

Hanneley News

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Table Top & Car Boot Sale

In aid of Cancer Research

Sat 14th Sept

Hanneley WMH

10 till 2pm

Craft stalls, bric a brac, china, toys, something for everyone. Hot/cold food

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Chair of West Hanneley Parish Council Sir Graham of Garner donned his best bib and tucker and with his lovely assistant 'Nicole' took a very royal visitor on a trip round the Parish. But oh dear, Her Majesty's passage was blocked ... by overhanging branches and hedges!



The Scarecrows are coming back for the Michaelmas Fayre!
All the information you need to take part can be obtained in the Shop,
The Black Horse,
St James Church, or via
www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk

And don't forget the Feast...
East Hanneley's turn to host some Michaelmas Fayre action, as we wine, dine and rock to Hanneley's finest beat combo the 'Faithhealers' in the Black Horse.

Editorial

September already, and depending on when this lands on your doormat, HanneyFest will have either just happened or be about to happen. If it's the latter, do try to get along. It's at the Black Horse in East Hanney, expect some great live music from midday, on Sat. 31st Aug.

Plenty of big ups to hand out this month; both Parish Councils working well, spending money to improve our community. No point in having it sat in the bank earning 49p a month or whatever pathetic sum it is.

The shelter on the rec has had a refurb...details and pic on page 4. We've gone a bit 'footpath' mad this month, not only Her Majesty's visit, but also encouraging folk to keep their bushes trimmed, and offering more big ups to the team who did the necessary on some rather overgrown paths in East Hanney...see page 14.

West Hanney are having a day of clearing paths on Sunday 8th...any help would be gratefully received...see page 7.

We've updates on the A338 pedestrian crossing and the Poughley Farm bridge...pages 15 and 17 respectively. And if you're into something a little bit

different, check out the piece on page 5 about the SHE Gathering...ladies only on that one.

If you like your fish fresh, pop down to the village hall car park, where you can buy some from a man in a van every Friday morning, 10 am - 11 am.

Michaelmas Fayre happens at the end of the month....it's not to be missed. I'll be wandering round with my box brownie, so please come up, say hello and strike a pose!

And don't forget the Feast in the evening at the Black Horse, with live music from the Faithhealers.

Talking of the Fayre, can you help the History Group with their contribution to it? See their piece on page 10.

More live music this month at the Legion, see page 3, and Film Night's back on the 6th.



Some new folk have moved into Winter Lane, just opposite Global HQ, so can I welcome them, and of course all newcomers to our villages. May their time in Hanney be long and happy.

Armed with their copy of our 'Guide to Newcomers', I hope they'll settle in, unpack those boxes, and when ready, start to get involved! We're a friendly bunch.

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

Notices...what's happening this month.

Mon 2nd , 7.30pm, Hanney Gardening Club AGM and talk on cacti and succulents....screens Matron! See page 17

Fri 6th : The return of Film Night at the Village Hall. See page 5.

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

Thurs 12th, W.I. - A talk by Suzanna Rose 'Is there parity of care in the NHS between physical and mental health?'

Sat 14th, Music for the Unmusical. Workshop, £20, 1-5pm at the Mix in Wantage. For more information, and to book, email

musicandmelodies@outlook.com

Sat 14th, Ride and Stride Fundraiser event...page 13 for details.

Sat 14th , Cancer Research Table Top Sale and Car Boot - see front cover.

Weds 18th, 7.30pm, Village Hall, Hanney Drama group's 'Luvvies Quiz' page 10 for details.

Sat 21st, Flood Group Working Party, see page 26 for contact details

Sat 21st , 'Health and Wellbeing Event'. More details page 11

Sat 21st, Royal British Legion - live music with 'Rockers Reunited'

Sun 22nd - Longworth 10k Road Race - page 11 for details.

Thurs 26th, 2.30pm, Village Hall, Senior Citizens, 'Fun and Games'.

