



Hanney News

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Much discussion of late regarding the state of our churchyard. What is not in doubt is the beauty of these roses. My photo really does not do them justice.

This very attractive wooden structure is the latest addition to St James School, where it will be used as an outdoor classroom. Snaps from the opening ceremony and more info on pages 3 & 9.



What do the following organisations have in common?...The Parish Councils of East and West Challow, East and West Hanney, Grove, Letcombes Bassett and Regis, the Denchworth Parish Meeting, Wantage Town Council, the Hannays Flood Group, the Future Flood Resilience Group, and the Letcombe Brook Project. They of course all want to do their very best to ensure that flooding here in the Vale is, in future, far less frequent and damaging than previously. To that end they have written a long letter to the Planning Committee of the Vale of White Horse. I make no apologies for including it in full on page 19, and urge you to read it.

Editorial

Hello chums, we're back for another edition. Sun shining and temperature rising as I write.

We welcome two new advertisers this month, 'Ridgeway Funeral Services' - their ad on page 11 and 'Mumby's Live-In Care', page 9. Thanks to them for their support. Usual mish-mash of stuff this month, some quite serious, some rather silly.

Coincidence...this month's lottery winners are Ian and Jacqui Crayford, landlords at the Black Horse, whilst runner up is Luke Mayor, head chef and joint landlord at the Plough!

Hanney Drama Group will be holding auditions soonish...details next month, and our much loved 'Hanney Film Night' will be starting again in Sept. It's always the first Friday of the month...details next month! I don't usually 'do' politics in Hanney News, but I'm sufficiently riled by a particular topic that I've allowed myself quite a rant - apols if it causes offence - on page 14 regarding Oxford County Council's (OCC) proposals for Recycling Centres. How to encourage fly-tipping in one easy lesson! Feel free to respond if you feel differently. Having ranted at OCC, they, along with our District Councils get a pat on the back on page 5.

There's a mention of Bridge...the card game, not the structure.... also on that page. Check out details of the upcoming Michaelmas Fayre on page 4.

Balloons, happy kids, a lovely wooden structure and waving hankies on page 8!

Our local Museum down in Wantage needs help...page 7, and if you're up for a bit of walking netball - yes really! - check out page 9.

Man jumps out of aeroplane on page 4, and if you've got a naughty puppy see page 13. Also on that page you can find out how to become a Volunteer Adviser for the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Our regular contribution from our Police and Crime Commissioner Matt Barber is this month about anti-social behaviour...it's on page 14.

A few photos of signs, some quite new, that I've seen around Hanney on page 15.

Read all about the intriguingly titled "Blokes. Brews. Biscuits." on pages 16 and 17. Lottery winners and Royalty also on page 17, and 'flat earth' stuff on page 18.

That's enough waffle from me, so aside from the corny old 'see you in September' remark, I leave with you with another pic for the school's opening ceremony of their outdoor classroom...page 9!



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 my mob: 07762 239681, or landline - 01235 867500, or email: hanneynews@gmail.com

What's happening this month....

Sun 3rd, Uffington Market. See page 4 and

Mon 4th, Blokes, Brews and Biscuits, pages 16 and 17.

Sat 16th 11am - 4pm, Leukaemia Fund raiser, Stevenston Hall, OX13 6RR. Stalls, cakes, bouncy castle, face painting, raffle car boot. Email hcben-net26@gmail.com if you'd like a £15 stall.

Mon 18th, 11am. Hanney History Group, a walk in Eynsham. Contact details, page 30, and in case you missed it, **David & Kath Gahan will be repeating their talk on Hanney's 'J.R. Holmes & History of Birth Control' at history groups in Grove (16th Sept, 2pm) and Harwell (17th Sept, 7.30pm).**

Mon, 25th Blokes, Brews and Biscuits, see above.

And further ahead

Sept 10th and 17th, 8pm, Denchworth Village Hall. Icknield Way Morris Men Taster sessions, all are welcome.

Sat 20th Sept, Family Fundraising Bingo Night, for the Abingdon Vale Swim Club.... details next month.

Thurs 25th Sept, 2.30pm, Senior Citizens, 'Fun and Games, Your Choice'



SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 27 SEPTEMBER!!

Hanney Michaelmas Fayre

will happen but not in its usual way - keep a look out on Facebook and see page 4 for more news!

