



Hanney News

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A letter to a bridge



*Dear Poughley Farm Bridge,
Thank you for all your hard work over the years...you've served us well and we wish you good luck in your new role as hardcore or whatever the County Council have in mind for you.
We won't forget you.
Kind regards,
Hanney
PS: We've written some more about you on page 6.*

Community Coffee morning - Biscuit Special - see page 8

Wantage...that place down the road...page 4

Man on tall unicycle kissing a lady who's leaning out of her window with scant regard for the flowers in her window box!...page 15



Sausages, smiles - and soccer (!) - at the recent Hanney Youth Football Tournament...page 5

Big smiles too at the Table Top and Craft Sale at St James School...also page 5



Editorial

August already, but print deadlines mean that as I write, I've yet to hear Boris' final ruling on the lockdown...hoping we're 'free' of course, but please be aware that some of the info in this little mag may not be 100% accurate! (Is it ever Mr Editor?)

Not getting your copy of Hanney News on time? We aim to deliver the mag by the first of the month, but all our distributors are volunteers and have busy lives of course. Our chief distributor Paul Haines tells me that we even allow them to take holidays once in a while! So, if your copy of the best parish newsletter in the whole of Hanney doesn't appear on time, pop to the Community Shop where you'll find plenty on the rack by the door.

There are two assets we have in Hanney that I hope you never need to use! I talk of the defibrillators, one in West Hanney fixed to the wall on the garage opposite the Plough, and the other in the porch of the Village Hall in East Hanney. Currently, East Hanney Parish Council are looking to add another in their parish. Funding and siting of the unit still being negotiated.

If you're on the jolly old t'internet, but not on our West and East Hanney Community Facebook page, I would urge you to join soonest...expect info, laughs and some weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth! Talking of Facebook, here's another story of the 'Community' in action....someone loses a necklace and posts on the Community Facebook page, telling of their misfortune. The necklace is found, handed in to

the Community shop and duly returned to it's grateful owner, when she is advised to check in the shop's lost property box!

Also a missing dog was re-united with its owner thanks to the wonders of Facebook. It's not all nasty racist comments about young footballers who aren't very good at taking penalties!

Coffee Morning Warning...on page 8 you'll find an update including - most important! - the range of biscuits on offer. But a quick word of warning...due to some confusion - there's a lot of it around at the moment - we may have to hold these joyous little occasions outdoors, so bring a winter woolly if it's chilly.

There are more pearls from the shop on page 9, including info on their mask-wearing policy, and a Michaelmas Fayre update is to be found on page 13.

The Hanney Parochial Trust - with which I'm involved, has an article on page 14 where I explain what we do and who we may be able to help.

Three lovely letters on page 15 and a warning about scams on

page 16.

There's a few snaps of some of the lovely displays on show at the recent Craft Fayre hosted by the Royal British Legion on page 13.

Our Yoga teacher Grace needs help ...see page 7.

OK, that's it, have a great and safe holiday if you're travelling this month ...see you in September.



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?

Charney Manor invites you to an Open Day on Saturday 31st July 10 am – 4 pm. Dog show, Barbecue: burgers & hot dogs. Teas, cakes and ice-creams. Tours of the house and grounds. All welcome! Free parking. (Charney Manor is in Charney Bassett...I find the logic regarding the naming of the Manor quite reassuring, don't you?)

Sun 1st Aug, Wantage Artisan Market. 10am - 3pm. Market Square, Wantage.

Table Tennis happens every Friday, from 10am, in the Village Hall for 1 hour. £2 per session. All welcome. Just turn up for some ding dong ping pong!

Hanney History Group... Summer Visits: Saturday August 28th - 2.00 p.m. Letcombe Brook History and Ecology – approx 2 hours, led by a historian and a naturalist, and open to all, including children over 14, and will feature a cash collection which will aid the Project. To book please contact the hhgsecretary@gmail.com .

And further ahead...

Fri, Sept 3rd, grand re-opening of Hanney Film Night! See page 14.

Sat 4th Sept, Charney Bassett Village Fete. For full details, go to www.charneybassett.org.uk/ and click on 'August Charney Chatter'

Sundays 5th Sept and 3rd Oct, Artisan Market - see entry above for 1st August.

Monday September 6th at 7.30pm - Hanney Gardening Club's first meeting of the new season at the Hanney War Memorial Hall. Speaker Paul Green will give a practical demonstration of plants of the season. There will be plants for sale.

