



Hanneley News

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IT'S PANTO TIME!

Hanneley Drama Group present

KNIGHT FEVER!

An Arthurian Panto by TLC Creative

Hanneley War Memorial Hall

Thurs 13th Fri 14th Feb at 7.30pm

Sat 15th Feb at 2pm and 7.30pm

Tickets: Evening £10 Matinee £8

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Many folk enjoyed the Christmas Tractor Rally which saw several fantastically decorated tractors chugging round the villages.

The event was organised by Carl and Sue at our great Hanneley Royal British Legion Sports & Social Club, and it raised an incredible £491.32!!

Massive congrats to all involved...
and here's hoping it'll happen again next year!



So darlings, did you move the earth?



More snaps, page 9, and more from Jaunty Jilly - that's her above - page 15

Editorial

As many of you will have heard, late last year we lost Jenny Diment - see photo - the first Editor of Hanney News.

In this issue we carry an obituary on page 19 from her husband Keith, in which he tells of how Jenny was responsible for the first edition of 'modern times', having been asked by Rev Pearce to produce a parish magazine.

Jenny was Editor from Dec. 1975 - a copy of its first issue is on page 18 - until her last in Jan 2001, a total of 302 issues! A truly amazing effort on behalf of our community.

We also recently lost Terry Flynn, he too a much loved local character. His widow Audrey's obituary is on page 17.

At the other end of the 'human life cycle' if I can put it that way, we have a poster on page 5 detailing a great new initiative that has just been set up to help in all matters regarding pregnancy, birth, bringing up little people etc. There's loads of info on their website: www.growfamilies.co.uk We welcome a new advertiser this month - 'Fresh Fitness'...see their ad on page 11. Two letters from the Vicar on page 13, and finally it can be revealed...what happens to your Christmas tree once you've added it to the collection down by the Village Hall...see page 6.

As I write, excitement mounts with the upcoming recording of Gardeners Question



Time, here in the Village Hall. As you read this it will have happened, so sorry if you missed it. As I've said before, limitations of the printed word mean that you won't read about it, or see any snaps till the March issue. Doh!

We have many other great Clubs and Societies in Hanney and one of the lesser known is our Badminton Club...they always welcome new members...see their details on page 14.

Many of us are already frequenting the Black Horse in East Hanney and their ad on page 11 details their opening hours and other info, including a phone number.

Surprising 'Breakfast cereal' news on page 6... my current fave is 'Bite Size Shredded Wheat, though the title's a bit misleading cos they sometimes stick together and need an extra widening of the mandible to get them into what we used to call our 'cakehole'. That's cakehole as in 'Shut your cakehole mush!' Such a snippet of dialogue could have come straight out of a British Gangster movie of the 70's, and was sometimes abbreviated to simply...'Shut it!' Don't expect that in Hanney Film Night's presentation this month...see page 3.

Jaunty Jilly's back on page 15, and so are the bad jokes...pages 8 and 9.

Ok friends, think that's about it for now. See you in March...I'll be a year older and deserving of even more respect!

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....

Monday 3rd - Hanney Gardening Club -Village Hall.7.30 for 8pm. A talk on Spring in the Garden by one of our favourite speakers Timothy Walker. Non -members welcome.

Every Tuesday at the Plough from 4 Feb: 'Fat Tuesdays' 3 small plates, chips and a wine, single mixer or pint £30 for 2 people

Fri 7th Feb, 7.30pm, Village Hall, Hanney Film Nights, proudly presents 'The Wild Robot', a 2024 American animated science fiction adventure. Doors and Bar open 7.30pm, film starts 8pm. Contactless payment only...no cash. £8, £7 concessions

13th - 15th The Hanney Panto!...'Knight Fever' - An Arthurian Panto by TLC Creative. Eve 7.30pm £10 Matinee 2pm £8. Tickets 01235 68780 or karongray99@yahoo.com or Hanney Shop

14th and 15th - The Plough, Valentines Weekend - selection of events to enjoy. For more information, please visit: WWW.THEPLOUGHATHANNEY.CO.UK | 01235 868987

Sat 22nd, Community Woodland Volunteers working party...see page 30 for contact details.

Mon 24th, Village Hall, 8pm, Hanney History Group, 'Eynsham Abbey' a talk by Steve Parrinder.

28th - Hanney News Editor's birthday...cards and gifts welcome.

And further ahead ...

