



Hanneys News

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**“Ho...Ho...Ho...
Happy Christmas to
all our readers!”**



The Hanney Calendar 2020 is now available from the Community Shop and at the St James School Xmas Gift Fayre on 7th Dec and the St James Church Holly and Xmas Gift Fayre on the 14th...see page 5... or just ring us here at Hanney Global. All profits to good causes in our Community. £8 each...makes a great Xmas pressie!



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Strictly Come Dancing Final!

Saturday 14th December

Come to Hanney War Memorial Hall to watch the final on the giant screen!

Doors open 7:00 pm Tickets £5.00

Bring a plate of savoury food.

Puds provided. Bar available

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Editorial

Yikes...my 5th Christmas edition of our little parish newsletter, or 'pamphlet' as a friend of mine recently referred to it! Apparently, the word pamphlet comes from *Pamphilet*, the familiar name of the 12th-century Latin love poem *Pamphilus, seu de Amore*. That's rather nice isn't it?

Back to Christmas...time to find a new image of Santa to put on the front cover - hope you like this one - and inform you dear readers of all the Christmas stuff happening in our villages.

A Very Hanney Christmas is on again ...page 4 for details... and our two local gift fayres are also musts for your diary. Page 5 has details of them both.

Film Night - page 4 - looks an interesting, though not Christmassy, offering, and the Strictly party in the Village Hall is not to be missed.

Our clubs and societies offer their members opportunities for fun and merriment at their Christmas parties and if culture is your thing, check out the screening of the Nutcracker ballet, page 3 for details and a snap of a lady who's got a big happy smile and a bigger pink tutu. →

We welcome three new advertisers this month - David Searle, a driving instructor, Penny Charman's new 'Radiant Beauty' and A&B Plumbers. Please use them and all our advertisers whenever you can. The fee we charge them for advertising space is our sole source of income. Without it, Hanney News would fold.

Back in July I published a piece by a talented young member of our community regarding the issue of recycling. This month I've included a lovely illustrated piece about global warming from another youngster, see page 16. I think that author and artist Rosie Belle is only eight years old!

The folk at the Michaelmas Fayre await your applications for grants...page 13 tells you how to apply. We've had a great response to our village calendar this year, produced by myself, Dave Bratley and Ali Rosum. We three contributed the photos, and once the printing costs have been paid, all profits will go to good causes in the village. If you haven't already got yours, please dip into your pocket, fish out just £8 - think that'll buy you a couple of pints or a gallon of petrol - and buy one, whilst stocks last. And thanks to all who've already bought one.

Michael Caine has a thought-provoking suggestion for us on page 8, there's a lovely pic of a little train on page 16, a

Victorian lady up a tall ladder in a library on page 14, and news of next year's Panto on page 13.

Talking of next year, we have two new classes starting in January, offering an opportunity to sing in

a choir and dance in a Zumba group. Details on both of them next month. Ok friends, time to wish y'all a very happy Christmas...see you next year!

Sings..."Oh I wish it could be Christmas everyday..ahay..."



A little Tutu!

Notices...what's happening this month.

St James Church services: Details of ALL Christmas Services are in the hand-delivered Church Christmas card and on the Church noticeboard.

Sat 7th - Hanney Community Woodland Working Party, see page 26 .

Sat 7th - St James School Xmas Gift Fayre...see poster on page 5.

Thurs 12th, 12.30 pm, Senior Citizens Xmas lunch. Ring Marcia Graham for info and to book a place, 867461. £5 members, £10 non-members.

Thurs 12, 7.30pm, W.I. Christmas Meeting, Village Hall.

Sat 14th - St James Church Holly and Xmas Gift Fayre - details page 5.

Sat 14th, 7pm - 'Strictly Come Dancing Grand Final', see front page.

Thursday 19th, 7pm. The Nutcracker – Ballet on film at the Beacon, Wantage. A perfect Christmas event for all the family. Tickets £12.50, 16 and under £9.50 (includes glass of wine, soft drink or ice cream from The Beacon, www.beaconwantage.com Tel. 01235 763456 or in person.



