

# Hanneley News

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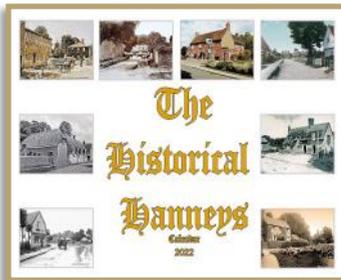


**GARD explain why they believe that the reservoir proposed by Thames Water will not solve our drought problems - see page 16.**

**Walking Netball, page 8.**

**Dog Poo, page 6.**

**Hanneley History Calendars are now available for free, see page 16.**



**Shares in the Plough, West Hanneley, available to purchase, see page 5.**

**Elvis may have left the building, but he's here in Hanneley on Friday, 2nd September... page 6.**

**Buttercross booklets still available.**

**Loads of other stuff, some silly, some surprisingly sensible.**

**Wanted - a two bedroom rental property for a Hanneley couple who really want to stay in the area. If you can help, please ring 01235 868806**

## Editorial

September already and welcome to another packed issue of the best parish mag in the whole of Hanney!

The warm weather persists ...the photo shows us at a high powered Global HQ board meeting, suitably - and, I'm sure you'll agree, stylishly - attired.

I had a great lunch at the Black Horse the other day and was splendidly looked after by Ella. She was awaiting her A level results, hoping to go to Bournemouth Uni. Here at Global HQ we wish her and every youngster in our community the very best with their results at A level and GCSEs. I hope the very difficult time they've endured over the Covid period has not prevented them attaining the grades they need.

I must add that the burger Ella served me was delicious; we do indeed have two great pubs - details on page 5 of who to contact if you want to buy shares in the Plough - and two superb restaurants in Hanney, as well as the fab and groovy Legion.

They recently put on a live music gig featuring 'Shepherd's Pie', a splendid little beat combo, featuring quite loud electric guitars, a drum kit the size of a 3 bed house, and a gent with a fine pair of vocal chords that he put to good use! And what a joyful sound they made! Peter, Paul and Mary songs were rather thin on the ground, but no matter...if you're feeling a little peckish for some heavy rock, they are highly recommended, and hopefully will make another appearance in the not too distant future. I'll keep you posted on that



and other events at the Legion that mine hosts Carl and Suzanne put on. They've promised to let me know about their activities, and I note another beat combo appearing on the 10th Sept. Maybe they'll play Puff the Magic Dragon? See page 16. Elsewhere there's good and bad news...the good includes the usual variety of things to

do in our lovely busy community, and a local company winning awards...page 14. The bad includes a demolished wall, disappointing turnout for the local monthly market, and still a shortage of volunteers for our Community Shop.

I went for a walk the other day and decided to reward my all too rare endeavour with an ice-cream from said shop, but oh dear, it was closed.

If tractors are your thing, check out the Ploughing Championships in Standlake on Sat 24th...see page 3. Mrs Editor and I went to one years ago...great fun.

If this little mag has reached you before Sunday, 28th of Aug, then may I inform you that The Plough in West Hanney is holding a festival on that day. I quote... **"It's our first ever Plough Fest! An afternoon of live music from 12-9. We will be serving BBQ all day, from burgers, sausages, to pulled lamb flat breads and pizzas"**

I trust you have already put in your diary The Black Horse's **HanneyFest on Sat 3rd September?**

**'Hey Hanney, Let's party on down!'**

Till next month friends....

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

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

## What's happening this month?

**Hanney 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>

**Sat 3rd - HanneyFest at the Black Horse.** See front page.

**Mon 5th, 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Hanney Gardening Club,** 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 6th 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, 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).