Sat 1st March Classical concert at the University of Oxford Museum of Natural History Doors open at 7:00pm for a prompt 7:30pm start. Details page XXXX

Monday 3rd March - Hanney Gardening Club -Village Hall.7.30 for 8pm. A Buzz in the Garden - a talk about Gardening for Bees by Richard Rickitt - editor of Beecraft and bee-keeper at Westonbirt Arboretum. Non -members welcome.

Sat 22nd March - Annual Hanney-wide Litter Pick...details next month.

Sat 29th March - Cancer Research Fundraiser, Village Hall

Sat 29th March - Community Woodland Volunteers working party...see page 30 for contact details.

Monday 7th April - Hanney Gardening Club. Village Hall 7.30 for 8pm. Nick Bailey - presenter on Gardeners World will be giving a talk on 365 days of Colour in the Garden. Non-members welcome.

Mon 28th April, Hanney History Group - Angie Bolton - 'Rich Pickings in the Oxfordshire Museum, including the Hanney Brooch.

Sunday 11th May - Hanney Gardening Club's annual Big Plant Sale! Village Hall 2pm





'Flexicare are delighted to host the Ivel Trio once again for a magical 'Night in the Museum' classical concert. The trio, comprising of flute,

cello and piano will perform amongst the dinosaurs in the stunning University of Oxford Museum of Natural History on Saturday 1st March 2025. Doors open at 7:00pm for a prompt 7:30pm start.

The performance is followed by a drinks and canapé reception, included in the ticket price of £35.00. Tickets are available from [BIT.LY/3W5ENHY](https://bit.ly/3W5ENHY) (ticketstripe.com) or by emailing events@flexicare.org.

Flexicare is an Oxfordshire charity that has been providing a specialised, ad hoc sitting service for families with a disabled child in Oxford, Abingdon and Wantage and surrounding villages for 40 years.

Your donations help us to continue to provide this unique, vital service.'

We here at Global HQ recently received this lovely 'thank you' card from some of the children at St James School, for our donation towards the purchase of a set of phonics books to help with their reading. Inside the card one of the kids had written ... *'Hanney News to thank you for our new books.'* A grown-up - or a very advanced pupil! - added ... *'It is going to make a huge difference'.* That's great to hear. Whenever we can, let's support our fab and groovy school....another jewel in the Hanney crown!



Yes folks, our very own Luvvies are at it again

...another super Panto production in rehearsal...details on the front cover, which you hopefully have already seen!

(A friend of mine always reads magazines starting at the back, so if that's also your modus operandi, then you won't have seen it yet!)

The above snap was taken

during rehearsals before the costumes turned up, but I'm sure you get the idea!

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Next Meeting Weds 12th Feb, 7.30pm, Village Hall

At the January EHPC

meeting, two gents from Thames Water gave a presentation and took questions. Think the Chuckle Brothers without the humour or the spiky haircuts. There was precious little laughing in fact, but much shaking of heads at the extraordinary claims Paul and Barry Chuckle made. Plenty of great questions, some very probing indeed, but the answers given were unconvincing at the very least. The reservoir was first written about in



1992 in Hanney News, and when Barry Chuckle described the location as 'ideal' for a reservoir - yes, he really did! - I asked him why he thought he was having to come to our little community on a cold,

miserable January night to try and convince us of that 'fact', some 33 + years later! I'm sure that over a pint these two are nice enough fellows, but oh dear, they were woeful the other night.... "To me...to you!" See GARD's piece on page 16

Massive big ups to East Hanney PC for once again

providing a Christmas Tree recycling point....well used again this year I note.

Your much loved tree has stood proudly in the corner of your lounge for some weeks, guarding the massive pile of Chrissie presents underneath and depending on your decorations, maybe twinkling and flashing at you regularly! It has significantly enhanced your Christmas, and naturally, you'll want to know its ultimate fate once you've left it on the pile. Well, finally it can be revealed. Using all my



investigative journalistic skills, I have discovered that a well known global food producer collects the trees, shreds them and then reconstitutes them into a variety of 'delicious' breakfast cereals which then end up on super-

market shelves across the globe!. And yes, the company do have a sense of humour too.....one of their brands of breakfast cereals they've had the nerve to name as 'Shreddies'!

This is recycling at its very best methinks! And who knew? ...You may have eaten last year's tree already?!

West Hanney Parish Council

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Future Meetings - Tues 4th March, Tues 6th May, 7.30pm at the Village Hall

Quick shout out to one of our

advertisers. We here at Global HQ thank all the businesses who support Hanney News with their ads.

