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Final Thought:

My 'to do' list:

1. Make a 'to do' list.
2. Tick off the first item on your list.
3. Realize that you have already accomplished 2 of the 3 things on your list.
4. Reward yourself with a nap.

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village@hanneycommunityassociation.co.uk

To enquire about becoming a member

membership@hanneycommunityassociation.co.uk

Hanney Lottery

May Winners: £100 - MJ Armstrong E.H. £50 - Simon Thomas E.H. £25 - Mark Heyes W.H

Not got a number yet or want to have additional numbers? Just call Gill Parry on 868490 or email jasminecott@madasafish.com

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Hanney Youth Football Under 9's - unbeaten in

their last 25 league games. Details on page 25.....



The railway bridge on the

A338, at the Volunteer pub - I am reliably informed that it will be closed every weekend in June, from 8pm on the Friday till 6am on the Monday. At least, so the Network Rail press officer told me. However, the information on the yellow sign that's actually on the road leading to the bridge could be interpreted as meaning that the road will only be closed at night on those weekends.

Whichever, you may need an alternative route, or an alternative location to do whatever it is you would have done in Wantage. If that's eating out, drinking and being merry, my advice is to leave the Morris Minor in the garage and enjoy Hanney's pubs & restaurants.

Neighbourhood Plan

Another opportunity to chip in with your two-penny worth, this time in a lovely garden in East Hanney on Sunday 19th June. See page 12 for details.

Hanney War Memorial Hall Committee AGM.

Mon 6th June, 8pm.

Interested in supporting the village hall?

Keen to get involved in a small or large way?

Please come to our meeting where you can hear about all our successes in the last year and ideas for the future. Everyone welcome

Table Top sale

In aid of



CANCER RESEARCH UK

Hanney WM Hall

Sat June 25th

10am - 2pm

Refreshments

Hanney Fundraisers for CRUK

Editorial

The last time I sang, my wife laughed till she cried great big tears, and a complete stranger approached her to ask what was the matter. A sad but true story; nonetheless I'm intending to sing again - this time just the praises of a few fine folk who work tirelessly behind the scenes in our community, largely un-noticed and un-heralded. Step up Paul Aram, who features this month due to his splendid efforts with the all conquering Hanney Youth Football Club. See front cover and page 25. Paul also gets another G.E.M award (Good Egg of the Month) for organising an evening recently where the young folk of this Parish made their contribution to the Neighbourhood Plan. 26 youngsters turned up and a most interesting evening was had, with only one sour note - all the pizza was gone before I got to the front of the queue. Paul was ably assisted by another GEM, Stewart Scott, whose efforts as vice-chair of East Hanney PC and main man of the flood group must also be mentioned. Both these gents work incredibly hard for our community. And if you're not convinced by all this talk of 'community', be sure to read a very lovely letter on page 14 from Yael Rothwell, a relative newcomer to the village who's moving on soon. Thanks Yael, we wish you and your family all the best for the future. Do read the other letters as well; they all contain thanks to people who have helped in some way or other in our 'community'. Another GEM to hand out, this time to Claire Youlden, who as well as taking the

snap on page 15 of the splendid folk who raised £300 (!) at the recent Christian Aid Coffee Morning, also 'dresses' the Community Shop window. Big up thanks to Claire, a talented and artistic lady who used to live in East Hanney, but even though she has now moved away, still does her bit for the shop.

For all our GEMs, let us be thankful...let us...lettuce...gem lettuce...oh never mind. We've a few new advertisers this month, so welcome to them, and if you're running a business and are looking for advertising opportunities, start by checking the Hanney Football article on page 25. Also remember 'Hanneyfest' is happening in Sept. They too will be producing a programme and looking for sponsors. And just to mention that back issues of Hanney News, certainly the more recent ones anyway, are available, just ring me. Meantime, the splendid chaps Dene Stringfellow and Trevor Page who run the Hanneys website - see back page - are archiving all previous issues, right from the very first one back in Dec 1975. All will be available as PDFs on the website. There really is loads going on this month as the Summer arrives - I hope! - so please get involved, you won't regret it.

To finish with some very sad news - Hanney lost one of its great characters recently with the passing of Gerald, known to many as 'Sedgie'. He was a familiar sight around the village and will be greatly missed. His obituary is on page 11.

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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. £45 for 6 sessions; £9 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, hyfcfooty@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 4th, Wantage & Grove Lions, Jumble Sale at E Hanney RBL Hall. Starts 1.30pm.

Sundays 5th, 12th, 19th. Service at St James. Page 7 for details.

