



# Hanneley News

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Big boy's footie back on the Rec! See page 8



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## Editorial

I want to start this month with a shout-out to Mrs. Kennedy, who lives in Ardington, and, so my chum Wilky tells me, is a big fan of Hanney News. Thanks Mrs. K, and may I compliment you on your excellent taste in fine quality literature!

A quick apology re last month's front page plea for wood...now no longer needed, but thanks to all who offered some. See page 9.

Gracing this month's front cover, t'is indeed a great honour to have the one and only Jimmy Shand. You remember him don't you? Now I've heard say that the definition of a gentleman is a man who can play the accordion, but doesn't! That's not true in Jimmy's case...he was a real gent with a nifty set of digits!

(Enter 'Jimmy Shand - The Gay Gordons' in the YouTube search box. You won't regret it!) That's all well and good, I hear you say, but pray tell, why does he merit a front page appearance in the finest parish mag in the whole of Hanney? Well, admittedly the link is slightly tenuous, but all is explained on page 13.

The Michaelmas Fayre cancellation was a real shame, but a wise decision, and big ups to everyone involved, who I know were all very disappointed. See page 5 for details of the competitions you can still enter.

Our Cricket team has had another fixture, a very narrow loss, but no matter, t'was a thoroughly agreeable affair I gather, and augers well for a busy season next year. If you want to get involved, see their contact details on page 26.

More good news as the new 'Hanney Seniors' football club is also going strong...see page 8.

There's a most unusual event happening in November...details on page 9.

Apparently there are changes afoot - should that be ahoof? - at the Black Horse...see East Hanney Paris Council's

pearls on page 6. No more info on that as we go to press.

I've included a scam warning on page 3, though I'd like to add a slight caveat...I saw this on Facebook. Nonetheless...it's a timely reminder to be aware of scams, and that for scammers, nothing is off-limits.

Many of us will remember Amos the Postie. Following his health problems I understand he has taken early retirement, and we wish him a long and happy one!

The Plough in West Hanney has now reopened, under new management, and we welcome Matt, Ivone and Ryan...see their ad on page 11.

Our Community Shop has done an amazing job over the lockdown, and it now needs our help...see page 5.

Graham Garner, big chief at the Village Hall explains on page 4 why we can still hold events in the Hall, even given the current regulations, and the Film Night, History Group and Gardening Club are doing exactly that.

Our splendid Covid team are still available; see their article on page 13 regarding what they can help you with.

If you'll be snuggling under an electric blanket as the colder winter nights approach, see page 14 for details on how you can get it safety checked...it's free!

We have an obituary of Denis Parfoot on page 15, and I'm sad to report that we recently lost another long time Hanney resident with the passing of Colin Herman of East Hanney. Colin was 88 and for many years he was a volunteer grass cutter in the St James Churchyard. He also maintained the area around the Shop and Hall. He will be deeply missed and we send our condolences to his family and friends.

That's it for this month. Will the world be a slightly less crazy place next month?

I doubt it.

## What's happening this month?

**This from Hanney Gardening Club...** "Apologies to everyone who expressed an interest in coming to our meeting on 7 September. We had made detailed plans to have a Covid-compliant meeting and AGM but at the last minute the external speaker cancelled! **Our next meeting is on 5 October** when the speaker will be Rosy Hardy talking about Autumn flowering perennials. We again plan to hold the AGM at the same time. Please come and support your Hanney Gardening Club."

**And this from the History Group...**"As the October *Hanney News* is published the History Group follows in the wake of the pioneering film-goers, restarting with a talk on **September 29<sup>th</sup>, given by Liz Woolley on "Local connections with the Spanish Civil War"**. Meetings will continue, subsequently resuming the usual pattern of fourth Tuesdays, but in the Main Hall, and initially limited to pre-booked members in order to implement Covid19 control measures.

**Tuesday 22<sup>th</sup> October: "Test pit possibilities at home, and recent archaeology in the Vale"**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November: 'The River at War'**. *The River Thames as an important strategic feature in World War 2, and its role in the defence of the country.* Bill King presents the river as a major defensive feature. He then includes Thames valley airfields, and describes how industry along the Thames, including boat building and aircraft production, adapted to the war.

