



Hanneley News

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It's time to vote again! This time we're being asked to consider real people rather than a document, for the role of Police and Crime Commissioner... see page 4.

We say goodbye and good luck to Laura and her team at the Black Horse this month.see page 5.



And staying on pubs.....**The Plough's** Luke and Owain recently celebrated being voted the 'Best Pub in the South' by Prestige...see pic - there's more on page 16. If you have shares in the Plough, remember the AGM of the Hanneley Community Pub Ltd. on Monday, 20th May, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

Two brochures to tell you about this month....one looks at the past, one the possible future, tho' most of us hope not... page 14.

Modesty forbids and all that, but I'm rather proud that we here at Global HQ have

been able to make a couple of donations to very worthy causes in our community...details in the Editorial on page 2 and page 5.

Talking of **modesty**, no one volunteered after last month's request for life models at art classes in Wantage. We're obviously all rather shy folk here in Hanneley!

'Woof Woof' & 'Walkies!' and **'Sit and Talkies'**...page 7
'Wakey Wakey' ... page 9

Hanneley WI Spring Craft Fair

18.5.24
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Editorial

Good news...we've been splashing the cash here recently . Not that we have a vast fortune sat in the vaults, but we certainly can meet the printers bill each month, and assuming our advertisers continue to support us - massive thanks to them of course - we felt comfortable about making a couple of donations within our community. (I recently spoke to a long time advertiser of ours who told me that he gets more work from his ad with us than any other. Thanks to you every time you use one of our advertisers.)

The donations we made combined the funds from the calendar sale that I mentioned last month with dosh in our piggy bank, and we've been able to give £500 to the Senior Citizens and another £500 to St James Helping Hands. The latter are the great group of parents at our school raising funds to allow them to carry out various projects to enhance the learning experience available at the school... see page 5. We've also paid for the reprint of the Hanney History Walk brochure...page 14. As and when the time is right we hope to make more donations to deserving causes within our community.

Our fab and groovy Village Hall features on page 8 in a piece authored by its head hombre Sir Graham of Garner and Bookings. Local artist - and Hanney News distributor! - Jill Smith has an art exhibition coming up this month, details on page 13.

There's a strange tale on page 14 involving a journalist from the Times newspaper - yes the national one, not just the lil 'ole 'Oxford' version - a photographer, Derek Stork of GARD, a flooded field and me.

A snap of the two of us, and a few 'quotes' are now online! All a bit silly really.

You can read about beards, a couple of men named Tim, and an election on page 4. Pics from the litter pick on page 10, our big wooden playground fox and a rainbow on page 15, and a rather foxy Owain in his cossie on page 16!

Sad news from the northern reaches of our territory... 'Charney Chatter' is Charney Bassett's excellent free Parish Council newsletter published monthly, and delivered primarily by email. It has been put together for some years by two fine ladies, Amanda and Steph, who now need to pass on the reins. No one has thus far stepped forward, and unless they do, the Chatter's May issue will be its last. If you may be able to help, contact them via the website here: <https://charneybassett.org.uk>.

Denchworth also has a splendid digital newsletter, the Village News, put together by worthy Denchworthians Sue, Mike and Maggie. Big thanks to all of them.

Meantime, good news from Kingston Bagpuss ..they have found a new Editor for their great 'parish newsletter' the 'Kingston Bagpuize News'.

If you enjoy a good cooked breakfast, check out the Volunteer on the Grove bridge. They serve the sausages and much more from 9am - 11.30am, Mon -Thurs, from 8am on Fri and Sat. 8am till 11am, on Sun. Highly recommended!

Think that's it for this month...I'm off for a stroll to try and walk off some of those naughty breakfast calories, before I get stuck into the June issue!

We here at Hanney News Global International welcome articles, letters, photos, in fact anything you feel may be of interest to our readers.

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, my mob: 07762 239681, or email: hanneynews@gmail.com

What's happening this month...

Fri 3rd - Hanney Film Night, Village Hall, 'Poor Things'.

7.15 opening, 7.45 start.

Sat 4th from 11am - Fundraising for Craig. Challow Cricket Club - Trad cream tea, inc. home made yummy cakes and FIZZ!

