



Hannee News

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January Winners

£100 - Annabel Psaras, EH
£50 - Robert Teare, Wantage
£25 - Mrs C Thomas, EH

Not got a number yet or want to have additional numbers?
Just call Hilary on 868590

Final Thought

I'm fairly certain that the person who put the first 'R' in FEBRUARY also decided how to spell 'WEDNESDAY'.

I know how to spell every word in the dictionary. How clever am I?



Submissions, Advertising and Charges

To submit an article or letter, please send it to the Editor, preferably by email to: hanneenews@gmail.com or via the box in the **Hannee Community Shop** by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue. Organisations are charged £12 pa for entry into the 'Regular Events' or 'Clubs and Societies' section, pages 26 and 27. To advertise please ring or email the Editor. jimstagg@btinternet.com - tel: 01235 867500
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Age UK Oxfordshire's 'Community Information Network'

are on the road and will be outside the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th February between 10am-12pm offering information and advice. Visit us on our mobile resource bus; we are equipped with WiFi so if you have any gadget or laptop queries, we may be able to help right there and then or let you know where we have regular lessons running.



Oxfordshire County Council recently published a 'One Oxfordshire' draft proposal to abolish all six councils in Oxfordshire and replace them with one new council for the whole county, apparently saving £100m in the first five years. Oooh, dat's a lot of dosh! O.C.C. think it's a jolly spiffing idea. Go to www.oneoxfordshire.org and you can tell them if you agree.



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Hannee Drama Group proudly presents... 'Comedies of Errors'



9th to 11th Feb, Village Hall.
Page 17 for details and how to get your tickets.



Editorial

Welcome friends to another fun packed edition. New Year now just a fading memory, dry January done - yeah right! - and in case you didn't know, we're now in the Chinese Year of the Rooster.....



no smirking at the back! Here's a snap I took of a mighty big one in Columbia, South Carolina last year....Trump country y'all!
Film night's feature is a bit raunchy this month...Bridget Jones has been at it again and doesn't know the father of her yet to be born sprog. Oh dear....but hang on a minute, wasn't that the plot of 'Mamma Mia'? Oh well, at least Pierce Brosnan doesn't sing in this one...in fact he's not even in it! Win win!
Meantime the shop is celebrating a birthday this month - as am I of course (!) - so check Hazel's piece on page 11.
And if you still need to blow away a few

Christmas cobwebs, you could do worse than try Pippa Carey's new Pilates class; see her ad on page 13.
Some sad news now, as 2017 has already claimed three members of our community; Paul Dewhurst and Mike Vickars of West Hanney and Barbara Tracey of East Hanney. Paul and Barbara's obituaries are on page 19. Thanks to Nigel Kilbey for supplying Barbara's. We will carry Mike's in our March issue. Details of Mike's funeral are also on page 19.
Hanney Youth Club is now up and running and really does need support. I make no apologies for repeating that this is a very worthy venture, and our flyer this month details what's on offer and who to contact if you are able to help in any way.
The Plough is under new management and we wish new boy Gareth and his team every success. See page 5 .

Someone said the other day that the only people who read Hanney News are the newcomers to the village, so, if you are a newcomer, thanks for reading! May I offer a big warm fluffy beardy bro-hug welcome, and ask that when you feel ready, you get involved with our community. You'll find us a friendly bunch with just the odd exception, and a quick glimpse through this month's mag will show the range of opportunities available. Our clubs and societies cater for a very wide spread of interests, and if you've a bit of spare time on your hands, there's plenty for volunteers to get involved with. That's it for now folks...till next month.

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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

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.

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

PILATES CLASS Wednesdays 6 -7pm and Fridays 9.15 - 10.15am (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 Catherine Tysoe 867356. **HANNEY BROWNIES** (aged 7+) meet on Tuesdays in British Legion Hall from 6.00 - 7.30. Contact Jacquie Donald. **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 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 9.30am prompt (10am after the clocks have gone back for the winter) 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.hanneyywinecircle.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. For more details contact David Johns on 01235 868519 or 07770 456147

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 CLUB qualified coaching to a high level, or just play. Cadets, juniors and seniors, £2 per night, league matches every week, just turn up 6.30 every Thursday. Richard 07908 673367

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

Thurs 2nd, 7.30pm W.I. Village hall. Meeting with a talk.

Fri 3rd, Didcot Civic Hall, Brexit Meeting with Ed Vaizey. Details page 4.

Sunday, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, Services at St James. See page 15

Mon 6th, Gardening Club, 7.45pm Village Hall, 'Searching for unusual edibles'.

Thurs 9th, St James School, Term 3 ends...sob, sob!

