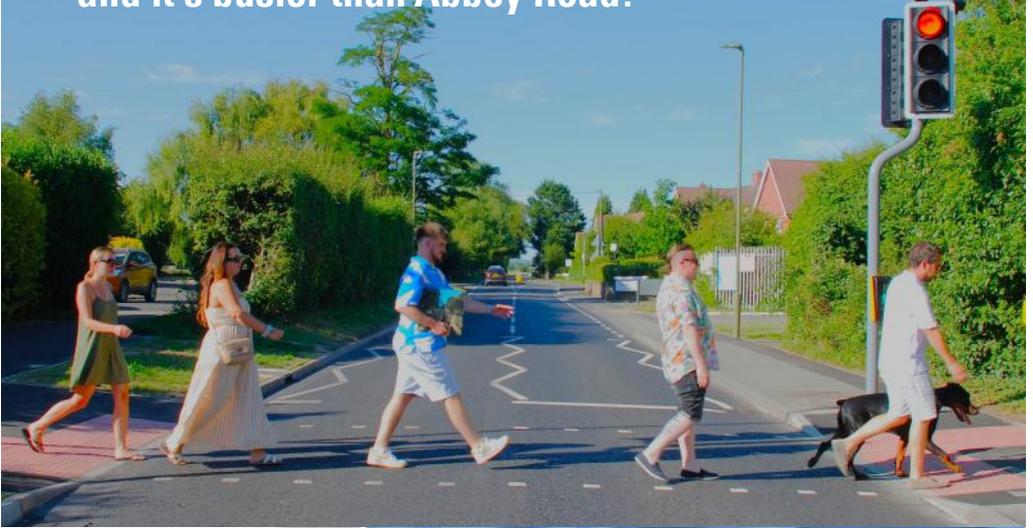
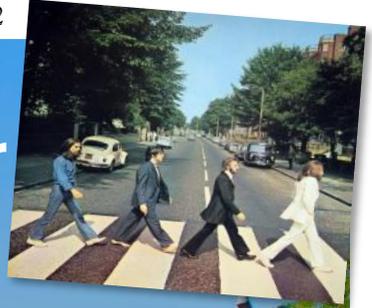




# Hannee News

Number 560 August 2022

**At Last! We've got our  
Puffin crossing...  
and it's busier than Abbey Road!**



## Hannee



**AN UPDATE - PAGE 13**

**A Guide for  
Newcomers**

(and maybe a few 'Old' comers too?)

Welcome  
to our  
first  
Ukrainian  
family...  
Anastasiya

and her  
son, seven  
year old  
Danil.  
See page  
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**It's dress-down Friday here at Global HQ, and welcome to August!**

A heatwave and political shenanigans as I write, but no matter, here at HQ we present our latest effort, another 32 pager. (Apols and

thanks in equal measure to our fab distributors!) Sincerely hoping something will be of interest.

OK, I know I'm giving my age away with the reference on the front cover to Abbey Road, the Beatles album - far from their best in my humble - released back in 1969. In fact the young man, 3rd from the right, striding purposefully across our new Puffin crossing in the snap, is carrying my vinyl copy...you may just be able to make it out. Now, here's a request from East Hanney Parish Council (EHPC) re the crossing. It was they, with significant help from various others, who finally got Oxfordshire County Council Highways to install it. See their article on page 6. They ask that every time you use the crossing, even if there is no traffic on the road, please press the button! This registers somehow and OCC will realise just how much the crossing is being used.

The 20mph speed limit is also now very high on the agenda, and, so I'm told, the original plan to exempt the A338 through East Hanney from the limit may now change.

Check out Lucinda Brown's inspiring story

on page 8, and if you're into local history, don't forget the little booklet about the West Hanney 'Buttercross' wot I wrote! Jaunty Jilly's got an update on it, page 4. On page 14 you'll find a response to the anonymous letter I published last month. Some school-related stuff this month, including snaps from the recent lovely summer fete last month, on page 5. The weather wasn't that kind, but the burgers were great! ..Kevin Sanders and Dave Carter the MasterChefs! We say goodbye and good luck to St James headteacher Janice Peacock who departs for pastures new at the end of term. See her farewell message on page 17. Meantime, we look forward to welcoming her successor, Lucy Ottaway. More school-related stuff also on page 5 with a piece about the need for three new directors at the Vale Academy Trust of which our St James School is a part. I did hear that last month's plea for a new governor at St James to replace Katherine Hodson prompted several enquiries... excellent!

