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July at 11 am.**

Grand Opening & BBQ

We are looking for players of football, netball or basketball, old or young to come along and take part in our opening - you don't have to be in a team, just enjoy the sport.

There will be a series of mini games for each sport along with open sessions for all to try something new, find out more about the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and how to get the most out of it.

We have an amazing facility. So get in touch with Paul Aram - contact details on page 6 if you would like to take part. Likewise if you have other ideas for the day.

Spectators more than welcome, come along and see the MUGA in use. See you there!

Some great news from Dews Meadow Farm shop in East Hanney

...in spite of what you may have read or heard, they do still have an outdoor seating area, and sell cold drinks and ice-creams! So, when you pop down to get your steak or scotch eggs - they are to die for btw!! - get licking on a lolly or two whilst you're there! Apols for previous bum info on this.

See their ad on page 23.



**Footie and fundraising
...more pics page 9**

Editorial

Busy times here in Hanney this month as Summer rushes on, with the longest day already gone! Remember Penguin biscuits? I loved them when I were a lad, and there's a 'penguin' theme this month on page 17, with a most intriguing letter from one of our friends in Denchworth, and a bizarre historical tale from the USA, both involving said flightless birdies!

See page 4 for details of another award to the fab and groovy

Plough pub here in West Hanney.

At a very moving funeral recently, many local folk said our fond goodbyes to Pat Charles, a very special lady of our community, and we have a lovely obituary on page 19, written by Kate Thomas, one of her daughters. We of course offer our sincerest condolences to Tony, Pat's husband, and their family.

'Party in the Park', a great fund-raising event for St James School, happens on 15th July. A couple of quality live bands to enjoy, and masses of jolly stuff. Hope to see you there.

Another quality live band 'RushHour' at the Legion the night before...see poster, page 3. Netball nuts head to page 7...chaps welcome too!...and see page 14 for a gentler version.





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A recent busy Saturday last month resulted in loads of activity in our community...see snaps on page 9 for a flavour. Massive big ups to the organisers of all the events, and a special mention to the 'car park attendants' from our incredible 'Hanney Youth Football Club' who ensured a smooth flow of traffic throughout the day. Also last month, Winter Lane was re-surfaced ...pics and the story on page 15. One of the snaps

taken from our executive boardroom here at Global HQ depicts the old surface being lifted and put in a lorry. This then all gets recycled apparently. Good news. I was mightily impressed by the whole operation, with the contractors being helpful, friendly and happy to explain what they were doing. One cyclist, who obviously thought the 'Road Closed' signs - there were many! - didn't apply to him, ignored the advice of the contractors and shouldered his bike to walk up Winter Lane once he'd realised very hot asphalt probably isn't great for thin bicycle tyres. Soon enough however, he was walking back...clearly very hot asphalt isn't that good for shoes either! OK folks, enough waffle for this month...hope to see you out and about in the village...here's to a jolly July!

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 Mr Editor?

Sat 8th, Car, Truck and Bike Show...details page 16.

Sat 8th, Blooming Great Tea Party from 3pm at the North Star, Steventon... Page 4.

Saturday 8th ,at 7.30pm - An Evening of A Capella, From Ballads to Barbershop.

A concert brought to you by Synergy, Oxford Harmony and Harmony InSpires., Wesley Memorial Church, New Inn Hall St, Oxford OX1 2DH . Doors open at 7.15pm; tickets are £12, students £8 and children under 16 free. For more info: www.harmonyinspires.org

Fri 14th - Live music at the Legion, featuring 'Rush Hour'. See poster below.

Sat 15th, Party in the Park, Friends of St James School... details page 5.

Sat 15th, Flood Group Working Party, meet at Willow Barn, end of Ebbs Lane, to tackle the Himalayan Balsam along Letcombe Brook . See page 30 for contact details.

Sat 15th, Book Buffs Quiz, 7.30pm, Wantage Comrades Club, part of Wantage Literary Festival. See page 16, with details on their website of the whole festival.

Sun 23rd, 10.30am - 4pm, Motorcycles for Mikayla. Abingdon Rugby Club. page 2.

Mon 24th, 2.30pm - 4.30pm, Hanney History Group, a guided tour led by Ann Sayer, of the village of Ewelme, school, church and almshouses, + tea and cakes! We will be joined by Christina Handymint who based her recent novel and talk on Ewelme. Options exist to visit the pub and pottery. £8

And further ahead ...

