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The Panto is back!
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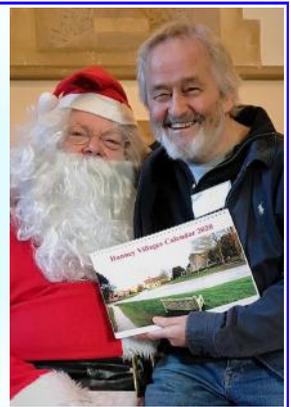
Flooding in West Hannee
...page 10 for details

Hannee War Memorial Hall is looking for someone to take over the role of Treasurer later this year as our current Treasurer has agreed to take on the role of Bar Manager, a role we have been trying to fill for some time.
Please contact Graham Garner at graham.garner@sky.com if you are interested in joining our team.



Come and Join Us! Page 10

Well, I've tried to be a good boy this year, and here I am perched on Santa's knee - a surprisingly comfortable if faintly surreal moment! - at the St James Church Christmas Holly and Gift Fair. In an interesting reversal of roles, I'm giving Santa a pressie...one of our Village calendars....now collectors items btw! Details next month on how much we raised from the sale of the calendars, and massive thanks to everyone who purchased one...or more than one! The Fair also raised much needed funds - over £600! - for the Church, and was a great community event, so thanks to all involved in the organising, and of course to everyone who came along and spent some dosh!



Editorial

Hello readers, and a Happy New Year - and new decade methinks! - to one and all!

May I begin by reporting that Hanney News starts the year in the rudest of health, and we here at Global HQ look forward to 2020 with a vim and vigour not often found in a grumpy old git such as I. Our finances are in great shape and so long as you're prepared to put up with my usual ramblings, we'll keep on keeping on!

Thanks to our healthy finances, we've been able to offer free space in the mag to the clubs and societies

in our community, as well as the Parish Councils, for the second year running. Many have thanked us for including their info for free, including this from Hilary who runs the Lottery....

"And a big thank you to Hanney News for sponsoring our monthly winners slot - thus increasing the contribution made from the Lottery to the maintenance of St James" Thank you Hilary. There's more on the Lottery on page 13.

We welcome new advertisers this month, Vale Blinds...their ad on page 8. And we've several nice snaps, so for the 'flood' photos, my thanks to Paul Sayers, and for the Father Christmas pics, my thanks to Dave Bratley, who persuaded Santa to allow another 'beardy' to sit on his lap...see front cover!

This month's W.I. meeting is an open event, all are welcome, including us chaps. The speaker, who I have heard

before, is very good indeed and I'm sure a thoroughly agreeable eve awaits.

It's great to be able to say something nice about developers....'Martin Grant Homes' are building 'Priors Lea', a development on the Steventon Road. See their ad on page 14.

It includes a very generous offer for Hanney residents! Martin Grant have

also made a substantial contribution to the costs of reprinting our Hanney Guide, which I'm proud to say has been well received, with only a few copies remaining from our original print run of 250, so thank you to



them.

Our very own luvvies of the Hanney Drama Group are currently hard it rehearsing for another of their delightful Pantos at the end of the month. Page 4 for details and how to get tickets. It is not to be missed.

Two films to see this month at the very popular Hanney Film Night...details on page 11, and if you're a fan of Narnia then you MUST check out page 5 for info of what sounds like a great exhibition, with lots to keep young folk amused. I'm happy to report that Oxfordshire Highways are sorting the flooding problem in West Hanney, see pics and articles on pages 7 and 10.

A new choir starts up in Hanney on Weds 15th Jan...see page 5 for details, and I'll have an update on the new Zumba class next issue. OK, think that's about it...onwards and upwards!

Notices...what's happening this month.

Mon 6th, Gardening Club, a talk by Sarah Walker 'Forest School - inspiring the next generation.' 7.45 pm, Village Hall.

Thurs 9th, W.I. 'Sherlock Homes and his Legacy', a talk by Chris Caddy. This is an open meeting, so all are welcome, including gentlemen.

Sat 11th, Narnia exhibition, Dorchester Abby...see page 5.

Sat 11th, 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.

Weds 15th, 11.15 am - 12.45pm, 'Songs For All'...A New Choir starting at the Village Hall. Free taster session...see page 5

Sat 18th, Hanney Flood Group Working Party, meet at the Hanney Hut at 9am-see page 26 for contact details.