Less good was the response to Clive Ward's plea for volunteers to help in the shop...see page 4. Please consider it if you have some spare time.

I have met the Ukrainian family - mum Anastasiya and son Danil - who have come to East Hanney. They are settling in well, are now part of our community, and being hosted by Steve McKechnie who has written a fascinating piece on page 18. I urge you to read it. Let's make them feel really welcome, and, if you see them out and about, do stop and say hello! They are lovely people.

OK folks, enough for now...see you in Sept!

**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?

**Mon 15th - Hanney History Group** - A Review of ancient and modern buildings in the centre of Oxford, led by Victoria Bentata. The group's contact details are on page 30.

**Sat 20th - Hanney Flood Group** - Working party - As always please let me know if you are intending to come along - [clive@manvell216.plus.com](mailto:clive@manvell216.plus.com) - and what size waders if you are willing to work in the water. We meet on the third Saturday each month. If you are interested in finding out more, visit our website - <http://www.thehanneysfloodgroup.org.uk>

## And further ahead...

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

**Hanney Gardening Club, Mon 5 Sept, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.** A talk by Mandy Bradshaw on 'Cotswold Gardens'. All welcome, guests £2. This year we plan a full series of monthly talks and visits, including, on **February 6<sup>th</sup> 2023**, a talk by the famous garden designer and TV presenter Chris Beardshaw. Membership, which is now nearing 100!, is only £8 per year and guests are always welcome, cost £2. More information on [www.haneygardeningclub.org.uk](http://www.haneygardeningclub.org.uk)"

**Fri 9th Sept, the wonderful Montagnana** at the Oxford Natural History Museum with sublime music, fundraising for Flexicare. Tickets on sale via website [www.flexicare.org](http://www.flexicare.org).

• **Sun 18 Sep - Wantage Food and Crafts Festival** in Wantage Market Place. Email [info@raycollinstrust.org](mailto:info@raycollinstrust.org)

**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!



## 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](mailto:david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk). Website: [www.david-johnston.org.uk](http://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](mailto:juliette.ash@oxfordshire.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.julietteash.co.uk](http://www.julietteash.co.uk)

**Sally Povolotsky is our District Councillor.**  
You can contact her on: [povolotskys@gmail.com](mailto:povolotskys@gmail.com).

# Our Community Shop needs you!

Sadly, last month's please fell on deaf ears...we really do need volunteers. Short of repeating what main man Clive Ward said last month, I'm not sure what else to say. If you're tempted, but a little unsure, give me a ring, anytime on 01235 867500 and I'll give you the lowdown on what's involved, and why I happily do a couple of sessions a month. (It's mainly cos they're a bit of fun!)



**Me again...**

**Jaunty Jilly!**

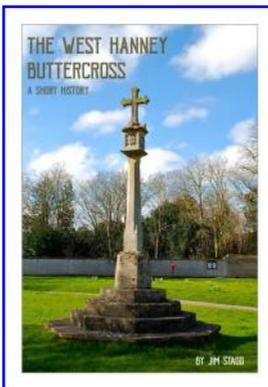
Last month I told you about our editor Beardy's booklet in which he gives a short history of the

West Hanney Buttercross.

Well, he's received several nice compliments about it, and is getting rather big-headed!

He even got an email from Dr. Michael Stansfield, the Archivist and Records Manager at New College Oxford no less! *"I just wanted to thank you very much for sending us a copy of your booklet which is a fascinating piece of local history, and a delightful production; well done!"*

The Archivist at the Oxfordshire History Centre told Beardy that *"I am sure it will be*



*of interest to anyone researching the Hanney area."*

whilst the Archivist at the Berkshire Records Office said: *"It will make a great addition to our library."*

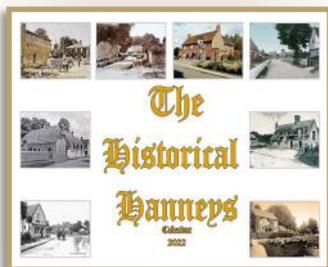
A highly respected member of our very own History Group offered the following...

*"Congratulations Jim, this is a splendid production and reflects the amount of research that must have gone into it. I*

*also loved the super photos on the back and front (I would have expected nothing less)"*

Actually, Beardy's not really a bighead, but he's delighted his booklet has been so well received. Copies are still available...from our Community shop, or give us a ring here at Global HQ on 01235 867500. We can deliver, and remember, it's free!

