



Hanney News

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Armistice - Sunday 11th November

Royal British Legion Parade

St James Church Service

Armistice Service

*'On a photograph of a group of Hanney village men
returned from the War' - a poem*

Remembering the Sacrifices of Hanney Families

Celebrating the Armistice: The Armed Forces Covenant.

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Read all about the A338 pedestrian crossing...

There's been a lot of huffin' an
puffin' - geddit? - over this hasn't
there?...but latest news is encouraging. See pages 6
and 19 for details. Keep your 'fingers crossed for the
crossing'...it's gonna be a Puffin, like me! No zebras!



Editorial

November's here, and as D H Lawrence put it 'Now in November nearer comes the sun down the abandoned heaven.' Well said David Herbert.

Much about the 'Armistice' this month - the official end to World War One, or the Great War as it was known at the time - which I'm sure you have already noticed is to be commemorated on the Sunday 11th November, 100 years ago to the day that hostilities ceased.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the Armistice articles...a beautiful poem by Martin Trowell, a very moving piece on page 18 by Bill Orson and his team in the History Group, amongst others.

In order to also include everything else, I've gone to 32 pages - for this month only - so an opportune moment to say a big thank you to our splendid team of distributors who drop a copy through your letterbox every month..

Now a short request...here at Hanney News Global we are always happy to receive feedback - comments, compliments and criticisms alike, but please - no need to be bashful - don't make them anonymous.

If you feel a subject should have been featured in Hanney News but wasn't, then write us a letter on the subject, and I will endeavour to print it; no libel, 'hate speech' or pornography please!

I will also consider publishing your letter anonymously if you wish, but not if you do not identify yourself to me. This has always been our policy by the way, long before I took over as Editor.

Looking to the month ahead... can I recommend to you an evening that

promises to be highly agreeable? It's on Sat 10th November in the Village Hall, details on the front page and all funds raised will go to two very worthwhile charities. Please do come along...fancy dress is NOT obligatory.

A couple of super films coming up from the Hanney Film Night team - see page 5 - but could somebody please promise me that old Piers Brossie doesn't sing in the December offering?

A selection of snaps - see pages 4, 10 and 11 - from the Michaelmas Fayre will hopefully bring back memories of a jolly if slightly soggy day. Well done to all who braved the rain...and more good news...my faithful box brownie has dried out, with no sign of rust.

The letters page - 14 - is always worth a visit, and no exception this month.

I've just given Jaunty Jilly a quickie this month...see page 21, and on the same page you'll see details of what looks like a most interesting evening courtesy of the W.I. It's an 'open' meeting, meaning all are welcome.

Exciting news from our very own Luvvies...Hanney Drama Group

have cast their next panto 'Aladdin and the Wishing Tree' and rehearsals begin on 4th Nov. Panto happens 7th - 9th Feb 2019. Pop in the diary now!

Finally we have De Blomley's obituary on page 20. De's recent memorial service was packed both in St James Church and the marquee outside - proof, if any was needed, that she was one of the most popular and well loved members of our community. Our sincerest condolences go to her husband David, her family and friends.

Till next month my friends.....



Notices...what's happening this month.

Mon 5th, 7.45pm, Gardening Club - 'The answer lies in the soil' - A talk by David Hurrion. Village Hall

Thurs 8th, 7.30pm, W.I. 'Finding the Lost General' a talk by Dr Caroline Jackson. Village Hall. Open meeting, all welcome, see page 21.

Sat 10th: Victorian and Edwardian Music Hall in Hanney. See front page.

Sat 10th: Live Music at the Royal British Legion with the Saga Louts.

Sun 11th. Remembrance Sunday and commemoration of 100 years of the 'Armistice'.
Service at 10.45am and Centenary Thanksgiving 6pm.

Sat 17th, Flood Group Working Party, ring Clive Manvell 868216 for details. (See letter on page 14.)

Thurs 22nd, 2.30 pm, Senior Citizens, a talk by Tony Hadland 'A Tiger in the Bedroom and Bullets up the Chimney' (Open meeting). Village Hall.

Tues 27th, 8pm, History Group: 'Scandals in High Society Oxfordshire'. A talk by Julie Ann Godson. Village Hall.

And further ahead....

Sat 8th Dec, Xmas Gift and Holly Fayre, St James Church. Details page 13.

Thurs 13th Dec, 12.30pm, Senior Citizens, Christmas Lunch

Fri 21st Dec, St James School - Term 2 ends.

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The wheels on the bus

certainly did go round and round recently, when a magnificent old AEC Routemaster London bus took Years 1 and 2 from St James School - and me! - on a ride down to Wantage and back...great fun.

