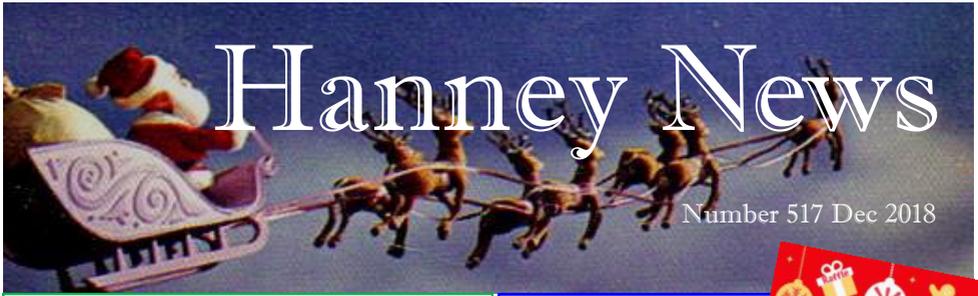


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The Holly and Christmas Gift Fayre, on Sat 8th Dec.



is just one week away. It's not to be missed - 10am till 12 Noon in St James Church. Sixteen stalls are booked - jewellery, pottery, paintings, cards, candles, cakes, woolly stuff, Christmas decorations a wide range of gifts, and of course Bob Wilson's holly and mistletoe!

You can leave the little ones in safe hands at our 'Children's Corner' whilst you shop in peace.

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

Community Shop News

The 2019 calendar is now available. We also have two lovely children's books written and illustrated by a local lady...a lovely present for young children. The shop will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day. All the volunteers wish you a very happy Christmas and all good wishes for 2019. Hazel - Chair, Community Shop.

Join us at St James School for our "Christmas Spectacular." Our magical Christmas Market and Fete will be held on Saturday 15th December 2018 from 11.00am - 2:00pm. (See the enclosed flyer for full details.)



This from Mrs. Peacock, Headteacher at St James....

"Ofsted recently visited, the first time the school has been inspected as a part of the Vale Academy Trust and everyone involved was keen to give the inspector a flavour of life at St James. After two quite gruelling days we were delighted that she really got to know the school and we achieved a rating of good in all areas. She particularly commented on the family feel of the school and how well the children in reception class settle in to their new environment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their positive comments to the inspector and also to all members of staff."

Janice Peacock

First off, thanks to everyone who said nice things about the Armistice issue last month...and of course, thanks again to all those who contributed to it. You'll remember Martin Trowell's moving poem? Well, two more talented poets have stepped forward, Angela Cousins and Andy Robertson. Angela won a prize at the recent Wantage Literary Festival and I will be printing her poem next month. Andy's is on page 10. And if you fancy penning a few poems yourself, there's a new course starting in January, in Wantage, on how to do it...details also on page 10, as is an article from a local gent who makes unusual films and is intending to show them at 'pop-up cinema' events around the county. Check out his rather quirky (!) piece.

As ever, lots of jolly village 'stuff' going on this month. I've said it before, but it bears repeating...if you're new to the community, do please join in...we're a friendly bunch, with the odd exception.

(I'll list them next month.) 'A Very Hanney Christmas' is happening again on Sat 15th Dec, details page 5. The St James Church Holly and Gift fayre, and the School Xmas Fete are also 'musts' for your festive diary.

But it's not wall to wall Christmas...the not at all Christmassy 'Mamma Mia Here We Go Again' is showing at film night on the 7th Dec. See page 5. The recent 'Auntie Mary's Canaries' night was a roaring success, with £830 being raised for Cancer

Editorial Research and the Brain Tumour Charity. Well done to all

involved especially organiser Gill Parry. One of the regular events I most look forward to in the hectic, corporate, high rolling whirl that is my life these days, is my weekly visit to the Senior Citizens Coffee Morning, every Tues in the village hall, from 10 am to 11.30 am. A friendly welcome awaits, tea or coffee, custard creams, a raffle, and much chat...always informative, entertaining and often hilarious. If you don't go, and sadly, not many do, please give it a try.

