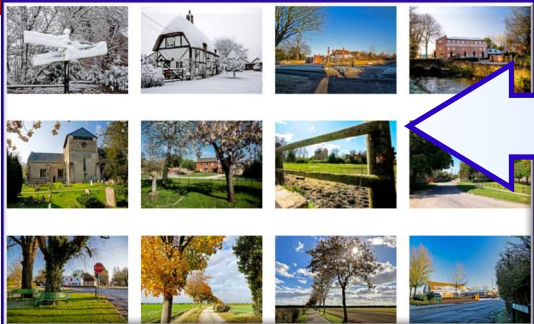




Hanneys News

Number 540 December 2020

**Ho Ho Ho...here's wishing
all our readers a Happy
Hanney Christmas !**



**DON'T FORGET YOUR HANNEY
CALENDAR...ALL PROFITS TO
GOOD CAUSES IN OUR
COMMUNITY.
SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS AND
MORE CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS.**

Hanneys Senior Citizens Club Members

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Happy Christmas and
hope to see you all again
as soon as possible in
2021.

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With our best wishes
Marcia and the
Committee.

"Ere you lot!

**Did you know that you
can swap your Lego cards
in the Community Shop?**

Not a lot of people know that,
as my ole mucker Michael
Caine once said! And I've got
another question for you on
page 9...cor blimey guv, up the
apples and pears, luv a duck...

I'm Jeremy, a well 'ard
cockney geezer!



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hanneycovid19@gmail.com

As I write, we are less than half way through the second lockdown, but as you read I hope we'll be almost through it and looking forward to a 'sort of', 'kind of' 'normal (ish)' Christmas.

Within these pages expect the usual smorgasbord of delights, starting of course with a pic of Father Christmas on the front cover, saying something rather predictable.

We have a poem from a talented young wordsmith on page 14 and an article from a slightly older wordsmith, none other than Hanney's very own Clive Fewins - once met, never forgotten! - on page 16.

Talking of mature members of our community, Ray Woodyear gets a very well deserved mention also on that page. Ray's efforts on behalf of the community over many years, cannot be overstated!

I once knew a chap called Keith Smart...he was the scruffiest

person I've ever met. On page 14, you can meet a lady called Patsy Smiles. In stark contrast to scruffy Keith, Patsy is indeed the smiliest person I've ever met...thanks for restoring my faith in surnames Patsy! Judging by posts on our excellent Community Facebook page, we appear to have a few new residents, so let me welcome you all. You'll find most of us a friendly enough bunch, and I hope once you've settled in, you'll get involved in one way or another with the Community.

Just to let you know that the humble little mag you hold in your hand is produced monthly - has been since December 1975 though not by me back then!

Everyone involved, aside from the printing company, works on a voluntary basis, and the mag drops through your door thanks to the efforts, in all weathers, of a team of

individual distributors who usually cover the street or estate where they live. (Some do a lot more.) We rely on these willing souls...not much point in churning out this nonsense otherwise...so massive thanks to them. And if your estate does not have a distributor, you may well miss out on the best parish mag in the whole of Hanney. Oh dear!

This month I've managed to include not one, but two pictures of the BBC's all time gurning* champion Jeremy Paxman. (*to gurn...to pull a grotesque face.)

Once the BBC Newsnight's 'anchor'...at least I think that's how they described him ...he's got a question for you on page 9. Oxfordshire County Council's Highways Dept have come up with a range of suggestions to improve the speed limiter they call a 'build out and cushion' on the Steventon Road. All very

laudable, just a shame they didn't build the thing properly in the first place! Details are on page 6, where you'll also find more on East Hanney Parish Council's efforts to control the speeding problem.

In amongst the doom, gloom and silliness, there's good news....Hanney Cricket Club is planning for next year, see page 9, as are the History Group, page 3, and the Hanney Film Night folk have arranged a couple of spiffing films to enjoy this month, Covid rules allowing of course...also page 3.

Sir David of Bratley and Wisdom has penned a thought-provoking letter - page 15.

