



Hanneys News

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£100 - Myra Salt, EH
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Final Thought

I gave a friend of mine an elephant for his room. He said 'Thank you ever so much' and I replied 'Don't mention it'



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THE HANNEYS ANNUAL LITTER PICK - SATURDAY APRIL 1ST

9 AM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

A team of volunteers is needed to help - hi-viz jackets and picking sticks provided. Please please come to help - the more volunteers we have the quicker it's done! Call Bob Wilson 868389 or email bobwilson300@hotmail.com
New Villagers very welcome



Bob demonstrates how to use the picking stick

Hanneys Community Association – New Members required!

Hanneys Community Association was formed in December 2014 and its first project was to save the Plough in West Hanney. The purpose of the HCA is to **"promote the community interests of East and West Hanney by acquiring assets, supporting organisations and events and maintaining facilities for community benefit in The Hanneys"**. Projects in which the HCA have been involved include:

- Forming Hanneys Community Pub Ltd (HCPL) which bought and now owns and manages The Plough, West Hanney
- Being a shareholder in the HCPL.
- Organising free CPR training sessions
- Supporting the installation of the defibrillator in West Hanney
- Maintaining the current village website and developing a new site (on-going)
- Being a presence on the Neighbourhood Plan steering committee
- New project – installations of barn owl boxes in the Hanneys

Many of the members of the steering group on the HCA are working full time or have other commitments in the village. The current chair of the HCA is standing down due to work commitments and we are actively seeking a new Chair and members of the steering committee.

This is a great opportunity to get involved in supporting both villages. If you would like to know more or would like to volunteer, please contact:

itsyourvillage@hanneyscommunityassociation.co.uk.

Our Village Boundaries

Have your say on 17th March, 7.30pm, Village Hall. Page 13 for details



Editorial

It's litter-picking time again, on 1st April...you'd be a fool to miss it! (Geddit?) As usual, and for the umpteenth year in a row, His Right Royal Bobliness, Sir Robert of Wilson is head hombre of this very worthy annual project, and if you can help, give him a call...see the item on page 1! Bob is also the main man for the Holy Mowers...see the ad in last month's mag, on page 4...help needed, grass to be cut and fun to be had!

Big ups as ever to the Hanney Flood Group, who do sterling work in helping to keep our villages flood free. They recently received a grant from Vale of White Horse District Council, meaning £1,155 has been added to the coffers to purchase equipment, pay insurance premiums and specialist contractors. Well done Stewart Scott and your hard working team. We have a bewildering smorgasbord of clubs and societies in our villages, but I'm unaware of a knitting and/or crocheting club. If that's your thing, there is one that meets regularly in the 'Horse and Jockey' pub in Stanford-in-the-Vale. They're called 'Cast On!' - think that may be a technical term familiar to the knitting community? - and Ruth Chester is the lady to contact on 01367 710362.

One of our newest clubs is the Youth Club, and after only three evenings, I am delighted to say that it is flourishing. Huge credit to Becci, Sharon and Sam who organise and run it....more details on what goes on next month, but in the meantime, do give it a try if you're aged between 12

and 18. It meets on the 12th and 26th of this month (March!) Latest on the Winter Lane footpath - this from Jeremy Fry of Oxfordshire County Council, Highways - an email he sent me on 6th Feb, and I quote - *'We are just waiting for the solicitors to conclude the legalities which will enable Bellway Homes to undertake the works. The agreement will have a long stop end date of 31 May 2017 by which time all the works must be concluded. I expect that in the main the works will be finished in advance of this.'* Sad news as we learn of the passing of Molly Tew, a long time Hanney villager and known to many readers. See page 19 for obit and funeral details.

Finally, may I offer big up thanks to all who have recently assured me that they read and enjoy Hanney News. One such is a young lady called Mel, who resides in one of the far-flung outposts of our global, international empire, far away Denchworth. Fellow Denchworthians Mr and Mrs Cox also praised this monthly dose of silliness. Thanks to you all! Till next month my friends....