We look forward to seeing old members returning and to welcoming new members. Annual Subs will be unchanged - £8 for a single member, £15 for joint membership. A short AGM will be included. Refer to www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk

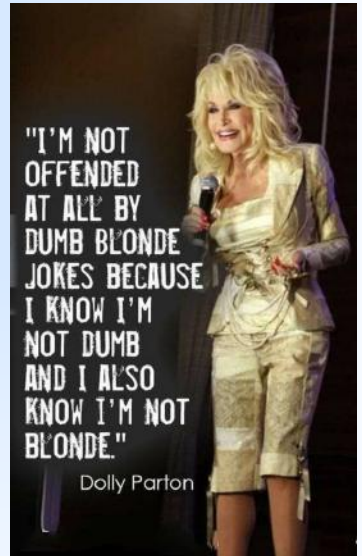
Sat 11th Sept - Abingdon Air and Country Show.

Details here: 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.

Sat 20th Nov Cancer Research UK Fundraising Bazaar at the Village Hall...more details soon.



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

The Summer Reading Challenge

Children across Oxfordshire can take part in the Challenge at their local Oxfordshire Library up till 11th September 2021.

This year the Challenge is celebrating nature! As the children read, they will help the Wild World Heroes save and improve their local environment!

All children have to do, is read at least six library books of their choice over the summer holidays, and as they read, they collect stickers (some smelly!) and rewards! If they complete the



Challenge, they will be rewarded with a Wild World Hero medal, certificate and keyring and this year will be entered into a county-wide prize draw.

There's also a website the children can visit: wildworldheroes.org.uk, which has ideas of books to read, games to play, competitions to enter and much more – the Wantage Library Facebook page will be publishing details of further events and activities soon! If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to let me know!

Joanne Jefferiss, Assistant Library Manager, Wantage Library Tel: 01235 762291 Work Mobile:075516 80617 www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

What an astonishing thing a book is. It's a flat object made from a tree with flexible parts on which are imprinted lots of funny dark squiggles. But one glance at it and you're inside the mind of another person, maybe somebody dead for thousands of years. Across the millennia, an author is speaking clearly and silently inside your head, directly to you. Writing is perhaps the greatest of human inventions, binding together people who never knew each other, citizens of distant epochs. Books break the shackles of time. A book is proof that humans are capable of working magic.

~ Carl Sagan



And if a trip into Wantage isn't possible, don't forget Hanney's very own library! Not the biggest, but loadsa lovely books for young and old, it's on the corner of Main St and The Green in East Hanney, more or less opposite La Fontana on the A338.

Other stuff to do in Wantage....The Vale & Downland Museum and Café now opens from 9.30am to 3.45pm Monday to Saturday. Toddler Tales will be every Wednesday at 10am. valeanddownlandmuseum.org.uk

A zero-waste and training café is opening in Wantage soon. 'Down to Earth Community Café' started as a market stall in July with a range of healthy take-away meals. They will host 'Community Cooking' and 'Eat surplus food' events starting with a 'Climate Cook-in' on 31 July.

Contact Kate Farrington on downtoearthwantage@gmail.com for more details.

These happy folk were stall holders at the St. James School Craft and Table Top Sale, where a magnificent £1909.25p (!) was raised.

A huge amount of hard work goes into these great community occasions, so well done to all involved!

Organiser Kate Thomas asked me to pass on her thanks to everyone who attended, and all who donated time or a prize. She added that *"The money raised ensures that the children can have a school environment that inspires learning and gives them a little bit more."*



"Whatever happens, we're here to have fun!"That's

a quote I overheard given by one of the coaches to her girls football team just before they took the pitch at the recent Hanney Youth Football Club Tournament.

A lovely sentiment that really sums up this splendid annual Hanney Community event... superbly organised and run, so take a bow Sir Paul Of Aram and Organising, and your magnificent team! (Paul's wife Lisa is the smiling lady brandishing the large sausage on our front cover!)

Previous years' problems with parking were resolved by a fab team of helpers. It really lifts the spirits of a curmudgeonly old cynic like me to see youngsters having fun in the fresh air. No noses stuck in mobile phones, no swearing or rolling around in faux agony on the pitch...parents, friends and family cheering on their kids.



Cars on the Rec...lots of them, all beautifully sorted in neat rows!

East Hanney Parish Council



EAST HANNEY PARISH COUNCIL



The Parish Council has a vacancy to be filled by co-option.

Contact the Clerk for further details and an application form.

Applications to be received by 10th August 2021.

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Poughley Farm Bridge

Some years back Oxford County Council engineers declared that the bridge serving Poughley Farm was unsafe for vehicular traffic. Now, finally, they appear to have saved up enough of our Council tax to be able to pay for a new one.