Mon 14th Aug, Hanney History Group: An easy walk of under 2 miles around the 7 Barrows and other remains a mile north of Lam-bourne, led by David Peacock and BBONT naturalist, with a sunny (?) picnic to follow. £8

Sat 2nd Sept, Charney Bassett Village Fete...details nearer the time.

Fri 8th - Sun 10th Sept, Hanney Fest at the Black Horse, East Hanney. A full weekend of live music, kicking off with 'Hanney Fest Unplugged' indoor acoustic on Friday 8th. More details to follow.

Sat 30th Sept, Hanney's very own Michaelmas Fayre. Keep it free!!
See page 13.

Sat 21st Oct - Sat 4th Nov, Wantage Literary Festival, see their website.



The Plough, West Hanney... serial award winners!

The White Horse Branch of CAMRA recently presented Owain and Luke with the branch 'Country Pub of the Year' award, recognising the fact that the Plough is the best country pub for real ale in the White Horse CAMRA area. (The photo shows Ian Winfield, Branch Chairman presenting the certificate.)

Members of the branch enjoyed a beer in the garden as they held their monthly meeting after the presentation. Yet more big ups to the fantastic Plough!!

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3rd - Mark Heyes**

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BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY

Saturday 8th July 2023

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Thunderbird
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C U Tuesday
(Indie Covers & Originals)

Tickets available from St James Primary School,
The Community Shop and The FOSJ.
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Ticket Options

Family Ticket- £20
(2 adults + 2 children)

Adult - £8

Child - £5
(FREE 3 and under)

Cash only purchases of wristbands in the Community Shop.

Main stage :

DJ Karl disco,
School singing,
Fit steps dance workout,
Thunderbird - rock band and
C U Tuesday - Indie band.

Children's stage:

Vale TK demo, dance
groups : MF Dance and Step
in Time.
Various children's acts/
talent competition.

Penalty shoot out BBQ

Bouncy Castle
Ice cream van
Sweets and Candy floss
Promoting Scout grouping
Face painting
Glitter tattoos
Bar
Pimms tent

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THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU!!



Fame at last for two of Hanney's finest... 'Tricky Dicky' and 'Blommers' as they're known, aka Richard Graham and David Blomley, who certainly do their bit volunteering for the magnificent Vale Community Impact (VCI) charity. (See last month's Hanney News, page 14.) Well done chaps!! Dick on the left, David lower right.

If you'd like to get involved, give the VCI a ring on 01235 765348, or email: help@vci.org.uk

East Hanney Parish Council

As the front page details, the official opening of the MUGA will be on Sat 1st July. It's so gratifying to see we already have a new Netball club started and I'm sure they'll welcome new players. (*Editor's note...see page 7.*) We also welcome bookings from any village group, and we are happy to accommodate tabletop events if the Hall is booked or you'd like to be outside.

The court lines will be painted once the surface has settled, at the same time as the bay markings in the car park extension will be completed.

Holmes' Garden will receive the final part of its makeover with the railings receiving a fresh lick of paint.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our survey regarding the repositioning, or not, of the fencing surrounding the older part of the playground; the results will be published soon.

It was also highlighted that the wooden

barrier around the tower in the playground was in need of repair. Many thanks to Guy Bligdon, of HandyGuy, for the speed in getting this rectified

The football festival yet again was a huge success, so it's a huge thank you all those involved in the planning, organising and clearing up. It's an event that is envied throughout Oxfordshire.

The bins that we are responsible for will be emptied twice a week throughout the summer as the new facilities are proving incredibly popular.

A new defibrillator will be installed on the wall outside Sovereign Housing's offices on the A338. Thank you to Sovereign who agreed to pay 50% and to both install and provide the ongoing power.

Our next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on Weds 12th July at the Village Hall.

East Hanney Parish Councillors - Chair: Stephen McKechnie - sme-hpc@gmail.com. **Vice Chairs:** David Kirk - david.kirk@btinternet.com; Paul Aram pvaehpc@gmail.com; **Councillors:** Dickon Green - dgehpc@gmail.com; Rosie Reed - rrehpc@gmail.com; Garth Dennill - gdehpc@gmail.com ; Hamish Gowen - hgehpc@gmail.com **Clerk:** Wendy Bates, tel: 07859 924655, email: clerk@easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk
Website: www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk

'Breaking news' as I write this, but rather old hat as you read it. I'm afraid Acorn Bioenergy, the company based in London who were hoping to build an 'anaerobic digester' between Grove and West Hanney, recently withdrew their application just before the Vale of White Horse District Council Planning Committee were due to decide on the plans. Apparently, the company is now 'reviewing its options'.

