



# Hannee News

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Letcombe Brook residents by Ali Rosum.



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Here are Liam and Shamus - clearly happy in their work - and we owe them our thanks! See page 5

**Also smiling**, though they've been queuing for days (slight exaggeration!) to get into the Hanney Gardening Club's ever popular Annual Plant Sale! See page 14.



## Editorial

Last month I mentioned an opportunity for the creative folk amongst us to use the Community Shop to publicise their wares, and this month there's news of another opportunity...a series of Artisan Markets in Wantage over the next few Sundays. Full details, page 9.

In May's issue, I wondered why the Greens weren't fielding a candidate in the recent County Council elections. One of the leaflets the Lib Dems have since delivered here to Global HQ, informed me that the Greens had stepped aside since they "know that Paul Barrow (he was the Lib Dem candidate) is best placed to defeat the Conservative." Sadly for them, he didn't - our new County Councillor is a Conservative, one Juliette Ash, who replaces the previous incumbent, another Conservative, Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor. I assume Anda has retired and we wish her all the best.

Our new Police and Crime Commissioner is Hanney resident - and currently our District Councillor - Matt Barber. I understand Matt intends to continue in that role as well as his new one. His contact details are on page 3.

West Hanney resident and talented author Katherine Langrish's latest book has recently been published...details on page 13. Our wonderful Community Shop makes a simple plea this month...see page 4.

The subject of trees has come up a few



times recently, and here's news on the very large sycamore which stands at the far end of the churchyard at St James, over the cordoned off bench. The church arranges an annual tree survey, and the latest one highlighted work needing to be done on it.

This may have already happened as you read this. If not, it's imminent. But if it hasn't, do not sit on the bench...the large dead branch hanging precari-

ously above it looks rather heavy! How daft do you have to be to take something being sold to raise funds for a recognised charity without making a contribution? It's stealing in my book. Our splendid Cancer Research Fundraisers have a sad tale to tell in this regard on page 5.

If you're a fan of old photographs, you'll hopefully find page 8 of some interest. Good news for ding dong ping pong and cricket fans on page 3, and if you enjoy a walk, or even just a stroll, you'll find a leaflet about our neighbouring village of Denchworth very useful. Available from the Fox - the fine pub restaurant in the village - during their opening hours, or ring Sue on 868451, it details a historical walk around the village.

We have a very moving tribute on page 16 to West Hanney resident Adam Cavendish, who passed away recently. We offer our sincere condolences to his family  
Till next month dear readers....

**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](mailto:hanneynews@gmail.com)

## What's happening this month?

**Table Tennis happens** every Friday, from 10am in the Village Hall for 1 hour. £ 2 per session. All welcome.

**Sunday 6th June - Artisan Market** in Wantage...page 9.

**This from the Hanney History Group (HHG)...** *"We plan to visit Oxford's old Jewish quarter with last month's speaker, Victoria Bentata Azaz, on 29th June; Radcot House and gardens on the evening of July 20th, and Hanney in late August, probably around the Bank Holiday but this is still being discussed - we are planning an eco-historical walk along Letcombe Brook, led by a historian and a naturalist. All will need bookings to sustain them but will all be run safely within Covid guidelines. We hope to finalise these all soon. The first two are HHG events but guests are always welcome if space allows. The third will be available to the wider village."* HHG contact details on page 26.

### Hanney Cricket Club - Fixtures List 2021

Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> v Hendred - Home  
Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> v United Oxford Hospitals - Home  
Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> v Steventon - Home  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July v Marsh Baldon - Away  
Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup> v Letcombe - Away  
Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> v Ardington - Away  
Nets: Thursday evening and Sunday morning.  
New players and supporters, young, old and all abilities, always welcome. Contact David Johns on 07770 456147, hanneycricketteam@gmail.com



### And further ahead...

**Sunday 11th July - Tabletop Sale at St James Primary** - see page 6.

**Sat 11th Sept - Abingdon Air and Country Show.**

Details here: [www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk](http://www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk)

**Sat 25th Sept - Michaelmas Fayre...** keep fingers and toes crossed for this one. It's not confirmed yet. See page 13 for latest.