**Sat 10th - Abingdon Air and Country Show** - [www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk](http://www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk)

**Weds 14th - Wantage Café Scientifique hosts a free science and technology talk** at the Wildwood cinema Wantage on the second Wednesday of every month. The next one will be 'Walking on Water: how your joints work and why you get arthritis'. website: [www.cafescientifique.org/uk/wantage-2](http://www.cafescientifique.org/uk/wantage-2)

**Sun 18th - Wantage Food and Crafts Festival** in Wantage Market Place. Email- [info@raycollintrust.org](mailto:info@raycollintrust.org) See page 16

**Sun 18th, 2 - 5pm - Hanney Drama Group** are planning to stage a production of 'Who Framed the Easter Bunny?' in 2023. We will be holding a script read-through & auditions in Hanney War Memorial Village Hall. We would love to see you there.

**Sat 24th - The Fairford, Faringdon, Filkins and Burford Ploughing Championship and Country Show** is at Shifford Manor Farm, Nr. Standlake, OXON, OX29 7QS [www.ploughingmatch.co.uk/](http://www.ploughingmatch.co.uk/)

**Mon 26th in the Main Hall @ 8.00p.m. Hanney History Group.** Speaker, Nick Millea, Map Curator at the Bodleian for 30 years, will be talking about an exceptional new atlas of Oxford which charts over 440 years of history in a series of new maps.

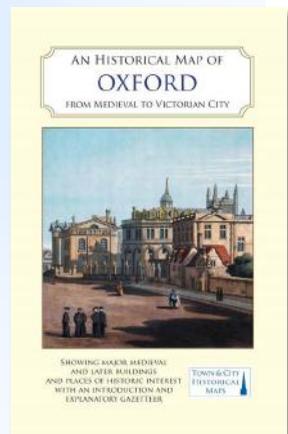
**Thurs 29th Your Menopause Qs answered.** Hanney's very own Dr Katie Barber...see page 5.

## And further ahead...

**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! More details, page 5.

**24th Oct - 5th Nov - Wantage Literary Festival.** [www.wantageliteraryfestival.co.uk](http://www.wantageliteraryfestival.co.uk)

**Sat 19th Nov, Village Hall - Cancer Research Bazaar.** See page 14.



**Two big running events** coming up next month to tell you about... The first is the **London Marathon**, happening on Sunday 2nd October, and West Hanney resident Ria Lambert is running, raising money for 'The Downs Syndrome Association'. She told me.... *"I'm raising for that charity because my uncle has 'Downs'.* (That's Ria and her uncle in the photo below.)



*He's been living with my parents for 13 years, which is why I know that the support they get goes beyond words. He goes out with social workers three times a week and does all sorts of activities which helps him socialise with others, and also it's the respite that it gives my parents. The Just Giving page has the back story as well."*

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ria-lambert1>

Ria and her partner recently moved in to Winter Lane, just a couple of doors up from us here at Global HQ. I asked how she was settling in... *"We've certainly landed on our feet here. The village and everyone in it, are just lovely. I think we'll be very happy here."*

That's great to hear Ria...welcome, and good luck with the Marathon!

The other event is the **Oxford Half Marathon** that is happening two weeks after the London race on Sunday 16th October. Young Tom Aram of East Hanney is running in it. He's the handsome dude in the pic below....



and he is raising funds for Cancer Research.

The easiest way to make a donation and read his story is probably via his Facebook page....

<https://www.facebook.com/thomas.aram.52>

Tom and his family have been Hanney residents for a very long time. They make massive and valuable contributions to our community, from Hanney Football to Parish Councils and beyond.

It goes without saying that both these causes are very worthy indeed, and if you can make a contribution to either or both, I know it will be much appreciated.

We wish both Ria and Tom the very best of luck...I'll let you know how they get on.





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## East Hanney Parish Council

It's been a quiet month since the last bulletin, but I am sure in the future anyone reading this will be pleased that dog poo bins are back on the agenda, as where would a PC update be without one?

There have been issues with the current contractor and the emptying of the bins has been, at best, irregular. The PC are exploring all options and individual Councillors have been emptying and disposing of the contents themselves. This is over and above what is expected of any Councillor and were the situation to be allowed to continue it would pose a genuine health risk.