Thursday 26th, 7.00 pm, Wantage Health Centre, a talk by Professor Garry Tan, Diabetes consultant "Diabetes, Causes, Care, Control", see page 11.

Sat 28th - Michaelmas Fayre, see front cover and visit the website at...

www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk

And further ahead....

Sat 5th Oct Royal British Legion, Live music with a Roy Orbison Tribute

Sun 6th Oct: Hanney 5 Mile road race...see page 11

Sat 12th October at 12.30pm - Celebrate the Harvest Lunch! Full details next month.

26th Oct - 2nd Nov Wantage Literary Festival...full details on their website

www.wantageliteraryfestival.co.uk/

Sat 14th Dec - Holly and Christmas Gift Fayre - details soon.

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This from the Hanney Fundraisers for Cancer Research....

"We are sorry but we are unable to take any more items for our September 14th Table top/ Car boot sale due to the lack of storage, and clearing the hall after the sale. If anyone would like a table or car boot, we would be pleased to see them (£5 table or pitch.)

But we have to ask that what you bring that remains unsold, you take away.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support"

Hanney News Global International was delighted to present to every St James Year 6 school-leaver - all 22 of them! - a £20 book token, along with our very best wishes for their futures at senior school.

This brings our donations to good causes in the community via our 'News Fund' to over £2,500. To say we're rather proud of that is something of an understatement. May I add a quick plug to the bookshop in Wantage from whom we purchased the book tokens...they're an independent shop called 'Madhatters' and are at 18, Mill Street, Wantage, phone 01235 763215.

Here's a quote from their website (www.madhatterbooks.co.uk)...*"We are independent booksellers who believe reading inspires thinking, enjoyment and community."* I rather like that, don't you? They have loadsa books, with a large children's section...do pay them a visit.

Remember last month's item about the 'shelter' on the rec?

I said that in my humble opinion, it needed to be got rid of completely, or at least have some major TLC (tender love and care) given to it.

Step up the Stephenson family! Mum Sarah - one of East Hanney's new councillors, husband Matt and their children Will and Lucy got busy the other day with sponges, buckets, paint and rollers, and gave it a complete makeover. Serious big ups to them!! Lovely job.



And whilst we're on 'big ups', let's send some to East Hanney Parish Council who have installed some superb new cricket nets, also on the rec. Anyone can use them, and if you want to get involved, why not join our very own Hanney Cricket Club...contact details page 26. Our pic shows the club's fancy new bowling machine - as used by England, no less! - being set up. Maybe it can work out how to get Steve Smith out!

SHE Gathering: September 20-22, 2019

A retreat weekend for women of all ages & abilities in East Hanney.

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This event will be supporting the charity UNSEEN, tackling modern slavery

A word to the wise...personal experience and comments from other folk suggest that anything left in your wheelie bin after the dustmen - I'm sure they have a posher name than that these days - have emptied it using the automated system at the back of the dustcart, they are not allowed to reach in, even with a hook or a pointy stick, and pull it out. The residue will simply stay there until the bin is next emptied. Yes, it wheelie will...sorry, couldn't resist that little joke - not a side-splitter I admit.

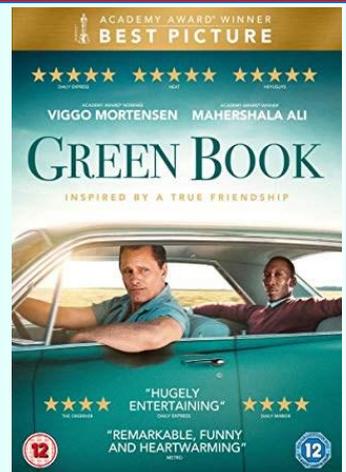


**HANNEY FILM NIGHT in the OWEN WRIGHT
CINEMA, Hanney War Memorial Hall
Friday 6th Sept**

Green Book

We start an exciting new season with this American biographical comedy/drama set in 1960s. The film won three Oscars and many other awards. 130 minutes, suitable age 12 plus. Bar and doors open 7.15 for 7.45 start.