**Hanney Film Night** are showing 'Knives Out' on **Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>** and 'The 'Perfect Candidate' on **Oct 16<sup>th</sup>**. See page 4 for details.

**Scam Warning...** If you get a phone call that starts like this, beware!

Caller - *"Good Morning. I am calling from the NHS track and trace service. According to our system, you are likely to have been in close proximity to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. This means that you now need to self-isolate for 7 days and take a test."*

If you ask who that person was, they will probably respond thus....

*"I'm not able to tell you that. That is confidential information, but you do need to be tested within the next 72 hours. So can I just get the best mailing address so that we can send a kit to you?"*

*"I now just need to take a payment card so that we can finalize this and send the kit to you."*

By now many people will be starting to wonder...if you suggest that the test should be free, you'll be told....

*'No - I'm afraid not. There is a one-off fee of £50 for the kit and test results. Could you read off the long card number for me, please, when you're ready.'*  
*This is very important, and there are penalties for not complying.'*

By now you're sure it's a scam and you put the phone down.

But scammers don't need everyone to fall for their scam, and sadly some folk will, so please spread the word amongst older and vulnerable people.

## Hanney War Memorial Hall still open for business!

Following the briefing by the Prime Minister at the beginning of September, the Government updated the guidance for multi-purpose community facilities which includes village halls. I have extracted the relevant section about the changes:

From 14 September, whether indoors or outdoors, people from different households must not meet in groups of more than six. This limit does not apply to meetings of a single household group or support bubble of more than six. Community facilities that follow COVID-19 secure guidelines can host more than six, but no one should visit or socialise in a group of greater than six.

If partaking in permitted activities, users of COVID-19 secure community facilities should limit their social interactions with anyone they do not live with. Whilst activities may have thirty or more participants - where it is safe to do so and capacity per-

mits - it is important for all parties to maintain socially distant, 2 metres or 1 metre with actions taken to reduce the risk of transmission (where 2 metres is not viable) between households. For example, use of face coverings and encouraging good hand hygiene on entering premises and throughout visit.

Please ignore the incomplete reports in the media which don't mention that village halls are on the exceptions list. The Government measures are targeted at restricting social interactions between individuals, and groups can continue to use the Hall as long as they follow our Covid-19 secure guidance.

We are welcoming more groups back to the Hall and had a very successful return of Film Night on September 4th. Look out for more Film Nights every two weeks.

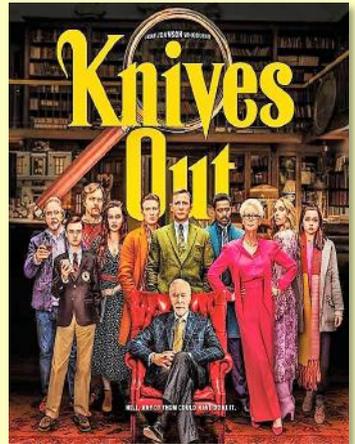
*Graham Garner  
Hall Chairman*

### HANNEY FILM NIGHT: THE OWEN WRIGHT CINEMA in HWMH

**"Knives Out" on Friday Oct. 2nd, 7.15 for 7.45, starring Daniel Craig as a Poirot style detective from the Deep South of the USA. A must for Agatha Christie fans.**



**"The Perfect Candidate" Friday Oct.16th, 7.30 for 8.00, a very different film covering a young female Doctor running for office in her Saudi town and the repercussions for her family and friends.**



**Tickets £7, Conc. £6, card payment only.  
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Masks to be worn (except when drinking!)  
Card payment only for bar.**

## Our Community

### Shop

has been a great help for many during the Covid lockdown, and remains a wonderful resource for the Hanneys community. The shop is run entirely by volunteers. However, we urgently need extra help to keep the shop fully open and stocked. Please consider if you can spare a regular morning or afternoon, perhaps once a week or once a fortnight, or can help with an occasional shopping trip to buy stock. This is a great way to meet other people in the villages and serve our communities. It can also be good fun to be part of the team. If you have



not used the shop before please call in and have a look around. I think you will be surprised by the range of stock we hold, including milk, bread, meat products (from Dews Meadow Farm Shop), fresh vegetables, local eggs and honey, a large variety of other food and household

goods, and an excellent selection of cards. We can also arrange for you to pick up newspapers from the shop if ordered in advance.