Trainee Chef
A vacancy has arisen at the Plough, West Hanney for a Trainee Chef.
This is a great opportunity to train as a chef in your local pub.
Contact Head Chef Gareth Jones
garethojones76@gmail.com
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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

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

Sat 4th, Wantage & Grove Lions Bingo at Grove village hall, doors open 6.45pm.

Mon 6th, 7.45pm, Village Hall, Gardening Club, 'Ponds and Water Features' - a talk.

Thurs 9th, Village Hall. W.I. Annual Meeting

Thurs 9th, 7.30pm, 'Life's Merry Go Round' - an hilarious light musical entertainment at the **Cornerstone, Didcot.** 01235 515144 or www.cornerstone.arts.org for details

Sat 11th, 1.30pm Wantage & Grove Lions grand jumble sale at RBL Hall.

Friday 17th, 7.30pm, Neighbourhood Plan, Public meeting. Village Hall. All welcome.

Sat 18th, Music Night at the Royal British Legion, Live music - 'Sub Zero', 70's / 80's

Thurs 23rd, Senior Citizens, 2.30pm, Village Hall, 'Holidays' - bring a photo.

Tues 28th, 8pm, Village Hall, History Group, 'The Life of Alfred Williams' historian, author and poet, by Graham Carter.

Thurs 30th, Hanney W.I. Fashion Show...see last month's issue, page 10.

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

Fri 31st, 7pm, Caritas Children's Choir, Spring Concert for Christian Aid, Wantage Methodist Church.

...and further ahead

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

Sat 1st April, 7.30pm, Wantage Male Voice Choir,
Annual Concert. Page 5

Tues 18th April, St James School, Term 5 begins.

Sat 13th May, Gardening Club, Annual Plant Sale, 10am - 12 noon. Village Hall, see page 4 for details of this and their 'Tub competition'

Hanney Flood Group meet every third Saturday of the month and do great practical work in keeping our villages flood free. If you can lend a hand, contact Stewart Scott: stewartscott.4@btinternet.com or 868503. **Next meeting is 18th Mar.**

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.

Ed's website is www.vaizey.com

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

**Junior and Adult
Tennis Tournament
Sunday 9th April
1pm - 4pm
Hanney Tennis Courts
Page 10 for details**

THE NIGEL EADY COMMUNITY WOODLAND

Our Woodland was planted between 1993 and 1995 by Nigel Eady of Church Farm as part of a Government-funded scheme to take land out of agricultural production. After Mr Eady died 4 years ago, thanks to skilful negotiation by Chris Surman (Chairman WHPC), his executors gifted the woodland to the Parish Council for the use of the people of E&W Hanney. In addition to the trees and shrubs there is now a wide variety of wildlife. Many kinds of birds are present throughout the year, for example woodpeckers and bullfinches. In winter, abundant migratory redwings and fieldfares feed on the berries and in spring migrating warblers return. Deer and foxes

can sometimes be seen. Wild flowers include cowslips and teasels and four species of orchid, all common but nonetheless spectacular when in flower. As well as walkers, often with their dogs, several community groups use the woodland, the Guides, Nordic walkers and, of course, the village school which has a dedicated area for 'Forest School' activities. With the adjoining field, which the Parish Council has just acquired, the woodland provides a splendid resource for quiet recreation and for wildlife. Come and enjoy. To help with maintenance work email me.

Paul Sayers
pkayers@btinternet.com

Next working party is on Saturday 25th March, and meets at 9am at the gate from Cow Lane into the Woodland.

Hanney Gardening Club

Annual Plant Sale

Saturday 13th May - Hanney War Memorial Hall, 10am till 12noon.
A big selection of Perennials, Bedding plants, Vegetables and Herbs will be on sale at very reasonable cost.

If you have any spare plants, please contact De Bromley 868485 in East Hanney or Jo Brettell 868450 in West Hanney for collection.

Tub Competition

Closing Date 1st July

To be judged week commencing 7th August.

All Hanney residents are invited to plant up a tub, maximum size 60cms, with single or mixed colours. Tubs need to be visible at front of house.