('Green Book' was an annual guidebook for African-American road-trippers, published from 1936 to 1966, during the era of Jim Crow laws.)



East Hanney Parish Council

Following the co-option of Cllr Dickon Green in August, East Hanney Parish Council now has a full compliment of 8 members.

As in previous years, these members have areas of special responsibility. Should you have an issue to raise, a question to ask regarding one of the identified areas, please make contact directly with the relevant councillor.

Cllr R Strange - Playground and assoc. projects

Cllr P Aram - Playing fields, Sports club development and assoc. projects

Cllr S Stephenson - Community Group Liaison (eg.PTA/Scouts/Guides) Footpaths.
Internal Financial Controller

Cllr D Blomley - Allotments, First Council representative on the Hanney War Memorial Hall Operations Committee

Cllr D Kirk - Scrutiny and response to the Vale of White Horse DC Local Plan 2031.
Leadership of the East Hanney Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr S McKechnie - Liaison with District and County Councils. Second Council representative on the Hanney Hall Ops committee

Cllr O Cornish - Village environment, including Parish Council owned items.
Liaison with annual Litter Pick.

Cllr D Green - Neighbourhood Action Group, Speedwatch, Parish Council representative on the Emergency Planning Committee

All Councillors - Responses to specific and allocated aspects of planning proposals

Until further notice, meetings of East Hanney Parish Council will be held from 7.30pm, in recognition of the other commitments of the members and to ensure that the meetings finish in good time.

The next two meetings of East Hanney Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on the 11th Sept and 9th Oct 2019 in the Village Hall.

East Hanney Parish Council

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

West Hanney Parish Council

As you will have noticed, the Council took delivery of the three speed monitoring signs I mentioned in last month's Hanney News, and David Corps and I installed them last month. We are grateful for all the positive comments we have received about them and although it is too early to assess their effectiveness in reducing the speed of vehicles in our village, the initial indications are looking good. Other councils have contacted us as they are interested in installing the same signs in their communities.

I hope you are amused by the "Royal Visit" photograph on the front cover this month, but it does highlight the difficulties that wheelchair and buggy users have on some of the footpaths in our village because of overhanging vegetation from gardens. It was taken on Church Street - Her Majesty was not amused! As I mentioned in the July edition, it is the responsibility of



homeowners to cut back overhanging plants to ensure that the paths are kept clear for pedestrians. Your Councillors have already helped one resident to trim back branches encroaching over the footpath in Church Street. However, it is not only a problem in Church Street and we encourage all residents to check that plants in your garden are not encroaching on adjacent paths and public footpaths. Please contact your Councillors if you require any assistance in clearing overhanging plants.

We have already been busy clearing one of the public footpaths in the village and are planning a 'Village Tidy' event on Sunday September 8th to clear the other public footpaths. Please let me know by email

(graham.garner@sky.com)

or phone - 868684 - if you are available to join us.

Graham Garner, Chairman

**Next Meetings - Tues 3rd Sept and Tues 15th Oct
St. James Church Bell Tower - All Welcome**

Councillors

Chairman: Graham Garner - 868684

Edward Wilkinson - 867316

Trevor Brettell - 868459

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Hanney History Group need your help for the Michaelmas Fayre

This from their Chair, Bill Orson.. "We always put on a themed exhibition the Michaelmas Fayre, in the chancel of St James Church. This year we aim to have a slightly larger show there, concentrating on the start of the Second World War in 1939. It will remain in the chancel for at least a week. We will cover the run up to the war from about 1936 and will include the actions of the fallen. We would like to hear from any villagers who can add information or perhaps loan exhibits. The main areas we plan to concentrate on are:

