

# Hanney News

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# PLATINUM JUBILEE PICTURE SPECIAL

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# **Editorial**

OK chums, Jubbly is over and didn't we do well?! Massive big ups to all involved in the organisation of the various events. They, and HM Queenie herself, can now relax - her next duty is to officially open our puffin crossing on the A338.

Being serious for a moment, the weekend's festivities showed what a great community we have in Hanney, and the effort many individuals are regularly prepared to put in to make things happen is quite humbling. I managed to get out with my box brownie and capture a few moments, as did my fellow snapper Sir David of Kodak and Bratley. Thanks Dave for your efforts, and I hope our snaps bring back a few memories. Thanks too to the other folk who sent me their pics. If you would like a digital file of any of the snaps in this issue for your personal collection, give me a ring... 01235 867500.

One of the pleasures of a community event is meeting new faces, and I met many over the weekend. Welcome to Hanney all you 'newbies'!

Now, still on 'Community', our shop needs volunteers. I served behind the counter and collected the produce from our various suppliers for some time prior to Covid. Now finally, I'm back on the 'payroll', and will have completed my induction afternoon under the tutelage of Sir Clive of Wisdom and Knowledge of How the Till and Card M/C work when you read this. I'm looking forward muchly! In Clive's plea on page 5 he states that the Post Office will also close if the shop does.

Post Office will also close if the shop does. This is not an idle threat, it is an absolute certainty, and would be very bad news indeed, especially for the less mobile of our

community.

Please consider covering one session a month...it genuinely is fun, and our shop is one of our 'Jewels'.

St James School - another jewel - is looking for a new Governor, an interesting and challenging role...see page 5. The vacancy is due to Katherine Hodson stepping down - after 7 years of dedicated service - as daughter Charlotte moves on to her senior school. Massive thanks to Katherine and of course good luck to Charlotte.

A quick shout-out to another young lady... a resident of West Hanney by the name of Olivia. Her Dad tells me she's a big fan of Hanney News, and reads it cover to cover as soon as it lands on their doormat. Clearly Olivia has impeccable taste in the finest of English literature! I gather she's also a pretty useful footballer...a very talented young lady all round. Another serious bit...if your 5 - 11 year old child is yet to be vaxxed for Covid, please

see page 7.
Hanneyite Mike Donovan and his family are walking... slight understatement!.... raising money for a very worthy charity! Please read their story on page 7.
A lovely letter from a much loved ex-

A lovely letter from a much loved ex-Hanney resident, along with a slightly controversial one, both on page 9, which the writer asked me to publish anonymously. Wise words from our fab Flood Group on page 5, and Jaunty Jilly returns (!) on page 4 with info about a little booklet wot I wrote!

Enough for now friends...enjoy July!

Stop Press...HanneyFest happening on 3rd Sept. Keep it free!

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?

Sat 2nd - Hanney Village Market...Bargains and Bacon Baps...what's not to like?! See below.

Sun 3rd - Family Eco Summit Fun Day - page 9

Thurs 21st - Senior Citizens, an afternoon Garden Party, venue to be confirmed.

Mon 25th - A Hanney History **Group tour** of places of interest

during the siege of the Royal Court in Oxford. Led by Stephen Barker. £10.

1st - 31st July, Wantage Summer Arts Festival. See www.wantagesummerartsfestival.com

## And further ahead...

Mon 15th Aug - Hanney History Group - A Review of ancient and modern buildings in the centre of Oxford, led by Victoria Bentata

Sat 3rd Sept - HanneyFest at the Black Horse - details next month

Hanney Gardening Club, 5 Sept 7.30pm at the Village Hall. A talk by Mandy Bradshaw on 'Cotswold Gardens'. All welcome, guests £2. More info.... www.haneygardeningclub.org.uk "

Saturday 15th October 10am till 3pm. Hanney WI Craft Fair, Village Hall. Lots of stalls, teas and cake throughout the event, a nice family outing. More details nearer the time, but put it in your diary now!