Fri 20th, 7.30pm, 'A Very Hanney Christmas'. Details see page 4

Sat 21st, Hanney Flood Group Working Party - see page 26

Tues 31st. New Years Eve at the Royal British Legion. Live music with Rockers Reunited. £10

And further ahead....

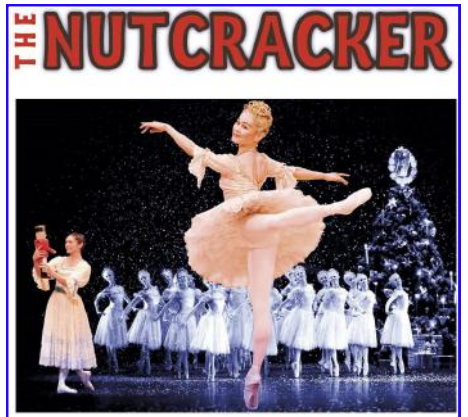
Fri 10th Jan 2020, 10am - 11am, Zumba Gold, new class starting at the Village Hall...details next month.

Saturday 11 Jan 2020, 7pm, Cinderella, Ballet on film at the Beacon, Wantage.

Tickets £12.50, 16 and under £9.50 (includes glass of wine, soft drink or ice cream from The Beacon, www.beaconwantage.com Tel. 01235 763456 or in person. More details next month.

Weds 15th Jan 2020, 11.15 am - 12.45pm, 'Songs For All'...A New Choir starting at the Village Hall. Free taster session. More details next month.

Sat 18th Jan 2020, Hanney Flood Group Working Party - see page 26



Contact details for our political chums. See page 16 for info re our next MP. Matt Barber is our Vale of White Horse District Councillor for the Hanneys, and you can contact him by email: councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk or by visiting his website at www.matthewbarber.co.uk

'Yesterday'

A comedy featuring music by the Beatles, directed by Oscar winner Danny Boyle. Written by Richard Curtis,

Stars Lily James, Himesh Patel and Kate McKinnon.

A happy musical film for Christmas!

12A Cert.


HANNEY FILM NIGHT in the OWEN WRIGHT CINEMA, HWMH, Friday Dec. 6th 7.15 for 7.45 start.

We are holding the 'Very Hanney Xmas' bash on Friday 20th December starting at 7:30.

The Wantage Male Voice Choir will sing carols and festive pieces and we hope the audience will join in! The Hanney Drama Group will also be taking part and a special treat will be a performance from the Hanney Guides.

A Very Hanney Christmas
in Hanney War Memorial Hall
Friday Dec. 20, 7.30

WANTAGE MALE VOICE CHOIR
HANNEY DRAMA GROUP
HANNEY GUIDES



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

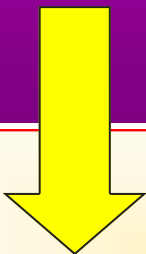
All profits will be donated to the HWMH Car Park fund. TICKETS : Adults £8 in advance, £10 on door, children: £4 or £5 Available from Hanney Community Shop, or tel: 07710 357435 Email: ianisaac.gm@gmail.com Bar and Doors open 7.00pm

Yes folks, join our oddly named friends at the new classes starting here in Hanney in January ...details next month. See page 3 for the dates of their first sessions!

So, Miss Curly Wurly ...I'm joining the new Choir. What's your New Year resolution?

Well Mr Yorkie, that's mighty fine! I'm joining the new Zumba Gold class.

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**Our annual Holly and
Christmas Gift Fayre
is on Sat 14th Dec!**



It's the perfect opportunity to have a wander round our lovely church and pick up some bargains...we're not talking tat here folks, oh no....genuine, original stuff - from jewellery to pottery to Christmas decorations and cards and much more.

There'll be mince pies, hot drinks and mulled wine to sustain you! Previous years have raised a very respectable sum for the Church, as well as giving local folk an opportunity to display their wares and make a few bob in the process. It's also one of our great regular community events, so even if you just pop in to say hello, please do come along.