Had the plans gone to the Vale for approval, they may have struggled to win much favour. The Vale's planning officer Adrian

Butler had already recommended they were refused, and hundreds of objections had been received. The four local parish councils – Grove, Charney Bassett, East Hanney and West Hanney, as well as Wantage Town Council and Oxfordshire County Council all chipped in with their twopenny worths - all opposing. At a lively and packed Parish Council meeting a while back, which I attended, the vast majority of the many folk there were against, with only a couple of voices for it, keen to stress the 'Green' advantages. Few seemed convinced.

West Hanney Parish Council

We are pleased to welcome Ahmed Farrag as a new Parish Councillor.

The next meeting of WHPC will be held on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room at the Hanney War Memorial Hall.

**Councillors: Chair: David Corps - 867454. Graham Garner - 868684.
Peter Packham - 868038. Vicki Ruston, Ahmed Farrag.
Barbara Martin (Clerk) - 412742
Email: parishclerkwesthanneypc@gmail.com
Website: www.westhanneypc.org.uk**



Lisa Aram's Netball players meet every Wednesday on the Muga in East Hanney from 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Why not join them? Lisa tells me all are welcome, including us chaps! Contact her for more details on 07743 258913. And if this looks a little too strenuous, check out the ad for Walking Netball that happens in Grove every Thursday lunchtime. See page 14.

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

Sally Povolotsky is our District Councillor.

You can contact Sally here: Sally.Povolotsky@whitehorsedc.gov.uk. She is also very active on Facebook.

The Plough in West

Hanney recently celebrated its 1st birthday, so here's sending many belated 'Happy's' to Luke, Owain and their magnificent team. Our pic shows Luke carrying their lovely cake, made by Maia Kennedy. (See her yummy cakes on Facebook... 'KennedyBakess'.)

Behind him is Owain, my - and maybe the world's? - joint favourite Welshman... Phil Bennett being the other, though Owain told me Barry John trumps Phil. (Only old rugby fans will know what I'm on about here... apols to the rest of you!)

Also belatedly - for which many apologies - let's give credit to the very special group of community-minded individuals, without whom the pub would probably not exist.

I speak of the Directors, past and present, of the 'Hanney Community Pub Co.'

Their role - not always easy - is to ensure that all is in order for our splendid aforementioned tenants to do their thing and run a successful and popular pub.

The current board comprises Hilary Cakebread Hall, Clare Wilkinson, Karen Bradshaw, Nigel Kilbey and Mark Weston, so massive big-ups to them. Unsung heroes, who devote a lot of time and effort to their sometimes quite stressful roles.



Photo by Joe Baker

And let's also remember all their predecessors over the last 8 years. I hope I've got everyone....

Dave Lea, Chris Kelland, Chris French, David Corps, Stuart Cakebread, Phil Larder, Angie Miller, Clive Ward, Maya Eadie and Sam Forrest.

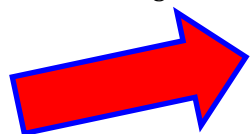
The first three gents on the list all served for many years and often had to deal with stressful and extremely difficult situations. Without exception, I know they have all done their absolute best for the good of the pub and the wider community, and we owe them all a massive debt of gratitude.

T's well worth mentioning at this point that even if you eschew the evils of the demon drink - or a Diet Coke and the top tucker on offer! - and never set foot in the place, you'll certainly benefit from its existence if you own property in Hanney.

Ask any estate agent... they'll tell you house prices drop by 10% - 20% if the only pub in a village closes.

A busy Saturday in June saw three big events happening at the same time here in far from sleepy Hanney. The lovely **Cancer Research** folk started the day with their table top sale, whilst hundreds of young footballers took part in **Hanney Youth Football Club's** annual festival. A short walk down the road to the Legion took you to the delights of a Family Fun Day, a fundraiser for the **Brain Tumour Charity**.