Mon 6th St James School, Term 6 begins.

Mon 6th. Hanney Gardening Club: A visit

Mon 6th. Hanney Hall Committee AGM. All welcome, see front page.

Thurs 9th W.I. 'From Guns and Roses to Hearts and Flowers' Kate Lace.

Fri 10th, Open Garden in East Hanney. See page 12.

Fri 10th, Black Horse, East Hanney, Queen's birthday celebration evening, welcome cocktail, hog-roast, live music. Fund-raiser for St James School.

Sat 11th June - Sun 17th July, Wantage Summer Festival. See page 23 for details

Sat 11th Garage Sale 'Rainsford' Halls Lane E Hanney. Details page 25.

Sun 12th Open Gardens in East Hanney. Page 12 again.

Sun 12th. 6pm. Sung Evensong at St James. See page 17

Sat 18th Hanney Pre-School Picnic Ball fundraiser. See pages 12 and 13.

Sun 19th Open Garden in E Hanney, an opportunity to contribute to our **Neighbourhood Plan.** page 12 again!! (What a useful page it's turned out to be this month! Ed.)

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

Sat 25th: Cancer Research UK Table Top sale. See front page.

Sat 25th: Hanney Youth Football Club tournament on the Rec. See page 25

Sat 25th: Live Music at the R.B.Legion with 'Resurrection'.

Tues 28th June, 6pm - 8pm.Hanney History Group: A visit. East Hendred Historic Manors, Houses and Churches plus the museum.

....and further ahead

Sat 9th July St James School Summer Fete.

Sun 17th July St James Patronal Festival and Picnic. See page 7

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

Sat 20th Aug, Wantage and Grove Extravaganza. See May issue, page 23.

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

Sat 24th Sept: Michaelmas Fayre. See page 23.

East Hanney Parish Council

Over the coming months, your Parish Council plans to maintain and refurbish the playground and its equipment, install some form of barrier around the sports field to stop unauthorised vehicular access, and the installation of protection to some vulnerable verges in the village. Should anyone have any suggestions of **possible** new playground equipment that could be installed, please contact the Clerk as contributions from developers could be used to purchase any such equipment. The total cost of **the work being done** is expected to be in excess of £10,000. Additionally, a survey of trees that the PC is responsible for will be undertaken, and any necessary work to maintain them completed. The Parish Council will continue to work with specialists and partners in drafting responses to any planning applications that are forthcoming.

Please could all dog-owners and walkers use the provided dog-waste bins and not hedgerows, field edges or other bins around the playing fields? Dog-waste bins are specifically provided for the purpose of discarding dog waste and protects the person who empties them from contamination when they are being emptied. This waste can, of course, also be taken home and placed in your domestic waste bins that are provided to you by the Vale.

The **VWHDC Local Plan 2031** is in its final stages of inspection and it seems that the outcome of this may be made public prior to the appeals by Linden and Barwood Homes against the rejection of their applications (P15/V1616/FUL and P16/V1846/O) are heard, and before the Vale's Planning Committee considers the development to the South of the Causeway. This could well have an effect on the outcomes for these appeals and application.

For the coming year, EHPC has decided to meet monthly on the **first Wednesday of each month with a new start time of 8pm, in the Old Hanney Room**. Each meeting will be a full meeting, considering all parish council business, including planning applications. The meeting agenda will be available to view as usual on the notice board outside the Community Shop, Facebook and the EHPC website a week in advance.

Next meetings - 1st June 2016 and 6th July 2016.

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

Hanney Youth Football

The Under 9s are unbeaten in 25 league games, were runners-up in the Oxford Mail Autumn Trophy and won the Spring Trophy. The U8's were runners up at the same tournament to finish third.

The U13's recently were awarded the 'Sporting Play' award at a tournament where clubs from all over the country competed.

The 'Rising Stars' now have 14 players, so we hope to have strong teams coming up through the ranks. The club numbers 50 players and is ten years old this year. We are replacing the old vandalised floodlights using an £8k grant from Tesco with new brighter, lower powered LED lights which are less light polluting, and will be treating the field to improve the grass and drainage.

We will be holding our Tournament on Sat 25th June at the Rec, with 68 teams



and over 1000 players and spectators expected. As well as advertising in our programme, this is a great opportunity for local businesses to display and promote their goods and services to a large number of potential new customers, as we are creating a 'Business Arena' through which all those attending the tournament will pass on arrival, during the event and again at departure. For more details, contact Chris Aram on 07930 449 564

We welcome the village to come along, watch some great football and grab a drink and a bite to eat whilst there.

