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Final Thought

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Footpath update? See page 19.

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Frank Whiting was recently invited to the Oxfordshire Community Awards presentation at the Town Hall, to receive a certificate and medal in recognition of over 30 years of service as the voluntary branch Treasurer of the armed forces service charity SSAFA. Many of you will know Frank as Treasurer and volunteer in the Community Shop; for some years he was the Postmaster. Frank is one of many folk who quietly get on with the myriad of voluntary jobs that need to be done in our community, so thank you Frank for all you do for us and many congratulations on your award.

Hey, have you heard



Your Community Shop is now selling freshly baked Marco Polo breads and pastries - delivered on Mondays and Thursdays.

The Shop is still in desperate need of volunteers to serve behind the counter. If you can spare a few hours now and again, please get in touch with me, Hazel on 868145 or Ann on 868440.

Editorial

Friends, here we are again, with May the month not the politician - a rapidly fading memory.

I make no apologies for going big on the upcoming Oxford Science Festival. Though I achieved a modest 4% in my last chemistry exam. I am a big fan of scientists, not least cos without them. the cardiologists, surgeons, anaesthetists, nutritionists, bacteriologists - you get my drift - I wouldn't be writing this stuff now, and I suspect a good few of you wouldn't be reading it. So check out page 13 and the Festival website. I'm sure you will find something of interest. Also take a moment please to read a message on page 4 from Jaunty Jilly - a very able young woman working her way up the career ladder here at Hanney News Global International. Wise words indeed from our II.

'Big ups' time now, these go to Mr Colin Herman, who for many years has quietly and conscientiously cut much of the grass in the churchvard. Colin has now had to give that up. Our sincere thanks go to him for his largely unheralded endeavours over many years. The Holy Mowers are taking over his patch. The situation with the Plough, our community pub, is somewhat fluid at the moments, so by the time you read this it may be old news, but as I write it is open and serving a myriad of delightful libations, including wines, ales, spirits and cocktails. Do pop in, you will be made to feel very welcome. Meantime Stuart and Patrick who've

both worked very hard at the Black Horse in East Hanney have announced that they are moving to pastures new later in the year. Since their arrival in the village a couple of years back, they have both got very involved with, and been very generous to the community, so our sincere thanks goes to them. Please also keep frequenting their fine hostelry.

That rather naughty pole that was erected adjacent to West Hanney village green has finally been moved. Well done to WH Parish Council for delivering the necessarv kick to the SSE's botty! Three events this month that are absolute musts - the CRUK Table Top Sale on 10th June...I have it on good authority that the 'Plant Man', aka Mr Hampton will be there. Also the St James School Fete on Sat 17th, see page 10 for details, and the East Hanney Open Gardens evening - details on this month's flyer - on the 30th. Please put both events in your diary now. Talking of selling things that grow and can be eaten, admired - or smoked!- the recent Gardening Club plant sale combined with the Christian Aid Coffee morning made for a busy time at the hall. Both great village events...our community really getting together, raising money, having fun, making new friends and eating masses of cakes...what's not to like? Big ups to evervone involved!!

Next month is our 500th (!!) issue, so brace yourselves for a Nostalgia-Fest!

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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: <u>angie.m@ntlworld.com</u> or Helen Evans 868542

WHITE HORSE CROQUET CLUB within the grounds of Wantage Cricket Club. We offer up to 3 FREE sessions to potential new members and all equipment is available on site. Playing sessions are each Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 am and Thursday from 2 pm. The playing season is from April to September. For more information visit our website at whcc.webplus.net.

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

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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 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.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. 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, <u>hyfcfooty@gmail.com</u> or visit our website <u>hanneyyouthfc.co.uk</u>

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 3rd, Wantage Silver Band gig at RBL is CANCELLED

Sundays in June. All St James Service details, see page 14.

Mon 5th, St James School, Term 6 begins...'Whoopee!' says little Johnny cos he loves school so much!!

Mon 5th, Hanney War Memorial Hall, AGM 8pm. See page 15, April issue.

Thurs 8th, 7.30pm, W.I. Village Hall 'The Human aspects of airline command'

Fri 9th, Hatha Yoga starts - Free trial session. See page 27 for details.

Sat 10th, 10am - 2pm, CRUK table top sale, Village Hall

Mon 12th, 7.30pm, GARD (Group Against Reservoir Development) are hosting a Public Meeting in the Village Hall, regarding Thames Water's reservoir proposals. Gard website is: <u>www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk</u>

Friday 16th - Weds 21st, Oxford Science Festival...see page 13

Sat 17th, St James School Fete...page 10 for details.

