



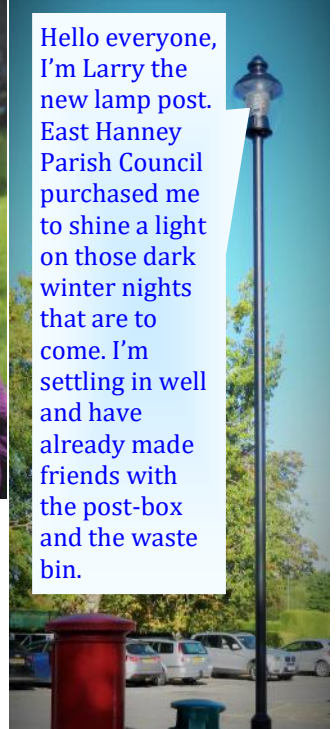
# Hanneys News

Number 504 Nov 2017



**Michaelmas Fayre. More pics and info inside.**

Hello everyone, I'm Larry the new lamp post. East Hanney Parish Council purchased me to shine a light on those dark winter nights that are to come. I'm settling in well and have already made friends with the post-box and the waste bin.



**Great news that Hanney's Youth Club continues to thrive.** Becci, Sam and Sharon are now able to take kids from year 6 upwards. The club meets every two weeks in the village hall, starting at 6.30pm, and entry is just £2. The evenings are structured and relaxed. The next one is on 5th November. Contact Becci for more details:  
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## Editorial

I hope last month's snaps of the Flood Group inspired you to join them...by the way, the pic of the crocodiles was just me being silly, so don't let that put you off volunteering! However, I did get my brooks confused, so many thanks to a learned member who explained that the brook running through Hanney in which they were working is the Letcombe Brook. The Childrey Brook passes us to the west and north of West Hanney and goes under Winter Lane at 'Gallows Bridge' just north of where the houses end. Was there ever a gallows there I wonder?

I've replaced our logo this month with a large sponge cake (!) with the biggest blackcurrants on top that I have ever seen! The cake was one of the Michaelmas Fayre prize-winners, and was created by Arthur Taylor. Well done Arthur! 'Bake Off' beckons methinks! Many more Mich Fayre snaps on pages 10 and 11, along with details of how to apply for a grant from it. With Remembrance Sunday coming up soon, I hope you'll find the article on

page 13, written by Matthew Smaldon, of interest. Many thanks Matt.

A large fire in West Hanney last month - see snap below taken by our top photographer here at Hanney News Global Int. - meant the loss of thousands of pounds worth of oilseed rape bales. Sadly, the police suspect arson.

As I write, the Winter Lane footpath is under construction - pic on page 4.

Planning permission for the 56 house development at the west end of West Hanney has recently been refused; we await the verdict on the one behind the Croft and Winter Lane.

Do have a look at this month's flyer, a Hanney Mum who can help us shed a few pounds and get fit for Christmas.

I'm trying new printers this month, so we're on 'glossy' not 'silk' coated paper. Let me know which you prefer.

Finally, some very sad news indeed with the passing of Frank Poller, a long time Hanney resident; his obituary is on page 19. Please also take time to read the lovely letter beneath it.

Till next month...



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

**Sunday Services at St James, including Remembrance Sunday** - see page 15.

**Sun 5th, 6.30pm, Hanney Youth Club, Village Hall.** £2 entry

**Mon 6th, 7.45pm, Gardening Club, 'Winter Colour'** Tony Clear. Village Hall

**Tues 7th, 8pm, Hanney History group, 'Life in late C19'** talk by Andy Robertson.

**Thurs 9th, W.I. 'What is Geocaching?'**, a talk by Derek Gate. Village Hall.

**Sat 11th, 1.30pm, Wantage & Grove Lions are holding a grand charity jumble** sale at East Hanney Royal British Legion Hall. Lots of bargains!!

**Sat 18th, Flood Group, 9am,** email Dave Stubbington for details:

djstubbington@icloud.com

**Sat 18th, CRUK Christmas Bazaar** - see front page.

**Sun 19th, 6.30pm, Hanney Youth Club, Village Hall.** £2 entry

**Thurs 23rd, 2.30pm, Senior Citizens, The Art of the Magician,** speaker Peter Wentworth, an open meeting, all are welcome. Village Hall.

