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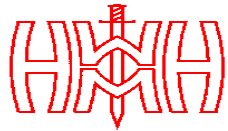
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Final Thought:

Can we discuss for a moment the irony that the word hyphenated is not hyphenated, but the word non-hyphenated is?

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**Great Night...
Great Fun...and
£8,500 !!
raised for the
Pre-School!!!
See page 23**

'Hanney Heritage Walk',

organised by the History Group is happening on Sat 9th July. See page 3 for details.

Hanney R.B.L

'66' Club

Celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday and 50 years of the '66' club, on Sat 9th July, from 12.30pm.

Bar, cream tea etc. games for children, and in the evening Summer Prom and Supper with The Wantage Silver Band

Starting 7.30pm £10 entrance. Raffle All very Welcome.

Jamie and his team from 'Hanney Glazed'

strike a pose at the Village Hall where there was once a door...a bit of a manky old thing if I'm honest, and Jamie has promised a nice shiny new one before the day's end. See page 15 for the result of their endeavours.

The Hanney Hall Committee chose a local company for this important job. Be like the committee and use local businesses whenever you can. Find 'em in Hanney News!



'Hanneyfest'

returns.....over the weekend of 9th - 11th Sept. Put it in the diary now, and turn to page 23 for more details.



Editorial

You may have noticed that this month, I have replaced the Hanney Brooch logo with a poppy. Here's why. The 1st July 1916, exactly 100 years ago, saw the beginning of one of the bloodiest battles of the First World War, the 'Somme'. It was a sunny Saturday in northern France and at 7.30am battle commenced. By the end of the day almost 20,000 British troops had been killed, the heaviest loss ever in the history of the British army, before or since. As we moan about the trials and tribulations of modern life, it's worth perhaps thinking about those days and counting our blessings. Ok, serious bit over... another busy month to look forward to, and some fun already had in this one, given that the weather has not been exactly perfect.

A fab and groovy night recently at the Pre-School Picnic Ball - see snaps on page 23 - where, in spite of a novice auctioneer(!), an amazing £8,500 was raised. Well done to all who organised this great community event. Splendid sums were also collected by the 'Open Garden' events earlier this month, see letter on page 14, and see below for details of more funds raised at Sedgie's funeral.

Cautious optimism surrounds the latest news on the Local Plan, which seems to infer that it may be harder for developers if they put in applications for monumental-

ly silly proposals such as the recent Linden Homes Summertown development of 200 houses, which was to be stuck, like a hideous pustulating wart, on the edge of the village...not that we here at Hanney News Global are biased or anything. Meantime, many fine folk are hard at work producing our very own Neighbourhood Plan which will also help us to achieve the kind of community we all want to live in, as well as attracting money from various funds.

Can I draw your attention to the Wildlife day in Letcombe - see page 17 - where our very own Henry the Hedgehog is making a personal appearance. He will of course be very happy to sign autographs and pose for selfies with you.

St James School fete is also definitely worth a visit on Sat 9th July - see page 3. Planning for the two big September events in the Hanneys, the Fayre and HanneyFest is well underway...I trust they are both in your diaries.

Finally a request...some mobile phone footage was posted recently on our community Facebook page, showing our swans being teased, resulting in some aggressive behaviour from the adult male. If you see anyone doing this kind of thoughtless - some would say cruel - stuff, please remonstrate with them and or ring the police on 101.

Gerald 'Sedgie' Sedgewick.....John, William, Stewart, Susan, Lynn and family would like to thank everyone who came to Sedgie's funeral and for their generous donations which came to £749.90p for the 'British Heart Foundation'

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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

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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 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 Thursday 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, or first XI captain Mark Tracey 07775 503169

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

Sun 3rd, 10th, 17th - 11am, 24th, 31st, Services at St James. See page 7.

Thurs 7th, Vale Museum, Wantage. 'Men of Wantage in WW1'. Talk. See page 11.

Sat 9th, St James School Summer Fete, 2pm - 5pm, at the school!

Sun 10th, 9am - 7pm, Wantage Carnival in, yes, you've guessed.....Wantage!