Mon 19th, Guides Taster Evening. See page 5.

Thurs 22nd, 2.30pm Village Hall, Senior Citizens, 'Connecting to the Connected World', a talk by Graham Garner. A hands-on introduction to safe and useful ways to communicate with friends and family using a devise.

Sat 24th, RBL Hall, Live Music with 'Resurrection', 60's and 70's band.

Tues 27th, 6.30pm, History Group tour of Denchworth led by Sue Brandon, followed by meal at the Fox hostelry.

Fri 30th, 5pm - 8pm, Open Gardens in East Hanney, The Mulberries, Nightingale Cottage, Jasmine Cottage. All proceeds to Brain Tumour Trust. See encl. Flyer.

...and further ahead

Fri 21st July - St James School, Term 6 ends. 'Boo-hoo' cries little Johnny. Sat Sept 23rd - Michaelmas Fayre. Details next month and on the Fayre website and noticeboards.

Contact details for our political chums.

Ed Vaizey MP -'You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A OAA, 020 7219 6350 or <u>dicksonce@parliament.uk</u>. 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

Hello everyone, I'm Jaunty

Jilly. I look annovingly cheerful don't I My job is head of PR. HR. GWR and the IRs - Ewing and Hospital - here at Hanney News Global International. I want to say a big thank you to everyone - businesses, organisations, clubs, societies etc - who pays to take space in our modest little publication. Without that financial support Hanney News would simply not exist. We get no grants, funding or favours from anyone. and our printing costs - which have gone up by 40% since we went to colour at the beginning of 2016 and increased our circulation to 1.000 - have to be met. As you may know, all other aspect of the process of getting our mag through your letterbox each month is done on a purely

voluntary basis. So my request to you dear readers is simple...please use the businesses who advertise with us whenever you can.



Without them you would not be reading this rather strange little mixture of information and idiocy every month. And when I say businesses, I of course include our two pubs. Villages do not have pubs by some divine right...they too are businesses like any other. If they are not viable, they will close, simple as that. So come on everyone, let's get down to the Plough and the Black Horse...mine's a Babycham! See you soon darlings... Love JJ

The Didcot Divas Community Choir is holding a concert at the Methodist Church Hall in Wantage on Saturday 10th June 2017 at 7.00pm, featuring music, song and laughter for all the family, with not only the divine Divas, but also their special guests, The Caritas Children's Choir, the Warble and Plonkit Ensemble and the Nightingales quartet. All for just £7, including refreshments in the interval. Tickets are available on the door. All proceeds from the evening will go to both Sobell House and Christian Aid.

The Wantage and Grove Loyalty Scheme

is something I'd not heard of until very recently thanks for the info Sir Christopher of Aram. It's a pretty simple idea...you buy a loyalty card for just £2 and that entitles you to discounts from many local businesses. The offers vary and are all detailed and regularly updated on their website www.wantageandgroveloyalty.co.uk.



The scheme was launched by the Wantage Chamber of Commerce in 2011, and they also sponsor an annual awards scheme. Ever the optimist, I'm hoping Hanney News will win the 'Best Village Newsletter in Hanney' award. Fingers crossed...quite like the idea of making a long acceptance speech at a glittering awards ceremony attended by glamourous stars of stage and screen, and then proudly displaying the award itself in pride of place in the luxurious reception area here at Hanney News Global International HQ.

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£100 - Helen Cavendish, W.H. £50 - Beryl King, W.H. £25 - Judith Hockaday, E.H.

Can you help?

I've received this request from a gent called Matthew Smaldon.

I am carrying out research into the men and women of Oxfordshire who died during the Second World War, and whose names are recorded on war memorials across the county.

The 6 names on the West Hanney War Memorial are:

Frederick James Monk (Army - died Thailand 1943 – Prisoner of War) Herbert John Franklin (Army – died Belgium 1940) George Thomas Burnett (Army – died UK 1941) Eric Dance (no information) Reginald Hopkins (Royal Air Force – died France 1940) Claude Jones (no information) If any readers recognise any of these names and can provide any information or photographs, I would be very pleased to hear from you. My contact information is -Matthew Smaldon - <u>matthew.smaldon@gmail.com</u> 50 South Ave, Abingdon, 0X14 10R, Tel: 01235 415922'

Frank Whiting's charity the SSAFA - see front cover story - was formerly known as the 'Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association'. The charity provides support to serving and former members of the services and their families. The branch has an answerphone, 01235 548039 which is accessed on a regular basis for anyone requiring help or to volunteer.

Hanney Guides invite girls aged 9 and over to come to our taster evening on June 19th.

Weather permitting, we will meet at Weir Farm from 6.30 – 8.00pm.