**Sat 25th, Wantage & Grove Lions, Grand Christmas Bingo** at Grove village hall, doors 6.45pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Raffle & refreshments...hope to see you there!

**Sat 25th R.B.L. Hanney, Live music** with 'Retro'.

**Tues 28th, 8pm, History Group,** Village Hall, 'Putting Hanney on the Map', by John Leighfield.

## **And further ahead....**

**Fri 1st Dec, 8pm, Charity Fundraiser Quiz at R.B.L.** See page 9

**Tues 19th Dec St James School Term 2 ends.**

**Here's a local Facebook page you may be interested in checking out.** This from Lynn Carter....*'MyChatterstreet is a Fb group that has an eclectic gathering of information for members of things to do, places to go, from craft making to gin tours, foodie festivals, fun-runs, walk with wolves to lantern making, drive a steam train, or rent a classic car, Poldarks' film location to interesting museums and so much more, join the group, scroll through the posts and see if it interests you, dates for the diary, so get out, try something different, meet new people...discover a new place.'*

### **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)

## **The Church Street G.P. Practice 'Patient Participation Group' (PPG)**

**Public meeting on Weds 15 November in the Church Street Practice at 7.30pm.** A panel of staff will be available to answer questions which can be submitted in advance to the Newsletter Chair via email to

**[churchstreetpig@gmail.com](mailto:churchstreetpig@gmail.com)** or to the Reception Desk, or asked at the meeting.

The PPG AGM will follow at approximately 8.45pm.

*Church Street patients are encouraged to attend our public meeting and AGM; we are always looking for new members to join the Committee and names to add to our list of helpers.*

**The Aunt Sally charity fundraiser**, recently hosted by the Plough, raised £255 for the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust. Well done to all involved. The annual event is held in memory of two much loved members of our community who are no longer with us, Mark Sacco and Roy Williams.



Hanney Film Night in the Owen Wright Cinema, Village Hall  
**Friday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>** Doors and bar open 19.30 Start 20.00.

### **"Hunt for the Wilderpeople"**

Our 'offbeat' choice, one of New Zealand's most popular films. The always reliable Sam Neill heads the cast - 101 minutes, PG.



**Men at work....** Jason and Damian of ground-workers Mostrim making our shiny new Winter Lane footpath. More men at work...this time, two of our own finest master-craftsmen, Ron Walters and Gareth Hudson, sorting out the roof at the Plough. Fingers crossed that both jobs are finished by the time you read this.

**Working parents of 3 & 4 year old children** may be entitled to 30 hours free childcare per week. This includes those who are self-employed and some parents on zero hours contracts.

To find out if you are eligible visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>.

Apply by the beginning of December for a January start.

The Family Information Service has information about childcare providers in your area. Visit [fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk)

**News from our Community Shop.....** “ We have organised a village calendar for 2018. It has now been printed and delivered to the shop. Copies have been set aside for those of you that saw the sample and placed an order. Please call at the shop to collect them. Anyone else who would like to see a copy and order one can do so. It is a very nice record of both villages and will make a lovely Christmas present. Thank you all for your continued support. “ *Hazel Abraham.*

### **Hanney's Biggest Coffee Morning, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support...**

What a great success!! £3,826 was raised from Hanney villagers and their friends and has been sent to Macmillan. A memorable village event thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Hanney certainly knows how to party! Especially when for the benefit of others. With Gift Aid the money raised will come to a total of OVER £,4000. This party was an intensive two hour extravaganza of cake, coffee, raffle, bring and buy and craft items. All these donated by a multitude of caring individuals who gratefully acknowledge the crucial importance of



the work of Macmillan Cancer Support in our community. Alma and Catriona cannot thank enough the many helpers, donors and people attending who made this unique event such an unbelievable success. Thank you everyone!

*Patrick Karney*

**Cycling UK Wantage** is a local cycling group of Cycling UK, the UK's national cyclists' organisation, covering Wantage and surrounding towns and villages.

We are a friendly group offering rides for all types of recreational rider predominantly on the roads and occasionally along the local by-ways and bridleways. We cater for beginners, families, and more experienced riders, - in fact anyone who enjoys a bit of fresh air and exercise on two wheels. Join us on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November for a gentle ride - 15 to 20 miles approx, with tea stop, starting from Old Mill Hall, Grove, at 1.00pm. Suitable for beginners or those who want a relaxed ride.

