



# Hanneley News

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**One of the heroes of Hanney's Under Tens** George Bevan recently met a hero of Oxford Utd's grown up and promotion-winning team, Josh Murphy! Sad news is that Josh has moved on to Portsmouth after the end of his contract with United, but I'm sure George enjoyed meeting him. His Mum, Leanne told me Josh was... 'very friendly and took time to speak to the boys and parents, shake hands and have photos taken.'  
More on Hanney Youth FC on page15.

**No, these gents weren't the security team** at the recent **Thames Water (TW)** event at the R.B. Legion, tho' there were a couple of fellas in that role, who told me they weren't expecting trouble! Sadly, when I asked them to strike a pose for Hanney News, they politely refused, so you'll have to make do with these two hunks - actually East Hanney Parish Council Chair Steve McKechnie (on the left) and Vice Chair David Kirk.

As for the event itself? Well, lots of pretty pics on display boards, along with smiley TW folk reassuring us that all will be well once the reservoir is built, and that there's fish and chips for tea! Actually, they didn't say that last bit...I made it up!

## Date for your diary....

**Hanneley MINI Michaelmas Fayre - Sunday 29th September from 2pm on Church Green. A different Fayre for 2024. A relaxing Sunday afternoon, listening to the much-loved Wantage Silver Band, enjoying a WI Tea, browsing some wonderful stalls and fun activities - and hopefully some late sun (better late than never!!)**  
**A chance to relax, unwind, meet friends and have a bit of fun.**

## Editorial

Welcome to August's issue of the best parish mag in the...you know the rest!

As I write, it's dull and a bit rainy. Oh dear.... we still await a proper Summer like wot we used to have!

Following the recent general election, what we certainly do now have is a new government, and a new MP here in our constituency. You can meet him on page 16.

We also have new residents in our community... I've already had the pleasure of meeting Don and Dolores and Simona and Daniel.

We welcome all newbies, wish them long and happy stays, and hope that, once they've settled in, they'll get involved in our community in whatever way floats their canoes!

Sadly that didn't happen last month when I gave a front page intro to Gareth and Donna, the new tenants at the Black Horse. As I went to press they were indeed installed in the pub, but by the time Hanney News dropped through your letter box, they'd gone!

I know not the circumstances, but new tenants, Paul and Mark, have already taken over, and I met them y'day. We at Global HQ pass on the same good wishes to them as we did to their immediate predecessors. Hope I'm not tempting fate here!

Many of us know Stuart Cakebread, who amongst his many roles, is one of the two St James Churchwardens, along with Chris Reason. The church sends me an article each month for inclusion, and on page 12, you can read Stuart's first ever 'pearls'. Check out our faintly bizarre 'Name the Watering Can' competition on page

18....yes really!...and please note, it's not my idea. Credit for that goes to Sir Clive of Ward and Community Shop! Comp iss free to enter, with fab prizes to be won!

Serious bit... I have had reason to get up close and personal with our NHS on three separate occasions recently and every time the service, care and courtesy I have received has been superb. The NHS get a lot of criticism, and yes, there are obviously very major problems that need sorting, but at a local level they are amazing, with some lovely, dedicated and hard-working staff.

You may have heard the rumour that someone had stolen our Community Wheelchair. Folks were undoubtedly and rightly angry but I'm pleased to confirm that it was not true. That's good to know. The story appeared on our community Facebook page, due, I believe, to a misunderstanding about where the wheelchair was actually kept.

We welcome two new advertisers this month, 'AT Autos' and 'Bark and Purr Grooming'. Here's hoping your ads prove cost effective, and thank you for supporting your local parish mag. We rely totally on our advertisers to fund our only expense, our printing costs. The annual sums we receive from our other regular contributors cover about two-thirds of just one month's costs.

Ok friends, enough for now... 'See you in September' as that song lyric goes. It was originally by the Tempos and also covered by others including the Chiffons, Gerry and the Pacemakers - think Pacemaker meant something different back in the 60's! - and Trombones Unlimited. I'll pass on that last version....no offence trombonists!

