



Hanneley News

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COFFEE MORNING - SEE PAGE 5

Casual bar staff are needed at the Hanney War Memorial Hall.
We have a number of events coming up this year involving the use of our bar. The bar income is a key part of the fund-raising we need to run our much-loved Village Hall.
If you are interested in joining our bar team, please email Graham Garner at hwmh.hanneley@gmail.com or phone him on 07970 503931.
Training will be provided for inexperienced staff, and expenses are available.

A338 Pedestrian Crossing

You are probably reading this after East Hanney Parish Council (EHPC) held a public consultation regarding the future of the much needed crossing. It is/was on 27th March. As I write, it is still a week away, so I know not the outcome.

I sincerely hope that common sense prevailed and that EHPC, and other folk too, are - without delay - pressuring Oxfordshire County Council to find the funds and build the much needed crossing, even though it will mean the removal of approx half the long hedge on the western side of the A338, and the erection of 3 street lights.

It is a small price to pay for the massive benefits in terms of road safety for all the folk - there are many - who live on the eastern side of the road, and indeed, anyone who ever needs to cross it.

Do you want to own a part of your local pub?



In 2015, approximately 100 villagers in East Hanney & West Hanney joined together and purchased The Plough at West Hanney. Since then over 10,000 shares have changed hands. A further trading window for existing shareholders will open in April, with sellers able to dispose of some of their holdings.

It is a condition of any sale that existing shareholders are given priority to purchase shares available. In the event that there are more sellers than buyers, the shares can be purchased by other villagers.

If you wish to join a register of new willing purchasers (at a price to be agreed before purchase), please let me know. I will then keep you advised if shares become available. The Register will be compiled on a first come, first served basis so send me an email today to register.

David Corps
Company Secretary of Hanney Community Pub Ltd
david.corps@btinternet.com

You're spoilt for choose this month if you're a fan of live music, especially on Sat 13th April...two gigs in East Hanney - doh! - and one at the Beacon. Details on page 3. More live music in Hanney in May with the Wantage Big Band Super Concert on the 4th...see page 16. Further essential dates for the diary must include the WI Village Coffee Morning - page 5 for details - on 27th April, and the magnificent 'Bohemian Rhapsody', being shown at Hanney Film Night - see page 4 - on Fri 5th. This is a tremendous film, even if you're not



The swans are back!

a Queen fan. My advice is to take a big spotted hanky...you might blub. I did. More blubbing allowed as we offer big sobbing thank-yous to Bobby 'Litter Picker' Wilson for another very successful pick this year. Bashful Bob poses on page 4 with his bags! Also on page 4 is a plea from our History Group...can you help? Letters on page 10, including chapter 3 of the missing spanner saga and a couple that are somewhat controversial - responses very welcome.

The usual silliness from Jaunty Jilly on page 15, and no, her stories are not April Fool jokes in case you were wondering. The project to make our Church far more suitable for community use by providing a meeting room, a loo, a smart new (insulated!) entrance and new individual seats - giving more 'flexible space' - is well under way. The plans are posted on the wall opposite the entrance. The Church is open every day, so pop in and

Editorial

have a gander.

If your May diary is handy, please note Sat 11th, the date of our annual Gardening Club plant sale and the Christian Aid Coffee morning. They run concurrently (see page 13 if you're able to bake a cake for the latter.) and are

always great fun; real 'community' affairs that should not be missed.

Our very own Hanney Beaver Group launched last month...details on page 16, and well done to all involved in that. Another successful Cancer Research sale at the village hall generated yet more

funds for this very worthy cause, so more big ups to the ladies who work so hard to put these events together. I've got room to squeeze in a quick plea to anyone at a loose end on a Tuesday morning. Come on down - as Leslie Crowther used to say - to the village hall and have a cuppa and a custard cream at the Senior Citizens Coffee Morning. That's all for now folks...time to go home to the family - tired but happy!



Notices...what's happening this month.

Monday 1st, 7.45 pm- Gardening Club 'Potty Time' Harriett Rycroft. Village Hall

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

Thurs 11th. WI meeting, Village Hall

Sat 13th, - 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!

Sat 13th, 8 pm, Royal British Legion - Live music, a Roy Orbison Tribute.

Sat 13th, 7.30pm Concert, Wantage Male Voice Choir. See page 17.

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

Tues 23rd - St James School, Term 5 begins

Tues 23rd, 8pm - History Group, Oxfordshire Finds from the Portable Antiquities Scheme - Anni Byard

Thurs 25th, 2.30pm - Senior Citizens AGM. Village Hall

Sat 27th, 10 am - 2 pm. Village Coffee Morning run by Hanney WI. Page 5 for details.