One I want to mention this month.....
We had problems over the Christmas

period with our oven here at HQ, so I rang **Keiran Wright** - see his ad on page 29 - on Fri 27th Dec. On Tues 31st he visits...no fuss, no bother, gets the job done, replaces the naughty bit and checks the other functions all for a very reasonable charge! I highly recommend this gent.

Interesting stuff for you

statisticians that I spotted recently on the BBC News website...

949 new homes a year are required by government targets set in 2024 for the Vale of White Horse.

1,218 homes were added per year on average in the Vale since 2021, so nearly 300 more than the new target. 1,130 new homes were added in the year to March 24. And as for our Planners? Well, they granted 82% of planning applications in the year

ending June 2024. This compares with 71% of applications across England overall. Does this suggest they're a bunch of softies, or maybe just that the quality of applications is better? Who knows?

I'm sure it's not just folks who like figures that will find this worth knowing, but also to any of us - there are many - who reckon that all these new houses, as well as providing homes of course, also have some negative effects.

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, the first set up back in 1604!

I am the Chair of the board of Trustees, which includes both current Parish Council Chairs.

If you know anyone who lives in East or West Hanney and is in genuine financial need, please ask them to contact me directly, in strictest confidence.

We are now also working closely with '**Vale Community Impact**' (VCI) so feel free to approach them first if you'd rather. Their website is here: www.vci.org.uk, tel: 01235 765348.

Our charity also considers applications for grants from anyone aged 18 - 25 who is starting full-time further education, and lives in Hanney.

Tel: 01235 867500 or 07762 239681 or email: jimstagg@btinternet.com.

The Hanney Parochial Charity Trust's Charity Commission number is 205792.

Cutting rural crime

Rural crime - specifically defined as things like the theft of farm machinery, equipment, damage to crops and offences such as hare coursing - can have a huge impact on farming businesses, not to mention the real issues of safety for individuals.

Thankfully rural crime is falling locally. Across Thames Valley it is down 24% over the last 12 months and in southern Oxfordshire it's down 33% but that's not by accident.

Last year I secured additional funding from the Home Office for work focussed specifically in Oxfordshire.

Thames Valley Police have teamed up with local District Councils, forming a Rural Crime Partnership and delivering the following:

Using undercover cameras and off-road bikes, officers can now better monitor remote areas and track down offenders who think they can't be reached.

Farmers have received free security reviews and DNA marking kits for their equipment, making it much harder for thieves to get away and easier to return stolen items if something happens.

Rural Crime Advisor: A dedicated advisor was recruited, to be out in the community, offering helpful advice, meeting with local farmers and businesses, and keeping rural industries safer.

Tackling Fly-Tipping: New surveillance tools are helping councils catch and



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prosecute those who dump waste, keeping rural areas cleaner and more beautiful.

More officers have been recruited to the Rural Crime Taskforce, making it one of the largest and certainly one of the most effective in the country. They recognise that many of these offences are part of organised crime.

The taskforce is identifying and focussing on the most dangerous and prolific offenders. In fact they have been so successful that whilst there has been a reduction in crime here, other police areas have seen increases as criminals target other places.

None of us are safe, unless we're all safe; so we've now established a South East Partnership Against Rural Crime - joining together neighbouring police forces so that we can target criminals all the way from the farms they target to the ports where they try to export stolen goods.

With these measures, our rural areas are becoming safer places thanks to the hard work and dedication of Thames Valley Police officers.

Bad Jokes...prepare to groan...

I've had to quit my job as a bus driver. Just got fed up with too many people talking behind my back.

I met Bruce Lee's brother Broca recently. Turns out he's a vegetarian.





Captain Stubbington - standing on the brown matting - orders his troops into action! The reward?... Bacon baps, with Capt. S now officer in charge of the HP Sauce and the Tomato Ketchup bottles...such responsibility, but he's up to it! Joking apart, this was great community event, lovely to see on a cold Sunday morning when the earth really was moved - Jaunty Jilly wasn't exaggerating on the front cover! - to shore up the bank of the Letcombe Brook by the iron bridge in East Hanney. Big ups to all who volunteered, and to the fab and groovy East Hanney Parish Council, who organised, wielded shovels and wheelbarrows alongside all the other participants and supplied those delicious looking bacon baps!