There is a proposal on the August agenda to have more bins installed, as over the holidays it has become clear that the

current provision is insufficient. More regular and reliable servicing that should resolve the issue.

Having emptied the bins at the Northern and Southern ends of the avenue of trees on the sports field, I would like to thank all those that do the right thing and use the bins, and over this difficult period have also disposed of dog waste in their own black bins.

It is clear that if those contents were spread across the fields today, they would be unusable. It follows that there is a message to those that don't: thankfully we all do not have your selfish, uncaring dismissive attitude.

*Steve McKechnie - Chairman*

**Next Meeting - Wednesday 14th September, 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;

**Councillors:** Oliver Cornish - ocephc@gmail.com; Richard Strange - rsehpc@gmail.com;

Dickon Green - dgehpc@gmail.com; Rosie Reed - rrehpc@gmail.com;

Garth Dennill - gdehpc@gmail.com

**Clerk:** Wendy Quigley, tel: 07859 924655,

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

### Hanney Film Night - New Season in HWMH

**Friday September 2nd, 7.00 for 7.30.**

What a fantastic start!

## 'ELVIS'

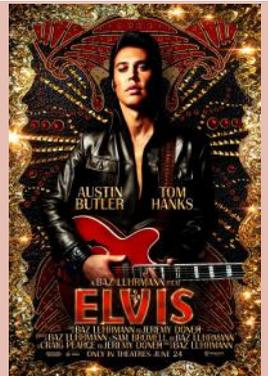
His life from childhood to becoming an Icon in Rock and a Movie star in the 1950s.

Elvis (Austin Butler) had a complex relationship with his manager Colonel Tom Parker

(Tom Hanks, a portrayal worthy of an Oscar).

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Tickets £7 & £6 conc. card payment only please.



## West Hanney Parish Council

Parish Councillors have the following roles on the Council.

Please contact the relevant Councillor if you have a particular concern or query.

West Hanney Neighbourhood Development Plan - G Garner/E Wilkinson

Planning Applications & Planning Enforcement - E Wilkinson/P Packham

Playing Fields and Public Open Spaces - E Wilkinson

Village Environment, Landscape and Biodiversity - P Packham

Tree Maintenance and West Hanney Allotment Gardens - D Corps

Speed Monitoring Signs, Parish Council Website - G Garner

Roads, Verges, Drainage Ditches and Street Furniture, and Footpaths - T Brettell

**The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7pm in the Olde Hanney Room, Hanney War Memorial Hall, to be followed by the Regular Meeting of the Parish Council.**

**Please let our Parish Clerk know if you would like to contribute to the agenda of the Annual Parish Meeting.**

Councillors: Chairman: David Corps - 867454. Graham Garner - 868684.

Edward Wilkinson - 07771 705234. Trevor Brettell - 868459. Peter Packham - 868038. Barbara Martin (Clerk) - 868806

**Email: [parishclerkwesthanneycc@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerkwesthanneycc@gmail.com)**

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

**I've news of another bench** to tell you about. This one has recently been installed in memory of Adam Cavendish, of West Hanney, who passed away at the tragically young age of 51 in April of last year. He left a young family.

Adam was much loved and inspirational ...note the short but wonderful phrase on the plaque on his bench. It's sited on the meadow that lies between East and West Hanney, on the western edge, and affords a wonderful view towards East Hanney. It is an ideal place for spotting wildlife. Behind it are several very young fruit trees, planted with a view to developing an orchard along that western boundary behind the bench. More trees are to be planted this autumn.



## Following last months' piece about Mrs Gilbert

and her shop, I received a lovely email from Keith and Jenny Diment, long time residents who recently moved to Wantage.

Many of us, myself included, remember them with much affection. They were absolute stalwarts in our community, not least of course, producing the first Hanney News in December 1975, and continuing to publish and edit it for 25 years! They never missed a single month!

Here's Keith's email...

