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*(Body in good health?! Bit rich coming from him! - Ed)*

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# Hanney News

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## Have a go Heyes, our Hanney Hero!

Much loved in our community, young Mark Heyes hit the headlines recently when he attempted to stop a shop-lifter in Sainsbury's, Wantage. Sadly the miscreant got away, but the shop manager handed over store vouchers to Mark, remarking "I wish there were more people like you". Don't we all Mr Shop Manager? Mark's trolley of San Miguel beer suffered somewhat in the brouhaha but was replaced by Sainsbury's. Big ups to them, and from all of us here at H News GI, we say "Well done Mark, you're certainly our hero!"

**Comment on the 'Kings Leases' plans...see page 4**



**The Parish Picnic...cheers Alma! Page 15**



**Footie Fest  
...more pics  
page 4**

**The recent 'Open Gardens' event** in East Hanney was a great success. This from Gill Parry, whose garden was one of the three open to visitors:  
*"I'm delighted to say that we raised £1400 at the Open Garden event in East Hanney. This is going to the Brain Tumour Charity to support their valuable work. Ann Stubbington, Judith Hockaday and I would very much like to thank all those who attended, donated and contributed in any way to the success of the evening."*

## Editorial

Welcome to our 501st! You'll know I witter on regularly about community in these pages, and if you've ever wondered what exactly I mean by that, please look again at the front page. The Open Garden evening, the Parish Picnic and the Hanney Youth football competition, all great community events - superbly organised and much enjoyed by everyone who attended. Beautiful gardens, kids playing the beautiful game and bootiful hot dogs with lashings of tomato ketchup...great stuff. Big ups to all involved.

Even if you're not a shareholder, I urge you to check out the article from the Directors of the Plough on page 13. Folks, this really is a case of 'use it or lose it'. The Plough is a business like any other, and if it doesn't attract enough customers, it will close; simple as that. Expect no divine intervention or 'magic money tree'! Word on the street is that an application for 'change of use' to a private dwelling would likely be granted without too much trouble. Before we know it, some voracious developer will have their hands on it, convert it into a house, build two more on the car park opposite, and West Hanney will never have a pub again. Oh, and by the way, your house will be worth 10% less. Happier stuff....we have some talented photographers in our villages...see page 11 for samples of their work. By spooky coincidence one of the snaps is of a hot air balloon, and the wife and I had a 'flight' in one recently. A unique experience...highly recommended.

You'll see a few snaps in this month's issue of our young footballers in action; the Hanney Youth club is a great success, now running ten teams across the age range. It attracts youngster from other villages and there is a real buzz about the whole set up. Well done to all involved. For us older folk who want to get active, don't forget our Badminton club - their details on page 26, with new members very welcome.

Page 5 carries the latest on the tales of two bridges, and a recent meeting with Thames Water gave them the opportunity to tell us about their plans to deal with the increased demand on their services - basically clean water in, sewage out. Poor flow is the problem with the former and a system that needs major updating is the latter's. Don't hesitate to contact Thames Water if you have any problems.

Bellway, meantime, have applied to the District Council for planning permission to finally, build our footpath here in Winter Lane. Cautious optimism is the order of the day, but surely beaurocracy has gone mad yet again? Another public body - the Vale -now involved, more potential delay, arguments and buck passing. Just blooming well get on with it say all of us here at Hanney News Global International!!!

Finally, I have to report that we have recently lost two members of our community, Vivien Smith and Judy Dore. Their obituaries are on page 19. We offer our sincerest condolences to their friends and families.

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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](http://www.wantagechoralsociety.co.uk), email [wantagechoralsociety@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wantagechoralsociety@yahoo.co.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](http://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](mailto:angie.m@ntlworld.com) 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](http://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

**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](http://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](mailto:pippa@thrive-nutrition.co.uk)

**HANNEY CHAPEL**. Please note that in August all meetings take place in the War Memorial Hall. Every Sunday, Morning Service at 10:30am with crèche and 'Explorers' for young children available; Afternoon Service at 4:00pm. On Wednesdays 7:30pm in the Hanney Room. All welcome. Due to the summer break, there are no children's clubs or Lunch & Listen this month. Contact Bob Pritchard on 868864.