Thurs 9th - Sat 11th Hanney Drama Group, 'Comedies of Errors'. See page 17

Tues 14th - Fri 17th, Hanney Chapel, 'Mission Impossible' Page 5 for details.

Mon 20th, St James School, Term 4 begins, Yipee!

Thurs 23rd, Senior Citizens, 2.30pm, Village Hall, 'William Gill, Victorian Explorer and Spy'. Speaker Tony Hadland, open meeting, all are welcome.

Sat 25th, 8pm, Charity Sixties Night, Steventon Village Hall, details on page 10.

Sat 25th, Evening, Hanney R.B.L. Live 50's and 60's music with 'Mustang'

Tues 28th, History Group, 8pm, village hall, 'The Papists at the Manor'

Tues 28th, Editor's birthday, cards and gifts welcome.

....and further ahead

Sat 4th March, Wantage & Grove Lions are holding a cash bingo at Grove village hall, doors open 6.45pm, eyes down 730 pm .Great raffle, hope to see you there.

Thurs 30th March, Hanney W.I. Fashion Show...details on page 10.

Fri 31st March, St James School, Term 4 ends.

Sat 1st April, 9am. Meet at Village Hall. The Hanneys Annual Litter Pick. Details next month.

Can you help with a bit of gardening at the school?

From **10.30am onwards on Sat 11th Feb**, Sharon Geraghty has organised a working party to help with various gardening related jobs that need doing in the school grounds. If you could bring your own tools, so much the better...a wheel barrow would be very useful, and if you've got a mini digger (!) please bring it.

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.

Vale of White Horse District Council leader **Matt Barber's** email and website addresses: councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk www.matthewbarber.co.uk

Hanney Cricket Club

are in need of new players for this coming season.

We would really like to recruit some village players in order to ensure the club's future. We play in division 7 of the Oxford League - competitive but friendly - and always involves a trip to the pub afterwards.

All ages and standards are welcome - do come along and give it a try.

We will be having indoor nets in March and April, venue and times to be confirmed in next month's Hanney News. We then follow up with outdoor nets throughout the season on Thursday evenings.

Please contact David Johns for further information on
868519 or 07770 456147

Hanney Holy Mowers are a fine bunch of upstanding village folk - ok I'm a tad biased, I'm one of them - who once in a while get together and cut the grass in St James' churchyard. **Can you help?...**no pressure, no commitment, but very rewarding. We supply the latest high tech gear.  Ring Bob Wilson on 868389 or email: bobwilson300@hotmail.com



An invitation from our MP, Ed Vaizey to a 'Brexit' Public Meeting.....
Before the end of March next year, Theresa May will formally invoke Article 50 and our negotiations to leave the European Union will begin. These negotiations will impact us all, and with that I mind, I will be holding a public meeting to hear my constituent's views and concerns. It will take place from 19:00 – 22:00 on Friday 3rd February at Didcot Civic Hall. I would like to invite you to attend, with the aim of hearing your views on Brexit and answering any questions you may have.

Update from Hanney Dog Owners Group

Thank you to all of you who contacted us with your suggestions for locations for additional Poo bins in the village. You may have noticed that EHPC has had 3 more bins added to the recreation field and this is a welcome start. We have forwarded your suggestions for locations in West Hanney to WHPC. Despite the new bins we have still seen some dog fouling along the foot paths and so would ask everyone to be vigilant and report any offenders to the dog warden. He has agreed to a greater presence in the village so hope to catch the culprit(s) soon! - Jenny Rolfe



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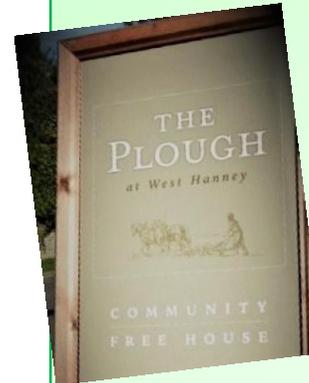
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There is a new calendar of events that we will be hosting throughout the year; details can be found in-house and via our new website. Our continuing commitment to great food, great ales and fine wines is the driving force behind our business ethos of "Farm to Fork", details of which can be found on the website; or speak to our staff about how we aspire to deliver and produce this ethos.

We invite all residents of the Hanney community to drop in anytime for a coffee, a chat and to meet the new team. Our first seasonal date for your diary is a Valentines day dinner on Saturday, February 11th and another on the day itself, the 14th. Booking in advance is advisable on 01235 868987.



Please visit our new website for more information and upcoming events here at The Plough. www.theploughatwesthanney.co.uk along with all other social media platforms.

Opening times and food serving hours are all on the website along with menus and our promotional offers throughout the week. If you would like any further information, visit the website or come in and say hello to our management team, Gareth & James, who will be more than happy to help you in any way they can.

