# Bulletin entre Bulletin





#### **Camelot the Panto**

Snells Hall was transformed into Camelot at the end of January, as the Springline Panto production was back!

The knights were ready, the witches were ready... but unfortunately Camelot's King become poorly on the opening night. The Camelot town's folk quickly crowned a new king as we had heard that the evil Tangled-wood King (and his mum) were trying to steal Guinevere.

The show was awash with magic, bravery and laughter, and that was just from the backstage crew. We had so many talented children join us on stage this year

that added to the magic and energy, we sang, we danced, we even got most of our lines right! In the end Prince Arthur and Guinevere got married - awwww - everyone is now trying to figure out what to do with the huge round table.

A huge thank you to everyone in the cast and crew who put in so many hours of their time.

A massive thank you to everyone who came to see the show. Your boos, cheers, singing and shouts of "Be bold, be brave" made it magic for us all. In the words of Merlin, in a flash ... in a flash ... Oh well, see you next time.

Michelle Tanfield (Prince Arthur)

#### **December in East Hendred** Report from East Hendred Heritage Trust

#### Carol concert and candlelit procession

What a sight to behold as the candle-lit procession (below left) snaked its way from the Penney Play Park to the village museum in time for the lighting of the village Christmas tree and Carol Concert. The weather may not have been on our side but to hear the happy chatter of the children and see the awe on the faces of those waiting by the museum was worth all the work. Very special thanks to Val and her team for all the hard work and to you all for taking part.

#### **Mummers**

This old village traditional enactment is a fun way to spend an hour each Boxing Day lunchtime. Since discovering the words from this long-forgotten tradition, Robin Hine and his team have entertained us with a right merry dance. If this old village tradition is something you would like to become involved with, please contact Robin for more information. Pictured many of the group (centre) and the death of Bold Slash, the King and Dr Good looking on (right).







#### County Council, District Council & Tribute

#### Message from our County Councillor - Cllr Sally Povolotsky

Dear friends and neighbours,

Spring is finally on its way, after a soggy, stormy winter season. Seeing the snowdrops and daffodils popping up fills me with a bit more energy. At County Hall it's an interesting time. In early December I walked from the Lib Dem political group and now sit as an independent. Why? It's simple, if you want to achieve anything you need a strategy, and after years of asking, I haven't seen anything that brings benefit to our rural division, and am exhausted by an Oxford City first approach. I've battled for the last 18 months with SEND, Climate and Highways Infrastructure, trying to highlight better and more innovative ways of approaching the issues of dwindling budgets and increased demand. Over 18 months ago I raised concerns on SEND, and the evidence has proven me right. Simply, why waste positive energy for a constant negative? I'm in a much happier place and able to focus on more local issues. Politics is exhausting, and it needs to change at every single level.

SESRO (Steventon Reservoir) is rearing its head day by day, and I recently wrote to the Secretary of State to call for a Public Inquiry, as well as our MP to meet with local residents, neither has come to much fruition.

In February, I am giving evidence to the HIF1 inquiry (a new link road from Milton Park to Culham) in support, which goes against the Parishes' view who are speaking against, but we desperately need better infrastructure and we need it now. So as we head towards budgets, elections (Police Crime Commissioner and maybe a General Election) - pay attention to the small print, because you should hold people in any office to account for their actions not just their words.

See you around the village

Sally

OCC Hendreds and Harwell Division (see page 15 for my contact details)
Facebook - @sally4hendredsandharwell
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#### Message from our District Councillor - Cllr Sarah James

The District Council looks after planning, bin collections, housing, leisure centres (including Wantage Leisure Centre), food hygiene and some housing-related benefits. If you are not sure which council to contact about an issue, get in touch anyway and I will point you in the right direction.

#### Feedback from residents on the new proposals for local planning policy

It was a pleasure to see so many people at the meeting organised by East Hendred Parish Council about the Joint Local Plan consultation and to hear what you had to say, and I'd really like to thank the Parish Council for organising it. The Local Plan is an important lever for the District Council. All planning decisions must follow the local plan's policies, so it has a big impact on our area. I do hope that many of you fed back in this latest round of consultation. If not, don't worry. There will be a further consultation on the final draft.