## 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](mailto:andy.aitken@growingthegame.co.uk) More information [www.hanneytennisclub.org.uk](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:bobwilson300@hotmail.com)

**HANNEY WINE CIRCLE** meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month: [www.hanneywinecircle.org.uk](http://www.hanneywinecircle.org.uk)

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**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](mailto:hyfcfooty@gmail.com) or visit our website [hanneyyouthfc.co.uk](http://hanneyyouthfc.co.uk)

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**WANTAGE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION** : 9am - 12noon every Saturday Feb-Sept. See website for details of all they offer. [www.wantagegardeners.org.uk](http://www.wantagegardeners.org.uk)

## Notices...what's happening this month.

**Sunday 6th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 9.30am, Services at St James.** Page 14.

**Tues 15th, History Group visit** to Clark's Mill Wantage. Bill Orson - 868859

**Sat 19th, Hanney Flood Group.** Stewart Scott - 868503. See page 17.

**Sat 19th, Live Music at the R.B.Legion** with 'Mustang'. Sixties/Seventies music. (A quiet month, being Summer an all. Happy holidays!!)

### ...and further ahead

**Fri 1st Sept, 7.30pm, Hanney Film Night 'Their Finest'.** Page 10 for details.

**Weds 6th Sept, 10am, 'Social Table Tennis' for the over 60's.** Ring Simone Passeri - 07717 326661 to book your place.

**Sat 9th Sept: Ride and Stride, fund raiser for Church.** See page 15, or ring Hilary 868590 for details.

**Thurs 14th Sept, 7pm, Opera Unmasked present Opera on film.** Donazetti's 'L'elisir d'Amore', starring Anna Netrebko at the Beacon, Wantage. £12.

**Sat 7th & 14th Oct, Drop in flu clinic** for those eligible at Church St GP Practice.

## Michaelmas Fayre 23 September 2017

### The "JAZZ AGE" comes to Hanney

If you haven't already make sure you mark your diary for this great village day. There'll be Morris dancers, the Wantage Silver Band, classic cars, sideshows, stalls with village crafts, competitions, exhibitions and lots, lots more.

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### 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](mailto:dicksonce@parliament.uk).

Ed's website is [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com)

**Vale of White Horse District Council leader Matt Barber's** email and website address: [councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk](mailto:councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk) - [www.matthewbarber.co.uk](http://www.matthewbarber.co.uk)



**A FabFunFest of Footie** here in Hanney recently. Great to see boys and girls, some quite tiny, really enjoying themselves, running round in the fresh air. Superbly organised, big ups to everyone involved!



**‘The Kings Leases’**...sounds to me like the title of another of those silly historical dramas we get on the telly these days, where handsome men take their tops off at any excuse. But no, it’s actually the name of a field! We detailed the proposals for it last month, but maybe didn’t make it clear that **the plan displayed is not final. It’s a work in progress and your comments are very welcome**, so

look again at the article on page 11 or go to the EH Parish Council website and tell them what you’d like to see.

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



*‘Tis a tad windy my dearest...verily I do fear that my shirt may bloweth open and reveal my manly chest!*

*Aye good sire, t’is indeed a windy ‘un. And why hast thou not remindest me to bringeth my sunglasses? A mighty frown covereth my lilywhite brow, to be sure, to be sure.*

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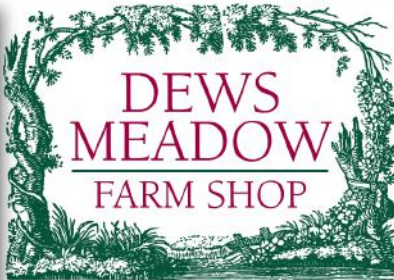
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### The saga of the Poughley Farm bridge...

closed to all vehicles on 31st May by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC). They own it, though have only just realised this, hence why they have never done any inspections or maintenance work on it before!

The report provided by the engineers whom we here at HNGI commissioned, advises that the closure is quite unnecessary.


I forwarded their report to East Hanney PC, OCC, our MP, the Vale DC, and our local County Councillor. (Only our MP didn't reply.)

OCC engineers responded by saying they disagreed with the findings and would not be acting upon them. The bridge is to remain closed. (One of the OCC tests stated that the bridge could bear no weight at all! A second indicated 3 tons - quite a difference.)