Please consider what you can do to help us keep this valuable resource going.

For further information please contact **Margaret Hanlon - 07568 083615.**

**On the morning we are due to go to press, I've just heard that the Michaelmas Fayre is to be cancelled...sad news indeed, but a wise decision in my humble, given the current situation.**

**However, the good news is that the 'Scarecrow' and the 'Design a Face Mask' competitions are still running and there's still time to enter!**

**Full details are on the Michaelmas Fayre website:**

**[www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk](http://www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk)**

**or email to [info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk](mailto:info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk)**

**Winners of the competitions will be announced on the Michaelmas Fayre website and the Hanney Community Facebook page.**

## The 2021 Hanney Calendar

is now available from the Community Shop, or ring me on 01235 867500.

Be warned....it's a limited

print-run and we sold out last year.

This year's is even better than last

year's with lovely pics of our two

villages by our resident pro-photographer - or smudger as we call them in the newspaper business! - Dave Bratley.

As last year, all profits go to good causes within our community, and last year we distributed £700!



## East Hanney Parish Council

OCC have submitted revised plans for the replacement bridge at Halls Lane to Poughley Farm. The design retains metal rail edges but will use the current stone to face the concrete pre-formed bridge that would be installed. The design is not yet finalised though OCC have resolved to replace the bridge to maintain the defined vehicular access to the farm. Should you have views you would like to express, in favour or against, please direct them to the village's County division Councillor, Anda Fitzgerald -O'Connor

([anda.fitzgerald@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:anda.fitzgerald@oxfordshire.gov.uk)).

Similarly, should you have issues with any aspect of highways, for example the Council is aware that the 'pinch-point' on the Steventon Road is a cause for concern, these are best directed to our County Councillor.

To end on a non-Council matter, it has come to the Council's attention that a former Hanney resident and her partners are hopeful to secure the tenancy of the Black Horse public house from early October.

East Hanney Parish Council meets every three weeks, all meetings are on Wednesdays and start at 7.30pm and are held remotely via Zoom. All residents of East Hanney are welcome to attend, to do so please see the meeting calendar on the Council's website or contact the Clerk for details.

**The meetings in October are:**

**6<sup>th</sup> October 2020: Extraordinary Full Council and Planning & Development Committee.**

**14<sup>th</sup> October 2020: Planning & Development Committees.**

### Parish Councillors

**Chairman:** Stephen McKechnie - [smehpc@gmail.com](mailto:smehpc@gmail.com).

**Vice Chair:** David Kirk, [david.kirk@btinternet.com](mailto:david.kirk@btinternet.com); Paul Aram, [pvaehpc@gmail.com](mailto:pvaehpc@gmail.com)

**Councillors:** David Blomley - [dbehpc@gmail.com](mailto:dbehpc@gmail.com); Oliver Cornish - [ocehpc@gmail.com](mailto:ocehpc@gmail.com)

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Dickon Green - [dgehpc@gmail.com](mailto:dgehpc@gmail.com)

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[clerk@easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Always nice to hear** of somewhere offering cooked breakfasts, and an East Hanney resident has written to tell me that 'Munchies', a new café in Grove, is highly recommended and well worth a trip.

They also offer lunch and afternoon tea.

10 Millbrook Square, Grove, Wantage,

Phone: 07753630040 - 01235 634910

**Website:** [www.munchiesofgrove.com](http://www.munchiesofgrove.com)



**Govt Health Warning... 'Eat cooked breakfasts responsibly, and with your elbows off the table!'**

## West Hanney Parish Council

The following West Hanney Parish Councillors have accepted the following roles on the Parish Council, please contact the relevant parish councillor if you have a particular concern and they will help for this concern to be addressed and hopefully resolved.

