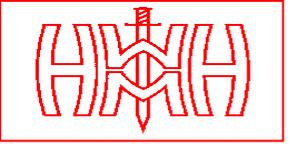


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See - and join! - the **West Hanney and East Hanney Community Facebook page.**

Hanney News
Be sure to read it, cover to cover, without fail, every month. It contains so much useful stuff it's quite scary and is also the wittiest parish mag in Hanney!

The Hanney Website
Visit the Hanney website regularly: www.thehanneys.org.uk

Hanney War Memorial Hall



To book the Hall, the Committee Room, or the Olde Hanney Room, contact Nicky Kauert on 07795 571558 hwmh.hanney@gmail.com

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Final Thought
Never in the history of calming down has anyone ever calmed down by being told to calm down.

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West Hanney gets its own Defibrillator

Thanks to the splendid efforts of many folk, chief amongst them Katie Barber, a defibrillator is now available in West Hanney, attached to the garage building opposite the Plough. Our pic shows Katie, and Graham Garner



of Hanney Community Association who were also involved in making it all happen. Big up thanks to them and everyone who donated to the cause. Now here's how it works....in order to get to the defibrillator - it's in a weatherproof case - you need a code, and this you get by ringing 999. You will also of course request an ambulance to be sent, cos this

kit is not for someone with an unsightly pimple or a touch of 'manflu' - oh no, dear readers, this is for cardiac arrest - serious stuff. The 999 operator will talk you through how to use the unit and the defibrillator itself is pretty fool-proof, telling you what to do and not allowing you to give a shock to anyone who doesn't need it. If you want to know more, come to the next training session here in Hanney...see below. And remember, there is also a defibrillator in the doorway of the Village Hall in East Hanney.

Oh Dear!....Dave and Steven haven't got this defibrillator business quite right. Boys, you don't need to bring your own jump leads and anyway, if the patient is standing up and grinning, he probably doesn't need defibrillating! To learn about the defibrillator and CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) come to



the next session run by South Oxfordshire Ambulance Service and arranged by the Hanney Community Association, on **Weds 12th Oct, 6pm, at the Village Hall.** Ring or email me, Jim - contact details bottom of page 2 - to book your place. It's free, though a modest contribution is very welcome.

Can you help?.... *The Michaelmas Fayre, happening on 24th Sept, needs helpers...see page 5. The Community shop needs folk to work behind the counter...ring Hazel on 868145...and to help collecting the milk and bread from the Co-op in Grove....ring Ray on 868015. More details on page 3.*

Friends, I've gone big this month on the defibrillator, even replacing our logo with a pic of the brand spanking new one now in West Hanney. September is always a busy month for the Hanneys...the **Michaelmas Fayre** in West and **HanneyFest** in East. Both events are fabulously family-friendly affairs - full details in this month's issue. Do try and get along to both - I guarantee you won't be disappointed. A bit of decent weather would be helpful but is not crucial. I know I'm always banging on about 'community', and these two happenings really do capture the spirit of our great villages. I will be wandering around at both events, taking a few snaps, and for a time, I shall be manning - should that be 'personning' in these PC



A little Gem

times? - the Hanney Community Association stand. Please come and say hello...bring a cupcake if you're feeling generous. Talking of community, you may not have seen a string of postings on the Facebook page recently on that very topic. I hope the contributors won't mind me repeating a couple of the comments that were made.....*'It's a lovely village - I grew up there.'* *'You won't regret moving here - best thing I ever did. Just wish I had moved sooner.'* *'Great village...great villagers.'* Choking back a little bitty tear, it's time to mention a few more 'good eggs of the month' - GEMS...lettuce be thankful for all

Editorial

their hard work! First up is of course Katie Barber, GP, wife, Mum (and one day maybe, resident at number 10!) a busy, multi-talented/ tasking lady who you'll already have met on our front page. She has been the driving force behind obtaining both of our defibs..and that's no lie! (Defib...fib...lie? Please yourselves.)

Next up a brief mention for Alisa Hughes, our cool, calm and collected post-mistress, who until recently has also found time to help deliver Hanney News. Big up thanks to you Alisa for all your efforts. Some interesting letters this month, a couple of new advertisers, and all the usual stuff that makes up the feast that is Hanney News - he said, somewhat immodestly - all with

a drizzle of silliness over the top. By the way, we've increased our circulation to nearly 1,000, and, for the first time in 14 years, have put our advertising rates up slightly. The last increase before that was in 1990. Through some prudent fiscal policies adopted by our Treasurer, we have not had to increase the cost to clubs and societies to advertise their events. For just £1 a month, those details will continue to reach a lot of local people..a 'lorra lorra lot' as our Cilla used to say...bless. Talking of showbiz and razzamatazz, luvvies are needed by the Hanney Drama Group...details on page 19 if you fancy treading the boards!