Sun 5th, from 2pm - Hanney Gardening Club BIG PLANT SALE, at the Village Hall. All donations of plants gratefully received between 10 am and noon. Will be held outside if fine but otherwise in the hall itself and please note that last year's event was sold out in well under an hour! This is the Club's main fundraiser of the year.

Sat 18th- Hanney WI Spring Craft Fair Lots of quality stalls with beautiful handmade items. And of course WI Teas! See front cover.



Sat 18th, from 2-4 pm. - 'Rummage Sale' with Afternoon Tea in aid of Cancer Research will be held in Southmoor Village Hall, OX13 5BY. Details in April issue.

Sat 18th, Abingdon Air and Country Show: www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk

Sun 19th - Flexicare Annual Fundraiser Walk - Details, page 16 of April issue.

Sun 19th - Sun 2nd June, Funfair on the Rec. here in Hanney.

Mon 20th, 8pm, 'Old Hanney Room', Village Hall. Hanney History Group, 'A Z-A of Oxford. More eccentric aspects of the city's past'. A talk by Richard. O. Smith.

Mon 20th, 7.30pm, Village Hall, Plough Pub Co. Shareholders AGM.

Fri 24th, 8pm, GARD's AGM, Steventon Village Hall, 8pm. Please come for full campaign update. See page 13.

Sun 26th, The Plough's Second Birthday Party. Live music, BBQ etc.

And further ahead ...

Sun 9th June - Wantage Carnival, 11am - 6pm, in the Market Place. Details next month.

Thurs 13th June, 7.15pm, Village Hall, Hanney W.I. present a talk by Richard Cobourne, who has worked in the world of TV, media and with many celebrities including Joanna Lumley and Nigel Havers. He is now a renowned author. Open to visitors, £3 entry fee. (A lengthy description of his career on our WI Facebook page.)

Sat 15th June - Wantage and Grove Extravaganza... details next month.

Sunday 29 June to Sunday 7 July, Wantage Summer Arts Festival. Calling all local arts organisations. Would you like to participate in this year's. Sponsorship might be available. Please pm me if interested. Jim Mitchell, Festival Director.

12th - 13th July: Grove Charity Car, Truck and Bike Show 2024. Amazing local bands. FREE! Details next month.



Each one of five worthy gents seeks our vote this month to ensure he gets elected as the **Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner**. His patch is a big'un...Oxon, Berks, Bucks and Milton Keynes.



It's a political appointment, and we can only vote for one of course! Current incumbent is West Hanney's Matt Barber, who is standing for the Conservatives. Tim Starkey represents Labour and Tim Bearder the Lib Dems. Two Independents also stand: Russell Fowler and Ben Holden-Crowther .

So, two 'Tims' and three sporting fine beards...well, if I'm honest, Ben's is pretty sparse, whilst Matt and Tim Bearder are more hirsute, facially anyway!

Tim B could hardly be clean-shaven with a surname like that could he? Matt's is also rather attractive in a rugged kinda way! And it's a good job Tim B is a beardy or we'd have had a 'ZZ Top' type situation on our hands!

Remember them? See pic above. A great rock trio from Texas back in the day, with two of them sporting fantastic long bushy beards that they were for ever stroking - Mrs Editor not keen on me attempting to sport the same tonsorial elegance! - whilst the drummer was a clean shaven lad

named...wait for it...Frank Beard! As a proud 'beardy' myself - only ever shaved it off twice - I tend to trust blokes with beards...no reason whatsoever, and silly I know.

I should in fairness add

that I'm sure 'smoothly chopped' Tim Starkey and Russell Fowler are just as trustworthy as the other three candidates, so feel free to insert your little tick into whoever's box you fancy! Pics of all candidates and a brief blurb from each of them are here: choosemypcc.org.uk/ Polling happens on 2nd May, with results due on the 4th. Hopefully all of us eligible to vote have received our 'Polling Card, tho' it's actually just an A4 sheet of paper. I felt slightly cheated by that, but I've moved on!

We're advised that we need to take photo ID when we vote...having the 'card' is not enough apparently.

So what does the Commissioner do? Well, he's 'responsible for setting police budgets and priorities and appointing the force's Chief Constable'.

He acts as a 'bridge' between the public and the police, holding the latter to account and ensuring they run effectively and efficiently. It's a full on role, with a lot of responsibility, and we wish the very best to whoever gets our vote and takes up the position.



