replacement. Fr Matthew Topham will arrive in time to begin in September. Like me he belongs to the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham and a former Anglican, he has a wife and three small children. Fr Matthew is only 33 and he and his young family will bring new energy to the next chapter in the life of East Hendred Catholic Parish. He read English at Peterhouse, Cambridge and Theology at St Stephen's House, Oxford (where I was once Vice-Principal). He then was ordained into the Church of England ministry and served in London for a time before being drawn to become a Roman Catholic. Further years of study were required from which he has now emerged. I hope the village community will welcome the Tophams as warmly as they welcomed me and my family.

During the months of June, July, and August we shall maintain the pattern of Sunday Masses, with Canon Peter Turbitt celebrating the 9.30am at St Mary's and the 11.15am at East Ilsley, and Fr David O'Sullivan, the Parish Priest of Wantage, celebrating the 6pm Mass at St Mary's. If you need a priest during the coming months, please contact Fr David on 07554 427063. If you need to contact the parish, the Parish Secretary can be reached on office@hendredcatholicparish.org.uk

I shall look back on my time here as the happiest decade of my four decades of parish ministry and, though Cathy and I will be out and about for quite a while, the plan at the moment is to settle in our home, elsewhere in East Hendred. Leaving Cozens Farm will be a sadness for us: it is in a beautiful part of the village, people tell us, and it has been a real blessing. More important than our surroundings have been the warmth of the congregation and the wider community, and Cathy joins me in giving heartfelt thanks to you all. May God's blessing be on your home, your family and your friends.

## 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 during term time. Summer term is from 8<sup>th</sup> June to 13<sup>th</sup> July. If you are interested in joining the choir, why not try a free Taster session. Just email *springlinesingers@gmail.com*.

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! Just £7 per session.

#### The Panto is coming back!

As if the Coronation wasn't enough! Can you cope with more excitement?

**Springline Productions** are really happy to announce that there will be a Panto in East Hendred performed in late January 2024.

Auditions – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at Snells Hall 2.45pm Rehearsals start on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Open to everyone from 10 to 100! We are particularly keen to find people to help backstage with costumes and props, so if you have some time to spare on Sunday afternoons in the winter, please come and join us. For more information or to indicate you would like to take part please email susie@monkscourt.co.uk

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### It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like ...... Summer!

Optimistic as the title might sound with the stubbornly persistent low weather fronts that we have been experiencing, if you take a peek at our village allotments you will see that the hopes and plans for another growing season are beginning to take shape.

The rain, the rain and, oh yes, the rain kept early activity on the plots at bay for most, for fear of recreating Somme-like scenes but this does not prevent off-plot works with seed selection, planting, thinning and potato chitting to name but a few. Slowly the ground has become more workable.

From No Dig to Double Dig and varying approaches in between, the plots have been getting prepared and many fed, thanks to the generous donation of compost from the estate, all in readiness for another year. Garlic, onions, and potatoes are all starting to become more visible across the plots and rumour has it some everelusive asparagus too. Rhubarb is also now regularly being enjoyed at the dinner table.

Now we are in May, the prospect of frosts is much reduced allowing the strain on windowsills and bulging greenhouses to recede. The more fragile crops such as sweetcorn, peas, beans and not forgetting the everfaithful courgette are beginning to be planted out making many of the plots look rather purposeful not to mention beautiful. These fresh early green shoots will, no doubt, soon gather pace and vigour as temperatures rise (please) encouraging lush growth and tantalising hopes of a bountiful harvest later in the year. At least one thing is for sure – the courgettes will make it!