**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](mailto:hanneynews@gmail.com)

## What's happening this month....

**Sat 3rd, 1pm - 4.30pm, Letcombe Valley Wildlife Discovery Day.** See page 10

**Sun 25th, 3pm, Village Hall, Cream Teas, serenaded by the Wantage Male Voice Choir...**see page 4

## And further ahead ...

**Monday 2nd Sept. Village Hall, 7.30 for 8pm - Hanney Gardening Club**, a talk on 'Growing Vegetables in Small Spaces' by Robert Longstaff of the Oxford Garden Project and our AGM. Non-members welcome.

**Sat 7th Sept, 10am - 10pm, Fun and Music in the Park, Abingdon**, see page 10 .

**Thurs 26th Sept, 2.30pm, Village Hall, Senior Citizens, Tea and Talk...** 'The Wit and Satire of Gilbert and Sullivan' with music.

**Sat 28th Sept - Family Bingo Fundraiser at Hanney RBL** - Doors open from 6pm -Eyes down strictly at 7pm - Please bring dabbers! Limited parking available so please be mindful of the neighbours and park at the village hall and walk round. See page 8.

**Sun 29th Sept 11am, The Hanney 5K Road Race**, starts and finishes at Village Hall. Anyone can enter....details here....<https://oxfordcityac.com/competitions/hanney-5/>

**Sun 29th Sept, 2pm Hanney Mini Michaelmas Fayre**, Church Green, West Hanney, see front cover.

**Monday 7th October, Village Hall, 7.30 for 8pm - Hanney Gardening Club**, Rosy Hardy of Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants, and winner of 24 Chelsea Gold medals, talks about Seasonal Flowering Perennials - includes plants for sale. Guests welcome.

**Thurs 24th Oct, 2.30pm Village Hall, Senior Citizens, Tea and Talk...** 'The illustrators of Wind in the Willows' John Ericson.

**Sun 27th Oct 10am - 3pm, Wantage Market Place...**'Alfred Fest' - celebrating the town's glorious past!

**Mon 28 Oct - 9 Nov: Wantage Literary Festival...** [www.wantageliteraryfestival.co.uk](http://www.wantageliteraryfestival.co.uk)

**Monday 4th November, Village Hall, 7.30 for 8pm . Hanney Gardening Club**, Harriet Rycroft gives a talk on Planting Pots for Winter Interest and Joy. Non-members welcome.

**Sat 23rd Nov, Cancer Research UK**, Table top sale...at Village Hall.

**Thurs 28th Nov, 2.30pm Village Hall, Senior Cits** Tea and talk. Details nearer the time.

**Sun 1st Dec, 10am - 3pm, Christmas Artisan Fair and Market.** Christmas gift ideas and music.

**Fri 6th Dec 4pm - 9pm Dickensian Evening in the Market Place, Wantage.** The town's big Xmas event!

**Thurs 19th Dec, 1pm, Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch**, Village Hall.

## Hanney Lottery

### July Winners:

1st - Jenny Diment

2nd - Mary Courtney

3rd - Wendy Nathan

**Not got a number yet  
or want additional  
numbers?**

**Just call Hilary on  
868590.**

## One of the many jewels in the Hanney Crown is of course our Community Woodland.

Main man for supplying the TLC it needs is Paul Sayers.

All who enjoy it owe him a debt of gratitude! Here's an update he sent out mid-June, and apols I was not able to include it in the July issue.

*'After several months when much of the Woodland has been impassable due to standing water and churned up mud, it is at last drying out a bit. It is now possible to walk all the way around the perimeter, albeit skirting muddy patches in some places. However, the area around the Dudley Iles seat clearing, which has been under water for months with its own resident ducks and moorhens, still has standing water but negotiable in wellies. There was a duck on there this morning!*

*The orchids are, at last, starting to flower but I suspect that there will be far fewer this year due to the weather. We will not be alone, the count of snakeshead fritillaries (*Fritillaria meleagris*) on Iffley meadows was down from 43,000 last year to just 6,000 this year.*

*In contrast, the Community Meadow is looking wonderful with a spectacular array of colourful flowers including buttercups (3 species), rough hawk-bit, red and white clover, hop trefoil and a few ox-eye daisies and pyramidal orchids. If you have not been out there recently, go and have a look.*

*Unfortunately, the dumping strip to the north of the meadow, left behind by Sweetcroft developments and still owned by them is rife with weeds, particularly hemlock and thistles!*

Many thanks Paul...the next Community Woodland working party will be in September. If you want to know more, see Paul's contact details on page 30.