Dear Editor

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big and heartfelt thank you to the people of Hanney who sent us cards - over 70 - and offers of help after John's passing in January, following a short illness.

Also thank you to all who came to his

funeral in February. (John would have been surprised and overwhelmed by it all.)

The collection after the service came to £500 which was divided between Cancer Research UK (£250) and British Heart Foundation (£250). Thank you to everybody from John's family.

Rosemary Cook

When I was doing a turn behind the counter in our Community Shop recently, a young lady popped in. She bought a cake and we got chatting, as you do. Turns out she was Emma, the Treasurer for the '**St James School Helping Hands**' group, and she told me that they were fundraising for the school library, adding that ... *'Our school is passionate about generating a love of reading with the benefits it brings to children. The library is an integral space within our school and we'd love to make it even better and have some new offerings available to pupils.'*

Apparently it's in need of some serious TLC and a bit of a transformation. Emma and her committee are working alongside the teaching and school staff to make this happen.

To that end they recently held a fundraiser which was a great community occasion.

Here's what Emma posted on Facebook after the event....rather sums it up! *'What a truly wonderful turnout and support we had today. It was amazing to see so many people come along and children having a great time. Thank you to everyone who came. A big thank you goes to all those people who gave up their time and supported this event volunteering. It really couldn't have been done without you, so a massive thank you to you all. It's truly appreciated. Drum roll then please.....our total profit was £713.55! With our matched fundraisers support, this event makes the total possible we could receive over £3000. We at Hanney News Global are delighted to add £500 to those funds, bringing their target even nearer.'*

Check out page 11, where details of their latest fundraiser are to be found.

The Black Horse's final weekend is the 10th - 12th May

and Landlady Laura tells me it will be 'a Leavers Weekend of Fun!'

Expect live music - 'Bossed' on Fri night, and Hanney's finest, the 'Faith Healers' on Sat, with the pub's final world-renowned Sunday lunch on...well Sunday of course!

Meantime, the opening hours have changed as follows....Mon-Wed, closed, Thursday-5pm -11pm (Burger night remains!)

Friday 12pm -11pm (food served Lunch and Dinner) Sat 12pm-11pm (food served Lunch and Dinner) Sunday 12pm - 6pm (Sunday Lunch remains)

Laura added... *'Thank you to everyone who continues to support us and for all your good wishes! To book a table for any of the above times please send us a message on Facebook or email :*



bookings4black-horse@gmail.com'

We of course wish Laura and her team the very best for the future, and thank them for their time here in Hanney.

As I write, April 12th, a sign has been fixed to the

pub, asking for leaseholders to get in touch. 'Star Pubs' - who own the pub and are themselves owned by Heineken - are obviously keen for it to remain as one of their 2,400 UK pubs, and this is good news...I'm told that losing its only pub is very bad news for a village....property prices do drop significantly, at least 10% apparently, so let's hope the Horse stays a pub and let's support it if it does.

(Star currently have six pubs in Oxfordshire needing tenants. Their website has some quite interesting info on it.... www.starpubs.co.uk/pubs/black-horse-east-hanney)

East Hanney Parish Council

As I write, this information was received less than 15 minutes ago but it will be old news when you read this. The referendum for the adoption of the East Hanney Neighbourhood Plan was approved by a resounding 93% of the vote, so thank you to all who voted.

What does this mean? It means that the ecology and environment is better protected, a greater input into the planning process, ensuring that new developments are more sustainable and that accompanying infrastructure will be tailored more to our needs rather than by a someone who has never set foot in The Hanneys. The follow up question is how? It is because the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is now a legal document and must be followed; it cannot be ignored. Financially, we previously received 15% of the sums for community

infrastructure - now it's 25%.

The NP was started many years ago by Jim Triffitt and the Community Survey, then by Stewart Scott who used that information for creation of the formal NP. That baton was taken up by David Kirk who for over two years has worked on the it, helped by Dickon Green. Special thanks must also go to Bill Orson and the History Group as their Character Assessment received special praise from both The Vale and the Inspector. Quite honestly so many people contributed, indeed some no longer living here, who saw the benefits for our village that it would be a huge roll call, but we'll get around to thanking everyone. So thank you one and all.