The children are reading a book called 'The Naughty Bus' and this special surprise trip was organised by their teacher Heather Baker. Well done Heather, and big thanks to 'Nostalgia Travel' the company

who supplied the bus and the driver, all free of charge. If you want to book the bus for an event, check out their website: www.nostalgiatravel.co.uk



Michaelmas Fayre & Feast 2018

Remember the old saying? "Rain before 7, fine by 11" – Saturday 22

September blew that one out of the water – it was still raining after 11 – PM!

But as ever, Hanney did itself proud.

Thank you to everyone who came along to take part in the Fayre and to all who helped in any and every way.

We were sorry that the weather meant that the Morris

Dancers, coconut shy and Tug-of-War had to be cancelled but everything else went ahead – albeit in new locations and somewhat soggily.



Nic and her team at The Black Horse did us proud with a great 'Beach Party Supper', gave us all sticks of rock, and dancing to The Under-covers helped us to keep warm and dry out a bit. Inevitably the funds raised for Grants are likely to

be less this year than in the past (we are still sorting out final figures) but applications are welcome – please see www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk/grants/ for full details.
THANK YOU HANNEY!
Hilary Cakebread Hall
(Loads more Michaelmas Fayre pics on pages 10 and 11.)

ACCOMMODATION IN LYFORD - OX12 0EF.

The Oliver Ashcombe Almshouses Charitable Trust has two small, unfurnished units to let. Rural village location, communal garden and shared exterior parking. Please note there is NO public transport service in Lyford.

The Terms of the Charity state that tenants are to be "from the local area, elderly and of good character." References required.

For info: please contact John Gunn 01235 868329 or Caroline Milne 01235 867495.

The Hanney Parochial Charity

welcomes applications for grants from young people embarking on, or already taking further education courses or apprenticeships.

The grant must be used to help towards the costs of books or equipment needed to assist with your studies.

To apply, you must be under the age of 25 on 1st Oct 2018, and live in East Hanney, West Hanney or Lyford.

Please contact John Gunn via email: jgunn@btinternet.com for application details.

The Hanney Parochial Charity is registered with the Charity Commission, number 205792

As you will see above, the Hanney Parochial Charity makes grants to young people in further education. We also are able to make donations to other causes, and were very pleased to recently donate £500 to the 'Friends of St James School.' The money will be put towards the funding of educational trips. All eight Trustees of the Charity strongly felt that theirs is a very deserving case. Funding within the State sector is not very healthy, and to help give children the rounded education they deserve, there is a constant need to raise funds. The splendid folk of the 'Friends' deserve every assistance with their efforts.

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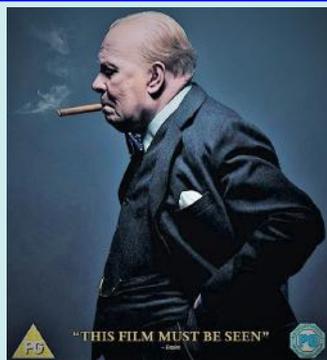
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East Hanney Parish Council

East Hanney Parish Council has been considering, along with the County Council Highways Department, ways in which road safety can be improved throughout the village. In addition to the Speedwatch initiative, where volunteers record the speed of vehicles, the Parish Council has resolved to seek the installation of gates at the entrances to the village.

Happily, the Highways Department has secured funding from developers building homes along the Steventon Road to install gates at the new 30mph location, 580 metres east of its current location, in place of the existing 50mph speed limit. Our County Councillor, Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor has offered to seek grant funding for gates at the other three entrances, to the north and south on the A338 and on the Causeway, close to St James School.

Another piece of this jigsaw is a crossing on the A338, to allow pedestrians to cross the road more safely. The Highways Department, following a review of all the options, is to propose a Puffin Crossing (as in the picture), similar to those in East Hendred, and has secured £69,000



of funding, from the development east of the A338, towards the cost of installation. The proposed location is just north of Anderson Place as it requires the smallest portion of the hedge to be removed, has pedestrian access to much of the new housing east of the A338 and along the Steventon Road, and importantly, gives the correct visibility for drivers as they approach the crossing on the A338 and from the side roads.

As you will all be aware, this year is the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War. For Remembrance Day, on Sunday 11th November, the roads from the junction of Summertown, Main Street and Mill Orchard, along Brookside and the Causeway in East Hanney, continuing along School Road and turning left at the Green and the stretch of Church Street to St James the Great in West Hanney will be closed for the duration of the parades.