And don't forget the regular Flood Group working parties on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Further details from Clive Manvell [clivemanvell664@mail.com](mailto:clivemanvell664@mail.com), page 30 again.

See also 'Letters' on page 8.

# Cream Teas

at the  
Hanney War Memorial Hall

Wantage Male Voice Choir  
invites one and all to pop into  
the HWMH from 3pm on Sunday  
25th August to enjoy a cream tea,  
accompanied by some songs  
from the choir

Such as: -  
Some Enchanted Evening  
The Farmer's Boy, When I'm 64  
Side by Side, Shenandoah, Let it be Me  
World in Union, Stout Hearted Men  
Bridge Over Troubled Water  
and more!

No entrance fee but a donation towards  
the cream tea would be much appreciated



**‘St James Helping Hands’ have been in touch**, asking me to include the article below. They are a great bunch of folk, and if you can help them in any way, I know they would be very grateful.

*‘Helping Hands are a community group whose purpose is to advance the education of pupils at St James Primary by building relationships between the school and its community and raising money to provide enrichment activities and facilities (and both at the same time as much as possible!).*

*Our fundraising focus this year has been to refurbish the school library, and we are incredibly grateful to all of our volunteers for their time, everyone who has joined in at our events, and for the fantastic donations from across the community. We reached our £10,000 target faster than we imagined meaning the new school library is under construction!*

*Everyone is welcome to join us - not just parents and teachers of our wonderful pupils. From volunteering at one of our events for a couple of hours, coming along to our meetings, organising events, or even taking a board position, there is space for everyone to get involved in a way that works for them.*

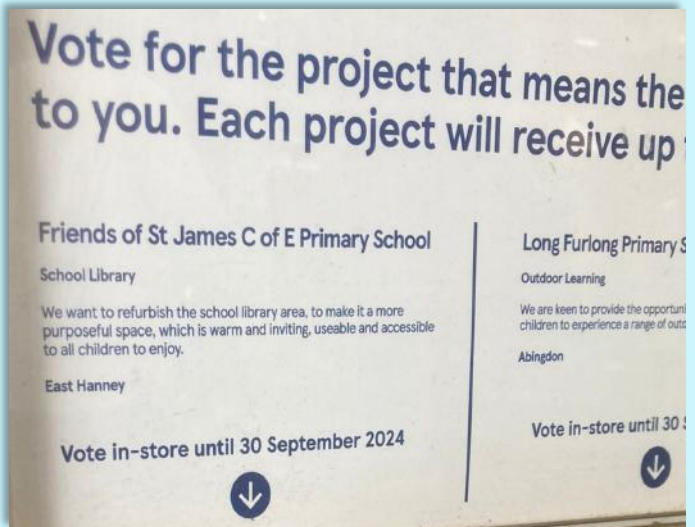
*We would love to have more people from the community who aren't currently formally connected to the school be part of our group - if you're interested in talking more about how you can join in, please email the team on:*



*[helpinghandshanney@gmail.com](mailto:helpinghandshanney@gmail.com), or join our Facebook group to get updates.’*

Meantime, they posted this photo and words on their Facebook page... ‘We are live!! In both Tesco Abingdon stores, and Grove Tesco you will be able to vote for YOUR school! Get voting for St James and tell everybody you know.’

So if you’re shopping in either of those supermarkets before 30th Sept, remember to vote for St James!



## East Hanney Parish Council

This month we have finally been able to have the work carried out on the replacement cricket practice net. For some time, the village has been down to just the single practice net after the old one fell into disrepair.