Some sad news to finish on...the recent passing of Maurice Sworn. Many thanks to Jamie Sellwood for allowing me to publish his splendid tribute to Maurice.

Till next month...and next year!



Updates on what's happening this month?

Hanney History Group - Because of the renewed Lockdown, the November talk "The River at War" had to be delivered online using 'Zoom'; disappointing, after the successful resumption of their 2020 programme with Covid-secure meetings in September and October. For the January to May 2021 season, the Group plan a full programme to be live in the Hall if possible, but incorporating flexibility to switch to Zoom if necessary.

Hanney Film Night in the Hanney War Memorial Hall (Covid allowing!)

Friday Dec. 4, 7.30 for 8.00, carried over from November, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood" starring Tom Hanks. See November Hanney News for review.

Saturday, Dec.19, 4.30 for 5.00 pm. PINOCCHIO, the 2019 film which had 14 wins and 16 further nominations!

It's a lovingly made take on Pinocchio, in thrall to goodness and kindness, having a distinctive surrealistic cinematic style. 'The Adventures of Pinocchio' by Carlo Collodi was published in 1883 and has been translated into over 300 languages and loved by children and adults ever since. The film is a PG, but is not recommended for children under 10. Quite scary in parts! (No surprise there, I watched the original cartoon recently and was behind the sofa for most of it! - Ed.)

Due to Covid, places are limited so you may book at

losalamos@btinternet.com or 077734 051258

Tickets: under 18, £5, £6 conc., £7. All payments card only.

Masks to be worn except when drinking.

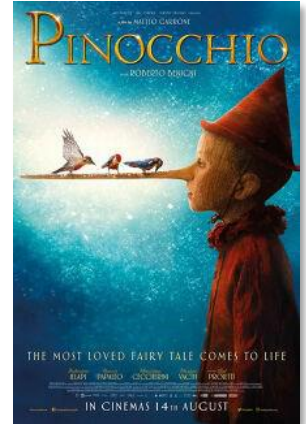


Table Tennis is back! If you want to help lose those Christmas pounds come along. Every Friday at the War Memorial Hall (East Hanney) at 10am for one hour. All welcome. Session cost £2. (Social distancing protocols will be followed and we will of course be following the Government guidelines current at the time, which may mean that the activity is not allowed.) Please contact me, Peter Packham, on 868038 if you are interested. **Numbers limited, starting Friday 8th January 2021**

Oxfordshire Artsweek: Dates for the 2021 festival are 1st-23rd May and in our area May 15th - 23rd.

Website: www.artweeks.org

(More details next month)



ACCOMMODATION IN LYFORD OX12 0EF

The Oliver Ashcombe Almshouses Charitable Trust has one small ground floor unfurnished unit to let, which comprises a bedroom, kitchen/sitting room and bath/WC. Rural village location, communal garden.

Please note there is NO public transport service in Lyford.

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

For info: contact Katherine Villiers 01235 868920 or Caroline Milne 01235 867495.

The Hanney Parochial Trust ...

It started back in 1605, with a stated aim to 'help alleviate poverty'.

That's still our aim today, so if you have been badly affected financially by the current Covid crisis, please contact me by phone - 01235 867500 - or email: jimstagg@btinternet.com - in strictest confidence - to see if we may be able to help. I will ask you some questions and then discuss your situation with my fellow trustees.

Please remember that this charity was set up a very long time ago by folk who would, I'm sure, be proud, and maybe a little surprised that their legacy is still around over 400 years later. It's here to help folk in genuine need through difficult times.

Further Education Grants...

In more recent times we have also made grants to anyone under the age of 25 who is in further education and needs help with the significant costs involved. You must live in the Hanneys or Lyford to apply. Again, please ring or email me for more information.

Remember our very splendid '2021 Hanney Villages Calendar' - an ideal gift for all your friends who don't live in Hanney? (poor souls!)