Summer is the best time to enjoy the Guiding programme with cooking, building shelters and following trails, as just some of our many activities.

Please contact Sue on 01235 765885 if your



daughter is tempted to come and sample the fun and for further details.



East Hanney Parish Council

In response to many people asking when Council are currently considering what the skip will be in Hanney. I would like to mention that the dates for the coming vear (to next March) are on the noticeboard by the shop and on the PC's website. The rule of thumb is the skip is here on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. 'odd' months at Snuggs Lane and 'even' months at the Hall. It arrives about 4.30pm and is usually full by 6.30! Residents are reminded though, that the skips are 'level fill' only. Should there be no space in the skip, please do not keep piling your items on top of the rest, they will be taken out by the driver and left next to where the skip was.

The Parish's Neighbourhood Plan is gathering speed. The analysis of the survey done over Christmas has been carried out and the steering group is finalizing its policies. The aim is to have the Plan completed before the Vale's Local Plan is completed in the late autumn.

As I am sure you are aware, the Parish Council is to lease the field to the North of the plaving fields. The exact use of 'Kings Leases', as it will be known, has not vet been finalised but it will include amenity space. The change of use has been applied for and the Council hopes to have all the legal work completed soon. In the meantime, there will be some work undertaken to prepare the field for its change of use, which will include the use of a herbicide to make the preparation of a suitable seedbed more effective.

The bridge at the end of Halls Lane is in a bad state of repair and the County

works can be undertaken to make the crossing safe. This may mean the bridge is closed for a time and the Council will keep you updated via the news page of its website and through this newsletter.

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 7th Iune and 5th Iuly.

Chairman: Iim Triffitt 868314 (Allotments) Vice Chairman: Stewart Scott 868503 (Neighbourhood Plan and Technical Issues)

Councillors:

Paul Aram 868858 (Playground and Plaving field) David Kirk 07740029059 (Neighbourhood Action Group) Judy Long 868425 (Footpaths) Stephen McKechnie 868823 (Village Environment)

Clerk: Guy Langton 867403 gl-ehpc@outlook.com

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A very warm official welcome to Dawn Hutcheon who will shortly be taking over the Parish Clerk's role from Kay Savers. Kay has given sterling service to the council both as a Councillor and our Clerk for many years, and we owe her a big vote of thanks. Once the handover is complete Kay will continue in her role as Councillor. Meanwhile we wish Dawn well in her new role, keeping us all in order!

A group of Councillors and volunteers spent a couple of hours on Saturday 13th now getting close to the point of May clearing the paths from Main Street through to The Meads and Church Street. One side of the road from The Green to the Church was also cleared of the build up of leaf debris. Thank you to Trevor. Graham, Alan, Dulcie, Stanley, Alison, Mark and Kate, together with the junior team of Ivv and Reggie, and to David for the very welcome Coffees. At least 15 bags of leaves and weeds etc. were left to believed to come from Grove and the be collected by Biffa on the Monday. whilst several barrow loads of spoil were deposited in an appropriate area. As the financial cuts have meant Oxfordshire County Council now rarely come to the village with a road sweeper. or other cleaning equipment, we will probably end up having to hold these sessions on a regular basis to keep our village as tidy as we can.

One thing that did become obvious is that some dog owners are not clearing up after their pets, and even though there is a dog bin at both ends of the Church Street footpath we found dog bags thrown into the hedges.

Alan Cottrell has kindly agreed to cut our new Meadow and remove the Hay for us, and to trim back some of the Woodland

hedging at an appropriate time of the year. Thank you Alan, much appreciated.

A meeting was held in the Village Hall on Monday evening 15th May when presentations were made of the latest East and West Hanney Neighbourhood Plans. Villagers were given the opportunity to ask questions, and discuss the plans, which were drawn up after collating and analysing information from the recent surveys. The two plans are submission. Thanks are due to the councillors from both parishes who have worked so hard on the villages behalf. A Motorcyclist has again been seen riding around in the Community Woodland causing damage to the paths. As a result we have had to temporarily lock the kissing gate off Cow Lane as that is his point of entry. The rider is bike in question is an 'off-road' bike with no registration plates. How then does he get to the woodland without travelling on public roads? If anyone sees him please contact the police on 101 as he is causing damage to private property. And to end. The saga is over. The School Road Electricity Pole is no more!

Next Meeting - Tuesday 27th June 2017 - 7.30pm St. James the Great **Bell Tower**

Councillors:

Chris Surman (Chairman) - 868749. Edward Wilkinson - 867316. Kay Sayers - 868146. Trevor Brettell - 868459. Graham Garner - 868684. Clerk: Dawn Hutcheon - 869151

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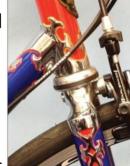
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Meanwhile, down Winter Lane, the footpath saga limps on.