*"Jim, Jenny and I were very interested to read the page about Gilbert's Cottage in the August Hanney News.*

*Gilbert's Cottage is, of course, immediately opposite Lay Cottage and we well remember the day we hired a white van and moved ourselves and all our belongings from a little terrace house in Oxford into Lay Cottage. It was on 30th June 1962, a hot sunny day, and we were tired out.*

*Mrs Gilbert and Lil Hodgetts called us across the road, took us in, sat us down and gave us cups of tea and cake. Tea and cake had never been so delicious.*

*Mrs Gilbert and Lil were the first of so*

*many friends we made in Hanney. What a welcome on our very first day, and what a contrast to the impersonal crowds and noise of the city. Before nightfall we knew we had made the right move.*

*After fifty-one and a half years at Lay Cottage our circumstances had changed enough to make the next move necessary, but we shall always look back with fond memories on more than half a century in friendly Hanney. Regards, Keith"*

A lovely story indeed about Mrs Gilbert and Lil Hodgetts, both I'm sure still remembered by many of us. Sadly I never met either.

We were similarly welcomed by our neighbours when we moved into our home in Hanney in 2000. The same neighbours are still there and have become great friends, though they may have been a little less warm in their welcome had they realised that one day it would be not just our family home, but also HQ of the massive enterprise that is Hanney News Global International!

I jest... the serious message is let's welcome newcomers into our community, and help them realise that their involvement in it will benefit all of us.



**'Walking Football'** has been happening for some time now...old timers like me can pretend to be Nobby Stiles or Bobby Moore - depending on how many of our own teeth we still have! - and waddle around a mercifully small pitch, kicking a ball as hard as our weary legs will allow, and then all walking after it to repeat the process!

I make it sound rather silly, but it was actually great fun, and, I'm sure, good for us. Well, now we - I assume gender is no barrier - can

enjoy **'Walking Netball'** that happens at Old Mill Hall, Grove every Thursday from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. No previous experience is needed and all ages are welcome. Way way back, I did once play netball - don't ask - and it's a jolly good game.

**Many folk were rightly thrilled** - and maybe inspired? - by the recent success of our 'Lionesses' in the Euro 2022 footie competition. If you fancy giving it a go - I'm sure this one is restricted to 'ladies only' - **Wantage Ladies FC** are looking for new players.

They train on Thursdays at Wantage football club.

For more info, contact Nicky on 07974 805547.

**You could be forgiven for thinking** that this snap on the right is one of those modern art pieces you'd likely see at an exhibition somewhere, that also features dead animals, unmade beds and pieces of string. But, you'd be wrong...what is actually pictured is the result of the unwelcome attention of a large lorry (allegedly) on the lovely brick wall that stands - well, stood if we're being accurate - in front of Dandridge's Mill in East Hanney, a Grade II listed building, so I assume the wall is too? I can imagine the frustration of the wall's owner, and we offer our sympathy. This is the second time this year it's happened, and it's a reasonable conclusion I think that the road there is not nearly wide enough to carry heavy traffic of the size that is permitted generally on our roads these days. Current rules allow articulated lorries to be up to 16.5 metres long, and if they're pulling a low-loader trailer they can be up to 18m in length! How we prevent these massive trucks from using this part of the highway I do not know. I do know that the owner has written to Oxfordshire County Council Highways. They're in my good books at present after they built our puffin crossing, so hopefully they can come up with a cunning plan. If not, I fear it may not be too long before this happens again.



**A plug for the monthly 'Hanney Market'** held at the Black Horse...see page 3...gives me an excuse to print pics of happy Hanney folk enjoying the sunshine, a hunt for a bargain and maybe a bacon butty! This really is a great little affair and it would be lovely to see more folk enjoying it. Big ups to the Black Horse for hosting and to the stall-holders who put a huge effort into their displays. Next one is on Saturday 3rd September. Why not pop along?



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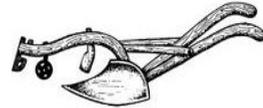
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# THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Dear Friends

***“Are you the new vicar!”*** is a question I have been asked a couple of times recently. Not in Hanney I hasten to add. I did flatter myself that someone thought I looked “new” and young despite feeling tired and old; but I suspect that is not what was meant.