**It is with very heavy hearts that we have had to take the decision to cancel the Wantage Literary Festival for October 2021.**

The team do plan to bring you live literary events when it is safe and venues allow, so please keep an eye out via our newsletter and social media. We will return! Thank you for your continuing support.



**Our political chums... David Johnston is our MP.** You can write to him here:

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**Matt Barber is our Vale of White Horse District Councillor for the Hanneys,** and you can contact him by email: [councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk](mailto:councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk). or by visiting his website at [www.matthewbarber.co.uk](http://www.matthewbarber.co.uk)



## Wantage Who, What, Where of Reuse and Repair!

Folk will now find it easier to do their bit to help the planet thanks to a new mapping project that launched in May. The 'Who, What, Where of Reuse and Repair' is an online and print map that provides a wealth of information on where belongings can be repaired or passed on to be reused. Community action group 'Sustainable Wantage', have created the map to help people to cut down waste, save money and support local businesses and charities by repairing or reusing a whole range of items - duvets, shoes, jewellery, electronics, furniture etc.

Jo Harvey, manager of Sustainable Wantage's community space 'The Mix', explains: "Everyone is aware that we need to conserve the Earth's fragile resources, and one of the best ways we can do this is by keeping things in the system - buying second-hand, fixing things where we can and disposing of unwanted possessions in a way that extends their life by being up-cycled, repaired and reused. The map gives people access to the information they need to do this easily. Stickers will be displayed in the windows of participating shops and businesses.

To see and use the map online, check out:

[www.sustainablewantage.org.uk](http://www.sustainablewantage.org.uk)  
Paper copies can be collected from The Mix, 15 Mill Street, Wantage, OX12 9AB.

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## Hanney Community Shop News

Fingers crossed we will be out of lockdown on 21<sup>st</sup> June, life can begin to get back to normal and we can all go about our daily lives without any restrictions. I'm sure we will all be planning holidays, trips, family gatherings, parties and barbeques (weather allowing).

Just think what it would have been like if there hadn't been a shop in the village during the lockdowns. Not just any shop but a shop that didn't run out of toilet paper and managed to get yeast when it was in short supply. As custom grew rapidly last April, we were able to review and change our stock and bring in more variety and a greater range of things and all at competitive prices. We quite frequently hear now that people are surprised at just how much there is in such a small shop.

All this is done by the volunteers who not only man the shop eight hours a day, six days a week but go out and buy the stock, collect from the wholesaler, manage the finances, and generally keep everything running.

Over the last 12 months all the volunteers at the Community Shop have worked hard to keep the shop going and to keep it as a valuable community asset. Please don't forget how important the shop has been and keep using it. In the words of someone very wise (not me). *Margaret Hanlon*

**USE IT OR LOSE IT**

**We have some very talented folk** in our community and one, East Hanney resident, Val Calderbank, has recently been recognised with the award of the highly prestigious 'King's STEM Alumni Award'. This annual award is granted to a King's College, London alumna or alumnus who is excelling in science, technology, engineering or maths.

The College told Val... *"This award is in recognition of your lifelong contribution to science, making important contributions in software engineering as well as your pioneering research in Artificial Intelligence on the development of knowledge-based expert systems. We were very impressed by your long-standing interest in astronomy, becoming a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society after retiring."*

We here at HQ offer our massive congrats to Val on receiving this splendid award.

## **This from the Hanney Fundraisers for Cancer Research...**

*"We want to thank Masons of Abingdon for raising £450 by selling knitted items made by the Hanney Knitters, and despite the last difficult year, we have sent £800 to the Churchill Hospital for Cancer Research. Thank you all for your continued support.*

*Sadly, our honesty boxes and trolleys, which have been regular features outside our houses for the last 30 years, have attracted people who think these items are free for the taking, despite our notices saying all donations are for Cancer Research.*

*These boxes have always been respected, so perhaps a donation given would give these folks a clear conscience when they sell the items on eBay or at a car boot sale."*

**The two happy, hard-hatted gents** on our front cover have been busy recently making us a nice new, smooth and flat footpath that runs from the Community Shop to the iron bridge. Thanks gents, and thanks too East Hanney Parish Council for getting this sorted.



