



Hannee News

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Final Thought: When my wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo I had to put my foot down.

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The Winter Lane Footpath...sadly, not a lot of progress to report since last month, but OCC Highways have at least confirmed that they have now received the application from Bellway Homes, whilst they, Bellway, tell me they await notification from Jeremy Fry of OCC as to when he will review it.



Members of Hanney Brownies prepare to hand out posies on Mothering Sunday, at St James Church

Neighbourhood Plans Launch Event

Hannee War Memorial Hall. Sunday
17th April 2016. 2.30pm till 5pm.
See page 23

Reminder - Hannee Litter Pick Sat 2nd

April 9am

Meet Village Hall. Hi-Viz jackets, litter pickers provided. Volunteers needed, newcomers to the Hannees warmly welcomed. Please confirm attendance to Bob Wilson on 868389 or email -bobwilson300@hotmail.com

Hannee Bellringers Lunch in the Church

SAT 23rd APRIL from 12 NOON - 2pm. Please join us at St James's to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday, St George's Day and Shakespeare's Birthday. All proceeds to St James Church and Tower Funds



Volunteers needed to help at **Christian Aid Coffee Morning**, 10am - 12 noon on Sat 14th May, Village Hall. Please contact Pam Blustin on 868783.



Hannee Michaelmas Fayre 2016

Don't forget this year's event, coming up on **Sat, Sept 24th**. If you want to know more, have any suggestions, or can help, contact Hilary on 868590 or visit the website: www.hanneemichaelmasfayre.co.uk

Editorial

I want to start this month by thanking once again our team of distributors, who, without fail, get Hanney News through every letterbox in the Hanneys, Lyford, Denchworth and Charney, every month. Big up thanks to them all. Hanney News Association held our annual lunch for them recently at the Plough; also an opportunity to formally acknowledge the contribution made to Hanney News, since its inception in 1975(!) by Keith and Jenny Diment. We presented them with two engraved wine glasses, some quality vino and a cake with two sparklers that promptly set off the smoke alarms! Doh! Keith and Jenny, even though they retired from Hanney News in November, are still involved in voluntary work in our villages and we as a community are very lucky to have them. Our pic shows Keith and Jenny with the



three bad boys who currently make up 'Hanney News Association' and, it must be said, display a certain 'dangerous swagger' in our photo! Left to right, Chris our Treasurer, Jim (me!) Editor and Paul our Chief Distributor. It's litter picking time, and I've put Sir Bob of Wilson's plea on the front page again, cos I left off his email address last month, silly sausage that I am! Please pop along.

Henry the hedgehog is back with his little column this month and if he's a very good chap I'll let him have even more space next issue to tell you how you can help with his latest project - wait for it! - finding retirement homes for chickens! Yes really, this is absolutely true, and it's a little tale that'll tug at the old heart-strings. He won't tell me where he got this story...he says a good journalist never reveals his sources! Did you know that here in the Hanneys, we have our own mini bookshops, within the Plough in West and the Black Horse in East? Books are on display to buy - ridiculously cheap! - with all proceeds going to our very own Cancer Research UK charity. You can have a browse whilst enjoying a pint of the landlord's finest, and if you've got books to donate, then contact Dulcie Parfoot of CRUK on 868470 There's live music on a monthly basis at the Legion, the next band being 'Move It' on Sat 23rd. 'Move It' was, I believe, the title of Cliff's first record back in the day, so maybe a bit of a clue as to what kind of 'toons' to expect. Take dancing shoes! I'm just back from the Tai Chi class at the village hall...great fun and if you fancy giving it a go, ring 01235 849403, (see page 13 of Feb issue) but hurry, places are limited...it's proving very popular! Finally I want to mention the Neighbourhood Plan...no this isn't more political nonsense, but a real opportunity to have our say on what we want for our village. It is vital we all get along to the launch event on Sunday 17th April. See page 17 for details, and lotsa pretty pics of Hanney wot I took on a recent sunny day. Here's to lots more sunny days!! Till next month, I bid you adieu.

WANTAGE CHORAL SOCIETY rehearses every Tuesday at CofE School, Newbury St. (next to Comrades Club) at 7.30pm. New voices always welcome. Contact Judy Gibbons 868516, www.wantagechoralsociety.co.uk, email wantagechoralsociety@yahoo.co.uk.