Keep groaning! I told my doctor I thought I was a kleptomaniac tortoise. He told me to take things slowly.

My car wouldn't start this morning. I looked under the bonnet and saw a bat sitting on the engine. "Good day to you Sir," he said "and might I remark how dashingly handsome you look today?" I knew the problem straight away...bat flattery.

I'm always pleased to have an opportunity

to mention in these pages the joys - there are many - of living in Hanney.

One of them is the smorgasbord of delights that await any folk who visit our eating and drinking establishments, The Plough, Black Horse, Hanney Spice, La Fontana and the Legion. But dear connoisseurs of fine fayre and plentiful libations, t'was not always thus! In a rather odd little book, published in 1957, titled 'Progress Notes of Warden



Woodward for the Wiltshire Estates of New College, Oxford, 1659 - 1675' is to be found this 'delightful' little piece, a description of a visit to Hanney made on Friday 18th Sept 1668.... *'On that day in the morning about 9 of the clocke after a meane breakfast and entertainment at Hanney (the beere stanke and as they said had maggots in it: wee borrowed some bottles of widow Dunesdun.'* Where such a libation was served 357 years ago is not specified!

Speedwatch... Many folk have been asking what happens if our ever eager Community Speedwatch team do record you as 'speeding' and dob you in with the Police.

Well, firstly, you'll need to have been travelling at 26mph or above in a 20mph limit to earn their attention, which is not that much slower than the previous 30mph limit in my humble, so it's not exactly a big ask to lower your speed a tad!

'So what will be my fate Mr Editor?' I hear you ask, 'and will you come and visit me in prison regularly, bringing a copy of Hanney News with you? Ten years is a long time after all!!'

I'm exaggerating slightly... you'll actually just get a letter, and only after your third offence will you get a visit. I quote from the Speedwatch Newsletter -



'A motorist can receive three graduated letters over a rolling six month period; a third transgression will lead to a visit by a Roads Policing Officer to discuss driving behaviour. If a motorist is 50% over the specified limit, they will automatically receive an 'Excess 50%' letter, and if the motorist is detected at twice the specified speed limit, it will be flagged for a Roads Policing visit as soon as possible.'

This all sounds very reasonable to me...you need be naughty three times in six months, to get a visit from a 'Roads Policing Officer'. Now I reckon offering them a nice hot cuppa and a few chocolate digestives should ensure you just get a ticking off, so no need just yet to pack a big bag for a long spell at His Majesty's pleasure!

Tree planting and litter picking...through the Woodland Trust, East Hanney Parish Council (EHPC) has been granted 400 trees to plant. There will be an organised event in March to plant the trees - more details to follow. They are looking for ideas to label your own tree - any ideas let them know....contact detail page 6.



Don't forget that the annual litter pick also happens soon - March 22nd - and volunteers are welcome - we had a fantastic team last year with over 30 litter pickers working their way around both villages. Pic is from last year... pretty coloured bags, but nasty stuff inside! Details on both the above next month.

Ian, Jacqui and the

Black Horse

team would like to thank everyone for their support during our opening month.

The weather is getting colder, and if you don't feel like cooking, come and relax by our roaring log fire and try some of our 'Winter Warmer Specials'.

Coming soon...Quiz, Steak Night

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I wonder what you feel about February? It can feel like just another month of winter to get through before March comes and we can start to enjoy Spring. Not my favourite month!

Those of us who enjoy gardening will be especially aware of waiting for Spring to come. And all of us will look forward to lighter mornings and a change from long dark winter evenings.

None of us likes waiting. If we are waiting for exam results or the result of a job application it can be an anxious time. Or if we are waiting for a bus on a cold wet night after just missing the previous one, it can be frustrating!

Some kinds of waiting can be more positive. For example waiting in pregnancy for a longed for child can be a joyful kind of waiting. However even this is not without anxiety, and in the later stages there can be a yearning to hurry up and get there!

But on the negative side, waiting a long time for much needed surgery can be painful, distressing and debilitating.

How do we cope with waiting? Perhaps sometimes by realising that during a waiting period, there can still be many good things in life. It was Francis Bacon, the sixteenth century philosopher, who wisely

pointed out:

“Prosperity is not without many fears and distastes; and adversity is not without comforts and hopes.”

Even in a difficult time of waiting, we may still find “comforts and hopes”. Perhaps the trick is to notice them and still enjoy them, even when life is difficult.

“Comforts” may come especially from the loving support of friends or family, which can make a huge difference.

