



Hanney News

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'As we all face the additional challenges the current surge of COVID brings, your Hanney Covid-19 Team continue to support our community with essential shopping, prescription collection, transport for medical appointments (NOT for suspected COVID testing) and transport

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welcome to contact us - we may not be able to fulfil this ourselves but may be able to suggest where you can get help.

We too are required to follow the latest Lockdown guidelines and therefore please bear this in mind!



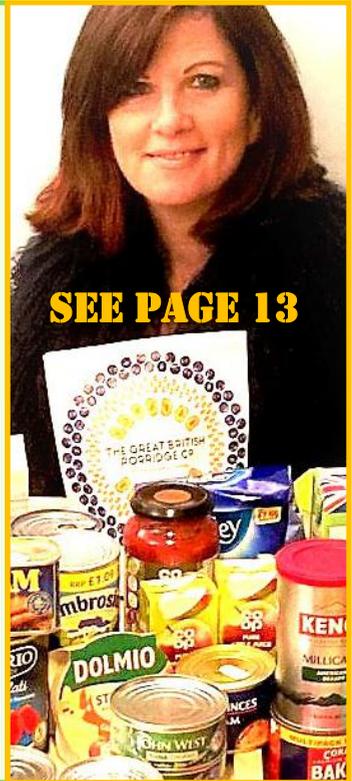
Thames Travel have introduced a new bus route.

It's the X36 and runs from Wantage to Didcot via East Hanney. On weekdays, the first bus leaves East Hanney - the Whitfield Gardens bus stop - at 7am, arriving in Didcot at 7.30am. They run approx. every 30 minutes, last bus leaving Hanney at about 8pm.

If you're organizing a Saturday night out in Didcot - once Covid rules allow of course! - the last bus leaves Didcot at 6 minutes before 7pm (!), so don't plan a late one!

Details here, including a PDF giving the times of the buses

... www.thames-travel.co.uk/routes/x36



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Editorial

February already and sadly we're still in a bit of a mess, but some good news too, so read on dear friends!

Lots from the shop this month on page 4, and a yummy cake recipe from them on page 14. Pure coincidence of course, but it's my birthday on the 28th; I'm happy to receive cakes or any other gifts, cards etc. A quick mention of East Hanney's Phil and Clive Manvell - they do a lot for the community - and my spies tell me they were working in the Community Woodland on

31st Dec. (!) so massive big ups to them! Many other folks involved with the Woodland also deserve our thanks...we are very lucky to have such a special asset, and the willing folk who are happy to maintain it.

Still on trees, I've learnt more about one of the beautiful trees I pictured on page 7 of last month's issue. The one on the left is a Weeping or Caucasian Lime, scientific name 'Tilia Euchlora', and the particular fine specimen on West Hanney's village green was planted - with the Parish Council's permission of course - by two members of our community exactly 30 years ago. It is a fine example of how much a tree can grow in that period.

I can only echo West Hanney Parish Council leader's sentiments from last month...a view shared by everyone I'm sure...that trees are a great asset to our community, and their mindless destruction is tantamount to vandalism in my humble.



I make no apologies for including a pic of another beautiful tree here, this one in East Hanney.

East Hanney Parish Council tell us about their ambitious plans on page 6, and there's great news that the Hanney Bakery has risen again...risen...bakery...geddit? Check their ad on page 5. I've already enjoyed my first two Chelsea buns...delicious! I have been rightly taken to task for my mistake in last month's issue, stating that Mellors the literary character, who shares

a name with the garage in Challow - was a gardener. In fact he was a game-keeper...apologies. Some sad 'goodbyes' this month as members of our community move on to pastures new....Rosi Rollings, bell-ringer supreme, see piece from Hanney Bell-Ringers on page 3, and Guy and Myfanwy Langton Jones, see page 8. We wish them all every happiness for the future. Hall Chairman Graham Garner gives us an update also on page 8. He and his team are doing a great job keeping it going in these difficult times and deserve our sincere thanks for their efforts.

I allow myself a mini-rant and Elvis gets the vaccine on page 9, and our very own Monica Bullen says thank you on page 13. More 'thank yous' on the letters page 15, and a bonny baby on page 16, the newest member of our community, far as I know! Finally, a challenge for the old 'watch' (watch and chain = brain!) also page 16. Till next month...stay well, stay home!

What's happening this month?