WANTAGE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION : 9am - 12noon every Saturday Feb-Sept. See website for details of all they offer. www.wantagegardeners.org.uk

WILTS & BERKS CANAL TRUST/EAST VALE BRANCH First Wednesday in the month, Social Meeting at the Hanney British Legion 8pm. Details contact Brian Stovold on 763072 wbct.org.uk

NORDIC WALKING CLASSES WITH LISA FROM OXFORDSHIRE FITNESS daytime, evening and weekend classes available please call Lisa on 07885635367, email lisa@oxfordshirefitness.co.uk or visit www.oxfordshirefitness.co.uk for more details or to book a taster session.

HANNEY WI (WOMEN'S INSTITUTE) meet the second Thursday of the month (not Aug) 7.30 - 9.30 in the Olde Hanney Room. New members are welcome, contact Angela Morris Tel. 223245, Email: angie.m@ntlworld.com or Helen Evans 868542

Regular Events

HANNEY LITTLE RAINBOWS, Activity and fun for 0 - 3 yr olds meet every Monday, 9.30 - 11.30am. At the Village Hall Contact Hayley Aram for details 07900 696 921

DANCING CLASS, Tuesdays, 3.30-4.30pm during term-time. Children from 3 1/2. Ballet, tap, acrobatic dancing, deportment. New pupils welcome. Nancy Becker on l.becker@virgin.net

OXFORDSHIRE FITNESS CLASSES Mondays 6.15 - 7.15pm Legs, Bums & Tums at the British Legion; Thursdays 6.15 - 7.15pm. Pick and mix exercise at the British Legion. Call Lisa on 07885635367

YOGA (HATHA) – MIXED LEVEL at Hanney War Memorial Hall, Fridays 9.30-11am. £36 for 6 sessions; £7.50 for drop-in. Ring Eleanor on 01865 863316 or email eleanorwadge@yahoo.co.uk to book or for more information.

HANNEY CHAPEL. Every Sunday, Morning Service at 10.30 (and "Explorers" for children) - creche available. Evening Service at 6pm. All welcome. "Jumpstart" club for 6-10 year olds, Thurs 6pm. Friday Club for 10-15 year olds at 7.30pm, both in term time. Thursday Lunch & Listen first Thurs in month 10.30am. Contact Bob Pritchard on 868864.

HANNEY PRE-SCHOOL meets term time, in the Elliott Building in the grounds of St James School. For 3+ year olds: Monday - Friday 9am – 2pm, For 2+ year olds: Mon - Fri 9am - 2pm. Contact Hanney Pre-School on 07759181330 or see www.hanneypreschool.co.uk

OLDE HANNEY ROOM COFFEE SHOP, Tuesdays, 10.00-11.30am. Everyone welcome for tea or coffee - chat and a raffle.

MOBILE LIBRARY visits alternate Thursdays at West Hanney Bus Shelter, 1.30-1.50pm only.

BINGO every Sunday, R.B. Legion Hall 8pm. Cash prizes. All over 18 welcome

PILATES CLASS Wednesdays 6 -7pm (term time only) at the Royal British Legion, East Hanney. Novices and Improvers welcome. To book your place or for more details please contact Pippa Carey (STOTT Pilates teacher) on 07941 260427 or at pippa@thrive-nutrition.co.uk

Clubs and Societies

HANNEY BOWLS CLUB Wednesdays 7.30-10.00pm, and Thursdays 2.00-4.00pm. Contact 868145

RBL WOMEN'S SECTION MEETINGS are held at 8.00pm on the second Monday of the month in the RBL 66 Club. New members very welcome.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH meets bi-monthly on the 4th Wednesday of September, November, January, March, May and July in the RBL Club. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

HANNEY BADMINTON CLUB meets every Thursday in the HWMH, 8-10pm. We welcome new members. Call 868256 for details.

HANNEY TENNIS CLUB New members welcome. Club sessions Sunday 10am onwards, Tuesday 7pm - just turn up. For coaching adult or junior contact andy.aitken@growingthegame.co.uk
More information www.hanneytennisclub.org.uk or call 868261.

