



# Hannee News

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**Final Thought:** 'Don't believe everything you see on the internet' - Abraham Lincoln.

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Some of the volunteer litter pickers, and some of the litter they picked! Read Bob Wilson's report on page 11. (Bashful Bob wielded the camera, so he's not in the snap.)

**Hannee Community Shop** will be open from **9.00 a.m. until 12 noon** on both of the up-coming bank holidays - **May 2nd and May 30th**. Should you need anything we will be pleased to see you. We are always looking for more volunteers for a variety of tasks. If you can help to lighten the load in any way please don't hesitate to get in touch - you will be most welcome. Ring Hazel on 868145.

**Footpath latest...** a recent email from the Oxford County Council, Highways chappie assures me that they are 'short staffed and drowning in work but expect to respond to the developer (he means the developer Bellway's application and plans, submitted several weeks ago, to build the footpath) within the next week'. I'll keep chasing like the little terrier that I am. Woof woof!



## Hannee News Global International.....

is proud to sponsor clean road signs in Hanney. Read all about it on page 25



## Editorial

Ok chums, here we are again, and guess what? I've done a whole year as Editor! No one is more surprised than I. Doesn't time fly when you're enjoying yourself? Quick plea for more letters, articles, feedback etc. and now to tell you what's going down in this month's issue. Two items on improving our village, ie the litter pick and the road sign cleaning, a little piece of weirdness from Henry the Hedgehog, and all the usual stuff with a soupcon of silliness drizzled over the top.

Amongst all that's happening over the next few months, may I urge to you to put the Hanney Pre-School Picnic Ball - sounds interesting! - on Sat 18th June in your diary without delay. Details next month. Serious stuff now, so your best of attention please. You'll be aware that in the near future we will all be asked to vote on the EU. Last year I urged you to be sure to exercise your democratic right at the General Election, citing Magna Carta, the Hungarian peasant girl whose death must not be allowed to have happened in vain! With all due humility, I would urge you once again to vote, and in the tsunami of facts, figures - and fibs? - with which we are currently deluged, I hope the following will be useful. You'll not be surprised to learn that here at Hanney News Global International HQ we have received many impassioned pleas from 'Call me Dave', 'Brexit Boris' and many others to go public on our preferred option, they all hoping that our opinion will sway you, our dear readers. Of course I have had to turn all

requests down; we are and will remain neutral, but could I at least reassure you that whichever way the vote goes on 23rd June, Hanney News G.I. will continue to keep our team of crack - I said crack! - foreign correspondents and photographers around the globe. No one will lose their jobs and no trade agreements will need to be re-negotiated or tariffs paid. No animals - or that many humans, come to think of it - will be harmed in the making of any future editions of our fine, upstanding organ of - and tireless seeker after - truth and justice, and all the usual silliness you've come to expect from Hanney News will continue unabated. Good news all round, say I!



Till next month my friends, and in the meantime, here's a snap of my very patriotic pet dog 'Churchill' and his favourite French cheese. Nous sommes neutral!

It has been my sad task this month to write two obituaries - see page 14 - one for a lifelong Hanney resident, Mick Lamble and one for a young girl, Bonnie Armitage, whose family have been a part of our community for only a short time. Mick was 81, Bonnie just 9; both will be deeply missed.

**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](http://www.wantagechoralsociety.co.uk), email [wantagechoralsociety@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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](http://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](http://wbct.org.uk)

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:andy.aitken@growingthegame.co.uk) More information [www.hanneytennisclub.org.uk](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:bobwilson300@hotmail.com)

**HANNEY WINE CIRCLE** meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month: [www.hanneywinecircle.org.uk](http://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, [hyfcfooty@gmail.com](mailto:hyfcfooty@gmail.com) or visit our website [hanneyyouthfc.co.uk](http://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](http://www.wantagemalevoicechoir.org.uk)

## Notices...what's happening this merry merry month of

**May**...with a hey and a ho and a hey nony no and a no no nony hey no - you get the idea I'm sure!

**Sunday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 9.30am Service at St James.** Page 7 for details

**Fri 6th, Hanney Gardening Club** - A visit.

**Fri 6th. Film Night in HWMHall. Life of Brian.** See page 11 for details.

**Sat 7th 10am - 1.30pm Plant Sale** at RBL Hall. Wantage and Grove Lions. 2nd hand tools, pots also for sale.

**Thurs 12th, 7.30pm W.I.** Resolutions for the National Annual Meeting - Avoid food waste, address food poverty. Appropriate care in hospitals for people with dementia.