Table Top Sale SAT JULY 2nd. **10am till 2pm Hanney War Memorial** 

Hanney Fundraisers for Cancer Research To book a table tel Kath: 01235 868527





# **Hanney Lottery June Winners**

1st - Dot Howe 2nd - Lynne Challinor 3rd - Bill Watkin

Not got a number vet or want additional numbers?

Just call Hilary on 868590.



# **Knitting Wool** Wanted

If you have any surplus wool you would like to donate to our charity, please contact Dulcie on 01235 868470

**A Sewing Group -** Ann Brooks of East Hanney has been in touch to let me know about a fab and groovy local sewing group.... "There's a great sociable sewing group called the 'Apple Quilters' in Southmoor village hall. Some Hanney ladies already go. The Apple Quilters is a friendly group who meet on the first and fourth Monday of the month at Southmoor Village Hall - 9.30am to 12 noon.

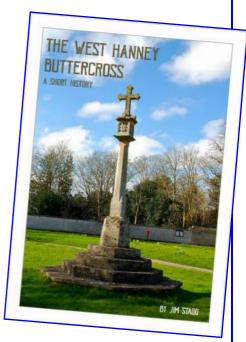
All abilities are welcome - activities are based on sewing, quilting, patchwork and more. A few spaces have become available for new members. Phone Kathy on 07966 639304 for more information."



**Hello again...Jaunty Jilly here!** Remember me? Of course you do! It's been a while hasn't it darlings and I've missed you all so so so much! That naughty old bearded Editor's been promising to give me a column for some time, and finally he has!

So, what have I got to tell you? Well, here at Hanney News Global HQ we don't just busy ourselves producing the best parish magazine in the whole of Hanney each and every month!

Oh no, we've also just produced a little booklet about one of West Hanney's older residents, our so-called 'Buttercross'. It's a little potted research booklet that Beardy has put together and he hopes will interest some folks. We've only had 100 printed, so if you'd like one, ring us soon on 01235 867500. We can deliver, and hopefully copies will be available in the shop. And if you don't like it, we'll refund your money! Actually that's me being a naughty little tease, cos it's free! Yes, super-generous Hanney News have paid all the costs of producing it! Hope you enjoy it, and see you next month.



These are difficult times for many folk, and they don't look like getting easier any time soon. The **Hanney Parochial Trust** may be able to help.

If you know anyone who is in genuine financial need, please ask them to contact me, the chairman of the Trust, in strictest confidence of course, on 01235 867500 - or email me: jimstagg@btinternet.com.

The Trust's Charity Commission number is 205792.

(Please note that we are currently only able to help residents of East or West Hanney.)

## **Volunteers Needed In Hanney Community Shop**

Extra volunteers are needed to help ensure the continued smooth running of the shop. A few extra people, each doing a little, will make a huge difference. Volunteering in the shop is a very social activity right in the heart of the community. Full training will be provided and you would not be staffing the shop on your own. We are looking for volunteers to staff the shop - just once a week / fortnight / month for a morning (9am-1pm) or afternoon (1pm-5pm) shift.

The Hanney Community Shop provides a valuable service to our community. Without the staff, we risk losing the shop and our Post Office.

To find out more, contact Clive Ward 01235 868528 thewardsrus@aol.com



The Hanneys Flood Group always keep me updated with their splendid efforts on our behalf. I am happy to blow their trumpet for them in these pages, since they're a shy and modest bunch in the main.

I gather that some new recruits signed up during the Jubilee Fayre, and if you are one, we here at global HQ offer our sincere thanks for your future efforts.

Apparently it is that time of year when "we need to continue our 8-year battle to reduce and eliminate Himalayan Balsam from the villages and particularly from Letcombe Brook". The Flood Group meets on the third Saturday each month and details can be found on The Hanneys Flood Group website -

www.thehanneysfloodgroup.org.uk Whilst we're on 'watery stuff' **please** do not dump

grass cuttings in any of our ditches or water courses. This recent Facebook post from Sir Clive of Manvell - Flood Group head hombre - sets out why!...'It took 2 hours to clear the blockage in the stream under Chapel Cottage but we finally succeeded in removing the ball of grass cuttings that caused the blockage. Please do not let grass cuttings or any other trimmings fall into any water course as it causes blockages like this, and just as importantly, when grass breaks down it produces substances that poison the wildlife in the stream, especially the fish. The really bad floods came in the month of July in 2007 and 2008, so now is a good time to make sure the ditches and waterways around your property are free from debris and the water can flow freely.'

