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Calling all Luvvies!.....



"Ahoy me hearties! Hanney Drama Group are all at sea and setting sail on a naughty-cal adventure for their next panto production. Script reading/auditions are being held in the Village Hall Olde Hanney Room at 2:00pm on Sunday 10th & 17th September. No experience needed and all ages welcome – we would love to see you there."



Here's young Elowyn Godby, aged 15 months, strolling round her garden reading Hanney News, as you do. Grandma Elaine Barclay sent me this lovely photo, and it certainly raised a much needed smile here at Global HQ!



**What's this?
....see page 15.**

Editorial

September already and a very busy one here in Hanney. The Black Horse hosts 'Hanney Fest' over the weekend of 8th - 10th and then we look forward to the Michaelmas Fayre, our annual fundraiser in West Hanney on Sat 30th. Be sure to catch both!

We welcome another new advertiser this month - page 5 - 'Mossinator', who can work some magic on your roof and elsewhere externally on your property. If you'd like to try Tai Chi, a new class starts soon at The Beacon in Wantage: see page 3 for details.

If you're a bridge fan...the card game I mean, not the large structures often found over rivers, railway lines and the like...then head down to the village hall any Wednesday afternoon from 2 - 5pm. Details page 30. And if you don't know how to play, fear not, you can take a course of 12 lessons also at the village hall...details page 3.

Maybe singing floats your canoe? Then give the Wantage Male Voice Choir a go...all ages and levels of experience welcome. Enthusiasm is all you need they tell me! Clearly, they've never heard me sing! (Mrs Editor has...it made her cry.) It's every Tues, 7.30pm, village hall. Details page 31.

If you feel you do not get enough physical exercise these days, I have some great news! In order to read the contents of page 20 of this month's issue you'll need to twist your arms in a 'Pilates' style motion that I'm assured is very good for the core muscles. This means of course that Hanney News is now not only good for the mind and nourishing for the soul, but also provides that little bit of physical exertion we

all need once in a while.

And that's not all...on that page you will read - assuming you've managed the above manoeuvre of course - about 2 events that I'm sure will be fun as well as raising money for good causes.

I urge you to support them both if you can. Hanney's very own and very wonderful Dr Katie Barber is hosting an event on Women's Health on 28th Sept in Abingdon - see page 8 for full details.

A well deserved tribute to Janet Green for her services to Scouting awaits on page 14. I'm reliably informed that both our Parish Councils are in the process of putting together 'Speedwatch' teams who, with the aid of a bit of modern kit, a speed gun, will discreetly measure the speed of motorists - and cyclists?...see letters page - and if they exceed the limit, will report them to the boys in blue, who will duly send a polite letter. See page 7.



Meantime our pic shows a very resourceful gent who didn't let the lack of a speed gun prevent him from doing his bit! He's using his hair dryer - more likely his wife's, cos I suspect there's not much hair under that trendy cap? - to fool drivers. Be warned! Enough silliness for one month...till October meine Freunde.

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...

Fri 1st, Hanney Film Night, village hall, details page 5. 'The Fabelmans'. Directed by Steven Spielberg. Bar opens 7pm, film starts 7.30pm.

Sunday 3rd, 2-5pm, Longworth Church Fete, Longworth Manor. Trad village fete.

Monday 4th, 7.30 for 8pm in the Village Hall, **Hanney Gardening Club.** A talk on 'Gardening with Ornamental Grasses' by Katherine Crouch, and our AGM. Non-members welcome. See page 4.

Fri 8th - Sun 10th, 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. Page 20.

Sat 9th, Ride and Stride - Church Fundraiser; see page 13 and Letters on page 18.