- Developing and promoting the West Hanney Neighbourhood Development Plan - G Garner/E Wilkinson
- Planning Applications and new developments, Section 106 and CIL - E Wilkinson/P Packham
- Planning Enforcement - E Wilkinson/P Packham
- Playing Fields and Open Spaces on WHPC owned land - E Wilkinson
- Village environment, landscape and biodiversity - P Packham
- Tree Maintenance - G Garner
- West Hanney Allotment Gardens - D Corps
- Speed Monitoring Signs; maintenance, downloads and analysis of data - G Garner
- Roads, verges, drainage ditches and street furniture - T Brettell
- Footpaths - T Brettell
- Website maintenance and upgrades - G Garner

**The next 'virtual' meeting of WHPC is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm using Zoom video conferencing software.**

*David Corps - Chairman*

**Councillors: Chairman: David Corps - 867454.  
Graham Garner - 868684.  
Edward Wilkinson - 867316  
Trevor Brettell - 868459.  
Peter Packham - 868038.  
Barbara Martin (Clerk) - 868806  
Website: [www.westhanneypc.org.uk](http://www.westhanneypc.org.uk)**

**This little creature** is a Violet Carpenter (Xylocope) bee, the biggest in Europe (2.5 to 3 cm). She is a so-called "solitary" bee and only produces enough honey to feed her young. Black with blue wings... she's very beautiful but can be scary as her flight is fast and very loud. She's not aggressive and rarely stings. Please don't kill her...some people confuse her with the Asian hornet - a far less agreeable beastie, but fortunately very rare round these parts!  
If she accidentally finds her way into your home, please help her to find her way back outside.



## Residents of The Vale – Your Community Needs You!

Understandably our team of volunteer drivers has been hit hard by the pandemic and with the local day centres now reopening to give much needed support to the elderly and vulnerable in our community, we find that we are having to turn clients away.

Everybody's lives have changed this year so, if you find yourself with a bit more time on your hands as we start to rebuild after Covid 19, we would love to have you join our volunteer transport team.

You only need to have a couple of hours free per week, have your own car and want to help others to really make a difference to people in your community.

We have introduced new guidelines such as temperature checks for clients before they get in the volunteers car, and all PPE will be provided for volunteers, along with masks and sanitiser for the clients.

Petrol costs and any parking charges will be reimbursed, and you'll be amazed at how many interesting people you get to meet. We are very friendly bunch to volunteer for as well. If you do have any spare time, even if it is only for the next few months, please contact Kathy Ethelston.

**[recruitment@wantageadvice.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@wantageadvice.org.uk)**

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**The Hanney Seniors football team** recently folded but from the ashes a new team has risen, and in just four weeks we have joined the Upper Thames League, affiliated with the FA, raised enough funds for a new kit (generously sponsored by Rowe's Roofing) and signed on 26 players.

Called 'Hanney FC' we play Sunday mornings and are linked to the Hanney Youth football club. We have managed to play a few games, winning one 4-0 against Bicester Ivy, so the season looks like it will be interesting. Bicester PA and Care have sponsored us to buy waterproof jackets ready for winter training and matches.

The team is a local squad with many players coming from Hanney and surrounding villages, and we welcome spectators. Your support from the side lines would be appreciated - come along and cheer on your new local side!

**Tom Aram, Team Coach, Hanney FC. Contact - 07597 216635**



# Hanney Winter Festival: Walking Trail

20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**What better way to brighten up the winter than to celebrate with lights and colour?**

Two annual festivals of light occur in mid-November – bonfire night and the Indian festival of Diwali. To celebrate these, we would like to invite you to take part in our Hanney Winter Festival Walking Tour of Lights through the Hanneys.

The aim is to create a bright and colourful trail of windows around the Hanneys such that families can walk around enjoying the beautifully lit decorations!

## **HOW TO TAKE PART:**

1. For the weekend 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020, **decorate one of your windows with lights and lots of colour!** Feel free to get creative with lanterns, flowers or something personal to you.
2. If you would like to be included on the walking trail map, **please let us know your street name via email or phone (details below) by 15<sup>th</sup> November.** Note that your name will not be published, only the street name will be included on the walking trail map.
3. Even if you don't have a decorated window yourself, you can still **enjoy**



**the lovely displays by walking around the village!** Look out for the trail map, which will be posted digitally to the West Hanney and East Hanney community Facebook pages nearer to the event. Alternatively, if you require a paper copy, then please contact us via the details below.

**SAFETY:** Please remember to remain safe by observing fire safety when decorating windows, adhering to social distancing rules when following the trail and ensuring that all groups of children are accompanied by a guardian.