**Available from the Community Shop, or ring me on 01235 867500.
I'm happy to deliver
in the Hanneys!**

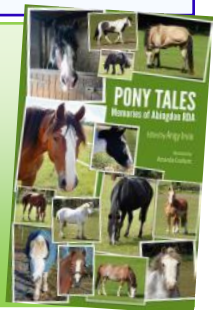
It's a limited print-run and we sold out last year. 2021's is even better with photos by photographer Dave Bratley. It cost's just £10, and all profits go to good causes within our community - last year we distributed £700! Please help us to better that figure this year.



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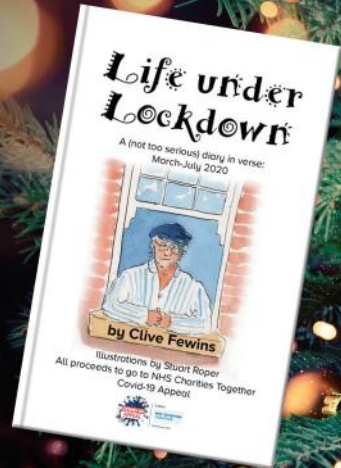


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**COVID-19
APPEAL**

**NHS CHARITIES
TOGETHER**

East Hanney Parish Council

Users of the Steventon Road will know that Oxfordshire County Council requested a developer install the 'build-out and cushion' and extended the 30mph limit to calm traffic as it enters and leaves the village. The Parish Council was always concerned that the effect would be to create an eyesore that made that short piece of road more dangerous rather than less.

Following the recent accident, where one of the bollards was knocked over by a vehicle entering the village, the Council has raised its concerns again with the Highways Authority and they have confirmed

some action will take place, including checking the dimensions of the build-out, cutting back the vegetation, illuminating the bollards and give-way signs and applying more road markings in the area to increase visibility.

Additionally, the work that the Parish Council is doing, locating speed monitor devices in the area, is demonstrating a slow but clear change in behaviour, with average speeds reducing. An analysis of the statistics was heard at the Council's early November meeting, with the details for the Steventon Road in the table below.

Date	Avg mph in (85%)	Avg mph out (85%)	Highest mph in	Highest mph out	Total no. vehicles in	Total no. vehicles out
30/06-12/07	36.7	35.0	85	76	10,473	11,008
26/07-09/08	34.1	36.4	75	99	5,539	14,177
23/08-06/09	36.0	34.9	73	66	4,745	5,927
20/09-11/10	32.2	29.9	74	72	39,677	39,172

East Hanney Parish Council meets every three weeks, all meetings are on Wednesdays, starting 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. Next meetings are on 16th Dec 2020 - Environment & Leisure, (inc. any outstanding Planning & Development issues) and 6th Jan 2021 - Planning & Development.

Parish Councillors - Chairman: Stephen McKechnie - smehpc@gmail.com.
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West Hanney Parish Council

West Hanney Parish Council discussed the problem of low flying helicopters after a resident complained about the noise and reverberation caused by helicopter activity in close proximity to West Hanney.

WHPC councillors are extremely supportive of our Armed Forces and the training requirements for helicopters to practise low flying in South Oxfordshire, however feel that there has been an

increase in intrusive helicopter activity over the past 12 months when helicopters have flown low over the village or close to the village boundary.

WHPC councillors would be interested to receive specific reports from residents where helicopter activity has been particularly upsetting. A note of the date, time, type of helicopter and the disruption caused would be very helpful in order for WHPC to make representations on behalf of residents.

A timetable for flying by Puma and Chinook helicopters can be found at <https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/stations/raf-benson/flying-info/> with night flying authorised Monday to Thursday usually until midnight, or until 3am for essential pre-deployment training.

David Corps - Chairman WHPC

West Hanney Parish Council wish all our residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in whatever way we are able to safely gather over the festive period.

The next 'virtual' meeting of WHPC is on Tuesday 15th December at 7.30pm using Zoom video conferencing software.

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



Maurice Sworn
7th July 1935 - 21st October 2020
A tribute by Jamie Sellwood.