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West Hanney Parish Council

We were saddened to learn of the sudden and unexpected death of Gerald Sedgewick. Another village character lost to us. He will be sadly missed by many people in the Hanneys and of course especially in the British Legion and The Plough where he had so many friends. Our sincere condolences to his family.

Our plans to develop a dedicated West Hanney Parish Council website are now at an advanced stage and it should not be too long before we can announce the details. Likewise our Neighbourhood plan is progressing well although the job is complex due to so many issues having to be addressed.

Our annual accounts have now been produced, verified and signed off and thanks go to our clerk, Kay Sayers, for her tireless efforts in this area. Our financial status is in good order and the future is secure.

The two major planning applications in our village, 15 houses on the field off School Road, and 8 or 11 adjoining the Church Farm development have not yet been determined though we are expecting decisions fairly shortly.

The 'Speedwatch' team are still operating on several days throughout each month but could still use some more volunteers. Please, if you have a few hours to spare, even once a month, contact Gerald Chaffey on 868627 for more information. The villages now part of this initiative together with East and West Hanney are, Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor, Stanford in the Vale, Charney Bassett, Littleworth, Shellingford

There are also still allotments available to rent. For details contact Kay Sayers on the number below.

Now that the growing season is well under way may we ask all residents to ensure their hedges are cut back to allow free passage along our footpaths. There should be at least 4 feet clearance to allow for parents with pushchairs and of course wheelchairs.

The free A1 Community Bus Service is unfortunately scheduled to end on 20th July. We have investigated the possibility of providing our own village community transport scheme but unfortunately the costs involved at present are beyond our reach.

Next meeting - Tuesday 28th June - 7.30pm - St. James the Great.

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



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends

"I'm bored!" is not an expression I would expect to hear from the many readers of this well edited and stimulating village magazine. But do you get bored? I would rather be busy than bored. My idea of hell is boredom; eternal, tedious and boring nothingness.

On one of my journeys around the Benefice, I heard a snippet of a Radio 4 programme presenting an item on boredom. Apparently boredom is not doing nothing. Nor is it daydreaming; rather it is the lack of stimulation. Something that is both mind numbing and pointless. We can be bored in a lecture, in a meeting, even during a conversation.

A lady called Sandy Mann was explaining on this particular programme that there are two opposite results of boredom and lacking stimulation.

It can lead to negative and destructive behaviour; from the aggression of smashing property to the less violent search for food - that when we are bored and go to the kitchen to find something to eat bored people will never choose a healthy option rather they will pick fatty or sugary foods because these have substances that stimulate our bodies.

The other effect of boredom is creativity. A much more positive reaction that can cause us to be more creative. An exercise was set asking 2 groups of people to list as many different things they could do a couple of polystyrene cups. One group had been set the tedious and pointless task of copying a list of telephone numbers. The other group had no such task to perform. What they discovered was that the bored group came up with far more creative ideas and suggestions than the other one. So boredom can be good for your creativity

If you go through a period of enforced inactivity, such as being stuck in a traffic jam, or waiting for delayed train or finding your Internet connection is slow and not responding; it need not be as pointless as it seems. Rather, it can be the preparation time for productivity, like the planting a seed waiting to take root and grow.

The early Christians were told to wait for the promised gift of The Holy Spirit. Waiting on the Lord is not passive inactivity, rather an opportunity to be ready to God's timing and receiving his spiritual resources. The practice of



With lots of new activities planned for 2016 your Fayre committee are very busy working out how we're going to fit all the things you can do into the afternoon and it's going to be lots of fun!

By popular demand we are opening the Food & Drink outlets from 1pm- so plenty of time to come along and have some lunch - and bag a place at the front to see this year's brand new opening event - watch this space to find out more!

More competition category details will be available from the Community Shop and St James Church from 1 June.

And last but not least we need YOU - please contact us by email info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk or phone 07831 690524 (Hilary) - we need lots of helpers and lots of books, white elephants and vintage or nearly new clothes (men's, women's and children's).

Winter Lane footpath...nothing very exciting to report. Latest is that the Oxford County Council Highways have sent some technical queries to Bellway the

developer. Hopefully, they will have been answered by the time you read this. Legal stuff then to sort, before - finally! - paving slabs, diggers and Bob the Builder appear.