**NOTICE:** You will remember a request for firewood in the September issue of Hanney News. Thank you for all of the kind offers. Unfortunately, due to the current situation and government guidelines on group gatherings, we have decided to postpone the community bonfire part of the event. Instead, please do consider participating by decorating your window and following the walking trail through the Hanneys!

*Tanmayee Deshprabhu*

## **CONTACT:**

**Email: [hanneywinterfestival@gmail.com](mailto:hanneywinterfestival@gmail.com)  
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*Matt, Ivone and I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the people of Hanney for such a warm welcome over our opening weekend. Our community has done an incredible job restoring the building, and we are so looking forward to filling The Plough with unforgettable memories in the years to come.*

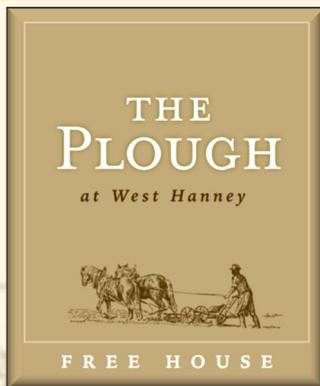
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## THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends

We discovered the meaning of the phrase “*fully integrated*” last month. It was done through ordering a dishwasher online. Having seen a picture of the machine that looked to us like a free standing one we naively thought “fully integrated” meant “everything works”!

It was only when the deliverers unpacked the machine and I asked “*Where is the top covering?*” and then noticed that the door also had no outside finish, we realised our mistake.

Of course you probably knew that fully integrated means being fitted into the kitchen and blending in as part of the whole, covered by the decorated design. (It also meant for us spending more time phoning the Customer services – but that is another story and thankfully the provider was very helpful.)

As always understanding the context clarifies the definition. I began to wonder, is this a phrase you can apply to other areas of life? Life at the moment by no means feels fully integrated. Rather, it seems utterly disintegrated with riots, abuse, indecision and uncertainty.

During these past few months I have been studying St Paul’s letter to the Ephesians which he wrote from a position of lockdown in prison to people who appeared to be living separated lives from each other.

He uses a phrase *in Christ Jesus* which occurs nearly 40 times. Fully integrated into Jesus paraphrases this idea nicely. For when followers of Jesus become part of Christ we find a resource that even in times of disintegration, he helps us to be loving in our relationships, respectful to all, but especially the vulnerable, honest at work, patient in affliction, grateful for the blessings which God lavishes upon us and have real hope that good will win.

In the meantime I have to go and do the washing up...God bless and stay alert.

John

Ps. for those of you who live in Denchworth, check out the repairs and redecoration of St James Church!

## SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Starting from Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October we plan a 09.30 Eucharist in Church every Sunday.

Tuesdays at 10am – Said Eucharist.

Please be aware any changed regulations may restrict our plans. Numbers will still be limited and pre-registering to attend will still be required – please email [hilarycakebreadhall@gmail.com](mailto:hilarycakebreadhall@gmail.com) or call 868590.

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Chris Reason: 868375 - [chris\\_reason\\_hanney@hotmail.com](mailto:chris_reason_hanney@hotmail.com)

## Hanney Covid 19 Team

Your Hanney Covid-19 Support Team remain ready to help with shopping, prescription collections and medical appointments. We have a very small team able to help with such appointments so apart from an emergency need, please let us know in plenty of time so we can book this for you. Needless to say if you think you have any Covid-19 symptoms please phone the NHS 111 line. We realise that with the current increase in infections some of us may feel the need to isolate more again or take additional precautions -so please call us for help when needed.

**REMEMBER - if you need help please do get in touch with us on our Free to Call number 0808 123 0161, or email [hanneycovid19@gmail.com](mailto:hanneycovid19@gmail.com).**

**Take care and stay safe!**

*The Covid Team*

**More on Covid 19...** clearly, this isn't going away anytime soon, despite what a few folk say about it all being a hoax or a conspiracy (!) by Bill Gates / Huawei / Boris Johnson / people who are able to morph into lizards and eat babies!

Even the Pope has chipped in with his twopenny-worth, stating at his weekly blessing last month...*"Please brothers and sisters, let's try to not gossip. Gossip is a plague worse than Covid. Worse. Let's make a big effort: no gossiping!"* You'll forgive me for not being overly reassured by the Pontiff's potty pontifications.