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East Hanney Parish Council

A number of residents of East and West Hanney have been asking when East Hanney PC provides the skips for local people to discard their household waste. The list of dates is on the PC's website in the FAQ pages at <http://www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk/faqs.html> and on the notice board on the wall of the village shop, but for ease of access, the final 2 dates for the remainder of the year are, at the Hanney War Memorial Hall on the 14th February 2017 and at Snuggs Lane: on 14th March 2017. The current plans are to carry on the provision for the next 12 months, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month alternating between the Hall and Snuggs Lane.

Users of the fields will have noticed that three new dog waste bins have been installed. These are emptied every Monday by a contractor, at the cost of about £12 per week. The PC has noticed that the bins are being well used and thanks all dog walkers for using these facilities. It is hoped that this will reduce dog waste on the fields.

The PC discussed its annual budget in January and decided to maintain the precept at its current level. These funds help the Parish maintain its facilities and with these funds coming to the Council, it feels able to retrofit a leg to the tube slide on the play tower in the playground. This will hopefully stop water pooling on the slide. The work will be carried out before the end of February.

At the January meeting, the Council discussed widening Cllr McKechnie's remit

to include the wider Village Environment. He will continue to work with Bob Wilson on the annual litter pick and oversee village furniture. The wider remit will mean him now being the point of contact for dog walkers and residents with concerns about wildlife, including swans.

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.

The next meeting dates are Weds 1st February and Weds 1st March 2017.

Chairman: Jim Triffitt 868314 (Allotments)
Vice Chairman: Stewart Scott 868503 (Neighbourhood Plan and Technical Issues)
Councillors:
Paul Aram 868858 (Playground and Playing field)
David Kirk 07740029059 (Neighbourhood Action Group)
Judy Long 868425 (Footpaths)
Stephen McKechnie 868823 (Village Environment)
Clerk:
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West Hanney Parish Council

Following discussions with the Vale Planning Team, Beaumont Developments, part of Sweetcroft, have withdrawn their application for 18 houses off of School Road. Excellent news for both villages.

Due to his increasing commitments Graham Garner has stepped down as chairman of the Community Woodland Volunteer Group. Thank you Graham for all your work over the past year or so. We are extremely grateful to Paul Sayers for agreeing to take over the role. Paul's knowledge and experience will be invaluable in ensuring the continued care, maintenance and development of this valuable village asset.

The seven and a half acre field adjoining the northern edge of the woodland has now been officially transferred to us by Sweetcroft Homes. This field, which we intend to develop as a wildflower meadow, will come under the care of the same volunteer group. A comprehensive outline plan for its future has already been compiled by Paul. More volunteers would be appreciated and welcomed. There is no firm commitment required, even a few hours occasionally will help. The next working party will meet at the Cow Lane gate into the Woodland at 9am on Saturday 11th February. To find out more please contact Paul on 868146

There has been a lot of confusion and unrest over the temporary access road built by Sweetcroft over the field they own for deliveries to the new building site behind Church Farm, and we are very aware of the tensions. The Vale planners

and Oxfordshire Highways are dealing with the matter and final decisions as to the legality should by now have been decided. If the construction entrance is allowed to remain opposite the school then we consider it essential that no deliveries are allowed during school start/finish times and a Banksman should also be present.

There is, however, no excuse for the criminal damage which has continually been caused by walkers over the past few weeks. Fences have been pulled down, reinstated, and pulled down again, and the main gate has also been damaged by persons who feel they have a right to use this field. This is a privately owned field that Sweetcroft have graciously allowed both villages to use for parking purposes on many occasions and for events such as the Michaelmas Fayre. The company have provided and delivered wooden pallets for the School's Forestry School in the woodland, they have offered free materials for the woodland volunteer group, and although we may not agree with what they are doing, they do not deserve this sort of reaction by a few misinformed people.

Sweetcroft have never previously objected to walkers in the field but after this vandalism and discussions with the directors we now have to ask residents to stay out of the field and keep to the public bridleway and footpaths. Any further damage will be reported to the police with the support of WHPC.

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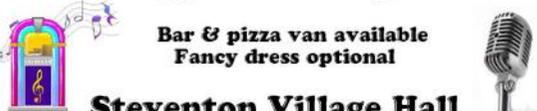
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Obituaries

Paul Dewhurst

5th Feb 1938 - 9th Jan 2017

West Hanney has lost one of its best known and most popular characters with the recent passing of Paul Dewhurst who, along with his wife Pat, had lived in the village since 1979. On arrival they purchased and fully renovated the property that is attached to the Plough, and have lived there ever since.