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



**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](mailto: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.)

## Could your skills and experience

support education in your local community? The Vale Academy Trust is looking to recruit three new directors, to take up their roles from October 2022. We are a multi-academy trust which runs 9 schools in the Wantage and Abingdon areas. The Board of 12 *pro bono* directors is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the Trust, deciding overall policy, defining goals, setting targets, and evaluating performance. We are looking for individuals who share our mission of "Building Brilliant Futures Together" and can bring their skills and experience to support it.



We are keen to broaden our Board membership in general but would particularly welcome applications from candidates

with experience in financial management, education, marketing or IT, and from parents or carers of school age children, whether or not they attend VAT schools. If you may be interested in applying, or if you know someone who might be, please contact the Chair of the VAT Board, Dr Beth Taylor at [btaylor@vale-academy.org](mailto:btaylor@vale-academy.org). The Trust's schools include King Alfred's Academy, St James CE Primary School and St John's Academy (new school opening September 2023)



## I managed to get a few snaps

of the recent St James School Fete before it started to rain! Much hard work goes into organising these events, so big ups to everyone involved.

£1,400 was raised. Well done!



# East Hanney Parish Council

We have a Puffin! I would like to thank Hanney News for the years of continual rib poking and keeping the crossing high on the Parish Council's agenda. It's there!... it works!... so please use it. Within the PC, a special thanks goes to Cllr Dickon Green who took the fight to the District and County Council and with lobbying from Sally Povolotsky and Juliette Ash it has finally become a reality. Thank you all.

Sally has been particularly active last month, and has placed East Hanney in the first tranche of county-wide 20mph speed limits in our villages. The survey we conducted was overwhelmingly in support of this proposal, so it will happen.

So everyone is aware.....**PROJECT X IS UNDERWAY**

*Steve McKechnie - Chairman*

**Next Meeting - Wednesday 17th August. 7:30pm, Old Hanney Room,  
Hanney War Memorial Hall, aka Village Hall.**

## Parish Councillors -

**Chairman:** Stephen McKechnie - smehpc@gmail.com.

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

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We are concerned about the poor and deteriorating condition of the roads crossing The Green. There is clear evidence that these roads have been in this exact configuration since at least 1883 and have been maintained by the Highways Dept. Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) from 1974 until recently. The Highways Dept. now claim that they are not responsible for maintaining these roads as they are not listed in the Highways Record Map of roads that are maintainable at public expense.

The Minutes of the Parish Council provide evidence that the Highways Dept. have maintained, modified, and kerbed these roads over the past 25 years. They have been in regular use by the public and school bus services and the school bus continues to use the same route around The Green. These roads have been lawfully used by the public for mechanically propelled vehicles during the 5 years prior to the commencement of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006. This latter evidence is particularly important as it prevented the ending of this

existing but unrecorded public right of way on commencement of the Act in 2006 and enables the Parish Council to challenge the Highway Record Map to have these roads added to the List of Streets maintainable at public expense.

We are making further representations to Officers at OCC to have these roads added to the Highway Record Map to compel the Highways Dept. to resume responsibility for maintaining these roads at public expense.

There is still time for you to complete a Public Right of Way User Evidence Statement to support our submission, so if you have memories of using any of these roads in any capacity between 2001 and 2006 please contact Barbara, our Parish Clerk. (See page 19 for more on this story - Ed.)

**The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7pm., prior to the Regular Meeting which will commence at 8pm, both meetings 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](mailto:parishclerkwesthanneypc@gmail.com)**

**Website: [www.westhanneypc.org.uk](http://www.westhanneypc.org.uk)**



**Some very sad news** has recently reached us of the passing of Neil Wright, who, though not a Hanney resident, was well known to many of us.

Neil was the best domestic appliance engineer in the area, and will be sorely missed. Not only was he scrupulously fair in his dealings with his many customers, he was always reliable, and a thoroughly decent chap. We offer our sincerest condolences to his family.

Neil's son Kieran has been in touch to advise that he will be continuing his Dad's business...see his ad on page 24. We wish Kieran all the best.

**This from Paul Aram....**“Well, that was a busy year for **Hanney Youth Football Club**. Thank you to everyone who has helped run, support or watch the teams. We have seeded the entire field, applied drainage treatment and will be repairing the floodlights. Kings Leases pitch has not settled well, so we will commence works to put this right - the dog walking path will be

maintained throughout. Our home tournament was a great success and enables us to keep up the maintenance of the fields. We always have fantastic support and feedback from the coaches, players and refs regarding how well the event runs - a credit to Hanney”. From all of us here at Global HQ, we say well done to Paul and everyone involved in our magnificent youth football club!