Thurs 23rd, Senior Citizens...'Desert Island Discs' 2.30pm Village Hall...tea, chat, yummy cakes and fruit bread like you used to get years ago!

Weds 29th, 8pm, History Group meeting at the Village Hall... see page 15

Thurs 30th, Fri 31st Jan and Sat 1st Feb Panto time! Hanney Drama Group Presents 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly Sisters' Full details on page 4.

And further ahead....

Sat 15th Feb, R.B.L. Live Music with the Roy Orbison Tribute.

Fri 28th Feb, Editor's birthday. Cards and gifts welcome.

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.

Contact details for our political chums.

I'm writing this just 3 days after the last general election which saw Ed Vaizey's replacement, David Johnston stand successfully for the Conservatives. I do not yet have his contact details, but for now, you can probably contact him via this website: <https://www.oxfordshireconservatives.com/>

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

Hanney Drama Group presents
'THE GOOD, THE BAD
AND THE UGLY SISTERS'

by **ANDREW YATES**

HANNEY WAR MEMORIAL HALL

Thurs Jan 30th, Fri 31st, Sat Feb 1st, at 7.30pm.

Doors and bar open 7.00pm

All tickets - £9

Sat Feb 1st at 2.00pm.

**Doors open 1.30pm. Community Shop is providing
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All tickets - £7

Tickets available from

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For further details contact Katherine: k.hodson@vale-academy.orgb

'Songs For All'

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Hanney

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11.15-12.45am



£7 per session payable termly

Free taster session

Wednesday 15 January

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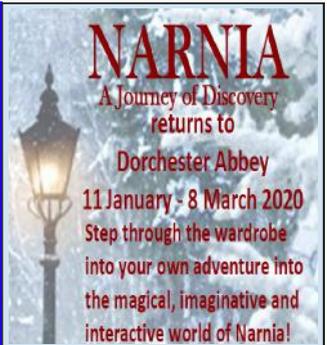
One of the highlights of my Christmas so far - aside from sitting on Santa's knee! - was attending the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch. As well as delicious food and plentiful drink, we were royally entertained by a duo called 'Anything Goes' made up of Lesley Morris and Keith Harris - no, not the same chap who had a talking duck called Orville. Remember them?

I digress... Lesley and Keith are a couple of very talented people indeed, and if you're ever organising an event where live music is required, but perhaps not a full-on band, then they are worth checking out. Their repertoire includes a huge variety of material ranging from serious 'opera-type stuff' to quirky 'Northern' poems, folk songs from round the world, singalong, Music Hall, and much more besides.

You can contact Lesley via this email: lesleyannemorris@hotmail.com or by phone on: 07882369824 or 01993 776445.

One further point...I continue to be surprised and disappointed by the relatively low number of folk who are involved with the Senior Citizens and attend their regular and always most enjoyable events. More on this next month, but if you are interested in joining and are aged 60 or over, then ring Marcia on 01993 867461 for full details. If mobility is a problem, lifts can be arranged.

(See also David Blomley's letter on page 15.)



Narnia...a journey of discovery in Dorchester Abbey

Exhibition from 11th January – 8th March '20
Step into the snowy landscape of Narnia! Collect your Narnia Identify Card, put on one of our coats and go through the wardrobe to enter the cold wintry world of Narnia, where it is 'always winter, but never Christmas'. Sit in the White Witch's sleigh; listen to the crunch of the snow as you watch real Arctic scenes of the film 'All Aboard! The Sleigh Ride'. Become Mr Tumnus or Mr and Mrs Beaver, or role play having tea with them! Sit on the White Witch's throne, or become one of the Kings and Queens of Cair Paravel. Finally, can you find the secret Narnia message hidden in the displays?

This exhibition is open to ALL, young and old
Ticket price: £5 families (up to 2 adults & 4 children), £2 individual visitors.

Full details here:

www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk/narnia-2/

East Hanney Parish Council

Happy New Year to all readers from East Hanney Parish Council!

You will no doubt have noticed that the village gates installed by the developers on the Steventon Road have been installed, along with the new bus stops and 'pinch-point'. The County Council hopes that these measures and the lengthening of the 30mph limit will reduce speed and calm traffic as it travels east out of the village. It is still hoped that the village gates and poles for Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) 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 of the poles for a period of two weeks, and further devices will be added in the future.

The Parish Council spent much time considering the budget at its December meeting, resolving to support its work in, and plans for the village with an increased precept. Next year should see the purchase of a second SID, a pair of ball-walls installed, trees for a village orchard sourced and planted and the Council supporting good causes that

support our community. The final amount of precept will be considered at its January meeting.