I wandered with my box brownie... results opposite. Fab organisation throughout meant a trouble free day where much fun was had and hopefully some serious dosh duly raised!







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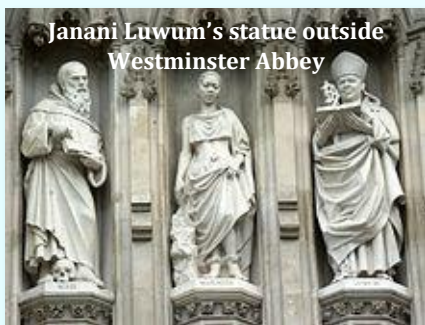


THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends

I attended St Mary's convent last month and the room I stayed in was named Janani Luwum. He was Archbishop of the Church of Uganda, arrested for speaking against the government in February 1977 and died shortly after. Although the official account describes a car crash, it is generally accepted that he was murdered on the orders of then President Idi Amin, since his body was riddled with bullet wounds. 1977 was the year I started my theological training at St John's Nottingham where Janani had also studied in the previous year.

It may not be a very pleasant thought to consider martyrs, but it certainly makes me extremely grateful that we can worship freely and, if we consider it necessary, to protest without fear against immoral and dubious practices by the powers that be. Another such martyr was St James, fisherman, the son of the Zebedee and brother to John. Jesus called him to leave his father and fishing and follow him as his disciple. For 3 years he travelled around the country with Jesus and was often only one of 3 friends to accompany Jesus at special occasions. He was a witness to the crucifixion and saw the resurrected Jesus courageously telling others about Jesus until King Herod had James beheaded. St James is well known around our parishes; West Hanney is dedicated to St James the Great as was the old church of Grove; and the school in Hanney is called



St James too. The old church in East Hanney was dedicated to James the less (the brother of Jesus).

I even found one website that said the church at East Challow used to be called St James; but I don't consider it to be reliable. At St James, Denchworth it is a little unclear as to which James is referred to, but I like to think it is James the Great whose festival falls this month on 25th July. At Hanney we will be celebrating this on July 16th before schools break up; in

Denchworth on 23rd July, when the Bishop of Dorchester is coming to preach at our 6pm Evensong led by a festival choir.

Both should be great occasions.

Remembering such people as James and Janani who remained

true to their faith even to the point of martyrdom makes me wonder if I would have the courage to stand firm like them in face of persecution, but more positively causes me to be truly thankful that we can openly and freely profess our faith in Jesus Christ.

St James' symbol is the scallop shell.

One later story recounts that after James was martyred in Jerusalem in the year 44, his body was taken to Spain and when the ship reached the shore a horse was spooked and fell in the water. The story goes on to say how both the horse and rider were miraculously saved and came forth from the water covered in scallop shells.



God bless - John

SERVICES in July 2023 at St James
Eucharist is celebrated at 9.30am each Sunday.

2nd – Revd Charles Draper, 9th - Revd Geoff Maughan, 16th St JAMES PATRONAL DAY –
Revd John Durant & Revd Alec Gill, Preacher : Revd Charles Draper, 23rd – Revd John
Durant, 30th – Revd Geoff Maughan

Midweek Said Eucharist – every Tuesday at 10am in the Chancel.

Sunday 23rd July 6.00 pm at St James Church, Denchworth
Patronal Festival Evensong Service, all are invited to attend this special Service.
We are very pleased to be joined by The Bishop of Dorchester the
Rt Rev Gavin Collins and a Festival Choir on this occasion.
There will be refreshments after the Service.

Vicar : Revd John Durant : 766484 - vicar@valebenefice.org.uk
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: tel - 868590 - stuartcakebread@mac.com
Chris Reason: tel - 868375 -

Hanney Michaelmas Fayre

Book the date – Sat 30th September – 2pm start!

Back with all your favourite features – and a chance to clear out all the books,
sheet music, pictures, ornaments, glass & china, costume jewellery etc. that you
no longer want, and donate them to raise funds for Hanney organisations.

And have you decided what competitions you're entering? Competition
categories available from St James Church and Hanney Community Shop

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A chance to win with new skills? Did you learn new skills or revive old ones
during all those lockdowns? Take photographs on your daily walk? Grow
vegetables (in case food became scarce)? Take up carving or knitting, start
making chutney or bread?