And further ahead....

Sat 11th - Sun 19th May, Oxford Arts Week...more details next month, or go here: www.artweeks.org/

Sat 11th May Christian Aid Coffee Morning - see page 13

Sat 11th May, Gardening Club's Annual Plant Sale. Full details next month.

Fri 24th May - St James School, Term 5 ends.

Saturday 15 June: Grove and Wantage Extravaganza. Starts 12 noon. Entry is free. Details next month.

Fri 5th July, Hanney Gardening Club visit to Hampton Court Flower Show. Details next month.

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

If you would like to hear all the **Michaelmas Fayre & Feast** news, the latest on the competitions and much more, please email info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk and ask for the "ENews Letter"
FAYRE & FEAST DATE FOR 2019 - Saturday 28 September

Contact details for our political chums.

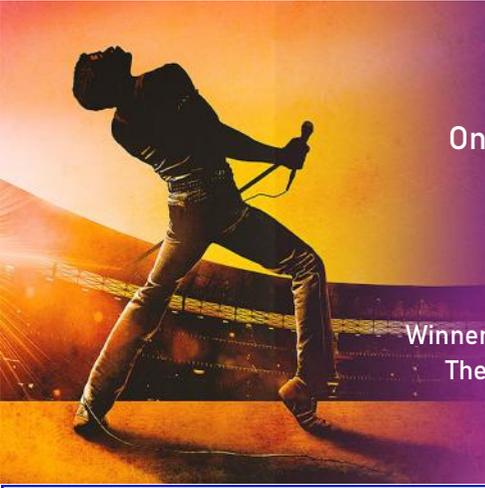
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Ed's website is www.vaizey.com

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“The Litter Pick on the 9th of March was very well attended in spite of brisk cold winds. We had a really enthusiastic team some of whom did a stint the day before as they were unable to attend on the official date. We covered a slightly larger area than previous years. If I hadn't stopped Keith Ringsell he would have found his way to Denchworth!! So in all a very successful job done - see you next year, and a big thank you to all who helped.”

Bob Wilson



The History Group needs your help.....

this from Andy Robertson:

“Our ever-active History Group has been invited to present **“Tales of Hanney History”** to a neighbouring Society. No such talk could omit the 1,000 years of “East vs West” rivalry since the two villages were shown separately in the Domesday Book. But there seems to be precious little written evidence for this rivalry – even the date of the well-known “church stone battle” between the villages seems to be unknown.

Of course, the “fixing” of the annual tug-of-war in favour of “West” is an established fact! In order to present a balanced picture, please send the Editor

any further tales of “East vs West” – no lie detectors will be applied!”

And this from Bill Orson: “We are looking to collate our archive material so that much can be added to the group website.

www.hanneyhistory.org.uk

We would welcome any help, especially from anyone who has similar experience in classifying documents in this way. Please contact Bill Orson on w.orson@btopenworld.com or 01235 868859.

In addition, if you have any photos, text or small artefacts you would like to donate to the archive, please get in touch.

Thank you. “

Village Coffee Morning

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Hosted by Hanney WI to celebrate
100 years of
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Saturday 27th April 2019
10 am – 12 noon Hanney Village Hall

Display of Competition
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Children's
Activities

Funds raised are going to St James School for
equipment for their new library
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East Hanney Parish Council

You will have noticed that since the winter, the dog and general waste bins have not been emptied regularly, if at all. Cllr McKechnie has undertaken to empty them on more than one occasion, as has the Clerk and public-spirited members of the community. Happily, your Council has now identified a new contractor to empty the dog waste bins, so the good service that we once enjoyed should be resumed. It is worth noting that the new contractor does not empty general waste bins. The PC continues to seek a solution to that problem.

At its March meeting, East Hanney Parish Council noted that as a small authority, it is able to fund activities that fall outside its statutory remit, such as supporting clubs and societies, to a maximum of just over £6,000. This figure changes annually, set by central government. At present, your Parish Council makes donations to local groups equating to approximately £2500. This matter will be raised again at the Council's April meeting, where, as the Council is in purdah, such matters are appropriate to be considered fully. It is also hoped that at its April meeting, EHPC will be able to consider the

numerous amendments that Bovis and Origin 3 are putting forward to their proposals for 50 and 55 dwellings on Dews Meadow. Should the Vale not be willing to provide this length of extension to respond, the Council will report its views on the proposals. The amendments have been submitted despite the proposal for 45 being approved by the Vale's planning committee and the developer starting the groundwork. This is another example, in our small village alone, of developers pushing the spirit of the planning system to its limit in their desire to increase profitability.

