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This year's Turner Prize
entry from the Hanney
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'Editorial' on page 2.

THE HANNEYS ANNUAL LITTER PICK - SATURDAY 9 TH MARCH, 9.30 AM
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Editorial

Here we are friends, March upon us already, and the arrival on your doormat of another edition of the best Parish Newsletter in the whole of Hanney!

As ever, it's packed with the usual stuff, so let's kick off with news from a recent 'Quality of Life' survey conducted by the Halifax Building Society. They claim that the Vale is the eleventh best place to live in the UK, with South

Oxfordshire an even more impressive sixth. That's nice isn't it? Apparently Orkney came top (!?) and somewhere called 'Eden' - clearly not the Garden of Eden - only came 5th.

Pub news....The Black Horse in East Hanney has set up a DVD library, so pop in with your unwanted stuff and select a few you haven't seen. A

nice community gesture by Nicola the Landlady...big thanks go to her.

Meantime, the Plough in West Hanney has now been awarded a 4 star hygiene rating, so well done them.

And the Turner prize entry featured on the front page from the Flood Group? Well, no, only joshing... it's actually all the new gloves they purchased thanks to a grant from our very own 'News Fund' here at Hanney Global. I'm sure our splendid Flood Group will put them to good use at their next working party on Sat 16th March...details page 3.

The following Saturday, the 23rd, sees the Woodland Volunteers getting busy. Again, details on page 3.

Sadly not happening is the East Hanney party on 16th March. It's been postponed....hopefully there will be a new date announced shortly.



Two ways to spend the morning of Sat 9th March here in Hanney...litter picking with His Bobbliness Sir Robert of Wilson - see front page - or splash the cash at the Cancer Research table top sale, details also on the front page.

I suggest you do both!

The History Group recently were treated to a talk and a practical demonstration of

'casting' - iron that is, not the Harvey Weinstein type (!) - and our pic shows local expert Jim Birch in action. Well done Jim for not setting the curtains on fire!

Please put in your diary now the W.I. Coffee Morning, to be held on Sat 27th April...see page 3. More details on that to follow next month.

Don't miss the letters

page...a lovely one from a couple praising all who helped find their missing dog Charlie, and a follow up to last month's tale of the missing tools.

Clive Fewins reviewed the recent Panto for us - many thanks Clive. His pearls and a couple of lovely photos on page 11. Panto was fab apparently, so big ups to the Hanney Drama Group Luvvies!

We've a couple of new advertisers this month, and we welcome back Becky at the Beauty Shed - see her ad on page 13 - who's been busy giving birth...on Christmas Day I believe!...to a splendid little chap called Archie. Huge congrats from us all here at Hanney News Global. Please try and use our advertisers whenever you can, they're all local and they pay the bills to allow us to produce this monthly dose of silliness. Till next month my friends....

Notices...what's happening this month.

Mon 4th, 7.45 pm, Gardening Club - Update from Rosybee, by Rosi Rollings.

Sat 9th, 9.30 am. Annual Litter Pick. See front page for details.

Sat 9th, 10 am - 2 pm, Village Hall. CRUK Table Top Sale...see front page.

Thurs 14th 7.30 pm - Hanney W.I. Annual Meeting. Village Hall

Sat 16th March - Flood group Working Party, led by David Stubbington. Details from djstubbington@icloud.com

Thurs 21st, 2.30 pm, Hanney Senior Citizens - 'Char and Chatter', an 'in-house' meeting.

Fri 22nd, 7.30 pm till 11 pm - Wantage & Grove Lions are holding a Family Disco at Royal British Legion hall. Adults £5, Children £3. Bar available. Tickets in advance from 07585 448672 or on the door.

Sat 23rd - The Woodland Volunteers working party. Contact Paul Sayers at pksayers@btinternet.com for details.

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

Sat 23rd - Wantage & Grove Lions are holding a cash bingo at Grove village hall. Doors open 6.45 pm, eyes down 7.30 pm also great raffle.

Tues 26th 8 pm - Hanney History Group - Literary Tour of Oxford's Waterways. Village Hall

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

Sat 30th - Comedy Night. A fund raiser for the Friends of St James School at Royal British Legion Hall. See page 5 for full details.

And further ahead....

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

Sat 13th April - Live music with the Faith Healers at the Black Horse.

Hanney's finest beat combo strutting their stuff, and an opportunity to shake what your Mamas gave ya!

Sun 14th April - Abingdon Cycle Festival. www.facebook.com/cycleabingdon

Sat 27th April, 10 am - 2 pm. Village coffee morning run by Hanney WI.