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

Fri 2nd, Hanney Film Night, showing 'Eddie the Eagle'. See page 14.

Mon 5th, St James Term 1 starts.

Monday 5th. 7.45pm, Village Hall. Gardening Club. 'The World of Insects'. Talk by John Tyler. Followed by AGM. All very welcome. £2 for guests.

Thurs 8th, 7.30pm, W.I. 'Beer, Sausages and Marmalade' Liz Wooley. HWMHall

Fri 9th - Sun 11th, Hanneyfest. Black Horse, East Hanney. Details page 15.

Sat 17th, 10am - 1pm, The Mix, Wantage, Repair Café. See page 14 for details.

Sat 17th, 10.30 - 2.30pm. Community Health event at Health Centre, see page 19.

Sat 17th, Hanney Royal British Legion. Live music with 'Retro' at RBL Hall

Thurs 22nd, 2.30pm, Senior Citizens, Joint meeting with Steventon Derby and Joan Club, HWMHall.

Sat 24th, 10am - 12noon, RBL, Coffee morning with cakes (!) raising funds for Macmillan Cancer support. All very welcome.

Sat 24th: Michaelmas Fayre. See page 5 for details.

Sat 24th Hanney Chapel Harvest Supper, Sun 25th Thanksgiving service, see page 19

Tues 27th, 8pm, Hanney History Group, 'James Sadler of Oxford, England's first aeronaut', a talk by Mark Davies.

.....and further ahead

Sat 8th Oct. 7pm. Harvest Supper, see page 13 for details.

Sun 9th Oct. Hanney Hall. Drama Club - Luvvies wanted. See page 19

Fri 21st Oct, St James Term 1 ends.

More on that need for helpers to assist with the 'bread run'. (See front page).

This involves driving down to the Co-op in Grove and collecting bread, milk, savoury stuff, rolls etc. Your turn comes round about once a month and you do the trip on the Mon, Weds and Fri of 'your' week. I've been doing it for many years, as have several other folk, but there's a need for more volunteers. Ring Ray - 868015 - for details.

Contact details for our political chums.

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As you are no doubt aware, the PC is a member of the Letcombe Brook Project and in the last year the Letcombe Brook Project worked closely in partnership with East Hanney Parish Council and the local community to enhance and protect the Brook, reduce flood risk and help people appreciate and enjoy the environment.

Additionally, the Letcombe Brook Project organises training events. Two free places for training on the Riverfly Monitoring project are now available. This important environmental project aims to establish a biological monitoring programme, run by local people, to continually assess the health of the Brook. If you are at all interested in this training, please contact the Clerk by the 15th September.

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 PC website and on Facebook one week in advance.

The next meeting is on the 7th September 2016.

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West Hanney Parish Council

Unfortunately, despite all the efforts of a resolute band of residents and the parish council, the Vale planning committee decided to ignore all our valid reasons why the site for 15 houses off School Road was in a totally unsuitable location and the application was passed by a majority vote.

We at least had more success in persuading the committee to accept the application for 8 detached houses on the site to the side of Church Farm, rather than the 11 the planning officer recommended. This was very much a combined effort and we have to thank Matt Barber, local residents and indeed Sweetcroft themselves for obtaining the best outcome for the village. Do remember that initially the planners wanted 19 or more on a much enlarged site!

There will be no affordable/social units on this site as the committee accepted the fact that this is not a suitable location for such houses given the size and quality of other houses in this part of the village. Sweetcroft will be paying an offsite contribution to the Vale to cover the cost of affordable units elsewhere.

After many negotiations and discussion meetings, Sweetcroft will now gift the 7.5 acre field adjoining the community woodland to the village under the ownership of West Hanney Parish Council. Our intention is to leave this field basically as it is and try and nurture it as a wildlife meadow with access for all. Another route for dog walkers!

We have been talking with the Integrated Transport Unit at Oxfordshire Council concerning the possibility of the parish council funding a community bus similar to the recently withdrawn A1 service. It is possible to organise such a service but at the moment the cost would be too prohibitive for us as we would be charged around £40 for each return trip to Wantage via Grove. We have not given up however, and will continue to seek an answer including looking for sponsorship and asking for contributions from developers via S106 money.

Next Meeting Tuesday 27th September 7.30 St. James the Great

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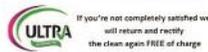
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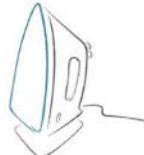
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Letters

Dear Editor

I read your piece about nuisance from Benson's Chinooks in last month's Hanney News, with interest.