Thurs 23rd Oct, 2.30pm, Senior Citizens, 'The Nostril Series'. A chat with the author Jonathan Cox.

Thurs 27th Nov, 2.30pm, Senior Citizens, The Oxfordshire Museum Service, 'Fond Memories'.

Fri 5th Dec, Dickensian Evening in Wantage. Icknield Way Morris Men will be dancing.

December's Christmas Lunch, Senior Citizens, date, time and venue to be arranged.

My wife was bitten by a radioactive owl and has started making all my decisions for me. She's been given power of a tawny.

I was in a butchers in London recently and an old cockney woman in front of me asked for two panda sausages! Who knew they make sausages out of pandas?



Hanney Michaelmas Fayre **Saturday 27 September** **from 2pm** **West Hanney Village Green.**



The Silver Band are booked!
The wonderful WI Teas are booked!
Fun activities are being planned!
And time to clear out all those books you aren't going to read again – we can sell them!

Call it 'bric a brac', a White Elephant', 'pre-loved' items – whatever you want to call no longer wanted pictures, pottery, vases, jugs, table linen, costume jewellery, jigsaw puzzles, toys, ornaments, will be warmly welcomed for the Vintage Stall. And we need lots of soft toys and teddies for the ever-popular Teddy Tombola.

Donations for all or any of the above warmly welcomed – please email us on info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk or call 07831 690524.

And a plea for this year – we need prizes for a new activity game mainly (but not exclusively for the younger visitor) so please donate simple things like notepads, purses, crayon sets, tiny games, etc.

Make sure the date is on the kitchen calendar!!

A fine upstanding East Hanney gent, one Adrian Bodimeade, is raising money for a very worthy cause - the Stroke Association and the Grove Stroke Group - by skydiving on 11 August.

Adrian told me... 'I have been a Stroke Association, Community Connector (ambassador) for over 10 years, giving presentations to compa-

nies and community groups as part of our stroke prevention effort.

In addition, I am Chairman of the Grove Stroke Group in Oxfordshire where we provide ongoing support for stroke survivors and carers

Any donations would be greatly appreciated through <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/adrian-bodimeade-4> or directly to me.

Uffington Farmers Market and Café

is held on the 1st Sunday of every month excluding January, in Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall Uffington from 10am to 12:30pm.

You'll find approx. 25 stalls, include butchery, olives, samosas, vegetables, cheese, chocolate, blade sharpening, garden plants and metalwork plus a wide variety of arts



and crafts...all local suppliers and small businesses.

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Further details from uffingtonmarket@hotmail.com or on Facebook – Uffington Market.

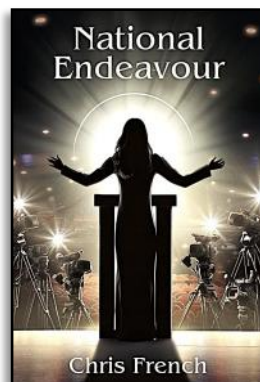
In the last issue we gave you information about Chris French's new book '**National Endeavour**' which is to be published on August 8th.

Advanced copies have been available from the Hanney Community Shop since July 1st., and you can buy one for £11 (cash only), and have it signed by the author at the following venues:

August 12th – 5.30pm to 6.30pm - The Black Horse, East Hanney

August 14th – 5.30pm to 6.30pm - The Plough Inn, West Hanney.

If you've already bought a copy and want it signed, bring it along and Chris will happily do it for you.



Playing bridge is a fun activity which provides both mental stimulation and social engagement.

Interested in learning how to play bridge? We will be starting a new series of bridge lessons in September. For more details contact Alan at

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Can already play bridge? Join us on Wednesday afternoons 2-5pm in the Hanney War Memorial Hall, East Hanney for friendly duplicate bridge. For more details contact Lyn at lynmorton89@gmail.com

More good news for all you green folk, and the rest of us too! The Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Councils are in the top ten performing district councils in the country for taking action on climate and nature recovery, according to research by an environmental organisation.

Their statement reports that "Both Councils have just published their new joint 'Nature and Climate Action Plan' and were rated in the top ten of the Climate Emergency UK's (CEUK) 2025 climate action scorecard, a league table of the country's councils."

Oxfordshire County Council was in first place, with four of the five Oxfordshire district councils in the top ten! The one that wasn't, Cherwell, was still above the average district performance. Well done to all involved!

BBC1 - 'Why Cities Flood - Spain's Deadly Disaster.' Did you catch this fascinating programme recently? Well worth checking out on iPlayer.