For other rides, please see our website: [www.cyclingukwantage.org.uk](http://www.cyclingukwantage.org.uk)

We'd love to see you on one of our rides, so get in touch by emailing [info@cyclingukwantage.org.uk](mailto:info@cyclingukwantage.org.uk) or telephone Steve on 01235 536319.



## East Hanney Parish Council

In response to questions from a number of residents, the Parish Council would like to remind everyone that a list of planning applications pertinent to East Hanney can be found on its website on the 'planning' tab on the left hand side of the page (<http://www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk/planning-applications1.html>).

The Parish Council has heard from many residents regarding the use of the fields to the north of the playing field – known as Kings Leases. At a meeting in late September, the Council resolved to continue with its current plans, making changes as necessary as the project develops. The Council is also considering the possibility of planting a garden area near the allotments for all to enjoy. This will be discussed at the November meeting. If you can volunteer any help to design, plan or maintain such an area, then please get in touch with the Clerk.

Out of respect for the views of his relatives, the Parish Council has withdrawn its application to designate the space as a 'Centenary Field' in memory of George Ingle Finch.

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 1<sup>st</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

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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 [gl-ehpc@outlook.com](mailto:gl-ehpc@outlook.com)

Website: <http://www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/436816943170450/>



**Hello chums...remember me, Henry the Hedgehog?**

Well, I'm back to ask you to be sure and check that none of my friends and relations have made their home in your bonfires before you light them. Many thanks, Henry.

# West Hanney Parish Council

The application to build up to 56 houses in the field at the western end of the village at Townsend was refused by the planners on 13th October. Thank you to all those who supported us in taking the time to object to this unwanted development in a totally unsuitable location in our small village.

Over the past month or two, members of the PC have applied weed killer on pavements and road edges in parts of the village, and cleared up the resulting debris. In the case of Main Street 6 barrow loads of spoil were removed.

We were subsequently delighted to be advised by the Waste, Leisure Parks and Environmental Department of the Vale that they would be carrying out a deep clean of our village in November.

However we were then disappointed to learn that they will not spray weeds, cut grass or remove vegetation, and will only be litter picking, sweeping and removing weeds and moss on pavements. They will not be cleaning roads or road edges. Village deep clean?

On Saturday 7th October 35 Kgs of Daffodil bulbs were planted around the village by councillors Chris Surman and Trevor Brettell and two volunteers, who very kindly responded to our request for

help. A big thank you to Paul Sayers and Chris Jay. We still have around 10kgs to plant.

The next Community Woodland working party has been arranged for Saturday 4th November so if you would like to help please come along at 9am. Meet at the Kissing Gate entry by the Church. We would like to thank Jason Kent for the donation of logs for use by the Forest School, and also the large pile of wood chippings. These will be spread on to the muddy areas in the woodland on the 4th. The new footpath along Winter Lane is progressing well although comments are already being made as to the dangers of falling into the ditch which is very close alongside. We will be pointing out the dangers of this to the relevant authorities.

After several delays, work to strengthen the road edges along Botney Lane started at last on October 2nd, with the road being totally closed. It is amazing how many drivers ignored the signs and squeezed through the barriers only to have to turn around in driveways a few metres along the road. It was very tempting to erect a notice saying 'What part of 'Road Closed' do you not understand!'

## Next Meeting Tuesday 14th November 7pm St. James Bell Tower

Chris Surman (Chairman) 868749  
Kay Sayers 868146  
Graham Garner 868684  
Dawn Hutcheon (Clerk) 869151  
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some laughs. From the relay taste test to the tin foil modelling, there's definitely something to keep everyone entertained. All the money we raise will help provide vital support for Armed Forces veterans, serving personnel and their families – so you'll be helping a fantastic cause too! Let us know if you can make it, £1 per entrant. I look forward to seeing you there! Ps if any local businesses wish to donate additional prizes - please let me know. Email: richard.broomhead@gmail.com

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are still collecting the last of the income so don't have a final profit yet however don't delay in applying for a Grant – full details of how to apply are on the [hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk](http://hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk) website. *Alec, Helen, Hilary, Monica & Stuart*



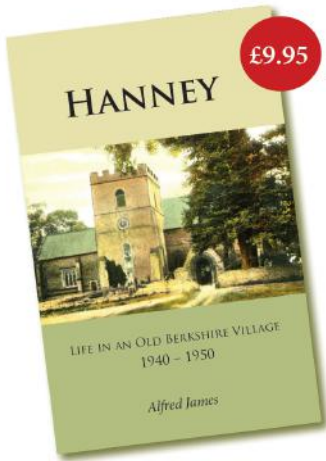




Come on Fido, lets go to the Christmas Holly and Gift Fayre!