Language can be confusing and sometimes the same phrase can mean different things or at least we can hear something that was not at all intended to be conveyed.

I have been intrigued by the correspondence in this illustrious publication about sin and forgiveness. Indeed I have been grateful for it has stimulated some interesting conversations. But such terms as ‘sin’ are religious and need fuller explanation.

Paul tries to explain the good news about Jesus in a variety of ways including being renewed. For instance he uses the language of relationships, of being reconciled or becoming friends with God or being adopted as God’s children. He uses the commercial terms of being redeemed or accounted and the legal term of being justified; he talks about manumission and freedom. He is very creative with his use of imagery to teach us that The Lord wants to help and save us.

You may not like the idea of being described as being in a position of needing help but there is no doubt that life at the moment has a lot of troubling issues. I applaud those who face the truth and seek a solution, like the local volunteer litter pickers who clean up our country lanes.

If you are in the fortunate position of having all you require then can I encourage you to be thankful but if you are aware of a need or concern may I remind you that The Lord Jesus is always ready to hear, help and renew.

God Bless

John

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## SERVICES in September 2022 at St James

Eucharist is celebrated at 9.30am each Sunday.

4<sup>th</sup> Revd Geoff Maughan, 11<sup>th</sup> Revd Charles Draper, 18<sup>th</sup> Revd Velma Oxley, 25<sup>th</sup> Revd Alec Gill.

At present there are no Covid-related restrictions, however should there be an increase in infections or mandatory requirements re-introduced, we will take the appropriate action.

### Midweek Said Eucharist – Tuesday at 10.00am in the Chancel



**Over the last few years** St James Church has been the grateful recipient of several Grants from Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, the organisers of **Ride+Stride** – an annual fundraising event.

This year the event is on **SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER** and involves sponsored participants cycling or walking, horse riding (or other similar activities) between churches across Oxfordshire. It can be a fun way to get out and about, with family or friends, enjoy some exercise and see some of the county's most beautiful historic buildings. To find out more visit - <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

### Dear Hanney Lottery Supporters,

St James Church has recently received the annual Lottery Grant payment – for which we are very grateful. Thank you to all those who have Lottery subscriptions, to our team of collectors and to Clive Fewins who seeks out new subscribers.

Many of you might have noticed that the church bells have been ringing out less frequently of late and this has been largely due to some major repairs being required. These are inevitably costly, needing to be carried out by specialist craftsmen.

The grant from the Lottery together with a grant from Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust has been invaluable and ensured that the repairs could happen and we can all enjoy hearing the bells again.

For that we must thank our team of Bell Ringers, who also oversaw the repairs programme.

If you would like to find out more about how to join the Lottery please contact Clive or our Coordinator, Hilary. This you can do on [stjameschurchwesthanney@gmail.com](mailto:stjameschurchwesthanney@gmail.com) or 868590.

God bless, John -  
Revd John Durant – Vicar

**Editor's note...** If you'd like to join Hanney's very own bell ringers, contact Chris Surman. His details are on page 26.

### Hanney Lottery August Winners

**1st - Rachel Tredwell**

**2nd - Gill Lowe**

**3rd - Garth Round**

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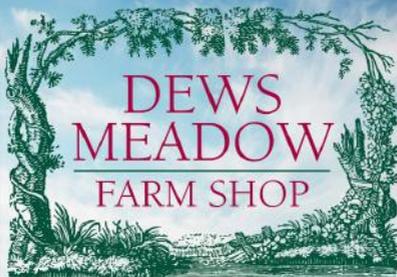


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*'Skilfully made bacon, with very well judged levels of salt and smokiness. The judges felt the quality of the pork was very good, with a nice layer of fat that crisped up in the cooking. Would make the perfect bacon sarnie.'*

*'Lovely sweet garlic aroma to these sausages. The seasoning has been well balanced with the garlic adding sweetness and depth and the pork a pleasant clean meaty flavour. The texture is pleasantly firm but still juicy and the amount of fat is enough to give it flavour and moistness. Casings hold it together well but are easy to bite into. We really loved the natural/honest feel to this sausage.'*

Oh goodness!...my mouth's watering...a bacon sarnie is now needed as a medical emergency!