Table Tennis is postponed! Organiser Sir Peter of Packham and Ping Pong tells me that we need to be back in Tier 2 before it can happen. I'll keep you posted.

"Hanney Drama Group and Hanney War Memorial Hall very much regret that owing to Covid restrictions we cannot continue with **'Film Night'** until Lockdown is lifted. We very much look forward to seeing you all again, hopefully in the spring."

"Hanney Gardening Club are disappointed that our long-anticipated talk by Chris Beardshaw has had to be postponed under lockdown rules. However, his team are working hard to fit us in as soon as possible. Meanwhile, activities and planning continue. We had a Zoom talk on 4th January from Nancy Stevens in Glasgow on Japanese Gardens. This was excellent and attended by 23 members. The 40 minute talk was followed by 15 minutes of questions and was recorded and made available to members. More such meetings are planned, and we will keep members informed. We hope you are all planning for the Plant Sale on 8th May - ordering seeds, dividing plants, identifying unwanted plants etc. Our programme for the spring and summer is in place with visits (including to Andy McIndoe's garden on 2nd June and RHS Wisley on 3rd July) and the Travelling Garden Party on 7th July. So, stay healthy, start planning your gardening season and get out there as much as possible. Best wishes from the committee"

Hanney Bellringers...Just before we went into the current 'Lockdown', I received this from our splendid Bellringers...

"Like so much else this year, bell-ringing had to be suspended. As soon as allowed, three masked and sanitised band members rang for the occasional Sunday service. Now that it looks as if life will soon be getting back to normal, we are about to lose our wonderful Tower Captain, Rosi Rollings. She, her husband and family and 'Rosybee' will be relocating to Wales in January.

Rosi has kept the ringing team together since our last Tower Captain stepped down in 2013. Her enthusiasm and dedication are second to none and we are going to miss her enormously. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Rosi and to wish her and her family every happiness for the future.

In losing Rosi we also lose her daughter, Kate, another ringer, so we are more than ever in need of new recruits! A very happy and healthy New Year to you all!"

The Hanney History Group...are meeting this month via Zoom.

Please email: hgsecretary@gmail.com before the event to obtain a Zoom link.

We welcome visitors, and ask them to contribute £3.

The speaker - Dr. Simon Wenham - is a well known local history specialist who spoke to us before on the history of Salter's Steamers.

His talk will cover the impact of Lord Nuffield's car empire on the city. It will be of wide ranging interest to any who worked there or bought a Morris or BMC product.

February 23rd Morris Motopolis - the motor works and the transformation of Oxford - Simon Wenham

William Morris relocated his factory to the eastern suburbs of the city in 1912. His business became the biggest car producer in the country in the interwar period, which had a massive impact on the area. This talk will explore the ways in which Oxford was transformed.

Hanney Community Shop News

THE DAY THE SHERIFF CAME CALLING....

Bridget and Rosemary were surprised by a recent visit from Amanda Ponsonby, the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire. Mrs. Ponsonby took office earlier this year and has taken a special interest in 'community' and Community Shops. Ruth Smith and Margaret Hanlon attended a garden party at her home in the summer which she held as an opportunity to meet with volunteers in Community



shops and understand the role they are playing, particularly during lockdown. Mrs. Ponsonby was very impressed by the amount and variety of stock in our small Community Shop and congratulated all the volunteers for the hard work that has been put in.

Our '2021 Hanney Villages Calendar' is still available... from the Community Shop, or ring me on 01235 867500. I can deliver in the Hanneys!

It cost's just £10, and all profits go to good causes within our community - last year we distributed £700!

Please help us to beat that figure this year.

Also available at the shop are these charming little notelet cards

produced by Dave Bratley. They come in packs of 10, with envelopes, are blank inside and cost just £5 per pack. Again, all profits to good



Finally friends, be sure to check out the lovely cake recipe on page 14 that the shop have sent to us here at Global HQ. Rather appropriate actually since this month sees my birthday...all gifts, cards and, once you've made it, a slice of the cake very welcome!

Hanney Community Bakery

Home made bread and other bakery items made locally to order using Wessex Mill flour from Wantage. Can be delivered to your door. Open Wednesday to Saturday.