At the time of closure, OCC could offer no dates when repair work would be done, or indeed if the funds were available anyway. Since then, in large part I believe due to the pressure being put on it by various folk, OCC are now getting their act together. An email from

them states that a new temporary vehicle access (via Cow Lane) will be constructed, with work due to be completed by 7th Aug. They also claim that *'the design process for replacement / repair of the bridge is underway and is being treated with high priority. At the current time however, no accurate timescale for completion can be provided.'*

I remain to be convinced that the closure is necessary, and is no more than yet another example in these 'Elf and Safety' times in which we live, of a knee-jerk, backside-covering reaction, where common sense and experience are ignored. That said, if as you read this, the new road is nearing completion, then I'm happy to give credit to OCC. I'll keep you posted.



"A troubled bridge over water"

### Talking of Ed Vaizey our MP,

I do not usually include his pearls, but his latest newsletter contains info on two items that will be of particular interest. Over to you Ed....

*'With regards to the proposed closure of Steventon Bridge, I have met with Network Rail numerous times to discuss the potential disruption this will cause. I have examined the alternative options, but at present, Network Rail believe there is no alternative to replacing the bridge.*

*If the bridge does close, I would want to see disruption kept to a minimum, and the closure to be as short as possible. (...don't think you'll find much disagreement there Ed!)*

*The next great challenge will be the reservoir. I look forward to working with GARD on this, as I did successfully some years ago, when we secured a public enquiry which threw the proposal out.'*

(Ed's contact details are on page 3.)

## East Hanney Parish Council

To update you all on the activities regarding Halls Lane Bridge, the Parish Council has heard from the County Council that alternative access arrangements for Poughley Farm will be put in place, along Cow Lane from the access by St James School. At its August meeting, the Parish Council will be discussing the issue in detail.

Following a meeting with the Parish Council, Dews Meadow developer Bovis Homes has engaged a specialist firm of architects to design any future proposed development. The firm 'Origin3' will design and plan a proposed development more in keeping with the expectations of the Parish and District Councils and fitting the character of the village. The Parish Council has met with this firm to clearly state its expectations and intends to meet with them again in the next few weeks to have sight of the initial plans.

You will have seen the initial plans for the layout of 'Kings Leases', the field to the north of the playing field. Should you have any comments, please send them to the Clerk or contact a member of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is in the final stages of arranging replacements for the lights on Brookside. The new lights will be shorter (apart from the one by the post box) and cast their light downwards. Similarly, the Council is in the final stages of taking possession of the green space in front of the new homes on Ebbs Lane. Once acquired from the developer, the space will be maintained as a 'green' and the Council will undertake to dedicate it as a 'Centenary Field' to commemorate those from the village that served and fell in the Great War.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> August and 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**

East Hanney Parish Council:

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)

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Oxfordshire County Council has announced that following a strong campaign by residents all the existing seven recycling centres in the area will remain open. Surely a common sense and welcome decision!

Remaining with waste, the Vale's contractors, Biffa, are investing £6.5 million pounds in a fleet of new collection vehicles. The current fleet, now over seven years old, and used to collect from 115,000 households across the Vale, is starting to show its age by breaking down, causing missed collections. We have actually experienced this in the Hanneys over the past

few weeks, so the new trucks due in the Autumn will be most welcome. Thank you to the many residents who responded to our request to keep their hedging trimmed back from footpaths. The action will have been much appreciated by those less able amongst us.

In a similar vein can we remind all homeowners who have a ditch outside their properties that it is their responsibility to keep this free flowing whether or not it is piped. This is known as Riparian Owners Responsibility. All rubbish, overgrowing grass and weeds should be removed to ensure that during times of heavy rain water can flow freely through and eventually out of the village. For further information contact any member of the flood group, parish council or look at the Environment Agency's 'Living on the edge' at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

We are lucky in the Hanneys to have so many clubs and organisations who hold regular events and meetings in the villages. We have been advised however to ask people placing notices around the villages not to obstruct lines of vision on junctions. This is especially important on the turn out onto the A338 where sometimes notices have been placed on the sign post blocking driver's views of traffic coming from Wantage.