- The build up to war from the mid 1930's and the changes locally.
- The arrival of evacuees and their subsequent life in the two villages, and any continuing contacts with villagers.
- The changes in the school and their activities to support the war and village.
- The activities of the Hanney Home Guard
- The stories of those who fought in the services
- Other local activities to support the Allies
- The arrival of the US servicemen [and women?]
- Military activity within 10 miles of Hanney - Army and Air Force and others.
- The new roles for women in the area
- Changes in agriculture and other local trades
- Everyday changes in village life

We aim to produce a display for each of these areas. It would be good to be able to borrow unseen photos, contemporary documents and any objects that have a story of their own. All will be safeguarded and returned. We would also like to be able to record personal memories. The emphasis is on the early part of the war but we are happy to include anything from 1936 -45. Our closing date for contributions will be about September 20th. If you can help in any way, please call Bill on 868859.

The Hanney Parochial Trust

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 2019, and live in East Hanney, West Hanney or Lyford.

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

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

**Did you enjoy Hanney Drama Group's Panto?
Would you like to know us better?**

Come along to our annual "Luvvies" Quiz in HWMH, Olde Hanney Room on Wednesday September 18 at 7.30, £2 , bar open and free nibbles.

'Your Pace not Mine' have added new running sessions,

starting in September. This from organiser Carey Hope... "Whether you want to learn to run, get fitter or just get outside and meet new people, we are a friendly group who want to have fun and feel great. Exercise has amazing benefits for your body and mind, and when you workout with others these benefits increase. All sessions are free, so whether you're a beginner or looking to improve your technique, come along and give it a try. We gather at **7pm, Wednesday's at Hanney Recreation Ground** - all ages, all abilities, all over body workout (why not bring your children along too?) and **9am Friday's again at the Recreation Ground** - All abilities, all over body workout." Book your place online: <https://>



Carey Hope

groups.runtogether.co.uk/YourPaceNotMine/Runs

Now, just to inspire you and give you something to aim at, here are a couple of local road races to tell you about! Both are 'long running events' - clever play on the word 'running' there Mr Editor! - that are extremely

well organised, well marshalled and great fun to be involved in.

The first is the '**Longworth 10K**', on **Sunday 22nd September at 11 am**. To learn more and register online go to www.longworthvillage.org.uk. or see their [Facebook](#) page.

Just two weeks later - hopefully those aching legs will have recovered and the blisters shrunk a little - you can run the '**Hanney 5 Mile Road Race**.'

It's on **Sunday October 6th also starting at 11 am**. Start and finish are both near the Hanney Village Hall, and full details are here...

<https://oxfordcityac.com/competitions/hanney-5/>



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELL BEING EVENT

"Looking after yourself"

Saturday September 21st 2019, 10am - 2.00 pm
Wantage Health Centre, Mably Way



There will be many Health and Wellbeing stands, demos, talks, activities to join in, face painting, refreshments all day. The Event is organised by the patient groups of both Wantage GP practices, helped by staff members, Guides and Scouts and sponsored by ASSURA, our landlords.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Both Patient groups have also started a series of 'Health Talks', the next of which will be on Thursday Sept 26th, 7.00 pm in the Heath Education Room, Wantage Health Centre and will be given by Professor Garry Tan, Diabetes consultant - "Diabetes, Causes, Care, Control"





THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends

The designated 'Laundry Person' responsible for laundry in the Vicarage was getting a little overwhelmed by the volume of laundry and the vast pile of clothes spilling out of both the dirty laundry basket and the ironing basket which both sit alongside the bulging sock basket.

At this point I would just like to mention that part of my training when I joined the Army included how to iron and I do put my training to good use during daily life in the Vicarage.

Just as we were starting to fear total laundry take-over of the house we found a book entitled 'Start With Your Sock Drawer-and the rest will follow'. It promised to be a simple guide to living a less cluttered life with easy steps to sort out not only your sock drawer but all other areas of your home and life as well.