I was assured in an email of 6th Feb from the Oxfordshire County Council Highways Engineer that, and I quote '*The agreement* (to build the footpath) 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' At the time of writing, there is no sign of any work starting and the date looms ever closer. That said. I have just received an email from Bellway the developer informing me that the legal hoops have now all been jumped through, and once a contractor is found, the work will commence. Maybe, as you read this, it already has?

Once it is finished. I want to arrange a grand opening ceremony...ribbon cutting, little triangle-shaped sandwiches and much speechifying and self congratulatory backslapping...conducted by a member of the Royal family. I'm aware that HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, aka Phil the Greek, has retired from all public duties, so he's no longer an option, though he wouldn't have been my first choice anyway, to be honest. I photographed him once years ago, and, frankly, he wasn't very nice, so I'll try and get one of the others.



Darling, you haven't forgotten that his vear's Michaelmas Favre is on Saturday the 23rd September have you?

I'll say it again!



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First Thursday in the month Lunch and Listen 10.30am. Meet for coffee followed by a short informal service and then lunch

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East Hanney Parish Council arrange a regular skip for the benefit of Hanney villagers - see their article on page 6 but just recently it has been overfilled, resulting in a very unpleasant pile of rubbish being left behind once the skip has been removed. So please, if you turn up with a load of rubbish and the skip is already full, then sorry, but some folk got there before you did, and you'll need to dispose of your rubbish elsewhere.

Some good news to finish...a couple of successful prosecutions for fly-tipping have recently been made, resulting in fines of several thousand pounds.

In view of the fact that we as consumers are expected to check that the waste disposal company are bona fide, it's worth noting that one of the companies fined had disposed of a bath, toilet and sink amongst other things, all for just a £30 charge to the customer. That's stupidly cheap of course...so if it seems too good to be true, it probably is. Caveat emptor and all that! (That's twice I've used a Latin phrase in this one article. What a cultured magazine it is that you your are reading.)

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There is something for everyone from touching clouds and building stars, to dancing the Universe or watching a contagious cabaret.

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you to look again, look deeper and explore your world from Friday 16 to Wednesday 21 June.

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Dear Friends

As I see sheep nursing lambs in the fields, I am reminded that the promise "I will be with you" is at the heart of Psalm 23, describing God as our heavenly Shepard, who provides and protects.

The LORD is my shepherd; I have everything I need. He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water. He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right paths, as he has promised. Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, LORD, for you are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me.

"I will be with you", can be comforting words to hear, an encouragement of support and a reminder that we share the joys of life with others. They can be a statement that we are in the thoughts and prayers of others or a promise that as we remember those who are important to us, so their influence on us continues.

"I will be with you"; is also the promise Jesus made to his followers before his return to heaven and fore filled through the giving of the Holy Spirit, the presence of God in our lives, which we celebrate at the beginning of June.

These words can also encourage us in our daily lives and inspire us to both speak out and live out our faith through how we help and support others in ways that prove to them, that no matter what is to come; "I will be with you."

God bless,

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Hanney Michaelmas Fayre Sat 23rd September Lots to do, lots to see, lots of fun. All proceeds are given in grants to Hanney Organisations. Your support is welcomed and needed. Interested in helping? Got some ideas? Contact Stuart Cakebread Email: cakebread@btinternet.com

Letter

This year's Hanney Christian Aid Week Coffee Morning broke the records for its fifteen year existence. Last year it brought in £300 but this year an almost unbelievable £420! Yes, we know people going to the Plant Sale often like to drop in for their coffee and cake and others come specially to support us. Whether that's because they know the coffee and tea is Fairtrade and cakes always homemade - or to support Christian Aid's work in general - I don't know but the amazing number of cakes that arrived that morning and the larger than usual crowd we welcomed, might be due to something else.

The first Christian Aid Week was set up 60 years ago to follow on from the churches' work after WW2 to do everything possible to help European refugees who had lost everything. Today Christian Aid is still helping refugees - providing not just hot food and helping with shelter but very necessary psychological support and legal advice. This year's appeal has been focussed firmly on refugees.

Today's news seems full of sad or bad news of so many places where people are made refugees; perhaps our Coffee Morning gave people the opportunity to do something practical to help and they took it.

So, whether you baked, donated raffle prizes, put up posters, served, washed up, swept up or did *anything* to help - like coming to have a coffee and a cake with us..... THANK YOU! Pam Blustin