# **East Hanney Parish Council**

The Council would like to say a big thank you to the organisers, volunteers, businesses, sponsors, and participants of the Jubilee celebrations. Although the weather wasn't particularly kind it didn't get in the way too much.

To keep you up-to-date with the goings on in our regular monthly meetings, there will be a summary on our Facebook page. You never know it may even stir a little interest and some may even attend one of the meetings to find out the future plans and issues within the village. If you do attend, you have the opportunity for direct input to any of the agenda items. The agenda is posted on both the PC website and the Parish notice board outside the community shop.

Steve McKechnie - Chairman

# Next Meeting, Wednesday 13th July, at 7:30pm, Old Hanney Room, Hanney War Memorial Hall, aka Village Hall.

Please note that the August meeting has been rescheduled from 10th to 17th August.

# **East Hanney Parish Councillors -**

Chairman: Stephen McKechnie - smehpc@gmail.com.
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Garth Dennill - gdehpc@gmail.com

Clerk: Wendy Quigley, tel: 07859 924655, email: <u>clerk@easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk</u> Website: <u>www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk</u>

# Library books to your door...If

you or someone you know are finding it difficult to get to the library, the Home Library Service can help! Run by Oxfordshire County Council, the Home Library Service is completely free and delivers books and other library materials to hundreds of people across the county.

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Registering is easy, simply call your local library or the Home Library Service on



01865 810259 or email homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ homelibraryservice

# **West Hanney Parish Council**

The next regular meeting of WHPC will be held on Tuesday  $5^{th}$  July 2022 at 7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room in 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
email: parishclerkwesthanneypc@gmail.com
Website: www.westhanneypc.org.uk

This from Hanney resident Mike Donovan... "As everybody knows, the natural next step from walking the dog around Hanney every morning is a marathon length trek in the Peak District! On 6th August we will be strapping on our walking boots, filling a bag full of Jaffa cakes, and walking 26 miles in a day up and down the Peak District's finest hills to raise money for the **Brain Tumour Charity** in memory of a much-loved family member who sadly lost her battle, far too young, with this awful cancer, last year. Unfortunately, Annie Dog's jaunts around Hanney are as much as the old girl's legs can handle nowadays so she won't be joining us, but despite her old age and arthritis she may still stand more of a chance than we do! A practice walk from Lech-

lade to Hanney last week resulted in some questionable stumbling out of The Plough a couple of hours after reaching the finishing line (purely down to fatigue, honestly!!)

We have lived in the village for a number of years and two of our families, the Donovans and the Langleys much longer. If you find the idea of four underprepared, yet determined people stumbling around the Peak District amusing, or more importantly, you are able to spare a few pennies to support a cause very close to our hearts please head to our Just Giving page: <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marathontrek2022">https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marathontrek2022</a>.

We would be very grateful for any support you are able to give.

Thank you - Mike, Danni, Andy & Liv

**Covid is still around** and the NHS Comms Team have recently asked parish newsletters to publish the following:

"All children aged 5-11 continue to be offered vaccination against Covid-19 vaccine.

Two doses of the vaccine (at least 12 weeks apart) should give long-lasting protection against serious complications, and some protection from mild symptoms. To book an appointment, please visit

NHS

www.nhs.uk/

<u>covidvaccination</u> or call 119. If you do not know your child's NHS number you can get it by

checking your child's personal health record (the red book that was given to you when your child was born) or by checking any NHS letters, prescriptions or test results you may have received for your child.

Alternatively, you could go to the **NHS.UK** website or by asking your GP practice to help you."

# Sally Povolotsky, our new Vale of White Horse District Councillor

has sent me her monthly newsletter. It's rather long so I've cherry picked....hope you don't mind Sally? You can read the whole thing on her website. Please note that I cannot guarantee to include Sally's pearls every month.

'The Platinum Jubilee...there was so much going. Well done to all the volunteers. We are once again reminded how the back bones of our communities are the huge pools of volunteers that make things happen, whether at church, school, in the hall or the wider community.