Massive congrats to Dews Meadow and their butchers Ralf & Darrell, as well as to farmer Harry .

## Hanney Fundraisers For Cancer Research

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**The September photograph** in the fantastic Hanney History Calendar - now available for free!! - see page 16 - is of one of the best known buildings in Hanney, 'Dandridge's Mill', with, alongside it, the very picturesque, ivy clad Mill House.

Outside its gate stands a gent in a boater, hands in pockets, looking away from camera...clearly a rather shy fellow.

The wording on the front of the Mill itself reads 'Dandridge Bros, Millers, Maltsters, Straw, Hay, Corn and Seed Merchants'.

Emerging from the entrance to the Mill is a magnificent horse-drawn cart loaded with two very long ladders and what looks like material for thatching. Perched on the top and seemingly holding the reins of Dobbin the horse - I've just guessed his name - is what looks like quite a young child, probably a boy. I'm guessing this was a posed photo...Dobbin appears to be standing still. A book could - and indeed should - be written about the Mill, but until it is, here's a very brief summary of its fascinating story. Mills have been on the site for centuries, and the current building dates from roughly 1820, when it was a silk mill. Prisoners from the Napoleonic War worked there and were given quite a bit of freedom, certainly enough to charm and court the local ladies at any opportunity!

Tragedy struck on October 1st 1828 when eight year old Thomas Stallwood was crushed to death in the silk mill machinery. The business did not succeed, and at some point - maybe after only 20 years or so - it became a grain mill.

In 1881 the owner was 61 year old Dennis Dandridge who had come from East Hendred some thirty years before. His sons Alfred, Edgar and, later, Dennis Junior, took over running when Dennis Senior retired. The grain, on carts pulled by three cart-horses - what a magnificent sight that would have been! - was distributed far and wide, with loads going to Witney, Oxford



and elsewhere. Flour milling ceased in the 1920s, with only animal feed being produced until sometime in the 1930s.

During World War Two the mill was used to manufacture parts for Mosquito bombers. Over 24 local folk worked there.

It was also used to store valuable furniture that had been removed from London. I wonder who owned the furniture?

At this time the mill was owned by Mr and Mrs de la Gough. They lived in the Mill House and allegedly, Mrs de la Gough's habit of nude sunbathing in her garden provided welcome lunchtime entertainment for the workers who ascended to the mill roof to get a good view!

At some point after the War, a Mrs de Winter owned the Mill and the House, and turned the latter into a country club.

A regular visitor was Rev TB Cooke, vicar of West Hanney, who also frequented the Plough.

Another change of use happened in the 1960s when it became the home and studio of "Pud" Farmer, a sculptor - or "construction artist" as he preferred to be known. Allegedly, several of his works exist locally. Please let me know if you're an owner of one...I'd love to see it.

After falling derelict, the mill found a new owner who converted it into accommodation, with the stream now put to a different use...it powers a reverse Archimedean screw no less, that provides all the electricity this wonderful and historic building currently (geddit?) uses.

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

## Abingdon reservoir – not a solution during drought

The recent dry spell has highlighted the need for effective water resource management, but the proposed Abingdon reservoir would not provide resilience during drought conditions.

Covering over 4sq miles of land, up to 30m in height above ground and holding 150 billion litres of water it would take 10 years to build and a further 2 years to fill from the Thames.

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scheme could be up and running in 3 years and would **bring new water into the area.**

Past records show, that in a drought like 1976, it would have been impossible to fill the Abingdon reservoir from the local Thames for over 18 months.