Our next Meeting is on Weds 8th May, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

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David Kirk - david.kirk@btinternet.com; Paul Aram pvaehpc@gmail.com;

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

Garth Dennill - gdehpc@gmail.com ; Hamish Gowen - hgehpc@gmail.com;

Jen Small - jsehpc@gmail.com. Clerk - Wendy Bates, tel: 07859 924655. Email: clerk@easthanneyparish.gov.uk Website: www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk

At recent EHPC meetings, a defibrillator has been regularly discussed, to be fitted on an external wall - hence available to anyone, anytime! - of the large Sovereign building on the A338 in East Hanney. It was in Item 6 on the Oct 2023 EHPC agenda where it was noted that it had been ordered... delivery and Sovereign's financial contribution were awaited.

This is a joint project between them and EHPC ...very laudable, but sadly it seems to be dragging on a bit with no sign of the defib, many months later.

At the last meeting it was stated that Sovereign, were in possession of said piece of kit, but just hadn't got round to fitting it.

Spurred on by the very nice apology I received from them recently re their vans parking on our shiny new double yellow lines, I rang their press office, and, pretending to be a proper journalist(!) I asked the very helpful press officer, Jonathan Sayers if he would investigate and let me know. I've just received this very prompt response: **"Sovereign understands the importance of the defibrillator to the local community and that is why we need to appoint a specialist electrician to fit it to meet its exacting electrical and medical specifications. We anticipate the fitting to take place in May."**

"Thanks Sovereign!" says pretend journo.

West Hanney Parish Council

Councillors: Chair: David Corps - 867454. Graham Garner - 868684.
Peter Packham - 868038. Vicki Ruston, Ahmed Farrag - 07388 816079.
Barbara Martin (Clerk) - 412742
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Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed by a Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th May at 7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room, HWMH.

This splendid 'King Charles III' bench, just installed on the West Hanney Village Green, is not just pretty to look at. Two of the younger members of our community, Keira and Oliver Pembroke, strike a pose on it, and can confirm that it's also very comfortable!

It has been designated by West Hanney Parish Council - big ups to them - as a 'talking bench', so when you rest your weary bones there, feel free to chat to anyone and everyone who's in the vicinity. The bench is patriotic too, in a nicely understated way, made of sustainable teak from Java. I'm aiming to spend many lazy days there this summer, talking.....to myself if there's no one around!



The Dog Walkers, plus a selection of hounds, set off...Denchworth next stop! All organised - including the sunshine - by the Plough, with tea, coffee and bikkies to start, and a delicious fish pie to finish. Another great community event, at which I had the pleasure of meeting Cameron and Ellie, new to the village and without a dog, but no matter...a big welcome to them and all newcomers to our community! May your stay in Hanney be a long and happy one! And please get involved!



Spotlight on our Village Hall

Why is it called the Hanney War Memorial Hall?

After WW1 a community space was created on land next to the East Hanney allotments with the erection of the Victory Hut.

By the 1960s it was realised that a bigger community venue was required and a huge amount of fund raising was organised by local residents with successful grant applications to fund the building of the Hall.

Additional extensions in the 1980s and 1990s extended the main Hall and kitchen with the addition of sports changing rooms and veranda, the Olde Hanney Room

(function room and bar) and the Community Shop.

The Hall was dedicated to the memory of the villagers who fought and died in the two World Wars and their names are recorded on a roll of honour on the wall in the main Hall.

In recent years, successful grant applications have enabled the Hall Management Committee to install additional insulation, low energy lighting and a very efficient warm air heating system to significantly reduce the Hall's running costs.

The felt roof on the extensions has been replaced, incorporating high spec insulation to further reduce running costs.

Who runs the Hall?

The Hall is a registered charity run by an Operations Committee of volunteers which reports to the Management Committee, made up of representatives of the groups who use the Hall for regular meetings and activities. Many representatives are also Hall Trustees. The Management Committee elects the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary at

the AGM. The Trustees own the building and are responsible for its upkeep and maintenance, although the land is owned by East Hanney Parish Council.

Who uses the Hall?

The main users of the Hall are local groups, clubs and organisations. There is a very wide range of activities and meetings catering for all age groups ranging from NCT meetings and toddlers indoor football to Senior Citizens club and coffee mornings. It is the venue for meetings of both Parish Councils and is the Polling Station in our area.