#### **Nature Recovery**

I know that the beauty of our natural environment and landscape is really important to residents. The council hears this in feedback from residents, I hear it from

residents, and I felt it when I helped to set up Hendreds Environment Group many years ago.

With this in mind, I proposed a motion at the December meeting of Vale District Council to confirm the council's commitment to Nature Recovery and to ask the Cabinet to consider making it a priority in key council policies. This motion was unanimously supported by the council which gives a strong mandate for further action in this area.

#### **Cost of Living Help**

If you or anyone you know is struggling this winter, you can find information on the help available from the District Council and others at

https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/cost-of-living-crisis-advice-and-support/ You can also contact the District Council's Community Hub which can also direct you to a range of help: Tel: 01235 422600

Email: communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

Sarah

VOWH DC - Hendreds

You are welcome to contact me (see details on page 15)

#### **New Bench in Orchard Lane**

Val Smith, a much-loved long-term resident of the village, died on Christmas Day. She is remembered on the plaque on the new bench near Chapel Square, on Orchard Lane, along with Cyril, her husband, and Stan and Jackie Francis. Stan was born in Pound Cottage and Cyril was born in Corner Cottage, both very nearby.

Their sons, Mark Francis and Duncan Smith, are shown putting the new bench through its paces! The bench was paid for by the Parish Council and a grant from Oxfordshire County Council's Councillor Priority Fund, arranged by County Councillor Sally Povolotsky in recognition of Stan and Jackie's contribution to our village.



# chair



It is welcome news that Wicksteeds have started fitting new equipment in the Mill Lane Playground. It should be able to reopen in March. It was closed last year as some of the play equipment was considered unsafe. The new equipment will include a multi-play unit and both a basket swing as well as normal swings and it should be well used across the age range by youngsters in the village.

With the increasing interest in green issues it is encouraging to see that new planning rules were recently introduced nationwide, which require those looking to build a new development to include wildlife enhancements as part of their plans. The changes mean that developers must replace any biodiversity lost in a development, plus an additional 10 per cent by creating new habitats. It is also noteworthy that the Vale District Council has confirmed the Council's commitment to

Nature Recovery and that the Cabinet will consider making it a priority in key council policies.

We were sorry to hear of the recent death of both Ann and Ken Taylor, who were long standing village residents. Ken was a Parish Councillor for 20 years and Ann was the clerk to the Council for a period. (See below).

It is disappointing to see that the Hendreds Owls WI, which recently celebrated its 100th anniversary, will soon be put into suspension for a period as it has not so far been possible to find a President and other officers to enable it to continue. This is a real opportunity for someone new to come along and keep this long-established village organisation running for the benefit of our community. Membership of the local WI includes membership of both the County and National WIs.

Good news about the church clock being refurbished with the intention to have it operational by St. Augustine's day and fully ready to celebrate its 500th anniversary in 2025. This will be a remarkable achievement for the village, the church clock being one of the oldest in the country. We need to thank the benefactors who have provided the funds for this refurbishment. *John Sharp* 

#### **Planning Update**

#### The Local Plan

A meeting to discuss the emerging Vale District Local Plan for 2041 was held in Snells Hall on 31st January, attended by 35 residents and Councillors. Presentations were made by John Sharp and Roger Turnbull. A Local Plan looks ahead fifteen years and plans how much development is needed in an area, like new homes, jobs, roads and schools, and where they should go. It also sets standards for environmental protection, sustainability, water quality and much more.

This Local Plan is to be made jointly between South Oxfordshire DC and the Vale of White Horse DC. The two Councils have stated that the Local Plan will add some new approaches so that more of the housing built in the Districts will be affordable, setting ambitious targets to ensure developments contribute positively to the local environment and wild life and deliver on climate action.