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HANNEY FILM NIGHT!

in the OWEN WRIGHT CINEMA, HWMH

FRIDAY Mar 3rd , 7.15 for 7.45

'Fantastic Beasts (and where to find them)' 12a



The adventures of writer Newt Scamander in New York's secret community of witches and wizards seventy years before Harry Potter reads his book in school. Starring the wonderful Eddie Redmayne.

Tickets £6, conc. £5 Bar & Doors Open 7.15

Wantage Male Voice Choir

presents its annual concert at The Beacon on **Saturday 1st April, starting at 7.30pm**, with guests 'Mello'D' Ladies Harmony Group', from Griffithstown, Wales.

The choir's connections with the ladies go back to 1998 and Mello'D' last appeared at the choir's annual concert in 2009. Their unique sound brought a lovely contrast in harmonies to the choir's special occasion.

The concert proceeds will be in aid of choir funds and the nearby **DAMASCUS youth project.**

Tickets £10, are available from Rowe's Newmarket and The Beacon in Wantage and from Brett's Chemist, Grove.

Contact: Nick 01235 768249/ John 01235 767366.

On Mon 20th March from 11-30am to 1-30pm, I will be holding a charity coffee and birthday cake morning, (my birthday!) with a raffle.

I have been growing my hair for 4 years and the time has come to cut it off. My hair will be forwarded to a cancer charity for wig making. Stuart, at the Black Horse, has kindly agreed to host the event. I am looking for sponsors, a local hairdresser to give me a free haircut - you gain free advertising! - and lots of people to come along. Proceeds to International Aid for

the Protection and Welfare of Animals (IAPWA) .www.iapwa.org. You can donate through JUSTGIVING: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pv-painter-beach and on Facebook. Also give on the day, or hand into the shop, or if you know where I live, pop around - I look forward to seeing you! If anyone has any ideas to raise money for this charity, that would be very welcome. So come along, watch the haircut at approx 12.15pm, buy lots of cake and coffee/tea. Thank you in advance - Pat Beach, email pbeachpaintb@hotmail.com

East Hanney Parish Council

As you probably know, we are in the process of agreeing the lease of the field to the north of the playing fields. In order to produce plans to consider what the field will be used for, the Parish Council would like to form a working group. If you have any experience or want to help investigate the issues of a possible wild flower meadow, sports field, fitness trail or BMX circuit please get in contact.

On the subject of the village environment, we have also been looking at the problem of the circular iron seats that surround two Horse Chestnut trees opposite La Fontana by the A338. They are in a very bad state. The seats currently surrounding the trees have been cutting into them. To prevent further damage some of the upper rings have already had to be removed.

To compound the problem, some of the iron strips are missing, and many are badly bent out of shape. The seats are constructed of iron bands, which are riveted together. Specialist fabricators have been approached but they are not able to modify or repair them to suit the expanding tree girth.

Recent housing developments have allocated some funds for Village Art projects. This is not something the PC has direct control over but it can suggest possible projects. The PC suggested that this money could be used for replacement seats.

A possible design by Julie Grose, a local artist / blacksmith has been proposed and wider consultation by The Vale's Art Development Officer should occur soon via the Hanney News.

It may be possible that the two existing seats are dismantled and one new circular

seat constructed in a different location. Any feedback and suggestions for a location would be welcome.

Following years of service, the litter pickers that keep the playground and hall car park clean have told the council they no longer wish to undertake the work. The Council is looking for someone to replace them. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

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 1st March and 5th April 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:

Guy Langton 867403

guy@ehpc.org.uk

Parish Council website: [http://](http://www.easthaneyparishcouncil.org.uk)

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Around 15 hardy souls turned out on Saturday 11th February to work in the Community Woodland. It was a bitterly cold day and our two villages owe these dedicated volunteers a real vote of thanks for their work in keeping the rides cut back and the area tidy. The next planned working morning is Saturday 25th March. If you are willing to give a few hours help, even for an hour or two on even one or two mornings a year, then please contact Paul Sayers, Chairman of the Volunteer Group on 868146 or email him on pskayers@btinternet.com

Council, to put right any damage caused to the road surface and The Green itself during building. They have again confirmed that they will carry out repairs to the area once they have completed the development and are ready to lay the final top surface through to the new houses.