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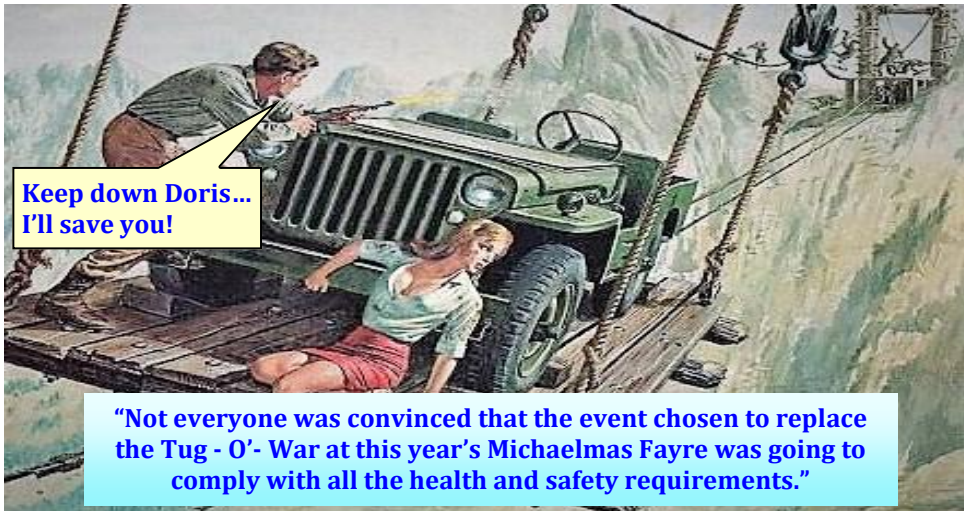
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**Obituaries**

**Vivien Smith - 8th December 1947 - 17th June 2017**

It is with sadness that I record that my wife has died after a long illness fought with great courage and positivity. Vivien was born in St Annes on Sea, Lancashire and we met over 50 years ago when she joined the bank where I worked. We married in 1970 and moved south a couple of years later. Career moves took us around the Home Counties before settling in East Hanney 32 years ago where we were finally able to put down some roots. She was a proud mother of four children and loved nothing better than being with our 10 grandchildren.

The family were active in the tennis club, a sport that Vivien loved, winning a number of ladies and mixed doubles tournaments over the years and representing the club in friendly matches. Through tennis, Vivien made many longstanding friendships. She also made a number of the church kneelers now in use at St James. For many years she was 'Barn Owl' with Hanney Brownies, enjoying the summer camps in the Cotswolds. We were both active in the drama club performing on stage in a number of pantomimes and reviews. Who could forget 'All that Jazz'? We enjoyed holidays around the world and family vacations in Europe with children and grandchildren. Walking in the Cotswolds and the Thames Path was another favourite pastime, as was the company of some very special 'Hanney' friends. We were fortunate to have made so many friends in the village who have been really supportive over the past couple of years. We are so appreciative of their thoughts and help over a very difficult period.

Vivien will be greatly missed by her close family and friends. We intend to hold a Celebration of Vivien's life at St James the Great Church. - **Ian Smith**

**Judy Dore - 31st July 1964 - 14th June 2017**

We recently learnt with great sadness of the passing of Judy Dore. Apart from two short periods living in Garford and Grove, Judy spent her whole life in Hanney. She came from a well known local family; her parents are John and Wendy Arthurs. Judy was a member of the Brownies and Guides. Following school, she worked for Ted Carter the baker, helping in the kitchen early in the mornings and then delivering bread in the village. After starting a family, Judy was involved in setting up a mother and toddler group, and various playgroups. She had five children, three of whom, now young adults of course, still live in Hanney.

When the kids were small, Judy would take them to the recreation ground to play rounders. Other kids were welcome to join in, and they often did. A friend of Judy's told me she was "a brilliant Mum". She developed a passion for line dancing and taught it at the school. The children loved it. Judy was also involved with the Royal British Legion, marching with them on Remembrance Sunday, and helping with teas and bingo. Sadly, Judy's health deteriorated and about 10 years ago she had a leg amputated, severely limiting her involvement in the community. Four years ago she lost her husband Steve, which understandably, hit the family very hard.

Our community has lost another of its great characters. Judy will be very sorely missed and we offer our sincere condolences to all her family and friends.

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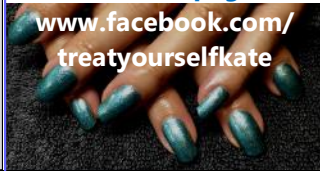
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## SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE PUBS

**The Plough at West Hanney is a precious resource worth keeping**

**Every week over 20 pubs close in Britain. It is particularly difficult when this closure happens to a village pub because it feels like the life is sucked out of the community.**

**The fixed costs of running a pub and the increasing cost of staff, coupled with a high rate of VAT, means that every day, on average, every pub must take not less than £800 through the till. We have now decided that the priority for The Plough is to find the right tenants. We know from the financial figures that the right couple can make a success of it and have a very nice life in our beautiful community, living above the pub in spacious accommodation.**