## East Hanney Parish Council

### Playing Field Proposals -

Thank you for all the feedback; we have changed some of the original proposals to reflect concerns put forward.

The MUGA will no longer be floodlight, after listening to residents who live immediately opposite, and their concerns over the potential for disturbance in the evenings.

The specification we have laid down is that the fencing surrounding it will be the latest low-noise style, unlike many of the cheaper chain linked fence systems that are more common.

The MUGA will also be moved further west, away from the allotments, and will be less obtrusive to residents opposite.

There will be extensive landscaping between the allotments and the MUGA, and we also propose to extend this to surround the car park extension.

Much has been said about providing public toilets. We have looked into this but the costs and ongoing maintenance would be prohibitive and would mean that most of the amenities would have to be shelved to pay for them. It was proposed that the new

pavilion would have toilets which would be available to all for all planned sporting events.

Regarding King Leases, we planted a wild-flower meadow some four years ago and some 400 trees have been planted by the village since. When we originally entered into the lease it was agreed that we would be providing several benches but we needed the landscaping to take hold before we chose their locations.

A bowling green was suggested. We looked into this and, according to Sport England, the cost purely for the green, without any of the supporting infrastructure, would be £150,000.

East Hanney also has insufficient space to accommodate a bowling green; not many are aware that the playing fields to the west of the avenue of trees that run from the tennis courts to Kings Leases, belongs to West Hanney and is therefore outside of our jurisdiction.

We will of course, keep you updated as our plans progress.

*Steve McKechnie - Chairman*

**The next meeting will be via Zoom on Weds 9th June, at 7.30pm.**

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### SAVE THE DATE:

**Sunday 11th July, Tabletop Sale at St James Primary  
organised by Friends of St James. £10 per table.**

**More information available shortly.**

**In the meantime, contact [friendsofstjameshanney@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsofstjameshanney@yahoo.com)  
if you have any questions or would like to book a table.**

## West Hanney Parish Council

The Speed Indicator Devices in West Hanney have now been turned back on after it was confirmed that the radar they use fully complies with UK regulations. As they are regarded as temporary road signs, WHPC has agreed they will be rotated to face in the opposite direction every 4-6 weeks.

With the easing of Covid restrictions, the emergency provision permitting Parish Councils to meet virtually has now ended.

The next meeting of WHPC will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 at 7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room at the Hanney War Memorial Hall.

Please inform our Parish Clerk, Barbara Martin if you are planning to attend.

*David Corps - Chairman*

**Councillors: Chairman: David Corps - 867454.**

**Graham Garner - 868684.**

**Edward Wilkinson - 867316**

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## Vale Community Impact

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### Vale Community Impact

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**Here's a beautiful old photo** from about 1904, possibly taken in the garden of what was then the Crown Pub in East Hanney ...now a private house. The couple on the left and their children are the Butcher family who were landlord and landlady at the Crown from 1899 to 1907.

The family pictured are mum Grace, nee Harris, seated on the left, who was born in 1869. Standing next to her is her hubbie, Alfred Archbold Butcher, born in 1857. They produced two boys in quick succession, Thomas Archbold in 1889 and Frank Harris in 1890 and I assume the boy in the middle standing in a rather odd, grown up pose, holding the chain of a sleepy dog - the family pet perhaps? - in his left hand, is one of them. He would have been 14 or 15 years old. Sat on a bench together are two girls who look like twins, but I suspect they are in fact just sisters... Dorothy Gertrude, born in 1893, and Ethel May born 1895, making them aged about 11 and 9 at the time. Finally, stood next to her mum, is Margaret Victoria, who was born on 2nd January 1901, making her three years old.

They all seem to be dressed in their 'Sunday best'.