WANTAGE SUMMER FESTIVAL 2016

Is a regular fixture in the cultural calendar in Wantage, Grove and surrounding villages. It opens on Saturday 11 June and runs until Sunday 17 July. The Festival opening coincides with celebrations of the Queen's 90th birthday on 11th and 12th June, which Wantage Town Council are organising. 7,000 people join our Festival events each year to celebrate their summer with us. For full details, visit www.wantagesummerfestival.com



Contact details for our political chums.

Ed Vaizey MP - *You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or 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>. Please also note that Ed now has a fortnightly column in the Wantage Herald. Vale of White Horse District Council leader **Matt Barber's** email and website addresses: councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk www.matthewbarber.co.uk PS: **Ed the V** now has a fortnightly column in the Wantage Herald.



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taking a sabbatical or going on retreat is part of that process and the biblical command to have a weekly Sabbath rest is to bless us with the opportunity to recuperate and be re-energised.

I certainly believe that a Christian spiritual response to boredom is productive, not destructive. I hope you will not be bored as we enter the longer days of summer; but if you do have times of frustration remember that with the LORD the outcome can be positive.

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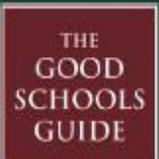
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Gerald was born on 17th Aug 1944, in 'The Cottage', Main St in West Hanney. He attended East Hanney C of E school and then the Ichnield school in Wantage. Leaving at 15, Gerald worked on a building site for a year before joining Cripps and Sons, of Charney, a furniture removals company. When they closed he found work with Luker Bros of Oxford, another removals company. Following a serious car accident Gerald had to give up work.

His passion in life was fishing and anything to do with nature. A generous and happy man, Gerald was enormously popular and had a massive number of friends. They, and his family of course, will all miss him. Gerald was 71 when he died, in the same cottage in which he was born. A true Hanney man, a true gentleman, he will be sorely missed.



Joan Flynn

A long term resident of East Hanney, Joan sadly passed away on 10th April aged 86 yrs. Joan was born in Chesterfield and lived in Derbyshire until she came to live in Hanney with her husband, Maurice Flynn (Sergeant RAF ret'd) in 1969. Joan had 2 children, Marcus & Christine. She also had 2 grand-children and 5 great grand-children. Marcus would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind words.

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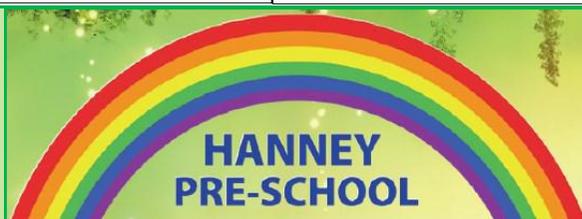
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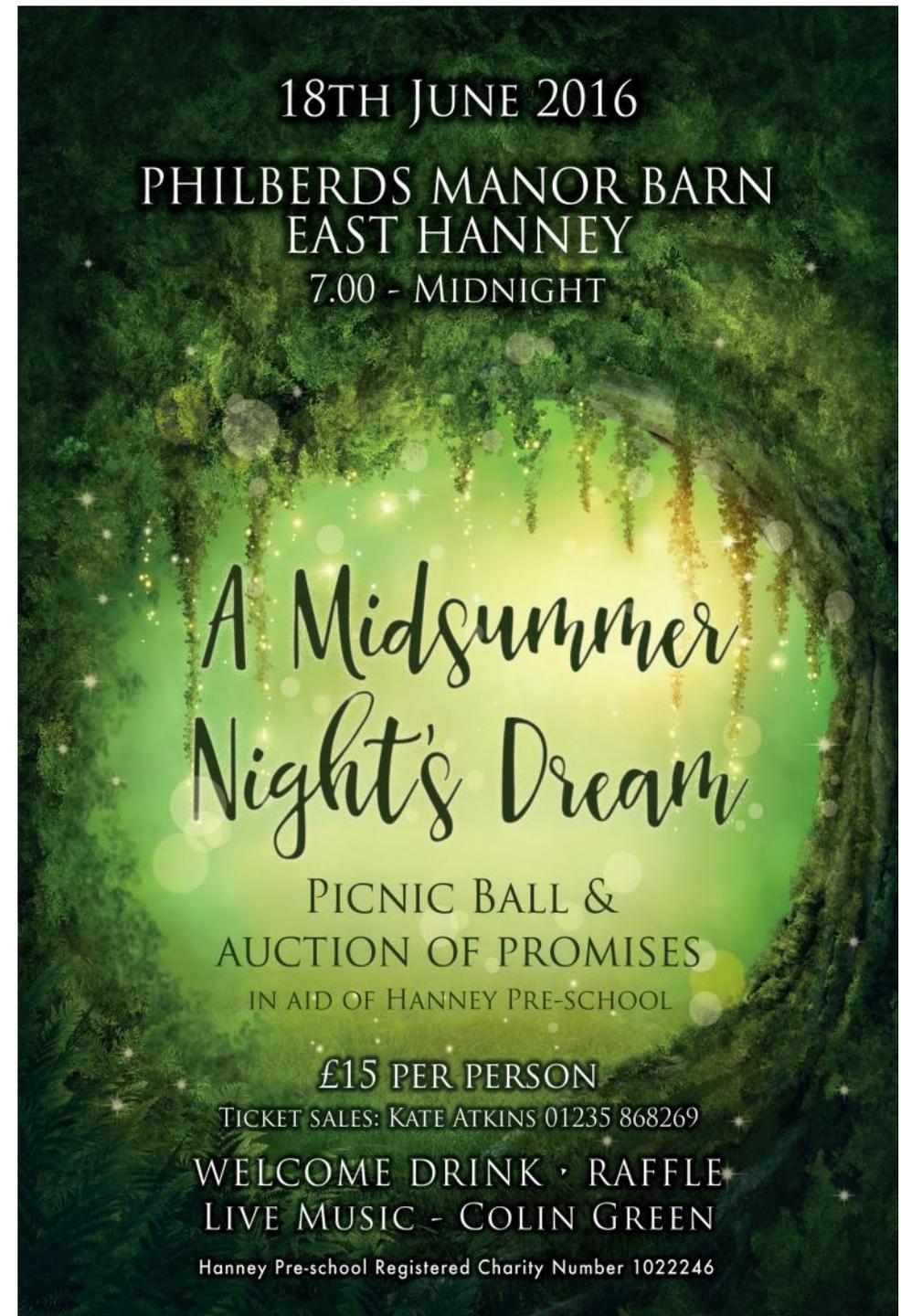
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Letters