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 |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 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: 10th April.
Contact details of councillors etc are on page 15

West Hanney Parish Council

Oxfordshire County Council have recently circulated a Town and Parish Council Survey asking what work is undertaken by the Parish Council, and whether we would be prepared to undertake more. Examples of the questions are:-

Does your community undertake any work on the public highway?

What type of work is your community involved in? Vegetation clearing? Snow Clearance? Road Gritting? Sign Cleaning? Footway Clearance? Public Rights of Way Maintenance?

They have then asked who carries out this work? Paid employees, contractors, volunteers, and if our community would be interested in undertaking other work beyond the work currently funded and delivered by Oxfordshire Highways.

There were 13 questions in all which we have answered in the way we feel is appropriate. We are a small village with only five Parish Councillors and a Clerk. Parish Councillors are all unpaid volunteers and in our Village none claim any expenses whatsoever.

The only suggestion which may have some merit given the current state of the roads is a suggestion that we have a 'Highways Super User' – a trained volunteer who can inspect potholes and

order works directly from OCC's Highway Contractor.

In terms of road conditions at the time of going to press Highways are beginning extensive repair works in Church Street and Main Street.

Two Councillors are standing down in May. We already have one resident who has agreed to join which means there will be one other vacancy for a new Parish Council member. If you would like to give something back to your village then please contact any councillor or our clerk for a chat.

The footpath saga relating to the 15 new houses off School Road is ongoing.

Although Highways have now accepted the sensible option of a path inside the field from the development to the school they are still trying to insist that a 2 metre footway is provided from the existing public footpath to the west of the site along the short distance to 'Hanney Spice'. Further they are suggesting that the existing footway needs lights. Both your parish council and Neil Walker's agent have advised OCC that this is not in the interests of a small village that has narrow footpaths around all the roads. A meeting between all parties is being sought and the debate continues.

**Next Meeting - Tues 16th April, 2019, 7.30 pm
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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Dear Editor

I was delighted to read in the March issue of Hanney News that at last we in East Hanney are to have gates installed on the A338 at the northern and southern edges of the village. Whilst these will undoubtedly help to keep undesirable elements out of our village I am rather concerned that they will be ineffective in keeping at bay any unwanted elements emanating from West Hanney.

Yours

Clive Fewins, Lilac Cottage, East Hanney

Dear Editor,

I have an upright piano which used to be my mum's. I would be very happy to pass it on to someone (or an organisation) who could use and enjoy it (and I know my mum would have been delighted too!). This would be free of charge, although the new owner would need to organise and pay for removal. If you are interested, please contact me **after the 6th April** on 867498. I look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Ball.

Dear Editor

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us on Saturday at our table top sale. £1050.70p was the amount raised on the day, which included a cheque from the collection at Bob Dandridge's funeral. Uncle Bob was one of the original fundraisers of our charity started over thirty years ago, and our family and friends continue to support us to keep Hanney Fundraisers raising money for Cancer Research. Thank you - Hanney Fundraisers for Cancer Research.

Dear Editor

I am writing to you to express the views of the residents of Halls Lane concerning the replacement of the bridge at the end of Halls Lane.

Nobody in Halls Lane wants this bridge repaired or replaced as it is not required now alternative access to Poughley Farm has been supplied. The bridge was initial damaged by massive lorries taking sand and material to the farm and the expense of replacing the bridge should be met by the beneficiary not the taxpayer.

The road closure has removed the noise and nuisance of vehicles that are too big for the road driving all over the road embankments and **Halls Lane is not capable of carrying any further traffic due to its width, tight curves and poor condition.** We have had relief from the constant green roader vehicles that use this bridleway throughout the year and the bridle path is now usable by pedestrians where previously it was too cut up to use unless you were on horseback.

The bridge should be retained as a footpath and would be easily adapted to do so from the current structure. In the current financial climate the money could be used to improve facilities for everyone in the village and not one commercial operator who will be the sole beneficiary of the budget expenditure.

Clive Hetherington

Dear Editor

Can you help? Last autumn my wife and I were waiting for the Wantage bus at the Black Horse stop at about 11 30 am. I noticed a woman walking across

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the road from the direction of Medway carrying a rather large adjustable spanner. She was joined by a second woman and they briefly stood talking close to us. I gathered that the one with the spanner was searching for an even larger one. As she walked away I (foolishly) suggested that I could possibly be able to help her. She then departed along Blenheim Orchard

perhaps to Bramley Close. If you know who she was could you please tell me her name and/or address. And why am I so concerned about a mere spanner? Well, every now and again it comes in very useful and to replace it with a new one of similar size would cost £48, (Toolstation item 36762).
P. Gascoyne 868695

Many folk will be familiar with Carey Hope's lovely running groups '**Your Pace Not Mine**'.