As you read this, assuming they stick to their schedule, the delightful little bridge pictured on the front cover, will be history, and contractors will be constructing a new one, that, Heaven forfend, may even look like this! Let's hope not!

As I write, much anger is being expressed in posts on our Community Facebook page about the fate of the old bridge. The hideous new one that is being proposed...I assume by eager folk who've never even heard of Hanney, far less visited it, and hence have no idea just how out of character the new one is!

A real shame say we at Global HQ.



West Hanney Parish Council

As we approach the end of the bird nesting season, please could landowners with hedges that are encroaching onto pavements, footpaths, or roadways, keep them well trimmed back.

Likewise, if you have a ditch running alongside your property boundary, as a riparian owner, please keep the ditch free of vegetation, obstructions, and silt so that any surface water can flow unimpeded out of West Hanney.

Thanks to OCC Environment and Place for clearing the blocked gully outside Sunrise Cottage in Church Street and to the Hanney Flood Group for clearing the gullies on Parish Council owned land at Headings Pond in Church Street.

David Corps - Chairman

The next meeting of WHPC will be on Tuesday 3rd August at 7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room at the Hanney War Memorial Hall.

**Councillors: Chairman: David Corps - 867454. Graham Garner - 868684.
Edward Wilkinson - 07771 705234. Trevor Brettell - 868459.**

Peter Packham - 868038.

Barbara Martin (Clerk) - 868806

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Website: www.westhanneypc.org.uk



**Help Needed!
Can you help Grace, our Hanney based Yoga teacher?**

She's looking to hire a space where she can hold her yoga classes to allow her to expand. She needs any type of space in Hanney which is clean, such as a barn, converted garage or studio.

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Biscuits update.....

I know you'll all be eager to hear the latest on the choice of biscuits available at the **Community Coffee Mornings**, held every **Tuesday 10am - 11.30am** in the Village Hall.

Well, on the opening morning last month, up for grabs were custard creams (of course!), Bourbons, fruit shortcakes, ginger nuts and plain digestives. (Not sure which ones should have a capital letter - forgive me if I've got any wrong.)

Quite a selection I'm sure you'll agree, and remember, all are welcome to these joyous biscuity affairs.

You're also very welcome to bring your own fave brand of biscuit if none of those mentioned float your Garibaldi. (That gets a capital letter cos I think Garibaldi was a real person.) Talking of floating, dunking



your bickie is allowed, even if a soggy lump ends up floating in your beverage!

And whilst we're on biscuits, I have come across an organisation called 'The Biscuit Appreciation Society'. If you think Hanney News occa-

sionally strays into areas of 'quirkiness', you should check out these dudes' website: www.biscuit.org.uk/index.htm.

Some great (weird, frankly!) stuff on here...how to dunk your biscuit, how to buy biscuits - much more complex than you might think - and answers to those age old questions - are 'Cookies' biscuits? Do I have to be old to bake biscuits?'...you get the idea.

Hope to see you at the next Coffee Morning where we can swap biscuit flavoured tales. We do talk about other stuff too!

Our very own Hanney Cricket

Club has recently played a couple of fixtures. On 27th June they were away to Blenheim Palace CC. on the delightful ground directly in front of the Palace.

Organiser David Johns tells me that the home team scored over 200 runs, with our response only about 70. "Room for improvement! But nice surroundings!" he added.

On 4th July, another away fixture took them to Marsh Baldon where the home



team scored 158. David told me: "We looked like falling well short of their total, but Chris Villiers and Will Simpson thought otherwise. With Chris losing his wicket in the last over, we fell just 5 runs short. Really good to watch. Will was our star, he opened the bowling and with the bat finished unbeaten on 56; he is 13 years old!"

Well done to Will and all the players and if you'd like to get involved, see their contact details on page 26.

By the time you read this we should be out of lockdown at last. We have a fantastic band of volunteers who have worked tirelessly to keep the shop running all through lockdown. It's not just the people you see working in the shop on a day to day basis, but also the people who are there behind the scenes, doing the jobs which keep the shop running.

We have people who buy the stock on a regular basis from the Co-op, Home Bargains and Bookers; people who manage the ordering of the various things we sell; our Treasurer who does a great job managing all the finances and keeping track of bills and payments; the people who do odd jobs of maintenance in the shop when needed; people who manage the rotas to ensure we have the cover that is needed for all the tasks. There's more to running a small shop than meets the eye, and when this is done by volunteers, we are always reliant on the good will and availability of everyone.