There is now a completely new second net and base. The plan was to have the dual nets restored earlier this year but unfortunately due to the wet ground that was not possible.

The practice nets are available for everyone to use, not just the good members of the Hanney cricket fraternity. Please make good use of them.

The photos show the new net in development and the complete masterpiece!

**Thames Water (TW)** continue with their consultation for the proposed reservoir. We are opposed to it because of the significant harm that it will cause to the community and our local environment, as well as the significant disruption, should it be given the go ahead.

TW held one of their consultation meetings in East Hanney on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, and on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July Oxford County Council debated and held a vote of no confidence in TW, which was carried 29 votes to nil. The Parish Council was involved in the debate and highlighted some of the issues which are and will be experienced in East Hanney.

We encourage all residents to participate in the TW consultation and give reasons for objection to the planned reservoir.



**Please also sign the petition:** <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/p/stopTWreservoir> which has been organised by **GARD** (Group against the Abingdon Reservoir) to ask The Secretary of State for the Environment to stop **Thames Water's costly mega-reservoir plans** and fix the leaks now so that GARD can send it to the new Minister.

**Our next meeting is on Weds 14th Aug, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.**

(See also page 13.)

**Councillors - Chair: Stephen McKechnie - [smehpc@gmail.com](mailto:smehpc@gmail.com).  
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## West Hanney Parish Council

Councillors: Chair: David Corps - 867454. Graham Garner - 868684.  
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The Parish Council reviewed the feasibility study looking at restoring or creating a number of ponds in West Hanney.

These ponds would be beneficial to our community and to the environment and result in a significant net gain in biodiversity at these sites.

Restoring the historic pond at North Green proved not to be feasible, but a site at Headings Pond adjacent to the historic pond is feasible although the root protection area of the trees constrain its shape and size.

A new pond sited in the community woodland in an area badly affected by ash dieback is feasible and the council decided to proceed with this option.

Further work will be needed before we are in a position to apply for planning permission.

If you would like to be involved in any way with this project please contact David Corps for further information.

**Next Meeting, Weds 4th Sept, 7.30pm, Village Hall**

**Hilary Cakebread Hall has been in touch....** *Thanks to the support and hard work of so many of our community, the Michaelmas Fayre of 2023 awarded grants to St James Primary School for specialist audio books for their new Library, Hanney Guides to enable them to take the girls on a dedicated Adventure Activity session, to Hanney Scouts towards new camping equipment and the Hanney Flood Group for their recent appeal for funds for new equipment. And a contribution towards the long-awaited (and eagerly anticipated!) toilet in the church –more news on this soon!*

**We are now making plans for a 'one-off' MINI Michaelmas Fayre on 29 September and look forward to your on-going support. The Michaelmas Fayre Team.'**

**Hilary also told me that there is a national campaign** running to secure the future of independent pharmacies.

There are sheets to sign at the counter at retail outlets like **Brett's in Grove**, whom Hilary rightly describes as a great local asset - they deliver prescriptions to many of our community, myself included!

(Hilary added that they were the most reliable during Covid, and the Ops Team here in Hanney, of which Hilary was in charge, was eternally grateful to them.)

Apparently, new analysis by the **National Pharmacy Association (NPA)** shows that two thirds of pharmacies in England have had to cut their opening hours since 2015 due to extreme funding pressures, and around 1,400 pharmacies have closed in the past 10 years, with 10 currently closing each week. That's not good.

**You can find Bretts here: 11 Millbrook Square, Grove, Wantage OX12 7JZ  
Phone: 01235 763941**

Dear Editor

Midsummer's Day and still boggy in the heart of the wood but marvellous birdsong, now recognisable (for eejits like me) by a marvellous free download app called 'Merlin'. Learn to tell chiff-chaff from chaffinch, jackdaw from rook, the mighty wren from blackbird and robin and (maybe best) the goldfinch which wants to be both heard and seen. Our wonderful wood is home to all these plus more and takes on a new dimension when you can recognise a few.