It was great to have eaten at the Plough in West Hanney on their opening day, the food, drink and atmosphere was brilliant (be back soon!).

I also post regularly on my councillor Facebook Page: Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any issues or concerns, either via Facebook message or email:

sally.povolotsky@whitehorsedc.gov.uk
The Community Support Hub, originally set up by the council in 2020 in response to the pandemic, is still available for anyone in need of help: if you have COVID-19, or if you are struggling financially, or if you are just finding life difficult due to the pandemic. Whether it's practical support or just advice, get in touch. Call: 01235 422 600 (Mon to Thurs 8.30-5pm and Fridays 8.30-4.30pm) or visit

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/communityhub.

You can also contact Citizens Advice on 0808 278 7907, or Vale Community Impact on 01235 765348.

An exciting new shopping tool has launched in Wantage to help support local independent traders to recover following the pandemic. Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Councils are offering local organisations a free 12 months' membership to ShopAppy, a website that helps market their goods and services online.

A series of 62 EV chargers which have been installed in council-run car parks across the Vale of White Horse district are now up and running. The chargers – which have been installed as part of the county-wide Park and Charge scheme – are ready to use by EV owners in our council-run car parks in Portway in Wantage, Cattle Market, Audlett Drive, West St Helens in Abingdon and Southampton Street in Faringdon.

The government has announced a new £450 million Boiler Upgrade Scheme to help improve the energy efficiency of homes, reduce energy bills and cut emissions in the long-term. The scheme is now open for people to apply for the following support when replacing their oil or gas boilers:  $\bullet$  £5,000 off the cost and installation of an air source heat pump  $\bullet$  £5,000 off the cost and installation of a biomass boiler  $\bullet$  £6,000 off the cost and installation of a ground source heat pump You can find out more about the scheme via the government's website."

**Our political chums... David Johnston is our MP**. Contact him here: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, or phone: 0207 219 3000, or email: david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk. Website: www.david-johnston.org.uk

**Juliette Ash is our County Councillor...**her contact details: c/o County Hall, New Road, Oxford. OX1 1ND. Email: juliette.ash@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Website: www.julietteash.co.uk

Sally Povolotsky is our District Councillor.

You can contact her on: povolotskys@gmail.com.

**The National Trust are holding a** 'Family Eco Summit' in Coleshill, Oxfordshire, a village near Faringdon. It's a family-friendly festival focusing on nature and habitat, sustainability, recycling and all things Green. Learn how even the smallest things can make a big difference locally. A day full of fun, crafts, local eco

market stalls, puppets & children's entertainment, live music and food & drink. Tickets cost £3 per person or £10 for a family ticket for 4 people. Under 3s are free National Trust members will still need to purchase a ticket as this is a special NT event. Dogs welcome. Parking available Tickets available from here boxedupevents.sumup.link



Dear Hanney friends and neighbours,

Greetings from the charming little town of Upton Upon Severn, in Worcestershire, where I am slowly beginning to find my way around, since moving from West Hanney at the end of April.

I was unable to get round to saying a personal goodbye to the many folk I would like to have seen, so please accept this as a warm farewell and thanks for all the good times. I know that it was the right decision to move to a smaller property and live close to Roger, my eldest son, and his family, but it was still very hard to say goodbye to the old house, and to everyone and everything familiar. I have brought with me over fifty years of memories, and they will stay with me always.

I will be delighted to see anyone from the Hanneys if at some time you happen to be passing through - Upton is well worth a visit. Until then, my very best wishes to you all. *Angela Cousins* 

## Dear Editor

I recently received a leaflet through my door from the Hanney Chapel, and in it, a young woman told 'her story' in which she suggested that we were all sinners and that our only path to redemption was through Jesus.

Of course she is perfectly entitled to hold these views, and to air them by whatever means she sees fit, but I've never met her and she knows nothing whatsoever about me, so I hope she'll forgive me if I ignore her claims - they apparently also apply to everyone else. I do not consider myself a sinner, but that said, I'm really not bothered or offended if she thinks I am.