**Many of us are** regular visitors to our delightful Community Woodland. It's well worth a trip and I make no apology for offering yet again my gratitude to the volunteers who make up the working party that looks after it for us. Recently installed is a bench seat in memory of Derek Howe, kindly donated by his widow Dot and family. I was honoured to count Derek as a personal friend, and he was one of the most enthusiastic of the Woodland volunteers. I look forward to taking a walk down there soon and resting

my weary bones on his bench! I will have walked all the way from Global HQ here in Winter Lane, so will be in need of some major respite! If you would like to know more about the working party and what's involved, see their contact details on page 26.



**I've recently received this** from East Hanney's Lucinda Brown... 'Just wanted to reach out to share news of my recent journey in competing in the Triathlon World Championships in Montreal, in the hope I can inspire other mums to make time for themselves and go do something they have always wanted to do. I am a mum of two kids living in East Hanney and for the last three years have been

training and competing in triathlon having worked in it and been inspired by a GB triathlete who has since helped get me where I am today. I swim in Wantage and Abingdon, cycle with lots of local friends and run with another mum...often seen running in and around the Hanneys! Never in a million years did I think that, at the age of 45, I would be representing my country and competing in the World Championships....and never did I think I would come 8th in the World competing against 60 other athletes in my age category! I also came 10th in the relay race too. The most amazing experience and one that I hope will encourage others that you are never too old to go after your goals and dreams, whatever they are!'

That's a great story Lucinda...massive congrats on a terrific achievement!



## Study scammers' ways and beat them

– Much as we hate them, we must concede that today's scammers are thoroughly up to date and quick off the mark. In recent months scammers have pretended to be energy companies offering great deals; local councils speeding up Council Tax rebates; and government departments tendering financial support – each attempt closely following on the heels of breaking news and timed to exploit any sign of vulnerability or need.

Be on your guard generally. To help you defend yourself, here are a few things which should ring alarm bells:

Someone you don't know contacts you unexpectedly.

An entity that you normally deal with contacts you in an unusual way. (For instance, DVLA emailing you when it has never done so before.)

A telephone caller asks for you by your last name, mumbles the name of his business and adds "how are you?" Watch out for callers who end every phrase with a question.

If you think that you have been tricked (or if you want to report an attempted scam),



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contact your bank right away to stop any payments, change your computer log-in details if appropriate, and report the scam to 'Action Fraud' on 0300 123 2040.

You can also use their online reporting tool at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

They can sign you up for email alerts so you will know what scams are on the way. And lastly, they can also give you a useful crime reference number.

Another source of help is the National Trading Standards scams team: their website has lots of useful information.

Citizens Advice can help, and our advice is free and impartial.

For online scams you can talk to our specialist scams action advisers on 0808 250-5050, or by web-chat; or you can call our Consumer Service on 0808 223-1133; or visit [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) for more information.

## A regularly voiced complaint

regarding all the new developments we are currently witnessing, is the lack of a corresponding increase to our infrastructure.

Well, at last some good news...the Mably Way Health Centre is to be extended – the work has already started - to give both 'Newbury Street' and 'Church Street' practices nine more clinical rooms each.

As well as providing more space for patient services, the building will get LED lighting and a new boiler, making it much more



energy efficient. It's certainly needed... we know that the area served by the health centre is seeing a significant growth in population and, specifically in

Wantage, Grove and adjoining villages, more than 4,000 homes are set to be built by 2030. The number of patients using both practices has risen significantly, meaning even more demand on their space and services.

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# THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Currently there is a work-based study going on in the UK, where workers are paid 100% of their salary but only expected to work 80% of their hours; can they be as or more productive working 4 days a week instead of 5?

The thinking behind this is that productivity and working hours are not the same, if people are more rested and more focused then their work will be improved.

I was once asked if I was working out of rest or resting from work? Was I just collapsing at the end of a week before lurching into the next one or was I investing in resting so that I was ready and equip for the week to come? There are a lot of different life circumstances that can affect this, but it is an interesting question to consider.

In the book of Genesis, God is described as creating the universe in 6 days. But the days are explained differently from how we demark them. In the Hebrew Scriptures a day starts in the evening and goes through the night into the day and ends at the next evening. Rather than what we currently do, by starting a day in the morning, with activity and then ending in the evening. This difference has struck me in terms of how important I consider rest and sleep to be; are they the things that start my day or just what I do once the real work is over?