The timescale for the Plan is to have a working draft by Autumn 2024, submission by Spring 2025, independent

examination by Summer 2025 and acceptance by late 2025. It was pointed out that was a very ambitious timescale. The aim of the meeting was to assist the Parish Council in providing comments on the preferred options in the draft Plan by 26th February. Items discussed included houses and more development, jobs, transport and travel, need for infrastructure, power outages and water leaks and the need for a village neighbourhood plan. The focus will be to continue to build out most of the sites already planned and hence the scale of growth will be much less than the current plan.

One of the concerns raised was that the date for net zero carbon for South Oxfordshire is 2030 whereas for the Vale DC it is 2045. It was unclear how these differing targets might be accommodated in a joint plan.

The Parish Council has submitted comments based on the input received. These together with a summary of the discussion at the meeting are on the Hendred web site www.easthendred-pc.org.uk

#### Ken and Ann Taylor

Ken and Ann Taylor lived in East Hendred for over 50 vears. They died early this year within a very short time of each other after long illnesses. A joint funeral was held on 20th January. Ken worked at Harwell for over 40 years until his retirement in 1992. He became a parish councillor in the early 1970's and continued as a councillor until 1983. He was directly involved with setting up the Courtesy Lighting scheme in the village and was the Parish Council representative on the Hendreds school management committee for several years. He also helped to run the Youth Club in the old village hall. Ken joined the Community Centre Committee in the 1990's and became its Treasurer in 1996. He continued in this role until he retired in 2017. Ken took a lead in setting up the computer training centre in Snells Hall after the Millennium extension was opened in 1999. He was a

very kind and considerate man, always reliable, and a key member of the village community.

Ann was active in helping to set up a village playgroup which was the precursor of the pre-school in Snells Hall. She was also a founder member of the Golden Age Club, helping to organise outings for the members. Ann and Ken were active Methodists at the time there was a chapel in Chapel Square and they ran a Sunday school which many local children attended. In later years she took a full-time post as assistant bursar at St. Mary's school in Wantage. In 1997 she became Clerk to the Parish Council - a role she held until 2006. Ann was a conscientious clerk producing accurate and timely minutes and handled correspondence effectively. She was a respected member of this village, contributing to the setting up of several organisations that continue to flourish today. We send our condolences to their daughter, Caroline.

#### 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 easthendred-pc.org.uk/whats-on

#### **AGE UK Campaign**

#### OFFLINE AND OVERLOOKED

Many public services are becoming more and more digital. If you're one of the 2.7 million older people who aren't an internet user, everyday tasks such as managing your money, booking doctor appointments or even paying for car parking are becoming harder, with some being impossible.

AGE UK have launched a national campaign to make sure everyone can access the services they need without being forced to do it online.

There is a copy of the petition at Hendred Stores, and if you are online you can you can sign the petition on line at www.ageuk.org/our-

impact/campaigning/offline-overlooked/

I have further copies of the petition if you are interested.

Penny Wall 01235 833497

#### Springline Singers

Springline Singers community choir continues to grow and thrive. We sing a wide variety of music from spirituals to pop to classical and you don't have to read music, just love singing. We hold free taster sessions for newcomers throughout the year but you can come along anytime to try out the choir. If you enjoy singing with us, we would welcome you to join us at a cost of just £7 per week.

We meet at 7:30pm in term time usually at West Hendred Village Hall but our session on March 14th is in Snells Hall, East Hendred.

We hope to hold a charity concert this summer, so look out for more information about tickets.

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#### Easter Bazaar - Snells Hall Saturday 23rd March 2024, 11 - 2pm

Many stalls, children's activies, tea, coffee, barbecue by the Scouts and the Grand Draw, with many prizes - Hampers, Easter eggs, Vouchers, Chocolates, Wine...

Raising funds for Snells Hall, St Augustine's Church 1st Cuckhamsley Scout Group

#### Village Fair - Snells Hall Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 1pm - 3pm

A showcase for village organisations that entertain, support, have facilities for and encourage the interests of village residents and people from around the area.

Come along and see what's available!