Thanks to information supplied by Paul Sayers, I can confirm that the gent with the shotgun over his left shoulder, is a gamekeeper, though I have no name for him. Perhaps he was a pub regular? He is wearing a 'billycock hat', invented around 1849 by William Coke (Billy Coke), and widely adopted by members of the profession throughout the country. They later became known as bowler hats, named after 'Bowler Brothers' who manufactured them. He is accompanied by two flat-coated retrievers, the traditional gamekeeper's dog. Note too his very smart 'spats' round his lower legs.

This is a very typical picture of its time, formal and stiff, with no smiles. The little girl rests her hand on her mother's leg, who appears to have her right hand on the child's back. Other than that there is no familiarity displayed. If you know anything more about this photo, please get in touch. I love old photos like this...you probably gathered that already.



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Follow 'Wantage Markets' Facebook page to keep up to date on all of our Markets.

*If you or any of your family are showing symptoms of Covid-19, please do not attend the Markets.*



**Big-ups go out** to Miley Bligdon, one of the younger members of our community. Miley, with the help of her Mum, Laura, and East Hanney Parish Council, has set up a couple of poop bag dispensers on the recreation ground for forgetful dog owners to use. Hopefully this will help reduce the age old poop problem! Well done Miley, say we at Global HQ!

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# THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Dear Friends

***“Never throw anything away!”*** I half-jokingly tell my children especially when I have used some odd item to make or mend something. Recently from my collection of things I have not thrown away, I used a length of hosepipe and some cord to make a swing which 3 of our grandchildren have been devising lots of games on.

I found a mysteriously shaped brass object to replace a missing holding-nut off a garden chair that needed repairing.

The BBC advertises its programme ‘The Repair Shop’ as a *“heart-warming antidote to a throwaway culture”* and it is understandably very popular.

It is wonderful when precious possessions are restored to their original beauty.

Unlike those experts I don’t claim to have the ability to restore to perfection rather just to make sure something can be used.

Of course, as the designated household binman, I do throw things away – though most of it goes in the recycling bin; so I suppose what I should be asking is *“Can this odd piece of equipment be kept for future use?”*

It won’t surprise you that I began to wonder whether God is a “restorer” or a “disposer”? In fact, I concluded he is both.

The lovely hymn by Henry Lyte *“Praise my Soul the King of Heaven”* is based on Psalm 103 which reminds us the Lord does want to get rid of the wrongs, sins and wickedness that occur in our world and ourselves, but also prefers to restore us and bless.

I rejoice that The Lord Jesus is an expert in restoring and recycling people. As we come out of the restrictions trying to curtail the Covid virus let us celebrate that because of Jesus we are *“ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven”*.

God bless.

John

## SERVICES in June 2021 at St James

In the hope that following the recent easing of restrictions in May, these are permitted and no further restrictions occur!

**Sunday Eucharist at 9.30am – 6<sup>th</sup> Revd Velma Oxley, 13<sup>th</sup> Revd Geoff Maughan, 20<sup>th</sup> Revd Alec Gill. There is no Service in Hanney on 27<sup>th</sup> as we are invited to the Benefice Service at St John's, Grove.**

Said Eucharist on Tuesday at 10.00am in the Chancel.

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### Michaelmas Fayre 2021

This from Hilary, organiser ...

*On? Off? Allowed? Maybe? On the starting blocks or on the reserves bench for next season?*

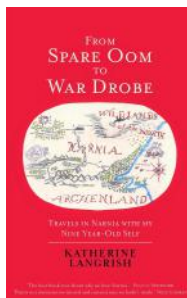
*As Hanney News goes to press, the news is indicating that the final step on the hoped-for release from Lockdowns maybe delayed. We don't want to build up hopes just yet but appreciate that plans need to be made. And although September seems a long way off as we know only too well,*

*nothing is certain at present. Just let's work on the 'spontaneity is fun' principle! We're frustrated too and lots of you are asking what we are planning – all we can say is that we hope for a simplified event – possibly very different to past years but don't want to build up hopes or aspirations just yet. Keep a look out on the Hanney Michaelmas Fayre Facebook page, our website and through the kind offices of Jim and his excellent email updates any firm decisions before the next issue of Hanney News.*

### Hanney resident and author

**Katherine Langrish** has published a book, *'From Spare Oom to War Drobe: Travels in Narnia with my nine year-old self'* (Darton Longman & Todd).