Also, Genesis tells us that God rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day. I don't think that God was tired, but that enjoying this created world is important to do, God did it and wants us to do it as well. In fact, one of the 10 commandments is about God telling us to stop working and rest at least once a week.

During the lockdowns, alongside all that was going on, many of us had the opportunity to reflect on what we were doing, how busy our lives where and what is important to us. We need work and have purpose in our lives, we also need time with others and space to recharge. As humans we are created for a rhythm of resting and working, it is important for our wellbeing that we are productive at both.

Hopefully, over the summer you will have a chance to stop and rest and to recharge. To do the things that help you to re-create yourself, while also having a chance to reflect on your rhythm of rest and activity.

God bless,

Alec

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## SERVICES in Aug 2022 at St James

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

7th - Revd Geoff Maughan, 14th - Revd Velma Oxley, 21st - Revd Chris Ashton, 28th - Revd Alec Gill.

Chris Ashton having now completed his curacy will be taking up a new post as Chaplin of Cot Hill School in September – his last service in Hanney will be on Sunday 21st August and a chance for us to say good-bye.

## Midweek Said Eucharist – Tuesday at 10.00am

**Back in 2019** I produced a booklet, 'Hanney - A Guide for Newcomers'. It was - and still is! - available (for free!) at all superior, high end retail outlets, i.e. our **Community Shop!** Written just before Covid and anyway now two and a half years old, it's bound to contain info that is out of date. Binning the remaining copies and getting an updated reprint would be wasteful, so I've gone through it and now offer the following updates which you may want to note in your copy. If you haven't got a copy, please visit the shop, or ring me on 01235 867500.

Starting on **page 4**, I believe our school, **St James**, now has closer to 200 pupils.

**Page 5: Our Facebook page** now has 2,360+ members...a good deal more than the total populations of the Hanneys!

**Page 6: Hanney News** still covers the same area, but now close to 1,200 copies each month are delivered.

**Page 8: Neighbourhood Watch** is no longer run by Ray Woodyear. It's probably best to go online here - **www.ourwatch.org** - to find out more about local NW provision.

**Page 9:** The charge that the Vale of White Horse make for a **brown wheelie bin** has increased to £55 per annum.

**Page 10:** Our current MP David Johnston is a keen advocate for the re-opening of

**Grove railway station.**

**Page 12: Hanney Pre-School** has closed and has been amalgamated with **St James Primary School.**

**Page 14: Dews Meadow** no longer offers an outdoor seating area and hot drinks.

**Page 15: The Black Horse** pub's current landlady is Laura, and their website is here: **www.blackhorseeasthanney.co.uk**

**The Plough** is now run by Owain and Luke. Their website is here -

**theploughathanney.co.uk**

**Page 16: The Hanney Bell-ringers** - contact is now Chris Surman on 01235 868749.

**Page 19: The Holy Mowers** have sadly disbanded.

**Page 22:** The contact for the **W.I** is Kate Tyler, tel: 07446 364859.

**Page 23:** Sadly **'Your Pace Not Mine'** no longer happens.

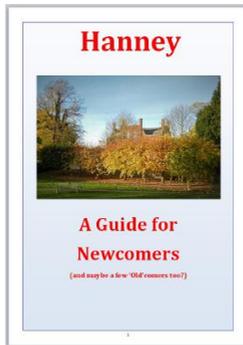
**Page 24:** Our **County Councilor** is now Juliette Ash. Her

contact details are on page 3 of this H News Our **District Councillor** is Sally Povolotsky. Her contact details also on page 3.

(Matt Barber is now the **Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner**, and is no longer a councillor.)

**Page 25: East Hanney Parish Council's** Clerk is Wendy Quigley. Her contact details are on page 6.

That's it for now I think. If I've missed anything, please let me know.



**We have some talented artists** in our community and I'm happy to present photographs taken by Kathryn Crandon - herself clearly a bit useful with a box brownie - of some pebble sculptures that adorn the front of a thatched cottage in Main St., West Hanney. They are the work of Helen Cavendish and Anne Taylor, the latter being the resident, along with husband Andrew, of the cottage. I strongly urge you to tarry a while and admire when you're next passing, and if your travels rarely take you that way, consider making a special trip. Meantime, our thanks to Anne and Helen for their splendid efforts!



Dear Editor

I am thankful for the openness of the anonymous writer in responding to my story in the Hanney Chapel leaflet.

