



Hanney News

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Hanney Michaelmas Fayre
Saturday 27 September, from 2pm
Church Green, West Hanney

HANNEY FEST 7th September at
The Black Horse, East Hanney, from 3.30pm. Landlords
Jacqui & Ian are putting on this brilliant day - live bands,
food vans & more - whilst raising funds for Churchill
Partners (CRUK) & a
Defibrillator for East Hanney.

Friends! Come to 'Alfred Fest' on
Sunday, 26th October. I promise I won't
burn your cakes! Vikings not welcome.

See page 16



Any idea who
the sick weirdo
was who shot
and wounded this
beautiful little cat
- a much loved
family pet - with
an air rifle? Let's try and help the Police
find this very unpleasant character!

Page 19 for details.



Editorial

Since I started editing this humble little mag in May 2015 (!) I have tried to steer a fairly neutral path through the various issues that pop up once in a while, and cause the occasional disagreement. That's not always easy...I'm now 72 years old and a good deal more grumpy and opinionated than I was back when I wrote my first Editorial.

Last month I allowed myself a bit of a rant at our Lib Dem County Council....Aug issue, page 14. Nothing personal boys and girls of the Council, but really!?

I will endeavour to avoid too many rants in the future... But you'll have to forgive me if the odd one creeps in.

Many folk I speak to on my travels now believe that the reservoir is a done deal. Some have been saying that for a long time, Perhaps GARD having something up their sleeve? I know they have done their very best over many years, for which we owe them our sincere thanks, but it was always going to be a tough task tackling a business that pays its CEO a salary of £850,000 per year. With, apparently, deserved bonuses, he was able to put around £2 million in his piggy bank. Must be a big one! (These figures from Sky News.)

According to the Beeb, Thames Water (TW) owe £16.8 billion, with the reservoir set to cost £6 billion plus, in the pipeline. I'd rather have clean drinking water in my pipeline thank you, and no sh1t in our rivers and streams would be nice too!

As well as TW, GARD have been battling a run of hopeless governments, not least the current absolute shower, surely the worst

of the lot?

Maybe GARD could turn their attention to trying to get the best deal for our us from TW? I'm talking 'megabuck' funds, grants, whatever, to come from TW to our community, funding all sorts of good stuff.

Other news...we welcome three new advertisers this month, Pentire Estate Planning on page 8, Atherton Flooring and LA Care, both on page 10.

Thanks to them for supporting the mag...we here at Global HQ hope that they, along with all our advertisers of course, get some business from them! I've got three more new ads lined up for next month.

Advertisers seem to like us, which is great. When you can, please use the products or services they offer, and mention you saw their ad in Hanney News!

Now if like me, a big ultra sticky cinnamon bun lifts your spirits and makes the world seem a better place, at least whilst you gobble it down, head to page 15.

Hanney Fest comes up soon, and rumours are that the fab and groovy 'Back4' beat combo will be playing. Be sure to take your dancing shoes! Front cover for details.

Our local 'Luvvies' are casting - no darlings, they've not gone fishing! - see page 18.

Loads of stuff from East Hanney Parish Council on page 6. If you thought they don't actually do much, think again Latest on the St James churchyard on pages 8 and 12, where you can read both sides of the story.

And finally.... do support the Michaelmas Fayre...they are always great fun.

Till next month

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....

Mon 1st- Hanney Gardening Club. Village Hall. 7.30 for 8pm. Wildlife in Everyday Gardens by Stuart 'the Wildman' Mabbutt. Stuart draws on over 30 years' experience in wildlife gardening to show you how to transform ordinary spaces into thriving habitats for local wildlife and nature. Non-members welcome.

Fri 5th -7.30pm, Village Hall, Hanney Film Nights, proudly presents **'The Penguin Lessons'**. Doors and Bar open 7.30pm, film starts 8pm. Contactless payment only...**no cash.** £8, £7 concessions. *"A disillusioned Englishman who goes to work in a school in a divided Argentina in 1976 finds his life transformed when he rescues an orphaned penguin from the beach."*

Sun 7th - HanneyFest, Black Horse East Hanney. From 3pm. See front cover, if you haven't already!