Criminal damage is still being carried out, sometimes on a daily basis, at the field entrance opposite the school, and covert cameras are now being considered to identify the offender.

A Neighbourhood Plan meeting, which is open to all residents of both villages, will be held in the Hanney Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Friday March 17th. The meeting will discuss feedback on village boundaries and housing sections of the recently completed Neighbourhood Plan survey. You are encouraged to attend the meeting where results of the survey can be seen and discussed and you can contribute to the consultation process.

We all seem to have problems sometimes in deciding which refuse bin an item should go in. If you have this dilemma then the Vale has made it easier for us. Just go onto www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk click on 'Recycling and Waste', then find 'Recyclepedia' then 'search the Recyclepedia' and you can enter the item you are wondering about together with our area postcode and the system will tell you which bin it should go in. As the Meerkats would say - Simple!

Potholes are really increasing throughout the village and as we know Oxfordshire County Council are finding it difficult to keep up, mainly due to cutbacks in funding. We have to keep reporting these problems however, or they will never be attended to. Please, if you have damage near your property, go to 'www.fixmystreet.com' and report it. It's so easy and you can remain anonymous if you wish.

Next PC Meeting - Tuesday 4th April 7.30pm - St James Bell Tower

- Chris Surman (Chairman) - 868749
- Edward Wilkinson - 867316
- Kay Sayers (Cllr & Clerk) - 868146
- Trevor Brettell - 868459
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Obituaries

Michael Austin Vickers 1931 - 2017

Michael was born in Oldham, Lancs, the third child of Cecil, piano tuner and restorer, and Gladys his wife. Michael attended Oldham Hume Grammar School, achieving high academic grades. He then attended University Of Manchester Institute Of Technology to study organic chemistry, gaining a PhD. Whilst there, he met his future wife, Audrey. They married in April 1954.

In 1957 Michael was based in Tanzania as a science officer with the Colonial Office. After jobs in Dublin and Liverpool, Michael joined Esso as a research chemist.

In 1966, Audrey became teacher at Hanney Primary School and the family moved to the current family home, the Old Forge, West Hanney.

In 1969, Michael accepted a work exchange sabbatical for 18 months at Exxon USA. Michael was a highly respected colleague and devoted to his work. He spent many long hours at home in the evenings and weekends in completing research.

He kept a close interest in his children's studies at University and in their careers, and regularly visited them, celebrated their successes and supported them when they needed help. This continued for the rest of his life. Michael retired in 1991 to pursue a wide number of leisure interests, mainly of an academic and charitable nature, including the British Dyslexia Association and the local History Group.

Sarah Markus, Simon and Steve Vickers

Tony Roberts 29th July 1935 - 17th Jan 2017

Tony moved into Snuggs Lane with his wife Diana in 1963 after building their bungalow. Tony was a keen fisherman and was a member of both The Plough Angling Club and The Wantage & Grove Angling Club winning many trophies in the competitions he participated in. He loved to teach the youngsters how to fish and in his later years he would often be found watching his friends fish at the pond near the railway bridge. He liked to keep his mind active, solving the daily crossword puzzle and watching quiz shows, regularly impressing his family with his knowledge on various subjects. Tony will be greatly missed by his family and friends but his memory will live on. The Roberts Family.

Mollie Tew 24th Jan 1927 - 19th Feb 2017

It's with great sadness that I write to tell you that Mollie Tew passed away on 19th February, having reached the age of 90. Mollie and Doug Tew lived in Orchard Close, East Hanney for over twenty happy years, Dad enjoyed a pint (or more!) at the Black Horse and tended two allotments. They were, with others, the founders of the bar in the village hall, often appeared in the annual pantomime and helped with community events like the lunches, sales and the cricket club. After Doug died in 2014, Mollie moved to Old Station House Care home in Abingdon but she still kept on the mailing list for the 'Hanney News' which she enjoyed reading.

Her funeral will be on 6th March at noon at the South Oxfordshire Crematorium and afterwards at the Black Horse, East Hanney.

Helen Cubitt, daughter.

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Letters

Dear Editor

Pat, Seb and Sam would like to thank all of the people in Hanney who have offered support and compassion during this difficult time after Paul's death. Their kindness has been heart-warming. Pat Dewhurst.