So now's your chance to win a prize – enter one of the many categories in the
Michaelmas Fayre competitions – old favourites plus new ones – and something
to suit everyone! Collect a Competition Leaflet from our Community Shop, in St
James Church or download from our website – www.hanney-events.co.uk

I don't know if you've seen her, but there's a rather strange lady - I believe her
name is Eva Reddy - who hangs around the play area on the Recreation ground.
Nothing sinister about her, she's just selling specialist batteries. I know not whey, and
yes, slightly weird, but I had a chat with her the other day and she told me that 'she sells
C cells by the sea saw!!'Hey readers, we're scraping the barrel this month!

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Hanney Film Night is

always a very popular event in our community's regular calendar, but it's taking a well earned break in July and August, returning on Friday 1st Sept.

A little bird tells me the September showing is to be 'The Fabelmans'... a recent Stevie Spielberg effort! Details nearer the time.

HOLLYWOOD

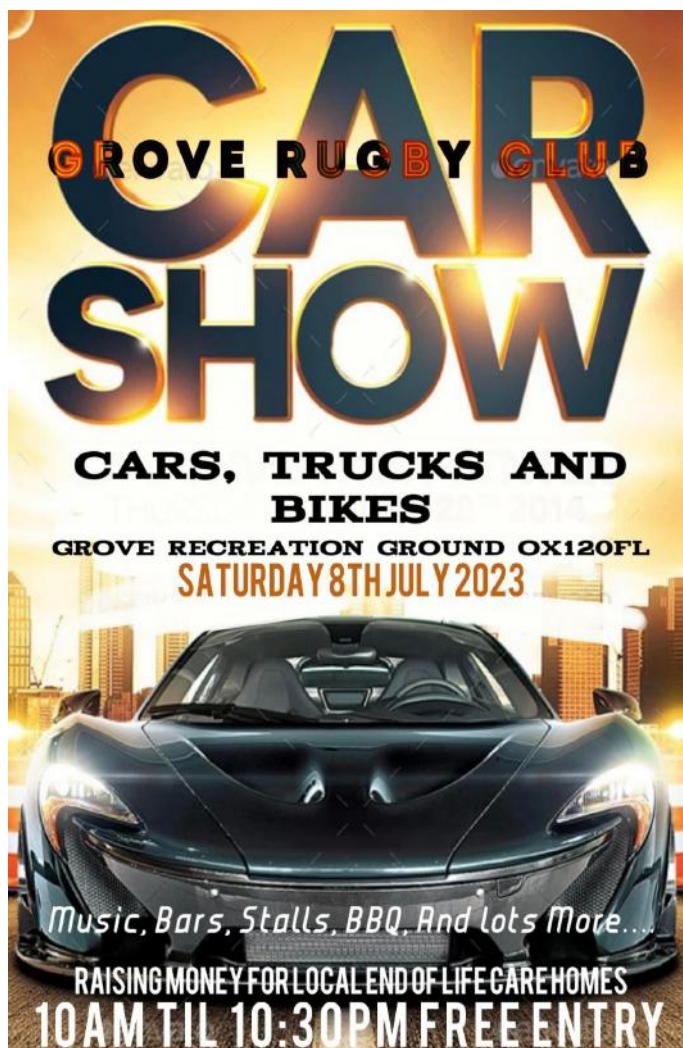


**Thanks to
some
massive
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machinery
and a couple
of fellas handy
with rakes
and shovels,
we now have
a fab - but not
groovy!! - road outside
Global HQ here in Winter
Lane.

Finished on time, they've
done a super job. My chum
Mark Heyes, on congratulating
the contractors on a
job well done, was told by
one of them that we now
have an 'Armani' road,
whilst elsewhere in the
village, they're 'Primark!'
I like that.





CAR SHOW

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TEAMS OF 6

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Our local MP David Johnston

recently held a survey of our views on health services survey. Perhaps you were one of the 2,838 people who responded? A summary of the results reveals that 77% of those that took part said they had had difficulty getting a GP appointment in the last year.

44% said they had had difficulty accessing an appointment with a dentist.

Unsurprisingly, 97% felt we do not have enough GPs and 98% felt we do not have enough dentists.

David goes on to say in his latest newsletter... *"I completely agree and have been banging the drum on our health services since I was elected. Not long after the survey closed, I secured a debate in parliament about our health services and intend to keep banging heads together until we get the services we need."*

Well David, whatever you bang, whether it's drums or heads, we wish you every success in your efforts. We certainly need a massive improvement over the existing situation!