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

Sat 13th Hanney Men's Football, Home Fixture, on the recreation ground East Hanney, OX12 0JL K.O. 2pm

Sat 20th , Hanney Men's Football, as above.

Sat 20th, AT Fest, music, BBQ, dance etc. See page 4

Family Fundraising Bingo Night, for the Abingdon Vale Swim Club.... details page 18.

Weds 24th, Hanney Drama Group, Casting Meeting. See page 18

Thurs 25th , 2.30pm, Senior Citizens, 'Fun and Games, Your Choice' Village Hall.

Sat 27th - Hanney Michaelmas Fayre, page 5 for full details.

Sat 27th - Race Night - Royal British Legion. Tote opens 7pm with first race at 7:30pm. Open to all (Must be over 18 to Place Tote Bet) See page 4.

And further ahead

Thurs 2nd Oct, 7.15pm, Church St Patient Group, at the Mably Way Health Centre, a talk by Dr Jacobson on hearing. See page 4.

Mon 6th Oct Hanney Gardening Club Village Hall. 7.30 for 8pm. A Year in Spring Cottage by Val Bourne. Val takes you on a seasonal journey through her amazing eco-friendly garden, high in the Cotswolds, with many practical insights and inspiration for cultivating a harmonious and sustainable garden. Non-members welcome.

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

Sun 26th Oct.... 'Alfred Fest', community celebration in Wantage - see page 16.

Mon 3rd Nov :Hanney Gardening Club Village Hall 7.30 for 8pm. Putting Plants to Bed For the Winter by Ray Broughton. Ray shares from his wealth of experience in teaching and lecturing in horticulture. In his talk he gives practical advice on making preparations for the colder months ahead to ensure a healthy garden come springtime. Non-members welcome.





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Hanney Royal British Legion



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Update on the Walking Netball I mentioned on page 9 last month. It was originally a W.I. initiative, so it's ladies only - no, not sexist! Costs have gone up...it's now £5 or £6 depending on numbers. The ladies will next get together on Thursday September 4th. If any 'Hanney Ladies' feel like joining us please contact Belinda Watson -

I don't know who decided on the way we spell 'Diarrhoea', but I reckon they must have lost control of their vowels!!

Hanney Michaelmas Fayre – Saturday 27 September at 2pm – Church Green, West Hanney

A great afternoon to relax and
enjoy a very special Hanney day!

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Our next meeting is on Weds 10th Sept, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

The Council have been busy recently completing a number of urgent works and planned projects.

Repairs & Maintenance:

We approved £2k towards the repairs of the village hall showers.

Vistry Homes failed to fully clear the Holmes Park playground. We have removed rubble to make it safe, thanks to a notification from a resident.

We repaired the bench near the Village Hall, again thanks to a resident

We replaced the bench on The Green, a planned replacement.

Agreed to repair the footpath alongside the allotments, the corner of the village hall, the ramp, and to remove the existing drop off at Hunters Avenue.

We are investigating ornamental bollards to protect the grass verges around the village with arts funding.

Environment:

We have asked OCC to consider an additional dog waste bin at the end of Halls Lane.

We fully support the various flood teams to obtain funding for flood alleviation in Ebbs Lane and along the brook, including plans to improve the footpath from the Iron bridge to the stile and clean and enhance the ditches in Ebbs Lane.

Facilities:

A new set of rugby posts is being costed for

installation on the playing fields for casual use. We have funding that must be used for this purpose.

Planning:

An EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) screening opinion concluded by the Vale and determined that an EIA was not required to enable an outline planning application to be submitted for housing opposite La Fontana along the A338/Steventon Road. This land is partially reserved for the reservoir proposal so overlaps and has a number of concerns regarding pollution and agricultural value that the council have subsequently raised with the Vale. P25/V1493/SCR if you would like to see more detail.