From Thursday 14th January 2021

White Tin Loaf £1.80

Farmhouse Cob £2.30

White or Brown Rolls 50p each

Chelsea Buns £1.25 each

Pain au Chocolat £2 each

Dorset Apple Cake slice £1.75

Mediterranean Tear and Share loaf £3



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We can also make cakes to order.

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Thanks to the generosity of West Hanney Parish Council (WHPC), the small parking area in front of St James Church in West Hanney is being resurfaced. (The land to the right of the footpath that leads to the main gate is owned by WHPC).

The work starts on 10th February, and is expected to last until about the 16th. During this time the space outside the Church will not be available as the levels need to be modified and concrete poured, and allowed to set. Alternative car parking will be available in The Plough car park. WHPC apologizes for any inconvenience caused. "Well done Councillors" say we here at Global HQ!



Takeaway

My understanding of the Covid rules as of mid January, is that the only service a pub or restaurant can currently offer its punters is a 'takeaway', so if you want to help them through these very difficult times, you could do worse than buy one or two!

I believe the following establishments in the Hanney News circulation area are offering such a service, tho' some not on a full time basis, so it's vital that you check first.

The Black Horse in East Hanney...see their ad on page 11;

La Fontana, also East Hanney, tel: 868287;

The Plough and Hanney Spice - see their ads on page 10 - in West Hanney.

The Chequers at Charney, tel: 868642;

The Fox at Denchworth, tel: 868258

I have it on good authority that all the above establishments will supply you with sustenance that not only 'fills a gap' but also gives much pleasure in the consumption thereof, as well as offering value for money!

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

East Hanney Parish Council

At its first meeting of the New Year, the Parish Council (PC) considered in detail its budget for 2021-22, which includes the realising of its plans for the recreation areas. The outcome is that the PC has requested a precept of £51,040. This is an increase of just under 30%, or £11,770. The Vale of White Horse District Council, who coordinate collections, will itemise this as a new yearly cost of £99.69 per 'Band D' household, up from £79.22 in 2020-21. The PC does not know by how much the County Council, District Council or Police Authority will increase their precepts, so is unaware of the new total of local taxes to be levied in 2021-22.

The PC is planning on investing around £350,000 in improving the recreation facilities in the village. A dedicated and regularly updated page can be seen on the Council's website at:

www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk/parish-facilities-plan.html.

Much of the funds will come from developer 'Section 106' contributions, but the PC will be depleting its reserves and seeking a loan from the Public Works Loans Board to make up the difference. A community consultation exercise will take place in due course but early phases of the plan comprise:

- Relocating and extending the existing wooden pavilion to provide

improved facilities, possibly including a self-service café.

- Defining and improving local cycle and walking routes to promote non-vehicle transport across the village.
- Significant expansion and improvement of the village play area.
- The installation of an outdoor gym and trim trail stations around the edge of the fields.
- More benches on the fields.
- A 'Multi-Use Games Area' - (MUGA) aimed at recreational sports for all ages including tennis and basketball.
- BMX, skate, scooter ramps.
- A community orchard.
- An extension to the overflow carpark.
- Football pitch improvements project.
- Football goals and rugby posts for recreational use.
- A second cricket net.

Finally, readers may be aware that after over six and a half years as the Council's Parish Clerk, Guy Langton, will be leaving the Council on the 14th February 2021. Interviews have been held for his replacement and it is hoped the new Parish Clerk will be able to start to allow for a period of handover.

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 -

27th January 2021: Full Council, Planning & Development.

17th February 2021: Planning & Development.

(Agendas to be confirmed a week in advance)

West Hanney Parish Council

**The next 'virtual' meeting of WHPC is on
Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.**

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

East Hanney Parish Councillors

Chairman: Stephen McKechnie - smehpc@gmail.com.

Vice Chair: David Kirk, david.kirk@btinternet.com; Paul Aram, pvaehpc@gmail.com

Councillors: David Blomley - dbehpc@gmail.com; Oliver Cornish - ocehpc@gmail.com

Sarah Stephenson - ssehpc@gmail.com; Richard Strange - rsehpc@gmail.com

Dickon Green - dgehpc@gmail.com

Clerk: Guy Langton - up to 14th February only - 01235 867403 gl-ehpc@outlook.com

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www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale/volunteer/



Artweeks May Festival 2021.

Details: www.artweeks.org



Guy Langton and Myfanwy Langton Jones

“Many of you will know by now that Guy and Myfanwy are soon to leave the village and head west.