In a recent German study, researchers examined the hearts of 100 patients who had recently recovered from the virus. They found that 78 of them, mostly young and previously healthy, now had heart abnormalities and 60 had myocarditis.

In short, the effects of what is now being called 'Long-term Covid' can be extremely serious. This article pulls no punches and is well worth a read...

**<https://time.com/5878448/longterm-covid19-recognition-research/>?**

Now, I know that Boris' messages are a tad confusing - to put it mildly! - but given that, as of today, almost 1 million people world wide have died of Covid, you'll understand if I don't see this as a hoax or conspiracy. I'll continue to take it seriously, wear a mask, keep my distance and wash my Jimmys! (Jimmy Shands... cockney rhyming slang for 'hands'. ) You'll remember Jimmy, the tonsorially challenged gent in our cover pic!

## Letters

Dear Editor

A big thank you to all of our lovely Neighbours and Friends for the numerous cards and letters sent to our family after Denis died. We would also like to thank everyone who took time to stand and pay their respects as Denis's Hearse left the village

It meant a lot to us.

With Best Wishes from Dulcie, Jane & Sally-Anne Parfoot

*See Denis' obituary on page 16*

Dear Sir

I would like to endorse Lorene Ashby's praise of Hanney Covid 19 for all the help given over the last few months of Lockdown.

I have benefitted by wonderful help in many visits to the JR Oxford Eye Hospital, as well as with assistance with shopping.

I won't mention names of those kind folk who have given up valuable time to help me, as I know that as well as the organisers there were many others ready to help.

It was all a great relief at a difficult time.

Thank you!

Michael Hutchings

### Hanney W.I. approaches 100 and still going strong:

In October 1921, a proposal was passed that a WI should be formed in Hanney and so we began. Meetings were held in the Victory Hut and glove making was on the agenda. Meetings were very formal, with everyone addressed as Mrs. or Miss.

Fast forward to the present day, the formalities have relaxed and glove making replaced by wine tasting, but the values, opportunities and friendships made, have not changed. This month we begin our Centenary year. Covid 19 has put a slight delay on our plans, but our WI is a forceful group and we will be ready to address the next 100 years when it comes.

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## **Obituary - Denis Parfoot**

### **7th July 1934 - 13th August 2020**

Denis was born in a farm cottage on the edge of Beech Hill, a village near Reading. His parents were unaware they were expecting twins and Denis was born first, and his sister 'Pearl' was born 3 minutes later.

At school Denis enjoyed athletics and ran for the County. He left school at the age of 16, and worked at Thurley Joinery, Reading as an apprentice carpenter & joiner, where he became firm friends with another apprentice Colin Cripps. They both shared a passion for cycling and were members of the Reading 'Bon Homie' Cycling Club. During his youth he cycled all over the UK and France. His pride and joy was his hand-built Hetchins bicycle painted Royal Blue which he kept in immaculate condition.

Denis met Dulcie whilst she was training to be a nurse. After a two year courtship they were married in Reading on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1960; their first child Jane Louise was born in 1962. Around 1965 Denis moved from Reading to work for Barrett's Builders in West Hanney and moved into Colwen, Main Street, West Hanney.

Their second child, Sally-Anne was born in February 1966. Denis continued to enjoy working for Barrett's for many years and made some lifelong friendships with colleagues. He continued his passion for cycling and encouraged his family to join him on many happy days out. In 1978, in memory of his brother Brian who had died of cancer, Denis cycled with his good friend Colin Cripps from Lands' End to John O'Groats. They cycled 850 miles in ten days and raised £800 for Cancer Research.

When Barrett's closed, Denis worked for himself and rented part of the Barrett's former workshop in West Hanney. During this time he was commissioned by the DIAS to do restoration work within the St. James Church West Hanney, including restoring the pulpit canopy by replacing carvings, building a Vestry and repairing parts of the Bell Tower. He was also commissioned by the St John the Baptist Church in Grove, plus numerous others including from Brasemore College Oxford, pieces of furniture, beautiful intricate turning and carvings, including framework some of which was used to frame original Alice in Wonderland sketches.