Sounds a spiffing idea...I might buy something for Auntie Maude.

**Remember the jolly holly and gift sale we held last year at the Village Hall?** Well, we're doing it again, only this time in St James Church. Not sure of the date yet...probably 9th December, 10am till noon. Full details next month. Teas etc, lovely fresh holly from the Churchyard and a range of great Christmas gifts. Let's raise a bit of money for the Church and help Fido find something for his Auntie Maude. If you'd like a table please give me a ring soonish...Jim on 867500.



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# Hanney Chapel

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## George Thomas Burnett

is one of two Second World War casualties buried in St James the Great Churchyard. At the time of his death, George was serving with the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry Regiment. George had been with the 4<sup>th</sup> Bn. in France in 1940, where the Regiment were used as a 'rear-guard' to protect the soldiers retreating to Dunkirk. The Battalion was decimated during a battle to hold a small hill-top town called Cassel. The majority of the men were either captured or killed, and very few escaped. Those who did were left to their own devices to find their way to Dunkirk. This is what apparently happened to George, who according to his family, was separated from his unit, and while he



made it to Dunkirk, he had been forced to drink from puddles to survive. This caused him to fall ill during the evacuation, and while he returned home he never fully recovered and died aged 31 on the **10<sup>th</sup> November 1941**, presumably in the Military Hospital at Newton Abbott in Devon where his death was recorded. George was born in Sutton in Surrey in 1910. His mother was Alice Mary Dix of West Hanney, his father was Luke Burnett from near Croydon. In 1915, George's father was killed in Belgium, fighting with the East Surrey Regiment. His name is recorded on the Menin Gate at Ypres. Alice returned to West Hanney where she married Percy Cyril Belcher in 1919, and this is where George grew up, later becoming solo chorister at the church in which he is now commemorated.

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Dear Friends

I have been reading the book '*I married a soldier*' by Brenda Hale, which was published this summer by LION.

It tells us of Brenda's experiences, both as an army wife and then as an army widow after her husband Captain Mark Hale died in Afghanistan. It ends with her re-election last year to Stormont in Northern Ireland, where she lives. They are selected experiences but include how both of them became Christians, how the family dealt with the disruption of separation and how subsequently they were coping with the devastation of bereavement.

The book brought back lots of memories for me, for I first met Mark when he was Company Sergeant Major of "A" company of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Devon and Dorset Regiment when I joined the Army as a chaplain in 2000. I remember reading the Bible and praying with Mark in Crossmaglen, refereeing him in rugby matches; visiting the family in hospital after their second daughter was born and conducting her service of Blessing and Thanksgiving and Dedication at the little corrugated chapel in Cavalry Barracks, Hounslow where they attended.

Mark had a great care and sense of responsibility for his men, and it was while he was trying to save one of them that he was killed.

What this book makes clear, far better than I could is that it is not only the service personnel who make sacrifices, but also their families. It conveys the anger, frustration and despair at the horror and waste of life that war causes. Brenda took those strong feelings and channelled them to make a positive difference.

Our national act of remembrance this month gives us an opportunity to show gratitude for the sacrifices made by sailors, soldiers and airmen, as well as their families; but it should also help us positively focus on striving to maintain freedom, security and peace.

As a Christian minister, I find myself returning to the phrase Jesus said – "**...no one has greater love than this that they lay down their life for their friends**"; and finding hope in the belief that his sacrifice has begun the process to bring about the end of all war and conflict.

By the way if you are interested in reading this book you can buy a copy of it at Cornerstone bookshop in Grove.

We will remember them.

*John*

SERVICES in November - Sundays at 9.30am  
5<sup>th</sup> Revd John Durant, 19<sup>th</sup> Revd Antonia Cretney,  
26<sup>th</sup> FAMILY CHURCH Revd Alec Gill

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**Around 40 children and parents** came along to our Harvest Tea Time session.