On behalf of East Hanney Parish Council I would like to especially thank Guy for all his advice and selfless work he has given over the years as Parish Clerk. He has skillfully, and with his own brand of forthrightness, guided the many incarnations of the PC through some very troubling waters. He has often been responsible for converting the emotional and heartfelt issues over planning, expressed by villagers, into legal and planning ‘speak’, which has then been instrumental in our success in front of



both Committees and Inspectors. Guy has been a constant source of advice to three PC Chairmen and the many Council members over his several years of serving the village. The PC would often sit back in amazement at both the breadth and depth of his knowledge. I will miss our epic mid-week and Sunday phone calls as we tried to negotiate the best for our village. Guy has worked tirelessly for the village in his role as Parish Clerk and together with Myfanwy they were ever present in so many voluntary groups that either promoted or cared for

this village.

He and Myfanwy will be sorely missed by the Hanney Community.”

Steve McKechnie - Chairman EHPC

Hanney War Memorial Hall Update

The Hall shut down when we entered Tier 4 on Boxing Day followed by Lockdown Three, so we don't know when our user groups will be able to return. We will follow any future guidelines and be prepared to re-open as a Covid-19 secure venue as soon as we are allowed. We have applied for Government grants made available to community and village halls to ensure the financial stability of the Hall, so our future is assured.

This good news is tinged with sadness as our long serving Secretary, Myfanwy Jones, is stepping down as Secretary to the Hall as she and husband Guy are planning to move away from our community. She took over

as Secretary five years ago and has been a key member of the Hall team, not only keeping us organised but also helping out behind the bar with Guy. We will miss her invaluable contribution and on behalf of the Hall, I would like to thank her for everything she has done and send our good wishes for a successful move to the West Country.

I am delighted to announce that Vicki Ruston will take over as our Secretary when Myfanwy steps down. We extend a very warm welcome to her as the newest member of our team.

Graham Garner - Hall Chairman

A friend of mine told me he'd failed his exam in Aborigine music.

“Did ya redo it” I asked.



The Covid Vaccine...

Two things I want to say, dear readers, about the vaccine.

First - beware of scams! Apparently, scammers - not altogether surprisingly - have taken the mass vaccination programme as an opportunity to come up with cunning scams that sound very convincing. Please be aware that...

"The NHS will never ask you to press a button on your keypad or send a text to confirm that you want the vaccine, and will never ask for payment or for your bank details. The

scam 'links' that you may get sent take you to an "extremely convincing" fake NHS website where people are asked to input their bank details to register for a vaccine. Do not be fooled.

You do not have to pay for a vaccine."

Second point, and I'm being a tad controversial here, so hopefully I won't offend anyone...I'm hearing anecdotally that up to 20% of the UK public may not take up the offer of a vaccine when their turn comes



round, for a variety of - mainly very stupid! - reasons. Given there are about 1,700 folk in the Hanneys of which, I'm guessing 1,300+ are adults and are therefore entitled to a vaccine, that means anywhere up to about 200 'unvaxxed' - for that read dangerous! - folk could be in our community possibly spreading the latest mutation.

So, if you are going to refuse to have a vaccine jab perhaps you could let me know? I can then publish your name in a future issue, and folk who know you can take an informed view on if they interact with you in the future.

I'm not going to bother to explain why a vaccine is essential...far cleverer folk than I can and are doing just that, but if, as an 'antivaxxer', your fear is of putting an unknown/untested substance in your body, I have just one simple question for you... have you ever eaten anything from a fast food outlet?

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends

On New Years Day I read Psalm 62 and verse 8 says...

'Trust in the Lord at all times O people

Pour out your hearts to Him

For God is our Refuge'

I wanted to share this verse with you because even though by the time you read this we will be several weeks into the new year, I hope it will encourage you as we face another series of disruptions, apprehension, readjustments and inconvenience due to the Covid -19 and our country's attempts to control its spread.

David, who is credited for having written this Psalm was finding life tough; he'd been tricked and cheated; he was under attack, definitely emotionally and possibly physically too. He was feeling vulnerable, weak and helpless. Yet he advocates trusting God who he claims is both loving and strong. In fact, when he calls God our refuge, David believes God gives rest, protection, security, honour and purpose. In comparison with his enemies God is a solid rock compared to their puffs of air.