Today the village said goodbye to an old friend who left many girls and boys, men and women a wonderful legacy. The year was 1982 and the summer before England had won the Ashes largely due to Ian Botham and a magic spell of bowling by Bob Willis. My love for the game had increased tenfold and this 14-year-old boy had an



idea. "I'm going to start a cricket club". I asked around the villagers and had a list of names who were involved with the old cricket club; then went banging on doors. I remember the day I met Maurice as if it were yesterday. I knocked on Dick Lay's door as he was once involved, and he said I should go and see his next-door neighbour as he played for Uffington. His neighbour was Maurice Sworn.

Maurice took a group of young lads and formed an under 16 cricket club later to become a full senior team and eventually two league sides. But the story is not quite that simple.

In the early years we had no equipment, no way of maintaining the ground, no storage facilities, and no money. The first time we cut the outfield it was with lawnmowers, and the grass was long, very very long. We then had to spring rake the cuttings to make sure the ball would reach the boundary. Eventually we managed to buy a gang mower, roller, and other equipment. Somehow Maurice even managed to get the old sports pavilion from King Alfred's School which we still use today!

Maurice went out of his way to find other

adults to help run the club. In the early years notably Jack Rolfe who held the training sessions. But there were always others helping where they could. Frankie Bunce, Mick Green, Mick Lambie, Brian Watkins, Dick Lay to name a few. Maurice recruited Fred Harris to become groundsman after a couple of years and that was probably the catalyst for

the men's team. We had a 'youth's vs seniors' match each year which eventually developed into a senior side as us boys grew up. Fred, although in his 70's became the wicketkeeper for the men's side. It is not without sadness that the club has been in limbo for a few years, but with the legacy Maurice left us with we have great equipment, good facilities, and a willingness to return to friendly cricket matches. Of course, this year's matches were postponed largely due to COVID-19 but we will return next year.

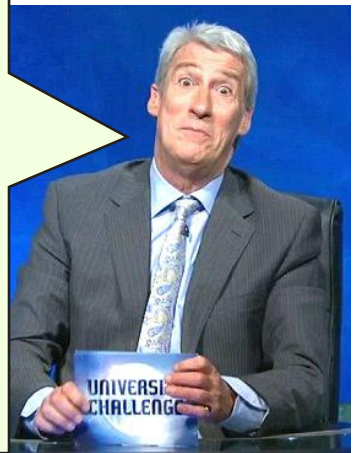
I have always had a love for cricket, but Maurice gave me purpose. He took a raw boy who just wanted to bowl as fast as he could and led him to understand the game. He taught me that actually playing the game is the easy bit. It is all the organisation behind the scenes which is the hardest work. Hanney Cricket Club owes a gratitude to Maurice and send our condolences to Penny, Stuart and Paul.

Maurice was a wonderful man, and I will thank him for what he did until the day I also join the great game in the sky. Thank you Maurice Sworn for all you have done. You will be missed by all.

“OK, Hanney University...your starter for ten.... which of the following can you buy in the Hanney Community Shop?

Gluten free biscuits and bars, local honey, local free range eggs, soya milk, coconut milk, pasta and sauces, art and craft items, batteries, cake-baking and decorating supplies, Wessex Mill flour, boxes of chocolates, ‘meat-free’ sausages and mince, bread rolls, Croissants, Pain au chocolate, and part-baked bread.

Yes of course...the answer is all of them, plus much more!! Any dimwit knows that. And the staff are happy, friendly and helpful, not rude and condescending like what I am.”



Plans for 2021

2020 would have been the summer to see the return of regular cricket to the village but for lockdown and the general uncertainty. A few

dedicated players young and old practiced in the nets through the summer and the club had two excellent fixtures. The first at East Hendred included a spitfire fly-past and if that doesn't stir the emotions and a longing for village cricket, nothing will! Despite the disappointments of the summer, a small group meet in October and reaffirmed their determination to get the Club back to playing a season of social Sunday cricket next year. The plan is for fix-

tures with local villages from May to mid-July, a break for the summer holidays, and a couple of concluding matches in early September. A fixture list is being compiled ready for the spring, when Sunday morning and Thursday evening nets will also return after Easter.