**Sat 14th, Christian Aid Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 Noon,** HWM Hall.

**Sat 14th, Gardening Club Plant Sale.** 10am - 12 Noon HWM Hall.

**Sat 21st 6.30pm Hanney Chapel Presentation.** HWM Hall. Page 25 for details

**Sat 21st 8pm R.B. Legion Live music** with the Saga Louts. (Seriously good band!! - Ed)

**Thurs 26th 2.30pm. HWM Hall, Senior Citizens.** Join us for comforting tales of 'Love and Chocolate' by professional storyteller Chloe Lees. Guests very welcome.

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

## ...and further ahead

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

**Fri 10th June and Sun 12th, Open Gardens** in East Hanney, see page 13.

**Sat 11th June. Garage Sale 'Rainsford' Halls Lane E Hanney.** Details next month.

**Sat 18th June Hanney Pre-School Picnic Ball fundraiser.** Details next month.

**Thurs June 23rd 2.30pm Senior Citizens. HWM Hall.** Open to all, a 'Tour of the Universe'. Guest speaker Valerie Calderbank, member of the Royal Astronomical Society and popular cruise speaker. Star Gazers - don't miss this opportunity!

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

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

**Sat 20th Aug, Wantage and Grove Extravaganza.** See page 23. **Will be of special interest to anyone running a local business.**

**Fri 9th - Sun 11th Sept Hanneyfest.** Black Horse, East Hanney. Details soon

**Sat 24th Sept: Michaelmas Fayre.** See page 13.

## East Hanney Parish Council

Your Parish Council extends its thanks to Bob Wilson and the massed volunteers for organising and undertaking the recent annual litter pick. A great deal of litter and other rubbish was collected and duly removed by Biffa. However, the litter pickers reported that many dog-poo bags were collected around the playing field. It is great that dog-owners and walkers pick the poo up and bag it but unfortunately the bags are then discarded along the field edges rather than being put in the bins provided around the field. More amazingly, used dog-poo bags were found in the hedgerow and ditch along Summertown, these must have been flung from a vehicle window! Please could all dog-owners and walkers use the provided dog waste bins and not hedgerows and field edges. These bins are explicitly provided for the purpose of discarding dog waste. Any other public waste bin can also be used to deposit bagged dog waste. Otherwise this waste should be taken home and placed in the domestic waste bins that are provided to you by the Vale.

As you are no doubt aware, your Parish Council is active in the Neighbourhood Plan steering group, looking at all aspects of the village, its history, ecology, geography, infrastructure and services. This group has identified Rugby as a potential sport for the village to become involved in, a sport for which Section 106 funding is available from projected future developments to contribute towards the required infrastructure. Touch rugby, for adults and children to be exact. If any villager is willing to be involved in the setting up of this club, or knows someone who would be, then please get in touch with the Clerk on his email address below.

If you like being outdoors but rugby is not your thing, then maybe you would like an allotment? The Parish Council has a number of allotments that are available now.

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:

4th May 2016 Full meeting.  
16th May 2016 Annual Parish Meeting (8pm)  
1st June 2016 Planning Meeting.

**The Annual Parish meeting will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May from 8pm.**

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

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

**Dirty Signs.** Back in January I mentioned our very dirty road signs - not 'rude' dirty, you understand, but 'dirty' dirty. Nothing's changed since then, save that they may even be a tad dirtier, so here at Hanney News Global etc we've actually done something about it.