I often witter on about 'community' and on page 11 are details of an opportunity to nominate someone whose efforts within our community you feel should be recognised via a 'High Sherriff's Award'. That's a county-wide award and any recipient should feel proud. I can think of many worthy candidates.

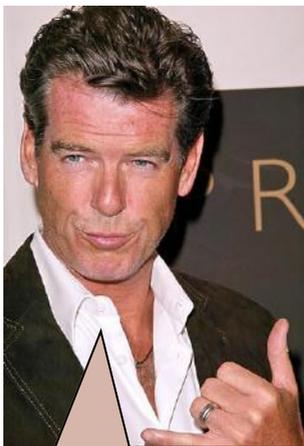
Page 14 is where you'll find Jaunty Jilly's latest, prosecco-fuelled effort. She brings good news for our Parish Councils and all the clubs and societies who use

Hanney News for publicity.

Early in the New Year I expect to have some advertising space, so do ring me - 867500 - if you have a local business you want to promote.

Next year's Michaelmas Fayre date is already set...Sat 28th Sept, and it's still not too late to apply for a grant from the funds raised at this year's. Page 13 for details.

Finally, just room to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas from us here at 'Hanney News Global International.'



Ok, Ok...I promise not to sing...but can I at least do my 'duck talking on the telephone' gag?

Notices...what's happening this month.

Mon 3rd, Gardening Club Christmas Party.

Sat 8th, Xmas Gift and Holly Fayre, St James Church. See front page.

Sat 8th, Wantage & Grove Lions grand cash Christmas Bingo at Grove village hall. Doors open 6.45pm eyes down 7.50pm. Great raffle

Thurs 13th, 12.30pm, Senior Citizens, Christmas Lunch. Village Hall, with entertainment.

Thurs 13th, 7.30pm, W.I. Christmas meeting, Village Hall.

Sat 15th, Hanney Flood group working party. See page 16.

Sat 15th, St James School Christmas Fete, see front page and enclosed flier.

Sat 15th, 7.30pm Wantage Male Voice Choir presents "A Very Hanney Christmas", a concert at the village hall. See page 5 for details.

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

Mon 31st, New Years Eve Dance at the Royal British Legion, with live band 'Rockers Reunited'. Tickets £10 on sale at the community shop or the Legion.

And further ahead....

8th Jan 2019, St James School - Term 3 starts.

Sat 28th Sept 2019, Michaelmas Fayre.



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

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

Matt Barber, Vale of White Horse. District Councillor for the Hanneys.

Email: councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk

www.matthewbarber.co.uk

I really hope this article is a waste of space, given the community we live in, but **Citizens Advice** have asked me to let you know that they offer a 'haven' - their word - for **'hate crime'** victims. They add...*"Citizens Advice Oxfordshire South and Vale has become a "hate crime reporting centre", providing a safe environment where you can tell specially trained staff what happened to you. We can then contact the police if you want, and refer you to "Victims First", a service which will provide the support you need to recover from your experience. You can report a hate incident or hate crime even if it wasn't directed at you personally."*

Contact Citizens Advice in person during opening hours or by phone... (Advice line: 03444 111444). For locations of offices and opening hours see www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale

Citizens Advice have also told me about the **Warm Home Discount**, a new kind of grant offered by the government and energy suppliers, aimed at people on low incomes. For more info, check the government website: www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme or call Citizens Advice...details as above.

Ronnie Roach and his team mates from the Hanney Youth FC Under 8's recently held a sponsored walk to raise money to buy a portable shelter and 8 seats ready for those cold and wet mornings at



home and away games. Hanney News' very own 'News Fund' was happy to make a contribution. Well done to everyone involved. Stay warm and dry!