#### **Hendreds Environment Group (HEG)**

HEG ran some Bingo nights in 2023 and that's continuing in 2024, to raise funds for their local activities, also to provide a local event, save travel and transport to towns or the city for a fun night out. In 2024 they are adding a community cinema, keep your eyes open for posters and dates, matinees and evenings, the first one was Wonka in March with a great response. For more info follow on Facebook - @HendredsEnvironmentGroup Volunteers and help always appreciated - email - HendredsEnvironmentGroup@gmail.com



#### **Community Larder & Hub**

Have you joined the Community Larder yet?

If not, here are a few of the facts and some of the benefits of joining today.

- Access up to £15 worth of surplus food e.g. fruit, veg and chilled goods for £3.50.
- Enjoy teas & coffees at the cafe & make new friends
- Access additional support services
- Save money on your food bills
- Membership from £3.50 per week

It's been a busy few months for the HEG Community Larder and Warm Space at Snells Hall and none of it could happen without our amazing team of volunteers.

We have around 125 larder members but we have space for more. Our capacity is 150, and you can really easily join, see the information above. Reducing Food Surplus is at our core, and in 2023 that worked out at around 400kg per member in the year, which is a huge amount of food saved from landfill or incineration.

People ask us a lot if we are a food bank or community fridge, nope, we are a Community Larder, powered by SOFEA in Didcot. You pay a weekly membership from just £3.50 and you get to take 14 items home. That can be anything from bread to ice cream, butter to crisps and more!

To help reduce waste, enjoy the surprise of what is available every week (a host of veggies guaranteed) then join us! We also have discretionary memberships for anyone who may need a little help - and this means you can join for free.

We also run the Community Hub every Monday, join us for Breakfast, Lunch or Afternoon Tea - we make meals from surplus - hot pies, quiches and pasta bakes and more! We have bacon sarnies, toast and porridge, always options, always a smile and a warm space to be. Whether you want a safe space with your toddler for a coffee break or somewhere for home work for a while (awesome WiFi), a place to catch up with friends or to knit and natter, come to the Hub. We work on a donations basis, pay what you can afford or, if not, just enjoy the warmth that's been put into the service.

We are open on Mondays as follows in Snells Hall, East Hendred. Please walk or cycle if you can!

9am - 5pm Community Cafe and Hub

4 - 5:30pm Community Larder

To find out more, follow us on social media Facebook - @HegLarder Instagram - @HegCommunityLarder

#### **NEW - Report from St Amand's School Parliament**

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January, St Amand's School Parliament organised an Eco-Friendly Fashion Show, where old clothes and materials were transformed into beautiful, new outfits. Working in four house groups, all children at school were involved in designing and creating outfits based on the four seasons. Each house group chose four children to model their fabulous creations in the afternoon.

The School Parliament started the day with an assembly and made sure that all children knew the rules. Two judges were decided upon, who scored the outfits and chose an overall winning house: St Pio. Parents and family members were invited to watch the show for a small fee! Almost £80 was raised from this event and it was a huge and very enjoyable success.





#### Are you able to help support people in East Hendred?

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

Museum opening dates

The village museum will reopen its doors to visitors on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Do please come and join us and revisit the exhibition from "The Street where you live" series which focuses on St Mary's Road. The exhibition team were so excited with the new information they discovered about St Mary's Road and can't wait to share it with you.

#### Save the Date!

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June sees us staging our bi-annual Open Gardens event in which visitors to the village get to enjoy the gardens behind the gates! We are extremely grateful to everyone who offers to open their gardens to the public on this very special fundraising day for the village museum. This event is the main fundraiser that helps us to keep the museum operating. There are many jobs that

you can help us with on the day, from car parking marshals, to manning the museum, selling the garden entrance tickets or helping with the afternoon tea and cakes. Every little amount of time will be much appreciated. If you can lend a hand, please email the secretary - hendredheritagesecretary@gmail.com

#### **Volunteers Required!**

Like all charitable groups we are always happy to receive an offer of help, no matter how small. There are so many jobs that need to be done to help keep the museum going, from stewarding during the hours we are open to the public, to helping at one of our fundraising events and even offering to help with one of the many projects we are continuing to work on. Life as a trustee or volunteer is never boring, that much we can guarantee and as the saying goes "many hands make light work". If you would like to find out more about what we do, please contact the secretary.