Dear Editor

The village is experiencing its first taste of the re-opened Plough (and what a re-opening night it was!). The previous decor was Marmite-esque, either loved or hated. The refurbishment sought to address areas which had been subject to criticism and anecdotal evidence is overwhelmingly in favour of the refit. Much of the work required (the dirty jobs!) was performed by volunteers who put in as much or as little time as they could spare. All of it very much appreciated. Look around and see what was achieved in, what was, a very short time.

I think Gareth and James have received a very warm Hanney welcome which, hopefully, will spur them on towards putting the Plough back on the village pub map of Oxfordshire and beyond. None of this would have happened without the Board of Directors of Hanney Community Pub who have worked tirelessly, both planning and physically, before and during the refurbishment. I consider the villagers of The Hanneys owe them a debt of thanks. I would recommend anyone who has not yet ventured inside the newly-painted door to do so - but wipe your feet first...David Bratley

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Dear Editor

I read with dismay the Church's position on the re-marriage of divorced persons, and though there is the possibility of marriage at St James - after going through a vetting process to judge suitability - it does seem that if you are a non-believer but want a "pretty photo back drop" (from C of E website!).. then all is good. However if you are an active church attendee, and assist the church in its events and programmes, but are divorced, then you are persona non gratia...strange in this day and age. It has certainly affected our view and participation with St James. Perhaps when setting such views the Anglican Church should take into account its own issues and read The parable of the speck and the log, Matthew 7:1-5: ".....*You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.*"

Richard Broomhead

Dear Editor

As some dog walkers will have noticed, a new tree has been planted at the top of the playing field. This is a special tree in memory of my wife and son who both passed away in late 2015. It is a Sessile or Welsh oak, which I found and planted, once I had permission from the Parish Councils. It had to be planted at the correct time of year, and I had to pay a £20 import tax for a native tree grown in Holland! The tree, as it grows, will forecast the weather by the old saying 'If the oak has leaves before the ash, we will get a slash, but not a soak'!!

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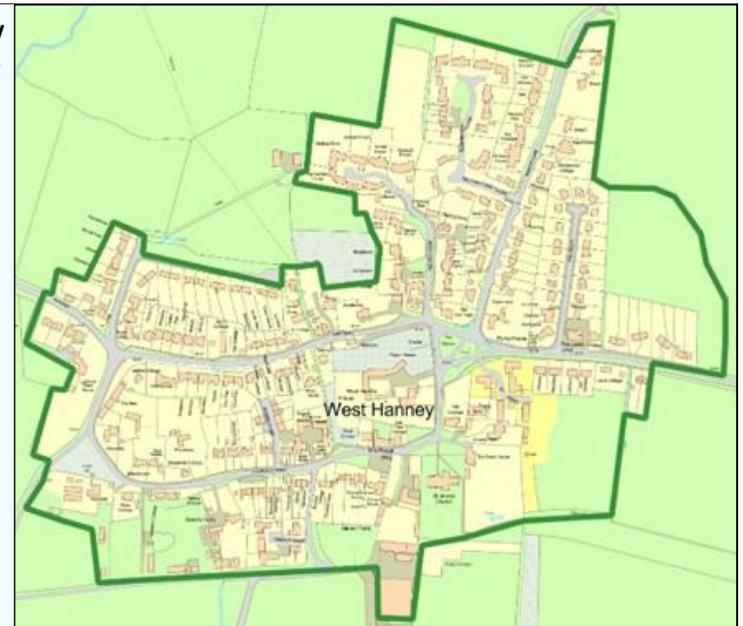
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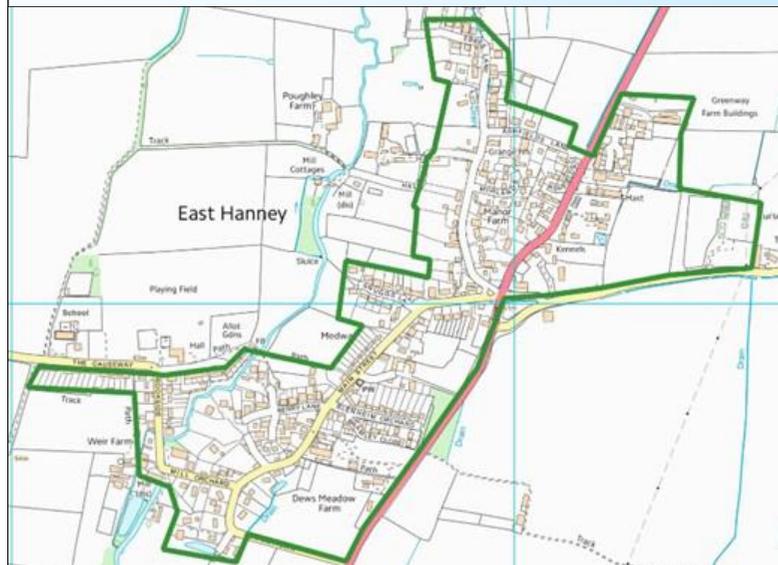
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Dear Friends