With many new faces in the village and probably a few former players desperate for the opportunity to re-ignite past cricketering glories, the Club is revamping its list of players and supporters. More players of all ages and abilities, are always welcome, and if you would like to be in-touch with the Club and the plans for 2021, please e-mail your contact details to hanneycricketteam@gmail.com and you will be added to the What's App and e-mail updates.

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends

Will Christmas be cancelled ? I doubt it but who knows what may happen this year with Covid-19 .

Will Christmas be different this year? – very likely especially if the restrictions continue.

It is not as bad as in 1644, though, when an Act of Parliament banned Christmas celebrations. This was because the government, made up of mainly English Puritans, viewed Christmas as a dangerous excuse for excessive drinking, eating, gambling and generally bad behaviour. That may even have been true but people weren't even allowed to go to church to worship God on Christmas Day.

Does it make you reassess what Christmas is about?

Christmas has always been celebrated in a variety of ways throughout the world but what, of course, has not changed is Christians rejoicing that God sent his Son to be born our Saviour to save the human race and all of creation. The first part of his rescue plan – a joyful message of peace and hope and a wonderful event heralding an effective solution to the mess we are making of our lives.

Certainly food and drink plays a large part in our celebrations which is not surprising since **Bethlehem** means *house of bread* and **Ephrathah**, which sounds like a swear word but is the original place name that distinguishes the Bethlehem where Jesus was born, means *lots of fruit*. Comforting food as well as bright lights and blazing fires in these dark days of gloomy winter, and the security of a loving home in cheerless cold nights are all heart-warming and give a sense of joy.

So if Christmas feels different, however you might manage to celebrate especially if you are able to prepare and consume lovely meals, perhaps it will inspire you to be fruitful and creatively generous. A donation to an organisation like the Salvation Army is always effective for they provide meals to the homeless, or giving to the local food bank also feeds the hungry. When Mary learned she was to be the mother of God's Son she praised the Lord of the Universe – *He has filled the hungry with good things!*

Whatever way you celebrate Christ's birth I pray that God's light will shine in your darkness and his love warm your hearts so that you share His blessing with others.

John

SERVICES IN DECEMBER



The only thing we can say with absolute certainty is that, as Hanney News goes to press, we can only plan in the hope that services will resume in December but don't actually know!

The regular Sunday Eucharist at 9.30am and Tuesday Eucharist at 10.00am will resume when permitted (undoubtedly still with the requirement to pre-register, wear a mask and socially distance) For more information please email

stjameschurchwesthanney@gmail.com

We hope that we will be able to celebrate the start of Christmas in church with Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve – again likely to be socially distanced,

masked and pre-booked please as numbers will be limited. To book, email stjameschurchwesthanney@gmail.com. Or ring 01235 868590

The service on Christmas Morning will almost certainly be by Zoom – to receive a link please email as above.

Plans are still be formulated for other activities and in particular for children but will not be confirmed until we know the likelihood of what can be permitted. So, to receive details please email us and we will let you know as soon as we can, details will also be posted on the Hanney Facebook page and circulated through the kind offices of Jim.

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Associate Vicar: Revd Alec Gill: 07739 563894 - vicaralec@valebenefice.org.uk

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

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

A quick reminder that the winning face masks are still available in the Community Shop or can be ordered via info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk

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Each mask is easy to care for: washable at up to 60 degrees, it lasts up to 100 washes.

Just £10 each – or 4 for £35 – with every penny of profit going to the Michaelmas Fayre Grants.





We have some talented young folk in our community......here's a rather topical poem from one of them, 9 year old Emily Barber

*"At the start of all this we were perfectly fine
 But then COVID-19 struck at a terrible time
 Families stopped talking, cities went dark
 And all you could here was your little dog bark
 People started working from home
 Teenagers got glued to their brand new phones
 Then one day your Prime Minister, Boris Johnson spoke
 He said shops may now open so come along folks
 People got excited they could have a pizza take away
 But they still had to stay 2 metres away
 People went back to work "Hip Hip Hooray"
 But we knew even better news would come the next day
 School Opened
 So I went to school with my Mum and my Dad
 When I got there I was so very glad
 Even though this is a very big change
 We must stick together to make it normal again."*

Local Hero... a smiling Patsy Smiles! (yes, that's her name!)