East Hanney Parish Council

The Remembrance Day parade was well attended as usual and the Councils and members of the parade thank all road users for their understanding during the closures.

Next year is the 75th anniversary of VE Day and East Hanney Parish Council is beginning to plan how it can best support local people who wish to mark the occasion.

The Parish Council has resolved to undertake a full review of the play and sports facilities in the village. It is seeking advice from the Oxfordshire Playing Field Association to make the best use of its land, and is hoping to provide a larger play area, two full sized football/rugby type pitches and the cricket pitch. The pavilion will be replaced with a purpose built structure and more benches will be provided for people to watch the games or to sit and

relax whilst their children play.

The Council understands that this work could take many years to complete and it will be looking to fund it from developer contributions and its own reserves, making up shortfall with other grants, and could seek a loan from the Public Works Loan Board.

It is hoped that the village gates and poles for Speed Indicator Devices will be installed early in 2020. The Council will be purchasing one device initially, of the same type as West Hanney have installed. This will be mounted on each the poles for a period of two weeks and further devices will be added in the future.

The Council would like to thank the team behind Hanney News for again waiving the fees for the monthly article in 2020-21.

The Council has resolved to alter its meeting dates for the remainder of the Council's year. The dates are as follows:

***4th December 2019; 15th January 2020; 12th February 2020;
4th March 2020 and 8th April 2020.***

All meetings are on Wednesdays and start at 7.30pm.

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West Hanney Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation – Have your say.

The Parish Council launched the Public Consultation stage of our Neighbourhood Plan on Friday November 1st, despite a last-minute hitch caused by the announcement of the General Election. During the run-up to the Election, District and County Councils enter a 'Purdah' period which prevents them from responding to our consultation. We therefore decided to extend the consultation period to seven weeks. It will now finish at 5pm on Friday December 20th.

A public meeting was held on Monday November 11th, in the Village Hall, attended by a small but engaged audience, to look at the Plan and its policies. We were very pleased that it was positively received by the attendees who took the opportunity to question the councillors about the Plan.

I hope you have taken the opportunity to visit our website,

www.westhanneypc.org.uk, to download the Plan and associated documents by clicking on Parish Council – Neighbourhood Plan – Plans. Please take the time to download and return the feedback form to npwhpc@gmail.com by the consultation deadline on December 20th as we need to know all your views. A paper copy of the Plan documents is available to view in the Hanney Community Shop for residents who do not have access to the internet together

with paper copies of the Feedback form which can be returned to the Shop. Please contact your Parish Councillors if you have any questions about the Neighbourhood Plan or the consultation process.

Highway issues in West Hanney

The flooding problem in Church Street has still not been resolved and almost led to route problems for the annual Remembrance Day parade. We are very grateful to Nikki and Peter Kauert who came to the rescue on that morning by pumping up the flood water into a tanker to clear access to the Church. Oxfordshire County Council are now fully engaged in resolving the problem and drain clearance is now planned.

Serious Pothole Hazard

I reported last month on the ownership issues of the section of road to the south of the Green that links School Road to Church Street. We are now in discussion with Oxfordshire County Council officers about the adoption of that road and we have erected signs to warn drivers, cyclists and pedestrians about the condition of the road which has many potholes. We advise everyone using that section of road to be aware of the damaged surface and try to use an alternative route.

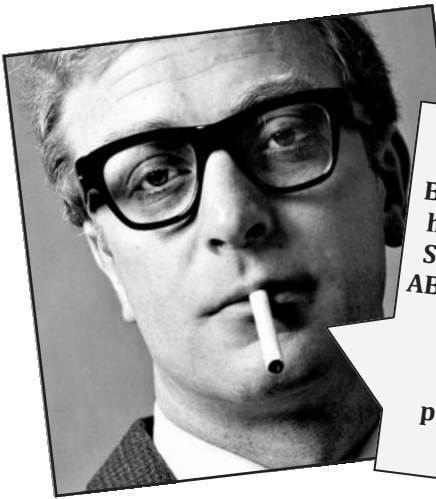
On behalf of the Parish Council, may I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Graham Garner, Chairman