It was whilst finishing making repairs to the Bell Tower Stays Denis was invited to have a go at bellringing; he never looked back, and after many hours and years of practice he became quite accomplished, again making lifelong friends and enjoying a pint at the Plough after practice each week. According to the Bell Tower records, his first recorded quarter Peal was 8<sup>th</sup> April 1980, ringing the Tenor bell for 42 mins. He also rang a complete Peal in 1986 which lasted for 3hrs and 6 mins. Two other memorable occasions Denis rang the bells were to celebrate his 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday and on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2001, he rang in honour of the birth of his first grandchild, Henry.

When Denis eventually retired, he pottered around in his home workshop making things for the family. He was later sadly diagnosed with Alzheimer's, but never lost his zest for life and always had a smile for everyone even though he was sometimes in a lot of pain. He kept his sense of humour often having a chuckle with Dulcie. He will be remembered by his family and friends for his craftsmanship, intelligent and patient mind, his gentle kind nature, wonderful smile and devotion to his family.

*Jane Parfoot*



**Karl Marx** is a very familiar historical figure, but maybe you didn't know that he had a younger sister - that's her above in the rather stylish sunglasses pictured above.

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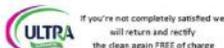


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**HANNEY BELLRINGERS** meet every Wednesday St James' Church West Hanney from 7.30 pm until 9 pm. Beginners very welcome. Contact Jean Hazard for more details - 868883.

**HANNEY BOWLS CLUB** Weds 7.30-10.00pm, and Thursdays 2.00-4.00pm. Contact 868145

**HANNEY CHAPEL** Sunday 10:30am and 5:30pm. 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of month Lunch & Listen at 10:30am, 1<sup>st</sup> Sat Men's Breakfast at 8:30am. In term-time: Tuesdays - Hanney Toddlers 9:15am; Thursdays - Discoverers (Rcpt-Y2) 4pm & Adventurers (Y3-Y6) 6pm; Fridays - Friday Club (Y7-Y9) 6:30pm & The Hub (Y10-Y13) 7:45pm. Contact Mark Fisher on 867105 / [mailmarkfisher@gmail.com](mailto:mailmarkfisher@gmail.com).

**HANNEY COMMUNITY WOODLAND WORKING PARTY**...contact Paul Sayers by email [pksayers@btinternet.com](mailto:pksayers@btinternet.com) or 01235868146

**HANNEY CRICKET CLUB** Occasional Sunday friendly games. For details ring David Johns on 07770 456147 or 01235 868519, or email [djohnski@uwclub.net](mailto:djohnski@uwclub.net).

**HANNEY FLOOD GROUP** hold a monthly working party. Contact Clive Manvell for details - [clive@manvell216.plus.com](mailto:clive@manvell216.plus.com), or 01235 868216.

**HANNEY GARDENING CLUB** meets on the first Monday of each month, Sept to April, in the HWMH. 7:45 for 8.00pm. Tea and coffee followed by a talk. Visit [www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk](http://www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk)

**HANNEY GUIDES** (for all girls aged 10+) meet on Mondays in HWMH 6:30-8:00pm during term time. **HANNEY BROWNIES** (aged 7+) meet on Tuesdays in Royal British Legion 6:00-7:30pm. **RAINBOWS** (aged 5+) in Grove on Wednesday and Thursday. Girls and volunteers always welcome. Contact Clare Green 07845 047990 / [districtcomgrove@gmail.com](mailto:districtcomgrove@gmail.com) / [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk)

**HANNEY HISTORY GROUP.** Meets 8pm on the 4th Tuesday of every month. For further details and programme visit <http://hanneyhistory.org.uk/>

**HANNEY OCCASIONAL GOLFERS SOCIETY (HOGS)** was formed in 1996, and meets four times a year plus Christmas. HOGS is very much about social golf with all standards welcome. Non golfers/spouses usually join for the evening session when prizes are awarded and 'fines' imposed! Contact 'Poppy' at [andrew.fletcher@rer.co.uk](mailto:andrew.fletcher@rer.co.uk) for further details.