Weds, 13th, Learn to play bridge - A course of 12 lessons on Wednesday afternoons 2-4.30 pm in HWMH (aka Village Hall) For details contact Alan Grunwald at alan.m.grunwald@gmail.com

Thurs 14th, Hanney WI meeting at Village Hall, "The story of missing airmen"

Wednesday 20th September, a new TAI CHI class is starting at The Beacon, Wantage, 10am - 11 am, run by Zita Vellinga. join us to learn about these gentle exercises to relax and improve your flexibility and balance. **Zita Vellinga,** call 079903 21914 or **email:** blossomtaichi@outlook.com

Sat 23rd, Riding for the Disabled Charity fundraiser ... Bingo Night in Southmoor...see page 20.

Mon 25th, 8pm, Village Hall, Hanney History Group, a talk by Alastair Lack on 'The Oxford of Inspector Morse – the tales and crime scene history.'

Weds 27th September, 12.30pm - 4.30pm, David Johnston MP, will be holding a **Pensioners' Fair** for local pensioners at the Beacon, Wantage. Details see page 7.

Thursday 28th 8pm Wantage Music Festival, General Meeting to discuss the future of festival. Wantage Methodist Church. All welcome. Help save this festival. See page 18

Sat 30th, Hanney's very own Michaelmas Fayre. Full details page 13.

And further ahead ...

Monday 2nd Oct - 7.30 for 8 in the Village Hall, Hanney Gardening Club. Russell Atwood gives a talk on 'No Dig Gardening'. Non-members welcome.

Wed 4th Oct 2-5pm. A friendly session of duplicate bridge in Hanney War Memorial Hall. A partnership host will be available. Tea and cakes provided. For further information janice.spearing@hotmail.co.uk

Fri 6th Oct: Hanney Film Night.

Sat 21st Oct, 7.30pm Bingo. Charity fundraiser for Wantage White Horse Swimming Club at the Legion. Full details next month.

Mon 23rd Oct, 8pm, Village Hall Hanney History Group.

Fri 3rd Nov: Hanney Film Night.

Sat 4th Nov, Wantage Literary Festival, see their website.

Can you help? I've recently received this from our magnificent **Hanney Gardening Club** "After a successful 2022/23, the new gardening year starts for the Hanney Gardening Club on 4th September with the AGM and a talk on 'Gardening with Ornamental Grasses' by Katherine Crouch.

We now need at least two new members on our very friendly committee. This is not an arduous task, but it is essential to the continued success of the club so if you would like to come and contribute on the committee please contact the chairman, Adrian, on 07732 017299 to discuss joining us."

And whilst we're still in the garden*, let's offer our congrats to **Matt Rosum of West Hanney** who has recently passed - with Distinction (!) - his British Beekeeper Association Basic Certificate Assessment. *I'm assuming Matt keeps his bees in the garden, but he may not of course.



The Plough at West Hanney - shares available for purchase. This from board member Karen Bradshaw...

"As featured in July Hanney News, tenants Owain and Luke recently celebrated a magnificent first year at the helm of The Plough, collecting a haul of prestigious and well-deserved awards along the way. If you would like to buy shares in this increasingly successful pub, which is without doubt an asset to our villages, please contact the board of Hanney Community Pub Ltd at :Hanneypub@gmail.com with your enquiry. We look forward to hearing from you."



Have you heard this new pop group called "The Cats Eyes"?
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The 'Hanney Film Night' season starts again this month,

running through to next May, It happens on the first Friday of each month in Hanney War Memorial Hall, aka the Village Hall. September has a great start "The Fabelmans" a Steven Spielberg production based loosely on his own childhood in Arizona when he discovered the magic of movies. It stars Michelle Williams, Gabriel Byrne and Paul Dano, and was nominated for 7 Oscars. 150 minutes, cert. 12A Doors and bar open at 7.00 for 7.30, tickets £7.00, £6.00 conc. Card payment only.



Massive apols to our fab Cancer Research fundraisers



CANCER RESEARCH UK

here in Hanney who asked me some time back to include this from them. Unfortunately it slipped through the net...doh!

"We would like to thank everyone who came and supported our table top sale on June 17th.

We managed to pay in £900 for CRUK. Also a big thanks to our loyal family and friends who are always there to help us continue with Hanney Fundraisers - we couldn't do it without your support."

