



Hanneley News

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A tip for your trip to the tip.

After this month's skip, they will no longer be available in Hanneley. But it's worth knowing that a trip to the tip may be a little easier than you expect. I've just been to the one at Stanford in the Vale. These days some rubbish has to be paid for, so no surprise that the two gents who work there watched me closely. When I'd finished, I asked if they were actually allowed to help people. I was expecting to be given some baloney about 'Elf and Safety', insurance, bad backs, liability and rules from the EU that forbid, but to my surprise they assured me that, yes, they could help, if they were asked. Later I checked the Oxfordshire County Council website...

'If you need help unloading your vehicle, please alert a member of staff, either verbally or by sounding your vehicle horn.' No mention of having to be disabled or whatever, to ask for help. Worth knowing....if you can get your rubbish to the tip, you should then get help once you're there if you need it. Full details are on their website: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/recycling-rubbish-and-waste

Two dates in March to put in your diary now...the first is a Village Party happening on Sat 16th on the Recreation ground and the second is a Comedy Night at the Legion...a fundraiser for the school. Full details on both next month.



**Panto
time!**

See page 11



February already...Spring not too far away, but more importantly, my birthday looms...gifts and cards welcome!

When we moved to Hanney in 2000, the longest word I knew was 'marmalade', but very soon after our arrival, I became acquainted with a much longer one... 'Riparian'. A rather curt letter from the then Clerk of West Hanney Parish Council - she no longer of this Parish - introduced me to it. She assumed - incorrectly - that I knew the meaning. I didn't. If you don't know the meaning, or even if you do, please read the article on page 14 from Clive Manvell, one of the fine upstanding members of the Hanney Flood Group, where you will find much useful and interesting info.

Our Cancer Research UK folk continue to do their marvelous fund-raising work, and details of the amazing totals raised are in a letter on page 5. Massive congrats to them.

I'm reliably informed that the Hanney Library Box is flourishing, extremely well used by old and young alike on a very

regular basis, so well done again to the Kendall family - and East Hanney PC - who set the whole thing up, and particularly young Charlotte who came up with the idea.

Film Night this month is showing the old classic '12 Angry Men'...details on page 5, and rather appropriately, our 'letters' section this month, on the same page, contains correspondence from two men of Hanney, who, whilst not exactly angry, make their points firmly, effectively and with admirable brevity.

Ken Weetch, he of the Royal British

Editorial Legion, also makes his point in an article he wrote for us this month - page 16 - and it's worth a read. The club needs everyone's support and you do not have to be a member to pop in for a drink.

As you may know, the Post Office at Grove has closed because it was in the McColl's shop and that has closed! Our nearest, other than the excellent little PO in our very own community shop - opening hours on the back page - is now Wantage. There's a certain irony here, considering that some 3,500 new homes are due to be built in Grove!

A pair of cuff links which are of great sentimental value, have been lost in East Hanney...page 6 for details of who to contact if you find them.

If you fancy a trip to France in July - assuming they'll still let us in of course! - then check out page 13.

East Hanney Parish Council are holding an informal gathering on Fri 15th Feb, from 7pm in the village hall....details page 6.

It sounds like a good opportunity to talk and ask questions in a less formal setting than

their monthly meetings, though I must say, I find both Parish Councils now run agreeably relaxed regular meetings where info and opinions can be shared in a helpful and harmonious manner. Remember last month's pig? It was of course a nod to the Chinese Year of the Pig which starts this month.

Ok dear readers.... no need to tarry on this page any longer - move onto the meat and potatoes that lay ahead...apols to all those doing a vegan January for that rather silly metaphor.

Till next month...



Notices...what's happening this month.

Fri 1st, Hanney Film Night - '12 Angry Men' page 5 for details.

Mon 4th, 7.45pm. Gardening Club - "Euphorbias" a talk by Timothy Walker.
Village Hall.

Thurs 7th - Sat 9th, Hanney Drama Group Panto - see page 11 for details

Sat 9th, Wantage & Grove Lions are holding a cash bingo at Grove village hall.
Doors open 6.30pm eyes down 7.30pm also BIG raffle

Thurs 14th 7.30pm - W.I. 'Charity Evening'. Village Hall.

Fri 15th, St James School - Term 3 ends.

Sat 16th - Flood Group Working Party, contact details see page 26.

Thurs 21st 2.30pm - Senior Citizens, 'Fun and Games' - Oxfordshire Museum
Service. Village Hall.