Our fab '**Future Flood Resilience Group**' now have a website, and if you're even remotely interested in the serious flooding issues that affect us here in

Hanney and many other communities locally, I urge you to check it out here: www.futurefloodresilience.co.uk

Loads of really interesting and useful stuff. Massive big ups to the Group, and of course to our own Hanney Flood Group, led by two of East Hanney's finest, Clive Manvell and Dave Stubbington. Thanks to them and all in their group. See also page 19.

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New Councillors - Laura Lolly Bligdon and James Newsome. Contact details soon

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Next Meeting Weds 13th Aug, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Our political chums - MP - Olly Glover. Email - olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk
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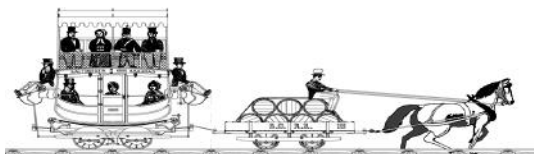
Sally Povolotsky is our District Councillor:
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Don't recall where I saw the following, but it may be of interest....

The spectre of **Market Place Pedestrianisation** has raised its head again. Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) is consulting on permanent traffic restrictions in the Market Place area of Wantage that could fundamentally change how customers access businesses throughout the town. While the initial focus is on the West End, these changes could set a precedent that affects the entire town centre. Changes to vehicle access could impact customer footfall across the town and changes to traffic flow may affect delivery access and business operations. This could be the first step in wider pedestrianisation plans with customers' shopping patterns and accessibility permanently altered. Don't expect them to listen to the residents though - it will be like the 20mph consultation where the Councillor minority view takes priority!

OCC) has commissioned a rail feasibility study into **Wantage and Grove Station.**

'SLC Rail' has been asked to put together the strategic outline business case for the project. It is expected to be published by the end of September 2025. <https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wantage-and-grove-station/>
'And just who are SLC Rail Mr Editor?' I hear you ask. Good question! They are 'Sable Leigh Consultancy Limited', established in 2009 to provide expert support in developing rail projects. They state that....
"We've evolved into a multi-disciplinary consultancy, delivering infrastructure solutions for projects across a variety of sectors - including rail, highways, utilities, aviation and parish newsletters." - Ooh err!! (Actually, I made that last one up about newsletters.) Never mind all that...any chance they could get the trains to run on time?



West Hanney Parish Council

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We still have vacant plots on the West Hanney allotment gardens, and of course are happy to also receive applications from residents living in East Hanney.

The next meeting of West Hanney Parish Council is on Wednesday 3rd September at 7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room, Hanney War Memorial Hall.

Are you doing something extraordinary or very silly to raise money for charity?...walk, run or swim a long way, jump out of an aeroplane like Adrian, have a custard pie thrown in your face or whatever?

If so, please tell me about it! I'm very happy to feature any fundraising endeavours in Hanney News, with details of how folk can make a contribution.

The Vale & Downland Museum in Wantage is, like many small

museums across the country, facing an uncertain future due to rising staffing and utility costs. It welcomes any support for its new 'Fifty Years' appeal, and has set up a new 100 Club, with monthly draws for prizes of £50, at £5 entry per month, as well as a patron's scheme and sponsorship opportunities to encourage regular donations.

The museum welcomes over 55,000 visitors a year, from tiny tots enjoying toddler tunes sessions to adults attending informative talks.

Schools from across the region explore how life has changed and get hands-on with object-based activities.

There is an extensive programme of holiday activities and lots of opportunities for volunteers passionate about local history (including King Alfred of course).

"We love welcoming visitors old and new to the museum," Museum Manager Lisa



Gale says. "Wantage is really lucky to have this special museum, and we really need the support of the local community now to help ensure that people can keep using the museum for years to come."

For more details on how to help, please see the museum's fundraising appeal webpage here:

valeanddownlandmuseum.org.uk/fifty-years-appeal/ or contact Lisa Gale on 01235 771447 or email.manager@valeanddownlandmuseum.org.uk

Our wonderful School - St James - has done it again!

With some magnificent fund raising by 'St James Helping Hands' they reached the very large sum needed to allow them to have this great 'outdoor classroom' built.

I know it will enhance the over-all learning experience of the children, and I'm sure much fun and learning will happen in it!