What does concern me however about the above, and has caused me to put fingers on keyboard - anonymously please Mr Editor - is that I know the Chapel run regular events for children and young people, and I sincerely hope she refrains from telling the youngsters who attend these gatherings that they too are sinners.

Our young folk have been through an incredibly hard time over the last two + years and many struggle with low self-esteem problems and mental issues. Her views would only make worse their situation were they to hear them.

I don't doubt that the young author of the article has complete faith in her views, and I admire her for that...it's such a shame that they are so obnoxious, unpleasant and - most importantly - unhelpful, given the tough times in which we currently live.

I apologise for remaining anonymous.



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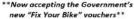


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# THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Dear Friends,

We have recently celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty our Sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth as an expression of our thanks for her humble service, her constant and gracious dependability, her wise counsel and her dedicated commitment to honour her royal vows. God has certainly answered our prayers that the Queen "long may reign over us". Part of the celebrations has been to plant trees in gratitude - a "treebilee" as Prince Chares has reportedly called it.

You might like to know that nature has been very active this year in our Vicarage garden providing over half a dozen horse chestnut saplings and seeding several sycamores. All our large British trees have a majesty and beauty of their own as well as providing a haven for hundreds of members of our wildlife – a very apt way of expressing our thanks.

Trees are significant in the bible; (from the second chapter right up to the last chapter) indeed the Christian faith is centred in the Lord who was raised to life having hung on a tree. Psalm, 1 links this beautifully to describe the Queen's resilience and reliance on God – 'the one whose delight is in the law of the Lord ..... is like a tree planted by streams of water which yield fruit in season and whose leaves do not wither.'

I wish you 'happy planting' but also that you may flourish like a well-watered tree being refreshed and resourced by daily reading and reflecting on the truth of the bible.

God bless - John

# **SERVICES in July 2022 at St James**

Our Sunday Eucharist is celebrated at 9.30am – it is no longer mandatory to wear a mask whilst in church, we ask consideration for others who might be vulnerable.

 $3^{rd}$  - Revd Charles Draper,  $10^{th}$  - Revd John Durant,  $17^{th}$  - PATRONAL FESTIVAL,  $24^{th}$  - Revd John Durant,  $31^{st}$  - Revd Velma Oxley.

Midweek Said Eucharist - Tuesday at 10.00am

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Associate Vicar: Revd Alec Gill: 07739 563894 - vicaralec@valebenefice.org.uk
Office: (10 - 12 Mon - Fri) 771479 - office@valebenefice.org.uk
Church Warden: Stuart Cakebread: 868590 - stuartcakebread@mac.com

GARD is a local community group formed to campaign against Thames Water's proposals to build a reservoir south-west of Abingdon.

**Abingdon Reservoir – The Water summit** to be hosted by Oxfordshire County Council that was scheduled for June has been postponed until September. We will provide an update once the new date is confirmed.

GARD have been reviewing the WRSE consultation response and points to highlight at this stage include:

The Reservoir is the strategic project which had the most opposition - over 500 out of 1150 responses opposed the scheme.

Whilst WRSE appear to acknowledge our response and criticisms (GARD is mentioned WRSE state that they do not propose to provide a detailed response to the issues raised at this stage in the process but that more detailed information on the assessment of costs, benefits and potential environmental effects of the options will be made available in Autumn 2022, for the options selected in the draft regional plan, and for the alternatives. This will include a reasoned justification for the overall strategy in the draft regional plan, and for the selection of options within that strategy.

The Severn Thames Transfer was the option with the biggest support (more than one in four of responses), including much support for the transfer to be done via the Cotswold canal.

It's clear GARD and all local residents who responded to the consultation have made an impact. Thanks once again to everyone who took part.

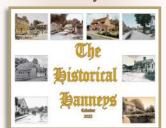
More encouragement came from our MP, David Johnston, who spoke against the reservoir plans (and Thames Water's appalling record on sewage) in a debate in Parliament. This was covered by the Oxford Mail, and you can view the debate at

https://fb.watch/dzvLwY5PZw/

For updates, contact details or to join GARD visit:

www.gard-oxon.org.uk, Facebook: @abingdonreservoir, Twitter: @GARD\_OXON

The 2022 Hanney Historical Calendar. Still a few copies available... try the shop, or ring me on 867500. I can deliver in Hanney.



