



Hanneley News

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It's such brilliant news that the vaccination programme is moving at great pace and that the take-up rate has been so impressive. If you have been contacted for vaccination, but are unable to get to a vaccination centre, please let the team know and we will try to assist with transportation.

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You can also use this website to check your eligibility and book a vaccination appointment.

Please remember that it is vitally important to maintain social distancing and follow all current guidance, even after you have been vaccinated, in order to keep yourself and our community safe.

And of course, the Hanneley Covid-19 Response team are continuing to provide help with essential shopping, prescription collection and transport for medical appointments (NOT for suspected COVID testing) should you need it.

Hilary Cakebread-Hall



The Hanneleys Annual Village Litter Pick 2021 is not happening this year...see page 15.

But cautious optimism is in order for this year's **Michaelmas Fayre**, one of the 'jewels in the crown' - ooh err! - of our community events here in Hanneley. The organisers are really hopeful that it will happen, as are we all. I'll keep you posted.

Meet **East Hanneley Parish Council's new Clerk Wendy Quigley** on page 6. Devon-bound Guy Langton is certainly a tough act to follow...we wish Wendy all the best!



Oh Dear! Recently a driver rang 999 after ignoring a 'Road Closed' sign and getting stuck in the flood water. A very wise person commented..."What a waste of resources." You might agree. The message is pretty obvious...unless you are in a serious 4 X 4, do not assume the signs advising of the closure was put there for fun or devilment, and do not drive on through regardless.

Editorial

Welcome to March...Spring in the air and I recently scored at the Kassam, in a manner of speaking. Not for Oxford United, rather I had my Covid jab there- the Vauxhall Astra variant. Superb organisation, in and out in 18 minutes, and didn't feel a thing! Then again, I am a tough little soldier underneath my soft southern city boy exterior! There are updates on page 14 of two much loved village characters, Carleen Roseff and Mair Williams, who've moved on to pastures new ...they'll be missed! Mothers Day on 14th March and our super shop can help with cards, gifts etc....see page 4.

The History Group's Zoom this month sounds a bit saucy...also on page 4...and the speaker is none other than Tim Healey, son of Labour politician Dennis Healy, of whom they used to say he was the best Prime Minister we never had. Remember him?...bushy eyebrows, much mimicked, especially by Mike Yarwood, whose claim that Dennis kept saying 'Silly Billy' all the time wasn't true apparently. Mike made it up himself!

A shame that the annual Litter Pick can't happen, at least not for now, and talking of litter, I know that there are several villagers who pick up litter when out on their walks. (Two have just walked past my exec office suite here at Global HQ, brandishing their litter pickers!) Massive big ups to anyone who picks up litter!

Dog poo, often neatly wrapped in a small plastic bag, is of course one of the items they all too regularly collect. Am I missing something here? What is the point of picking up your doggie deposit, putting it in a bag and then leaving it, sometimes going to

the trouble of hanging it, Christmas Tree Glittery Bauble style, on a nearby bush?...just plain weird in my humble. Our splendid Gardening Club continues Zooming this month, page 3, and if you fancy trying Pilates, check out Pippa Carey's ad on page 5...a free Zoom session! Our Hanney Bakery continues to thrive...see their latest offerings on page 5, Little Greta Thunberg has a kind word for us also on that page, and there's news there too regarding allotment availability. I love old photos and have slightly allowed my imagination to run away with me on page 9, where you'll find a lovely old snap of the A338 in quieter times!

I'm sure many of us don't give the Letcombe Brook much thought, but it is in fact a very rare and precious resource, and needs looking after. Step up our very own Flood Group and the Letcombe Brook Project - clue's in the title! You can read all about them on page 16 and meet a magnificent otter who lives somewhere on the brook. (I have a great urge to give him a silly human name like Otto, but have managed to stop myself.)

Meet East Hanney Parish Council's new Clerk on page 6, and read about our local Foodbank on page 7.

To end on some very sad news...we have an obituary for Ron Watkins on page 8. Ron only featured in our December issue receiving some long overdue recognition for his services in Korea, and just as we go to press I've heard that Jenny Pratt has passed away.