#### The Reservoir

Group Against Reservoir Development (GARD) Update for February 2024

Thames Water finally admit that building the Reservoir will cause groundwater levels to rise by 1 metre without serious mitigation! After more than 25 years of denying any effect of the Reservoir on the local groundwater, Thames Water have only just got round to performing preliminary calculations on the actual effect. As local people have long claimed, this shows a major adverse impact on the groundwater of the area. They have no proven solution to this effect of raising the water level by 1 metre, which as residents know, will leave large areas of villages like Hanney, Steventon, Drayton, and the surrounding area underwater for months every year, even without heavy rain!

At the time of writing (9th February) the Secretary of State for DEFRA (Steve Barclay) has not made any

decision on Thames Water's reservoir plans, or on the call for a Public Enquiry that GARD made on 20<sup>th</sup> December. So there is still time for you and our MP to influence his decision.

If you sent your complaints to Thames Water in the consultation, and you feel that they have not answered your points, or if you want to write to oppose the new, larger, project, then we urge you to follow GARD's example and write to the Environment Agency and/or Ofwat and complain about TW's attitude. Communications about environmental and water quality issues: water.resources@defra.gov.uk OR water-company-plan@xn-environmentagency-0z2j.gov.uk

Don't forget to copy to our MP, David Johnston, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA or david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk Please copy gard.secretary@gmail.com into any correspondence and see the website for developments https://www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk/

Derek Stork Chairman GARD

#### Golden Age Club

In early December we had our Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, carol singing, visit by Santa and a large raffle. Pictured are our festive catering team and helpers. A very good time was had by all. In January it was another lunch, always popular with our members, and this was followed by an excellent talk by Nicki Tilbury who runs The Hendred Stores. During 2023 Nicky and Steve received a puppy Chase, who did his initial training as a Hearing Dog in East Hendred. Nicky gave a wonderful talk about the charity Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and the training involved with the dogs.

At the end of January, a group from the club went to Oxford by coach to see the musical Oliver. It was a wonderful performance. February was our last lunch for a while, so many thanks to Salvador, Barbara and Kate for all the delicious meals we've had over the winter months. Our February talk was given by Julian Gold, farm manager for the Eyston estate. An absolutely fascinating and thought-provoking talk on "Food and Farming in the 21st century". On 7th March we revert to teas at 3pm and a talk by Jane John "All About Calligraphy".



If you are new to the village, we would like to welcome you to our very friendly club. We usually meet on the first Thursday (sometimes the second) 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 <code>susie@monkscourt.co.uk</code>



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Rachel (Editor)



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#### Parish Church of St Augustine

I was surprised one Monday morning in January to see fire engines on Newbury Road outside the Tin Hut, also known as the Rectory Room. A fault in the electrics had caused a small fire, which was quickly put out. But the damage from this means the future of the hut is now up in the air. Still, whatever happens next, it has certainly lasted long past what anyone could have expected or imagined when it was put up in 1898.

Many will have warm memories of coming to the hut for Sunday school or other activities. Fortunately, the church building itself has been made more flexible some years ago by the opening up of the south aisle. This enables us to do new things in the building like Family Church, our new service for children and adults, with stories, snacks, songs, crafts, and games. This takes place every Sunday during school term at 3:30pm, taking a break for the Easter holiday (31st March to 14th April) and summer half term

(26th May and 2nd June). Please come along sometime if you're interested.

We are extending a special welcome for people of all ages to join us at 3:30 on Mothering Sunday 10th March and on Palm Sunday 24th March. For the latter service, we hope we can tempt a real live donkey to join us for the procession. This was a great success last year in West Hendred, so I'm hoping it will become an annual tradition for this to happen somewhere in the downland villages.

Our 11am service continues on the first, third (and fifth) Sunday of each month. On Sunday 3rd March, there's a chance to meet our new Associate Vicar, Revd John Durant, and hear him preach. 31st March is Easter Day. And the annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect churchwardens is taking place after the 11am service on 21st April.