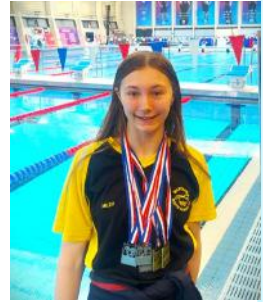
*David Gahan, West Hanney*

Dear Editor

The Hanney Community Shop very kindly donated £300 to Miley to help fund her swimming commitments. This donation came as a complete shock to us all and was apparently decided upon by the shop's committee members.

Miley has of course sent the committee a thank you card but I wanted to thank them publicly if possible too, for recognising the expense of such commitments and also of just that... her commitment is always heart warming.

Miley decided that the donation was best spent on her upcoming GB trip in November in York - on her 14th birthday!



*Laura Lolly Bligdon, East Hanney*

**Family Bingo Fund-raiser night, Saturday 28th September 2024 Hanney Royal British Legion.**

This from organiser Laura Bligdon, the Wantage White Horse Swimming Club's Welfare Officer...



*proceeds go directly to Wantage White Horse Swimming Club to help fund much needed coaches and equipment. Any donations will be greatly received, INCLUDING any hampers that could be re-used.*

*To donate please contact Laura on:*

*'Limited parking available so please be mindful of the neighbours and park at the village hall and walk round.*

*Doors open from 6pm - Eyes down strictly at 7pm - Please bring dabbers!!*

*Bingo tickets £12.50 a book Raffle tickets £5 each. Lots of amazing prizes to be won, including signed football boots and a signed photo from Josh Murphy, a set of signed AP racing photos, pamper hampers, days out, meal vouchers and much much more!! You have to be in it to win it All*

*Laura.brawn13@gmail.com or on 07531859169 '*

*Laura told me that last year's event - attended by 100 folk - raised £1,600! That made a huge difference to the finances of this small local club, which is run by volunteers, and has around 80 kids, all swimming at a competitive level. Do try and get along to their fundraiser, and don't forget your dabber!*



Age UK Oxfordshire, have been in touch, and asked me to include the following....



*'Age UK Oxfordshire is a local independent charity supporting older people in Oxfordshire. We have a variety of services available to help you to live independently and live life to the full. Our services range from support at home to helping link you into your community, from foot care clinics to exercise classes. We offer a free information and advice helpline, as well as one-to-one support if you have been a victim of a scam. To find out more about how we can support you, please visit our website here:*

**[www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire), call 0345 450 1276 or email: [contactus@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:contactus@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk)**

Age UK added that.... *'Amongst older people there is a significant 'digital divide'. 40% of those 75+, and 12% of those 65-74 are not online, meaning that there are over 25,000 local older people who we here at Age UK cannot reach through online channels.*

*We're hoping that by listing our organisation in your local publication we could reach more people offline, enabling us to support more local older people.*

*We have the services and teams in place to support older people within your community, so we would love to ensure that they are benefiting from our support!'*

Thanks to all the Age UK folk who work hard to ensure that their organisation helps those in need.

(The statistic re the relatively large number of older folk who are not 'online' is one of the reasons I'm keen to keep Hanney News available as a paper copy and delivered each month to every home in East and West Hanney, Charney Bassett, Denchworth and Lyford.

A good opportunity methinks to thank again all our distributors, headed by big chief Paul Haines. Thanks to all!)

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# Letcombe Valley Wildlife Discovery Day

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## Changing Times

Our lives do not pass down straight, narrow paths. We experience good and bad days. Some years we recall with warmth and others with gratitude for no longer having to endure them.

Our relationships develop and change. We hope they will flourish but sometimes they founder. Ideas and beliefs we once cherished become regrets and objects of remorse. Though despair can turn into hope and indifference into love.

And part of our journey is to listen, watch and try to understand. What may once have escaped our notice can move into our hearts.

And we can nurture generosity of spirit so as to allow that an opponent in debate was right. Be ready to accept another's conduct was just a mistake or was from the best of motives.

We may pause to ask ourselves whether we have inadvertently, or intentionally, ignored the plight of our neighbour or even a stranger. We may reflect on why we didn't bother to ask the reason for another's despair, or what the thoughts are of a refugee who has had to flee their homeland to escape deadly peril.