These parades will be led by the Wantage Silver Band and will run from the Hanney Royal British Legion to the Church from 10.30am and returning at

the end of the service. The route will be marshalled and signage will be in place advising of the closure.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Weds 14th Nov at 8pm, Village Hall

East Hanney Parish Council

Chairman: Jim Triffitt 868314 (Allotments)

Vice Chairman: Stewart Scott 868503 (Neighbourhood Plan and Technical Issues)

Paul Aram 868858 (Playground and Playing field)

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Stephen McKechnie 868823 (Village Environment)

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West Hanney Parish Council

The final decision as to the location of the new footpath along School Road to serve the upcoming 15 new properties has still not been agreed.

The applicants have now submitted an alternative route which is the one originally suggested by your Councillors, preferred by local residents, and verbally agreed between the Chairman and Neil Walker. This revised application allows for the retention of the existing bank and field boundary with a new 2 metre wide path running within the field from the new development to a point close to the School, joining with the existing section of paving by the old bus stop. This, which is surely the safest and obvious solution, will save schoolchildren from having to cross the road twice. A new short section of footpath is also planned to run from the existing public right of way west of the site to the front of Hanney Spice.

Even though the amended plan for the

footpath to the school seems to be the most logical route, Oxfordshire County Council are opposing it, presumably preferring the path to run alongside the road with the removal of the bank.

Their reasoning states that because of the height difference between the road and the field it will only be used by schoolchildren and not other pedestrians? How and why they have reached this conclusion we have no idea.

Hopefully a sensible decision will eventually be made.

CPRE England have been left a small legacy by Wenda Reynolds of The Croft who died last October with the request that some of the money is used for the purchase of trees to be planted in both East and West Hanney. We are sure everyone will be appreciative of this thoughtful gift. The trees will be planted in the Community Wildlife Meadow at the appropriate time.

**Next Meeting - 7.30pm, Tues 20th November,
St. James Bell Tower - All Welcome**

Councillors

Chris Surman (Chairman) - 868749

Edward Wilkinson - 867316

Kay Sayers - 868146

Trevor Brettell - 868459

Graham Garner - 868684

Barbara Martin (Clerk) - 868806

Website: www.westhanneypc.org.uk

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

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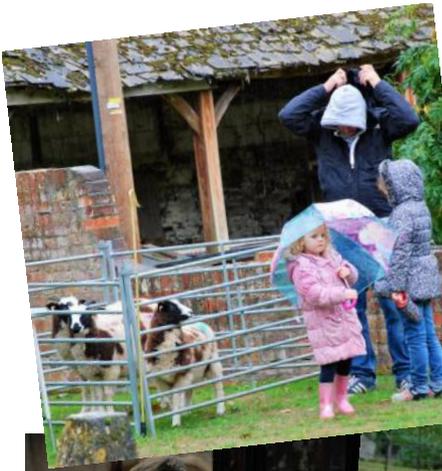
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Michaelmas Fayre 2018







THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends,

At this time of year we start to see the many poppies that people wear on their lapels as a Remembrance of all those brave men and women who have died in the service of their country. They fought for freedom, for their Queen and country, for their fellow soldiers, to make the world a better place and to free those oppressed and those who could not fight for themselves.

The bravery and sacrifice that we remember and give thanks for, the nobility of a death on the battlefield can sometimes hide the reality of the terrible tragedy and pain and waste that is war. In her poem, *Marching Men*, Marjorie Pickthall also reminds us of the terrible suffering of those left behind to mourn.

With souls unpurged and steadfast breath

They supped the sacrament of death.

And for each one, far off, apart,

Seven swords have rent a woman's heart.

Every year we remember and it is good and right that we do, but do we do anything other than wear our poppies with pride, attend special Memorial services and listen to the names of those lost so long ago? Can I challenge you this year to go a step further. In the famous poem by John McRae, *Flanders Field*, some of the last lines say:

To you from failing hands we throw

The torch; be yours to hold it high.

How do you live your life from day to day, do you run with the torch to make a difference to those around you. Do you try and live a life that is worthy of the sacrifices made on battlefields around the world. We can only play our small part in the strength and purpose that God gives us, but we can all ensure that the sacrifices that we remember at this time of year were not wasted and that through our lives the world is a better place for those we meet every day.

I believe that the Lord Jesus is the inspiration and resource that we can call on to help and motivate us to take up the torch and put into practice all those seemingly small acts that will make a difference.

John Durant

Vicar – Vale Benefice

Eucharist SERVICES in NOVEMBER - Sundays at 9.30am

4th Revd Alec Gill, 18th Revd John Durant, 25th Revd Alec Gill.