The pavilion planning application is progressing, for which we have partial funding that must be spent this year due to the conditions of the funding.

We assessed the state of the current pavilion and determined that it was reaching the end of its economical life and was not fit for purpose. The new one will provide space for all sports field users, replacing the current three buildings with one compliant and usable space, including dry changing rooms, a kitchen, a meeting space and a viewing platform to watch the activities on the field and MUGA. P25/V1359/FUL for more details.

(continues on page 7)

A big thank you to Hanney resident John Ghaw for his help with this project. We hope to get support for this essential development and welcome questions and feedback.

A busy month, thank you for your support and we welcome attendance at our meetings which are at 7.30pm, Village Hall, every second Wednesday of the month. There are many great initiatives going on in our village and we welcome anyone who would like to help with these projects, join the Council, or just attend our monthly meetings when you will see that feedback and requests from residents get dealt with. Please get in touch if you know of an issue for us to deal with. If you would like to know more, please contact us here: Clerk@easthanneyparishcouncil.gov.uk



West Hanney Parish Council

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**Our next meeting is on Weds 3rd September at 7.30pm
in the Hanney War Memorial Hall**

These are difficult times for many folk, doubtless made worse for some by the current lot in government who decided that cutting benefits is 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!

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**.

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

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

The 'discussions' rumble on

regarding the overall state of St James churchyard. Here's a brief update...

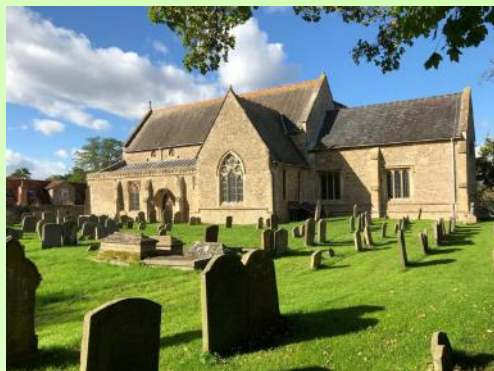
A local resident raised a 'Petition to Maintain the Churchyard' for folk to sign up to if they were unhappy with its current state.

Many signed, in fact three hundred and eight residents put their signature to the very strongly worded blurb on the petition. A much edited version is below in italics. Twenty five folk also volunteered to take a turn with maintenance sessions.

"We, the undersigned, members of our community who cherish the historical and spiritual significance of our churchyard, present this petition for its preservation and maintenance. A churchyard is more than just a tract of land; it is a sacred space that holds the memories of generations, a sanctuary for reflection, and an emblem of our shared heritage. It's a place of solace, history, and community identity.

A lack of proper maintenance has led to overgrown vegetation, neglected gravestones, and a loss of its historic charm and environmental value.

Working together to maintain it strengthens our communal ties and encourages



future generations to value it as we do.

Let's come together to ensure the churchyard continues to stand as a testament to our respect for the past, our care for the present, and our hope for the future."

On Weds 23rd July the Chairmen of both Parish Councils, (PCs) David Corps and Paul Aram, met with Alec Gill our Vicar, and the Church Wardens, Stuart Cakebread and Chris Reason, to discuss, amongst other things, the maintenance of the churchyard.

The petition was handed over to Alec, who was also told about the residents who had volunteered to help with maintenance.

He will share the issues raised by the PCs and the 'petition', with the Parochial Church Council (PCC) at its next meeting on the 18th September.

The photo above was taken in Oct 2017

In a spirit of fairness, and in the certain knowledge that there are two sides - at least! - to every story, please see page 12 where Churchwarden Stuart Cakebread presents the Church's side.

This story has legs methinks!



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Maintaining St James churchyard

We are aware of criticism that has been made of our management of the churchyard. Some of these allegations are both hurtful and ill-informed. The following are the facts. Oxford Diocese partners with the Berkshire, Buckingham and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust to promote management schemes for conservation and biodiversity in churchyards most of which have not been cultivated for a thousand years or more. They are unique habitats.