If any of these things resonate then be consoled that none of it is new.

The early Christians knew and wrote about them. They asked and sometimes failed to ask all the same questions. They did the right things when they weren't doing the wrong ones. They debated with each other generously when they weren't accusing each other of heresy. They looked after their neighbour as Jesus had told them when they weren't just looking after themselves. They had compassion for each other when they weren't arguing about a right or wrong religious practice.

And has anything changed over two millennia?

You could be forgiven for believing, at least in our society, it has. Our welfare state looks after our neighbour when we cannot. Racism and its like does not come with the courtesy of state approval. People with mental health challenges aren't ostracised. Homophobia only rears its ugly head in the shadows.

And it seems that even refugees will no longer to be treated as criminals.

*Stuart Cakebread*

### **SERVICES in August 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.**

4th – Revd. Velma Oxley, 11th - Revd. Alec Gill,  
18th - Revd. Geoff Maughan, 25th - to be confirmed.

**No Midweek Said Eucharist in August.**



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## Last month's article

from East Hanney Parish Council referred to this recently installed and beautiful bench in Ebbs Lane, in a quiet and secluded spot.

I wasn't sure exactly where it was, so set off to try and find it.

Success!...walk up Ebbs Lane from the village

green in East Hanney. After less than 100 yards is a small turning on the left.

Look for the cream-coloured gable end of a lovely stone cottage as you turn into the road. It will be on your right.



Turn left again and now with your back to the gable end of the cottage, head across the patch of grass, trees and undergrowth.

In front of the far wall is located the bench on which you can sit in peace!

The image depicted on the bench is, I think, from the

1914 - 1918 World War, and the pic below shows the children of Hanney School in 1913, the year before it started.

I wonder how it affected their lives as they grew up, and whether any of them served in the conflict in its later years.?



## Our Letcombe Brook is a very

**special chalk stream** - not many of them around - and you can read all about it here:

[letcombebrook.org.uk/](http://letcombebrook.org.uk/)

To help maintain and manage this precious resource, it is important that dogs - much as we love 'em - are not allowed in it. (See the photo of the sign regarding the water voles who've already made it their home.)

The other day a gent did allow his hounds into the brook, and when the rule/advice/request - whatever you want to call it - was politely pointed out to him, I gather he simply reverted to language most impolite that fell far short of the King's English.

That's a shame.... we all have a responsibility to help look after the brook as it flows through Hanney.

Following an enquiry I made to the Letcombe Brook Project - the great folk who look after it for us all - I received this from Jude, aka Judith Verdon, their Project Officer....

*'The Letcombe Brook Project has no powers to stop dog owners from letting their dogs swim in the brook. However, due to the presence of water voles (particularly in*

**A little known fact...**Before she died nearly two years ago, Her Right Royal Madgeness, Queen Lizzie of Crown and Corgis, was a regular visitor to the Letcombe brook.

(See my snap of her standing on the newish bridge over the brook near the Lower Mill and Poughly Farm.)

And no, spoilt little mutts as they undoubtedly were, she certainly didn't allow her tubby little corgis into the brook! Thanks Madge!



## Letcombe Brook Project



*East Hanney), which are an endangered and protected species, we do approach dog owners to ask them to keep their dogs out of the brook and off the banks so as to minimise the disturbance to this important but vulnerable population. Dogs can also introduce harmful chemicals into the water if they have been treated with flea/tick treatment: see [Pet treatments could be harming freshwater life](#) — [Freshwater Biological Association \(fba.org.uk\)](#)*

*This is another good reason to ask people to keep their dogs out of watercourses.'*

Thanks for this Jude, and for all your efforts regarding the brook!

So, whilst your doggies may enjoy a splash about in the brook, I'm sure they would understand if you explained to them why they are not allowed in it!



## We here at Global

**HQ** send massive big ups to all involved with Hanney Youth Football Club's recent mega-tournament, held annually here in Hanney. A huge job to organise, but apart from the odd problem with parking, it went really well.