And remember, the team are always in need of wool, so if you have any surplus, do give Dulcie a ring on 01235 868470.



Also of course if you want to make a donation, you don't have to wait till their next 'Table Top' sale.... again, just ring Dulcie.

East Hanney Parish Council

Our next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on Weds 13th Sept at the Village Hall. All are welcome

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



Here are the ladies of 'Hanney Health and Beauty' a fitness group run by May Coates back in the 1960s. She and her husband John lived in Carters Close, the thatched cottage on Main St, West Hanney.

Before the days of Pilates, Nordic Walking, Fitsteps, Zumba, Yoga and such like, the ladies of the village who wanted to 'keep fit' as it used to be known, would attend sessions every Wednesday in the Village hall as well as performing at local fetes, fayres and carnivals, when their choreographed routine would involve the waving of sticks and ribbons.

We at the Senior Citizens coffee mornings

have been trying to put names to each of these happy fit ladies. If you can fill any gaps or think we've got the wrong person, please let me know.

Here are the names we've come up with.....left to right, standing

unknown, Queenie Fletcher, unknown, Christine Eady, Mrs Partington, Mavis Herman, Mary Dandridge, Vinnie Vickers, Ann White, unknown, Kay from Grove.

Kneeling, l - r, unknown, Sylvia Firth, Judith Coates (daughter of the organiser May), Ann Fairful, Joan Tarry, unknown (some have suggested Sandra Lay, others are sure it's not!) and Jan Nobes.

What d'ya reckon?

West Hanney Parish Council

We are looking to re-start the West Hanney Community Speedwatch Group to help monitor and support our 20mph speed limit together with the East Hanney Community Speedwatch Group. Cllr Ahmed Farrag has kindly volunteered to co-ordinate this group and is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping please contact Ahmed for further details.

Please remember to trim back your hedges and any undergrowth that is encroaching onto footpaths and keep ditches around your property free of vegetation that could otherwise impede the flow of floodwater.

The next routine meeting of WHPC will be held on Tuesday 5th September 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 - 07388 816079.
Barbara Martin (Clerk) - 412742
Email: parishclerkwesthanneypc@gmail.com
Website: www.westhanneypc.org.uk**

Just been down the pub.... the peanuts in the plate on the bar told me how handsome I was, but the fruit machine said I was fat. The barman explained that the peanuts are complimentary but the fruit machine was out of order!

This from our local MP, David Johnston.... *"On the 27th September, I will be holding a Pensioners' Fair for local pensioners – whether they live in Wantage, Didcot, Wallingford, Faringdon or any of our villages – at the Beacon in Wantage.*



I am doing this as a significant proportion of my casework involves trying to help pensioners access support or advice – whether about benefits they're entitled to, support with hearing and sight loss, or

how to protect themselves against online scams. I'm therefore bringing together a lot of the key organisations that can provide guidance – together with some of the clubs that can keep people active and help guard against loneliness – in one place so that

pensioners can drop in and talk to a range of organisations at the same time. Further details will be put on my website www.david-johnston.org.uk and do please spread the word."

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: Sally.Povolotsky@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.

A big shout out to a couple of the young folk in our community...Johanna Rolfe, aged seven, and eight year old Mary Cholak.

Johanna's Mum Jen told me...
"Johanna wanted to run a Lemonade stand and raise money for charity. I asked her which one and she said homeless people and we looked for a charity locally and found Homeless Oxfordshire. Johanna decided on what day she wanted to do it designed some posters and got up early to put them up. She and Mary manned the stall for 2 hours. They raised £65 on the day and I set up a JustGiving page to transfer the monies. Since then more people have donated and



to date we have £154."

Big ups to Johanna and Mary from us at Global HQ, and if you'd like to make a donation, go to the JustGiving page and search the name....'Jenny Rolfe' .

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Always nice to get a compliment isn't it, and I recently saw this on the jolly old Facebook thingie, from a gent named John Terence Walker.