Nikolaj Christensen, Rector rector@wantagedowns.org / tel. 634940

#### The Parish Church Clock

High up in the tower of the parish church is a rare and ancient faceless clock. On the frame that holds it is the maker's name, John Seymour (a Wantage blacksmith), and the date 1525. For almost 500 years this clock has struck the hours and the quarters. At some point a tune wheel was added, which every three hours played the 'Angel's Hymn' by Orlando Gibbons on the bells. It was wound daily by hand, in recent years by the late Dodwell Miles and John Hill, and most recently by Phil and Martin Lawrence. The clock was overhauled by Arthur Harrison, a village blacksmith, in 1961, and kept good time until it fell silent after a part broke a few years ago.

Led by Nigel Findley, the Tower Captain, major work on the clock began in January. The work is being done by a specialist firm, Crackstone Clocks. Many parts will need to be refurbished or replaced, and modern automatic winding and night-time silencing systems are being added. The considerable cost has already been met by generous benefactors and energetic fund-raising.

The aim is to have the clock running by Easter this year. It's hoped that the strike and chime will be operating by St Augustine's day, 26<sup>th</sup> May, and the tune wheel playing the hymn soon after, in time for the clock's 500th anniversary. The project is being fully documented to modern conservation standards, and it is hoped that soon villagers will not only be able to hear the clock tell them the hours and the quarters again, but to climb the tower and see the centuries-old mechanism at work.

#### East Hendred Catholic Parish

Holy Week & Easter at S. Mary's, East Hendred & S. Patrick's, East Ilsley.

An early Lent, this, year, with barely time to catch our breath after the joys of Christmas feasting before we were precipitated into the great Lenten Fast. As we set our

#### Church Services

24<sup>th</sup> March: Palm Sunday

- The Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem
9.30am Blessing of Palms,
Procession, & Parish Mass (S. Mary's)
Meet outside The Chapel of Jesus at Bethlehem
(Champ's Chapel, Chapel Square).
11:15am Mass (S. Patrick's)
6pm Mass (S. Mary's)

28th March: Maundy Thursday

- The Last Supper

**8pm Mass** of the Last Supper, & Watch of the Passion If weather clement, the Watch of the Passion will take place in the Chapel of SS. Amand & John Baptist, Hendred House.

eyes on the Cross and the Tomb, we look towards the great ceremonies of Holy Week, celebrating the Passion of Our Lord, and the resurrection joys of Easter. Do take note of the times and venues below, and join us as we mark this most sacred time in the Church's year.

Fr Matthew Topham mtopham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk / tel 835038

29<sup>th</sup> March: Good Friday

- The Crucifixion
12 noon Stations of the Cross
3pm Liturgy of the Passion

30th March: Holy Saturday

– The Descent of Christ into Hell
9-11am Confessions (S. Mary's)
5-6pm Confessions (S. Mary's)
9pm Easter Vigil

31st March: Easter Sunday

- The Resurrection of Jesus
9.30am Parish Mass (S. Mary's)
11.15am Mass (S Patrick's)
6pm Mass (S. Mary's)

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#### Village News



As we approach another spring, I remember the advice I was given by some seasoned gardening and allotment friends when I first started out on this

growing my own food malarkey.

Work on the principle of thirds, and you will never be disappointed. Thirds? Yes, one third of seeds will never grow, one third of those that do will be eaten by the wildlife and the third that are left is for you. There are always the exceptions that prove the rule. Often every seed becomes a lovely plant with nowhere for them to grow, or else, not one has managed to poke its head above the ground. I remembered the advice, gave away the excess and gratefully accepted from others who have too many.

Winter 2023 tested my resolve as I became aware that some of my brassicas were losing their lovely green leaves. Did we have pesky thieves? Well, ves. but not the 2-legged variety. As I looked at the soil around, I noticed the tell-tale sign of deer. I love the deer we have in the village and irritating as it was to lose my brassicas, I am also pleased that we have the wildlife. Not quite a third of the brassicas, more like two!