We send our sincere condolences to all Jenny and Ron's family and friends. Till next month, when things will be better.

We here at Hanney News Global International welcome articles or letters.

Please submit items to the Editor, preferably by email, or use the Hanney News post box in the Community Shop. Contact me, the editor, Jim Stagg, on 01235 867500, or by email: hanneynews@gmail.com

What's happening this month?

'Hanney Gardening Club's next talk will be by **Robert Longstaff on Monday, 1st March** on the subject of **The Garden in Spring**. The meetings work well with social chat for 5 minutes at the start, then everyone is muted during the talk and then unmuted to ask questions at the end. Members will receive an invite in the normal way. If you would like to join the Gardening Club and join in the zoom talks, or if you require assistance with zoom contact Adrian on 07773 2017299. We also hope to arrange a talk for 12th April, our last of the year. Recordings of the zoom talks are available to members. Further events are planned dependent upon the regulations in place at the time. The annual **Plant Sale will be held on 8th May** and is open to everyone. This is the most important fundraising event in the gardening club calendar; it was cancelled in 2020. We plan to go ahead this year although it may well be in a revised format. More details later but in the meantime, we ask members to prepare plants, seedlings, cuttings etc. for sale.'

Dependent on regulations at the time we plan to carry on with our **two summer visits** (Andy McIndoe's garden on 2 June and RHS Wisley on 3 July) and the Travelling Garden Party (**TGP**) on 9 July. New members are always welcome. More information on the website and on Facebook' - *Adrian Bodimeade*

Many folk will know that when the Gardening Club hold their annual Plant Sale - see above - a team, led by Pam Blustin, host a **Christian Aid fund-raising coffee morning** alongside the sale, meaning you can buy a begonia and a big cake at the same time! Sadly, it seems that this is unlikely to happen on that date this year. However, Pam is hoping that at some point later in the year, one can be held. Watch this space.

A gent called John Harris has been in touch.... *"Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks? Then 'Walking in Oxfordshire' www.walkinginengland.co.uk/oxfordshire is the website for you! There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Oxfordshire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites (www.walkinginengland.co.uk) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you. With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy."*

Please be sure you are complying with the current Covid rules and regulations before you walk!

Meantime, this from Lyn the Cork Lady*..... *"Last Thursday I picked up quadruple the amount of corks that come around for collection in a normal month. Now, I know Xmas and New Year probably had a little to do with it but could you perhaps put in the next Hanney newsletter that the cork collection for Wild Oxfordshire very much appreciates Hanney's support".* There's info about the 'Wild Oxfordshire' charity here: <https://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk/> and in the Community Shop.

(*By 'Lyn the Cork Lady' I mean a lady called Lyn who collects corks, not a lady called Lyn who is made of cork like, say, 'the gingerbread man' who is made of gingerbread of course. Did he have a name I wonder? ...maybe Ginger?)

Hanney Community Shop News

Don't forget it is Mother's Day on Sunday 14th March!

What will you do for your Mum or your Gran? Yes, Grans count too!

Your friendly Community Shop has plenty to help you with this. We have Mother's Day cards to buy or maybe you Dads and children might decide to buy some craft supplies and make your own? Hand-made ones are always appreciated by Mums and Grans alike. Come and see what we have to help you with this.

Perhaps you would like to bake a cake for that special Mum or Gran – we have all the



baking supplies you need. All the ingredients for those of you who are experienced bakers or lovely cake mixes and frostings for those of you who don't feel quite as confident. A great way to keep the children occupied during lockdown. If all else fails and you find yourself in a last minute panic, we always have boxes of choco-

lates to choose from.

Whatever you need you'll find it in Hanney Community Shop, your friendly volunteer run local shop, working hard to help you through lockdown.

Margaret Hanlon

Meantime, more news from Margaret, big chief at our marvellous Community Shop....

"We had another very productive cleaning morning at the shop today. Thank you to Phil and Bertie for giving their time.

We have now thoroughly cleaned all the stock shelves, all the high surfaces, tops of fridges and freezers, and all things high up as well as washing down the walls. It is all looking so much fresher and cleaner.