Now, I don't know Mr Walker, but he's obviously a fine judge of what makes for a lovely village!

With his permission, I quote.....

"Friends....Hoping this finds all you looking in safe & well. Each month I visit this lovely little village you see here - East Hanney .

A former Soldier friend of mine lives there with his good lady wife.

I take to him each month 'The Soldier' magazine and have done so for many years. Always have good chats putting the world to rights !! As you do!!

Each time on my visit to my friend's house I always stop at this junction as you enter



the village to admire the former telephone box, which, as you now see - and has been for a long while now - is the local Library. It is so well kept and very well stocked.

What a great idea this is. I know there are quite a few of these not only in our area, but around the UK.

Also at this junction I note how very tidy it all is, in fact

the whole village area . Well done Hanney. Wonderful.

Regards to you all

Stay Safe & well.

John.

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Dear Friends

I am interested in strength of character; so I look forward to the Rugby World Cup which begins this month. I would like England to win but am more confident there will be some really entertaining games rather than England will be successful.

You may of course not want to continue reading after those two sentences; but one of the reasons I enjoy rugby is that it is a game for people with different skills and physiques and it helps build character. England Rugby have 5 core values: Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship whereas the Welsh Rugby Union have 6: Courage, Honour, Integrity, Excellence, Family and Success. It is also back to school this month and our church school at St James have 3 core values: they are Courage, Community and Kindness – the reason I find them easy to remember is because my old headteacher had the initials CCK.

What we value in life impacts on our character and that in turn affects how we relate and what sort of community we shape. A satisfying life and a peaceful environment are important to our wellbeing but even more so is our ability to respond well to all the challenges we face.

As a Christian minister who likes sport, have to remind myself that there is no mention of sport in the Old Testament and in the ancient world of the Israelites their physical activities were work, dancing and fighting. Competitive sport only begins to be referred to when the Jewish culture mixes with the Greeks and the Romans. However, the bible has a lot to say about God helping us develop strength of character.

The list of important values in the bible is rather long but Jesus does say we should seek first God’s kingdom and His righteousness and St Paul charges Timothy to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. *1 Tim 6 : 11.*

I wonder what values you would want to embody and what characteristics you would want your family to display. As a new school year begins with all the changes and challenges that brings what qualities of character would you and your family hope to develop?

May the love and strength of Jesus be your support in all your work and leisure. God bless.

John

SERVICES in Sept. 2023 at St James

Eucharist is celebrated at 9.30am each Sunday.

3 rd – Revd Alec Gill, 10 th - Revd John Durant, 17 th - Revd Charles Draper, 24 th Eucharist & Baptism– Revd Alec Gill.

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

Our HARVEST FESTIVAL will be on Sunday 8th October.

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Time to get pedalling or walking. Local charity, 'Oxford Historic Churches Trust' annual **Ride and Stride** fund-raising event happens on 9th Sept.

It gives grants to help maintain the fabric of the county's finest churches as well towards the cost of installation of a loo, kitchen, heating etc.

St James Church has previously received grants and will shortly be applying for support for our project to improve its facilities.

Fancy a bike ride or walk round some beautiful churches?

Visit : <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/> or contact

Hilary on rideandstrideoxon@ohct.org.uk.

See also 'Letters', page 18.

Hanney Lottery

August Winners

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2nd - Ian Brown

3rd - Mr & Mrs

A Tredwell

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Janet Green celebrates 40 years of Scouting Service, honoured by prestigious Silver Wolf Award

After four decades of unwavering dedication and outstanding service to the scouting community, Janet Green, a beloved Scout Leader, is celebrating her forty years of Scouting. Janet's remarkable contributions have been recognized by the prestigious Silver Wolf Award, the highest honour bestowed upon leaders within the scouting movement.

Janet Green began her journey in scouting as a young volunteer in 1983 and her passion for empowering young minds never wavered.

Over the years she has played a pivotal role in the lives of countless young people, instilling in them values of courage, leadership, and resilience.