The annual "Mark Sacco and Roy Williams" Memorial Aunt Sally match recently took place at the Black Horse, East Hanney. Traditionally played between the Black Horse and The Plough, it has now reached its 4th year. A great turn out and a very enjoyable evening, despite the inclement weather! The trophy moves to the Black Horse

for the first time this year, with a resounding victory. Well done to the winning team. Thank you to everyone who turned up to support and play. A collection for Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow trust raised a total of £277.65. A special thank you to the winning Black Horse team who donated £50 from their blob money to the cause." *Janice Aram*

HANNEY FILM NIGHT

OWEN WRIGHT CINEMA, HWMH,

Friday Dec. 7th, Bar & Doors open 7.30 for 8.00.

"Mamma Mia!"

Here We Go Again"

Five years after the events in "Mamma Mia", Donna's daughter Sophie prepares for the grand re-opening of the Hotel Bella Donna as she learns more about her Mother's past. Dress up and join in the fun !!

Tickets £6 Conc. £5

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Saturday December 15th, At 7.30pm at the Hanney War Memorial Hall

Wantage Male Voice Choir presents

"A Very Hanney Christmas"

A concert of mostly Christmas pieces, some requiring audience participation!

Oxfordshire flute ensemble "OK Flutes" will perform with the choir.

Refreshments include tea, coffee, mince-pies and drinks from the bar.

Proceeds to the Hanney Community Shop and choir funds.

Tickets, £8 each, are available from the Hanney Community Shop or by phoning 01235 768249 or 01235 868440.

This from our lovable luvvies...."**Tickets for the ever popular Hanney Drama Group's Panto, "Aladdin and the Wishing Tree"** (Feb 7, 8, and Sat 9th including matinee on Saturday) will be available from 2nd Jan. from karongray99@yahoo.com 01235 868780, or the Hanney Community Shop. Early booking advisable."

An unusual plea.....

I recently had the pleasure of attending a Hanney W.I. 'open' meeting where the guest speaker, Dr. Caroline Jackson, gave a fascinating talk about a 19th century soldier called Primrose. I chatted with her afterwards and she asked that I pass on a request. The bulk of her talk was based on research she had done using archives, old diaries, photos, drawings and many other sources of info. Her plea was simple...please don't throw away old

'stuff' - it will be invaluable to future generations, and please don't store it in a damp basement. She added that if you wish to conduct military research yourself based on your archives, she would be delighted to help. Her website is www.drcarolinejackson.com Finally a big thank you to the W.I. for arranging such a superb speaker; please consider allowing us chaps to attend more of your meetings.

East Hanney Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) membership will be up for (re)election on the 2nd May 2019, when the PC will be expanding to 8 members. If you are interested in the village and its community, and would like to help shape its future, please do stand. To find out more, please contact the Clerk by email or telephone. All nominations must be submitted by the 3rd April (at 4pm) and all candidates must be proposed and seconded by voters registered in the village.

East Hanney PC, after considering all the arguments, have decided to seek the installation of gates at the entrances to the village on the A338. Evidence from the County Council is that they have a positive effect on traffic calming and along with the potential installation of a Puffin crossing as you will have read in this publication, should make a significant improvement to road safety on the main route through the village. The Council is planning a village celebration in January next year. This will be centred around a bonfire. There are no plans for fireworks, but the event will hopefully include a band and access to the Hall's bar with other refreshments

available! Working with the War Memorial Hall and the St James School PTA, the PC hopes this will be the first of many more annual events. A grant can be sought from the Vale to help get this first event off the ground. To find out more, please contact Cllr McKechnie on smehpc@gmail.com.

To ensure that contributions from developers are used, the PC will be holding a special meeting, probably in the 3rd week in December or early January (date is to be announced, see the noticeboard, website and Facebook page nearer the time) to discuss how your PC can best spend the funds accrued for specific amenities such as improving the play area, sports facilities and public art projects.

You will have seen that your PC has paid for road sweeping along the main routes through the village (Ashfields Lane, The Green, Main Street, Summertown, Mill Orchard, Brookside and the Causeway). This will be supported by gully emptying and jetting, along the same main routes in due course. This supports the County Council's cleansing regime, which has been reduced over the years of austerity.