Bertie, Phil and I will have one more session scrubbing the floor, which has already come up much cleaner with just a bit of effort today, then it will really be looking good. Hopefully we can keep on top of it all so it won't get quite so bad in the future. Thanks to everyone who has helped with this."

We at Global HQ would like to offer big thanks to Margaret and her team for the splendid job they're doing...Kate Tyler, Barbara Chandler, Fred Gowen, Bertie Gowen, Sandra Whittingham, and Phil Manvell...big ups to you all!

Hanney History Group's talk this month, see box,

sounds most enlightening! The speaker is Tim Healey (son of Dennis), and you can hear his

pearls via the wonders of Zoom by contacting the History Group Secretary via email. hhgsecretary@gmail.com. Non-members, will be asked to contribute a modest £3.

March 23rd Sex, Drink and Death in the 17th Century - Tim Healey

A romp through the pleasures and perils of life in this turbulent era, featuring bawdy frolics, alehouse revels, highway robberies, Civil War, fire and plague. Hugely entertaining, the talk also gives insight into evolving customs - of courtship, celebration, faith and burial.

Enjoy an introduction to Pilates from the comfort of your own home!

Hanney resident and certified STOTT Pilates instructor, Pippa Carey would like to invite you to join a complimentary Foundation level Pilates class via Zoom on Saturday 6th March from 8.30am until 9.15am.

Lockdown has forced many businesses in & around Hanney to adapt to a new way of working; Pippa is very fortunate that she can still teach many of her clients virtually via Zoom. She also feels very thankful to live in such a lovely, friendly village so would like to show her appreciation of the Hanney community by offering this free class. Places will be limited so please contact Pippa via email at pippa@thrive-nutrition.co.uk to book your place.



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. Orders may be placed on any day!

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Hot Cross Buns £1.25 each

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Orange and Almond Madeira slice £1.75

Cheese Scones (Thursday only) £1.50

Spelt and Oat Loaf (Wednesday only) £3.60



For next day orders, please let us know before 5pm the previous day.

We can also make cakes to order.

Tel: 01235 867430 Email: easthanneybakery@gmail.com

This from Sir David of Blomley and Allotment....

"I would like to inform your esteemed readership that there will be a couple of vacancies on the East Hanney allotments



and if anyone would like a full or half size plot, please contact me, David Blomley on dbehpc@gmail.com. Priority goes to East Hanney residents, but if no one comes forward, we would consider folk from out West!"

East Hanney Parish Councillor Dickon Green

is another fine example of a councillor who doesn't just sit around talking about what the village needs...he gets on and does stuff!

Recently he, along with his family, shredded the 80+ Xmas trees that Hanney folk had left down by the village hall, and spread the chippings on the footpaths to try and combat the very wet, muddy and slippery state that were in.

Great use of the trees - local recycling at its finest - so big thanks to Dickon and his family and, of course, to all who donated Xmas trees.

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East Hanney Parish Council

We are very pleased to welcome Wendy Quigley as the new Clerk for the Parish Council. Wendy is an experienced Clerk and will combine this new role with her existing position of Clerk at Wootton. This in turn may provide us the opportunity to collaborate and exchange ideas with Wootton.

Wendy lives in Wootton but she's contactable in the following ways...

By post: The Parish Council post box is on the wall of the Memorial Hall by the Community Shop

By email: clerk@easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk

By phone: 07859 924655

I know many of you have met Wendy in person and have given her a warm Hanney welcome as she takes over the incredible work done by Guy.

She can often be seen with her family on their weekend walks as she familiarises herself with our village.

Steve McKechnie Chairman



The Council meets every three weeks...all meetings are on Wednesdays, starting at 7.30pm and are currently held remotely via Zoom.

All residents of East Hanney are welcome to attend. To do so, please see the meetings calendar on the Council's website or contact the Clerk for details.

Next meetings are on Wednesday 10th March, an Environment and Leisure Committee meeting, and on **Wednesday 31st March**, the Annual Parish Meeting. This is when all the local electors - i.e. you if you live in East Hanney - get together and have their say on anything they consider is important to the people of the Parish, so that the PC and other relevant bodies can explain what has been done over the past year. Only the voters on the Electoral Register for the Parish are entitled to speak and vote.