It has a great name... 'The Cove' ... that's both cosy and welcoming, and I was honoured to be invited to the recent opening ceremony.

Here are a couple of snaps from it...top pic is Lucy Ottaway, the school's great Headmistress, cutting the ribbon as the kids prepare to step 'inside' the outdoor classroom!

Here at Global HQ we offer major congrats to all involved.

Rumour has it that there's already talk of the next project...I'll keep you posted.



Here's a few folk waving their hankies, banging a few sticks and having a bit of a song and dance at the **Black Horse** recently. Just one of the many events that regularly happens there.

Keep an eye on their Facebook page or their website:

www.blackhorseeeasthanney.co.uk

Great grub, a fine selection of beers and wines, along with specialist outside foodie folk regularly visiting and offering a wide range of yummy stuff!



The annual Hanney Youth Summer Football Tournament happened again last month. Amazing organisation needed and big ups to all involved. It was a great success. Players, family and friends all seemed to be having a jolly time, and so good to see kids out and about in the fresh enjoying a bit of footie.

If you're too old for Hanney Youth football (!) or even the grown-ups version - see page 5 of the July issue - how about some Walking Netball?

It happens at the Old Mill Hall in Grove, OX12 7LB, every Thursday from 12.30pm - 1.30pm and costs just £4 a session A great way to get back to some physical exercise. This from the organisers.... '

You can start gently and build up gradually, aiming to do a little more each session.

Older people who take part will see many benefits: lower heart rate and blood pressure, less fat, more muscle and better mobility.

And it's not just health benefits – also offers the benefits of social interaction.'

They don't mention gender, so I assume us chaps can pop along as well. The one time I've ever played the game I was the only gent involved, but felt afterwards as if I'd been up against the All Blacks! I'm sure this will much gentler.



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I wonder how many of you have watched the Great Pottery

Throwdown? My own experience of pottery was just one fairly disastrous session when I was a boy. But I do enjoy watching them wrestling with the clay, struggling to bring something beautiful out of quite a difficult material!

They not only form the clay – they also decorate it – so they are both sculptors and artists. And they work with intense love and devotion.

For those of us who believe, or are wondering whether to believe, in a divine Creator, a potter working with clay is an interesting analogy – and one used by several different writers in the Bible.

Of course it's far from being a literal picture. God doesn't have hands – and the universe is not made of clay.

It would actually take incredible intelligence to create a universe that actually functions. Modern physics shows us that the universe is an incredibly finely balanced mechanism, where if any one of the many "constants" – just one property of Physics – was just the tiniest bit different, the whole thing would either implode or fly apart.

And the study of biology indicates to us the Creator using the process of evolution to create the highly complex life forms that live on our planet.

And yet many of us believe that this Creator is far more than just a brilliant mathematician, or a biological genius. Somehow we see signs of a love and devotion that remind us of those potters labouring with their clay.

For those potters, sometimes things go very wrong, often with no fault of their own. Maybe a bowl collapses, or cracks appear, or a glaze comes out an unexpected colour. And they can't magic it away, but neither do they abandon it. Instead they work even harder to restore it and redeem it, perhaps changing the design to incorporate the problem into the overall pattern.

Our world seems badly cracked at present – perhaps not surprising when the Creator has to work with the perversity of human beings! And it seems that like those potters, the Creator doesn't simply magic those cracks away. But neither does the Creator abandon it. Instead, like a devoted potter, the Creator continues to work with love and devotion to redeem and restore this beautiful but wounded world.

That's what I believe, and however bad things get, it gives me hope for the future.

What about you? I wonder what you think?

Charles Draper

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Dogs Behaving VERY BADLY

Got a naughty puppy - any breed - aged between 3 and 6 months? Read on..... Channel 5's hit series 'Dogs Behaving Very Badly' returns soon, and the programme makers Avalon are looking for new owners to take part in the show, during which their doggie expert Graeme Hall, will turn your adorable pup into a 'well behaved and happy adult dog'. If you're ok about being on the tele, have the right aged dog and wanna know more, email: puppy@avalonuk.com



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Tackling anti-social behaviour this summer

Historically, we know that the summer months can sadly see an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour. School holidays, warmer weather, big sporting events, often leading to one or two more drinks than normal can all contribute!

So each year Thames Valley Police put in place a plan to deal with these challenges and keep us all safe. July marks the start of a three month operation to crack down on crime and anti-social behaviour, with an emphasis on visible local policing.