According to the book, the day after clearing out your sock drawer you will get a real buzz when you open the wonderfully organized drawer and will be inspired to move onto the next phase of sorting out.

These days we do not have so many children living at home with us but somehow, even with the few children remaining there still seemed to be quite a number of drawers plus the previously documented bulging sock basket to sort out. So operation Sock Drawer Clear Out was not quite as easy as the book made it sound. After 3 days of sorting socks

the Laundry Person stated that there was no discernible buzz from seeing a tidy sock drawer. The rest of us were mourning the loss of well worn, well loved, socks, and trying not to use the word 'socks' in everyday conversation with our beloved Laundry Person. A particular blow for me is that with 5 days to go to our second daughter's wedding I discover I have only one "father of the Bride" sock.

You won't be surprised to read on and see me mention the Bible, that wonderful book that doesn't promise anything on the cover but nevertheless can inspire and guide us, entertain us with thrilling stories and provide us with intimate details of Jesus' ministry. When people tell me they are going to read a good book whilst on holiday I reflect that they would probably get just as much enjoyment if they were to read the Book of Ruth or Song of Songs or Acts than a modern story.

Yes it would be great to have an organized sock drawer and life, but how much better to be inspired daily by reading the word of God. My challenge to you is try reading a few verses of Luke's Gospel each day for the next month. I think you will find yourself challenged, excited and more in touch with our Loving Heavenly Father who does not make idle and unsustainable promises but is everything and more than we need for each day of our lives. God bless

John

Eucharist SERVICES in Sept - Sundays at 9.30am

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FRIDAY FUN

Friday 11th October between 3.30pm – 5pm in St James.

A family activity with crafts, games, an Open the Book story – and the chance to dress up, plus savoury snacks, cake & squash and tea or coffee for your accompanying adult! All welcome, come and go as fits your commitments.

Save the Date – **Saturday 12th October at 12.30pm - Celebrate the Harvest Lunch!** Full details next month.



Saturday 14th September

'Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust'
Details <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-stride/>



Speed signs

Big ups to West Hanney Parish Council (WHPC) for the installation of speed indicator signs.

(See their article, page 7.) There was some confusion on the community

Facebook page as to

why the sign located on School Road wasn't east of St James School to discourage drivers from speeding when passing the school entrance. That's East Hanney land of course and even if they'd wanted to, WHPC would not have been allowed to place a sign there. (East Hanney Parish Council are already discussing having signs of their own.)



The signs have been put at the three entrances to West Hanney; from the east School Road, from the west Denchworth, and from the north Winter Lane. Talking of which, my snap looking down Winter

Lane towards the Green shows not only a very law-abiding lorry - thank you Sir Driver of Skip - but also just how narrow the road actually is. 30mph may be the legal limit...20mph is much closer to the max safe speed in my humble!

My luxury suite of offices here at Hanney News Global looks out over Winter Lane and the traffic heading south into the village is noticeably slower. Result!

Vale Path Volunteers East Hanney Path Clearance

Landowners are responsible for the maintenance of footpaths on their land but sometimes members of the public report overgrown paths to an OCC website - <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/countryside/countryside-access/public-rights-way/report-footpath-issue>

The Ramblers organisation within Oxfordshire has a number of trained and well-equipped volunteer footpath clearance teams, including one locally that draws on volunteers from the VOWH Ramblers group, the VPV. <https://www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk/vwh/vale-path-volunteers.html>.

A fine example of their recent work can be seen along the footpath running adjacent to the Letcombe Brook from the Iron Bridge to Lower Mill. A team of 8 people using brush cutters, a hedge trimmer, secateurs, loppers and rakes opened up the path that had become overgrown, and have done a great job. This included clearing the area around the

wooden bench, as well as cleaning the fingerpost and display panel. If you are passing that way, do stop and read the inscription on the bench!

Phil Manville

And while we're on the subject of footpaths, have a read of this letter from Joanna Brettell, the West Hanney 'Footpath Co-ordinator'.