I had a word with the property team at our London HQ - a satellite office of our global operation based here in Hanney, but still a fair sized chunk of real estate, slap bang in the middle of the City. They put me in touch with their window cleaners, 'Rise and Shine of London, Window Cleaners to the Gentry and Nobility'. Normally to be found at Buckingham Palace and the Shard - yes, they do have some very long ladders! - I



nevertheless persuaded them to come down to Hanney over the Easter break and give some of our dirty old signs a jolly good clean. Hanney News has settled their not inconsiderable bill. We live these days in a world of local authority beurocracy don't we? - site visits to determine job priority; more site visits for risk assessments to take place; checks that no EU rules or directives are being contravened; meetings with health and safety experts; the list goes on. So perhaps the moral of this story is very simple? If you want a job done, just get on and do it! Meantime, do take a moment and, only if it's safe to do so, glance up at our nice clean signs.



## EVIDENCE for the BIBLE

You are welcome to this informative presentation which will introduce many of the items from archaeology that authenticate or illustrate the biblical record.

*Given by Brian Edwards co-author of a book under this title*

**Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm**  
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## West Hanney Parish Council

The Parish Council was devastated to learn of the tragic death of 9 year old Bonnie Armitage from North Green, and we offer our most sincere condolences to her family. We know that this tragedy has affected the whole village and left us all in shock and sadness.

Subsequent to our meeting with Matthew Barber, The Vale Planning Officers and Sweetcroft Homes, two revised applications have now been submitted for new houses on 'The Old Orchard' adjoining Church Farm. One is for 8 properties, the other for 11. The proposed developments do not now extend beyond the existing natural boundary of the Orchard into the field fronting School Road, and have been reduced from the previous plans for 18 properties. Full details can be found on the Vale website under Application Nos: P16/V0635/FUL and P16/V0637/FUL.

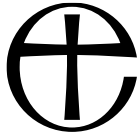
A revised application was also submitted for 15 houses off School Road, a reduction of 1 from the original application.. We hope as many people wrote and emailed objections to these amended plans as they did for the original submission. Details under P15A/V2887/FUL

We also hope that villagers found time to support our friends in East Hanney by objecting to the two appeals that were submitted for over 400 houses in total.

We are currently exploring the pros and cons of taking over some of the responsibilities currently held by Oxfordshire County Council, such as grass cutting etc. Grants are available but we need to calculate whether these offer a viable proposition. We will report on our findings soon.

**The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 3rd May at 7pm at St. James the Great, followed at 7.30pm by our normal scheduled meeting. All residents are welcome.**

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



## THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends

I looked down at my feet and there on the stone floor a couple of inches away was a very still butterfly. Its wings were folded up and it may well have been dead. I was in church on Good Friday just after the passage about Jesus being laid in the tomb had been read when I noticed this little insect.

I mentioned the butterfly in the following meditative prayer contrasting this dead looking creature that might suddenly rise and fly, with the burial of Christ and the hope of His resurrection.

We then stood to sing the hymn “ *Were you there when they crucified my Lord? - were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*” and suddenly a red admiral butterfly started fluttering and flying in front of the stained glass windows which included scenes of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

It has been my experience to discover butterflies (particularly red admirals) in every church I have ministered in - especially during the summer months but even during one December wedding a butterfly appeared. I think they may be attracted by the church flowers but there could be a deeper reason.

I don’t know why the *Vanessa Atalanta* (to give it its scientific name) is called **red admiral** unless it is because it’s distinctive red stripe on a black background is similar to the golden braid on admiral’s uniform - perhaps some of our readers might let me know? - but I do know that despite not being mentioned in the Bible the butterfly has strong spiritual symbolism.

Some people link butterflies with angels, others like to use the stages of metamorphosis from Caterpillar, Chrysalis and then fully grown butterfly to teach about the burial and resurrection of Christ.

Many pop songs link butterflies with love - Dolly Parton wrote – “*Love is like a butterfly as soft and gentle as a sigh*”. Johnny Mathis sang about “*the bright elusive butterfly of love*”. I gave my wife Sally, a butterfly brooch on our honeymoon with a poem about my love for her.

The beauty and gentle fluttering of butterflies is very peaceful. So may I suggest the next time you see a beautiful butterfly you take time to pray or be grateful or even to reflect on the transforming power of God’s love.

Over the last few weeks, two dear members of our congregation have died,



The Recreation Ground, Cane Lane, Grove. A day of entertainment and community fun with participatory events, side shows, display stands, food, drinks and music. The whole event will be supported by a **FREE multi-page full colour programme**, which will be distributed by local Scouts, to thousands of households within Grove & Wantage. We now need local businesses to provide sponsorship by way of advertising in the programme. Assistance with advertising artwork can be provided upon request. If you would like to participate in the Extravaganza in any way we would like to hear from you as soon as possible.