Village hall. Funds raised going to St James School for equipment for their new library. Also celebrating 100 years of the Oxfordshire Federation of W.Is.

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

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.

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I'm afraid I have no news on two of the three current East Hanney issues that I try to keep 'on top of' as they say these days in the world of '24 hour news'. A world in which of course Hanney News Global International is a big player.

Even our County Councillor was able to tell us nothing new about the pedestrian crossing on the A338...proposals regarding exactly what form it will take are awaited from the Highways Dept. of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC). Once received, East Hanney Parish Council will hold a public consultation.

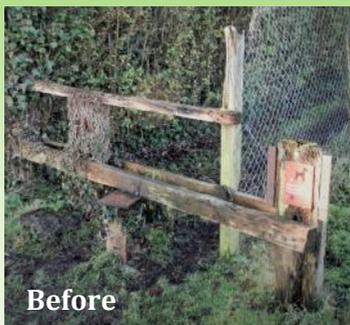
Similarly, no news on the bridge at Poughley Farm in Halls Lane, currently blocked by those hideous great concrete lumps that re now sadly have become part of the landscape. Allegedly the money is in place, and what the hold up is who knows? It's certainly an expensive job, and of course, also quite unnecessary according to an engineer who we at Hanney Global commissioned to do a report on it.

His view was unequivocal...the current bridge is fit for purpose and will continue to be so for some years yet. It is in no danger of collapsing, even given

that large lorries regularly used it. Nevertheless, the OCC engineers were insistent...it must be closed until it can be replaced. I'm guessing they're not the folk within OCC who have to then find the dosh to actually pay for the replacement.

Now to the stile at the end of Snuggs Lane...OCC had decreed that it is not fit for purpose and had offered to replace it with a kissing gate, which they would supply and install at no cost to the owner. He/she has failed to respond to the OCC offer, but in the meantime, some upgrade of the stile has been attempted. Whether this will satisfy OCC remains to be seen. The repairs are certainly an improvement - it's a good deal sturdier than it was - and of course an acknowledgement that the stile was indeed unsafe to start with.

I still urge caution if you use it.



Before



After

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)

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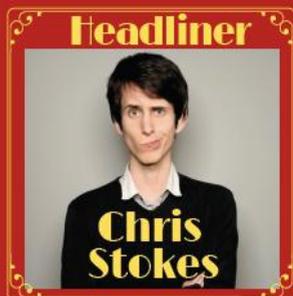
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East Hanney Parish Council

Firstly, your Parish Council regrets that the planned event in mid-March has been postponed. This decision was taken at its February meeting. It is hoped that we will be able to bring you news of the revised date soon.

Your Parish Council is moving forward with its plans to reinstall a cricket net on the playing field, put new nets on the football goals, erect some rugby posts and add a MUGA to the play area. These will be discussed at a future meeting, so keep an eye on the agenda and come along if you want to contribute.

Similarly, your Parish Council is consulting with the County Council regarding some important works in the village. Gates will be installed, funded by the County Council, at the northern and southern edges of the village on the A338. A speed calming measure will be installed on the Steventon Road and a pedestrian crossing on the A338. This last item will not be agreed by the Council until after a public event to consider all aspects and impacts of this new crossing with village residents. Also in consultation with the County

Council, the Parish Council is seeking to ensure that the bridge at the end of Halls Lane, crossing Letcombe Brook and providing access to Poughley Farm is replaced. The temporary entrance is proving less than satisfactory as it runs alongside the school and is significantly increasing traffic flow in that area all through the day. The Parish Council is aware of the damage caused to this temporary surface by the users, especially the construction vehicles and is working with the Countryside Access team to ensure that the construction company make good after the work has been completed.

As you are no doubt aware, all the eight seats on the Parish Council will be up for election this year. Nomination papers may be obtained from the Clerk.

Key dates are set out below.

Should you wish to stand and cannot deposit the nomination papers at the VWHDC offices by hand as is required, the Clerk is able to take them for you on Friday 29th March, please contact the Clerk if you wish to avail yourself of this service.

Important date	Necessary action
Tuesday 26 March 2019	Publication of Notice of Election & Nominations open
Wednesday 3 April 2019 (4 pm)	Deadline for receipt of nomination papers and withdrawal of candidature
Thursday 2 May 2019 (7 am to 10 pm)	Polling Day
Tuesday 7 May 2019	Day that councillors retire and new councillors come into office following the elections

**Parish Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, from 8pm, in the village hall, as follows:
13th March and 10th April.**

For Councillor's contact details etc., please see page 4

West Hanney Parish Council

Several motorists have reported damaged wheels and tyres as a result of the deep pothole along Main Street. This defect, together with others close by, was reported to Oxfordshire County Council by the Parish Council on 28th December. We have since telephoned to advise of the extreme danger especially to cyclists and motor cyclists, but at the date of going to press the crater is still there. One thoughtful resident put a warning cone adjacent to the pothole but this soon disappeared.