HANNEY HISTORY GROUP. meets 8pm every 4th Tuesday. New members and visitors welcome, non-members £3. For further info ring Bill Orson 868859.

HANNEY BELLRINGERS meet every Wednesday St James' Church West Hanney from 7.30 pm until 9 pm. Beginners very welcome. Contact Jean Hazard for more details (868883).

HANNEY GUIDES meet on Mondays 6.30 -8.00 during term time. All girls welcome, aged 10+, contact Sue Clark 765885. HANNEY BROWNIES (aged 7+) meet on Tuesdays in British Legion Hall from 6.00 - 7.30. RAINBOWS (5+) in Grove on Wednesday and Thursday. Further details and waiting lists: www.girlguiding.org.uk

HANNEY GARDENING CLUB meets on the first Monday of each month in the HWMH. 7:45 for 8.00pm. Tea and coffee followed by a talk. Visit www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk

HANNEY WHEELERS CYCLING We meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at 9.30am prompt at the Hanney WMH. New cyclists, you will be warmly welcomed for recreational local cycling with essential coffee stop!! Call Bob Wilson 868389 or bobwilson300@hotmail.com

HANNEY WINE CIRCLE meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month: www.hanneywinecircle.org.uk

HANNEY CRICKET CLUB Indoor nets available in March & April followed by outdoor training every Wednesday evening throughout the summer from 6.15pm at the rec. League fixtures every Saturday, occasional friendly Sunday games & mid week T20. Contact: Secretary Jerry May 07714 033651, Chairman Richard Green 07765 648638.

HANNEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB trains at the rec. on Thursday night. We play in the Oxford Mail Youth League and have teams from age 5 up. If you would like to join us please contact Paul on 07510 435 508, hyfchooty@gmail.com or visit our website hanneyyouthfc.co.uk

HANNEY TABLE TENNIS meet every Thursday from 6.30pm till 7.30pm at the HWMH. £2 entry. Richard Anstis 07908 673367 for details, or just turn up!

WANTAGE MALE VOICE CHOIR rehearses at HWMH on Tuesdays, 7.30-9.30pm. The Choir is looking for more men who enjoy a good sing to join their existing number of 30 or so. Call Geoff (868440) or Nick (768249), www.wantagemalevoicechoir.org.uk

Notices...what's happening this month

Sat 2nd Annual Litter Pick. 9am, Village Hall. Litter pickers and Hi-Viz supplied.

Sat 2nd Wantage Male Voice Choir at the Beacon Wantage. 7.30pm. See page 17

Sundays, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 9.30am, Services at St James Church. Page 7.

Mon 4th 7.45pm Village Hall, Gardening Club, Pleiones, windowsill orchids by Malcolm Brownsword

Fri 8th 11am - 2pm. Charlton Spring Festival. See page 25

Friday 8th Quiz night at Hanney Hall, with Sir Nigel of Kilbey. See page 14

Mon 11th St James School, Term 5 starts.

Thurs 14th 7.30pm. W.I. Stained Glass of Oxford with Brian Lowe

Sat 16th HWMH '1940's themed Charity Dinner Dance'. Live music with the Three Belles, dancing and great food supplied by the Plough, see page 13.

Sun 17th 10-5pm, Riding for Disabled fundraiser Food Fair in Ardington, see page 14

Weds 20th - Sat 23rd AmEgos Theatre presents High Society, see page 14

Sat 23rd, 12 - 2pm, Hanney Bell Ringers Lunch in St James Church. Front page.

Sat 23rd, Freecycle Live at the Beacon, Wantage. Recycling event, full details on their website: www.sustainablewantage.org.uk

Sat 23rd 8pm, R.B.Legion Live music and dancing with 'Move It'.

Tues 26th 8pm History Group. Village Hall 'East Oxford Archaeology Project' talk by Jane Harrison of Oxford Uni.

Thurs 28th 2.30pm Senior Citizens AGM

....and further ahead

Sat 14th May, Christian Aid Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 Noon, Village Hall, more details next month. Help needed on the day. See page 14.

Sat 14th May Hanney Gardening Club Plant Sale. 10am - 12 Noon HWMHall. Details next month.

Fri 27th May St James School, Term 5 ends.