(Agendas on all PC meetings are confirmed a week in advance)

East Hanney Parish Councillors

Chairman: Stephen McKechnie - smehpc@gmail.com.

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

Dickon Green - dgehpc@gmail.com

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West Hanney Parish Council

If you have a particular concern, contact the relevant Councillor direct, and they will do their best to help.

Developing and promoting the West Hanney Neighbourhood Development Plan -
Graham Garner and Eddie Wilkinson

Planning Applications and new developments, Section 106 and CIL, and Planning Enforcement - Eddie Wilkinson and Peter Packham

Playing Fields and Open Spaces on WHPC owned land - Eddie Wilkinson

Village environment, landscape and biodiversity - Peter Packham

Tree Maintenance - Graham Garner

West Hanney Allotment Gardens - David Corps

Speed Monitoring Signs; maintenance, downloads and analysis of data - Graham Garner

Roads, verges, drainage ditches, street furniture and footpaths - Trevor Brettell

Website maintenance and upgrades - Graham Garner

**The next 'virtual' meeting of WHPC is on
Tuesday 6th April 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

Our local foodbank is 10 years old. It was set up in 2010 to meet the needs of local families during a crisis when they were unable to afford to buy food for themselves.

Since then the needs have very much continued and our work has drastically increased. In our first full year (2011) we gave out 81 food parcels. In 2015 it was 159 parcels and by 2019 this had grown to over 400!

We are very grateful to the many churches, businesses, schools and individuals in the local community who donate food and money, either regularly or as a one-off gift. We have no other income so we really couldn't do it without them!



We are run by the local church but greatly supported by the whole community, and we depend entirely upon volunteers to provide short

term help to assist people through a difficult or crisis period, whilst working alongside professionals who can help with finding long term financial and social support. Food donations can be dropped off at the collection points in Sainsbury's & Waitrose, The Kings Centre in Wantage and Cornerstone in Grove.

A huge thank you to our many supporters who enable the Foodbank to continue providing much needed help to people in our local community.

Obituary Ron Watkins 1933 - 2021

Ron was born in 1933 and raised at King's Farmhouse East Hanney with his brothers Brian & David and sister Kath. He remained in the village for all of his 87 years.

His early years saw him helping on the farm managed by his father and working as a gardener for Lord Ebury at Philberds Manor.

Food was scarce in those war torn years and Ron did his bit by supplying the villagers with rabbits. His ferrets earned him some good money - all with the local landowner's permission of course!

At the tender age of 18 Ron was conscripted to join the U.N. Forces in the Korean War. Originally in the Berks & Bucks Regiment he then joined the Durham Light Infantry where he served in Germany, Egypt and Korea. Fighting against the communist North Koreans & Chinese, Ron fought in unimaginable weather conditions and lost many comrades.

Returning to Hanney, Ron started courting his late wife Hazel and they were married in 1957 at East Hanney Church. Together they lived happily at Cross Tree House, Mill Cottage and Brookside and had 4 children over that period - Glenda, Glyn, Ann-Marie & Kerry. Their final house was Orchard View Main Street, built in the orchard of

Hazel's late parent's cottage - Sunnybank. Here Ron fulfilled his lifetime ambition of rearing and racing greyhounds. Often seen walking on the village lanes and fields with a pair of eager young dogs, Ron achieved his ultimate aim of winning a 'Classic' in 2020. Reared in his garden with the help of his Grandson Jamie, Kingsbrook Glyn won the prestigious Summer Stayers Classic.

Ron was a keen gardener and up until recently he and his recently departed twin brother Brian both held allotments - competition for the best potatoes was fierce! He often gave out gardening advice and if you needed to know anything about Hanney history, Ron was the person to speak to. Forthright in his opinions, you always knew where you were with Ron.

Ron was a great family man and loved spending time with his 10 grandchildren and 3 great granddaughters. He was a Hanney man through and through and witnessed many changes over his 87 years - never opposed to progress providing it was in keeping with the village.