This does not just involve the police working in isolation. We will also be working closely with our partners, including councils, schools, health services, business, transport and community organisations.

Policing, in collaboration with partners and local communities, will work to ensure preventative measures are being implemented to better achieve reductions in these crimes and focus on efforts to catch offenders.

Our local policing teams will also be organising days of action and operations to tackle issues such as illegal e-scooters, street crime, shoplifting, rural crime and other offences that affect communities most.

Many of these issues often affect our larger towns and cities, but they can have an impact on everyone. Whether it is residents from rural areas visiting their local

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The solution to some of these perennial problems is a strong community. One that does not tolerate disruptive behaviour, one that supports its young people and one where people are willing to take action. That may be as simple as reporting concerns.

If you see something that's not right in your community or witness a crime, please report it quickly so the police have the greatest chance to tackle the problem. In an emergency or if something is happening now, always call 999. To report something that has already happened call 101 or report online at thames-valley.police.uk.

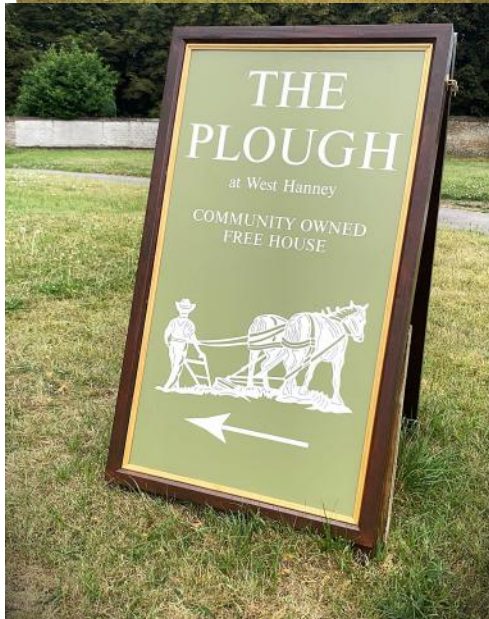
You can also use the police website to send a message to your local neighbourhood policing team and see who your dedicated local police officers are. Just pop in your postcode.

Last month, Matt's article was about fly tipping, and to follow that up here on this page of his website - <https://matthewbarber.co.uk/stopflytipping> there is news of the ridiculous new rules proposed by Oxford County Council regarding our Recycling Centres. OCC are Lib Dems of course and I thought

they were pretty engaged with the green agenda. Apparently not.

I urge you to visit Matt's website and you'll see the extent of their stupid ideas, obviously taken from the pile headed 'Rules we can impose on the plebs of Oxfordshire, to make their lives that bit harder!

Thank you Looney Lib Dem Councillors!





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The poster on page 16 gives details of a great new initiative for us chaps. It's self-explanatory really, and I attended a session the other day. I can highly recommend it if you've got any kind of stuff you want to talk through. It's completely confidential and non-judgemental. Other than religion or politics, pretty much anything goes, and as I sat through the session it was clear that simply discussing stuff with others can really help with issues that you almost certainly wouldn't want to talk about with your mates - pint in hand- down the pub. The sad fact is that us chaps are very bad indeed at talking about our problems.

At the extreme end, it's worth noting that male suicides have consistently accounted for approximately three-quarters of all suicides in the UK since the mid-1990s. These figures are extremely alarming....in 2023, there were 7,055 suicide deaths in the UK, an average of 19 a day! And how about this appalling statistic? Suicide is the biggest killer of men under the age of 50 in the UK.

Blokes. Brews. Biscuits. has a Facebook page, and massive big ups must go to the main man Martin Freeman... long may your initiative continue to help blokes talk through their problems. Btw, the tea and biscuits were excellent!

Hanney Lottery ... July Winners:

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Dear Editor,

A big thank you to all involved in the Weir Farm Festival event on Saturday 28th June in memory of Richard Carter.

It was a great success due to all the family and friends involved, also the groups who played during the day and those who gave their time freely to provide tasty food and drinks. A good time was had by everyone,

They hope to repeat the event again next year.

Donations were also made during the day and £3200.32p. was raised and has already been forwarded to the Churchill Hospital for Cancer Research.

Well done to you all and thank you for your support.

Hanney Fundraisers for Cancer Research.

Following last month's little joke

about the Flat Earth Society's members all round the globe, comes news that one who walks freely amongst us (!) is considering setting up a branch right here in Hanney.