# Following last month's crazy bicycle

month's crazy bicycle pic, I've found another. This bike - probably equally useless - was owned, and, I assume, made by a French artist called Marcel Duchamp. That's him perched on it. He was a pretty eccentric dude, born in 1887.



I'm not sure what he used to put on his croissant of a morning, but it was clearly quite strong stuff!



# This from organiser Hilary...

"A big 'thank you' to all Hanney residents for all the fun you bought with you to the

Jubilee Weekend - and to everyone who contributed in every and any way - the Tower for starting us off with the church bells on Friday, all the car owners who joined in the Decades of Cars parade at the Fayre, as well as the WI for teas, Hanney Youth Football Club, the Tennis Club,

Hanney Gardening Club, Hanney History Group, the Flood Group and Community Wood, sellers of books, toys and bric-abrac, the Hanney Craft Stalls, the Scouts, Guides & Brownies, our bunting men, road management team and many others for their contributions.

And at our Picnic on Sunday for the huge fun of the Duck Race, the Tennis Club and HYFC for the activities, the Hall and their freshly recruited 'bar staff', those who set up the Hall and tidied up at the end. Thanks too to our great village hospitality venues, The Royal British Legion for the BBQ and disco on Friday, The Plough for their BBQ and bar on Saturday, and The Black Horse for a great time on Saturday

evening. Hanney did itself proud and we are so pleased that this was a great opportunity to really welcome those who have moved into the village over the last couple of years!!"



# And this from Helen Cavendish, one of the fantastically hard working

team of organisers...."Thank you to all the residents of Hanney for a wonderful, memorable weekend of Jubilee celebrations. It was so lovely to see so many familiar and new Hanney faces over the weekend, participating in and enjoying all the activities. The weekend truly was an illustration of Hanney at its very best.

We sadly cancelled Hanney's Got Talent. The majority of audience tickets have been refunded, however if you have not yet claimed your refund, please contact

helencavendish@googlemail.com"











# This month's photo from our Hanney History calendar...

(copies still available, ring me on 01235 867500) depicts the 'Villa', the house on the left on the corner of North Green in West Hanney. It's still there of course. I would guess this pic was taken in the late 1910s, early 1920s. The house was built in 1895 by a Mr John Parker Barrett, a builder who came from London. He lived there with his wife Alice and their five children. The family moved to the house now known as 'Rascarel' - see lower pic - in 1921.

Beyond the Villa, behind the white fence on the right, is the forge, which no longer exists, the blacksmith's place of work, as well as his family home.

It apparently burnt down some time in the 1920s and on that site there now stands a private house, appropriately named 'The Old Forge'.

The sheep seem to be enjoying a lazy graze of the grass, but they are in fact on route to the farmyard on the far side of the village green, out of shot on the right. They would have been driven from the fields beyond the Meads, at the far west end of the village, along Main St.

Sheep and cows were encouraged on their journey by a man with a stick. A villager who, as a young child, witnessed this spectacle many times back in the 1930s, assured me that the cows and sheep were also encouraged by the herdsman's cries of "Come, come, come!"

I have two theories on this pic....first, the sheep appear to be in no rush, and have time for a roadside snack as they make their journey, so maybe the photographer thought a better picture would be had if the herdsman allowed them to dwell awhile and enjoy a spot of grub before hurrying



them on to their destination? Theory two....the photographer could have taken his photo when cows were being driven through the village. In my view that would have made a more exciting pic, but perhaps the man with the camera was, like me, very wary of any farm animal bigger than a chicken. Even they can give you a nasty peck of course! He probably deemed it too risky to his equipment, and yes, his body and soul, to have a herd of cows wandering free as the subjects of his photo. The picture below was taken from roughly



where the photographer would have positioned his tripod in the sheep shot, but looking in the opposite direction, away from the green, along Main St in the direction of Denchworth. The house on the right is Rascarel. If you look closely at the road surface in the foreground, there is clear evidence that the cows have recently passed by!



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