Tues 26th, St James School - Term 4 begins.

Tues 26th, 8pm, History Group, 'Roman Hanney' a talk, by William Wintle.
Village Hall

Thurs 28th, Editor's Birthday!

And further ahead....

Sat 16th March - Village Party. All welcome, full details next month.

Sat 23rd March - 'Live Music' at the R.B.L. with 'Rockers Reunited'.

Fri 29th March - Friday Fun - Getting ready for Mother's Day. 3.30pm - 5pm in
St James Church

Sat 30th March - Comedy Night. A fund raiser for the Friends of St James School.
Full details next month.

Fri 5th April, St James School, Term 4 ends.

Sat 7th Sept, The Inflatables at the Royal British Legion.

Michaelmas Fayre & Feast

FAYRE & FEAST DATE FOR 2019 - Saturday 28 September

Do you know Esther Alleyne? (Maybe you are Esther Alleyne?! Unlikely I admit.) Anyway, if you know her, please tell her that she won the lovely Christmas hamper at the recent St James School Christmas Fayre and in order to claim it she needs to contact the School office on 01235 868232, soonest please.

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.

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Oh dear, looks like it's all about to kick off at the Parish Council meeting!

But I jest dear readers, this is in fact a still from the magnificent film, '12 Angry Men' - don't let it's age put you off - that is showing on 1st Feb at the Film Night...see page 5.



Whilst we're on Parish Councillors, can I give a swift pat on the back to all of ours, both East and West, who do such a

splendid job on our behalf. I try and go to as many of their meetings as I can, and I'm always impressed by the dedication they and the Clerks give to their roles, carefully considering even the smallest matters with fairness, wisdom and a hefty dose of common sense. If you would like to be involved, now is the time to let it be known ...elections are coming up in the merry month of May. Contact the Clerks, their details on pages 6 and 7.

ACCOMMODATION IN LYFORD OX12 0EF.

The Oliver Ashcombe Almshouses Charitable Trust has 2 ground floor small unfurnished units to let. Rural village location, communal garden, exterior parking. Please note NO public transport in Lyford.

1st comprises a small bedroom, sitting room, kitchen and a bathroom/WC.

2nd comprises a small bedroom, kitchen/sitting area and bathroom/WC.

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.

HANNEY FILM NIGHT in the
OWEN WRIGHT CINEMA, Hanney Village Hall.

12 ANGRY MEN

Friday Feb. 1st

Starring Henry Fonda

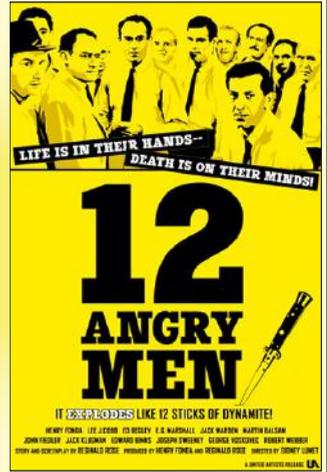
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LETTERS

Dear Editor

Hanney Fundraisers for CRUK

It's the end of another successful year for our charity and we want to give a huge thank you to all the knitters, helpers, friends and family who have donated and supported us through the year.

This year with your help we raised £4715.37 bringing our total so far to £112,685.

Thank you all and best wishes for 2019. Kath, Dulcie, Marion, Lyn (Hanney Fundraisers for Cancer Research)

Dear Sir,

I believe I am right in saying that a temporary permission was granted to Messrs. Sweetcroft to allow for access and storage to their building site over agricultural land that they own accessed from Cow Lane. I also understood they were required to remove spoil and materials at the completion of their construction works and to restore the land to its original agricultural condition.

It seems to me that the development is now substantially, if not entirely,

complete yet there

continue to be many lorries visiting the site, including many large loads of tree and shrub cuttings that feed an ongoing succession of bonfires.

I have written to our Vale Council representative, Matthew Barber, but await a response. I am sure I am not the only Hanney resident who is very concerned indeed that this strictly temporary arrangement does not become permanent by default, and I would be grateful if one of your top investigative reporters could take on the task of discovering when Sweetcroft plan to restore the field to its agricultural state.

Yours faithfully

Robin Border, Mill Orchard, East Hanney

Dear Editor

To the lady in East Hanney who, several months ago, borrowed a pair of large adjustable spanners from me so that she could deal with a nut on her toilet handle: please could I have them back. They are mine and I wish to use them.