During her time as a Scout Leader, Janet has organised numerous camping trips, hiking expeditions, and community service projects that has left a permanent mark on the lives of those she mentored.

Through her guidance and dedication, she has empowered young people to grow into responsible and confident individuals, fostering a sense of community and teamwork.

Additionally, Janet's commitment to the scouting movement extended beyond her local community.

She has actively participated in regional and national scouting roles, including District Chair, District Deputy Commissioner and County Training Administrator.

Presently, Janet is acting as Group Scout Leader for Hanney Scouts, Section Leader for the Explorers and continues in her



County Training Advisor role. She enjoys taking on leadership roles that provide invaluable insights to enhance scouting programs across the country. In recognition of her extraordinary service and profound impact on the scouting community, Janet was awarded the coveted Silver Wolf Award. This distinguished accolade, presented by the highest

authority in scouting, acknowledges individuals who have displayed exceptional leadership, unwavering commitment, and a lifetime of service to the movement.

Janet's achievement was celebrated at a surprise Scouting fun day at the beginning of July, where she was joined by young people from the Hanney Scout Group, members of her scouting and immediate family.

Reflecting on her accomplishment, Janet expressed deep gratitude for the opportunity to serve as a Scout Leader as her enthusiasm and infectious energy made her a cherished figure by those around her.

As Janet plans to step away from her formal scouting duties, she will remain involved as a member of the Hanney Trustee Board; supporting and mentoring scouting initiatives, ensuring her knowledge and experiences will continue to benefit others.

As the scouting movement celebrates Janet's excellent and worthy guidance, her legacy will continue to shine as a beacon of inspiration for generations to come.

Debbie Poole

Give this the best of your attention

please...it's from Sarah the manager at the Cornerstone Café in Grove.

"Should you want to visit the Post Office in Grove, the launderette or even the tattoo parlour, you'd be forgiven for missing the unassuming unit on the corner which is the Cornerstone Café. However it's worth visiting. This is the oldest community café in the area. Unusually in 1995 four churches got together to set up a café to serve the expanding communities in the area.

They found a retail unit in the Grovelands shopping centre off Newlands Drive, equipped it and set up a charitable trust to run it. 28 years on its still going.

However the proof of the café is in the tasting! When you visit, there's good parking right outside; there's fully disabled access and good facilities. And there's a fun children's corner. Unique to Cornerstone is "the marble jar" - this is stocked by contri-



butions from customers, with the purpose of provided free meals for those who can't afford one themselves. Obviously this is increasingly needed as people feel the pressures of the cost of living crisis.

The pick of the menu? Many people would say the selection

of home-made cakes, teas and coffee. Others go for the meals, soups and salads all prepared on the premises by the skilled cooks, while others simply like the friendly atmosphere created by the manager, her staff and the volunteers who provide the service.

Of course being a community café, it's not only about eating. It hosts a variety of other activities, from a stroke recovery group, an activity morning for pre-school children with their carers, a craft afternoon, different games groups, open to anyone, plus free wi-fi. Moreover tucked behind the eating area is the bookshop specialising in Bibles, cards, fair-trade goods, and gifts. You'll find a warm welcome when you visit.

Everything has to be checked and inspected

these days, and the fab and groovy children's playground on the Rec, next to the village hall, that East Hanney Parish Council (EHPC) have put together, is no exception.

After the PC had stomped up the sum of £195 - actually pretty reasonable methinks - RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) came down and inspected the equipment in the minutest detail and prepared a great long report...60 plus pages and counting!

Bottom line is that all the equipment is very low risk, and RoSPA make only a



couple of very minor recommendations.

So well done to EHPC for providing and maintaining the playground ...rest assured mum and dad, little - and big! - kiddies can play safely in/on it!

If you've been down to the Rec lately, you'll have noticed the long, thin mud mound ...see photo on front cover.

It's a 'bund', made from some of the excess soil from the construction of the MUGA. It will prevent cricket balls from entering the playground, and will soon be weeded and seeded, so will blend in well. Please keep off it during those times and ensure that doggies don't stray onto it. The weed-killer is strong stuff and not kind to Rover!