*"Dear Parishioners,
It's that time of year when I have conducted my survey of West Hanney footpaths on your behalf as the local footpath co-ordinator.*

Yet again I tell the area co-ordinator about broken and missing stiles, gates locked which shouldn't be, crops invading footpaths and in one case a bridleway not suitable for a trap to pass!

On the sunny side, the footpath off School Lane, where the hedgerow is encroaching and is too much for my secateurs to cope with, was worked on by the ramblers group on 12th Aug.

They have long-arm hedge-cutters, so we should see results eventually.

*Yours
Joanna Brettell"*





Dear Editor
Eddie Smith

Paul and I would like to thank everybody for their help and support during a very difficult time. Eddie was well liked and respected by all who knew him and he will be sadly missed. A total of £432 has been donated to Cancer Research UK in his memory.

Thank you
Marlene Spicer and Paul Smith

Dear Editor

May I clear up a couple of points about the article in the August issue of the Hanney News. The Indian muntjac was brought to Woburn Estate in 1893 and the Chinese muntjac a year later. They were released or escaped in the early twentieth century, gradually increasing in numbers and territory once free in the countryside. As indicated above they originate from Asia and as far as I know, none exist in Europe.

As to whether wolves would have kept numbers down, I can only think that there were and are far more dangerous things around in their native lands that could have predated them (including wolves), however, they managed to survive there.
Eric Evans

The much needed pedestrian crossing on the A338 was discussed at length at the August East Hanney Parish Council meeting.

Much of the discussion centred around what type of lighting will be installed.

There are options, but some have major cost implications for the Council. Councillor Kirk has been tasked with investigating the issue further.

It is now all that stands in the way of us getting the crossing, aside of course, from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) actually coming up with the dosh that's needed, so I hope decisions can be swiftly made, allowing major pressure to then be brought to bear on OCC to just 'get on with it'. Sound familiar?

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Obituary

Nora Lavinia Vickers *nee* Ballard (known as Vinny) was born in Lyford on the 18th July 1922.

Her family soon moved to North Green, West Hanney, her father employed at close by Rectory Farm. Vinnie recalled in childhood, playing by the pond, where horses would be watered after being shod at the forge facing the Butter Cross.

She attended St James School where, one day, her class was taken outside to view an eclipse of the sun through smoked glass.

She left school aged 14, and entered domestic service at St Mary's School, Wantage.

World War 2 meant that Vinny was soon busy working alongside engineers at Dandridge's Mill, East Hanney making components for the Avro Company.

She later moved to the vast Didcot Supply Depot, cycling there each day, being sent back once for not having her gas mask! On another occasion a fighter plane crashed close to Rectory Farm, causing her mother to rush out to check that father had not been injured.

Vinny was married in 1946, living at Carter's Close West Hanney...in those days 3 small cottages. For many years Vinny delivered the daily papers in all weathers including the severe winter of 62/63 when the big freeze cut off both Hanneys for several weeks.

Vinny was widowed at 44, but determination and hard work was her way. In addition to her Newsagent's business,

she became school caretaker, learned to type at evening classes, and passed her driving test at aged 51. These latter skills led to a career at The Home Office at Steventon.

Vinny played an active role in village life, helping and taking part in the village carnivals where funds were raised to build the Village Hall.

She attended the WI, which her mother

helped to set up in Hanney in the 1920's. One of her proudest moments was attending a garden party hosted by The Queen at Buckingham Palace to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the W.I.

Vinny volunteered at the Village Shop for over 20 years, and delivered meals on wheels. She loved walking her dogs and tending to her allotment whilst chatting to passers by.

Vinny died peacefully at a care home in Chipping Norton where she spent her final year close to her son Ian's home.

She lived in Hanney for 93 of her 97 years. Her funeral service at Garford Crematorium was on her 97th birthday. Her ashes will be interred with her husband Bill in West Hanney Church Yard.



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