Thurs 14th, 7.30pm, CPR training from Hanney Community Association. Old Hanney Room. See page 11.

Thurs 14th, W.I. Presidents Evening. Black Horse, East Hanney.

Thurs 14th Vale Museum . A talk about Turloch O'Caralan, incl. live music. Page 11.

Fri 15th, Hanney Gardening Club, Travelling garden party.

Fri 15th, R.B.L 8pm Bingo and Raffle. All welcome, including children.

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

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

Tues 26th, 2.30 - 4.30pm, History Group, Visit to Mapledurham House and Mill. Only £8. All welcome. Ring Bill Orson 868859 for details.

Thurs 28th, 2.30pm, Senior Citizens Summer Garden Party, Woodpecker Cottage, Winter Lane, W Hanney. If wet in Village Hall. Contact Marcia 867461

....and further ahead

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 12.

The Hanney History Group are planning a **Hanney Heritage Walk** on **Sat 9th July, 10.30 - 12.30.,** starting at St James Church, West Hanney and ending in East Hanney near the Black Horse. We will cover a lot of the precious bits of the Hanneys that we need to ensure are noticed and protected. This will include some listed buildings, landscapes, archaeology and stories that will give their backgrounds. It will complement the 'Threatened Hanney Walk' from last year and will not repeat those sites we visited unless there is an archaeological update to be shared. The walk is a subtle part of the initiatives supporting the **Neighbourhood Plans** and one of the objectives is to raise awareness of the need for the Plans and what they should include within their scope. All are welcome, including dogs. - Bill Orson, 868859



East Hanney Parish Council

The big news is that the Vale of White Horse Local Plan Inspection is almost complete and the Inspector has requested that the proposed strategic site in East Hanney, South of Summertown, be removed. This is a result of the dedication and hard work of the Parish Council and local residents in organising, formulating and coordinating the responses on behalf of the community. The Parish Council would like to extend its grateful thanks to all those that helped, attended meetings and delivered flyers.

This comes hot on the heels of the very welcome news that the appeal submitted by Linden Homes against the refusal of planning permission for the same piece of land had been dismissed. The paperwork relating to this can be accessed through the Parish Council's website (see below).

Following a very well attended event for the Neighbourhood Plan aimed directly at young people in the village, the Parish Council has decided to add a requested piece of playground equipment to the playground area behind the War Memorial Hall. An update on the progress of this work will be given in the next edition of Hanney News.

The Parish Council recently received the latest Speedwatch results. So far, East

www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk

The next meeting dates are 6th July 2016 and 3rd August 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 volunteers have surveyed the traffic for nearly 14 hours. Speeds of approximately 2000 vehicles were checked as they passed through East Hanney, along the A338 and on the Causeway with 210 of the vehicles being caught exceeding the speed limit on these two roads. The fastest recorded speed was 47mph outside the school. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Clerk. The Parish Council would like to express its great appreciation to Dickon Green for coordinating the Speedwatch initiative in East Hanney.

Residents are reminded that it is their responsibility to maintain and cut back bushes, shrubs and trees on their land that grow over footpaths and roads. Please take the opportunity to check your plants and cut the vegetation back once the birds have stopped nesting.

East Hanney Parish Council meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8pm. The agenda will be available to view on the notice board outside the Community Shop, on the Council's website and on Facebook a week in advance.

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A residents meeting was held in the Church on Thursday evening 9th June to discuss the recent application to build 20 houses on land at Priors Court and also to advise the latest position with regard to the proposed building on land off School Road and the site adjoining Church Farm. Around 50 villagers attended which was very pleasing given the short notice we had to give.

Matthew Barber, as Leader of the Vale Council, gave a short address on the implications of the Inspector's positive view on the local plan which deals with building land supply for the coming years. Once the plan is passed and can be adopted, it should be possible for the Vale to reject most of the opportunistic planning applications which are springing up in many of our small villages. The Vale have informed us however, that they are still seeking larger strategic sites to cope with the overflow from Oxford City and to ensure there is a big enough 'land bank' for future years.