Thinking about the village orchard, if you know of any of the old varieties of apple or other fruit that were grown here in the past, please do tell the Clerk so the Council can try to source them; it would be good to have them grown in the village again.

The Council has been trying to improve the situation on Summertown, to get the Vale to enforce the wheel washing that the developer should undertake on all vehicles leaving its site to minimise the mud their sweeping and washing of the road itself. This has been compounded recently by contractor's vehicles parking along Summertown and the Council has taken what steps it can to remove this obstruction.

The Council's meeting dates for the remainder of the civic year are as follows: 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

The Parish Council launched the Public Consultation stage of our Neighbourhood Plan on Friday November 1st, and it finished at 5pm on Friday December 20th. On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank everyone who responded to our consultation and particular thanks to everyone who attended the public meeting. We are now considering all the responses and will make any required changes to our Plan before submitting it to the Vale of White Horse District Council. We will get you updated about its progress on our website and in future editions of Hanney News.



Highway issues in West Hanney

The flooding problem in Church Street has still not been resolved but extensive work was carried out before Christmas which identified damage to a stone culvert underneath the road leading to the Church and tree root damage to the pipes adjacent to the Green. Some repairs were made but further extensive work is going to take place this month which will hopefully finally resolve the long term flooding issues in Church Street.

Serious Pothole Hazard

Discussions are still taking place with Oxfordshire County Council officers about the adoption of the badly potholed road adjacent to the Green. 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 Happy New Year.

Graham Garner, Chairman

**Next Meetings - Tues 21st Jan 2020, 7.30pm
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

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Hanney Chapel

Saturday 4th Jan – 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast

Thursday 9th Jan – 10:30 AM Lunch & Listen

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

Half-Term Holiday Club

For children School Years 1-6

Tuesday 18th to Friday 21st
February 2020

9:30 AM to 12 NOON

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Flooding in Church Street, West Hanney

Last month I published a snap of water being pumped out of the 'lake' that formed outside the Church. Well, credit where it's due, and thanks to pressure from West Hanney Parish Council (WHPC), Oxfordshire Highways are on the case. That said, it's a big case! More of a trunk really. This from WHPC Councillor David Corps....

"Work is in progress to rectify the problem. The collapsed culvert at the Church end of the road has been replaced, as well as collapsed and blocked sections of the pipe running to the Buttercross green. The pipe running parallel with the north garden wall of the Old Vicarage under the crazy paving path is blocked with tree roots and further work is planned to replace this pipe and encase the new pipe in concrete. This will reduce the risk of tree roots penetrating and blocking this pipe in the future. This work is



scheduled for the New Year.

In the meantime Church Street, where it meets the Buttercross, will be prone to flooding when it rains. This is because there is nowhere for the floodwater to drain to.

If the road is flooded, motorists should avoid driving through the floodwater to avoid damage to their cars."

Are you one of those people we see running in the Hanney area on your own? OR maybe you're thinking of starting to run but don't know where to begin? So, why not come and join us? We are a very friendly group of very mixed abilities and ages, ranging from 10 (with a guardian) to 70 years old.

The group is called **"Your Pace Not Mine"** and it really is just that, you can be as slow or as fast as you like and nobody is left behind. A lot of us joined as beginners and completely understand what it feels like to start a new exercise, so you'll have support all the way. We have 3 organised sessions a week but we also get in touch with each other to meet as and when we can run and want a buddy to run with.

It's completely free and as we are a mixed ability group, this puts you in touch with someone who wants to run at your pace.

We are non competitive and just want to get outside in all weathers, meet new people and enjoy the benefits of being active. For more details, contact Carey Hope:

<https://groups.runtogether.co.uk/yourpacenotmine> or tel: 07789 502010

New Village Publication?

Almost ten years ago Angela Cousins began working on her book *'Telling Tales – A Patchwork of Village People'*, published in 2011. It was based round interviews with over seventy residents from our two villages and met with much approval at the time. From time to time enquiries have been made about a follow-up publication, which to date have been resisted! However, there is now a possibility that 'A Further Patchwork of Village People' could be produced, this time with Angela collaborating with Jim Stagg.