P. Gascoyne 868695.

East Hanney Parish Council

Want to meet your Councillors and speak about things that the Council is planning or to learn more about what the Council does? Members of the Council will be available in the Olde Hanney Room of the Hall from 7pm on the 15th February to speak with you. The bar will be open should you need refreshment.

Please do come along even if it is just for a chat about what the Council does, or to discuss any issues or matters that you might like to bring to the Councils attention. Also, if you might be interested in joining or seeing how you could help with those aspects of the village and village life for which the Council is responsible. There are, as you may be aware, elections in May this year, and there are now some additional places for new Councillors.

Your council has agreed its budget for the coming year. As ever consideration has been given to ensuring the provision of services and facilities for which East Hanney Parish Council is responsible, and to provide for the maintenance and provision of new facilities, such as mentioned below.

It has planned to continue the work with an outside contractor to sweep the main routes through the village and empty the

gullies twice in the 2019-20 year. It is hoped that this will be undertaken in conjunction with West Hanney PC to maximise the cost effectiveness of this service. In order to keep the rise in precept as low as possible, the Council had to take the difficult decision to stop providing the skip. The precept will rise with the consumer price index measure of inflation in October 2018, meaning that a typical band D property will see a rise of 2.2%.

Plans are underway to improve the sports and play facilities in the parish. This is to be funded using money received from the developers that have built new homes in the village. For sports, this could include rugby posts on the newly leased field, new goal nets for the adult football pitch on the playing field and a new cricket net along with refurbishing the cricket net floor. On the playground, a small multiuse games area with goals and basketball nets is being considered. It may be possible to use the arts money to have some 'free play' and climbing items made of wood or stone, similar to a trim trail, some pieces of equipment aimed at children of a younger age and some more large pieces of equipment, including a hanging slide track.

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, (from 8pm), in the village hall, as follows:

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)

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

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

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(See last month's Hanney News for full list of Councillors.)

West Hanney Parish Council

Residents have been commenting on the state of the road edges in several areas of our village where they have become very unsightly with accumulations of mud and leaves. Gullies are being blocked and causing floods across the road, especially in Church Street. As Oxfordshire County Council now rarely control the situation, your parish council have had to pay for private contractors to do the work for us. We have also recently agreed another contract to have safety handrails installed on the steps from the highway to the raised footpath on School Road. This work was scheduled to be completed by the middle of January.

Sweetcroft are continuing to remove their equipment from the latest development at Church Farm and are aiming to be off site by the end of January/Mid February. The Directors have told us that, once the works are complete, they have no problem with walkers using the retained strip of land south of the existing footpath and adjoining the Community Meadow gifted



to the village. Residents should however refrain from using the main field fronting School Road as this is still Sweetcroft property.

Large amounts of waste have been dumped along the road edges towards Southmoor, blighting the area. It looks as if the rubbish is from a tiling and/or a bathroom refurbishment job. Anyone who is having any work carried out should ensure that their contractor has a waste carrying licence as any evidence found showing where the work had been carried out could make the householder liable for a hefty fly tipping fine. A drone has been reported being flown in the Church Street area during the night at around 1.30am.

Yes 1.30am! The matter has been reported to the police who have promised to step up patrols in the area, as this could be classified as disturbing the peace and invasion of privacy. If anyone has any information then please contact the police by ringing 101. Your call can remain confidential.

Next Meeting (Provisional) - 7.30pm, Tues 26th Feb 2019

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

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A subject that often comes up in conversations - well, the ones I have anyway - is the relative population sizes of our local towns and villages. I think we will have to wait for the next census in 2021 for those figures, but those for the number of dwellings are available. They've been produced by the Vale of White Horse District Council to help the Parish Councils set their 'precept' levels, the 'local' charge added to our council tax bills.

So just for interest, here's a selection of the number of dwellings in local towns and villages, including ours, starting with the big three...

First it's **Abingdon** of course, with 14,837...that's a 'lorra lorra lot' as our Cilla would have said!

Wantage is next with 5,574, then **Faringdon** with 3,487. Nearly the same size is **Grove** with 3,104...many more than I expected.

Now focussing on towns and villages very local to us, the next biggest is

Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor with 1,251. **Drayton** is also in four figures, with 1,077.

Stanford in the Vale is next with 976, closely followed by **Steventon** with 900 and **Marcham** on 885.

East Hanney is next with 438, then **West Hanney** with 249.