Well, her group in Hanney is now free!

It's a great opportunity to meet up with chums, make some new ones, and enjoy the fresh air and some running. Here's what Carey told me....

"Your Pace Not Mine" is a running group that meets in and around Hanney 2-3 times a week. We welcome everybody to come and join us; the sessions are either intervals with a mix of walking and running or steady runs with loop backs so no one is ever left behind. We are a very friendly non-competitive group that just enjoy the benefits that running with friends brings."



To find out more email carey.hope@gmail.com or go to <https://groups.runtogether.co.uk/yourpacenotmine>.



You may have noticed that one of the small so-called 'bollard' lights, installed to illuminate the footpath that runs from the Community Shop towards the iron bridge has died. Oh dear.

They were put in not that long ago by East Hanney Parish Council to replace the tall and very old lights that didn't work anyway...well, two didn't and the other stayed permanently on 24 hours a day.

The demise of the bollard is a sad tale I'm afraid....the strimming of the grass around the base caused the protective coating to come off and once exposed to the 'elements' - for that read dog wee wee! - the metal rusted causing the premature end of said light. A stainless one would be mighty expensive, whilst a wooden one is not ideal, so great minds need to be brought to bear on this issue. In the meantime, please stay away from the stump!



THE CHURCH
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Dear Friends,

Recently, I have heard a few new words that I am getting my head around; our bodies can get into a [parasympathetic state](#), our minds have the capability of neuroplasticity and we need to be concerned at the rise of what-about-ism!

During March and April, the church has a 40-day countdown to Easter called Lent. It is a time to give up or take up things that will benefit our relationship with God. One of the words we associate with Lent is temptations, but what does it mean? Apart from being a long-running Motown ensemble group, we usually think of temptations as things we shouldn't do but like anyway; eating cake and drinking wine!

Jesus was tempted in the desert for 40 days. He was tempted with turning stones into bread (he was hungry), changing his allegiance and gaining authority over the nations and demonstrating his power and identity as God's son to others. Now, these seem to be okay things to do. We can think about temptations in terms of having too much of a good thing or as bad things that we shouldn't do. The news reminds us that people are tempted with many different moral choices and our actions can have a damaging effect on ourselves and others.

Sometimes, the choices that we have can seem like Jesus' temptations; not really bad things in themselves. The reason why Jesus said no to his temptations was because of his friendship with God; he had committed to fasting for God, was only going to serve God and was not going to show-off just to win followers for God. Jesus said no to things that would harm his relationship with God.

When we face decisions in life, they may not be clearly right or wrong; we could do this, or we could do that? Which should we choose? I am challenged by Jesus to consider the impact of my decisions on the most important relationship in my life; how does doing this affect my friendship with God, my family or my relationships with others?

Sometimes we need to say no to something, when we are tempted to say yes, not because it is a bad thing to do. But, by saying no, we are actually saying yes to an important relationship in our lives; to prioritising those most important to us, by not spreading our time commitments too thinly and by keeping our promises to our loved ones.

God bless,
Alec

Eucharist SERVICES in April - Sundays at 9.30am

7th Revd Charles Chadwick, 28th Revd John Durant. PALM SUNDAY – 14th – Said Eucharist followed by Palm Sunday Procession, EASTER DAY – Eucharist & Renewal of Baptism Vows – Revd Alec Gill + Easter Egg Hunt for younger members of the congregation.

HOLY WEEK – Wednesday 17th – 8pm in Chancel; GOOD FRIDAY – 1.30pm

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

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Hot Cross Fun – Good Friday .

Children's activity session 10 – 11.30. Plenty to do, help make our Easter Garden and lots more plus hot cross buns to eat!

“This year Christian Aid Week starts locally with the Coffee Morning on Saturday 11th May at HWMH. That means Fair Trade coffee and tea, delicious homemade cakes and of course the raffle!
To keep up with the demands of our customers we need a good supply of those lovely cakes ! If you could help to make this year's event enjoyable and successful by making a cake - please phone Pam on 868783.”

RUN MAX RUN!!

As well as being Treasurer of Hanney Shop, Frank Whiting has also been the County Treasurer of SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity, for over 30 years.

This year his daughter Maxine Thomas is running the London Marathon on the 28th April to raise funds for this very worthwhile cause.

If you would like to help Max raise funds and awareness of the charity there is a sponsorship form in Hanney Shop, or you can sponsor her online here:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MaxineThomas3>

Here's a little bit about the Charity....SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity, has been providing lifelong



support to our Forces and their families since 1885. Every year our staff and team of volunteers help more than 60,000 people, from World War Two veterans to young men and women who have served in Afghanistan and Syria.