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, (from 8pm), in the village hall, as follows: **12th December 2018, 9th January 2019, 13th February, 13th March and 10th April.**

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)

David Kirk 07740029059 (Neighbourhood Action Group)

Judy Long 868425 (Footpaths)

Stephen McKechnie 868823 (Village Environment)

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

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

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

West Hanney Parish Council

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have spotted that a tree has been felled in the Parish owned wooded area behind the school. We were reluctant to agree to this as it was a Black Poplar, but Scottish and Southern Electricity insisted, due to its proximity with power lines. Work in the Community Woodland will also be carried out over the next few weeks to ensure trees are clear from cables. SSE tell us that they now require around 5 metres clearance.

It is sad to have to report that items are being removed from the woodland. A quantity of wood for use by schoolchildren at their Forest School activities had been transported there by school staff. Much to their disappointment that wood has gone. A small table used by the children and a heavier adapted Picnic Bench have also gone.

Although the woodland is open to all, it is officially owned by West Hanney Parish Council, and looked after by a dedicated band of volunteers. If anyone has any information about the missing items, please contact our Parish Clerk. 17 people turned out for the last working party of this year on Saturday 10th November. Lots of cutting back and scrub clearing was achieved. Thank you to Paul Sayers for his continued work

organising these working parties, and of course to all those hardy folks who turned out for several hours work.

Thanks to Kay Sayers who provided her usual delicious cake and refreshments. Very enjoyable! A big thank you also to Des Thomas who continues to keep the rides cut with his tractor and equipment. A further 25kgs of daffodil bulbs have been planted around the village over the past weeks by councillors Chris, Graham and Trevor. Volunteers Rob, Nick and Les also helped. A big thank you to them. Please can we have more volunteers to help with Community Speed Watch. Just 1 hour a month from a few more villagers would help us continue our deterrent against speeding motorists. Please contact any councillor, our Clerk, or organiser Gerald Chaffey on 868627 to find out more.

Thames Water have now doubled the size of the reservoir they are planning to build just a couple of miles from us. If the proposal is successful it will be the size of Heathrow Airport. A gigantic block on the landscape with a height up to 80 feet above ground level. If you want to express your opinion you should go to the GARD website for further details. Early as it seems...

"A very Happy Christmas to all."

**Next Meeting - 7.30pm, Tues 15th January 2019
St. James Bell Tower - All Welcome**

Councillors

Chris Surman (Chairman) - 868749

Edward Wilkinson - 867316

Kay Sayers - 868146

Trevor Brettell - 868459

Graham Garner - 868684

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And write to Jim to give your views?
Maybe come to History talks
Or join with Bill for Summer walks?
If you wanted longer strolls
Go marching on with Alpine poles?
Patronise the Village Shop
And use Alisa's letter drop?
Have you helped the Litter Pick
With Bob's long "tweezers" – learnt that trick?
Stole a leaf from Stewart's book
And had a swim in Letcombe Brook?
Attended Monday's Garden Club
To find yourself the perfect shrub?
Competed in the Autumn Fayre
With "saucy" carrots...if you dare?
Last and most important test –
Do you live in East or West??
PS: For those of you who seek attention,
sorry if you got no mention!

Andy Robertson

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[https://
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The Pocket Pop-Up Cinema

Arrives... Winter is coming. We, who live in the outer zone, not part of the city tribe... well, we make our own entertainment. And my small POP-UP-CINEMA hopes to fulfil one of our desires to walk up the road, and have an enjoyable evening out. We are going to show our films and provide a safe and cosy evening where you can not only see them, but chat at the bar with a few of the people you see in them. Watch out for us and come and join us and your local community for a night of interesting diversion from reality. Starting this



December 15th at Grove Village Hall and
Jan 5th 2019, same venue.

I make films, and they explore our lives
and our reality in fictional, entertaining
and unusual - often quirky - ways. Come
and be entertained and be
in my company and the
company of your
neighbours at our venues
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one where you can walk

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book early on-line if you want to be
certain you are here with
us. www.pocket-pop-up-cinema.net

We have some very worthy folk

in our community who do a great deal for it, giving up much time and effort, all on a voluntary basis of course.