**HANNEY PRE-SCHOOL** meets term time, in the Elliott Building in the grounds of St James School. For 2.5+ year olds: Monday - Thursday, 9am – 3pm, Fri 9am - 2pm. Contact Hanney Pre-School on 07759181330 or see [www.hanneypreschool.co.uk](http://www.hanneypreschool.co.uk)

**HANNEY SCOUTS,CUBS and BEAVERS,** Contact Janet Green at [janet@thegreensonline](mailto:janet@thegreensonline)

**HANNEY TABLE TENNIS** in the Village Hall, every Thurs at 6.30pm. Just turn up. £2 a session

**HANNEY TENNIS CLUB** always welcomes new members. With the relaxation of the Covid-19 restrictions on exercise, the playing of singles, doubles and some coaching activities are now permitted. Further information about this and joining the club is available from our membership secretary [jenny.corps@btinternet.com](mailto:jenny.corps@btinternet.com)

**HANNEY WHEELERS CYCLING** We meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 10.00 am prompt at the Hanney WMH. New cyclists, you will be warmly welcomed for recreational local cycling with essential coffee stop!! Call Bob Wilson 868389 or email: bobwilson300@hotmail.com

**HANNEY WINE CIRCLE** meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month: [www.hanneywinecircle.org.uk](http://www.hanneywinecircle.org.uk)

**HANNEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (W.I.)** meet the second Thursday of the month (except in Aug) 7.30 - 9.30 in the Olde Hanney Room, Village Hall. New members are welcome. Contact Jean Geary 869070 or Helen Evans 868542

**HANNEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB** trains at the rec. on Thursday night. We play in the Oxford Mail Youth League and have teams from age 5 up. If you would like to join us please contact Paul on 07510 435 508, [hyfcfooty@gmail.com](mailto:hyfcfooty@gmail.com) or visit our website [hanneyyouthfc.co.uk](http://hanneyyouthfc.co.uk)

**OLDE HANNEY ROOM COFFEE SHOP**, Tuesdays, 10.00-11.30am. Everyone welcome for tea or coffee - a chat and a raffle. **POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH** meets bi-monthly on the 4th Wednesday of September, November, January, March, May and July in the RBL Club. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.**

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BINGO** every Sunday, R.B. Legion Hall 8pm. Cash prizes. 18+ welcome.

**THURSDAY EVENING SINGING WITH SJS**, Hanney's small consort male-voice group, 8-10pm in East Hanney. 4-part settings from medieval to Now! And a pint in the Black Horse afterwards. Call Mike Jones on 751656 or David Gahan 868933 for details.

**WANTAGE CHORAL SOCIETY** rehearses every Tuesday at C of E School, Newbury St. (next to Comrades Club) at 7.30pm. New voices always welcome. Contact Judy Gibbons 767408, [www.wantagechoralsociety.co.uk](http://www.wantagechoralsociety.co.uk), email [wantagechoralsociety@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wantagechoralsociety@yahoo.co.uk).

**WANTAGE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION** : 9am - 12noon every Saturday Feb-Sept. See website for details of all they offer. [www.wantagegardeners.org.uk](http://www.wantagegardeners.org.uk)

**WANTAGE MALE VOICE CHOIR** rehearses at HWMH on Tuesdays, 7.30-9.30pm. The Choir is looking for more men who enjoy a good sing to join their existing number of 30 or so. Call Geoff (868440) or Nick (768249), [www.wantagemalevoicechoir.org.uk](http://www.wantagemalevoicechoir.org.uk).

**WANTAGE U3A:** Visit our website detailing all our current activities - [www.u3asites.org.uk/wantage](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/wantage) or ring 07546 631089

**'YOUR PACE NOT MINE'** Hanney's very own mixed ability - and free! - running group meets 2 - 3 times a week. Email Carey Hope [carey.hope@gmail.com](mailto:carey.hope@gmail.com) for more details or visit website: <https://groups.runtogether.co.uk/yourpacenotmine>.

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**PILATES CLASS** Wednesdays 6 -7pm and Fridays 9.15 - 10.15am (term time only) at the Royal British Legion, E. Hanney. Novices and Improvers welcome. To book your place or for more details please contact Pippa Carey (STOTT Pilates teacher) on 07941 260427 or [pippa@thrive-nutrition.co.uk](mailto:pippa@thrive-nutrition.co.uk)

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