If you would like more information, please visit our website www.ssafa.org.uk or call 020 7463 9225.



FLEXICARE COMMUNITY WALK

Does the sound of a lovely walk on and around the Ridgeway, followed by all the (free) cakes and sandwiches you can possibly eat, sound appealing to you?

If the answer is "yes", please read on!

Flexicare (a small local charity supporting families with severely disabled children in their own homes - now in its 34th year!) is holding its annual fundraising walk on **Sunday 12th May** from Snells Hall in East Hendred. Booking out is from 9-10am with a choice of a 10 or 5 mile walk, or a 2-3 mile buggy/wheelchair route to choose from. If you would prefer to run any of the routes, please book in at 8am.

If we know you are coming to run, we will have bacon butties ready for your return. You can register (free of charge) on www.flexicare.org where you will find registration and sponsor forms and more information if required.

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Darlings, me again, Jaunty Jilly -

VJJ to my friends - and this month I'm pretending to look scared cos I've got a very spooky to tell!

A lady called Sarah Mageean has been in touch - via the Parish Council! - to say that she is a casting Assistant Producer at 'Back2back Productions', and is working on a "very exciting paranormal series". Her words. She's looking for properties that are haunted - yes, really! - where the owners might want them investigated. See, told you it was spooky! Here's the official blurb....

"Have you had any ghostly goings on in your home? Would you like a top team of paranormal investigators to help? Back2back are making a paranormal TV series for UKTV. We are looking for people to take part. If you would like to share your story and take part in the series then please email the team -

haunted@back2back.tv

Well, there've been a few goings on in my home Sarah dear, let me tell you, but they'll all be in my no holds barred autobiography, due out soon - probably not appropriate for family TV.

Now if you think this ghosties and ghoulies stuff is all rather silly but you still want to be on the telly, how about this?....

Another of these TV production



companies, this one called 'Wall to Wall', are looking for folk to take part in a new series of 'Back in Time', which they assure me is a 'hit BBC2 series'...I'll have to take their word for it, having never heard of the programme, far less actually watched it!

Anyway, they are looking for a family to - their words - "immerse themselves in the past. Do you have memories of, or family connections to, the countryside and village life?" they ask.

If so, they suggest you visit walltowall.co.uk and click on 'Take Part'. You must be "UK residents and have a minimum of two children, ideally aged 8+".

I suspect this could involve leaving the smartphone at home and no Frappuccino's for a while - maybe even sleeping in a ditch and eating worms and twigs? - so if you do go on the show, don't say VJJ didn't warn you!

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.easthaneyparishcouncil.org.uk>

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

Wantage Big Band Supper Concert

Musical Director - Sara Wallbridge

Vocalist - Christian Bradley

Saturday 4th May 2019, 7.30pm

Hanney War Memorial Hall

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www.wantageband.org

Last month I was invited to the launch of the **Hanney Beaver Scouts** group. It meets every Tuesdays from 6:15 – 7:15 pm at St. James School. Here's a bit more about the Scouts....

Beaver Scouts - boys and girls aged 6 to 8 - are our youngest members. They meet weekly to take part in a wide range of activities including games, crafts, singing, visits and good turns, along with plenty of outdoor activities.

They will also have the opportunity to take part in the fun and excitement of camps and sleepovers. It may be the first time they spend a night away from home



so it's a real adventure for them.

Cubs (8-10½) Currently meeting on Tuesday evenings alongside the Beavers, but will be having their own section meetings in the near future.

Cubs take part in a wide range of activities designed to be interesting and challenging. A meeting consists of games and activities with plenty of time spent outdoors. Camps and

holidays are some of the most memorable events of the year for Cubs.

Scouts (10½-14) Currently we do not have a Scout Section in Hanney but will consider opening one as and when the demand is there. For more info, contact: janet@thegreensonline.me.uk



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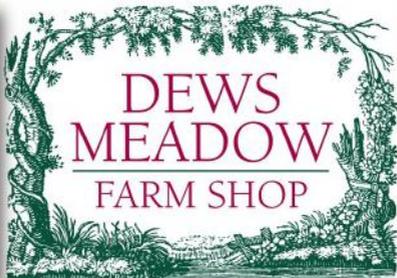
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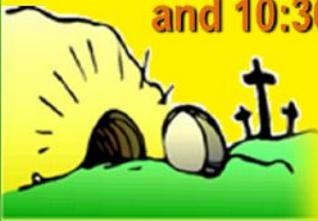
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