The PCC decided in 2024 to adopt the Wildlife Trust and Church's recommendations. There are 3 categories of maintenance (Paths are kept mown at all times):

1. Areas in regular use for burials.
2. Areas which contain a few or no recent graves
3. Areas which contain no recent graves and are suitable for minimal, probably annual, cutting to maximise the habitat for wild flora and fauna.

The southern part of the new graveyard to the east of the church falls into (1). It is kept relatively mown by volunteers.

The main back of the churchyard falls into category (2). It is cut once or twice a year. There have been almost no burials there for more than 100 years.

The front of the churchyard also falls into category (2) but there are a small number of more recent graves. It is cut at least twice a year (anyone is free to mow a particular grave they have a connection to).

There are very small areas which fall into category (3) which have a high population of wild fauna in both the front and the back. These are cut once a year to preserve the habitat.

Although the scheme is only in its second year there are more wild flora and fauna e.g. amphibians, small mammals etc., and flying insects e.g. bees, ladybirds. Long grasses and flowers are only cut after they have seeded, usually in July.

Following this scheme we are making a significant contribution to biodiversity in the village and providing a peaceful, beautiful and respectful environment for all villagers who wish to visit God's Acre.

The incumbent, churchwardens and members of the PCC of St James.

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**The Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday
at 9.30am in St James – all are warmly welcome.
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Vale & Downland Museum.

The Wantage Tramway – The Story of a Bucolic Road Side Steam Tramway Exhibition

Last month I mentioned the Museum and its attempts to raise funds in order to stay open. Here's one of the many reasons why! Wantage Tramway opened in 1875 for both freight and passengers. The passen-

ger line ran for 50 years, while the freight continued for a further 20 years before the Wantage Tramway Co. closed for good in 1945.

The Wantage Tramway passenger tram made its final journey 100 years, on 31st July 1925, and to mark this anniversary there will be a special exhibition in the Squires Gallery from 20th September 2025

Friends, I think there would be very few folk

who will disagree with me when I say that in our community, we have two of the best 'pubs' - they're much more than just that Mr Editor! - in Oxfordshire and beyond!

Now I bring you good news from our near neighbours Denchworth, where they too have a fine hostelry. (Denchworthians also have the good fortune to receive the fab and groovy Hanney News!)

I'm talking of the **Fox Inn**, where landlord Steve has just been made a 'Fellow of the



British Institute of Inn-Keepers.' (BII) His Certificate states that he is... ***"recognised as a Fellow as an experienced hospitality professional keeping pubs thriving at the heart of the community"***

We here at Global HQ offer our congrats to Steve.

Check him and his fine establishment out sometime. You won't be disappointed. We at HQ of course echo the BII when they claim that a thriving pub is at the heart of the community. Let's use ours.

The most common crime

I often ask what is the most common crime locally, and people are generally surprised when I say that it is domestic abuse. Around a fifth of the jobs a police officer will have during a shift could be some form of domestic abuse, and it is a crime that exists in every community, urban and rural.

No one should live in fear at home. That's why our officers are working tirelessly every day to protect victims, bring offenders to justice, and raise awareness about the support available.

Domestic abuse isn't just physical—it can be emotional, financial, sexual, or controlling behaviour. It can be incredibly hard to reach out, which is why we've made it easier than ever to get help safely and discreetly.

Our specially trained domestic abuse teams offer a compassionate and confidential service. We work closely with local partners, such as victim support charities, housing services, and healthcare providers, to ensure people can access the right help at the right time.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse, you are not alone. You can contact us at any time by calling 101—or 999 in an emergency. If speaking isn't safe, you can press 55 when prompted after calling 999 (this is known as the "Silent Solution"). The call handler will do everything they can to determine your location



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You are welcome to contact Victims First to access support if you have reported the Domestic Abuse to the police, or if you have not made contact with the police at all. Simply call 0300 1234 148 or visit victims-first.org.uk

Did you know that on the Canary Islands there is not one single canary! And on the Virgin Islands it's exactly the same..... not one single canary!