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Holly and Christmas Gift Fayre, Sat 8th Dec.

Plans are well advanced for a repeat of last year's very successful - and most enjoyable - gift fayre. It's a real community event, happening on Sat 8th Dec in St James Church and must be put in your diary now!!

We already have a dozen stalls booked, including jewellery, pottery, candles, cakes, woolly stuff, various types of Christmas decorations, misc. gifts, and of course Bob Wilson and his amazing dancing holly! OK, I've exaggerated slightly, it doesn't actually dance, but this year His Bobliness is promising mistletoe as well!

We will have a 'Children's Corner' where you can leave the little ones in safe hands, whilst you shop in peace.

Refreshments will be available of course, including mulled wine, and last, but by no means least, Father Christmas himself will be visiting! It all happens in our beautiful Church and is a useful fundraiser for them, a great community event and an ideal opportunity to buy unique gifts, all at bargain prices.

If you would like a table, please contact me soonest - tel: 867500 or jimstagg@btinternet.com



The Hanney Senior Citizens

were royally entertained at a recent meeting by Edward Fitzgibbon, an extraordinarily talented gent who not only played the lute beautifully, but managed to get everyone singing along with great gusto to 'Greensleeves' - written, allegedly by Henry VIII, I believe. Edward made the lute himself and also restores antiques. You can book him for events when some unusual and gentle live music is required... tel: 07964 663732 or by email: ngawangfitzgibbon@gmail.com. Meantime our 'Senior Citizens' club, extremely well run by Marcia Graham - she's the lady giving it some in our snap - and her team, continue to offer a thoroughly agreeable way of spending an afternoon once a month. Why more of the 'mature' folk in our community don't make it a regular event in their calendars is a complete mystery to me.

Dear Editor

The Royal British Legion

(RBL) will soon be making its annual Poppy Appeal to honour all those killed or injured in WWI, WWII and recent conflicts.

Donations by the public are used to support the work of the RBL in supporting the Armed Forces community. As one who has, in the past, been given the task of breaking bad news to loved ones, I know only too well that no amount of money will ease their burden.

However, for those who are badly injured due to their service, money can be a great help, providing support, facilities and equipment which would not be available otherwise.

I know from personal experience that the UK Government treats our dead and wounded with disdain, preferring a 'use, abuse and discard' policy, in preference to the respect and ongoing care the fifth largest economy in the world should be providing.

That the continuing care for troops who have served their country with honour should fall upon the shoulders of charities is a travesty in itself.

Politicians being what they are, we can do nothing to change that. We can, however, support the RBL Poppy Appeal. They gave for us, now, let's give for them. *David Bratley.*

Dear Editor

The Hanneys Flood Group (HFG) would like to thank all villagers and friends who supported Welly Wally's Waders competition at the recent Michaelmas Fayre. We hope you enjoyed the challenge. As many of you will know the Group has been working to protect the Hanneys since 2008. If you like being in



water, love being outdoors, are curious about the natural

world around you, want to meet new people and enjoy working in a fun team, the Flood Group could be just for you! Our next working party is Sat 17th November. We would also like to thank the generous villagers who have made donations at other times to the Flood Group to help purchase essential equipment such as life jackets, waders, drain rods and specialist equipment. Donations are always welcome as equipment needs to be replaced from time to time. *Clive Manvell, (HFG)*

Dear Editor

I want to thank all the people that have sent me cards and letters following the death of Delia (De). The number of neighbours and friends in the village and wider community that have written or that attended the memorial service was staggering and confirms what I already knew; that De was known to and liked by so many. I am so grateful and it is a great support to me at this sad time.

I also want to thank the team that helped organise the memorial, both at the Hall and the Church. Without your help, dealing with the whole day would not have been possible. You know who you are, and I don't want to list everyone, but you have my sincere appreciation.

De is sorely missed by me, her brother and sister, and her many close friends. We have lost a lot of very special people from the villages this year, and over the last few years, but the community in the Hanneys is wonderful and I am so grateful that we enjoyed all the years we had together in this incredible place.

David Blomley

(De's obituary is on page 20)

Celebrating the Armistice

On the evening of 4 August 2014, many of us gathered in St James Church to mark the moment one hundred years earlier, when War with Germany was declared. It was a moving and solemn candlelight service culminating with everyone laying a sprig of rosemary by the War Memorial.