Now we have an opportunity to nominate them for a **'High Sherriff of Oxfordshire Award'**. Here's the official blurb from the Sherriff's office....

Applications are invited for nominations for the High Sheriff Awards for the year 2018/2019.

Every year the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire invites nominations for approximately 20 High Sheriff Awards in recognition of individuals in Oxfordshire who have made outstanding contributions to the communities in which they live and work. Nominees will usually have had a high impact on the lives of others over a sustained period of time and will be recognised by other people working in the nominee's area as inspirational and as setting an example for others to follow.

The Awards will not normally be made to people whose work and commitment has already been recognised by the award of a National Honour or by bodies such as the Police, the Fire and Rescue Service and Oxfordshire Charity and Voluntary Action.

Nominations can be made by anyone who lives or works in Oxfordshire or who is representing an organisation in the public, voluntary and charitable or private sectors. All nominations will be treated in the strictest confidence and nominees should not be informed that they have been nominated as it can be very disappointing to raise expectations which are then not met.

The Nomination Process

All nominations should be made on the form ([I can't find a link to download this form!...Editor](#)) which has been prepared for this purpose and should include the contact details of the nominee as well as the nominator together with a brief summary (400 words max) of the reasons why the nominee merits a High Sheriff's Award.

The deadline for nominations is Thursday 10th January 2019.

The Awards will be conferred at a ceremony in Oxford.

Contributions to Community Life

Nominations will be welcome for people who have made outstanding contributions to any aspect of community life but in the current year nominations in the following area will be particularly welcome.

- 1. Coaching or volunteering in Youth Sport and Youth Leadership organisations.**
- 2. Youth projects associated with the Arts and Education.**
- 3. Mental health work in the community.**
- 4. Communication initiatives in communities.**

Nominations should be sent via email to: oxfordshirehighsheriff@outlook.com or by post to: The High Sheriff of Oxfordshire, c/o VSL & Partners, 22 Bankside, Kidlington, Oxon, OX5 1JE. We look forward to receiving your nominations.



**"NOMINATE!
NOMINATE!"**



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends,

Star Trek did it by using a slingshot manoeuvre around the sun.

Doctor Who uses a Tardis to do it.

Marty McFly's adventures with it involved a converted DeLorean car.

Although no one has actually invented a time machine, it is an idea popular in science fiction. Going forward in time would be scientifically possible, if we could travel fast enough. Travelling into our own past is seen to be impossible. But, in some small ways we are all able to travel back in time.

Listening to an old piece of music.

Smelling a familiar scent.

Going back to a place we know.

All these things can bring our memories vividly back to life. As if, we are back in that time and place once again. These can be memories of happy times, previous achievements or painful recollections of past hurts and trauma. Our past is usually a bittersweet cocktail of all that we have lived through and endured.

During this time of year, we are particularly in a season of memory. From All Saints Day to Remembrance Sunday, we have thought about those who have come before us, all that they experienced and all that they mean to us. Then we have Advent and Christmas, when we both look back at all that God has done for us, in sending us his son Jesus Christ to live as one of us, as well as looking forward to a new year and all that it holds.

Right in the middle of our Sunday communion service are the words: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. They remind me that in every moment we experience there is an inter-connection between our past experiences, our present reality and our future possibilities. That God is active, in our past, our present as well as our future.

May this be a season when you can reflect on the year that has been, while considering your current life situation before you make plans for what is to come. While we all speed forward in time...to next year!

God bless,
Alec

Eucharist SERVICES in December - Sundays at 9.30am

2nd FAMILY CHURCH Revd Peter Rich, 16th Revd Geoff Maughan, 23rd Revd Alec Gill.