Mon 6th June St James School, Term 6 begins.

Fri 10th June and Sun 12th, Open Gardens in East Hanney. Details next month

Sat June 25th: Cancer Research UK Table Top sale.

Weds 20th July, St James School, Term 6 ends.

Sat 24th Sept: Michaelmas Fayre (note change of date)

East Hanney Parish Council

Recently, you will all have received notification of your council tax bills for the coming year and will have seen the effect of the precept raised by your Parish Council for 2016-17, as previously reported in the Hanney News. The introduction of a precept brings East Hanney into line with other Parishes in the Vale, including our near neighbours.

We have felt the need to raise this extra money in response to the on-going cuts in services offered by the County Council and to maintain the level of service that is currently achieved. In the coming year, EHPC will continue to provide a monthly skip, arrange for regular cutting of the sports fields and the village's green spaces, including the highway verges and undertake a programme of tree maintenance on its land. The Council has noted that the 'motorbike' in the playground is reaching the end of its useful life and suggestions as to what could replace it are sought. If you have any, please inform the Clerk by the end of April.

In addition, the Council plans to maintain and refurbish the playground and its equipment, install a barrier around the sports field to stop unwelcome over-night visitors parking vehicles, and install protection to some vulnerable verges in the village. The Parish Council will continue to work with specialists and partners in drafting its responses to any planning applications that are forthcoming.

The VWHDC Local Plan 2031 is in its final stages of inspection and it seems that the outcomes of this may be made public prior to the appeal by Linden Homes against the rejection of their application P15/V1616/FUL is heard. This could well have an effect on the outcome of this appeal.

Your Parish Council meets monthly on the first Wednesday from 7.30pm. The agenda is available to view on the notice board outside the Community Shop, Facebook and the website a week in advance. The next planned meetings are:

6th April 2016 Planning sub-committee meeting.
4th May 2016 Full meeting.

The annual parish meeting will be held on the 16th May from 8pm.

Should you have any items you wish to see on the agenda, please contact the Clerk by the 6th May, thank you.

Councillors: Chairman: Jim Triffitt 868314 (Allotments)
Vice Chairman: Stewart Scott 868503 (Neighbourhood Plan and Technical Issues)
Paul Aram 868858 (Playground and Playing field)
David Kirk 07740029059 (Neighbourhood Action Group)
Judy Long 868425 (Footpaths)
Stephen McKechnie 868823 (Village furniture and annual litter pick)
Clerk: Guy Langton 867403 gl-ehpc@outlook.com

Charlton Spring Festival

Wantage Market Garden Project

Friday 8th April
11am - 2pm

Kids Crafts & Activities

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Refreshments

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'Hello friends, me again, Henry the Hedgehog, and this time I want to remind you that along with many other cuts, we no longer appear to get any litter collections in our villages, so if you see any lying around, please pick it up. These building sites generate extra rubbish too, don't they, which seems to blow around in the wind. One of the champions of our village, Bob Wilson, is organising another of his 'litter picks', meeting on Sat 2nd April, at 9am, outside the hall and he told me that if you can help, he'd be very grateful for your assistance. Bob's been doing these for years. Can we help Bob? Yes we can!!



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West Hanney Parish Council

Now that Spring is well on its way and the weather turning warmer, more and more people are enjoying our wonderful Community Woodland.

A small working party recently replaced the broken stile in the south-west corner of the Woodland and completed work on the two kissing gates. At the stile into Cow Lane, a further sleeper and hand rail have been added to the existing sleeper bridge across the ditch. Thanks to the volunteers that turned out in the cold weather to make these areas safer for all. If anyone is willing to join in working in the Woodland from time to time, please contact Graham Garner on 868684 or Paul Sayers on 868146.

Your parish council have supported East Hanney PC and villagers by submitting comments to the government planning inspectorate in opposing the appeal by Linden Homes against the refusal of permission for 200 houses at Summertown. Hopefully many residents from both villages also submitted comments which will help the inspector come to the correct decision and refuse permission!

The daffodils planted last autumn along Main Street have flowered well and we hope residents have enjoyed the display. We will continue planting each year to bring more colour to our village.