The family would like to thank everyone for all their kind words of support. Ron will be greatly missed by all.

Glyn Watkins

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



Artweeks May Festival 2021.
Details: www.artweeks.org





Here's a snap from, I'm guessing, the late 1920s or early 1930s of the A338, looking north from the junction in East Hanney opposite La Fontana. The building on the left is what was the Crown pub until it became a private house and I think the gable end directly above the car behind the wall is the house called Poundcroft.

The car is, I'm assured, a flat-nose Morris Cowley - not to be confused with the bull-nosed! - from the mid / late 1920s and was registered in Middlesex. It's parked with

no one in it. Perhaps the driver and passengers are visiting the folk who live in the cottage? Looking at the trees, it's obviously winter, and the long shadows suggests the sun was low in the sky in the west, so mid-afternoon, probably about 3.20pm. (I'm joking about the time!) Note the little dog, nestling against the low wall and railings, bottom right in the pic. He's waiting for the host and visitors to finish their tea, in the hope that he may get given the leftover cucumber and fish-paste sandwiches.

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I recently listened to a radio programme discussing the topic of self-care, the concept of looking after ourselves. It commented on the vast array of self-care products available for consumers to purchase and the negative, selfish and individualistic undercurrents that a focus on self-care can create.

It reminded me of Jesus' command to "love our neighbour as ourselves" (Mark 12:31) and "to treat others, how you want to be treated" (Matthew 7:12). These verses express an understanding that our relationship to others should not just be defined as "I" and "them" but in terms of "we". If we treat each other with the same level of care that we would like or feel that we desire, then everyone would be supporting and supportive of each other. How I am doing is interconnected with how you are doing, as we have a God-given responsibility to look after each other. Jesus goes on to say that we should love others "just as I have loved you" (John 15:12), referring to his willingness to give of himself for others, seen in his death on the cross, which, with his rising again, we celebrate at Easter.

True love is not desperately wanting someone else.

True love is being willing to do whatever is best for another.

During this ongoing pandemic and throughout the national lockdowns, we have seen people going the extra mile to help, support, care and provide for others. Many have shaped their lives around those they care for. We have literally seen people lovingly helping their neighbours.

Does this mean that we should all ditch the idea of self-care and just keep doing things for others?

Well, no!

Tucked into the verses that Jesus said



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about how we care for others, is an expectation that we are caring for ourselves, that our self-care is the high-water mark to compare our support for others against. I feel that those contributing to the radio discussion on self-

care were missing certain important aspects of self-care. All of us are valuable. The reason why we care for others is the same reason why we should care for ourselves; we are all unique, special and made in God's image.

Another reason why self-care is important, is that if we don't look after ourselves then we won't be in the best place to care for others and do all that we need to do.

We need to look after ourselves, so that we can look after those around us. Running ourselves into the ground will always have a negative impact on others; from the stress it puts on our closest relationship to the grumpiness that we can pass on to the people we encounter.

If I am in a good place and appropriately caring for myself, then I am more productive, more efficient, more resilient, more sympathetic and more supportive of others. There is always the concern that self-care can develop into or mask selfishness. But this is a reality to be aware of, not a reason to avoid responsibly investing in ourselves.

It is not an "either/or" between self-care or caring for others, its "both/and". We need to be aware of how we are treating others and the opportunities that we have to support them, alongside keeping an eye on how we are doing and putting in time to rest and recharge ourselves.

What opportunities might we have this week to care for and support others?

What ways may we need to practise self-care this month?

God bless and Happy Easter,

Alec

SERVICES in March 2021

Palm Sunday (Sunday 28 March) and Easter Sunday (Sunday 4 April)

As Hanney News goes to press, our plan is for both these to be an open-air service on Church Green starting at 9.30 am, held in a similar manner to our Christmas morning service.

The Services will of course comply with whatever Government legislation is in place at the time – and undoubtedly including social distancing, Track & Trace (you will either be able to use your phone to scan the correct QR code beforehand or as you arrive) or by letting us know in advance you'd like to join us – please include your telephone number for this Register. For more information please email stjameschurchwesthanney@gmail.com or phone 868590.