All plants want to live. Learn what they need to grow; know their preferred soil type; when and if they need

feeding; how much water they need, then let nature do the rest. I was listening to "Gardeners Question Time" and a chap asked about rotation as he didn't bother. Was it necessary? Knowing which plant will benefit from the nutrients left from last year's crop or those which hate what has gone before will greatly assist cropping. In fact, plants can benefit from being grown next to each other in one season. A little research along these lines will save time, money and maximise the crop.

Finally, remember the insects that we need. This year, I plan to research which flowers will help increase the beneficial insects and pollinators on my allotment. I can only say it worked last year in my garden on my plum tree which was infested with tiny white insects - someone said that it was an ant farm and sure enough I had a large ant colony at its base. I bought ladybirds and the transformation was astonishing! Happily, a few days ago I found ladybirds hibernating ready to help me again this spring.

If you don't have an allotment, you can grow in your garden or in pots on the patio, or on a sunny windowsill. Somehow it all tastes so much better when you have Lyn Mason grown it yourself. Happy Growing 2024.

#### East & West Cricket Club

The evenings are getting lighter, spring is around the corner and the excitement is starting to build at every level within East and West Hendred Cricket Club - 2024 promises to be another fun-packed, opportunity-filled memorable season just like last season which saw the club continue to expand with Junior, Senior, Ladies and Girls cricket keeping the ground staff and volunteers on their toes!

We welcomed back our overseas player who further embedded himself the community, coaching and playing at the weekends. We had around 20 Junior players selected on Saturdays and our Ladies stepped forward to play in the Senior teams making it a successful season. The club hosted its first ever international opponents when our ladies team took on the Italian ladies' national team in a midweek T20 shoot out.

As we continue to grow, we need new players of all levels, scorers, umpires, sponsors, and volunteers to continue to be an amazing club. We offer Saturday Senior League Cricket, Sunday Friendlies, T20 Senior games on a Wednesday, Ladies hardball & softball cricket, Juniors (U11, U13, U15), All Stars (5-8 year olds) and Dynamos (8-11 year olds). With plenty of opportunities to support,

eniov a cold drink from the bar, eat food from the BBQ and get to meet lovely people, the club truly offers something for everyone to enjoy!

Dates for the diary for early season 2024.

Winter indoor nets at Abingdon School

Saturday 9 March 12.15, & Saturday 23 March 09.45

Senior outdoor Training

starts Thursday 11 April 18.30 - 20.00

Ladies outdoor Training

Starts Monday 15 April 18.30 - 20.00

Junior outdoor Training

Starts Friday 19 April 18.30 - 20.00

All Stars & Dynamos

Starts Friday 3 May 17.00 - 18.00

If you are interested in joining us to play at any level, or to score, umpire, or volunteer more generally in any aspect of the club let us know by contacting any one of the captains or other officers shown on our contacts page of the website at eastwesthendredcricketclub.com (see our advertisement on page 13). Alternatively, pop down for a drink or a chat on any fixture date or regular Friday evenings - we would love to see you.

#### Deadline date - for the next Bulletin

The Summer edition of the Bulletin is due out in early June.

Please send articles, reports, B&W photographs and village diary dates etc. to me at the Bulletin e-mail address, bulletin@hendred.org to reach me by Friday 10th May 2024.

Thank you.

Rachel (Editor)

#### Help get those potholes mended!

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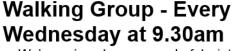
# East & West Hendred Cricket Club Are you a budding Jimmy Anderson?

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- 3 Senior teams in the Cherwell League (Divisions 3, 7 & 8)
- 2 T20 teams in the Downs League Wednesday nights 6 pm with BBQ following match
  - Ladies & Girls U15 softball & hardball teams
  - Boys & Girls U11, U13 & U15 hardball teams
  - All Stars & Dynamos (5–11 year-olds)

Junior training is on a Friday night with BBQ & bar and is a fabulously sociable evening so do join us from 5 pm whether you are a member of the club or not!