Twenty nine village men gave their lives in that conflict and are named on the War Memorial. Their sacrifice, and that of thousands of others, are marked by the Victory Hut (now replaced by the Hanney War Memorial Hall), the Peace Oak in Holmes' Garden (it is on the triangle of land at the junction of The Green and Main Street in East Hanney) and in November, by the planting of two new oak saplings grown from acorns collected from it in 2014. These will be blessed as a mark of thanks at the Thanksgiving Service.

Every year the Hanney Royal British Legion leads our Remembrance Day service in the time-honoured fashion, parading from the RBL Hall to St James Church, led by the Wantage Silver Band in a moving and solemn service including a two minute silence, as they will do again this year.

But we do also need to give thanks for victory and celebrate the Armistice. The Armistice & Armed Forces Covenant Trust invited applications for a grant to purchase Perspex silhouettes to remember the local fallen to be installed in churches as a poignant reminder of those who didn't come home. Anyone

who saw the Poppies installation at the Tower of London will vividly recall how moving that was. Funds raised through the purchase of these figures are going to support those still suffering from the wounds of wars. St James Church applied for funds to purchase four of these figures and these will be installed in the church shortly.

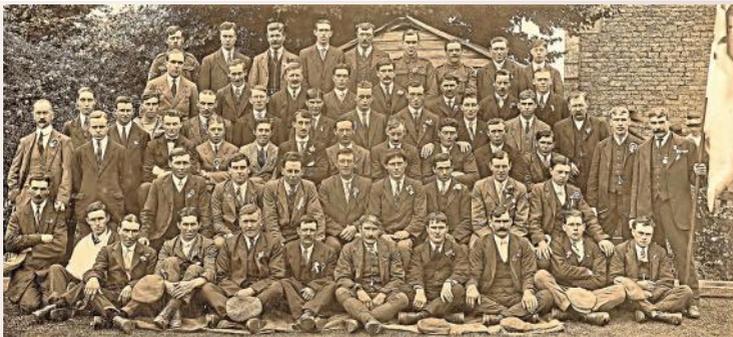


The Tower will be taking part in 'The Battle's Over – a Nation's Tribute' by ringing both in the morning and also, along with another 999 churches and cathedrals across the land, at 7.05p.m immediately following the Service of Thanksgiving.

St James warmly invite you to join in the Service, starting at 6pm and followed by celebratory refreshments and the opportunity to remember and give thanks not just for those who lost their lives but also those who fought and came home again.

For further details

www.therebutnotthere.org.uk and www.brunopeek.co.uk



The poem opposite, written by West Hanney resident Martin Trowell, refers to a large photograph - see above - that hangs in the Old Hanney Room in the Village Hall.

The photograph was taken during a series of events to celebrate the end of the First World War, described in a contemporary article from the 'Reading Mercury' of 26th July 1919.

The gentleman mentioned, a Mr Edwardes, was the schoolmaster.

'An excellent programme was arranged for East and West Hanney, and thanks to Mr Edwardes and a strong working committee, it was much appreciated. The demobilised soldiers and sailors paraded and marched to church where a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev Noon). After the service they were photographed and it is proposed to present each man, as a memento, a

large photo. The parishioners then entertained the discharged men, their wives and the parents of the fallen to an excellent dinner which was very much enjoyed by the 220 guests. Owing to the inclement weather, the children could not be entertained out of doors, and an excellent tea was served them in the school room. During tea, a troupe of minstrels entertained the children. In the evening a dance was given in the school room, and light refreshments provided free. Owing to the weather, it was impossible to hold the sports on Saturday and it is proposed to hold them in the Weir Meadow today (Saturday) when a band will play selections, and light refreshments provided free for the children. The proceedings will conclude with a bonfire.'

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF EAST & WEST HANNEY

As you know the Royal British Legion has a parade from the Legion Club to St James Church in West Hanney on **Remembrance Sunday**. This is a civic parade organised by the Royal British Legion in memory of the fallen in all conflicts. All members of the public are invited to join this parade including all Parish Dignitaries. As the older members who used to parade are no longer able to do so, it would be appreciated if the younger residents and members of the Legion would join in the parade. I look forward to seeing you on Remembrance Sunday. The parade assembles at 10.15 am in the Legion car park and marches off at 10.30 am sharp.

K. L. Weetch - Hanney RBL Chairman.

(For details of the route, road closures etc, see East Hanney PC's article on page 6.)

*On a photograph of a
group of Hanney village
men returned from the
War*

Somewhere in the village,
though not clear where,
a team photograph
without colours,
this quiet moment
in an old, new, world.

Arras, Passchendaele,
Gallipoli...there are
no smiles.