BAAA have also continued their community engagement this year and in April ran a very successful workshop providing an Introduction to Growing Your Own Vegetables. An enthusiastic group of participants learnt much about different growing methods from the many excellent examples around the allotments and with the wisdom of Hilary Dorling. On another event, Hil also enthused our local Cubs with her planting tips as they once again planned and planted up their Cub patch (pictured right)

Look out for further events later in the year including the regular Punnets and Posies sessions each Saturday morning at the allotments from 10th June to midsummer. This offers a great opportunity to purchase some fresh produce as well as a chance to brighten someone's day with a fresh, bright, posy of local flowers. At our first session, we'll have scented pinks and allium, tomato, aubergine, red pepper, melon and courgette plants, plus yellow raspberry canes. 150 sweet pea plants should start flowering in late June, along with scabious, sunflowers, dahlias, gypsophilia, zinnias, nigella and larkspur to add to the fragrant mix. Punnets of surplus produce will be available as soon as ready from our plots, including the ever popular redcurrants, yellow courgettes and wonky cucumbers! Chris Edwards

#### **Hendreds Environment Group**

The Community larder members continue to stop good food going to waste with amazing results – more than 70 tonnes in the last year! There are some membership spaces available so if you would like to join in, and also support the fantastic work of local charity SOFEA please follow the link to sign up. Membership starts at £14 a month for a weekly drop in and shop.

On May 6<sup>th</sup> cream teas were served in Snells Hall - many, many thanks to all HEG volunteers who helped prepare and serve such delicious teas.

Local voluntary organisations were also there, providing opportunities to get involved as part of the National Big Help Out initiative.

A crack team of environmental champions met at the A417 Biodiversity Verge on May 14<sup>th</sup>. A quick litter pick was followed by some light weeding and gentle planting of yellow rattle plugs. This was followed by breakfast!

The latest Chop & Chat session and Community Meal was well attended in Snells Hall. This coincided with a short presentation focused on HEG's achievements over the last 12 months. The community meal events are held either monthly or bi-monthly and advertised via Facebook and HEG's email list.

To keep up to date with HEG activities, along with tips on how to encourage wildlife in your gardens and villages, please follow HEG's brilliant Facebook page! It's packed with useful information along with great links to other organisations.

If you would like to join HEG and receive the occasional email, please sign up via Hendredsenvironmentgroup@gmail.com.

HEG always welcomes new members. Whether you have a skill or idea to share or are curious to learn more about how to champion wildlife in the area – sign up!

HEG contact details are: Facebook: @HEG Larder

or @HendredsEnvironmentGroup
E-Mail: hendredsenvironmentgroup@gmail.com

#### 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





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#### **Hendreds Tennis Club news**

As prices shoot upward the good news from Hendreds Tennis is that our membership rates will not! At the AGM held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, the committee voted to keep rates for the 2023/24 season the same meaning a family membership remains at £95, Adult £45 and Junior £10.

Last season members enjoyed playing tennis all year round starting with Sunday morning sessions and Wednesday club nights (over spring and summer). This June sees the introduction of *First Friday* evening club sessions. The first will run on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and we hope to continue these sessions, on the first Friday of each month over summer. The backdrop to these social evenings with be the thrum of families, cricket and drinks at the sports club har

We held our popular annual quiz on 17th March, St Patrick's the theme this year. Once again, MC Dom Hones worked his magic on the crowd for an entertaining, successful night. The Club was able to donate a percentage of profits to the DEC Ukraine appeal.

The club will organise two senior (16+) competitions this year on 25<sup>th</sup> June and 9<sup>th</sup> September and encourages participation from a wide range of players competing from our growing village and beyond.

And last, our longstanding friendly fixture with Ardington Tennis Club resulted in an overall win for Hendred. This year we hope to play a return match as well as more friendlies with other clubs, as in previous years.

If you are interested in any of the events mentioned in this article or in joining the club, see the membership tab on our website www.hendredstennis.co.uk or contact play@hendredstennis.co.uk



A warm evening - perfect for a friendly win!

#### Update on the Sports Club

Thank you for your comments and feedback following the consultation on the Sports Club proposals late last year. We have worked hard to factor them into our thinking and would like to update you on the current status.