What about “hopes”? Sometimes we can start to see signs of better things to come, and our hopes for the future begin to feel closer and more possible. Like seeing early Spring flowers in February - or even the snowdrops which are already flowering as I write this in January – all giving us a sense of the promise of Spring to come

Waiting can be frustrating and demoralising. But if it is not too painful, and we can look around for positive signs for the future, it can begin to turn into hopeful anticipation.

May we enjoy fresh spring times, not only in the weather, but also in our lives.

Charles Draper (retired Vicar living in East Hanney)

SERVICES in February 2025 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

2nd – Revd Charles Draper, 9th Revd Alec Gill,

16th - Revd Velma Oxley, 23rd – Revd Geoff Maughan.

On Sunday 9th February, Hanney's new vicar, Revd Alec Gill will conduct his first service as Vicar - and we will give him his 'tools of office' like the church keys!

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Dear Editor,

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas appeal to support Wantage & Grove Foodbank and the St Martins-in-the-Fields, the charity that gives grants to prevent people from being evicted from their home or helps them pay the deposit to secure a roof over their head. Hanney raised £964.85 – with every penny from all our Christmas services or given via our QR code over the Christmas season being divided equally, thus we have sent £482.43 to each of them.

On behalf of all at St James Church – THANK YOU!!!!

God bless,

Alec, Vicar St James Hanney and the Vale Benefice.

Dear Editor,

On behalf of all at St James Church and the many who came to any our Christmas services, thank you to all those who helped to make it very special – all those who helped decorate the church, ring our bells, the Carol Service choir and many others who help in all sorts of ways.

It was a wonderful time for the village to come together in celebration.

God bless,

Alec, Vicar – Hanney and the Vale Benefice

Hanney Lottery January Winners

1st - Liz Orson

2nd - Cath Carter

3rd - Wanda Oberman

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A much loved long term local East Hanney resident, Marion Carter, recently celebrated a very special birthday.

Amongst her pressies was this rather alluring lingerie item, though it gave the game away regarding her age!



Meantime, see pic below, the Senior Citizens enjoyed their Christmas lunch at the Village Hall. Big thanks to the lovely folk who run the Senior Cits and the caterers who dished up some pretty good traditional Christmas tucker.



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Prices start at just £30 for 12 issues.



Remember that New Year's Resolution to get more active in 2025?

Well, Hanney Badminton Club has a friendly way of getting some exercise every Thursday evening in the Village Hall.

We need more players, and we welcome ladies and gentlemen of all ages, youth to senior, and of all standards who need that exercise.

Call 01235 868256 for more information.

Mike Hutchings

Our political chums

MP - Olly Glover. His email - olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk

He's also on the jolly old FaceAche.. www.facebook.com/OllyGloverLD

Juliette Ash is our County Councillor...her contact

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Sally Povolotsky is our District Councillor:

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Jaunty Jilly here...yes, darlings, I'm back! I've been asking our esteemed Editor for a column for some time, and he's finally given me one! So here goes... I'm sure New Years Eve is now just a fading memory, but such are the limitations of our little mag, what with it being printed and then distributed by our lovely volunteers, that it's only now we here at Global HQ can acknowledge the change of year and wish you all a happy and healthy 2025.

Various parties happened around Hanney... Mr and Mrs Editor were at the Plough, where a jolly time was had by all. A few snaps below, and my thanks to Owain, Luke and team. Also to all who hosted events on the night! Fine affairs at the Horse, Spice and Legion I understand. Not much space with all these snaps, but hopefully I'll be back next month! Love to all, Jilly X



**Confetti and a kiss!
Is it a wedding?
No!
It's New Years Eve!!**



In the Dec issue I used a pic of the Chequers in Charney taken many years ago with some children stood in front of it. I have since been contacted by a gent named Joe Ody. He clearly knows his stuff regarding Charney's history, and he tells me that the pic was taken in about 1911 and that four of girls in the pic were sistersMarjery, Kathleen, Thyra and Ruth Kerridge, who lived at the Chequers, their dad William Kerridge being the landlord - He was a busy man since I think he was also the village blacksmith!

The daughter of one of the sisters married John Brett of the chemists shop in Grove.



JOIN GARD! GARD is going from strength to strength. Membership is growing as people respond to our publicity. The GARD & CPRE petition has (13th January) over 4,925 signatures – let's take it over 5,000 this month!