Dear Editor

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A huge thank you to Phil Curtis from The Plough who not only provided extremely tasty ribs, chicken and desserts but also supervised the kitchen helpers throughout the meal and ensured the food got to the tables. We would also like to thank everyone who helped us to put on the event and everyone who cleared up the Hall afterwards. Special thanks to Gill Parry and Dave Stubbington who worked with us to plan the event and to De Bromley who sold lots of raffle tickets on the night.

We raised £750 for Anthony Nolan so thank you to everyone who came to the dance or bought raffle tickets. - Graham and Sue Garner

Dear Editor

To all the wonderful people who embraced me and my family into your fold when we moved here and to all the brave customers who took a chance on me, thank you ever so much for your help and support. I will forever carry you and this beautiful village in my heart as I move to new pastures away.

With all the best wishes and love, - Yael Rothwell

Dear Editor

It's not often that global corporations receive valedictory communications but I

would like to place on record my thanks to your department which gave us legible road signs in the villages. The filth growing upon the street furniture failed to shame OCC but the good bergers at Hanney News Global International have set standards OCC should aspire to. I'll bet Ian Hislop could not have achieved a better result. Dave Bratley - Trained Observer (Retired)

Dear Editor

We would like to thank our loyal supporters who attended Lunch in the Church on April 23rd. They helped create a wonderfully happy and friendly atmosphere and we raised £278 for Church and Tower funds.

We would also like to express our thanks to Liz Woodhouse for her 15 years of patient leadership as our Tower Captain and wish her and Eric many happy years in their new home in Stanford in the Vale. Anyone wishing to join us in ringing is very welcome to come along on a Wednesday evening for a taster. New classes will begin in September.

Best Wishes to all from The Hanney Bellringers.

Dear Editor

Although I have personally thanked Bob Wilson I wish to do so publicly and thank Bob for all his efforts, and not inconsiderable skill in rallying volunteers, for the annual Hanney Litter Pick.

Bob, despite retiring from the EHPC last year, offered to organise the event knowing that the current members of the PC were being overwhelmed by the demands of completely unsustainable planning applications and subsequent appeals. Thanks again Bob.

Steve McKechnie

Letters - continued

Dear Editor

Once again Hanney's Christian Aid Week Coffee Morning drew plenty of people who enjoy good coffee and tea and real homemade cake - once they've bought their plants ! This year we raised £300 -up again on the last year or two - to support people in distress, this time those living precariously in Bangladesh where worsening floods increasingly overtake their fragile homes.

So all thanks to customers, our 'makers

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