**Next Meetings - Tues 3rd Dec 2019 and Tues 21st Jan 2020
St. James Church Bell Tower - All Welcome**

Councillors: Chairman: Graham Garner - 868684. Edward Wilkinson - 867316
Trevor Brettell - 868459. David Corps - 867454. Peter Packham - 868038.
Barbara Martin (Clerk) - 868806

Website: www.westhanneypc.org.uk



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Hanney Chapel

Thursday 5th Dec – 10:30 AM Lunch & Listen
 Saturday 7th Dec – 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast

Children's Clubs held in Term-time

Tuesday 9:15 AM – 11:00 AM Toddlers

Thursday 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Discoverers (Reception to Year 2)
 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Adventurers (Years 3 to 6)

Friday 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Friday Club (Years 7 to 9)
 7:45 PM – 9:15 PM The Hub (Years 10 to 13)

www.hanney-chapel.org.uk

Christmas Services

Family Carols Night
 Thursday 19th Dec 6:00 PM

Carols by Candlelight
 Sunday 22nd Dec 5:30 PM

Christmas Morning 10:30 AM

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Last month I published this photograph

in connection with an exhibition of portraits of WW2 veterans that's currently on at the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock, until 5th Jan, 2020.

I said I had no idea who the splendid old gent was. Now I have...his name is Reg Charles and he's aged 96. Reg was a Corporal in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. He helped to secure two key bridges in Normandy, just hours before the Allied beach assault on June 6, 1944. Reg is the last surviving member of the regiment. Reckon we owe him our thanks.



Young and old alike gathered for our usual Remembrance Day Parade, followed by a service in St James Church. Well done to all involved, especially the Wantage Silver Band, our own Royal British Legion and all the different organisations who attended this rather special annual occasion.

Also a big thank you to A Plant Lux Hire of Kingston Bagpuize who supplied, free of charge, the road blocks used during the parade to keep everyone safe.



We're getting a new set of bollards! Our original pair - outside the Community Shop - have now sadly both succumbed to the weather and the habit of doggies to use them as a toilet.

We've been down to one for some time, but just the other day, this sole survivor sadly gave up the fight and collapsed onto the grass...still shining a light, but exposing lots of wires and other dangerous looking bits. Rightly considered to be a hazard, it was swiftly removed. East Hanney Parish Council are on the case and a new pair - hopefully a bit more wee wee proof! - has been ordered. They'll be installed soon. Well done Councillors say!

I'm a big fan of our Flood Group who send me regular updates on their monthly working parties, as they endeavour to ensure we never again experience the dreadful floods of 2007, and a few since. Their latest missive mentions the following...



West Hanney Village Green 2007

do people throw their rubbish, litter, bits of bicycles, car tyres, gin bottles, plastic bags, etc into this beautiful stretch of water?"

That's a good question, and I'm fairly sure that the culprits won't read this article and repent of their wrong

*"...Vegetation was not the only unwanted material in the Brook, **four bags of litter were removed between Lower Mill and the Iron Bridge.** Why*

doing! Nonetheless, it's worth mentioning. If you may be able to give Clive and his team a hand once in a while, contact him on clive@manvell216.plus.com, or 01235 868216.

Still on flooding, big thanks must go to Nicky and Pete Kauert for pumping 6,000 gallons of floodwater from in front of St James Church in West Hanney on the morning of the Remembrance Day parade to allow it to take place without everyone needing to wear their wellies or waders.



More on this in West Hanney Parish Council's article on page 7. Clive Manvell, the Flood Group head hombre, has asked that I offer a

reminder to everyone of the need to keep our ditches clear, especially at this time of year.

ACCOMMODATION IN LYFORD, OX12 0EF.