As a Christian minister may I encourage you to pour out your hearts to Jesus Christ – express how disturbing and frustrating the restrictions are; how demanding it is to constantly be assessing whether it is safe to go out or not; how unsatisfactory it is to be forced to make another unwelcome decision. But not to stop there; rather to go on and trust His promises of protection, believe His assurances of ultimate victory and freedom and hope for a year of peace and prosperity. Discover He is your refuge.

Do this and may the rest of the year result in you praising God, just like King David.

God bless

John

SERVICES in February 2021

As Hanney News goes to press your Vicar and Church Warden have decided that at present there will be no 'live' Sunday service at St James, although currently meeting for worship remains permitted with Government guidelines. The decision, which will be reviewed in the first week of February, has been made as part of our commitment to help us all stay home and keep safe. The Church remains open during daylight hours for private prayer and is cleaned daily.

If you would like further information regarding church services please email us on stjameschurchwesthanney@gmail.com or ring 868590.

Each Sunday and Wednesday there are Zoom services available - for further details please contact us on the details as above.

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

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

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

A message from Monica Bullen.....

"This time last year I highlighted the homeless issue in Oxford and asked if we as a village could help out in any way. I had no idea that the response would be so enormous - the generosity of people has been overwhelming. I would like to thank everyone who has been donating food and essentials throughout the pandemic. The wonderful teachers at St James School ran a film evening and raised the amazing amount of £670, whilst the Carol Singers collected an incredible £330. The totals were donated directly to 'The Gatehouse' in Oxford.

Over the Christmas period we have been collecting food, clothing, and essentials (hats, gloves etc.) which have been packaged up as gifts for families, the homeless



and other vulnerable people. We have been working with number of communities in Didcot, Grove, Abingdon the local villages and donated over 350 Christmas boxes. On behalf of The Gatehouse and the homeless of Oxford I would like to thank everyone for your support, which has made a big difference to their lives.

I will continue to collect items so please let me know if you would like to support -

monicabullen@outlook.com

Keep an eye out on the East/West Hanney Facebook page for updates.

Thank you for your continued support."

Monica

A Happy New Year from your friendly Community Shop

Well, here we are in lockdown again and no-one can go anywhere. Children are at home and being home schooled. When they aren't doing school work they are looking for things to do and ways to keep occupied. Here are some ideas...

At the shop we have a range of art and craft items to keep them busy, colouring books, pens and pencils, paints, stickers, chalk, glue and paper to mention just a few.

If art and craft isn't your thing, then how about a bit of baking? We have a selection of cake mixes, frostings, decorations and other baking essentials to meet your needs.

Here's a simple cake recipe which can be made in a bowl or in a food processor.

All the ingredients can be bought in the shop!

Rich moist chocolate cake

- 165g plain flour
- 2 level tablespoons cocoa
- 1 level teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 1 level teaspoon baking powder
- 125g caster sugar
- 2 level tablespoons golden syrup
- 2 large eggs
- ¼ pint salad or corn oil
- ¼ pint milk

Fudge icing

- 50g butter
 - 4 level tablespoons cocoa
 - 3 tablespoons milk
 - 125g icing sugar
- Grease and line 2 x 20cm sandwich tins

Heat the oven to 170°, gas mark 3

Sift together flour, cocoa, bicarbonate of soda and baking powder and place in bowl or food processor.

Add the sugar, golden syrup and eggs, lightly beaten. Mix lightly.

Mix together the oil and milk and mix into the cake mixture. Make sure all the dry ingredients are well mixed in then divide the mixture into the two cake tins.

Bake for 30 – 35 minutes until the cake springs back when lightly pressed.

Turn out on a wire rack to cool.

To make the fudge icing.

Melt the butter in a pan.

Add the cocoa, stir to blend and cook for 1 minute.

Stir in the milk and icing sugar and mix to a smooth consistency.

Leave to cool and thicken.

Spread half the mixture between the two cakes and sandwich together.

Spread the remainder on the top.

Decorate with broken chocolate flake or grated chocolate or any decoration of your choice.

Eat and enjoy!



Be sure to give
the Hanney
News Editor a
big slice!



Happy
Baking!



Letters

Dear Editor

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has continued to support our charity through this dreadful year. Despite Covid restrictions we have managed to pay £1,472 into Cancer Research UK. This brings our total to £118,007 so far, and we hope to be able to continue with this much needed support in 2021.