9th BENEFICE SERVICE at St Nicholas, East Challow – 11.15am,

30th Holy Communion at Denchworth 10.00am

Mid-week Eucharist at 10.00am every Tuesday in the Chancel

**Details of all Christmas activities are in our home-delivered card
& on the Church Notice Board**

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Chris Reason: 868375 - chris_reason_hanney@hotmail.com

FRIDAY FUN – 30th November 3.30 pm – 5pm in St James Church

Lots of youngsters had great fun making bread and apple bobbing at our Harvest

Fun in October as we thought about how lucky we are to be able to enjoy the

Harvest. On 30 November we'll be tucking into some Scottish-themed goodies to

celebrate St Andrew as well as cake, squash and teas. We're around from 3.30 'til

about 5pm – come and go as suits your other commitments and help tell the

Christmas story. If youngsters would like to take part please bring tinsel, checked /

striped tea towels for the all-important angel and shepherd, supporting cast.

If you'd like to find out more call Sue on 765885 or

andrewclark945@btinternet.com

Michaelmas Fayre & Feast - Last reminder!

Get your Grant Applications in before 31st December.
www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk/grants/ for full
details of how to apply.

Any queries – email us on [in-fo@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk](mailto:info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk).

**FAYRE & FEAST DATE FOR 2019 -
Saturday 28 September
Book it! Be there!**

**Is anyone
interested in
keeping a grave tidy
in the churchyard at
St James Church,
West Hanney, for a
small annual
retainer? For more
details, please phone
01367 242338.**

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.

Darlings!!...me again and I bring 'glad tidings of great joy' - topical eh? Thanks to the continuing rude health of your favourite corporate business empire, 'Hanney News Global International', we are able to announce that from 2019 we will no longer be charging the Parish Councils for their pages each month. Likewise for our local clubs and societies whose info and notices we include on pages 3, 26, and 27.

Those bad ole' boys back in HQ, Editor Jim, Treasurer Chris and Distributor Paul aren't so bad after all are they? Sending you great big red kissy kisses for Christmas....I'll be at the Holly and Gift Fayre buying the mistletoe btw! **With love from your favourite VJJ - Very Jaunty Jilly!**



Two items of infrastructure

that I've mentioned earlier this year are the hideous great concrete blocks on the bridge at Poughley Farm, and the stile at the end of Snuggs Lane, both in East Hanney. As we approach Christmas, when the standard response to any enquiry seems to be 'Sorry, all closed down till after the New Year', I thought it would be useful to give you an update before everyone gets all festive and silly.

The blocks are still there with no sign of any work being done on the bridge, so I emailed Mr Blockley, the very helpful gent at Oxfordshire County Council to ask for the latest. His response contained mixed news - the budget is still intact, but engineering snags have apparently caused a delay. I quote...

"At a recent meeting with the engineers, I was shown a project timetable and was assured that construction would commence before the end of the financial year."



He added... *"As ever, I appreciate the patience and understanding of you and your readers."*

Thanks to Mr B for his response. He is the poor fellow tasked by the

Council to deal with pestering folk like me in a polite and dignified fashion. He deserves a pay rise, though maybe not the engineers. Let's hope they will get their act together soonest, meaning that in the not too distant future we can say goodbye to those dreadful blocks as well as having a nice new bridge!

What about the stile?...well 'surprise surprise' as our Cilla used to say, it's just that bit older and more rickety looking than ever, with moss and ivy growing on it. Now of course it's also getting damp and very slippery as Winter nears. In spite of approaches to the owner by East

Hanney Parish Council, nothing has been done to improve it, and it remains in a dangerous condition in my humble opinion. The message is clear on this...extreme caution is needed...use at your peril!

Warning!...I don't usually print this kind of 'stuff'...some may see it as overtly political, and in my view that's not the purpose of a parish newsletter. However, I found it thought-provoking, and well worth a read, with links to both sides of the argument. It was sent by some concerned folk in Garsington to all Parish Clerks. (I have slightly edited it.) At the last East Hanney Parish Council meeting, the councillors described the 100,000 home proposal as 'nonsense', and wondered if it was a joke.