The Oliver Ashcombe Almshouses Charitable Trust has one ground floor unfurnished unit to let. Rural village location, communal garden and shared exterior parking. Please note there is NO public transport service in Lyford. No 6 comprises a bedroom, kitchen, sitting room and bath/WC.

Terms of the charity state that tenants are to be "from the local area, older, and of good character." References required.

For info: please contact John Gunn on 01235 868329 or Caroline Milne on 01235 867495.



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

I am sure that we all lose it, at least once a day.

I didn't used to lose it that often when I was younger.

We aim to keep hold of it wherever we go.

But now everyone loses it once in a while.

Usually down the back of the sofa!

Many of us carry our mobile phones with us all the time. They allow us to connect with people wherever we are. Also, our phones allow us to play music, use apps, update our social media and play a quick game, whenever we want to.

Over the summer, I did a talk comparing prayer to a mobile phone. We can take it wherever we go, we can use it to connect with God and it allows us to do different things.

Prayer can give us an opportunity to focus on God and to switch off from other distractions; prayer can help us to give time to reflect on our life, be open to God and to just be still and quiet. Sometimes we need to turn on flight-mode and switch off from the world around us.

There are lots of different ways that we can pray; quietly, out loud, through singing, by writing and drawing, while walking, on our own or with others. We can pray about our own lives, the lives of others, thank God, say sorry to God, yell at God, be still before God and ask for God's guidance. Whatever we need to do in life, there is an app for that; in whatever way we might want to express ourselves to God, there is a prayer for that too.

If you want to think a bit more about prayer, I would recommend the book "How to pray: a simple guide for normal people" by Pete Greig. It is available online or down at the Cornerstone book shop, in Grovelands Shopping Centre, Savile Way, Grove. This is a good read and a very easy book to dip in and out of; it is very insightful, down-to-earth and practical.

Even if prayer is not your thing, as a culture we are realising the benefits that prayer, reflection, or mindfulness, can have for us as human beings. Maybe you could give yourself sometime and space just to be, to reflect on what's going on in your life, to be thankful for what is good, to consider what lays ahead for your and to work out what you want your priorities to be.

I find that prayer helps me to do these things; however you choose to do it, it is always worthwhile tuning out what's going around you, to consider what's going on inside you.

Now, where did I put my phone...

God bless,

Alec

Eucharist Services in December - Sundays at 9.30am

1st FAMILY EUCARIST - Revd. Alec Gill; 8th NO service – Patronal service at St Nicholas, East Challow; 15th, Revd Velma Oxley; 22nd, Revd Alec Gill; 29th NO service – combined service at St James, Denchworth.

Details of ALL Christmas Services are in the hand-delivered Church Christmas card and on the Church noticeboard.

Midweek Said Eucharist – every Tuesday at 10am in the Chancel

Vicar : Revd John Durant : 766484 - vicar@valebenefice.org.uk Associate Vicar:

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Chris Reason: 868375 - chris_reason_hanney@hotmail.com

The next Friday Fun is on FRIDAY 29 November from 3.30pm in St James Church. As ever a warm welcome awaits - and come and make some Advent goodies! And even more important - squash and cake, tea or coffee and some savoury snacks to tide you over 'til tea time.

Where's the Pop-Up Nativity going to pop-up this year?

Answer: At St James Primary School on Saturday 7 December - come along around 1.30p.m. and join in the fun as we find out about the first Christmas.

ALL are welcome to join in - and you can even pop into the School Christmas Gift Fayre beforehand. Just follow the arrows to find us.

Do you enjoy the beauty of flowers?

Could you arrange a simple display in church from time to time?

Speak to Ann on 868370 or ann@clivefewins.co.uk



Photo by Jane Bradley-Heyes

It's time to apply for a grant from this year's Michaelmas Fayre.



Hanney Michaelmas Fayre

Full details here: www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk/grants/ or by email: info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk

Any Hanney voluntary group, club or similar organisation can apply. The grants are to help make a difference - in other words for something new or additional to what you already do.

It's Panto time again!