In my humble, it is great to see youngsters, boys and girls together, out in the fresh air having fun, making friends and learning all sorts of life lessons rather than being cooped up indoors playing - moronic? - computer games!

Here's what a mum of one of the player's posted on the jolly old Facebook thingie....  
*'The last few weeks have been mental, tournaments, awards, academies, meeting*



*players. I often have 'Mum guilt' about a picnic in the car for dinner & rushing around, but the boys are making memories doing what they LOVE.*

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*'Nuff said!!!!*

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## Our political chums - Our MP.

As you're probably aware, we've got a new chap, Olly Glover, a gent of the 'Lib Dem' persuasion. Here's some info on him from his website...

Olly lives in Milton and is a senior consultant working on improving railways. He is a parish councillor in his village, and a town councillor in Didcot. He also volunteers as a visitor to people living with Motor Neurone Disease. Through his work and volunteering, Olly has a long record of serving the public and understanding people's needs and frustrations. His priorities for the constituency are holding the government to account during the cost of living crisis, improving access to healthcare, and ensuring our schools are properly funded.



To contact him, email:

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**(Please note how our Editor has changed the background fill colour to something a little more appropriate for the new boy, to whom we wish the very best in his vital role!)**

**Juliette Ash remains our County Councillor**...her contact details: c/o County Hall, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1ND. Email: [juliette.ash@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:juliette.ash@oxfordshire.gov.uk). [www.julietteash.co.uk](http://www.julietteash.co.uk). And the very hard working **Sally Povolotsky remains our District Councillor**: [Sally.Povolotsky@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:Sally.Povolotsky@whitehorsedc.gov.uk).

**And for you stats fans**, here's how we all voted.... tho' not all of us actually did of course. Our turnout was 68%, which was higher than the overall nationwide figure of 60%, but still some 5% down on last time in 2019

**Liberal Democrat, Olly Glover** - Votes 21,793.

Share 39.8%, Share change +8.5%, **Conservative, David Johnston** - Votes 15,560, Share 28.4%, Share change -

21.4%, **Labour, Mocky Khan** - Votes 8,045, Share 14.7%, Share change -1.3%, **Reform UK, Steve Beatty** -

Votes 6,400, Share 11.7%, **Green, Sam Casey-Rerhaye** - Votes 2,693, Share 4.9%, Share change +4.%, **Social**

**Democratic Party, Kyn Pomlett** - Votes 242, Share 0.4%

Ignoring personal political proclivities - try saying that quickly! - perhaps now is a good time to thank David Johnston for his efforts as our MP until the fine folk of this constituency...well about 70% of us anyway... collectively showed him the exit door.

We of course wish him all the best for the future.

## Last month's photo-riddle



With clowns to the left of me and jokers to the right, I am stuck here in the middle. Of what I know not! Who am I with? I'm with you of course! (Pure coincidence that this appears on the same page as the political stuff!)



**History Snippets**...back in the May issue I included a pic of the Barretts football team and dated it 1955.....apols, I'm reliably informed that it would have been later than that, probably 1960 or soon after. Thanks for the clarification from Wilkie!

This month's pic is of the village fete held in the garden of the house 'Poundcroft' in East Hanney. (That's the property just to the north of La Fontana on the A338 on the same side.) The year was 1922. The Hanney School Headmaster H L Edwardes stands with his wife amongst the many children in fancy dress, some of whom seem to have 'blacked up' faces. Interesting to see how formally dressed the adults were...on the right near the back there appears to be a moustached gent in full army uniform.

The pic below that is of some St James School children, in about 1955?



**West Hanney's Cathy Ward** - the 'Mrs' to 'Mr Clive' of Community Shop fame - has been busy with her pretty little pink watering can to create a lovely display of plants that can be seen outside the aforementioned shop.

When you get a chance, do admire Cathy's magnificent tubs, and our thanks of course go to her and her little pink can!

And to Clive for the rather arty snap he sent me. He included a suggestion...