To advertise and / or to participate in the Extravaganza please contact **Roger Williams** at [drwilliams@outlook.com](mailto:drwilliams@outlook.com), phone on **01235 224255**.

### Hanney Table Tennis Club

We are delighted to report that the £100 grant from the Michaelmas Fayre sub-committee of the PCC to Hanney Table Tennis Club has been invested in new match shirts for all the competing players, from 80 to 10 years old. Our teams now compete at a range of levels across the county, but many players just come for an hour of fun from 6.30 to 7.30 on any Thursday evening. New players are always welcome and the club continues to thrive, with the essential support from the community, for which we remain very grateful.

**Richard Anstis**

**Friends**, each month I invariably have more to squeeze into our little parish mag than I have room for, and just lately I’ve been leaving out contributions from our MP Ed Vaizey, and our Vale District Council leader (and Hanney resident) Matt Barber. In some quarters, my action has resulted in joyful celebration and the popping of champagne corks, whilst in others, it has caused much weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth. If you have a view on this matter, I’d greatly welcome your input, but in the meantime, here are the contact details of these two big beasts of the political arena.

**Ed the V** - You can contact me on any

*matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or [dicksonce@parliament.uk](mailto:dicksonce@parliament.uk). Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please complete the online form at <http://tinyurl.com/EdVaizeyMP>. And here’s **Matt the B’s** email and website addresses: [councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk](mailto:councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk) [www.matthewbarber.co.uk](http://www.matthewbarber.co.uk)*

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some dog-owners are not disposing of  
their "doggy poo" bags in bins provided or  
taking them home. 20-30 "doggy bags"  
were found along the rear verge of the  
playing fields. It will of course be a very  
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To the guilty ones - please stop it you are  
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**Bob Wilson**

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## Letters

Dear Editor - Though we do not know the family personally, we would like to let the family of little Bonnie Armitage know - through Hanney News - that our thoughts are with them at this very sad time. It feels like a dark cloud has descended over the village. To lose a child is horrendous.  
Nina and Wilf Clements.

Dear Editor - We would like to thank everyone again for their support at our recent table top sale. Our final total for the day was £1,200. Another step nearer our target! Anyone who would like to join us and book a table for the 25th June will be made very welcome. The table costs £5 which goes to C.R.U.K and hopefully you make a good profit towards whatever you choose.  
Kathy, Lyn, Marion and Dulcie. Hanney Fundraisers - 868527

Dear Editor - The residents of East and West Hanney wish to thank Bob Wilson for organising the litter-pick once again, and for all the volunteers - well done.  
Carleen Roseff

## Obituaries

### Michael Lamble

Hanney lost one of its true characters when Michael Lamble passed away on 23rd March, aged 81. Michael, known as 'Mick', was born in a - now demolished - cottage in Winter Lane and grew up in Hanney. Aged 11 he gained a scholarship to King Alfred's in Wantage. After leaving school he worked for a year as a clerk, and then joined the Royal Berkshire Regiment. Following his 'demob' Michael had many jobs, mainly in clerical and admin positions. As a young man he was a keen footballer and cricketer, and throughout his life had been closely involved with the Royal British Legion. He was the President at the time he died, and was a Gold Badge and Lifetime member. Over the years he has been the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Hanney Branch. He leaves behind a loving family, and many friends, all of whom will have very fond memories of him. He will be missed by everyone fortunate enough to have known him. Mick's wife Anne and their children Shaun, Craig, Dale and Kerry would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy they have received.

### Bonnie Armitage

Bonnie, aged 9, died last month in a tragic horse riding accident. She lived in West Hanney with her parents Polly and Nick, her elder brother Zach and younger sister Mamie. Bonnie loved horse riding and music, and was a pupil at St Hugh's School. Her headmaster, Andrew Nott, described Bonnie as 'a truly lovely talented girl who was bright, kind, compassionate and full of joy'. I'm sure everyone in our community will want to pass on their deepest condolences to Bonnie's family.

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