What the drought does highlight is that Thames Water, who leak more water in a day (600 million litres) than any other UK water company, need to urgently deal with this problem - where a solution could be delivered years before the construction of any reservoir.

**My copy of the 2022 Hanney Historical Calendar** has served me well, not only informing me of what days and months lie ahead, and indeed those of the past that are now lost in the mists of time, but also roughly when to feed the cat and cut the lawn!

I exaggerate only slightly.

Feedback suggests that folk find the articles in Hanney News featuring a few details of that month's historical calendar picture most interesting.

That said, as the months pass and we find ourselves having completed almost two thirds of the journey that is '2022', it seems a little unreasonable to expect folk to pay for copies. So the remaining stock will be available free of charge.

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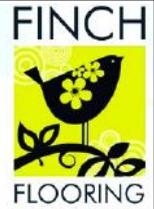
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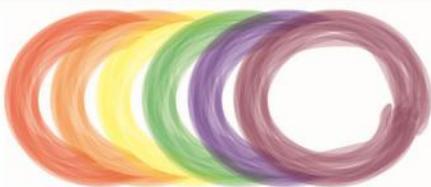
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## Clubs and Societies

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

**HANNEY BELLRINGERS 'Learn the Ropes'**. Wonderful mental and physical exercise with a friendly mixed group. Why not come along and watch a ringing session at St. James church. For more information contact Chris Surman 868749

**HANNEY BOOK CLUB** - 8pm, 1st Thurs of the Month, Plough, W. Hanney.  
[hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk)

**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

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

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

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

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

**HANNEY TABLE TENNIS** in the Village Hall, every Friday at 10am. Also every Thurs eve, 6.30pm - 7.30pm. Just turn up to either, or both! £2 a session.

**HANNEY TENNIS CLUB** is a very friendly village club and always welcomes new members. The courts have just been resurfaced and painted. For membership enquiries email our membership secretary [membership.htc@gmail.com](mailto:membership.htc@gmail.com)

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

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

**HANNEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (W.I.)** meet the second Thursday of the month (except in Aug) 7.30 - 9.30 in the Olde Hanney Room, Village Hall. New members are welcome. Contact Kate Tyler on 07446 364859

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

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

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

**THURSDAY SINGING WITH SJS**, East Hanney small consort male-voice group, 8-10pm. Join us in our 'Royal year' with 4-part songs written by Kings Henry VIII, Charles I, and in praise of Henry V and Agincourt and Queen Vic, and a pint in the Black Horse afterwards. David Gahan 868933 for details.

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

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

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

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

**PILATES CLASS** Wednesdays 9.15am - 10.15am, and 6 -7pm (term time only from w/c 13th Sept) at the HWMH, aka Village Hall, in East Hanney. Novices and Improvers welcome. To book your place or for more details please contact Pippa Carey (STOTT Pilates teacher) on 07941 260427 or [pippa@thrive-nutrition.co.uk](mailto:pippa@thrive-nutrition.co.uk)

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

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**FITSTEPS** - If you love 'Strictly' then you'll love this! Join **Dancing Debs** every Tuesday 2-3pm at the Village Hall for a fun and friendly dance fitness class, combining the best of Latin and Ballroom. Suitable for all ages and abilities with low and high impact moves demonstrated. Wear comfy clothes, trainers and bring a bottle of water. For more info contact Debs 07968 948007 or visit - [www.dancingdebs.com](http://www.dancingdebs.com)

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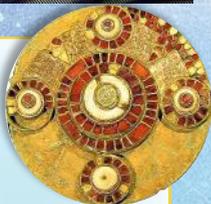
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In West Hanney it's on the wall of the brick garage opposite the Plough in Church St. Both are accessible 24/7. Hopefully we'll have a third one soon!

## Hanney War Memorial Hall

To book the Hall, the Committee Room, or the Olde Hanney Room, contact Graham Garner on 01235 868684, email [hwmh.hanney@gmail.com](mailto:hwmh.hanney@gmail.com)

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