I'm always happy to give a mention to the many talented folk in our community, and this month I proudly present **Mel Hunter of East Hanney**.

Mel is a 'surface pattern designer'. These folk design all the patterns you see on soft furnishings, curtains, cushions and fashion items and the like.

Mel also collaborates with a bag designer. The bags – see photo - will be for sale.

Mel's patterns can be used on laptop and phone cases, bags and fashion, as well as standalone pieces of artwork. She also creates greetings cards.

She has Instagram and TikTok accounts and an Etsy store. Hopefully she'll have - or may already have had - a display in the Community Shop window, and a stall at one of the local craft fairs.

Mel has a Facebook page, and this is the link to her Instagram, where you can see more of her designs....https://www.instagram.com/botanica_pattern_designs/

Evie Chapman is another entrepreneur.

She lives in Wantage and bakes seriously yummy stuff. I can personally recommend it. Check out the tray in the snap!

Here's her story...

"Hi everyone, I'm Evie the baker and creator of 'Main Street Bakery', a brand new start-up cake business in Wantage.

We are inspired by American influences and we are best known for our epic cinnamon rolls, brownies and cookies- but I won't be stopping there. Our most popular item so far has been the Bourbon Maple Bacon Cinnamon roll, as well as the Original Spiced Vanilla and Cherry Pie rolls. Made with



fluffy brioche dough and fresh out of the oven, our cinnamon rolls are the perfect breakfast.

Our products are only released when they are 10/10 in quality which takes time and lots of recipe development and taste testing, it's a tough job but someone's got to do it!

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from 9am -12:30.

Regular updates will be provided on our social media pages - find us on Facebook and Instagram @main.street.bakery.

Come on down and see us!"

I recently did something I've never done before!

I sat / posed for Sally's art class that happens here at the Village Hall in East Hanney every Tuesday morning.

I managed to sit still, and yes, I kept my clothes on, much to everyone's relief!

Sally's students drew and painted me - they are a talented bunch - and what came over loud and clear as I sat staring out of the window - but listening to every word! - is just what a fabulous and inspirational teacher Sally really is.

After a short intro and instruction session, everyone put brush, pencil, charcoal etc. to paper, and for the next nearly two hours,

Sally went round to all the 'pupils' individually, helping and advising them as they tried to capture my Brad Pitt-like good looks!

If you've ever fancied having a go at some arty stuff, I cannot recommend Sally highly enough. Beginners are welcome, and you'll find everyone in the class is friendly and encouraging, helping each other.

It was a pleasure to spend some time with these folk. I was going to include one of their efforts, but they were all so good I didn't know which to choose, and anyway, who wants a pic of a grumpy old git like me in the best parish mag in Hanney?

Sally's contact details on page 31.



The Plough now has it's own range of fine wine - Prosecco, Red, White and Rose 'Plonk' as they call it, the Rose apparently sometimes known as Lady Petrol! That made I chuckle. Please don't tell me that's sexist, I'll often have a little slurp of LP! Mrs Editor and I have sampled and can highly recommended....and all a very good price too! Snap above is of barmaid Patience, ready to fill your glass - service with a lovely smile! Pop on down and have a taste.



Wantage Town Council are preparing for Alfred Fest on Sunday 26 October, a celebration of the town's rich heritage which will honour King Alfred the Great....he's the cool dude on the front cover.

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I have been asked by an East Hanney resident

to include the following which highlights a serious road safety issue concerning the pedestrian refuge island on the A338 near Ashfields Lane, see photo.



The resident is a regular user of the bus service, and often gets off the bus at this location, then crossing the road using the refuge island.

They tell me they 'have repeatedly witnessed drivers overtaking stationary buses by passing on the wrong side of the island - a manoeuvre that is not only illegal but extremely dangerous, and is often performed at high speed.'