The Covid 19 lockdown has been difficult for everyone to a greater or lesser degree and sadly some businesses have not sur-

vived. Fortunately that has not been the case for Hanney Community Shop which came into its own as a valuable community resource. If you are a shop user you will know that we have greatly increased the type and amount of stock we hold and now it's possible to buy a whole range of things and, in the main, at a very comparable price to the supermarkets. Some things may be a few pence more than Tesco or Sainsburys but at least it's local and you don't have to spend the fuel cost to



get there. The shop will never be the place where people do their weekly shop but hopefully it is the place to pop in and buy those items that you have run out of or forgotten. As long as custom continues at the current level we will be able to maintain the variety we have – so keep shopping.

We can never have too many volunteers so if you can spare some time to help you local shop please do get in touch with me. You can phone me on 07568 083615. Email me at margandjim@btinternet.com or you can message me on Facebook.

Margaret Hanlon

More from the Shop...

the committee have decided that they will ask volunteers, i.e. those serving, and other helpers, and customers to continue to wear masks when in the shop. This is in line with government guidelines on confined spaces and is what the supermarkets are doing. Margaret told me...

"Obviously we cannot enforce this if customers do not wear masks, but we can ask. Our team of volunteers also have to



make their own decision but we feel that as we are asking customers to wear masks, then we too should wear them."

We'll all have different views on this...mine, for what it's worth, is that of

course I will wear a mask when in the shop. All the staff and the committee have given a great service to our community throughout some very difficult times, and the least we can do is obey their request. It's not a lot to ask.

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Dear Friends

".....and get some rest!"

Whether or not you can get away for a holiday during this summer will depend on a lot of things; but I am convinced that we all need a break from the increasing amount of pressure and demands we're facing. Young or old alike.

".....get some rest!" are words Jesus said to his disciples after they had been working really hard visiting villages, healing and proclaiming good news. When they returned, the pressure increased all the more, so Jesus said *"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest"*. The actual Greek means *"and pause a little"*.

Some of us find that easier than others but we all need our rest.

Do you know Mendelssohn's lovely solo for a chorister *"O for the wings, for the wings of a dove"*? - it comes from Psalm 55 where the psalmist is facing a lot of difficulties and stressful situations and just wants to get away from it all; but at the end of the Psalm he tells us to *"cast our cares on the LORD and he will sustain you"*.

I hope you can get away for a refreshing holiday; but away or not, I encourage you to take up Jesus' offer to share your burdens and get some rest.

God bless
John

SERVICES in August 2021 at St James

Currently it is planned to continue the same Sunday Service pattern as of late - the Eucharist celebrated at 9.30am (but when has anything stayed the same for long over the last 18 months!).

Sunday 1st - Revd Chris Ashton, 8th - Revd Peter Rich, 15th - Revd John Durant, 22nd - Revd Alec Gill, 29th - Revd Geoff Maughan.

There are no midweek services during August.

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Two things you can (might!) be able to do in September - on your own or with family and friends – and are fun!
On Saturday 11th there is National Ride+Stride Day which raises funds to preserve many of the beautiful and ancient churches that are so much part of a village scene. Half of your sponsorship goes (in our case) to Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (which has given many grants to St James over the years) and half to St James Church Hanney, direct to help maintain the building. So, whether you want to ride a bike, take a walk or ride your horse why not join in? Or for families get together with some friends, take a picnic and get the kids to do something fun (hopping round the playground? A scooter trip round the village?). For more information go to www.ohct.org.uk where you can sign-up and take the link to VirginMoneyGiving or email : rideandstrideoxon@ohct.org.uk.

And then there's the Michaelmas Fayre – maybe? ...possibly? As Hanney News goes to press, the news is that there were more new confirmed Covid cases in the previous 24 hours than since mid-January.
What do we do? It would be great to be confident as to what we can do in 10 weeks' time but last year it was a big disappointment to cancel late in the day when holding the Fayre became untenable - so sadly we're not! Let's hope for some sort of open-air fun community activity – so keep the date – Saturday 25 September and fingers crossed (again!!!). Any confirmed plans will be on our website and Facebook page – www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk as well as both the Hanney Facebook.

Hilary, Organiser



A recent Craft Fayre hosted by the Royal British Legion, saw some splendid displays by many of our local and talented 'crafty' folk.



The Hanney Parochial Trust ... is an amalgamation of several local charities, the earliest of which started over 400 years ago, in 1605, with the stated aim back then to 'help alleviate poverty'.

Essentially, that remains our aim today, and I'm sure the folk who set up the charities all those years ago would be proud, and maybe a little surprised, that their legacy is still around so many years later.

The Trust is registered with the Charity Commission, our number is 205792.

Its purpose is to assist folk in genuine need through difficult times, so if someone you know could do with some help, please ask them to contact me, in strictest confidence of course, on 01235 867500 - or email me: jimstagg@btinternet.com.