Sometimes when I'm trundling along the highways and byways of Hanney and surround - always observing the speed limit of course! - I meet, coming from the other direction, a piece of farm machinery. Often it's as big as a medium sized house, and, being a townie born in the suburbs of NW London, I have no idea of its purpose. No matter, it serves as a useful reminder that, tho' there seems to be new residential developments popping up everywhere, we are lucky enough to still live in the beautiful English countryside where farmers do their thing, aided by big bits of kit! The above photo, taken by Ben Millar, shows one such - a combine harvester maybe? - doing what it does under cloudy skies, but bathed in warm sunshine. It really is a great snap and reproducing it in an A5-sized mag such as lil 'ole Hanney News certainly doesn't do it justice. Thanks to Ben for allowing me to use it.

I was working in the shop

recently and a gent I didn't recognise came in and asked if we sold wine! He referenced the Hanney Wine Circle's window display. See pic, which really doesn't do it justice!

(I think he was joking about selling wine, but it's an idea isn't it?) The very eye-catching display was put together by a member of the Wine Circle, Sarah Miller, who is a very talented lady...based in Hanney she has a handmade card business called 'SJ's Handmade Cards'....you may have seen her at recent local fayres?



Dear Editor

Having just read his letter in the August issue I am sorry to disillusion Philip Ward and any others who think that cyclists do not have to obey speed limits; it is my understanding they do. The Road Traffic Act 1988 Section 36 sub-section 1 states:

“Where a traffic sign, being a sign has been lawfully placed on or near a road, a person driving or propelling a vehicle who fails to comply with the indication given by the sign is guilty of an offence.”

NOTE: - A bicycle is, of course, a vehicle being propelled.

This is encapsulated very clearly in the latest edition of the Highway Code under “Rules for Cyclists (59 to 82)”.

Rule 69 states: **“You MUST obey all traffic signs and traffic light signals.”**

NOTES- The “MUST” in upper case is not by me; it is in the Highway Code.

Speed limit signs are some of the many official “Traffic Signs” illustrated in the Highway Code.

I also see that Mr Ward says that the introduction of 20mph zones has already caused some cycling events to be cancelled. I wonder why? Could it be because the organisers realise that unless the riders slow down in such zones they would be exceeding the speed limit by much more than they ever could in a 30mph zone. So much so that it was unlikely to be ignored.

In such cases the riders may be charged with committing an offence which they, the organisers, could also be charged with inciting. Just a thought.

In conclusion, Mr Ward's letter confirms my belief that many (most) cyclists do not know the highway code. They really ought to read and abide by it, especially those using the roads for group outings or as a race training track; it isn't. Unfortunately, I have to say, the same lack knowledge also applies to many car drivers. Its rules are

mandatory for all road users.

John Myatt (Denchworth)

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed your recent piece in the Village News about our very own Thames Water - whoops, I think that should be Thames Sewage from now on - and the change of CEO. The Eye was onto this coven of water company CEOs some time ago and pointed out that they all sat on each other's Remuneration Committees, thereby guaranteeing they all got huge bonuses every year. And the fact that some damp duck in the TS press office claims that the reservoir is going ahead demonstrates just how far off the planet these people are. The first thing the new (ex-City exec.) Chairman should do is surely to close down the press office. Roger and over - Timothy Wellington Boot.

Dear Editor,

On 3rd August, whilst enjoying a walk around East and West, I saw a woman horse rider having to quieten her very beautiful but nervous horse along by the school. I met up with her further in my walk and got chatting. She said that the previous evening they had had a close shave with a van along School Street, which explained her horse's nervousness.

It spurred me to write to you, copied to both Parish Councils, to ask if Highway Code "horses" awareness signs could be posted throughout East and West villages. The episode also made me think that the advent of electrically powered vehicles must present a new danger to horse riders.

With more traffic coming through our villages, perhaps a few "horses" signs would prompt drivers of all vehicles to take more care when driving.