LETTER

Dear Editor

I note that the 20mph speed limit has now been implemented in some parts of the Hanneys but it appears that this is still not slow enough for some.

When negotiating Winter Lane recently I was faced by the woman in the attached photograph flapping her arm toward me like a demented penguin, presumably trying to slow me down, despite the fact that my speed, which the photograph confirms, was only 20 mph. May I suggest that she (and others) desist from such stupid antics in the future. They do nothing towards solving the problem and, by distracting the driver, will increase the probability of them having the sort of accident that the lower speed limit is there to prevent. Especially so if the driver is going too fast.

On a lighter note. 300/400 yards before reaching Hanney on the approach from Denchworth I passed a cyclist pedalling like fury but, when I reduced my speed, he caught me up just before I reached Winter Lane. I thought speed limits also applied to cyclists!!

For anyone interested I can show them the video clip, something this august magazine

(which is also enjoyed in the far flung reaches of Denchworth) is not yet capable of doing.

John Myatt, Denchworth

Editor's note: 'In order to ensure the absolute anonymity of the woman in question, I have added an image of a very large and - in my humble opinion - rather 'demented' looking penguin to the photo that was supplied by the letter writer, completely covering the 'penguin impersonator'. At the bottom of the pic is all the information these 'dashcam' thingies offer, including the speed at which the vehicle was travelling at the time.

Talking of very large penguins,

back in Florida, USA, in the 1940s, a chap named Tony Signorini made some giant iron penguin feet - see pic above - and, whilst wearing them, walked on various deserted beaches at night over a period of 10 years! Many people were taken in by his hoax, believing that a giant penguin - calculated by so-called experts to be at least 15



feet tall - was on the loose, and posed a real threat to life and limb.

It was only after Tony died and left the feet to his son Jeff that the hoax was revealed.

(I aspire to that level of insanity / stupidity / silliness / humour, call it what you will!)





This month's Hanney Calendar pic - copies

still available at the shop or direct from me - is of the small green outside St James Church in West Hanney.

From left to right, the buildings are the original Vicarage, with it's outbuilding beyond it. It was probably built in the mid 1700s.

Then the farmhouse of Church Farm, now part of the St James development.

The light coloured building on the right is the Dower House, which at the time was also a shop and post office.

(We looked at this house back in a 2022 issue of Hanney News.)

The scene today is similar, apart from alterations to the road and the shallow grassy bank, now marked out with parking



spaces.

The small girl in the middle with her dolly looks to me to be kneeling, and was obviously posed by the photographer, as was the young boy and his bicycle. He has a large bag slung over his left shoulder. Perhaps he was a delivery / messenger boy carrying out his errands?

Whatever, the charm of the scene is little changed today...long may it remain so.

Obituary

Patricia Charles

**1st May 1935 -
16th May 2023**

Pat was well known to many of the villagers having moved here from Oxford in 1972. She was an active member of village life – flower arranging at St James church for many years, volunteering at Hanney playgroup where her two daughters Jo & Kate attended.

An enthusiastic member of Hanney WI, she really enjoyed going to listen to the speakers and could recount in detail what had been said.

When she was at her peak fitness she would regularly be on the Hanney tennis courts enthusiastically swinging her racket around, whilst at the same time shouting “Oh darn it”. She had to retire her game when there were more exclamations of disappointment than winning shots which frustrated her greatly.

The Gardening club was a particular favourite as this was her enduring passion, and was so proud of her garden. She had a ruthless approach – the plants had two choices – delight me or get dug up! She always looked forward to helping at the annual plant sale with her beloved sister, who had the knack for cuttings and the patience for growing from seed, something which she lacked.

Pat loved to help at the Tuesday Coffee Morning Club at the village hall - manning the tea & coffee urn - her organizational skills were always admired by everyone, especially by us as a family. She was the only one who knew what was going on when and where.

Whilst Mum had many creative talents; flower arranging, knitting, crocheting &



cooking, she probably dreaded the eponymous Hanney pantomime the most, as her girls were in Nancy Becker's ballet class & it meant she had to dust off her sewing machine and fire up her creative skills to make the costumes. Fancy dress competitions on Hanney Fete Day was also a challenging time. Yet she always excelled herself at inventive, sometimes bizarre outfits, that baffled her girls who were often

too shy to wear them.