Here in Denchworth we have also had more than our fair share of helicopter noise nuisance over the years and it continues with the Chinooks. I've tried the avenues of complaint you suggest but essentially got the brush off. The sentiment expressed is best summarised by: It's MoD air space and we can do what we like; the aircraft were operating within permitted guidelines (even if they were not). The complainant is left with the distinct impression that the RAF do not have any intention of modifying their behaviour to accommodate the legitimate expectations of the local community. I found that our MP, Ed Vaizey, was more effective in getting them to act with some consideration.

On one occasion a military helicopter flew at first floor height about 75 m from my house. The side door was open and a serviceman was pointing a heavy machine gun straight into my study window. I raised the matter with Ed Vaizey MP who had helped with hedge-hopping by these aircraft before. This stimulated a reply from a junior Minister in the MoD who told me that I need not have had any concern because the gun was not loaded. So that's alright then! Anyway the pests were much less in evidence thereafter. I take your point about the need to practice flying but if they need a large flat field why not use Abingdon Airfield or another part of the MoD's 593,000 acre estate? In any event, its quite absurd having a helicopter training base in the centre of the Home Counties where there

is a large and rapidly increasing residential population. The helicopters should be moved to another location in a remoter part of the UK. RAF Lossimouth, Chivenor and Valley come to mind, where there is plenty of sparsely populated land nearby. Benson could then be sold off for a great deal of money to house builders and thus deflect the latter's avaricious appetite for blighting the countryside around here. Regards,
Dr Ron Barnes.

Dear Editor

Inspired by the recent opening of the A338 bridge, I decided to celebrate the opening of the nearby Cow Lane bridge this afternoon, 24th July, safe in the expectation that the "Cow Lane Promise" of opening precisely on Wednesday 15th June had taken place more than five weeks ago. Imagine my shock and disappointment that my way was still barred. Could it be possible that the same efficient and reliable contractor had again failed to deliver on time?? Perish the thought! But my eye was drawn to the adjacent site plan, showing a protection measure in the form of a "Newt Fence" facing the A338 – and at once I understood the reason for the delay! Clearly this safety critical barricade had been breached by the 300 Trituri you mentioned in last month's issue, enraged at being evicted from their home near the Volunteer pub and terrorising the workers on the Cow Lane project. And Hanney News is worried about a few crocodiles stalking the Winter Lane footpath – get real!!

Andrew Robertson

One of our top team of freelance investigative journalists - thanks Bill -

Harvest Celebrations at Hanney Chapel (Main Street, East Hanney)

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Hanney Drama Group are holding auditions on the 9th Oct, 2-5pm in the Hanney Room, for our next production in Feb 2017, a comedy play. Actors and backstage crew of all ages and abilities are welcome. We are especially looking for younger actors to join us. Please contact the Director Charlie East for more information on Email: charlieeast1550@gmail.com or Tel: 01235 200771 or just turn up!

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There will be lots going on, many tables with information, for example: The Patient Participation Groups *The Stroke Association, The local Diabetes Support Group, Go Active, Health Watch, Health-*

wise:Wantage leisure Centre, Richmond Village, Como Breast Cancer Support Group. Oxfordshire Prostate Cancer Support Group, Age UK, Ardington Walking Group, Guides, Scouts, amongst others. There will be several demonstrations, for instance:- Morris Dancing, Singing for Fun and Basic Life Saving . We haven't forgotten the children, there will be face-painting and 'Decorate a paper plate with a healthy meal' (materials provided). Last but not least there will be refreshments including cake - I know this a Health Event but the occasional treat does help well-being! The event is being supported by Local Supermarkets and Richmond Villages.
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has just told me that the Cow Lane bridge is now open. Clearly the mighty army of the Trituri - that's Latin for newts by the way, and yes I had to look it up! - have been vanquished! Here's a snap of their



new home, taken by our letter writer Andy.

(Editor)

Dear Editor

I would like to thank the Green family for all the hard work they put in, keeping our village greens, footpaths and playing areas so tidy. This year has been particularly wet and the grass has grown even more quickly than normal. The rain must have given them extra problems and delays, but they have kept calm and carried on.

Delia Blomley

The Hanney Parochial Charities.

I'm sure that many of our readers will not be familiar with our very own small local charity that actually has its origins way back in 1611! Of course it has evolved a great deal over the intervening 400 years, has amalgamated with other charities, and is now known as the 'Hanney Parochial Charities'.

A book detailing its history is currently being written by one of Hanney's finest authors Angela Cousins. Due out in a couple of months, it will make a fascinating read and a unique Christmas gift...plug plug! Our specialist literary team here at Hanney News are standing by to bring you a review as soon as it hits the book stalls.

Back to the charity itself...as with so many organisations in our community, it's run entirely by dedicated volunteers, who, in some cases, have been involved for over 50 years. It makes awards - a sum of money - in three specific areas.