Our latest thinking is to extend and improve the existing building location rather than erect a brand new clubhouse in the north west corner of the field. We still need to move the pitches south to free up space for more parking and we'd also like to level the ground to facilitate a wider range of leisure activities. Finally, we want to improve vehicular and pedestrian/cycle access to mitigate traffic issues.

The planning process is long and rigorous and we are not yet ready to make an application. We will, however, begin to talk to the planners using the pre-application process to understand if our revised thinking would meet their general criteria. We will then run a further consultation process before we submit an application, hopefully later in the year.

Thank you once again for all your comments and feedback. We have tried to take them on board as far as possible and we remain committed to finding the best possible outcomes for the community.

Dom McKenna Hendred Sports Club Trustees



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#### **Planning Matters**

#### Online viewing and commenting on planning applications

Applications are lodged with the Vale of White Horse and can be viewed and commented on at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk

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.

**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/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 Parish Council 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

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

**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 Parish Council had no objections subject to a landscape condition on the northern boundary. Application withdrawn.

P23/V0314/HH – The Poplars, Church Street. Proposed single storey rear extension to dwelling and detached garden room. The Parish Council commented on parking provision and re-positioning of the pond. Awaiting determination by the Vale. P23/V0552/HH – Wells Head, Newbury Road. Erection of an outbuilding, a swimming pool and reinstatement works to a listed building. The Parish Council submitted a holding objection until issues relating to the size and siting of the building and inaccuracies in the Heritage Statement had been addressed. Awaiting determination by the Vale. P23/V0352/HH – Upper Barn, Newbury Road. Construction of a greenhouse. The Parish Council had no objections. Permission granted.

#### **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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#### **Council Working Groups**

The Parish Council includes several working groups which address particular areas of PC responsibility. The groups will be be formed when new members have joined to bring the PC to full strength.

#### PC Working Groups are currently:

Allotments

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Finance

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Playground Development

Environment & Sustainability

**Emergency Planning** 

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#### **AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY - Changes to bin collections**

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#### **Planning Matters (continued)**

**P23/V0695/HH** – Southernwood, Cat Street. Conversion of the hobby space on the first floor of the garage into a one bedroom flat. Works include 3 new rooflights. The Parish Council did not object but requested that the flat did not become a separate unit. Awaiting determination by the Vale.

P23/V0806/S73 – The Plough Inn, Orchard Lane. Changes to the size of the new house. The addition of an oak framed garage and changes to the parking arrangements. The PC and the Vale's Conservation Officer objected with concerns about the impact of the proposal on the listed cob wall and The Plough, both listed buildings. The applicant has withdrawn the application. P23/V0851/FUL – Champs Chapel, Chapel Square. Erection of a flagpole. The Parish Council had submitted this application but is reviewing it because several village residents felt that it would be detrimental to the setting of the War Memorial.

#### Village Diary

#### June 2023

8th GA Tea at Hendred House 3:00pm 15th Parish Council meeting 7:30pm

21st WI Snells Hall 7:15pm

#### **July 2023**

**6**<sup>th</sup> GA Summer Lunch (Snells) 12.30pm

6<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting 7:30pm

19th WI Snells Hall 7:15pm

#### August 2023

3rd GA Tea Snells Hall 3:00pm
 9th Deadline for the Bulletin (pg 2)
 16th WI Snells Hall 7:15pm

30th Bin Collection (from Tuesday 29th)

#### September 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Bin Collection (from Friday 1<sup>st</sup>)
 7<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting 7:30pm
 14<sup>th</sup> GA Tea Snells Hall 3:00pm
 20<sup>th</sup> WI Snells Hall 7:15pm

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Wednesday Walking Group 9:30 am (pg 4)

Thursday Springline Singers 7:30 pm (pg 13)
Friday Board Games 6.30pm Wheatsheaf

(pg 4)

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3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (unless advised)

**Parish Council Meeting** 

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday - 7:30pm, Snells Hall

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