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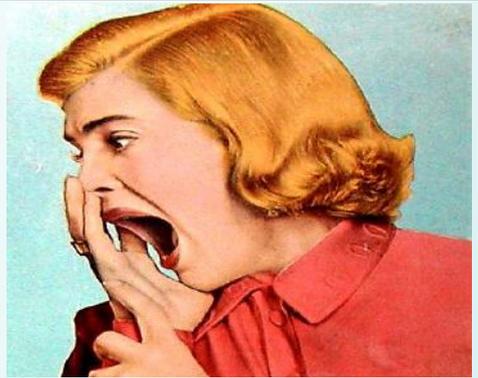
A plan to substantially increase the population of Oxfordshire is being developed by a committee called '**The Oxfordshire Growth Board**', which comprises all District Councils and the City Council, with the aim of delivering **enhanced** economic growth.

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a big fan of our

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happy to give you

the brief update on their splendid recent work that I received from them...

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discovered that two of the three pipes to the by-pass were becoming choked by the debris caught up in the fallen trees, so a timely intervention. Thanks

again for a great team effort this morning - we do make a difference."

Indeed you do, Sir

Clive of Manvell - for it was he who penned the above - or was it Sir David of Stubbington? Both fine upstanding members of the group. My memory's gone, but no matter, they are wise words. Keep on keeping on ladies and gents of the group! If you can help, please contact Sir Clive on 868216.



Dear Editor

Thames Water's latest proposal for a huge tank reservoir, 30 m high and 50% larger than that in the previously rejected plan, has a start date of 2025, so it is no longer 'out of sight'. All those who have not yet expressed their views on the

proposal are encouraged by the 'Group Against Reservoir Development', GARD, to lodge them on the Thames Water 'Consultation' web site [https://](https://haveyoursay.thameswater.co.uk/engagement/shape-your-water-future-revisions-to-the-plan/)

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water.resources@defra.gsi.gov.uk with title "Thames Water's draft water resources management plan" in the subject line, with a copy to

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'consultation' is 28 November, so immediate action is needed if you wish your views to be considered. The aim of GARD is to ensure that Thames Water's new proposal is subjected to a new Public Enquiry.

Michael Hutchings

Dear Editor,

May I bring to your readers' attention the excellent lunches available at the Plough in West Hanney, especially the recent addition of a special menu from Wednesdays to Fridays at the very reasonable price of £10 for main and dessert, generous helpings! They also provide, on the main menu, smaller helpings for those of us with smaller appetites! Yummy!

Hope to see some of you there.

Regards,

Jean Sutherland

It's always nice to hear from friends who have moved to pastures new, so I was delighted to receive an email from James and Angie Miller, who, as many of you will know, now own a pub in Wales. They were a great loss to our community, but the news is good from what a Welsh friend of mine calls 'The Dark Side'. (He means Wales!) Here's what James told me...

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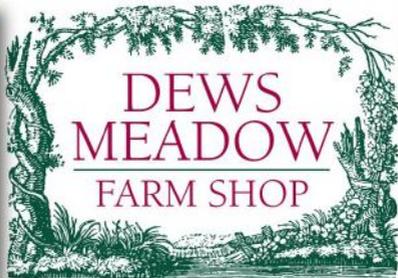
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HANNEY OCCASIONAL GOLFERS SOCIETY (HOGS) was formed in 1996, and meets four times a year plus Christmas. HOGS is very much about social golf with all standards welcome. Non golfers/spouses usually join for the evening session when prizes are awarded 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.

NORDIC WALKING CLASSES WITH LISA FROM OXFORDSHIRE FITNESS daytime, evening and weekend classes available please call Lisa on 07885635367, email lisa@oxfordshirefitness.co.uk

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 Legion. Call Lisa on 07885 635367 or visit www.oxfordshirefitness.co.uk for more details or to book a taster session.

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

WANTAGE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION : 9am - 12noon every Saturday Feb-Sept. See website for details of all they offer. www.wantagegardeners.org.uk

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

Hanney Lottery

November Winners

£100 - John Spindloe
£50 - Stuart Cakebread
£25 - Mavis Herman

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

Hanney War Memorial Hall



To book the Hall, the
Committee Room, or the
Olde Hanney Room,
contact
Graham Garner on
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hwmh.hanney@gmail.com

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