Ardington and Lockinge has 220, with **Charney Bassett** on 125.

Frilford has 87, **Denchworth** 80, **Garford** 69, **Goosey** 56, and last, but by no means least, little **Lyford** with 23.

The photo below shows the gent from the Vale, pausing to strike a quick pose as he makes his round, counting all the houses in West Hanney. He points at each one with his broly and shouts loudly....'47, 48, 49, 50, 51'.

But oh dear, he's going to stop for some refreshment in the Plough - the building on the left in the snap - and by the time he's slated his thirst, he'll have likely forgotten how many he'd got up to and have to go back to the beginning again.



HANNEY DRAMA GROUP

PRESENTS

ALADDIN AND THE WISHING TRE

BY PETER NUTTALL



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on

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"Sad intelligence brought that Fanny Dawson had been taken out of the canal at Grove Bridge, drowned, with a handkerchief tied around her eyes and mouth. An open verdict was returned at inquest, as there was no evidence of violence and no motive whatever could be assigned for her committing suicide."

Lost, probably on the Green, East Hanney, opposite the Grange, one pair of plain cuff links with hallmark JNIR: full reward offered: text 07774 271801.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends,

It's really annoying when we get an "ear-worm"; a part of a song that just keeps going around our head. You can't turn it off, turn it down or skip to something different. It just keeps repeating itself, over and over and over again.

There are also times when we repeatedly play over in our minds words or phrases that have been said about us: "I can't do this", "I am no good", "I always mess this up..." These "tracks" that play in our thoughts can hold us back, damage our self-image and destroy our confidence.

At times, I find myself repeating the negative comments that I have heard others say about me or I just beat myself up with my past failures. I have felt the negativity that these thoughts bring; holding me back from getting on with things, stopping me giving my best or limiting my enjoyment of what I am doing. It can take a great deal of effort to remind myself that I am okay, I have achieved things before and I can surprise even myself in what I am capable of doing.

Recognising what these negative thoughts are, for each of us, can be the start of a journey to change these messages and alter the way we see ourselves. It is not just a matter of pressing the pause button on such thoughts. But, switching them for other more positive views that can help us change the way we see ourselves and affect the things that we do.

I recently read again Paul's encouragement to his friend and pupil Timothy; "For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline". These words challenge me to keep seeing myself as God sees me and to define myself by what I can do and not what I can't do. To be bold in my actions, caring in my relationships and discerning with my choices.

All I need to do now is just get this pesky tune out of my head!

God bless,
Alec, Associate Vicar

Eucharist SERVICES in FEBRUARY - Sundays at 9.30am

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Come and celebrate Candlemas - Friday 1st February 2019 **After-School Activity - 3.30pm – 5pm**

Our first of the after-school activity sessions for 2019 will be to celebrate Candlemas. We will be following the very popular format of activities for children including making some props for the Open the Book story, an Open the Book story and some singing.



And to keep the pangs of hunger at bay, we have savoury snacks and drinks, cakes and a very welcoming cup of tea. If you would like to help please ring Sue on 765885 or email:

andrewclark945@btinternet.com

“What’s not to like about making and eating pancakes?”

Come along and join us making (and then eating) pancakes – and find out why we have them at this time of the year – and as our next **Friday Fun** is on 1st March, has St David got anything to do with it?

So, FRIDAY 1st MARCH from 3.30pm – 5pm in St James Church, to have some Friday Fun.



Join us on the Wantage, Grove & District twinning trip to Mably, France from 7-13th July 2019

Mably is in the beautiful Roannaise region of the upper Loire valley.

We will be a group flying from Heathrow to Lyon. Transport to Heathrow airport and from Lyon to Mably will be arranged. You will stay with a French family and will go out on trips most days with the whole twinning group.

If you would like further information, please contact:

Simon Weston (01235 765620) email: westonsl@virginmedia.com

Find out more at our next French Twinning Group meeting on Weds 6th February 2019 at the Old Mill Hall (Dixon Suite), Grove at 7.30pm. We will be having a short meeting followed by free Cheese and Wine accompanied by sharing of photos from previous visits to and from Mably. Please let Simon know if you wish to attend.