The first is to **young people in further education or apprenticeships** who may use the award to help towards the cost of books, or any items of equipment that

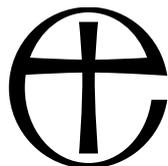
they might need to assist with their studies. Applicants must be under the age of 25 on 1st Oct 2016, and to apply, should contact rickhuckstep@yahoo.com for an application form. The closing date is 30th Sept. The application will be considered by the Trustees, and if approved, payment will be received by 31st October.

The second area is with **hospital transport costs**. Anyone without independent means of travelling, who has hospital appointments may apply for help by contacting either Chris Surman on 868749, or emailing sandyandchris@btinternet.com for West Hanney, or Kathy Rolfe on 868341 for East Hanney.

The third area is for anyone who is experiencing **short-term financial difficulties** for whatever reason. Please contact any of the above about possible support.

So long as you live in East or West Hanney or Lyford, and are in any of the above categories, please do consider applying. Remember, this is your charity and there is no stigma attached to making an application.

The Hanney Parochial Charity is registered with the Charity Commission and our number is 205792.



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear all!

As I write, we are counting down the days until all our worldly possessions will be put into brown boxes and shipped up the A34 to our new home in Hanney. My name is Alec and from September I will be moving into Hanney and I will be working with the Anglican churches in East Challow, Denchworth, Hanney and Grove, as the associate Vicar. We are currently living down in Thatcham where I am a Church of England curate, but we are about to switch the quiet waters of the Kennet and Avon Canal for the beautiful farmland of South Oxfordshire. I am trying hard to avoid this sounding like a cross between a CV and a social media profile, but I just wanted to introduce myself with a few random facts; I have spent my life living in different parts of the South of England; my wife and I have 4 children and one cat, I enjoy watching movies but have never seen Game of Thrones, I have been involved in the church all my life and hope to spend more time out riding my bicycle once we have moved than I currently do. Change is never easy, and moving is one of the most stressful things that you can do, but as we are getting ready to move again, to say goodbye to old friends and to say hello to new ones. I am reminded of God's words to Joshua in the Old Testament, as he is about to start a new role and move into a new place; "Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for I, the LORD your God, am with you wherever you go."

Starting new things can be both exciting and scary, whether it is starting a new school term, beginning a new project at work or working out what our new relationship with the EU and the wider world will be. I find great comfort in these words to Joshua that the Creator of the world wants to journey through life with us, through the rough and the smooth, and to not let the challenges and opportunities that we face in life get on top of us.

I am looking forward to settling into the Benefice of the Vale, finding my way around, getting to know people and seeing what God has in store for us in East Challow, Denchworth, Hanney and Grove over the coming years.

God bless
Alec Gill

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The Winter Lane footpath.

No edition of Hanney News would be complete without the latest in this ridiculous long running saga. Of course, now it's holiday time, so there isn't really any update to give... not a sausage I'm afraid by way of definite news. Grrr!

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Chris Reason

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“Eddie the Eagle”

Friday, April 1st, 7.45.

Bar & Doors Open 7.30 conc. £6, £5.conc.

A brilliant start to the new season: Inspired by true events, Eddie the Eagle is a feel-good story

about Michael "Eddie" Edwards (Taron Egerton), an unlikely but courageous British ski-jumper who never stopped believing in himself - even as an entire nation was counting him out. With the help of a rebellious and charismatic coach (played by Hugh Jackman), Eddie takes on the establishment and wins the hearts of sports fans around the world by making an improbable and historic showing at the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics .

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Repair Cafe - Sat 17th Sept, 10am –1pm

'The Mix', 15 Mill Street, Wantage, OX12 9AB,

Volunteer fixers on hand to advise and help you repair household and small electrical items. Reduce rubbish and save money by helping your stuff last longer! Drop in with your items between 10am -12 noon. www.thewantagemix.wordpress.com

Do your kids like singing? If so this may be of interest.....

Caritas Children's Choir is a venture of Wantage Christian Aid committee. It is aimed at children of 8-16yrs, and FUN is a priority, but the highest possible standards will be pursued to raise money for Christian Aid projects, No experience necessary. Training will be directed by experienced conductor, Sheenagh Dernie with local teacher Jenny Smith at the piano. £10 per term.

Caritas will meet every Friday 4-5pm in Wantage Methodist Church Hall, (off Church St, behind the Methodist Church). To register your child, or for more information, contact Sheenagh at: sheenagh.dernie@btinternet.com



HANNEYFEST 2016

9-10-11 September

The Black Horse East Hanney

LIVE MUSIC

STREET FOOD

GRAND RAFFLE

Raising Money for Cancer Research UK, The Hanney Fund and the Blood Bikers..... A fun weekend for all the family!

Fri 7-11pm Sat 12-11pm Sunday 12-6pm