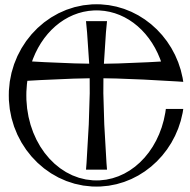
The Speedwatch initiative is now firmly underway in both villages but we still need volunteers to assist in operating the equipment. One or two hours a month is all that is required. Please consider helping our attempt to make our roads safer not just for our village children but for all of us. Contact Gerald Chaffey on 868627, or for East Hanney, Dickon Green on 868427.

There are still two West Hanney allotments available to rent for very little money. Come on clean your forks and spades off and get some exercise in the fresh air! For full details contact Kay Sayers on 868146.

Graham Garner and Eddie Wilkinson are still working hard on producing a Neighbourhood Plan for West Hanney. Please see the separate article advising of the upcoming meeting and help us by coming along to learn more and share your views.

Next Meeting Tuesday 19th April, St. James the Great 7.30pm All Welcome

Chris Surman (Chairman)	868749	Edward Wilkinson	867316
Trevor Brettell	868459	Graham Garner	868684
Kay Sayers	868146		



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Dear Friends,

I had to mend a little garden gate recently – it opens onto a path that leads up a hill with beautiful views. Fortunately the repairs weren't too difficult; just replacing a rotten piece of wood, the hinges and the latch. Though aligning it was a bit of a struggle and it gave me a lot of time to think.

Two thoughts came to my mind as I was hammering away. One was the term **wicket gate**. A wicket gate is a narrow pedestrian gate often part of a much larger gateway. I suppose it subconsciously came to my mind because the gate is narrow - just 2 feet wide.

It was a picture that John Bunyan used in his Pilgrim's Progress; Christian is trying to escape destruction and the character Evangelist directs him to the "wicket gate" where he will find deliverance and asks - can you see a shining light, which Christian must follow. There are various interpretations of what the wicket gate is but one that makes most sense to me is that it represents Jesus Christ himself.

Jesus used the idea of a narrow gate as the entrance to life in his Sermon on the Mount in St Matthew's Gospel. He also described himself, in St John's Gospel, as the gate for the sheep "*that whoever enters through me will be saved*".

Coincidentally, I read that same morning, the passage of Jacob's dream at Bethel of a ladder reaching between heaven and earth on which angels were climbing up and down. Jacob called that place the Gateway to heaven.

The other phrase that popped into my head was from Psalm 121 – *I lift up my eyes to the hills from where does my help come?The Lord who watches your coming and going both now and for ever*. A gate opens out to new possibilities, is a welcome sign for those coming home and keeps enclosed what is precious to you.

Perhaps when you go through a narrow gate next you might call some of these openings and closings to mind. You may have a new venture that you are considering; or there is a concern you need to leave behind; or what you are thinking about is a struggle you have to go through.

Neighbourhood Plans Launch Event

Hanney War Memorial Hall. Sunday 17th April 2016. 2.30pm till 5pm.

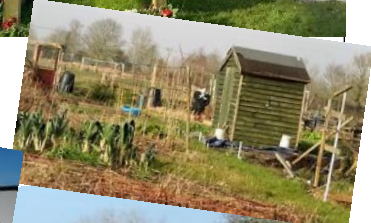
The **Localism Act** introduced new rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new development by coming together to prepare **Neighbourhood Plans**. These plans can include planning policies which reflect and respond to the unique characteristics and planning context of our villages.

East and West Hanney Parish Councils need your help in developing these plans and planning policies. We want to hear your concerns about the future of your village. It could be traffic, housing location and design, provision of facilities, parking, flood risk, protection of the historic environment or ecology, or anything that involves land use.

There will be a 30 minute presentation and Q&A at 3pm, by Tom McCulloch of Community First Oxfordshire. There will be lots of background information in the form of an exhibition, and the opportunity to give your input.

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Well why not ask Jesus Christ to accompany you and support you in that particular concern – after all as a carpenter he would know how to mend a gate and as Saviour of the world He did offer to help us when we ask Him. God bless.

John

Revd John Durant – Vicar, Vale Benefice

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Palm Sunday parade at St James Church, led by Mr Crusty the Donkey. The story of the first Palm Sunday was retold with help from Paul Gooding and local children.

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Finally, three of our teams took part in the Wantage area 'Hi5' Netball tournament.

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