"Oh no it isn't ...Oh yes it is!" Well it isn't actually, but it will be in January, on the 30th, 31st & February 1st - put the dates in your diary now, you don't want to miss "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly Sisters" by Andrew Yates. Promises to be a great show. Tickets on sale beginning of January - more details in next month's issue.

Governor Vacancy at St James School

Would this challenging yet hugely rewarding role be of interest? Would you like to become more involved in the local community?

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Closing date for applications is 9th December.

Dear Editor

Many of your readers will be patients in Wantage. I would like to bring to their notice a Public meeting to be followed by the AGM of the Patient Participation Group of The Church Street Practice on **Monday Dec. 2nd at 7.00pm** in the Church Street waiting room.

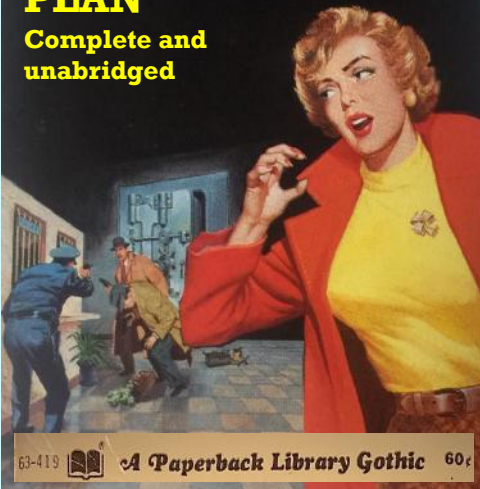
The meeting to which all are welcome will be a question and answer session "Questions you have always wanted to ask" to be answered by a panel of Church Street staff. Questions may be sent in advance to: churchstreetppg@gmail.com

Many thanks

Jean Sutherland

THE WEST HANNEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Complete and unabridged



Now, I'll admit that the **West Hanney Neighbourhood Plan** isn't the most racy document I've ever read - not much in the way of dames, guns, gambling and the Feds! - but it's well worth having a look at nonetheless. Once you've done that - and very important this next bit - do give your feedback on the official form, even if it's just to say that you agree with every word of it. You probably will agree, by the way, assuming you like living in West Hanney the way it is, not the way the Finance Director of any number of developers would like it to be! Reading the Plan and giving feedback is easily done online - go to westhanneypc.org.uk/?p=1290 or pop into the Community Shop for paper copies and the feedback forms. There's more on the Plan in West

Hanney Parish Council's article on page 7, written, as always, by the Chair, Sir Graham of Garner. He and fellow councillor Eddie Wilkinson have put a huge amount of hard work into the preparation of it, and deserve our sincere thanks.

I also want to mention the learned folk of the History Group who produced the 'Village Character Assessment' that is part of the Plan. It's a very interesting document indeed, and is also available on the website and amongst the documents at the shop. It must have taken ages to write, so big thanks to them too.



Yet another General Election looms on

Thurs 12th Dec, and it's our chance to vote again for our local MP. You may have heard that our current 'chappie', Ed Vaizey, is standing down after 14 years. His replacement will be one of the following 'chappies' - no female candidates are standing. A Lib Dem - Richard Benwell; a Tory - David Johnston; a Labour candidate - Jonny Roberts, and an Independent - Mark Gray. The Greens are not fielding a candidate as part of their pact with the Lib Dems, and with the Brexit party not putting up candidates in seats, such as ours, which were held by Tories, we only have the above four to choose from. No Raving Monster Loony Party sadly, though they are fielding over 20 candidates in other parts of the country. Whatever, I hope everyone remembers the Hungarian peasant girl Magna Carta and exercises their democratic right to put a tick in one of the above's boxes.

I shall be glued to the telly all night on the 12th Dec, loving every minute of it, sustained by several mugs of Ovaltine, and at least two packs of custard creams!

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Talking of trains, I understand country music legend Shania Twain has just given birth to a bouncing baby boy. Keeping with the tradition in country music of giving rather inappropriate names to male children - who can forget 'A Boy Named Sue'? - she's called himwait for it.....Choo Choo!

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