Great fun was had by all!



**"Christmas is coming!"**

**Another one of our popular Friday after-school sessions. Friday 17 November 3.30 - 5pm in St James Church. Children's craft, fun and OTB story - all welcome with parent, carer or grandparents. Come for the whole session or dip in for a short while. Savoury nibbles, squash, tea & cake!**



**Friends, serious bit**

**coming up...**We have an excellent Facebook Community page that

currently has over 900 members. Given that there are approx 1,500 people in the Hanneys in total, that's pretty impressive. It's obvious that many folk from far and wide have joined. The page displays a bewildering array of posts ranging from the incredibly useful to the slightly silly. They inform and entertain us. However, just lately, a few 'threads' have appeared that have been, in my opinion, a little like 'washing our dirty linen in public'. In any community there are bound to be problems, but I'm not

sure that airing them on Facebook is helpful, though I do understand why folk in their frustration have resorted to this. The posts inevitably generate some quite unhelpful responses, which in turn encourage more of the same. They can and do cause genuine upset. So my request is quite simple...let's try and keep our Facebook page informative, entertaining, and yes, a bit silly, but please can we sort out the controversies and arguments some other way? We are all part of a vibrant community - if you doubt me, read the letter on page 19 - and it would be great if our Hanney Community Facebook page reflected that - indeed assisted with it.

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Frank was born in Birmingham and enjoyed a long career as a teacher, starting in a boys secondary modern school, teaching English literature. He finished his career as the head of a village primary school in Finchampstead, Berkshire. Frank then became a primary schools adviser in Oxfordshire.

In 1989, after his retirement, Frank and his wife Edwina moved from Abingdon to Hanney seeking a more rural lifestyle. He quickly became involved in village life, and was particularly active in the History Group for which he wrote a book about James Holmes, a well known historical figure who was a resident of Hanney. He illustrated another book that the group produced. Ann Fewins, a long-time member, told me that Frank would always be remembered for his ability to discover, research and record a good story, and his gentleness of manner.

Frank was very active and helped a great deal in the village shop, mainly fetching the produce from shops in Grove and Oxford. He also delivered 'Meals on

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Frank was very creative - he wrote poetry - and, following his retirement, took up painting water-colours. He wrote diaries and was often to be seen with a pen and notebook in hand. He also was involved in the publishing of an anthology of stories and poems about the Vale of White Horse.

Frank was a very keen and able table tennis player and a badminton net was always well used in the summer months in their garden. Frank and Edwina often took part in local 'open garden' events in the village, opening their garden for the enjoyment of the community. Frank passed on his love of nature to his children which they in turn have passed on to their kids.

Frank and Edwina were married for 63 years and have four daughters and several grand and great-grandchildren. Our thoughts are with them all at this time. Hanney has lost a true gentleman.

He will be deeply missed. *Jim Stagg*

### Letter

To the residents of Hanney.

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**WANTAGE CHORAL SOCIETY** rehearses every Tuesday at C of E 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)

**NORDIC WALKING CLASSES WITH LISA FROM OXFORDSHIRE FITNESS** daytime, evening and weekend classes available please call Lisa on 07885635367, email [lisa@oxfordshirefitness.co.uk](mailto:lisa@oxfordshirefitness.co.uk) or visit [www.oxfordshirefitness.co.uk](http://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](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** Sunday Services; 10:30am (with crèche & 'Explorers') and 6pm, all welcome. Lunch & Listen 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month at 10:30am. In term-time; "Jumpstart" for 6 to 10 year olds at 6pm Thursdays; Friday Club for 10-13 year olds 6:30pm & Friday Club Plus for 13-15 year olds at 7:45pm. Contact Mark Fisher on 867105 / [mailmarkfisher@gmail.com](mailto:mailmarkfisher@gmail.com).



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October Winners

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

£100 - Marion French

£50 - Brian Longworth

£25 - Judy Gibbons

## Hanney Community Shop

Mon to Sat  
9am to 5pm

Post Office hours:  
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri  
9am to 1pm

Tues 9am to 12 noon

Tel: Shop - 867408

Post Office - 868320

## Hanney War Memorial Hall



To book the Hall, the Committee Room, or the Olde Hanney Room, contact

Sue Garner on 868684  
[hwmh.hanney@gmail.com](mailto:hwmh.hanney@gmail.com)



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