Here's what she told me.... *"On Tuesday morning I slipped badly outside the British Legion whilst out for a run. I have often taken to running in the middle of the road as the pavements and gutters are hazardous with all the Autumnal sodden fallen leaves. I couldn't run on the road as there was too much traffic to be safe. I then bruised both legs and arm quite colourfully. Not quite the Autumn colours I was after. Anyway I spent 3 hours on Tuesday shovelling and sweeping on Main Street. Then today I tackled the area near Dandridge Mill for 6 hours. The roads are so wet due to the drains being blocked with leaves. Hopefully people will be able to walk safely on the narrow pavement from the Mill to the Shop now."*

Patsy added that...

"I was hoping I might encourage others to clear their pavements too."

Massive big ups to Patsy, and if you are able to clear fallen leaves from the paths and pavements outside your home, I'm sure many folk would be very grateful indeed.

Thanks Patsy...keep on running!

Our political chums... David Johnston is our MP. You can write to him here: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, or phone: 0207 219 3000, or email: david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk

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

Letters

Dear Editor

Penny, Stuart and Paul would like to thank everyone so much for all the kind messages of condolence following the sad loss of Maurice.

Also a big thank you to the Covid team for collecting our prescriptions during the first lockdown.

Penny, Stuart and Paul Sworn
(See the tribute to Maurice on page 8 - Editor.)

Dear Editor

Christmas 2020 is approaching rapidly and this holiday will be one of a kind - especially as there may not be one, thanks to Covid-19.

With the exception of self-entitled, egotistical hedonists, every law-abiding person in the UK and Northern Ireland has been affected to a greater or lesser extent. Banned from mixing with family and loved ones, prohibited from enjoying centres of social gatherings. New grandparents missing out on cuddling new borns during the first precious months of life, something they will never get back.

The list of denials goes on but I am aware

space here is limited. Everyone of us will have personal regrets. So, this year, we face the very real prospect of Christmas being cancelled.

Before incredulity, anger and disgust are directed towards our leaders and their advisors, I invite people to research the events in London during 1940 - 41. Nightly, almost 350 German bombers rained down thousands of tons of bombs upon the civilian population in an operation which became known as the Blitz. Residents arriving home discovered not only their house but their entire street in flames. After spending the night in Anderson shelters and/or tube stations they went off to work.

A missed Christmas is a walk in the park compared to the events suffered by the British public during the Blitz. Let's all reflect upon how very fortunate we are to live today and adopt the same spirit of tenacity which our grandparents and parents displayed.

Christmas? Bah, humbug!

Yours, Dave Bratley

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Postal surprise for proud veteran Ronnie.

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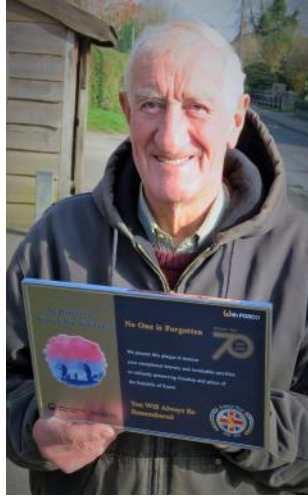
Ronnie Watkins of East Hanney is pretty certain he is the only surviving veteran of the Korean War living in the Hanneys.

It's a pretty certain bet, but if any of our devoted readers did have the misfortune to take part in that very unpleasant conflict, they should make their complaint directly to Ronnie and not to the Global International news desk.

So it was of great interest to hear that early last month Ronnie received a large parcel at his home that at first he thought had come from his daughter in the USA.

It was nothing of the sort, but had its origins in the conflict in which Hanney-born Ronnie spent 13 months as a 19 year old National Serviceman.