Winter is a good time of year, when the

vegetation has died back, to consider the ditches, streams and culverts around the village, which we all rely on being clear to minimise the risk of flooding. Many people erroneously believe “**The Council**” are responsible for the ditches around the village – this is not so. If you own a house or have land adjoining or with a watercourse running through, you have certain responsibilities. In legal terms you are the “**Riparian Owner**”. If your land boundary is next to a watercourse it is assumed you own the land up to the centre of the watercourse. **Riparian owners** are responsible for the maintenance of any watercourses that run alongside or through their property. Examples include householders in Main Street, Winter Lane, Ebbs Lane, Ashfields Lane, and every house and farm that backs onto or has Letcombe Brook as a boundary.

The Environment Agency “**Living on the Edge**” publication states that water must be able to flow through your land without any obstruction, pollution or diversion which affects the rights of others. Banks need to be clear of anything that could cause an obstruction and increase flood risk, either on your land or downstream. **Riparian owners** are also responsible for maintaining the banks of the watercourse and the trees and shrubs growing on them. Any litter

The Hanneys Flood Group
working to protect our villages

and animal carcasses must be removed from the channel and banks, even if

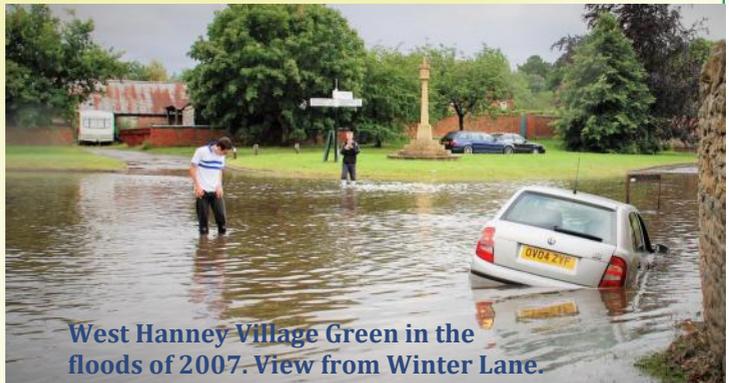
they did not come from your land. Water courses cannot be used to dispose of garden or other waste or left where it could be washed into the water – this especially includes grass cuttings which pollute the water and kill wildlife.

If your property has culverts – there are many along Main Street in East Hanney and Winter Lane in West Hanney, you own them from where they enter to the point they leave your land. **Riparian owners** are responsible for keeping culverts clear and maintaining any on their land. Restricted or blocked culverts means the water may back up and cause flooding. It is your responsibility to let water through your land (culvert) without obstruction. This means you must clear a blocked culvert on your land or under your property.

Relevant publications can be found on Flood Group website: <http://www.thehanneysfloodgroup.org.uk> principally **Watercourse Maintenance for Riparian Landowners: Things to note** © Environment Agency.

This 2-page guide helps landowners understand their responsibilities for maintaining watercourses.

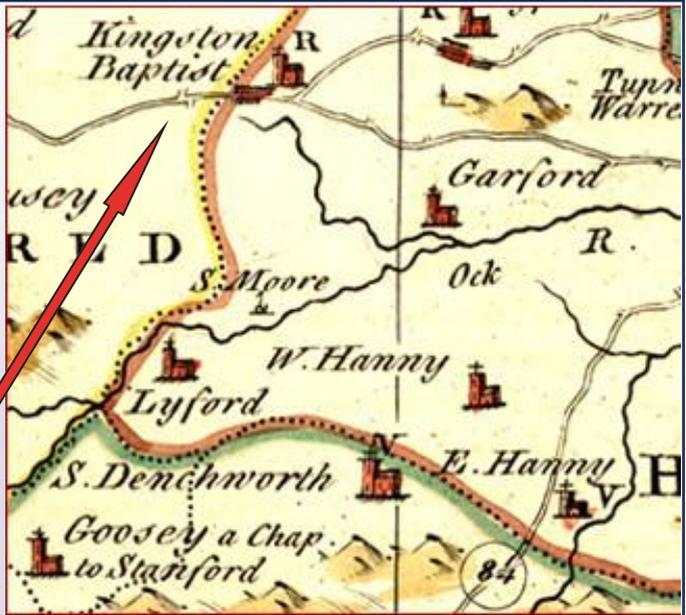
Clive Manvell



West Hanney Village Green in the floods of 2007. View from Winter Lane.

How is the 'Puize' bit of 'Kingston Bagpuize' pronounced?

'Wheeze', as in 'a jolly jape', or 'Pews' - what you sit on in church? It's not a new problem by the way. This lovely map, drawn in about 1760 by Thomas Kitchen clearly shows that Kingston Bagpuize was called 'Kingston Baptist' many years ago, so they were getting it wrong way back then.