In her later years Pat attended St James Church on Sundays, whenever she hadn't overdone it in the garden the day before. She enjoyed a good sing-song, catching up with villagers & having a coffee & chat after the service.

The Plough has been a constant favourite, especially now Owain has taken it over. At least once a week Pat & Tony could be found on the locals' corner table talking to everyone AND anyone. Pat used to walk daily around the village to stay active. In the past she took up Tap, Keep Fit, Jazz Dance & Tai Chi until her brain found it hard to co-ordinate with her feet. Friday film club at the village hall, Pat would attend with friends or neighbours, for a good social start to the weekend.

Pat will be greatly missed by many – she had an open door policy - neighbours and friends would pop in and receive a warm welcome. She always had something prepared to offer her guests, whether it was a hearty casserole or just nibbles, fine wine and good company. She wouldn't want people to cry over her but rather put on a big smile & raise a glass of something to her memory & celebrate her full life.

Kate Thomas - Pat's daughter

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The freefall was absolutely terrifying. We were going 125mph for 60 seconds and then the parachute was pulled by my

lovely instructor Mias, which I enjoyed immensely with great views of Salisbury and the feeling of calm were amazing. I would recommend a tandem parachute jump to anybody as it's such a wonderful, amazing feeling afterwards. I am terrified of heights, so go on, be brave and give it a go!!!

*Thank you so much once again for '**Just Giving**'. My **Just Giving** links - search **Amanda Brewerton** - will not close until the end of July, should anyone still wish to give to help people who are going through Cancer.*

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Mandy Brewerton

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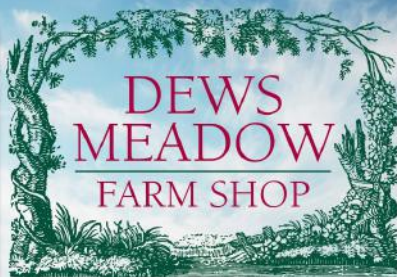
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HANNEY SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB meets on the 4th Thursday of every month except August, at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Tea, cake, chats, talks and activities. For more details, ring Marcia on 01235 867461

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 tennis club and always welcomes new members. For more info email Jenny at 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

HANNEY WINE CIRCLE meets on the 2nd Monday each month: www.hanneyywinecircle.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 have teams from age 5 up. If you would like to join us please contact Paul on 07510 435 508, hyfcfooty@gmail.com or visit our website 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.

SJS THURSDAY SINGING, East Hanney, a cappella male-voice group, 8-10pm. Join us for our new season of 4-part Folksongs from the 'Home Nations', Australia, Finland, Slovakia, Peru & more! And a pint at the Black Horse later? David Gahan 868933

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, email 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

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 a dozen or so. Call Geoff (868440) or Nick (768249), www.wantagemalevoicechoir.org.uk.

WANTAGE U3A: Visit our website detailing current activities - www.u3asites.org.uk/wantage

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

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

YOGA CLASSES - Relaxing and welcoming Classes at East Hanney War Memorial Hall every Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm. Gentle movement, calming breathwork and guided meditation to encourage deep relaxation of body and mind, beginners more than welcome! Any questions please email: Helen@yogatransforms.co.uk Please book your place through the payment page on my website: www.yogatransforms.co.uk/payment

FITSTEPS - The 'Strictly Come Dancing' Workout with Debs, every Tuesday 2-3pm at the Village Hall. Suitable for all ages and abilities, this fun and friendly class teaches you ballroom and Latin dance steps while enjoying a full body workout. Dances include the Jive, Cha Cha, Rhumba, Paso, Quickstep, Charleston, Tango, Waltz and Salsa. For more info contact Debs:07968 948007 or email info@workoutwonderful.com

PURE STRETCH - Every Tuesday 3pm at the Village hall with Debs (after the FITSTEPS class). Easy and relaxing stretch class to music, combining elements of Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Props and cushions provided, please bring your own mat. Please contact Debs: 07968 948007 or email info@workoutwonderful.com

ART CLASS FOR ALL - Be inspired by teacher Sally Middleton, every Tues at the Village Hall, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Beginners and those with experience welcome, all media. 07825 709686 Email: sallyannemiddleton@googlemail.com

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