Many clubs and organisations use the Hall either weekly or monthly, including: Table Tennis, Bridge, Badminton, Pilates, Yoga, Bowls, Wantage Male Voice Choir, Art classes, History Group, Wine Circle, Film Night, Guides, Gardening Club, Fitsteps and the WI.

It is also hired for children's parties and events including weddings, christenings, wakes and fundraising activities.

How can I get more information about the Hall?

You can find out more on the Hall website, hwmb.thehanneys.uk and if you would like to make a booking, just click on the Book Now! link to go to the Booking page.

You can download our current hire charges, Standard Conditions of Hire and Privacy document.

Click on Hallmaster Booking Calendar to visit our online booking system to check availability and make a booking. Once you have made a booking request, that date is held for your booking and we will send you a confirmation email.

Graham Garner





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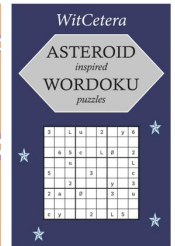
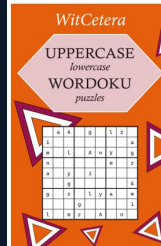
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Wakey Wakey!!

and from the Frilford traffic lights to Marcham. Bill Cotton, OCC's Corporate Director for Environment and Place, said: "We know how important the quality of our roads is to our residents and this significant programme of work will help keep many miles of highways in a better condition for years to come."

Good news, but I may have got the wrong Billy Cotton in the pic. Some of our more mature readers will remember this chap.

Seems like a long while back, but

I'm not going to let the limitations of producing a printed monthly magazine prevent me from saying

a massive **'thank you'** to all the willing volunteers who took part in the recent Litter Pick...see my pics of the pickers brandishing their picks!
T'was indeed a splendid community effort organised by East Hanney Parish Councillor Paul Aram at which four of his fellow councillors joined him, along with villagers, young and old, from both East and West Hanney.



The result of their efforts was this nasty great pile of rubbish, which was soon removed. And whilst these fine folk picked litter, a further 11 volunteers took part in the last Community Woodland monthly working party of the season. Equal big ups to them. They plan to recommence their splendid work in Sept. We'll have details nearer the time.



May I ask you to take a moment to ponder dear reader.....what a great community we live in with folk happy to volunteer to improve our surroundings, even if it means getting down and dirty!

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: 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.
A quick check on the Council website reveals that Juliette has attended 3 of the last 8 meetings....obviously a busy lady!
Sally Povolotsky is our District Councillor: Sally.Povolotsky@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.

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Dear Friends,

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A few days later we started our way down what is probably the deepest valley in the Himalayas. On the left side are the Annapurna range, the 10th highest mountain in the world and on the right side is Dhaulagiri, the 7th highest. Overnighing at very basic trekking lodges we could only marvel at the stunning scenery, watching now again as small avalanches tumbled down the slopes of Annapurna as the warm midday sunshine melted the ice and snow.

Passing through small villages lush with

vegetation we were treated to warm hospitality from the local Nepali population.

We even bathed in the hot thermal springs before beginning the ascent to the top of the pass that would take us out of the valley and back to outside world.

My poor legs now won't allow me to repeat such an adventure, but as I exercise my legs by stumbling along Berry Lane with my walking sticks I give thanks to God that although the lane may not have the stunning views of the Himalaya, it does have beauty.

The early chapters of Genesis tell us that God created this world "God saw that all he had made was very good (1v31)". A world that was given to us "to work and take care of...(2v15)".

It is now clear we have not properly looked after our world but as we each do our bit to help save the planet we can reflect on and enjoy the beauty of the Hanneys and surrounding areas.

*Tim Trimble
Charity Finance Specialist
East Hanney*

SERVICES in May 2024 at St James

Our Sunday Eucharist is celebrated at 9.30am – all are very welcome.

Freshly brewed coffee or tea is served after the service.

Midweek Said Eucharist – Tuesday 21st at 10.00am in the Chancel.

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This from Derek Stork, Chairman of GARD ...

‘Thames Water have been in the news a lot this month, none of it good. We still have no decision from the Secretary of State for DEFRA (Steve Barclay) either on GARD’s call for a Public Inquiry, or on Thames Water’s reservoir plans. You can still write to him at water.resources@defra.gov.uk, label your email ‘Public Inquiry into Thames Water’s WRMP and copy to your MP. Sign our Petition: <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/p/stopTWreservoir> or see the QR code. It asks the Secretary of State to “Stop Thames Water’s costly mega-reservoir – fix the leaks!” Please sign and share as widely as possible. We shall soon be placing paper forms and boxes in local venues as well.