The future is theirs now,
but the past holds them
in black chains;
their starched collars
'whiter than white';
'best bib and tucker',
'best foot forward'

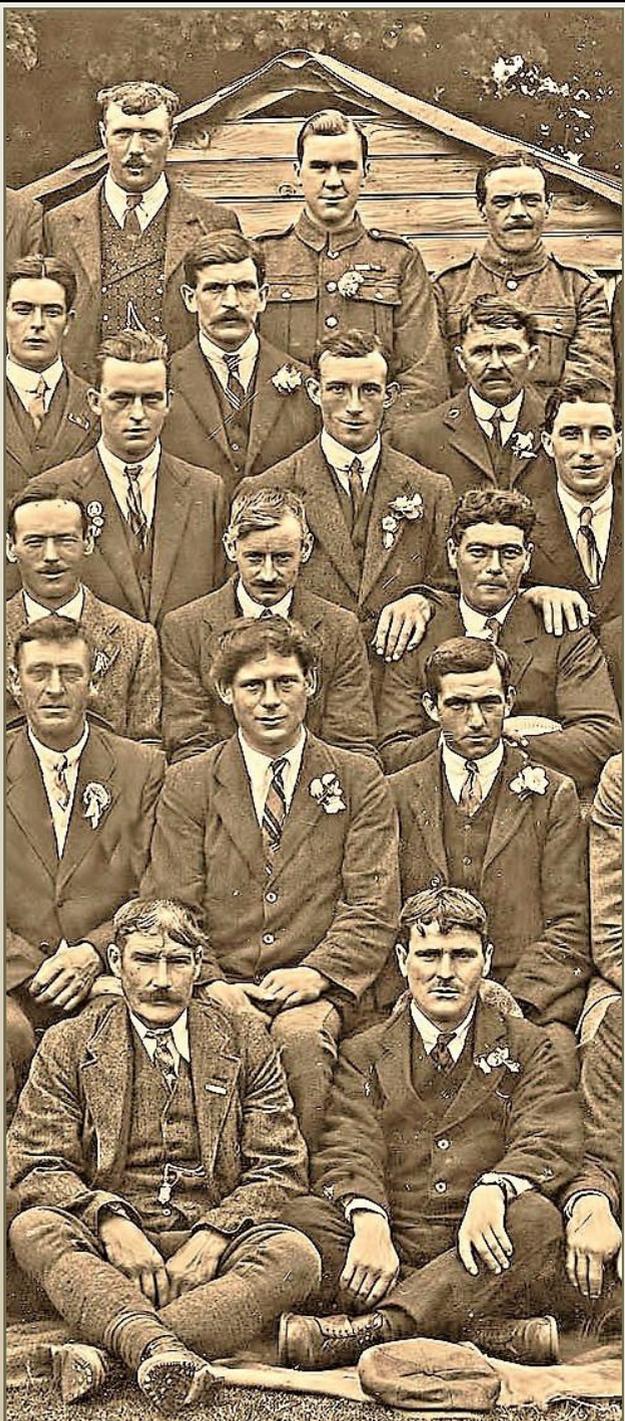
empty words,
left on the wire.

All have their secrets,
different secrets,
about which
they can never,
and will never,
speak

but look again;
look closely,
see how their faces
have become the same

caught by the shutter's
click,
the shell's explosion.

Martin Trowell



2018 - Remembering the Sacrifices of Hanney Families

The first Hanney casualty of the Great War, on September 22nd, 1914, was a sailor. He is shown in our fine memorial window in the church. Sidney Dunsdon was a stoker on HMS *Hogue*, protecting the troopships. She stopped to pick up survivors from two sister cruisers when all were sunk by the U-boat U9.

31 men from the Hanneys died during military service, from a 1911 census of 701 men and women. Two lie in our cemetery but most rest in seventeen French and Belgian graveyards. Others are buried in Turkey, Greece and Canada. Some have

unknown graves. The impact was huge, especially as sixteen of the dead came from just seven families. Most were not particularly young men, with half aged over 25. Privates Stallwood, Church and Steel died as the regular army retreated from Mons in autumn 1914. After this, the Hanney fallen were mostly volunteers and, from 1916, could have been conscripts. Sixteen joined the Berkshire Regiment and formed the bulk of the nine casualties in 1915, the Hanney's worst year of the war. The youngest was 16, Robert Dandridge, who died at the Dardanelles and is commemorated with Eli Pullen on the majestic Helles monument, overlooking the straits. The news was kinder in 1916, although the bloodbath of the Somme was in progress and bad news must have been feared constantly. There were just three

fatalities despite the heavy involvement of the Berkshires. Wounds are of course seldom recorded and traumatic stress was probably continuous, and often unacknowledged.