I will ask them some questions, discuss their case with my fellow trustees - there are eight of us in total - and then one of us will arrange a home visit.

Further Education Grants...

For some years now we have been making grants to anyone aged under 25 who is in further education and needs help with costs directly related to their study.

More recently we have also made grants in exceptional cases to the families of school-age children who need help financing extra-curricular study so that they are able to remain in mainstream education.

These grants are not available for tuition to improve exam grades.

Please note that we are only allowed to offer grants of any kind to Hanney or Lyford residents.

If you are interested in the history of our Community's very special charity, local author Angela Cousins has written a history of it. The book is called 'Bread, Boots and Coal' and is available from the Community Shop.

Hanney Film Night

Friday 3rd September. Doors and bar open, 7.30 for 8.00 in the Owen Wright Cinema in Hanney War Memorial Hall.

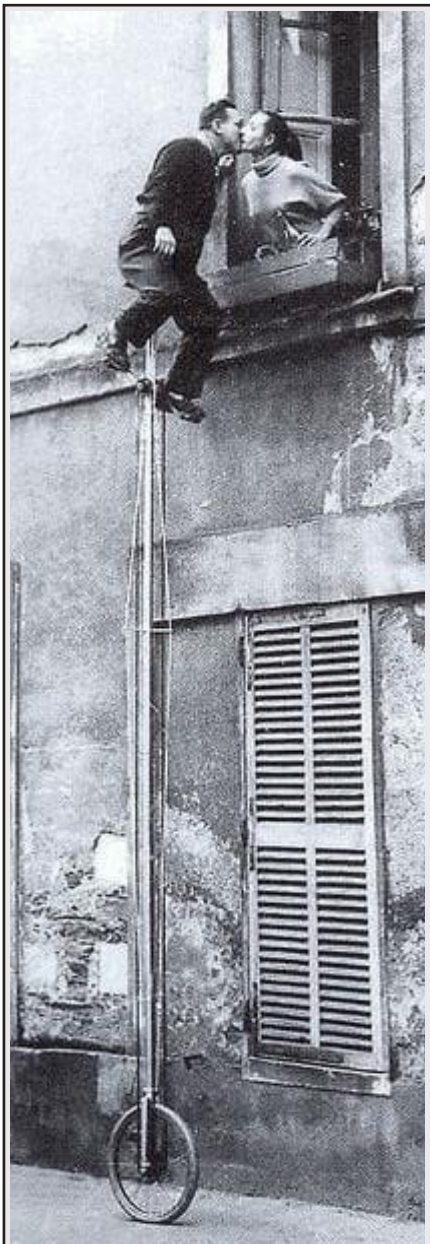
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"We are looking forward to welcoming all our old friends and offer a special welcome to new ones."





Continuing my slight obsession with quirky bicycles, this one caught my eye recently. Could any circus performers please advise on how one mounts - and dismounts! - this particular beastie.

LETTERS

Dear Editor

Joan and Eric would like to thank all on foot and horseback who helped find our Springer Spaniel, that decided to go on a tour of the villages early Monday 28th June.

Sincere thanks to all for his safe return.

Joan and Eric Evans.

Dear Editor

At our recent football festival we had a visitor who could not negotiate the field but had not brought a wheelchair with them. Thanks to the village shop we were able to assist at short notice and ensure this parent could watch their child play football through the loan of a wheelchair - what a fantastic community effort!

Regards

Paul Aram, Chairman Hanney Youth FC.

Dear Editor

I would like to thank all my family, friends and members of the Royal British Legion for all my lovely cards and flowers which I received on the death of my dear husband.

A special thank you to my dear friend Pamela William who has been a tower of strength through the last few weeks. The donation raised was £124 to be divided between Tony's two charities, the Poppy Appeal and Cancer Research. It is much appreciated. Thank you all very much. Pamela Belcher and family.



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'SLING YOUR HOOK' is a campaign that's been set up by Neighbourhood Watch, to help folk avoid being scammed. Numbers and types of scams are on the rise, and this campaign apparently "taps into the psychology that scammers use to hook people in." Ooh err!

It aims to help you to "stay one step ahead and protect yourself and your loved ones against the increasing variety of scams happening every day. We know that victims of scams often report that in hindsight they felt something wasn't quite right. This campaign aims to raise awareness of the tactics scammers use and encourages people to 'stop and think' if something doesn't FEEL, SEEM, LOOK or SOUND right. This allows you time to trust your gut instinct and help prevent you becoming a scam victim."

Lots of info on their website:

www.ourwatch.org.uk/protectfromfraud

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