To look at the plans on the Vale website, www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk the relevant numbers are:- P16/V0736/O, P15/V2887/FUL, P16/V0635 and P16/V0637/FUL.

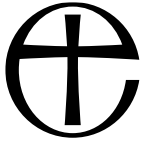
As is becoming obvious around our village, and indeed the whole area, the County Council have substantially reduced the number of times they carry out grass and verge cutting. We are currently discussing with them how we can fund this, and other maintenance work, as a parish council with very little money.

We have received comments on residents lighting smelly bonfires at night. This is not the responsibility of the parish council, and there are in fact no laws as to when and where bonfires can be lit. The only complaint would be under 'Statutory Nuisance' which is difficult to prove. We can only ask Villagers to be considerate on warm summer evenings when bedroom windows are open.

The free A1 Community Bus will unfortunately definitely stop running on Wednesday July 20th. We are still seeking discussions with the County Council to investigate any opportunities for another option.

Next Meeting will be advertised on the Parish Notice Board.

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



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends

Early in June, I was invited to attend the dedication of a memorial in the National Memorial Arboretum. I went there with my eldest daughter and during the Act of Remembrance halfway through the silence, we heard a loud splat and saw the man standing in front of my daughter and who had come because his father was one of those named on the memorial, reach out and touch his hair and start to wipe the mess that had been deposited on the top of his head with his handkerchief. Afterwards, he looked up and said "Thanks, Dad"

Two days later I was standing next to my daughter again, and a similar present from the sky just missed us.

You may have seen the advert with Eric Cantona suffering a similar fate, claiming it was good luck and encouraging us to watch the European football matches on TV. By the time you read this these finals will be almost complete and you could be feeling thrilled because our national sides are doing well or just resigned to disappointment.

Is there such a thing as luck? How else can we explain or understand the vagaries of life?

Luck is not a biblical concept yet even the writers in the bible while calling us to trust the LORD question the mystery of why bad things happen to good people and why the dishonest often are prosperous.

Whether it is luck or not, what is **not luck** is how we respond to life's situations. Later that day at lunch I was talking with the lady who manages the charity that organised the Memorial. Part of the charity's aims is to support soldiers who are in need. It was really pleasing to her when she could help soldiers cope with the unfortunate situations they get themselves into, and told me of one who had taken out a payday loan because his young daughter was ill. She went on to explain to me how difficult the loan companies make it for people to pay off and finish the loan. The companies she was dealing with kept finding different reasons why they needed more information, and even deliberately put down wrong details.



'These events couldn't happen without the goodwill, hard work and generosity of the great people of the Hanneys. I feel privileged to live in such a wonderful place and I know I speak for everyone at pre-school when I say thank you to everyone who supported us last night!'
Kate Atkins - Chairperson, Hanney Pre- School

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PICNIC BALL &
AUCTION OF PROMISES

The Winter Lane footpath...expect further delays due to potential soil erosion around the area of the deep ditch. That wouldn't happen to be the same ditch that was, only a few years ago, dug much deeper, would it, Jim? Yes it would, as a matter of fact, and we all know that the deeper you dig a ditch the more likely you are to get problems with the bank. So who's bright idea was it to deepen the ditch? I'll have one of my top investigative journalists here at HN Global Int. investigate. Watch this space.

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

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Vale of White Horse District Council leader **Matt Barber's** email and website addresses:
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It is a good job there are charities (*and The Hanneys have their own too – watch out for a very interesting read about its history*) that help those who are in difficulties; but it reminded me that we ought to warn people against taking out payday loans. It is wise, rather than luck, to trust people and organisations that have integrity and honesty and ensure that when we are desperate we need to be especially cautious.

What is **not luck** is the commitment of Villagers who help look after our church – I want to publicly thank Brian Longworth for opening and closing the church every day from Monday – Saturday. Brian has done it for so long he can't remember but unfortunately his health prevents him from continuing. We are so grateful that Brian's constant help means that both villagers and visitors can look round St James and find peace, and time to pray.