1917 produced similar, but much crueller, numbers: widower James Church had lost his son James to wounds after his repatriation in 1914. In February Arthur died in Salonika ; Albert fell in April and Maurice in August, both in France. His grief is inconceivable. Christmas brought no reprieve: Albert Herman died on Boxing Day, aged 19.

The last German push was in March 1918, again impacting Berkshire battalions. Seven

men were lost in this year, with five from West Hanney. Older recruits were now common; John Arthurs was 39 when he was killed in April. By now however Germany was exhausted and the Armistice was signed. The deaths still continued: Percy Dandridge died in Canada in November and John Godfrey on December 1st, both possibly from that final killer, Spanish Flu.

The worn faces in the Memorial Hall photograph of the July 1919 Peace Dinner remind us that around 100 other villagers served and lived, which perhaps brought both relief and a survivor's guilt in mixed measure. Their courage, and the sacrifices of the fallen and their families, seem incomprehensible today and maybe still suggest a need for improved European unity, Brexit or not.



A338 Pedestrian Crossing update...

Oxford County Council (OCC) Highways did, as promised, send me a detailed update on the above. Their comments mean I'm considerably more optimistic than I was. Most importantly, a large sum of money has been set aside for the project. Here are a couple of quotes from their communication, which they also sent to our Parish Councillors and our County Councillor.

'We recognise the need for a crossing, are fully supportive of it, and are working towards delivering it... Multiple site visits have been undertaken by OCC Transport Planners and Engineers to investigate potential crossing locations.'

You may recall the assertion that the excessive speed of the traffic meant a simple and relatively cheap Zebra crossing was not feasible. OCC have clarified that by saying...

'Regardless of the speed survey, it is the opinion of multiple Highways

Officers, including the Safety Team, that a zebra is not suitable in this location.'

We apparently need a 'Puffin' crossing - that's a modern version of a 'Pelican'. It has built-in sensors so that traffic is held on red until pedestrians are clear of the crossing. This means that slower pedestrians do not have to rush before vehicles are given a green light.

OCC added...

'Highways Officers have recently visited the site with a potential contractor to investigate the buildability and to receive a quote. The contractor believes the scheme may be feasible within budget, subject to various conditions.'

So it looks like it's full speed ahead - rather inappropriate turn of phrase there Mr. Editor - on the proposals currently on the table.

East Hanney Parish Council have more details on this... see their article on page 6

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Obituary

Delia Maxine Blomley - 27/01/1949 - 14/09/2018

Delia (De) was born in Mold, Flintshire, shortly after her twin brother and five years after her sister. She grew up at The Laurels, a dairy farm just outside the town. Her father died when she was only 12 and she had to work on the farm from an early age.

After school, she went to college and then worked for Sun Alliance insurance company in Chester. In 1973 she transferred to the Oxford office where she worked until 1996, when she was made redundant after all the offices closed. She then worked part time for Manches solicitors for 12 years. Whilst at home, she had joined Mold Young Farmers, and after a couple of years in Oxford, she joined Abingdon YFC. It was here that she met many of her friends throughout the county.

It is fair to say that De was very sociable and had a huge circle of friends, as seen by the attendance at her memorial service.

Her first house was in Abingdon, and when she met David, they bought a house together, nearby. They married in 1992, De was 43 and David 33 - both late starters, since neither had been married before.

De began to play tennis at the age of 40 and it soon became her passion. She played in Abingdon, and later in the village.

De and David moved to East Hanney in 1999, at that time only knowing one couple in the village, but this proved to be an introduction to so many people. This was so typical of Hanney, and also

of the way De threw herself into village life. She very quickly joined the Tennis Club, the Gardening Club (she was the Chairman for three years) and the Drama Group. She was part of the infamous production which included a

sketch of Cabaret where the ladies of a certain age appeared in basques and fishnet tights!

De loved her beautiful cottage garden, in which she spent many happy hours, especially after she retired in 2009. She also took an allotment which required a lot of hard work, but produced wonderful

crops of strawberries, raspberries, courgettes, runner and French beans. She loved to share the produce with her many friends in the village.

De had a real flair for interior design - enormously helpful when she and David were upgrading their cottage.

De was full of energy, often playing tennis two or three times a week. When she was taken ill in 2017, it was her greatest regret that she could no longer play. After being diagnosed with cancer, De endured chemotherapy, a major operation, followed by more chemo. She joined an unofficial support group of fellow sufferers in the village.