We continue our exciting research into ‘Biodiversity and Habitat’ on the Reservoir Site, moving on from trees to hedges and water ways. If you have some knowledge of biodiversity and would like to help us with this for the Public Inquiry, please contact us gard.secretary@gmail.com

Please copy gard.secretary@gmail.com into any correspondence and see the website for developments <https://www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk/>

Fri 24th May - GARD’s Annual General Meeting, Steventon Village Hall, 8pm. Please come for a full update on our campaign.

Details for contacting your MP on page 10, and see page 14 for more on Thames Water.



‘Calling all Knitters’would you like to knit for Cancer Research?

Wool, patterns and knitting needles are all provided. If interested, please contact Dulcie Parfoot on 01235 868470. With the help of all our invaluable volunteers and supporters, we made £2,400 for Cancer Research UK last year - massive thanks to you all!



10 members of **Lechlade Art Society**
venue 498 **4-12 May at Buscot Park**
Buscot Park Road, Faringdon, SN7 8BU
open 2 - 6pm admission free to exhibition

ALSO: **Jill SMITH and Patsy JONES**
venues 488 & 489 **7-11, 13-18 and 20-25 May 2024**



at the **Vale and Downland Museum**
Church Street, Wantage, OX12 8BL
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open from 12.30 on Tues 7th
closing 3pm on Sat 25th
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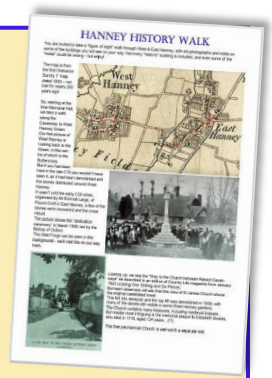
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2nd - **Wendy Grant**
3rd - **M Johnson**
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First produced a few years back - at the time of Covid - with the help of the History Group, they rapidly sold out. A rather misleading phrase actually, since they were - and still are! - free!!

The author, Sir Andy of Robertson and Historicals, and I decided it was time for a reprint, so Hanney News stumped up the dosh needed. Brochures are available from the Community Shop, the Village Hall foyer, our pubs or direct from me here at Global HQ. I can deliver in Hanney.



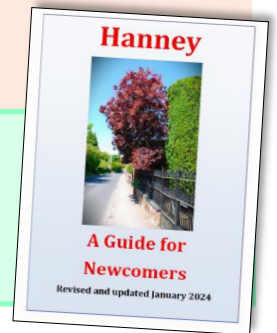
Thames Water (TW) have produced a brochure telling us about the reservoir they want to build twixt East Hanney and Steventon. We know TW have got problems with dealing with sewage, since some of it makes its way onto our streets, and they also struggle with a massive debt that's even bigger than the pile of poo! (Apolos if you're reading this whilst eating your Cornflakes!) It's all a bit of a mess frankly, but clearly some folk in the organisation are determined to push through this very ambitious and not universally popular plan.

Meantime, a journalist from the Times rang me the other day to talk about the community's feelings re the reservoir proposals. The upshot of engaging with this inquisitive fellow was that the next day I ended up standing in a flooded field just off the A338 with Derek Stork, the brains of GARD. (page 13.) We were being frozen in time by a photographer from the Times! A slightly surreal way to spend a Friday morning, and a good job I had my wellies, but not altogether unpleasant. A belated start to a modelling career perhaps?



The article is now out online. Google [thetimes.co.uk will humphries](https://www.thetimes.co.uk) and click on the first entry. That'll take you to the article and the pic of Derek Stork and I - him on the right - both of us looking mean, moody and magnificent if a little damp and windswept! Derek didn't have his wellies with him, so he couldn't join me in the rather big puddle!

Our recently updated 'Guide to Hanney' is now available digitally, as a PDF via the Hanneys website ... see back cover. We still have plenty of paper copies of course, available in our Community Shop, the foyer of our Village Hall or direct from me here at Global HQ!





Here's a lovely photo of our playground fox with a beautiful rainbow arching over him....or her? Not sure of the fox's gender, nor if he/she has a name? How about a 'Name the Fox' competition? It's a great pic by talented Hanney resident Flora Scobie...thanks to her for allowing me to pop it in the mag!