We used to complain when utilities came along and dug trenches along, or across, the roads. Someone has said that we should now welcome such action as we at least get an area of roadway without potholes. Cynical but true!

Anyone considering claiming for damage against the Highways Authority should ensure that OCC are aware of the problem. The Council will not entertain any claims for damage if they were not aware of the defect. If there are any potholes or other problems close to your property please report them to the Council. The sooner they are on the list for action the sooner they will be attended to.

The easiest way is by going online to 'fixmystreet.com'.

Openreach (BT) have been digging trenches in several parts of the village. We are told that this is for a new high speed fibre optic cable. We were not too happy that they dug up land along School Road that is owned by the Parish Council without seeking permission. Many of the daffodil bulbs planted over the years have been wiped out and we will be trying to claim money for their replacement. Knowing BT that will be a challenge! The same damage was caused on The Green where the whole small 'Island' was decimated.

On behalf of the PC, Paul Sayers, chair of the Community Woodland and Meadow Volunteer Group, has produced plans relating to the varieties, positions and planting of the trees that will be purchased with the kind legacy left by Wanda Reynolds. The planting is planned to take place in the Autumn on the northern side of the meadow, and the trees will be suitably protected from damage by deer and other animals.

Next Meeting - Tues 16th April, 2019, 7.30 pm
St. James Bell Tower - All Welcome

Councillors

Chris Surman (Chairman) - 868749

Edward Wilkinson - 867316

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Dear Editor,

On Tuesday evening, 15 January, we brought our new rescue pup Charlie home to East Hanney. An hour and a half later he had escaped from our supposedly dog-proofed garden and was nowhere to be seen!



Through the medium of Hanney News may we thank the friends and neighbours who, unbidden, turned out in the fading light and steady drizzle to search for him. Phone calls were made as sightings were rumoured, torches were willingly lent, vehicles were driven round the villages, and – crucially, as it turned out – a missing mutt report was posted on social media (the Hanneys Facebook page I think). Eventually, after a couple of hours, a very frightened and cold little dog was located cowering in a garden probably a quarter of a mile away from our house, the news was posted on Facebook, and the rescue operation was successfully concluded.

So again, many many thanks to all those who helped in Charlie's rescue and who have subsequently asked about his wellbeing (he's getting on fine). The Hanney community spirit is obviously

alive and well.

Stella and Derek Bowland
Little Hafren, Ebbs Lane, East Hanney

Dear Editor

We are very sorry that Little Rainbows Toddler group has closed down. It is a shame to lose a community group, and, speaking from experience, being a new parent can feel very lonely at times. Therefore, we have set up a new group, Hanney Toddlers, held on a Tuesday, where parents, grandparents and carers can come with their little ones, 0-4 year olds, to play, chat, sing nursery rhymes and hear a short story from the Bible. A massive thank you to Hanney Little Rainbows Toddler Group for their kind donation of their toys towards the new group.

It would be lovely to see lots there with their little ones!

Yours faithfully
Sara and Miriam,
East Hanney

(See their advert on page 25.)

Dear Editor

To the lady in East Hanney who I loaned 2 adjustable spanners. Thank you for returning 2 spanners to my house. Unfortunately, as I was out at the time I was unable to point out to you that only one of them was mine.

I still want the other, larger one returning. At over 13 inches long and quite heavy it should be unmistakable. Attempts to sort this out via the only phone number I have for you have been fruitless.

P. Gascoyne - 868695

Panto Review - *Clive Fewins*

Forty-three years and one month ago, as a newcomer to Hanney, one of the first things I noticed were the posters advertising the pantomime. Even then the event was fast becoming a village tradition.

Since then there has been a pantomime most years. So director Graham Hart almost certainly underestimated when he stated in his opening notes to this year's offering in early February that Hanney Drama Group has staged 'at least 30'.

Little Red Riding Hood was the 1973 choice, and I suspect it was not nearly as slick, colourful and polished as the show Graham and his team served up this year - 'Aladdin and the Wishing Tree.'

We were treated to a feast. And it was a panto for the Brexit Generation, with a Genie of the Lamp (Lynda Hart) endowed with hedge fund humour and an online wish catalogue.

This snappy modern take on an old story extended to some well-chosen and very varied chorus numbers, confidently performed.