For more details visit the website www.eastwesthendredcricketclub.com (See our article on page 13)



We've enjoyed some wonderful winter weather with hardly a wet Wednesday! We've had lots of sunny 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. Sometimes we start from different locations in local villages. For more information, please email susie@monkscourt.co.uk or ring 07710274653.

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Users of the Penney Play Park (and their parents) will have noticed the generous topping-up of the bark chips which provide fall protection. The bark was provided by the Parish Council and spread by a work party of volunteers and councillors. Thanks to Councillor Jason Champ, who organised and drove the loader, and to all who took part.





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

**Note:** The PC means the Parish Council and the Vale means Vale of White Horse District Council

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, landscaping and open space. The PC responded with a holding objection, requesting information on a Harwell Campus Masterplan, details of the floorspace and a travel plan. Application temporarily withdrawn awaiting transport study.

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. Permission granted.

P23/V2772/FUL – Land south of Hillside Harwell Campus Didcot. Tree clearance works and associated new tree planting. Application has been withdrawn.

P23/V2467/HH – Allins Barn Allins Lane East Hendred Wantage. Insertion of new windows and doors. The PC had no objection. Permission granted.

P23/V2479/HH – Rowstock House, Wantage Road Rowstock Didcot. Proposed new padel tennis court over existing tennis court (Amended plans received 15 January 2024-omitting floodlighting from the proposal). The PC had no objection. Permission granted.

P24/V0106/HH - 2 Croom Cottages Wantage Road Rowstock Didcot. Single storey rear extension. The PC had no objection. Awaiting determination from the Vale.

P24/V0167/HH – 5 Mill Lane East Hendred Wantage. Loft conversion with dormer to rear elevation. The PC had no objection. Awaiting determination from the Vale

P24/V0213/HH – Allins Barn Allins Lane East Hendred Wantage. Proposed swimming pond. The PC commented on the affects the pond could have on the amenity of the neighbouring property. Awaiting determination from 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.

Dial code 01235 unless stated otherwise

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#### **Council Working Groups**

The Parish Council includes several working groups which address particular areas of PC responsibility. The groups (with initials of Councillors) is as follows:

Allotments CP. MF plus

Catherine Shortis

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Finance JS, CP, MB, AA plus Julia Evans

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plus Sally Povolotsky for HEG

Highways and Transport: RT and HD
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#### **Refuse Collections**

Waste bins are emptied on either a Tuesday or Friday. Food bins every week, recycling & garden waste and landfill bins, alternate weeks. To check your collection day visit the Vale of White Horse DC website at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk

#### **Easter refuse collections**

Normal day
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Revised day
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April

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Information on bin collection dates for May Bank Holidays was not available at the time of going to print but will be on the on the Vale of White Horse District Council website www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk in March.

#### Helpful websites

East Hendred Parish Council: www.easthendred-pc.org.uk Oxfordshire County Council: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk Vale of White Horse: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk Oxford City Council: www.oxford.gov.uk

#### Village Diary

#### March 2024 GA Tea, Snells Hall 3pm

Parish Council meeting 7:30pm

23rd Easter Bazaar - Snells Hall

#### April 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> Easter bin collection (from Tues)

4<sup>th</sup> GA Tea, Snells Hall 3pm

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

6<sup>th</sup> Easter bin collection (from Fri)

13th First opening of museum 2.30pm

14th Museum open 2.30pm- 4.30pm

#### May 2024

GA Tea, Snells Hall 3pm

Parish Council meeting 7:30pm

10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for Bulletin items (pg 15)

12th Village Fair 1 - 3pm

#### June 2024

6<sup>th</sup> GA Tea at Hendred House 3pm

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

Open Gardens - fundraising event

for EHHT

To ensure you don't miss any events or church services by signing up for the What's On e-mails (page 4)

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Hall. (Doron 07711 474 883)

Cub Scouts 6:30 - 8pm, Snells Hall

(Mhairi, 820249)

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Wednesday Walking Group 9:30 am (pg 13)

Thursday Springline Singers 7:30 pm (pg 4)

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**Parish Council Meeting** 

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Golden Age Club with tea or lunch

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