And Flora's not just handy with a box brownie...she also makes beautiful clothes for little folk. Check out her website here: <https://www.bumblebotsclothing.com/> She'll be at the WI Craft Fayre on 18th May, which I'm sure will showcase the talents of many local folk, and will be well worth a visit (see front cover.)

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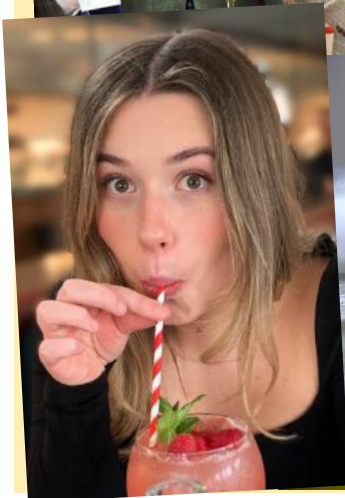


Darlings, me again! And I bring glad tidings....the Plough at West Hanney has gone and won another award!

This time it's Prestige's 'Best Pub in the South of England,' and here are a few snaps from the event, which was somewhere by the seaside. Owain, Luke, Erin and Liv made a day of it and ended up in the sea - yes really! - that's Owain and Erin enjoying(?) the waves. You can't mistake that silhouette and the red shorts can you! Rather than me darlings, but massive congrat kisses to my favourite cuddly Welshman and his gang!

Check out the Prestige website here: <https://prestigeawards.co.uk/> and you'll get an idea of how big a deal this is!

The normally shy and retiring Owain had this to say after the award... *"As far as days go this has to be up there with one of the best! So blown away to be voted the best pub in the south of England! Genuinely speechless! Our team are incredible we bloody love you guys! Thanks so much! And to our incredible Guests! We are going to celebrate this big time."* More good news in next month's column, assuming Editor Jim gives me one! I do hope so!





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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your truly wonderful magazine!

The picture published on page 19 - (Feb issue) - showing the laying of the 'foundation' stone of the Hanney War Memorial Hall - identifies a slightly stout old chap in a cloth cap, and prominently viewing proceedings, as being **Mr Sidney Gale**. Sidney was my Mother-in-Law's Father. He was born in 1894 in Brightwell, Berkshire and married Florence Dunn, from Highworth, Wiltshire.

They moved to Berry Lane, East Hanney, where they had (at least) three children Patricia, Jean and Molly.

One daughter Patricia Gale married John Weedon, from Ewelme, and they had a single child, Gillian, eventually my wife and Administrator, Oxford University Theoretical Physics Department and the Atlas Computer Laboratory, Harwell.

For a while all three generations lived together in Berry Lane, before emigrating

together to No 7 School Road, West Hanney. Patricia, Jean, Molly and Gillian (in turn) all attended St James Church of England Primary School.

John Weedon served the entire Second World War in the RAF, ending up in Burma, and eventually retired to garden (his first love) at various local large houses, such as Denchworth and Charney Manors.

Patricia's sister, Jean, married Doug Hamblin, who was the international rally driver Paddy Hopkirk's Mini Cooper engineer. But Doug died in a car accident on his way to the 1964 Monte Carlo Rally - which Paddy won - and Jean later married a local builder, Arthur 'John' Danbury, and they lived in Grove.

Yours sincerely, Keith Dancey

Ed's note...Many thanks Keith, and glad you approve of the mag! I'm sure many readers will remember some of the folk you mention.

History Snippets.

'JP Barretts' was a West Hanney-based building company that was started back in the 1800s by John Barrett who was born around 1840.

In 1881 his son, John Parker Barrett, was a 15 year old mason's labourer. He took over the business at some point, with his sons Leonard and Roy

doing the same in the early 1900s. JP Barrett died in 1944. Whilst ex-employees are still with us it would be great if a detailed history of the company was put together - maybe a project for the History Group? I've come by three lovely old snaps that would certainly be included. The first - above - is of the Barrett's team who built Wantage hospital back in 1926. A fine bunch, all wearing hats, and some of whom, I assume, would have seen action in the First World War which had finished a mere eight years before. (Many thanks to John Spindloe, a retired Barrett's employee, for the above info.)