In the middle of this year, she was getting better and back to gardening and even playing a few games of tennis, but when the disease returned, it was so cruel that this time she did not respond to the treatment.

De's sparkle and enthusiasm is greatly missed by David and all who knew her.



**Darlings!...me again,
Jaunty
Jilly,**



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Big kisses JJ xxx



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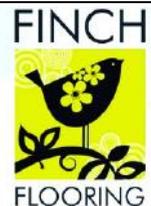
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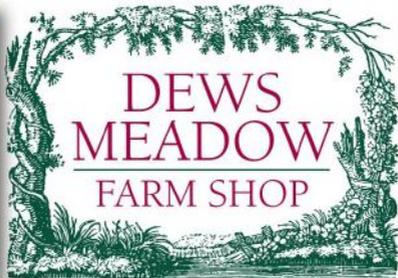
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HANNEY BELLRINGERS meet every Wednesday St James' Church West Hanney from 7.30 pm until 9 pm. Beginners very welcome. Contact Jean Hazard for more details - 868883.

HANNEY BOWLS CLUB Wednesdays 7.30-10.00pm, and Thursdays 2.00-4.00pm. Contact 868145

HANNEY CRICKET CLUB Occasional Sunday friendly games. For details speak to David Johns on 07770 456147 or 01235 868519.

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 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 HISTORY GROUP. meets 8pm every 4th Tuesday. New members and visitors welcome, non-members £3. For further info ring Bill Orson 868859.

HANNEY LITTLE RAINBOWS, Activity and fun for 0 - 3 year olds, meets every Monday, 9.30 - 11.30am, at the Village Hall. Contact Sarah Hill - 07514 106782 - for details.

HANNEY OCCASIONAL GOLFERS SOCIETY (HOGS) was formed in 1996, and meets four times a year plus Christmas. HOGS is very much about social golf with all standards welcome. Non golfers/spouses usually join for the evening session when prizes are awarded and 'fines' imposed! Contact andrew.fletcher@rer.co.uk for further details

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

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 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 WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (W.I.) meet the second Thursday of the month (except in Aug) 7.30 - 9.30 in the Olde Hanney Room, Village Hall. New members are welcome. Contact Jean Geary 869070 or Helen Evans 868542

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

OLDE HANNEY ROOM COFFEE SHOP, Tuesdays, 10.00-11.30am. Everyone welcome for tea or coffee - chat and a raffle.

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.**

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BINGO every Sunday, R.B. Legion Hall 8pm. Cash prizes. 18+ welcome.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 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.

THURSDAY EVENING SINGING WITH SJS, Hanney's small consort male-voice group, 8-10pm in East Hanney. 4-part settings from medieval to Now! And a pint in the Black Horse afterwards. Call Mike Jones on 751656 or David Gahan 868933 for details.

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, email wantagechoralsociety@yahoo.co.uk.

Leisure Activities

HANNEY CHAPEL Sunday Services; 10:30am and 5:30pm. Lunch & Listen 1st Thurs of month at 10:30am. Men's Breakfast 1st Sat of month at 8:30am. 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.

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PILATES CLASS Wednesdays 6 -7pm and Fridays 9.15 - 10.15am (term time only) at the Royal British Legion, E. 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

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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.

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.

WILTS & BERKS CANAL TRUST/EAST VALE BRANCH First Wednesday in the month, Social Meeting at the Hanney British Legion 8pm. Contact Brian Stovold on 763072 wbct.org.uk

YOUR PACE NOT MINE - Meets Wednesday's and Friday's, 9.15am in Hanney Recreation Ground. A 45 minute running class for all abilities, no set distance, no set pace, your own workout. New joiners always welcome. Text or ring Carey Hope 07789 502010

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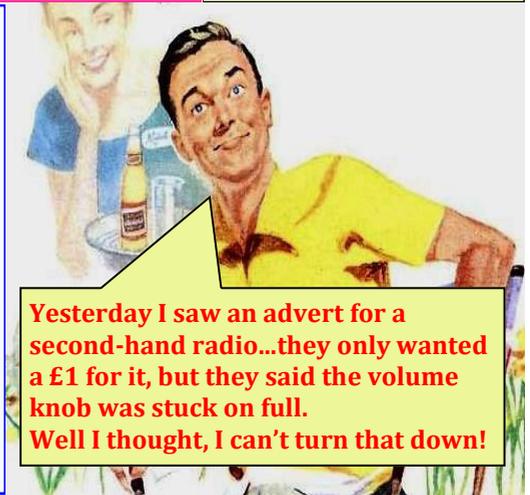
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