It was especially nice to see principals Catherine Tysoe (Aladdin) and Gemma

Hart (Princess Ming, with a funny voice worthy of the late June Whitfield) blossoming and in fine form after their long apprenticeships years ago in the junior chorus.

Newcomer to the ensemble Clive Ward was a splendidly surreal villain (Abanazer).

Likewise seasoned

veteran Mike Page was a ludicrously lavatorial emperor.

The costumes and chorus were as good as I can remember and the use of a small stage masterly.

Once again Hanney Drama Group has proved that pantomime is immortal, and for all ages. Book early for next February's show!



Photos by Keith Diment



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends,

There is a lovely little mountain called Allt yr Esgair (meaning 'wooded slope of the ridge') that is part of the Brecon Beacons. My family and I love to trek up this mountain. From the top there are wonderful views in all directions. The River Usk looks like a silver ribbon far below us and Llangorse Lake, constantly changing colour and surrounded by a patchwork of fields, makes us think of Psalm 23 that talks of God leading us beside still waters. One of the reasons my family and I so enjoy this Welsh mountain is that there is quite a gentle climb to get to the top. There is a bridleway that winds along between fields of sheep and small wooded areas. Until recently the bridleway was surrounded on both sides by trees and bushes; beautiful oaks, holly and sycamore gave the walker a sense of being in a tunnel of green. However, after receiving an EU subsidy the farmer who owned the land on the south side of the path cut down a lot of those trees and renewed the fencing around his fields.

The consequence of cutting down the trees exposed the walkers to the full force of the wind and the strong Welsh winds have also blown down many of the trees on the north side of the path. The falling trees have crushed the fence in many places allowing sheep to escape. Because those on the south had protected those trees on the north they had not developed the strength to **stand firm** against the buffeting winds.

Now having mentioned the EU you may think that this is going to be another article about Brexit - it isn't. It is about standing firm. I deliberately use the phrase Stand Firm because it is a common exhortation to Christians in the Bible. Stand firm was what Moses exhorted the people of Israel to do after they had crossed the Red Sea and the Egyptians were closing in to attack. 'Stand firm' he said, 'the Lord God will fight for you'.

As I was walking up the now exposed bridleway I reflected on why the trees could not stand firm, and two thoughts occurred to me. One thought was how having to face the trials and tribulations that life can throw at us makes us stronger; none of us want to go through tough times and yet people often say to me how difficulties have helped them to see how God's strength is something that is readily available and a great help. How often have we wished to avoid difficulties and awkward problems or people, yet discovered that when we stand firm in trusting the Lord it develops and strengthens our faith.

The second thought was that if you remove the protection of God then it is impossible to stand firm. It is that trust in Him which enables us to stand firm and fulfill the purpose in our lives. So what ever you may be facing let me encourage you to stand firm in your faith in Jesus Christ.

I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that St James' Parochial Church Council will stand firm in our desire to significantly improve our facilities including a toilet so that we can be more welcoming and of greater benefit to the community.

We are confident that the authorities will grant us planning permission and intend to start building in October this year. Though we have raised a significant amount so far, £215,000 is still needed to fully complete the project. I hope we can trust in your support for what we think is very necessary enhancement to our community life.

God Bless John

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

More Friday Fun on Friday 29 March, 3.30 pm till

5 pm – Getting ready for Mothers Day. Lots of family activities including making some props for the Open the Book story and a chance to take part as well! And to keep the pangs of hunger at bay, we have savoury snacks and drinks, cakes and a very welcoming cup of tea.



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Happy People.... Headteacher Janice Peacock and her staff at St James School celebrate the completion of their building work. Mrs Peacock told me...
'We have finally moved into the new building, so we are more than half way there to the school being finished and the builders being a thing of the past. We will have an official opening and open afternoon once it is all finished.'
To say that Mrs P and her staff have worked extremely hard on this is a massive understatement - well done to everyone involved.
A spy who's had a sneak preview of the new buildings tells me they are fabulous.

Rain it did – as all will recall the **2018 Michaelmas Fayre** was a soggy occasion – but as ever Hanney isn't put off easily, so although the proceeds from the Fayre & Feast were significantly lower than in previous years, we are very pleased that the Grants were made to applicants - Hanney Community Shop, Hanney Guides, St James Primary School, Hanney Pre-School – towards a Mud Kitchen (which sounds brilliant fun) and Hanney Flood Group towards kitting out the new secure storage unit and St James Church towards the Loo Fund.