When he opened the package Ronnie found a packet of best Korean tea, some high quality face coverings to help him counter the current pandemic – and the most luxurious steel plaque designed for veterans of the war that now has pride of place on his sideboard.



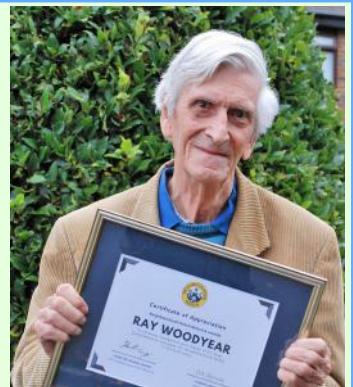
It was all to commemorate 70 years since the beginning of the Korean War, which those of you that viewed the television coverage of the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance from the Royal Albert Hall on 7th November will know took place this June.

The words inscribed on the plaque, manufactured and sent to veterans by leading Korean steelmaker Rosco: said: "We present this plaque to honour your exceptional bravery and invaluable ser-

vice to valiantly preserve freedom and peace in the Republic of Korea."

Widower Ronnie, who sadly lost his twin brother Brian in May of this year, said: "They were thirteen months I shall never forget. I was in the Infantry, it was the closing phase of the war and many of the sights I witnessed are unrepeatable. Likewise the conditions: the one Christmas dinner we had out there consisted of a slice of bread and half an egg. It was supposed to be bacon and egg but the bacon never arrived! It was all exceptionally tough."

Another Local Hero is a gent many of us will recognize...Ray Woodyear. He too holds a plaque - well deserved and recently presented to him for his long years of service to the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Ray has also been involved with many other community-based project and activities...largely unsung, rarely thanked, but nonetheless it's stuff that needs doing and Ray just gets on and does it. He's now retired and will be sorely missed by all in the community who recognize his contribution since he and his wife Pat moved here way back when! Thanks Ray...You're an inspiration to all of us who try to 'do our bit'.





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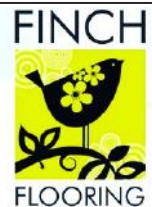
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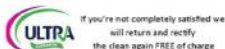


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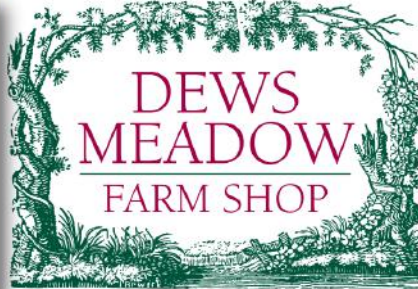
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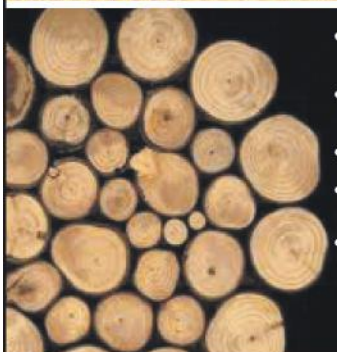
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HANNEY WINE CIRCLE meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month: www.hanneywinecircle.org.uk

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 or visit our website 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, email 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

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.

WANTAGE U3A: Visit our website detailing all our current activities - www.u3asites.org.uk/wantage or ring 07546 631089

NORDIC WALKING CLASSES WITH LISA FROM OXFORDSHIRE FITNESS daytime, evening and weekend classes available please call Lisa on 07885635367, email lisa@oxfordshirefitness.co.uk for more details or to book a taster session.

PILATES CLASS Wednesdays 6 -7pm and Fridays 9.15 - 10.15am (term time only) at the HWMH, aka Village Hall, in East 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

Please note...many of these activities, clubs etc have been affected by Covid restrictions...please check before attending.

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2nd - Cath Carter
3rd - Chris French

Not got a number yet or want additional numbers? Just call Hilary on 868590.

Hanney War Memorial Hall

To book the Hall, the Committee Room, or the Olde Hanney Room, contact Graham Garner on 01235 868684, email hwmh.hanney@gmail.com

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