As a little girl in the 1960s, deeply in love with Narnia, she once filled an old notebook with stories about that magical land and illustrated it with poster-painted scenes and maps. Now a celebrated adult writer of children's and young adult's literature, she has revisited C. S. Lewis's Seven Chronicles to analyse the old enchantment and test its power. Hand in hand with her nine year-old self, she traces many paths through



Lewis's thick forest of allusions not only to Christianity, but to Plato, fairy tales, myths, legends, medieval romances, renaissance poetry and indeed to other children's books – and examines two very different ways of reading the Narnia stories: the adult, informed, rational way and the passionate childish way. For whenever children fall in love with a book they love it fiercely, loyally, completely; and as anyone it's ever happened to will know, it can be a transformative experience. *'From Spare Oom to War Drobe'* is available from Amazon, Hive.co.uk and from all good booksellers.

## The re-opening of Hanney War Memorial Hall

Following the recent announcement by Boris about further easing of Covid restrictions starting on May 17th, all regular users of the Hall have been asked when they intend to return to their regular bookings. From May 17, regular exercise and indoor events can take place, but understandably some groups have decided to delay their return until September. The groups who return earlier will contact their users to inform them when they will restart.

The Hall Operations Committee have decided, in the absence of detailed guidance

from the Government, we will not be taking bookings for parties, wedding receptions or other social events until we reach the final date of the roadmap on June 21<sup>st</sup>, although we welcome enquiries from anyone who is planning an event after June 21. The Hall's booking income has fallen considerably during the pandemic, but we have come out of lockdown financially secure because of the Covid grants we applied for from the Vale of White Horse District Council.

We are looking forward to welcoming back to the Hall all our regular and occasional users and for all you film fans, Friday night Film Night will return in September.

*Graham Garner - Hall Chairman*



**The Hanney Gardening Club committee** would like to thank everyone who supported the most successful annual **Plant Sale** for many years on 9th May. Any feedback on how to improve the event further, in terms of timing and available plants would be welcome. The proceeds will enable the club to maintain a full programme of high quality talks and other events in the 2021 - 22 season.

### We recently said goodbye

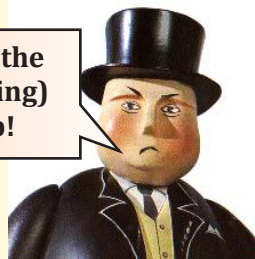
to Amos the West Hanney postman who retired a while back. He has been replaced by Mark who has done a splendid job under very difficult circumstances to keep us here at Global HQ, and everywhere else in the village, up to date with our postal deliveries. I gather that East Hanney's postie, Jo Plumridge-Adby has now also popped her

last letter through an East Hanney box, and I know the good folk of the East wish her well in her new career as a truck driver! Tributes paid to Jo on our Community Facebook group were loud, long, and well deserved I'm sure. Good luck Jo from us here at Global HQ.



**Following up on last month's piece** about the possible re-opening of Grove railway station, our MP posted a video clip on the jolly old Facebook thingie of him asking the responsible government minister for an update on when he - and we! - can expect to hear if Grove is one of the projects that will receive funding. He was told to expect an answer in the Summer. I assume they mean Summer 2021, but I'm not holding my breath. I'll keep you posted.

**Mind the (funding) Gap!**





## The 'Grey Matter Challenge' - the Winner!

You'll remember the challenge was to come up with two identical sentences where the meaning is completely changed solely by adding or subtracting commas. Thanks to everyone who took part.

All entries were passed to our independent judge, Sir Andy of Robertson and Grammar, who had come up with the idea of the challenge in the first place! Andy cogitated, pondered and ruminated at some length on all the entries, before reaching a decision!