Like others, we await the Government's 'Roadmap' out of Lockdown and continue to watch carefully the rates of infection, but providing the latter continues to fall and the Government commences easing of restrictions it is hoped that Sunday Eucharist services will restart during March.

We will post the latest information on the Facebook pages, and if you would like to be notified please email us on stjameschurchwesthanney@gmail.com or phone 868590.

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

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

Flexicare is a small, local charity which provides a home respite service for families with severely disabled children; giving a few hours of care for the child and their siblings while their parents take a break.

We are currently looking for a care-coordinator. The hours are flexible, approx. 7.5 -15 hours per week, including some evenings and weekends. £13.82 per hour, with a pay review pending. Pension scheme with employer's contribution and 28 days holiday, pro-rata.

The role includes:

Arranging and carrying out sits as requested by families.

Providing support for the team and ensuring



ing high standards of care.

Assessing prospective new families and volunteers.

Facilitating training and assisting with the running of the charity and fundraising events.

We are looking for someone who

has a nursing background or experience with working with severely disabled children, is a car driver - essential - and is not afraid of cake baking!

This is a lovely job for the right person, Offering the flexibility to fit in around other commitments. Our team is small, friendly, and supportive. The work is varied and enjoyable. If interested, call us on 01865 321881 or 0781 7727563.

Interviews will be held before Easter, probably virtually.

Updates on two of our community's much loved and larger than life characters. Carleen Roseff returns very soon to Australia, land of her birth, and has asked me to include the following...

Dear Editor

I would like to say to everyone in the Hanneys thank you for your help, kindness and understanding to me for the past 42 years since I have lived in this wonderful community.

I have a puzzle that I have never been able to put together.

In May 1980, two German male cyclists arrived at the fiveways (Editor - the junction on the A338 where La Fontana is situated.) and asked where they could camp? They were advised to ask the Australian - hence they camped in the garden. I have never heard who it was that advised them and it was a pleasure.

Carleen Roseff

Bitte, kan du say me...wo ist die schone Frau von ze Orstrarlia, a land down unter mit der jumpen kangaroos und der billybongs?

Guten Tag Harnee pimples!



Meantime, I've received this from Mair William's niece Kathryn Bartlett....

"Mair was born and brought up in Llanelli, South Wales and came to West Hanney with her husband Roy in 1966. Both worked at Harwell - Roy as an engineering scientist and Mair as a computer programmer. She loved her work and always said she felt lucky to be a part of the 'computer revolution' which was transforming everyone's lives.

Mair was happy at home - enjoying her hobbies of reading, needlework and sudoku and listening to Roy's tales from his visits to The Plough in the village! She was also a keen walker and enjoyed treks both in this country and Europe. Mair played her part in village life - volunteering at the Community Shop and



of course, delivering the Hanney News. She loved playing her part in this and until very recently was happy walking around the area, chatting to people on her way to the bus stop on her regular visits to Wantage.

Sadly, following Roy's death, Mair's health began to suffer and she eventually had an Alzheimer's diagnosis which meant that she could no longer live independently in West Hanney. She is now settled in a residential care home in North Wales and seems to be coping well with the change. Until her recent illness Mair was very happy in West Hanney and would like to thank her friends and neighbours for their care and concern, particularly in recent years.

Thanks to Mair and Carleen for their contributions over many years to our community. We wish them both well for the future.

The Annual Litter Pick is not happening this year, at least not at its usual time of early March. This from His Bobliness, Sir Robert of Wilson and Rubbish...

"The litter pick we were hoping to schedule for 6th March will unfortunately not be able to take place. The Vale of White Horse District Council have suspended support for all community litter picks. They are unable to provide any equipment nor collect any rubbish as they normally do. It may be possible to safely hold the event later in the year if the Covid-19 restrictions allow.

There is a great deal of litter around at the moment and, in order to reduce this volume, we would like to encourage residents of the Hanneys to collect any litter they see whilst out on their daily exercise and take it home and deposit it in their black bins. Please exercise great care when litter picking and wear gloves.