I assume they do it because as well as

saving them waiting until the bus has disgorged its passengers and taken on new ones, it means that they will then not be behind it on the long stretch heading up the A338 towards Frilford.

However, the Highway

Code Rule 130 is clear on this: *"You must not overtake on the approach to a pedestrian crossing... or pass to the wrong side of a traffic island unless directed."*

This manoeuvre clearly puts pedestrians and other road users at serious risk, especially those who do not expect oncoming traffic in their lane.

I suspect and sincerely hope that most of the inconsiderate motorists who do this are not from Hanney.

Word on the street is that that as well as words, there are also to be found on our streets individuals who really aren't welcome, especially when they knock on our doors!

They may be selling stuff, spouting their weirdy religious nonsense, asking for donations to a charity, or whatever.

This whole area is a 'No Cold Calling Zone' (NCCZ), something you may want to advise them of as you slam your front door shut

in their face! Better still, don't open the door in the first place.

Many are not just hoping to carry out any of the above activities, but will also casing your joint...is your front door unlocked when you are at home, are you old or vulnerable, is your garden accessible etc. etc. ?

We all need to be vigilant, and if you see anything suspicious, don't be reluctant to call the Police.

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Hanney Lottery ... August Winners

1st - John Evans, 2nd - Gill Thompson, 3rd - Shirley Miles.

Not got a number yet or want additional numbers?

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Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all those who sponsored my tandem skydive from Old Sarum Park on 11 August. Currently I have raised over £1300 to be split 50/50 between Grove Stroke Group and the Stroke Association. This will help to support local stroke survivors and the wider efforts to improve understanding, prevention, and treatment of stroke

It was an absolutely fantastic experience on a perfect day. I jumped from 15,000 feet with a freefall of 60s reaching a speed of 125mph

Thanks again

Adrian Bodimeade

This from Laura Lolly Bligdon...

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on the front cover of the cat that was recently shot with an air rifle. Here's what the little cat's owner, Stephanie Wheeler told me....

"Delilah is a much loved family pet. She's 7 years old and lives in West Hanney. She is funny, affectionate, inquisitive and very chatty. In June someone shot her with an air-rifle.

At first, we (and the vet) thought she had been badly bitten in a fight, but it soon became apparent that the wound wasn't healing, and she was becoming distressed. A second trip to the vet revealed an air-gun pellet (close to her spine) which could have paralysed her.

She is now well on the way to making a full recovery, but we are very aware that she was extremely lucky to survive. We would be devastated to lose Delilah and are horrified that anyone would shoot a cat. Acts of animal cruelty such as this can result in a jail sentence of up to five years and the police have been informed and are acting on the information provided. We wanted to make everyone aware that this has happened and to ask people to be vigilant and to report anything similar to the police."

The pic shows the wound very near the spine.



This really is a shocking story, and whilst I doubt the perpetrator will have the guts to fess up, if they get their jollies by being cruel to animals, they need treatment.

I'm tempted to add... 'and maybe a bit of a kicking?' but in these crazy times, I'd probably get arrested for 'incitement to commit an

assault', so no kickings please.

That said, if you know who they are, let the Police know. Sadly, I don't think 'name and shame' is allowed these days, even in a horrible case such as this, but let it be a warning to all folks who have much loved pets.



To end on a lighter note, here's Delilah trying to eat her dinner. I think we'd all make a mess like that if we had to wear a whacking great collar round our neck!

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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 Hanney Youth Football Club, all ages from 5 to seniors. For more details visit www.hanneyyouthfc.co.uk

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - All welcome to come and join us. Become a member. Pool Table & Darts. Bingo and Music quiz once a month. Please check out our Facebook Page for details. (Hanney RBL Sports & Social Club)

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH meets monthly, NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

SJS - 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@gmail.com

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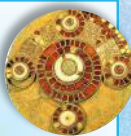
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Visit the website:
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Our Defibrillators?

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



This 8 page A4 brochure...clue's in the title....is available free from the Community Shop, the Hall foyer, the Plough and me!

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