Yours sincerely,

Lorene Ashby, East Hanney

Dear Editor,

A very sincere thank you to all those who support the Hanney Lottery, we have recently received our annual grant from this. It will enable us to have the path around the east side of St James Church leading to the Nigel Eady Community Wood, and the graveyard currently being used as a final resting place for many Hanney residents, restored to its former condition.

The work is scheduled for the end of August (weather permitting) so I hope by the time you read this it will be completed and make it a lot easier for those who, as I discovered this last year, have to rely on walking aids.

The balance of the grant will be a further contribution towards the 'Loo Fund' - we hope that we will shortly receive the necessary planning permission and will be applying for grants from various organisations to enable the improvements to the church building to begin.

One of the grant makers is OHCT - who run their annual fund-raiser Ride+Stride in early September - please do consider sponsoring Clive Fewins who takes part each year - or join in by cycling or walking - to find out more - <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>.

Thank you and God bless,
John - John Durant - Vicar St James Church - the Vale Benefice

These are difficult times for many folk, and here in Hanney we have a charity, '**The Hanney Parochial Trust**' that may be able to help. It is an amalgamation of several local charities that have been set up over hundreds of years, the first of which was back in 1604!

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This month's photo from our calendar - copies still available from me - is of the Green in East Hanney, looking at the thatched cottages on the eastern side. In the foreground are a group of children holding the chains from what many would assume is an enormous maypole. In fact the chains are part of a piece of equipment known as a 'giant stride swing' with four chains and not multiple ribbons that would be found on a maypole.



For reference, the lower pic is of a maypole, also on East Hanney's village green, on the other side of the road.



The calendar pic is part of the Henry Taunt collection and was almost certainly taken in 1908, or 1905.

There's loads of info on the wibbly wobbly web about these stride swings which, one site informs... *"for the first half of the 20th century appeared in most school and public playgrounds. This ride is one of those things that people say is the most dangerous of all those on the playground, and yet those who've taken a spin agree it's the most exciting one of all. In fact, I believe this apparatus is banned in many areas."* Indeed it now is... 'Elf and Safety' saw to that!



The next pic shows the young ladies of a



private girls school - the North London Collegiate school - using a swing, which it did to...and I quote... *"promote free and unchecked physical activity as a way to develop graceful and flowing movements"*. Free and unchecked physical activity eh?

Two further points on the top pic....I love the way the little girl, far left, is touching the top of her head with the handle in a delightfully childlike gesture.

Also note the very large shadow behind the children, cast on this very sunny day I'm almost certain, by the huge tree that existed on the village green. The relatively recent pic that on the left I don't think does it justice.



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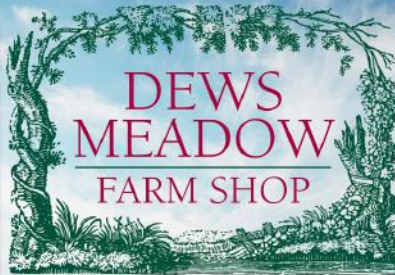
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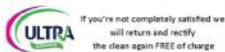


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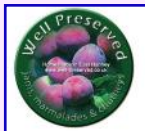
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HANNEY BELLRINGERS 'Learn the Ropes'. Wonderful mental and physical exercise with a friendly mixed group. Why not come along and watch a ringing session at St. James church. For more information contact Chris Surman 868749

HANNEY BOOK CLUB - 8pm, 1st Thurs of the Month, Plough, W. Hanney.
hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk

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 / 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 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

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB meets every Wednesday in the Olde Hanney Room 2-5pm. New members welcome. Contact Lyn Morton lynmorton89@gmail.com

HANNEY FLOOD GROUP hold a monthly working party. Contact Clive Manvell for details - clivemanvell664@gmail.com, or 01235 868216. 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

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 for further details.

HANNEY SCOUTS,CUBS and BEAVERS, Contact Janet Green at 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 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.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 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

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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
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