In fact, previous maps going right back to one made in 1574 by another chap who was pretty useful with his jumbo pack of Crayolas - one Christopher Saxton - shows Kingston Bagpuize as 'Baptist', and subsequent map makers, including Tom Kitchen, probably just copied his error.

The reason for the mistake may have been that the map maker, on enquiring of the locals the name of their town, misunderstood the answer, which presumably was delivered in a thick Oxfordshire accent.

Another theory is that the name 'Baptist' was included because of the name of the church at Kingston, 'St John the Baptist'. However, a map made soon after Kitchen's by John Rocque showed the town as Kingston Bagpuize...no 'i'.

This from the Domesday Book of Berkshire of 1086 tells us.... *"Henry de Ferrers holds Kingston with Ralph of Bagpuize as his sub-tenant".*

Apparently Ralph came from Bacquepui which is in Normandy, northern France. Maybe he was a pal of William, Duke of Normandy, better known as William the Conqueror, who, you'll recall, rather threw his weight around back in 1066.

The current Kingston Bagpuize website states *"How do you pronounce Bagpuize? It is pronounced by twentieth-century villagers as Bag-pews!"* (I assume that 21st Century villagers also pronounce it that way?)

I suspect however, that various pronunciations will continue unless the good burgers rename their ever expanding town. Maybe 'Kingston Bagpipes' or 'Kingston Bagpuss'? We need a 'People's Vote' on that one! Sincere thanks to Andy Robertson and Paul Sayers of our splendid History Group for all the information. If this kind of stuff floats your proverbial canoe, then do consider joining their group.

Hanney Royal British Legion 95 Years Young

Due to much demand and to help those Service men and women from the First World War, The Hanney British Legion was founded on 2nd March 1925. Up until the club was built and formed and housed on its current site in 1966, the meetings were all held in local village pubs.

Whilst the club was originally formed to help and support local service men and women from the World Wars, plus all subsequent conflicts, the culture of the club has always been about welcoming all families, friends and all from within the local Parish.

Over the years the RBL Hanney Club has welcomed cubs, scouts, local football clubs, the canal club, model aeroplane club, North Berks referees plus yoga and Pilates groups. It's a real hub for the local village and parish.

Every November the Parish comes together on Remembrance Sunday, to show their respects for all those service men and woman that made the ultimate sacrifice, so we could all enjoy our freedom.

Hanney Legion is not just for Remembrance Sunday, it's for all year, with a social club and bar open every evening, through to organised weekend live music events and a hall ready to be booked for any special occasion. It's now down to all of you within the local Parishes, to support your local British Legion Club.

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Club thrives and survives with new members, supporting those existing members enjoying an evening pint or a game of pool, the fruit machine or darts. Our wonderful village and local Parishes continues to change and evolve. With new people moving in to the village on a

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Without all of your help, the Club cannot function. The Club is not just for current or ex service men or woman, it's open to

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Throughout all of 2019 there are regular events taking place such as a Friday night meat draw, ladies darts on a Tuesday, men's league darts on a Thursday, crib and dominoes means there's always something going on at the club. Free wi-fi access allows you to keep online for those that wish to do so.

In addition, there are a number of live music and other events already on the schedule, a list of which can be seen in the monthly Hanney News and on the notice board at the front of the Legion. Hanney Legion is not just for Remembrance Sunday, it's open all year. It's now down to all of us within the local Parish, to support our local British Legion Club.

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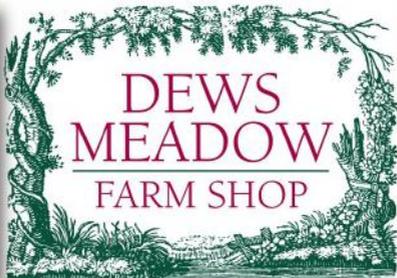
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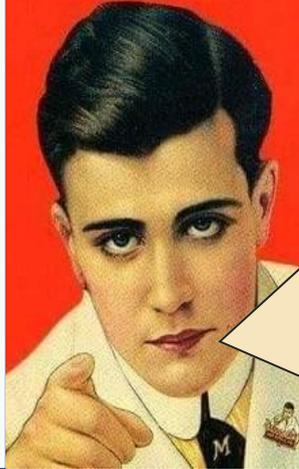


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cards, a
Yorkshire
pudding and
some rice fell
out. I knew
straightaway
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