So now we need to know if there are enough village people interested in taking part in this venture, which would involve agreeing to a conversation with either Jim or Angela, when we would talk about your Hanney story; what

brought you here and your

thoughts about living in the Hanneys. (oh, and you would have to agree to have your photo taken!) We would be delighted to hear from those born in the Hanneys, to give us their background to past village life, and also from current residents, however new you are! We also invite those who were involved in the 2011 book to come back with further thoughts, and up-date on the past ten years. We suggest that the minimum age of contributors is 18.

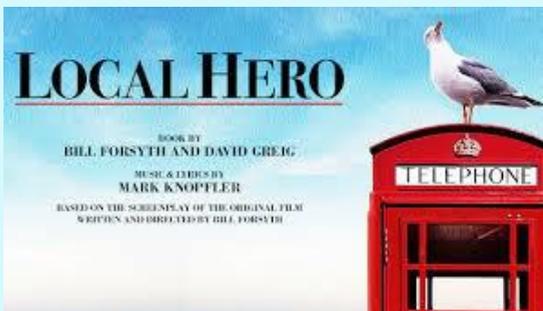
Please express your interest in contributing by contacting either Angela Cousins at Carters Close, Main Street, West Hanney, Tel 868274, email Angela.c.cousins@btinternet.com or Jim Stagg, contact details on back page, by the end of January.

Film night in HWMH

Friday January 3rd

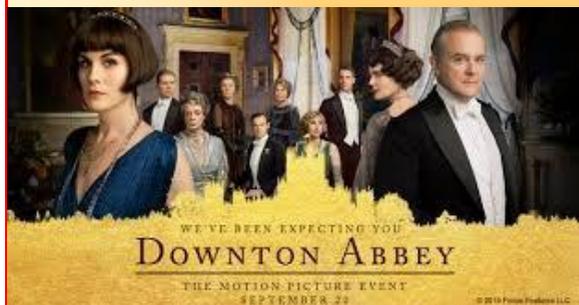
Bar opens 7.30pm for 8.00pm start.

A poignant funny tale of a simpler life. Starring Burt Lancaster, Peter Reigert and Fulton Mackay.
PG, 111mins.



**And an extra 'Film Night' on Sat.
January 11th, door and bar
open 7.15 for 7.45 start**

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Goode, Alice
McCarthy and Dame
Maggie Smith.**

**PG 122 mins
running time**



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends

What will the year 2020 bring you? I almost can guarantee you will experience change. Though if we ever do become a cashless society there will be a lot less change around.

I feel about change like I do computer updates – it is often inconvenient, frustrating and takes a long time to see the benefits. Change is frustrating when we are forced into it; and is also frustrating when we want to change but it is slow or seems non-existent. One change I would like to see for St James church is improved facilities including a lavatory - whether it happens this year or next.

Of course change is part of life – we change when we grow; so those of you who are young enough and fortunate enough to be going through rapid growth, I hope you are enjoying all those changes rather than being frustrated. But everyone of us, if we want to develop and improve, will experience change.

I am writing this just after the General Election, I am hoping the new members of parliament and the government will bring about change for good? Looking back at the last year our country has appeared to be confused and chaotic and I certainly would like change from a fog of conflicting information to cooperation and constructive collaboration.

The bible has two interesting approaches to change 1. The Lord God calls us to change, for instance Jesus in his first sermon Mark 1 : 15 wants us to change our minds (repent). Indeed the bible uses many words calling us to turn to Jesus, be converted and transformed; expecting us to change for good.

2. Paradoxically God's word assures us that the LORD does **not** change - James 1 : 17 is quoted in that wonderful hymn **Great is thy faithfulness**. This means, since The Lord is described as a solid as a rock, we can find in Him security and stability. Even though that quality of being immutable must be held in tension with the fact that he is always doing new things (Revelation 21 : 4).

So will you enjoy and embrace the new experiences that 2020 brings? I hope so with the Lord's blessing.

John

Eucharist Services in January - Sundays at 9.30am

5th, Revd Alec Gill. 12th, Revd John Durant – preacher Sue Powditch.
19th, Revd Geoff Maughan, 26th, Revd Alec Gill.

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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Office : (10 – 12 Mon – Fri) 771479 - office@valebenefice.org.uk

Church Wardens : Stuart Cakebread: 868590 - stuartcakebread@mac.com

Chris Reason: 868375 - chris_reason_hanney@hotmail.com



Two lucky lottery winners

were at the recent Holly and Gift Fair at St James Church, and were presented with their prize money by none other than Father Christmas himself!