**We also know that an experienced couple, one a chef and the other a sociable front of house, would make the ideal tenants. For any pub to be successful it has to have a strong and regularly changing food offering so that eating there is something to look forward to. Finally, of course, it is essential that we, as Hanney villagers, turn out regularly to support the tenants and our local pub. Some villagers rarely if ever go to the pub but would rue the day that it was no longer there.**

**Until we find these ideal tenants, we are going to try and run the pub on a community model. That means that with some paid assistance, we are going to use volunteers. So if you want to keep your pub, and remember the effect on house valuations if it ceases to exist, why not volunteer for a few hours a week to help with the various jobs. Yes we need some people to help in the kitchen or behind the bar, but we also need to make sure that everything is clean, neat and tidy too.**

**We will be embarking on a work programme in September to stabilise the roof and do some essential repairs to the upper storey brickwork. Between now and then, we must all pull together as a community to help keep The Plough at West Hanney open and staying at the social heart of the village.**

**Directors of Hanney Community Pub Ltd.**

**If you want to help contact Phil on (867060) or Chris (868876)**



## THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends,

After living in Hanney for nearly a year, people are still asking how we are settling in. As a family, we are enjoying life in sunny Oxfordshire. Our children have all had a good start at school and we are starting to get to know people in the village; it has been a good first year. But, there are still many people to get to know better and a few pictures that still need hanging up! We are really pleased that God has sent us to live here.

Settling in is a process that takes time and effort; as slowly, where we live changes from a house to our home. I am aware of discussion in both villages about plans to build new houses; with concerns over how suitable proposed locations are and how much more growth we can sustain as a village. My prayer for the coming year is that wise decisions will be made about housing and development. With both village communities continuing to find ways to support and care for each other; which, I have been reliably informed, has been the case for so many years.

We are proud to be part of a community that is so committed to its local school, village businesses, local events and community life. It has been great to see how much support and good will there is for the role of St James' Church in village life. When people ask us where we are now living, we are very pleased to be able to say "The Hanney's."

God bless

Alec, Gemma and the Gill children.

### **SERVICES in August - Sundays at 9.30am**

6<sup>th</sup> Revd Geoff Maughan, 13<sup>th</sup> Revd Alec Gill, 20<sup>th</sup> Revd Nick Cheeseman,

27<sup>th</sup> FAMILY CHURCH Revd John Durant

No mid-week Eucharist during August.

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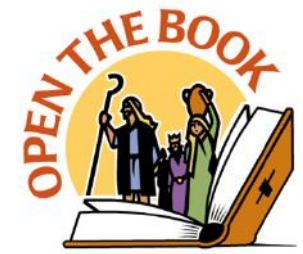
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### **OPEN THE BOOK HOLIDAY TIME COFFEE AND CRAFT MORNINGS IN HANNEY**

Each Tuesday in the school holidays, starting July 25<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am at St James Church, Hanney Open The Book (OTB) team and friends invite you to a Taste-and-See coffee morning. Bring along your children or grandchildren and you'll see why they love OTB so much. Take part if you like - we'd like that.

There will be crafts and games too and time to enjoy coffee and cake with other families from Hanney and beyond. All welcome. More offers of help welcome. Contact Sue Clark for details via facebook, email ([andrewclark945@btinternet.com](mailto:andrewclark945@btinternet.com)) or phone 01235 765885.



### **The Sounds of a Village Picnic**

Youngsters playing table tennis, the sizzling barbeque, happy chatter, a pint being poured, the jenga tumbling, the gentle sound of a cork being pulled, children playing, ice creams and lollies being guzzled, laughter



amongst old friends and new ones, sharing the latest Wimbeldon score or Grand Prix excitement.

Thank you to our hosts, everyone who helped - with salads, games, barbequing, tidying up and just coming along to make a happy Hanney afternoon.

If you would like to receive news of like events please send your email address to [hilary.a.hall@gmail.com](mailto:hilary.a.hall@gmail.com) - Hilary Hall



The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT) helps maintain the county's churches. It relies on donations for most of its income. You can help raise funds by taking part in the sponsored 'Ride and Stride' on 9th Sept. For more information please contact Hilary - 868590 or [hilarycakebreadhall@gmail.com](mailto:hilarycakebreadhall@gmail.com). It's a great way to get some exercise, enjoy our beautiful county and support our village communities.