*'Maybe you could run a competition for the best watering can name ....(Planty McPlantface etc)? First prize: A pink watering can. Second prize: TWO pink watering cans...'*

Nice idea Sir Clive! And so, dear readers, I invite you to submit your entries...no entry fee and you already know the prizes...via the Hanney News email on page 2. Closing date 12th August. Have you ever entered a 'Name a Watering Can' competition before? I thought not, so now's your chance to do so and help make the world a teensie weensie bit madder than it already is!



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(See poster page 19)

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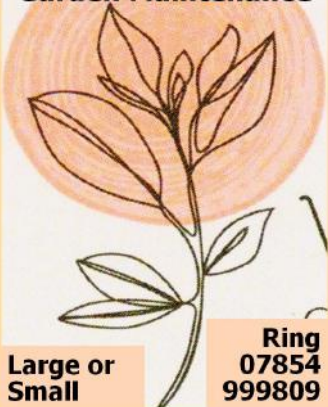
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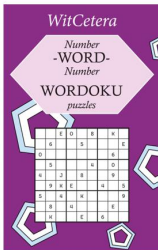
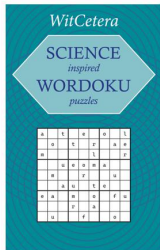
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### **HANNEY BELLRINGERS 'Learn the Ropes'**

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### **HANNEY BOOK CLUB** - 8pm, 1st Thurs of the month, Plough, W. Hanney.

[hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk)

### **HANNEY BOWLS CLUB** - Thursdays 2.00-4.00pm. Contact 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](mailto: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](http://girlguiding.org.uk)

### **HANNEY COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING** in the Village Hall, Tuesdays, 10.00-11.30am. Everyone welcome for tea or coffee - a chat and a raffle. Just turn up!

### **HANNEY COMMUNITY WOODLAND**

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

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

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

[lynmorton89@gmail.com](mailto:lynmorton89@gmail.com)

**HANNEY FLOOD GROUP** hold a monthly working party. Contact Clive Manvell for details -[clivemanvell664@gmail.com](mailto:clivemanvell664@gmail.com), or 01235 868216.

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

**HANNEY GARDENING CLUB** meets on the first Monday of each month, Sept to April, in the HWMH. 7:30 for 8.00pm. Tea and coffee followed by a talk.

[www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk](http://www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk)

**HANNEY HISTORY GROUP.** Meets 8pm on the 4th Monday of every month in the main hall of the Village Hall. For further details and programme visit <http://hanneyhistory.org.uk/>

**HANNEY OCCASIONAL GOLFERS SOCIETY (HOGS)** was formed in 1996, and meets four times a year plus Christmas. HOGS is very much about social golf with all standards welcome. Non golfers/spouses usually join for the evening session when prizes are awarded and 'fines' imposed! Contact 'Poppy' at [andrew.fletcher@rer.co.uk](mailto:andrew.fletcher@rer.co.uk) for further details.

**HANNEY SCOUTS,CUBS & BEAVERS,** Contact Steve Houseman [stevehouse-man@kascouts.org.uk](mailto:stevehouse-man@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](mailto:membership.htc@gmail.com)

....and there's more!!

**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](mailto:adrianbodimeade@hotmail.com)

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

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

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

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

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**WANTAGE CHORAL SOCIETY** rehearses every

Tuesday at C of E School, Newbury St. (next to Comrades Club) at 7.30pm. New voices always welcome. Contact Judy Gibbons 767408,

[www.wantagechoralsociety.co.uk](http://www.wantagechoralsociety.co.uk), email [wantagechoralsociety@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wantagechoralsociety@yahoo.co.uk).

**WANTAGE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION :** 10am - 12noon every Saturday Feb-Sept. See website for details of all they offer.  
[www.wantagegardeners.org.uk](http://www.wantagegardeners.org.uk)

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

**WANTAGE U3A:** Visit our website detailing current activities - [www.u3asites.org.uk/wantage](http://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](mailto:pippa@thrive-pilates.co.uk)

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Revised and updated January 2024

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The map is from the first Ordnance Survey 1" map, dated 1820 - not laid for nearly 200 years ago!

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