And the winning entry is ..... wait for it!.....**'The man said his wife was crazy'**, becoming, with the addition of two commas....**'The man, said his wife, was crazy'**. I like that, clever and rather pithy! It was submitted by Keith Dawson of East Hanney, so con-

grats go to Keith. First prize is a bottle of Sloe Gin no less, made with sloes from Hanney's very own Community Woodland. (Hey, we may be a Global International organisation, jetting round the world in search of scoops, but you can't get much more ecofriendly than that!)

## LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I think it is regrettable that you chose to lampoon Greta because she gets a lot of flak already from vested interests and I have huge admiration for her and think she is exceptionally brave.

On the matter of recycling about which you comment that the Vale is doing well, alas, as not everyone is aware, *The Guardian* and other media have written about how little of our plastic and other waste is actually recycled, especially since China stopped taking it mainly because it is so contaminated, despite the claim on the van that '80% of it can be recycled'. There are insufficient facilities in the UK to deal with it and some of it is exported, especially to Malaysia, only to be inappropriately dumped.

Kind regards,  
Stella Brecknell

**I was also taken to task** last month for my remark about 'shouty' cyclists. It was rightly pointed out to me that cycling is a thoroughly pleasurable pursuit, highly beneficial to one's health, and is to be encouraged. By way of an olive branch to all our cyclist readers, I offer this lovely pic of a couple of youngsters out riding on a rather odd design of tandem bicycle manufactured by the 'Malvern Star' company of Australia, and apparently known as a 'Sociable'. I'm not sure if it's ever been available in the UK, - or who's in charge of steering it, or what happens if one cyclist is a good deal heavier than the other? - but no matter, clearly the two of them are having lots of fun.

I hope to soon publish an article on the benefits of cycling.



**Last week we said farewell** to a fabulous friend and much loved father and husband, Adam Cavendish.

After an 18 month heroic battle with Motor Neurone Disease, Adam died peacefully at home, on Easter Sunday.

He came home the night before his funeral, so we, the family, could all leave home together for one last time. As we drove out of Rascarrel House we were greeted with a sea of caring faces. As we drove slowly through West and then East Hanney there was a steady stream of faces from every stage of our lives in Hanney. It was incredibly thoughtful for people to come out and show their respects and we were all extremely grateful. Throughout Adam's illness, people in the village have shown us extraordinary kindness and support, the smallest of gestures can often mean the most. It felt like a comforting and warming blanket of village love and really illustrates



what an exceptional community we live in. At the end of the funeral, we read a passage from Adam.... as he always liked to have the last word.

***“Virginia Wolfe said ‘Somebody has to die in order that the rest of us should value life more’. Get out there and do all the things on your bucket list. Don't wait for retirement or until you get a diagnosis like mine. Life is for living. Take every opportunity that comes***

***your way. Fortune really does favour the brave. Be brave. Take risks. Live your life. Fulfil your dreams.... Enjoy yourself”***

And then we played “Enjoy Yourself” by Jools Holland and Prince Buster. That pretty much sums up Adam and Team Cavendish. Thank you to Hanney for the care, support, encouragement and love we have received, as we navigated this difficult journey.  
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## Clubs and Societies

**HANNEY BADMINTON CLUB** meets every Thursday in the HWMH, 8-10pm. We welcome new members. Call 868256 for details.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**HANNEY SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB** meets on the 4th Thursday of every month except August, at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Tea, cake, chats, talks and activities. For more details, ring Marcia on 01235 867461

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

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

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

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

**HANNEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (W.I.)** meet the second Thursday of the month (except in Aug) 7.30 - 9.30 in the Olde Hanney Room, Village Hall. New members are welcome. Contact Jean Geary on 01235 869070.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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](mailto: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](http://www.valenordicwalking.com)

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May Winners

1st - Rosemary Cook  
2nd - Rachel Swinfen  
3rd - Helen & Mark Smith

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want additional numbers?  
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## 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](mailto:hwmh.hanney@gmail.com)

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