I wish, if I may, Mr Editor, to respond to some of their concerns about what might be said to those who attend the chapel. While I am saddened by the impact recent events have had on young people's mental health, I would respectfully disagree that teaching the Bible's message is detrimental to this. Instead of the onus being on the young person finding their own strength, joy and meaning in themselves and what is around them (which can lead to a sense of emptiness and failure), the Bible's teaching frees us from this burden by acknowledging that we cannot be perfect or find true joy and meaning in ourselves, but we can in Jesus Christ.



In line with the teaching of the Bible and the Christian

Church down through the ages, we do therefore teach that no one has fully matched up to God's standards, but we always couple this with how we can find forgiveness through Jesus' death - a message of hope, not despair. Without teaching both sin and God's wonderful solution to it, we'd be misrepresenting the Bible's teaching.

If the anonymous writer (or anyone else reading this) would like to respond or talk with me in person or via email, then I would be happy for the Editor to pass on my details.

Miriam

*Miriam's email address, which she has confirmed, she is happy for me to publish, is:*

*hanneychapel.lunchlisten@gmail.com*

*See also the Chapel ad on page 26.*

**This from Mark Bradfield of the Letcombe Brook Project...** *“A reminder to all dog owners that there is a water vole colony in the Letcombe Brook between the Iron Bridge and the fish pass channel. Water voles are the UK's fastest declining mammal and are protected in law, as are their burrows. The bank immediately downstream of the iron bridge is now in a terrible state and water vole burrows have been damaged. I have already spoken to a couple of dog owners to make them aware of the water voles and I know other people have also tried to make people aware. Disturbance by dogs is a major issue for water voles and the bank is starting to erode away in a couple of places where dogs are repeatedly in and*

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*out. Please help us look after the endearing water vole - the brook would be a poorer place without them and we are so lucky they are still hanging on in the Letcombe Brook. Many thanks, Mark, Letcombe Brook Project.”*

**PTO for more on this issue.**

Meantime, be assured that Mark is a very knowledgeable gent indeed, and a most interesting speaker/ teacher.

**←** This opportunity to hear him should not be missed! Book via the Vale Museum.

**As an interesting addendum** to our story on what happens to our water voles, it maybe worth thinking about what happens to the chemical flea treatments that owners use on their dogs that then gets washed off into the brook when Fido goes for a paddle?



Mark advises that the active ingredient in the flea treatment is similar to that in the bee killing neonicotinoids and, says Mark, is fatal to aquatic invertebrates.

(Plus, of course once Fido has had his dip, he's no longer protected against fleas!)

Mark suggests that "It would be great if people tried herbal alternatives, perhaps discussing it with their vet to see what is available". Sounds like a plan, Sir Mark of Stream and All Creatures Great and Small!

## Hanney Lottery July Winners

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## **This from Janice Peacock, Head Teacher at St James School...**

*"As some of you will be aware, I am leaving St James at the end of the summer term. I thought it would be a good idea to reflect on some of our recent successes. We have enjoyed considerable success on the sports field. Winning competitions in Tag Rugby, tennis, athletics, and netball. This was topped off recently by being awarded the Team of the Year (netball) at the Vale Academy Trust sports awards. We have opened the Peace Garden and Summer House and the children are enjoying having this cool quiet space to use, especially in the recent hot spell. We are also extremely proud of the recent SATS results awarded to the outgoing year 6. After everything they have been through over the past 2 years to have an incredible 81% achieving the expected standard in Reading and 71% in Maths, shows just how hard they have worked this year. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the school in the seven years that I have been the headteacher and wish the whole community all the very best for the future. It's always good to go out on a high."*

We here at Global HQ would like to add our thanks to the many well deserved words of gratitude that I know Janice will be receiving for all her hard work over the last 7 years.

**Our pubs...**I found this very interesting article on the wibbly wobbly web the other day...may have been the BBC News website. It's worth a read...

*"The number of pubs in England and Wales continues to fall, hitting its lowest level on record, according to new research.*

*There were 39,970 pubs in June, down by more than 7,000 since 2012, said the real estate consultancy Altus Group.*

*After struggling through Covid the industry now faced soaring prices and higher energy costs, it warned.*

*Over the last decade thousands of pubs have closed as younger people drink less, supermarkets sell cheaper alcohol and the*

*industry complains of being too heavily taxed.*

*But in 2019 figures from the Office for National Statistics suggested the sector was turning a corner as it expanded for the first time in a decade.*

*It declined again during the pandemic, however, as lockdowns forced pubs to shut or implement strict social distancing rules. According to Altus, 400 pubs in England and Wales closed last year and some 200 shut in the first half of 2022 as inflation started to eat into their profits."*

Let's support our locals dear readers...time for a swift snorterino deluxe?