Alternative arrangements for collecting litter on the A338, Steventon Road and Winter Lane are being considered and should not be litter picked informally, as the speed and volume of traffic are too dangerous for individuals. We are so grateful to those of you who contribute to keeping our villages clean: it really makes a difference."

**Bob Wilson (Litter Pick Coordinator)
and Oliver Cornish (Parish Councillor)**



The Grey Matter challenge is still open.

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

Send your entries via email to **hanneynews@gmail.com.**

And as for that annoying little 'had had' puzzle, here's the answer....

"John, where Jim had had 'had', had had 'had had'. 'Had had' had had the teachers approval."

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We are truly blessed with many natural assets in our area, and one of the finest is the Letcombe Brook. It's not just any old brook...oh no!....and it is looked after by the 'Letcombe Brook Project'.

Much loved by local folk, it's a chalk stream that runs from Letcombe Regis to East Hanney, and is home to much wildlife, including some protected species.

It's a 'Chalk stream' - they're rare - so the Letcombe Brook Project was set up in April 2003 to protect the natural beauty of the brook.

The Project's website - well worth checking out - www.letcombebrook.org.uk - contains, amongst much else, their 2020 End of Year Report. In it, you can read about the thriving wildlife in and around the brook, including otters, water voles, water shrews, bats, kingfishers, little egrets, grey and yellow wagtails, spotted flycatchers, grass snakes and common lizards!

Brown trout, sticklebacks, minnows and many other varieties of fish swim in the brook, whilst dragonflies and damselflies fly above. The Brook is also an important feeding corridor for several bat species. For a city boy like me I was surprised to learn that mink however, aren't very welcome visitors; apparently they eat other varieties of little creatures.

Himalayan Balsam is another unwelcome visitor to the brook and our very own flood group have been clearing it from our stretch of the brook with a good deal of success...well done them! Big ups too to East Hanney Parish Council who make an annual contribution of £800 to the Project which relies on volunteers and working parties. 2020 has been a difficult year for them.

Once some semblance of 'normality' is re-



sumed, the organisers intend to return to the usual range of volunteering activities. In the meantime, the brook makes a great place to take your exercise walk, and whilst you're partaking of your perambulation, keep an eye out for wildlife and let the folks at the Project know if you see anything exciting. You can contact them on their Facebook page or by email: info@letcombebrook.org.uk, or by phone - 07737 639253

You can also report your wildlife sightings along the Brook using the iRecord app – its free to download to your smartphone and easy to use.

If you spot a potential problem or something that concerns you such as dead fish or an obstruction in the brook that could cause a flood risk, please let the Project folk know, and if you would like to help with some litter picking during your exercise walks, they can provide you with some equipment.

Mark Bradfield, head hombre at the Project, finishes his report by saying...

"You can be sure we are still working as hard as we can to look after our fabulous chalkstream. Keep in touch, be safe and enjoy the fabulous community green space provided along the brook!"

Well said Mark, keep up the good work!



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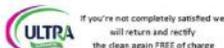


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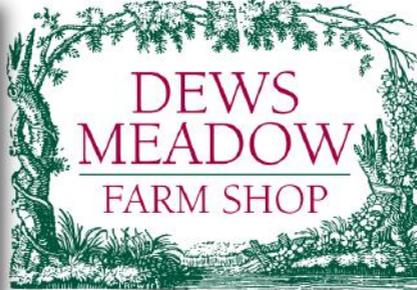
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HANNEY GUIDES (for all girls aged 10+) meet on Mondays in HWMH 6:30-8:00pm during term time. **HANNEY BROWNIES** (aged 7+) meet on Tuesdays in Royal British Legion 6:00-7:30pm. **RAINBOWS** (aged 5+) in Grove on Wednesday and Thursday. Girls and volunteers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

HANNEY SCOUTS,CUBS and BEAVERS, Contact Janet Green at janet@thegreensonline.me.uk

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

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

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

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

VALE NORDIC WALKING - Nordic Walking is a form of full body exercise, suitable for everyone, irrespective of age, gender or fitness level. A range of group classes or 1:1 sessions available weekly. Telephone Louise on 07709 939997. More information at www.valenordicwalking.com

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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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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