A survey in 2019 revealed that 3% of Brits believe this nonsense, equating to about 75 people in the Hanneys. Scary!

If you are one of those nutjobs, don't be shy...share your thoughts with us, along



with the scientific proof upon which you base your very silly claims! (Considering I failed - big time - all my science exams at school, I am nonetheless

a big fan of seeing the scientific proof of whatever claims I'm being asked to believe!)

I promise not to ridicule you too much, so long as you don't demand that we here at Hanney News Global HQ have to change our name! 'Hanney News Flat Earth HQ'... doesn't have quite the same ring to it!

These are difficult times for many folk, doubtless made worse for some by the current lot in government who decided that cutting benefits was the way to go to patch up our faltering economy!

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!

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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.

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

Open Letter to the Vale of White Horse District Council Planning Committee

Re: Surface Water Discharge from New Developments into Local Watercourses and Road Drainage Systems along the Letcombe and Childrey Brooks

Dear Members of the Planning Committee, We, the undersigned councils, flood groups, environmental organisations and concerned citizens, write to express our collective and growing concern regarding the continued approval of developments within the Vale of White Horse that permit surface water discharge into local watercourses and road drainage systems.

Evidence from Mott MacDonald, commissioned by the Environment Agency as long ago as 2007, confirmed that following any period of prolonged rainfall, even modest additional precipitation risks causing the Letcombe Brook to flood.

The pattern of rainfall in our area has changed significantly. We now experience more severe and frequent storms with data indicating that 26% occur within just five days of a preceding event. These evolving conditions were not anticipated in the design of current sustainable drainage systems (SuDS), rendering them increasingly unfit for purpose.

Catchment hydrological factors have further exacerbated the situation. Analysis of hydrological responses to rainfall onto the heavy clay soils of the northern facing slopes of the North Wessex Downs indicates a hydrological history at variance with that of a classical chalk aquifer with infiltration to the aquifer being outweighed by overland rainfall runoff into the valley's brooks.

In parallel, ongoing development across our communities — which have, in some cases, doubled in size since the year 2000

— has dramatically increased impermeable surfaces and introduced new discharges into already stressed watercourses.

The consequences are being felt on the ground. Communities along the Letcombe and Childrey Brooks and tributaries are experiencing repeated and severe flooding. With the Met Office forecasting a continued trend toward wetter conditions and more extreme storm events over the coming decades, this situation will only worsen unless decisive action is taken.

We therefore respectfully urge the Planning Committee to:

1. Place an immediate moratorium on approving developments that include surface water discharge into local watercourses or road drainage systems;
2. Require developers to implement alternative sustainable drainage solutions that do not increase flood risk downstream;

Commission and publish a comprehensive cumulative impact assessment of development on the hydrology of the Letcombe and Childrey Brook catchment areas.

We recognise the pressures of housing demand and development, but these must be balanced against the responsibility to protect existing communities, ecosystems, and infrastructure.

Continuing to approve developments under current drainage assumptions risks compounding a serious and avoidable threat to public safety and environmental integrity.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these concerns further and would be grateful for confirmation that this matter will be given the urgent consideration it warrants.

Yours sincerely

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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 Hanney Youth Football Club, all ages from 5 to seniors. For more details visit www.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:
helpinghandshanneym@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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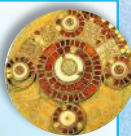
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In East Hanney, on the left wall of the porch in the Village Hall and on the fence between the Sovereign building and Motovation entrance on the A338. In West Hanney it's on the wall of the brick garage opposite the Plough in Church St. All are accessible 24/7

Hanney War Memorial Hall - To book the Hall, visit our website hwmh.thehanneys.uk and click on the 'Book Now!' link.

Email: hwmh.hanney@gmail.com



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HANNEY HISTORY WALK

You are invited to take a "Stair of sight" walk through West & East Hanney, with old photographs and notes on some of the buildings you will see on your way. Not every "historic" building is included, and even some of the "happier" could be wrong - but enjoy!

The map is from the 1st Ordnance Survey 1" map dated 1832 - not laid for nearly 200 years ago!

So, starting at the War Memorial Hall, we take a walk along the Greenway to West Hanney Green. Our first picture of West Hanney is looking back to the Green, in the corner of which is the Suburban.

But if you had been there in the late 17th you wouldn't have seen it, as it had been demolished and the area distributed around West



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