Another busy group of volunteers are the HOLY MOWERS - thank you too for keeping the churchyard a place of beauty as well as memories. May I encourage you to make use of this wonderful opportunity of a sacred quiet place to come and pray to our loving Heavenly Father for your concerns and give thanks for the Lord's many blessings.

God Bless *John*

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The maintenance of the Letcombe and Childery Brook and most of the ditches are the responsibility of the owners of the adjacent land. There are very few roadside ditches within Oxfordshire that are owned by Oxfordshire Highways, the majority belonging to the adjacent land owner. The Environment Agency are NOT responsible for maintaining the Letcombe Brook even though it is designated as a Main River. Again, it is the responsibility of the land owner which could be you if your house backs on to the stream.

We recognise that many people are not able to maintain their ditches or sections of streams, so are willing to carry out this work on their behalf.

The flood group have a constitution, insurance and equipment, and meet about 10 times a year on a Saturday morning to carry out maintenance activities. These can include removing fallen trees

and collecting rubbish that has been thrown into the streams and ditches. We have also carried out larger projects with advice and funds from other bodies such as the Environment Agency. These have included removing a few tonnes of gravel from under Dandridges Mill road bridge, increasing the bank height by the iron bridge, and adding an extra by-pass pipe around Lower Mill.

We work closely with Oxfordshire Highways, the District Land Drainage Engineer, the Environment Agency, Thames Water and the Parish Councils. Our website has plenty of information and a link to an online brook level gauge operated by Grove Flood Group.

www.thehanneysfloodgroup.org.uk. Sign up to receive email updates. Improving biodiversity is also important to us so we have planted native wild flower species along the brook edge by the iron bridge. We also help to control the spread of Himalayan Balsam which is designated as an invasive species.

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The Hanney Community Association are running a **CPR/defibrillator training course** on Thurs 14th July at the village hall, from 6.30pm. Places are very limited - in fact, by the time you read this, they may be gone. But, don't despair dear friends - ring me, Jim Stagg on 867500 if you are interested, and, given sufficient demand, we'll arrange another session later in the year.

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Michaelmas Fayre - 24 September

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Forms for the competitions will be available from early July in St James Church and Community Shop and to download from our website.

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*As announced last month – **food will be available from 1pm.** and full details of the Supper in HWMH will be available shortly – make sure its in your diary.*

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Dear Editor

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So, thank you everyone who contributed. Your money is going towards some vital and much needed research to find improved treatments and maybe even a cure for this most dreadful of diseases.

Gill Parry, East Hanney.

Dear Editor

We want to thank all those of you that so kindly gave your time to help with Bonnie's funeral on 18th April. To those who made the Church look so beautiful, who organised the car parking, who provided a beautiful venue for tea and arranged the marquee, provided the most delicious tea and helped to serve it and for all the other jobs that made the day run so smoothly, we are most grateful. The support of the community here in the Hanneys has helped us immeasurably through the last few months and we cannot thank you enough.

With best wishes,

Nick and Polly Armitage

Dear Editor

Thank you to the couple of people who have donated their used postage stamps to the Horse Trust - www.horsetrust.org.uk - a very good charity for retired horses. If you would like to donate your used stamps, please contact me. Thank you in advance.

Do you know where your children are playing if you can't see them? Could they be by the iron bridge at the brook aggravating the swans and cygnets? It's very sad to see this happening. It also makes the adult swans very aggressive, so don't blame the swans when someone gets hurt. Those who use their dogs for the same reason - shame on you. Don't blame me if I take photos and give them to the police.

I have 2 dogs and pick up my dog's toilet, and put it in my bins. I wish some others would follow suit. That goes for the paid dog-walkers too. It's not nice for anyone to walk in dog's toilet.

And a big THANK YOU to all those who make our village a nice place to live,

Regards,
Pat Beach.

Another Letter!

Dear Editor,

Congratulations and a big vote of thanks to the members of the East Hanney Parish Council for their expertise and persistence in opposing the proposed Linden Homes development on Summertown. The refusal of the appeal by the inspector shows that with support from both villages and strong presentation by the Parish Council, the views of residents can succeed.

Thank you E.H.P.C.

Sheila Wilkinson

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