A big thank you to everyone who let their gardens be 'raided' for foliage for the Christmas wreaths which were a great success and raised £93.

We hope to get our Xmas Bazaar in November up and running this year and hope that things will be a bit more normal by then but in the meantime, we wish you all best wishes for a safe and better New year.

Many thanks Kath, Dulcie, Marion, Lyn
(Hanney Fundraisers for Cancer Research)

Dear Editor

Over the summer I was walking by the river and slipped just by the gate where the nature board is on the left as you go through, and really hurt my ankle.

I was trying to hobble home but in a lot of pain when David from Philberds Manor saw me and offered me a lift home. It turns out I had broken both sides of my ankle and it would have been immensely painful / damaging to keep walking all the way so I just wanted to say thank you so much for driving me home, it was very kind of you!

Laura - (surname withheld at their request.)

Keen tandem cyclists

Catherine Chater and Mike Roberts have been in touch. Mike told me that....“One of the advantages of riding a tandem is that Catherine gets to look at the wildlife rather than concentrating on potholes.” Point well made Mike! He added that one of the creatures they've seen recently is a magnificent buzzard that lives just beyond Winter Lane in West Hanney, between the small bridge crossing the Childrey Brook - known as Gallows Bridge - and the Garford crossroads. I was lucky enough to see it myself the other day, and a very splendid bird it is too. If you're out and about in the area, keep a lookout, and be reassured, the RSPB claim that it is “incredibly rare” for buzzards to attack humans. That's a relief...they could give you a nasty peck if they felt so inclined.

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We at Global HQ are delighted to announce the arrival of the newest member of our community, Erin Macpherson.

Her Mum and Dad, Amy and Jono, told me... *"We moved to East Hanney two years ago and enjoy reading all about the village goings-on in the Hanney News.*

We would love to share the news of our daughter's arrival with the Hanney community. Erin was born on the 3rd January at 5 minutes to midnight, weighing 6lb 10oz. She is our first child and is keeping us on



our toes with her demands for lots of food and never-ending cuddles – which we are, of course, delighted to provide!

We look forward to a time when Erin will be able to properly meet other families from the village. Until then, we hope to give a socially distanced wave during our dog walks with our whippet Tilly."

So, if you're out and about, and see a couple with a young baby - and a whippet! - bid them a socially distanced 'Hello and welcome!'

You'll know that we have some big brains walking amongst us, not least East Hanney's Sir Andy of Robertson and Grey Matter! (Come to think of it, maybe he has two, like that ex-government minister David Willetts... remember him?) Sir Andy describes himself as, and I quote... *"A sad nutter who appreciates grammar, punctuation etc."* and he has issued a challenge to help us all keep our brains exercised during Lockdown...

"Come up with two identical sentences where the meaning is completely changed solely by adding or subtracting commas"

Here are a couple of examples:



'I am giving up drinking alcohol for the month of January.'

Or... 'I am giving up, drinking alcohol for the month of January.'

'Let's go inside, too hot!'

Or... 'Let's go, inside too hot!'

OK readers, rise to the challenge and send me your entries via email to hanneyews@gmail.com.

(There may even be a prize for the best one, but probably not.)

And whilst we're on punctuation and grammar, try this little challenge as well...punctuate the following sentence so that it makes sense. Answer next month.

"John where Jim had the teachers approval."

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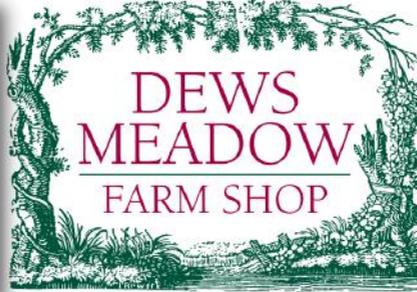
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WANTAGE CHORAL SOCIETY rehearses every Tuesday at C of E School, Newbury St. (next to Comrades Club) at 7.30pm. New voices always welcome. Contact Judy Gibbons 767408, www.wantagechoralsociety.co.uk, email wantagechoralsociety@yahoo.co.uk.

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...most, probably almost all, of these activities, clubs etc have been affected by Covid restrictions...please check before attending.

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Hanney Lottery January Winners

1st - Eddie Wilkinson
2nd - Elizabeth Zanker
3rd - Miriam Emerson

*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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