## Our Ukrainian

**family...** This from host Steve McKechnie...

"Like most who watched the news, I was hit by the devastation that arrived on innocent doorsteps, seeing hopes and aspirations destroyed in moments.

Yes, I could have just given a donation and continued to watch from afar, but this just felt different.

I registered on 'Govt Homes for Ukraine' and waited and waited until frustration got the better of me.

I contacted a locally based charity '**UKUAtogether**' to see if I could be a host.

I was accepted - a home visit from the Council to check the accommodation followed, and within days I had a match.

A four way videocall handled by a translator, and a DBS check later, and Anastasiya and Danil had arrived. Meeting them at Luton airport was initially awkward because of the language barrier and all of us desperate not to offend. Thankfully Danil (7) already had two pen pals in the village and was so excited to see them and help walk my dogs.

So, the pitfalls...not many to report really; only the frustration of not being able to converse more speedily. However, Google Translate races to the rescue and it's a two-way learning street as my Russian is com-



ing on.

Any frustration pales into insignificance when you hear the harrowing tales of life for them back home, and watch the news-feed from Ukrainian TV.

The UK's media has relegated this story to somewhere below politicians fibbing and footage of crowded UK beaches, so we just don't see that the war is worse now than ever before as civilians are now taking the brunt. I would encourage anyone to get involved in hosting; it is rewarding, and you will have more impact than any donation can ever do. You'll learn a lot about yourself, and question why you do things the way you do. Whilst you'll enjoy the gastronomic exchange, above all else you will realise that our day to day prob-

lems are as nothing in comparison, and you'll appreciate just how lucky you are. When someone's life is reduced to what can be squeezed into a suitcase and their house keys only remind them of the destruction and looting, you will realise that doing this makes a difference.

If you may be interested in hosting, then contact Irene on [help@ukuatogether.org](mailto:help@ukuatogether.org). This small Burford-based charity has over 500 families looking for a home today. Finally, may I thank Dews Meadow Farm, the Black Horse, La Fontana and the many local residents who have shown such generosity to help welcome Anastasiya and Danil"

## **I don't think many would disagree**

with me when I opine that the surfaces of some of our roads here in Hanney are far from perfect.

A particularly bad example is outside the entrance to St James Way off the green in West Hanney.

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) deny ownership - and hence responsibility for the maintenance of any of the roads around and across the green.

This in spite of the fact that, in the recent past,

OCC have painted white lines on the roads, and constructed the small layby which was put in place so folks who, when using the now extinct telephone box had somewhere to park.

(Yes, my dear younger readers, there was a time when, if you wanted to 'phone a friend' and weren't at home, you had to go into a small structure - known as a telephone box or kiosk, and - often with a rather unpleasant smell greeting your nostrils - insert coins, press buttons and dial the number you wanted, all in the right sequence, in order to make your call. The mechanism one used to dial the number was called - logically enough - a dial, but it was invariably greasy and grubby. It was a good idea to give it a wipe before inserting a finger, and of course, no handy little sanitiser sprays were available to help in your quest for some semblance of hygiene.)

I digress...the roads around the green are what I believe they call 'unadopted'...poor little orphans who nobody loves! Aaah! Well, maybe nobody loves them, but a large number of people certainly use them very regularly, including school buses, Postman Pat and his van, the bin men with their



huge lorries, and all who head to and from the Plough, St James Church or the many residences in St James Way, Church St, Walnut Court and Monks Close. (And remember the several new houses planned on the Deans Court development which are due soonish.)

Three worthy residents of St James Way, having become rather fed-up with the state of the road and the apparent reluctance of any official body to sort it, have taken matters into their

own hands, literally.

The reward for their splendid resurfacing efforts can be seen in the snap and will be felt - and much appreciated by your car - every time you drive over it!

And what a refreshing attitude the residents display ... 'the folk who should be doing something can't or won't, so we'll just get on with it ourselves!'

So to Chris Jay, David Barclay and Nigel Stevens we offer our thanks...they carried out the work, financed by all the St James Way residents. Wielding the broom with a certain aplomb is Nigel, whilst Chris expertly handles his shovel!