Thames Water continues to attend Parish Council meetings in the area, most recently Hanney on January 9th. At this meeting residents and Parish Council (notably Stephen McKechnie, the PC Chairman) and Jim Stagg, editor of Hanney News, asked Thames Water some difficult questions about water levels, bund breaches and make-believe plans.

Not yet a member? Please join GARD. We need support for GARD to be stated as clearly and publicly as possible. Please join and be counted with us. You do not have to find time to assist; we welcome offers of help but that is a bonus for us.

Current legal actions: after the claim submitted on 19th November by CPRE and SAFERWaterS, GARD is still waiting to hear from the Judge about the claim for a Judicial Review (see the Jan H News for full details about SAFERWaterS and the legal submission).

All GARD members may join the sister company SAFERWaterS - email for an application form gard.secretary@gmail.com. There is no charge but some paperwork.

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While we're waiting for the courts let's make a noise!

Numbers matter: any politician considering this will want to know our membership numbers and our petition signatures – please tell your friends about GARD and make your opposition plain.

Derek Stork

Thank you Derek. If I may, I would like to add that several Hanney folk asked questions - some very technical and challenging - to the Thames Water representatives at the recent East Hanney Parish Council (EHPC) meeting you refer to, including West Hanney Parish Councillor Graham Garner and their Chair David Corp.

East Hanney Parish Councillors also gave the TW reps a hard time, and not surprisingly, no one spoke up for the reservoir. They're a bit thin on the ground here in Hanney!

Obituary - Terry Flynn

25th November 1933 - 21st December 2024

When Terry was a small boy during World War Two, his Father was away in the R.A.F. and his Mother brought him out of London to the safer environment of living with his grandparents in Hanney.

A photo shows him dressed in 'plus fours and 'hob-nailed' boots, attending Hanney School - later Faringdon School then going on to do a carpentry apprenticeship at Challow Foundry.

At the age of 18 he was called up for National Service with the R.A.F.

On completion he was lured to the successful M.G. Car Company in Abingdon, where he worked for 27 years (and was presented with his gold watch.)

Terry's real passion was football, in which he excelled, being the youngest player, at the age of 16, to play in the final of the North Berks Cup and to win a medal.

He enjoyed his golf, later becoming a very active member of Kingston & Southmoor Bowls Club.

In 1959 we were married, and went on to have two daughters, Julie and Sally.

Terry enjoyed being a family man and was very involved in encouraging the girls with their activities and hobbies.

More recently he had a daily routine and target to have a slow walk to the top of the lane. A slow walk because so many would stop him to have a friendly chat.

By his family and all who knew him he will be sadly missed.

Wherever he went and with whoever he met he was always the friendly gentleman with the big smile...a popular Hanney Character.

Audrey Flynn

Many thanks Audrey. We send our deepest condolences. I was lucky enough to get to know Terry a little in his later years, and indeed he was a real 'Hanney Character'.

The above photo shows him, 2nd from left, as a very young man aged 16, part of the Hanney football team which had just won the North Berkshire Cup in the 1949/50 season by beating Radley 4-1. (Hanney was in Berkshire until 1974.)

They lined up for a photo with the magnificent trophy, outside the Plough in West Hanney. The smartly dressed gent with them was the then landlord Percy Simson



HANNEY NEWS

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This is HANNEY NEWS - the first issue of a brand-new monthly newsletter.

For some time people have been asking how to find out what's going on in Hanney, particularly with the formation of so many new organisations following the opening of our splendid Village Hall. We hope that HANNEY NEWS will tell you what's happening in the village each month, and give organisations a convenient way of letting everyone know what they are planning.

We are grateful to the Parochial Church Council, and particularly to Douglas Pearce, for suggesting that the Hanney newsletter, which contained mainly Church news, could be extended to include a variety of other news items. Church News will be found on Page 4 of HANNEY NEWS.

We hope that eventually HANNEY NEWS will support itself financially - but in the meantime we are grateful to several generous well-wishers in the village and to those organisations who have paid an annual subscription to get the first few issues off the ground.

We shall continue to deliver HANNEY NEWS free to every household each month. Please let us know if you do not receive your copy in good time each month.