If you don't have a Lottery number, I urge you to give organiser Hilary a ring on 01235 868590.

For just £24 a year, your number will go into the monthly draw when up to £100 can be won.

Laura - in our lower pic - was the winner of the Christmas bonus prize, also £100.

If you still haven't applied for a Grant, you may not be too late.....I understand there's a little flexibility on the official 31st Dec deadline.

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

(Any Hanney voluntary group, club or similar organisation can apply.

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Dear Editor

If a person driving an electric car visits someone in the Hanneys who doesn't have a charging point, what are their options? There is the Frilford Shell garage but they may not want to sit there for 4 hours or more; there is the Tesla Supercharger but that is 30 miles away so a 60 miles round trip, up to 20% of their charge; or there is someone in the village who will let them park on their drive overnight for a reimbursement fee. There are now a number of charging points in the village. The average price per kilowatt hour is 14.37p. Most chargers are 7kw so that means £1.06 per hour. Most cars will charge in a maximum of 7 hours so £10 makes everyone happy. What about getting a register of those properties willing to offer this service? Put my house on the list.

Chris French

Dear Editor

A big thank you as usual to everyone who came along and supported us at our annual Bazaar in aid of Cancer Research. With all your help we made £1185. All best wishes to everyone for the New year.

Hanney Fundraisers for Cancer Research

Dear Editor

I was tempted by a notice in Hanney News advertising a talk by one of our residents on Tigers, to ask if at the age of a mere 61, I qualified as a "Senior Citizen", only to be welcomed with open arms, so I attended a very interesting talk accompanied by some excellent photos. There were only four men in attendance, amongst a bevy of lovely ladies! This prompted me to look for this month's meeting, only to find that it was about "A Taste Of France" by a former resident of the village. This was a most enjoyable afternoon with slides of the Champagne region of France, accompanied by a small glass of the product and another of white still wine. There were also samples of cheese and pastries. All most agreeable! I have to say that these occasions are most enjoyable and I thoroughly recommend this group to anyone who is not otherwise engaged on the fourth Thursday afternoon of the month, whether you are "senior" or just retired!!

David Blomley

Hanney History Group opens 2020

with a talk on the Wilts & Berks Canal by Martin Buckland, on Weds 29th January at the Village Hall. This was a relative latecomer to the canal network, opening in 1810. It linked the Kennet & Avon Canal near Devizes to Abingdon, passing between Hanney and Grove.

Most early traffic was coal from Somerset and grain from the Vale of

White Horse, both for Abingdon's breweries. Trade was boosted by carrying materials for the construction of the Great Western Railways, but this contributed to its decline and it closed in 1901. But because the route passed through open country it was not much filled in, and for the last 40 years locks, bridges and canal lengths have been restored.

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Stroke survivors and carers

A new group has recently been formed aiming to support stroke survivors and carers. It is initially a social networking group much appreciated by the current membership of about 10.

It meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month between 10.15am and 11.45am at the Cornerstone café in Grove, and on the 4th Thursday of the month between 10.15am and 12.15pm at the Grove Methodist Church.

This group is supported by Stroke Association ambassadors.

More information from lesley.m.baker@btinternet.com Tel: 01235 762730

Health Talks...

Adrian Bodimeade, the gentleman who organises the Stroke Association in our local area...see piece above...has asked me to tell you about a series of 'Health Talks' organised jointly by the Newbury Street and Church Street Patient Participation Groups. The first is "Becoming Dementia Friendly" by

Jennifer Cowling (Dementia Friends Champion) on **Thursday January 16th, 7.30pm at The October Club, 1-3 The Cloisters, Wantage, OX12 8AQ** (behind St. Peter & St. Paul's Church), and admission is free. This lady is an excellent speaker, and this promises to be a very interesting evening.

A message of thanks from The Friends of St James Fundraising Committee

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Christmas Fayre at St James School on the 7th of December. There has been so much positive feedback during and after the event. It was so nice to see the local community come together and enjoy the Christmas spirit everyone contributed in creating. We would not have been able to have hosted the event without all the kind donations from the local community, parents and teachers from the school in all forms that have given from cakes to buying raffle tickets. We also took the leftover food to the homeless shelter in Oxford.

Since September funds raised for St James School have been growing. The Fayre raised over £2,200 with this figure likely to grow in the coming weeks. The Bag2school clothing collection raised £80 and we have also had a charity donation of £500 from Infineum UK Ltd.

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