History Snippets

(continued). This pic is of Barrett's football team from about 1955, and thanks to the amazing memories of some of the more mature members of our community, I can give you their names. Standing, left to right, Trevor Herman, Ron Culley, Ian Herman, Wilf Barrow, Alan Wilkins and Bert Rawlings. Kneeling,



front: Wilf Shepherd, Frank Bunce, Curley Joyce, Brian Kerman and David Watkins. Talking of wars, Wilf Barrow lost his left arm in World War Two. He was a Grenadier Guardsman and was hit by a sniper. He worked for Barretts as a carpenter and joiner before the war and when he returned after the conflict they employed him as a painter, figuring that was essentially a one-handed job. This change didn't really suit him much and after not long he returned to carpentry.

One of his colleagues at the time, John Spindloe, whom I'm honoured to count as a friend, assured me that Wilf was perfectly capable of carrying out the work as a carpenter joiner just as well as any of his fellow workers!

Wilf was also a pretty good footballer, and again did not allow the loss of his arm to limit him in that regard. In fact, as well as playing for the Barretts team, Wilf was also a member of the all conquering Hanney Utd teams of the late 1930s and the 1940s. I've got some great pics of those teams that I hope to find room for in future issues.

(Some hang proudly in the Plough.) I'm assured that they played football to a very high standard indeed. And I imagine they didn't indulge much, if at all, in the current hideous trend that has overtaken the modern game of players writhing around in agony having received the mildest of knocks or bumps!

Finally, a super little snap of a Barretts lorry full of children! A wild guess is that this would have ben in the 1970s/80s. I'm pretty sure the pic was taken on Church St, West Hanney, with the Plough just out of shot behind and to the left. On their way to a party or summer fete in East Hanney maybe, with the lorry acting as taxi for the West Hanney children?



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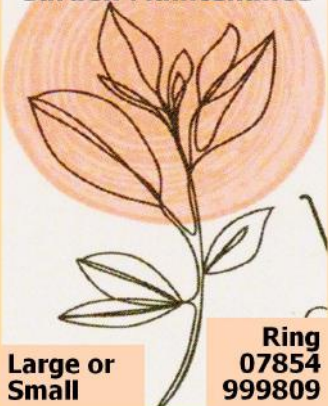
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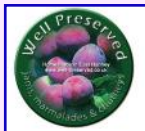
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Clubs and Societies

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

HANNEY BOWLS CLUB - Thursdays 2.00-4.00pm. Contact Alan Savage on 07757 394776

HANNEY BROWNIES (girls aged 7-10) and GUIDES (aged 10-14) meet on Mondays 6:00-7:30pm in Hanney War Memorial Hall.
1sthaneyguides@oxfordshiregirlguiding.org.uk
Clare Green 07845 047990

RAINBOWS (girls aged 4-7) meet in Grove on Thursdays 6-7pm or alternate Saturdays 10-12. Register your daughter or join as a volunteer at 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 & BEAVERS, Contact Steve Houseman stevehouseman@kascouts.org.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 Meets on 2nd and 4th Sats of each month, 10.00, at Hanney WMH. New cyclists warmly welcomed for recreational local cycling with essential coffee stop!! Call Adrian on 868340 or email adrianbodimeade@hotmail.com

HANNEY WINE CIRCLE meets on the 2nd Monday each month:
www.hanneywinecircle.org.uk

...and there's
more!!

**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.

HARMONY SINGING on Thursdays with SJS, one of Oxon's oldest male-voice a cappella groups (6 of us) Rich treasury of 4-part songs; learn from the inside and make a difference. East Hanney, 8-10pm; pint at the Black Horse later. David Gahan 868933

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

ST JAMES SCHOOL HELPING HANDS:
helpinghandshannee@gmail.com

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 : 10am - 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 CLASSES: Wednesday mornings, 8.30am - 9.20am, followed by another from 9.30am - 10.30am, and an evening class from 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-pilates.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

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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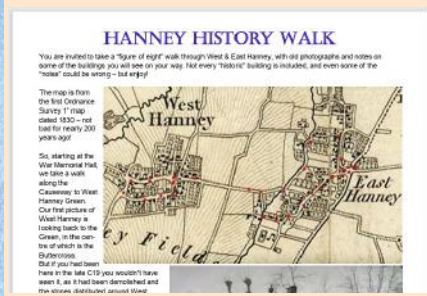
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