We went for our regular dental check up recently. Both the dentist and hygienist asked us very detailed personal questions about our teeth cleaning habits. *How often and for how long do you brush our teeth? What sort of toothbrush do you use? Do you use interdental brushes? Are you pregnant?*

And then, of course, followed the intimate and personal investigation in our mouths, which we allow because we believe good teeth and oral hygiene are important.

It did make me wonder whether people would undergo a **spiritual** check-up? Answering such questions as: - *How often do you pray? When do you read the Bible? Do you give time to reflect and meditate, especially about God's love? Do you meet with others to praise God? Are you generous?*

Lent, which begins this month, is traditionally a time for spiritual check-ups. The equivalent of a Christian spring clean or religious MOT.

This year for Lent to encourage healthy spiritual lives we are offering a 5 week Lent Course to be held jointly in the Benefice of our 4 churches, looking at the call from The Archbishops of Canterbury and York to pray for "thy kingdom come". It actually begins with a meal at 7pm in the St John's Rooms, Grove, then a presentation at 8pm and time for discussion.

Everyone is welcome, though to help with catering there are sign-up sheets in our churches. For more information about what we will be thinking, try on the Internet www.thykingdom.co.uk

Whether you can come or not why not have a spiritual check-up this Spring? As the psalmist says (26: 2), *Test me, Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind.*

God bless
John

SERVICES in March - Sundays at 9.30am

5th and 26th – Revd Alec Gill. 12th Revd Geoff Maughan. 19th Revd Antonia Cretney.
Tuesdays at 10.00am - Said Eucharist in the Chancel

ASH WEDNESDAY - 10am Holy Communion at St Johns Grove
8pm Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes St Nicholas East Challow

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TIME for REFLECTION?

Whatever your views on the monumental changes occurring in the world would you value time to think deeply and reflectively? Do you feel uncertain of your future? Or of that of your children and grandchildren? Is this a time to look afresh at our values?

You might like to consider coming along to the Benefice LENT GROUP
Wednesdays 8, 15, 22, 29 March & 5 April – 7pm – 9pm
St John's Room, Grove

Letters - continued. (Well, just the one actually but you get my drift.)

Dear Editor,
'Man and boy' I have been part of Hanney Cricket Club. In 1982 the club reformed giving the village lads a place to focus during the summer months. With the help of many villagers the club grew from strength to strength eventually fielding two league sides on a Saturday afternoon. Regrettably, despite the village becoming larger, HCC now finds itself in danger of closing the pavilion doors forever! Amateur cricket is a place where players from all abilities come together as a team, play the best they can and then revel in

the victory or 'drown their sorrows' at the post match analysis. Bringing families and friends to share the love of the game has brought villagers that wouldn't ordinarily meet, the chance to share one of the foundations of village life; togetherness. It saddens me to find us in this position but all I can do is ask anyone interested in 'having a go' at this wonderful team game to make contact so HCC can have the confidence to continue. Anyone of any ability who would like to play or help please call me on 07711 690542 so that the club that has given me so much can continue to give others the same.
Jamie Hollier - Chairman HCC