You too can help with this bumpy problem without being a consummate wielder of spade, broom and sticky black stuff!

Have a read of West Hanney Parish Council's (WHPC) article on page 7. (Of course, if you read Hanney News each month from cover to cover - if not, why not?! - and assuming you start at the beginning...not everyone does...then you'll have already read it!) In it, the Chair of WHPC, David Corps, explains the current situation, and asks for help. Can you offer any?

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

is of Mrs Gilbert's shop in East Hanney...that's her in the doorway. The bicycle, leaning against the railings on the left allegedly belonged to JR Holmes who owned the property. The gent on the left is Jack Gilbert, who was Mrs G's 2nd husband. She had been born Eliza Sibiah Cox on 2nd January 1882 in East Hanney. She already has a connection with our calendar, in that her father was William Robins Cox, a master blacksmith here in Hanney. It was Eliza's brother, also a William and a blacksmith, who owned the forge in West Hanney at the time of the April photo. Eliza's first husband was Alfred Shepherd whom she married in 1902, and on 5th June 1904 she gave birth to a son who they named Burland. I believe he is standing alongside her in his soldier's uniform. If I'm right, then this dates the photo to the early 1920s. He was only 14 when the First World war ended, so would not have served in that conflict. We know that he was in the Army, in India, in 1925.

See the portrait on the right, on which the inscription reads 'Your Loving Brother Burland, something illegible, (maybe Goa, a place in India?) 1925 India.

By 1939 he was a lorry driver, living in Wokingham, Berkshire.

After having a daughter in 1906, Eliza and Alfred had another boy, Hedley Roy in 1908. Alfred died on 3rd Feb 1915, and later that year Eliza married again, this time to Jack Gilbert, the dude in our pic.

At some point, younger brother Hedley must have joined his mum in running the shop. The Register of 1939 described him as a 'builders labourer and general stores shopkeeper.' Busy chap! Mrs Gilbert lived to be 89, dying on Christmas Day 1971.

Hedley died, according to Probate records on 27th July, 1985, and a brief tribute appeared on the front page of the Sept 1985 issue of Hanney News, written by a gent



called 'Ted'...no surname given. I quote...  
*"Sadly we have lost another of our friends, Hedley Shepherd. He did a great deal for the community: during his*



*life, he was a shopkeeper, Scout Leader, soldier, Postmaster and Parish Clerk for 25 years. All this adds up to a man whom we honour and will miss. To his family we send our condolences"*

Well said Ted! Hedley was buried on 30th July, and his grave is in St James churchyard in the front section on the left.

One of our more senior residents recently told me that when he was a boy, his mum would buy him a penny's worth of chocolate buttons from Mrs Gilbert's shop, and that would have been the mid 1930s.

At some point the shop closed and became a private house, now called Gilbert's Cottage.



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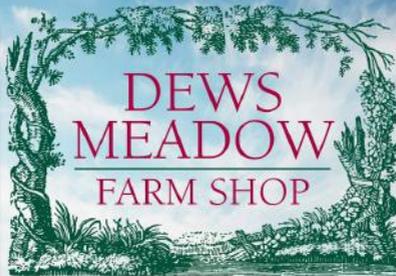


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**HANNEY BOWLS CLUB** - Thursdays 2.00-4.00pm. Contact 868145

**HANNEY BROWNIES AND GUIDES** (for all girls aged 7-14) meet on Mondays in HWMH 6:00-7:30pm during term time. **RAINBOWS** (aged 5-7) in Grove on Thursdays. 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 COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING** in the Village Hall, Tuesdays, 10.00-11.30am. Everyone welcome for tea or coffee - a chat and a raffle. Just turn up!

**HANNEY COMMUNITY WOODLAND WORKING PARTY**...contact Paul Sayers by email [pksayers@btinternet.com](mailto:pksayers@btinternet.com) or 01235 868146

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**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. [www.thehanneysfloodgroup.org.uk/](http://www.thehanneysfloodgroup.org.uk/)

**HANNEY GARDENING CLUB** meets on the first Monday of each month, Sept to April, in the HWMH. 7:30 for 8.00pm. Tea and coffee followed by a talk. [www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk](http://www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk)

**HANNEY HISTORY GROUP.** Meets 8pm on the 4th Monday of every month in the main hall of the Village Hall. 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.

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

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**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)

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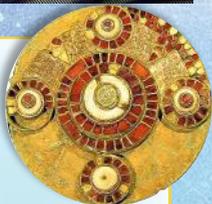
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