Paul was a Classics and Latin teacher at Joscas prep school, and was a fluent Latin speaker. His interests included classical music and amateur radio. A shed full of radio-related 'bits' attest to his fondness for the hobby.

Paul and Pat were also very keen travellers - a son in Florida and a daughter in Australia meant many long trips, including one to Hawaii - but they also enjoyed more local holidays, including cycling in France.

In his later years Paul with Pat could often be found in the Plough, dispensing pearls and telling stories, all much enjoyed by his fellow drinkers.

Paul will be greatly missed by all who knew him and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family at this difficult time.

Barbara Tracey

5th Aug 1939 - 12th Jan 2017

Barbara lived the majority of her life in Hanney, for many years with her mum Molly on the Medway and later on in her bungalow in 'Ye Olde Housen'. A truly unique character she overcame several physical challenges to enjoy the simple pleasures in life, a daily trip to the Crown, the Black Horse or the Hanney Royal British legion, with a glass of light ale never far away, and a fondness to chat/gossip. She never suffered fools gladly and would make it very clear, her thoughts often accompanied with a wicked laugh. She always had a dog, normally a Jack Russell; Bobby, Gypsy, Peggy, Lynne & Jesse were some of her much loved companions. At home she enjoyed a pipe full of tobacco and delighted in watching 'Monkey World', 'Mrs Browns Boys', 'E.T.' but especially 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. A loyal supporter of the Hanney Panto she would always be found in the front row, asking when the 'DDD' would be available! Barbara did not have a large family but many, many people in the village held her in great affection and she will be very much missed. - Nigel Kilbey.

It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of our father,
Michael Austin Vickars, on Tuesday 17th January, 2017.
The funeral will be held at 11.30 am on Monday 6th February
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We could never find enough volunteers to keep the shop open early mornings, late evenings or Sundays and our circumstances preclude us getting an alcohol licence. We stock village goods, i.e. fresh free range eggs, Hanney honey, Dews Meadow Farm meats (more can be ordered through us) and local books, etc. Also we advertise and sell tickets for village events. We stock newspapers - if ordered - but space does

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Thank you to all those residents who filled in the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires. A considerable amount of time has been, and is being, spent on this by a dedicated team of Parish Council members and other volunteers in both East and West Hanney and it is rewarding for them to see that most people are appreciative of their time and effort in planning the future of our two villages in a way that residents would like to see.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

I would like to give very sincere thanks to all those Hanney dog owners, walkers, horse riders, cyclists, and others who offered help in trying to locate my missing dog, Ozzie in the couple of days before Christmas. Thankfully through the power of communal action (and a bit of help from social media!) he is now safely back home. It is very heart-warming to know there is such a community feeling when events like this occur, and the positive moral support I received helped me through what was a very difficult 24 hours. I am immensely grateful and Ozzie and I look forward to thanking people in person when I see them out and about.

Chris Ball

Dear Editor

Many thanks are due from the senior citizens of the Hanneys who attended the lunch and entertainment provided by the Ladies Section of the Royal British Legion. We were treated in magnificent style to pre-lunch drinks, a two course lunch, followed by a very versatile entertainer. Thank you RBL Ladies Section and your helpers, you proved your expertise once again.

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Love is not just about how we feel; it’s about how we chose to live and what we stand up for. Jesus said “love God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself.” He showed us what that looks like through His death and resurrection that we remember at Easter.

St Valentines reminds us to stand up for what we love and believe in, as he stood up for his faith and for marriage. Our love is shown practically by how we treat others; Jesus in dying for us and St Valentine in marrying young couples. This may come at a cost of our time, money and maybe even more, but Jesus reminds us that there is “no greater thing than laying down your life for another” in great and small ways every day.

...And yes, Gemma and I will be doing something for St Valentine’s Day this year, as long as I remember to get it organised!

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Alec

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Neighbourhood Plan Update

Thank you to everyone who completed the Community Survey. These are now being analysed and the results will be presented soon. It is still not too late to fill in the survey. They can be dropped of with any East or West Hanney parish councillor or with Guy Langton, the East Hanney Parish Clerk at 12 Brookside or myself at Cross Tree House, The Green, East Hanney.

We have looked at the questions regarding the shop and post office and these have been shared with the shop manager.

We have also looked at the responses to the use of the field to the North of the playing fields and these ideas will be investigated further. - Stewart Scott

Just a point on the Plan Sir Stewart of Scott if I may...apparently Cornwall Council undertook a recent survey on parking - yes, parking - and one of the questions they asked the good folk of their county was:

‘Are you male / female / gender fluid / non-binary / intersex?’ Ooh err!!

On behalf of all villagers, may I thank you for not including questions of such gravitas in our recent questionnaire. Jim, Editor.