At the suggestion of the Parish Council we also purchased two 'road closed' banners which will be made available

for use in emergency for village needs – such as the Flood Group or the litter-pick group. As in the past, the WI were also in receipt of funds and a small donation is made to the SERV OBN charity in proud recognition that one of our community, Richard Haynes, is one of their volunteer riders (and brings his bike to the Fayre every year) - [<http://www.serv.org.uk>]

A Fayre ENewsLetter is now available with full details of activities and up-to-date news – if you would like to receive this please email your details to info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk

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FAYRE & FEAST DATE FOR 2019 - Saturday 28 September

Seeing the homeless on our streets is something that I'm sure troubles us all, no matter what our political persuasion. There are many ways we can get involved, so I'm very happy to publish this piece from Monica Bullen who many of you will know, which details a few groups that are trying to do their bit!

Baking for the Homeless in Oxford

"The homeless problem in Oxford is heart-breaking and especially this time of year it highlights the desperate situation that many people find themselves in. I know there are several people in the village who help the homeless in one way or another but in case you would like to get involved here are some details below of a group who bake for the homeless.

Claire Packham has set up **Didcot Baking for Oxford Homeless**. Claire and Mark, who some of you will know, used to be the landlords at the Black Horse in East Hanney. 'Didcot Baking' supports the Oxford Homeless Project and provides home cooked baking every two weeks. Baked goods (sweet or savoury) can be donated in Hanney or dropped off to Grove or Didcot. The next date for collection is Saturday 2nd or Sunday 3rd March and will be served

with lunch on Monday 4th March. If you would like any further information, contact Claire on 07944 033625, or you can join or check out her Facebook group 'Didcot Area Baking for Oxford Homeless'.

There are a number of other groups and charities which help the homeless.

The Oxford Homeless Project is another

Facebook group who provide a warm curry once every two weeks, and held at the Asian Cultural Centre on Manzil Way in Oxford.

'The Porch' Oxford Homeless Fb Group supports 'the Porch', a day centre in Oxford which provides day long support for homeless and vulnerably housed people wanting to move forward in their lives. The group also collect blankets, sleeping bags, washing essentials, washing powder, non-perishable ingredients for cooking, sugar....the list changes with the needs of 'The Porch' as they do not have vast storage.

ELTH (every little thing helps) is another Fb group that provide families that are struggling or need help, with clothing packages including shoes, trainers, coats and school uniforms."

Monica Bullen



Obituary Geoff Rowse

21st Dec 1933 - 23rd Dec 2018

Geoff moved into North Green, West Hanney on 1st Feb 2005. He spent fourteen very happy years living here. He and Greta found North Green a welcoming place and West Hanney a friendly, lovely village.

Geoff's working life had been spent partly in commercial agriculture, and partly in teaching agriculture and rural science.

He had studied at Sparsholt Farm Institute, Winchester and Shuttleworth College in Bedfordshire for a certificate in Agriculture and a National Diploma of Agriculture.

He later completed a course becoming a licensed seed inspector. In his final studying year he did a teacher training year at Newton Park College Bath where he and Greta met.

He worked for the Potato Marketing Board in Cornwall and Yorkshire and for William Evans Farm Seeds and J W Chafer - advising on agricultural chemicals and liquid fertilisers.

He taught rural science and agriculture in Hampshire and Warwickshire.

With a love of the countryside, and all things rural, The Vale of White Horse was the perfect place for him to live in

retirement.

He became seed secretary for the Wantage Gardeners Association and enjoyed map reading his way round the beautiful local villages, collecting seed orders.

In Hanney he shared an allotment with Ray Woodyear, and gardened alongside John Winter - so he was in good company. He became a member of the Village Hall committee and was for some time in charge of bookings and the safety of the hall.

Geoff also joined the Bowls Club. He took over from Edwina the planting and care of the flower tubs and pots around the village shop and for several years was a volunteer at the shop, purchasing items to be sold in it.

Geoff became ill in June 2017 - suffering several serious illnesses in quick succession.

Greta and family say a big thankyou to all friends and neighbours who sent cards and messages and gave them support over the last few months - Hanney is a good place to be.

£450 has been raised in Geoff's memory for Sobell House.

Greta Rowse

Many of us will be familiar with the works of local author Angela Cousins. She has just sent me this regarding her latest project.....

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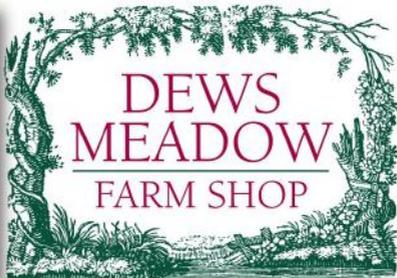
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