We hope that you will find something to interest you in HANNEY NEWS. You will see that we have included a "FOR SALE" and "WANTED" section, and perhaps future issues could include a "SITUATIONS VACANT and WANTED", or "READERS' LETTERS" section. We shall be glad to hear of any bright ideas - there is room for all sorts of changes in content or format. Please get in touch with any of the following for further information, or with any comments or ideas:

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Jennifer Ann Diment
14/3/1940 – 14/12/2024

I knew Jenny for a long time. Jenny's parents and mine were friends and lived in the same road in Dorchester, or Casterbridge, as Thomas Hardy called it. It is quite likely that Jenny and I were taken for walks in our prams or push-chairs together.

We met often during our schooldays, sharing the same piano teacher, and singing in the same choir. We both went on from our separate grammar schools to London University.

The letter telling Jenny she had been awarded a degree in French arrived on the morning of our Wedding Day in 1962.

We lived for the first four years of our married life in Oxford with Jenny working at Pergamon Press under Robert Maxwell. Oxford was a convenient place to live, with plenty to do, but we guessed we would prefer village life.

We moved to East Hanney in 1966 and on our first day there discovered how friendly it was, and loved it.

We were soon involved in village activities. The new Hanney War Memorial Hall was built in 1969 and the following year I arranged some lighting in it for the WI Drama Group in which Jenny acted, and that became Hanney Drama Group when they needed male members of the cast.

Jenny was also much involved with Hanney WI, and we attended the Gardening Club and History Group. We enjoyed many trips to France and Germany with the local Twinning Association, took our turns behind the counter at Hanney Community Shop, and were enthusiastic members of Hanney Wine Circle.

I shall never know how Jenny found time



for all that as well as coping with our two children, a Great Dane, house and garden.

When the younger of our two children started primary school in the village the vicar said to Jenny, *'Now that you have time on your hands you could start the newsletter that people have been asking for'*, and so Hanney News was born. That newsletter, which

Jenny edited for its first 25 years, is still being published, as you can see.

Jenny took a postgraduate course in Oxford to qualify as a teacher. After one or two temporary positions she began teaching French at Larkmead School in Abingdon, which she did for 17 years before taking early retirement.

Most of our parents' generation had only very short retirements and often only as single people, but Jenny and I were fortunate enough to enjoy over twenty years together after we both retired from full-time work, packing into that time numerous European tours and a few trips much further afield.

From 2015 our lives gradually slowed down, as Jenny's Parkinson's Disease took its course, and by 2017 the maintenance of our house and garden became too difficult, so after more than 51 years in Hanney we moved to a Wantage retirement flat.

We still managed some outings and visits, but at a less hectic pace, and it was only for the final seven months that Jenny had to move to a care home, where family and friends could visit her frequently, and she could receive all the specialized care she needed.

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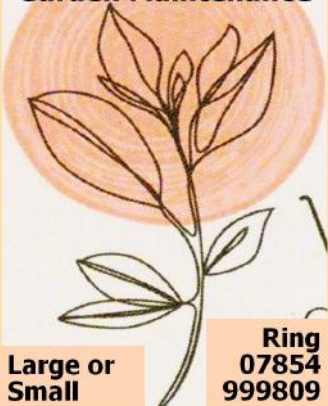
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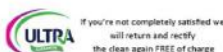


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first Monday of each month, Sept to April, in the HWMH. 7:30 for 8.00pm. Tea and coffee followed by a talk.

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 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. £2.50p a session. Also every Thurs eve, 6.30pm -7.30pm. Just turn up to either, or both!

HANNEY TENNIS CLUB is a very friendly club and always welcomes new members. For more info email Jenny at member-ship.htc@gmail.com

HANNEY WALKIE TALKIES...organised by Cheryl and Sue, we meet at the junction of Meadow Way with School Road at 12:30 lunchtime every Thursday (weather permitting) for a walk in Hanney of approx. 50 minutes and chatting along the way. New faces are always welcome to our friendly group.

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 (Please note that at the Wine Circle meetings, they only drink the stuff, no treading takes place nor are any grapes harmed during their meetings)

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: helpinghandshanne@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

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 or email: sallyannemiddleton@googlemail.com



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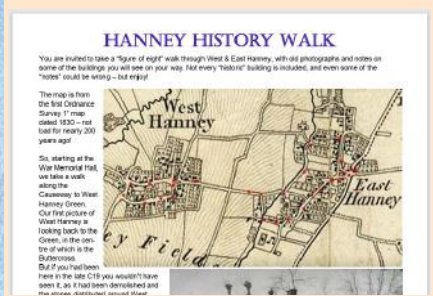
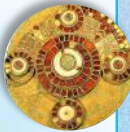
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