



Hanney News

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**Sing..."We are the
Champions my friend,
and we'll go on
playing Aunt Sally
till the end!"**

Yes, I know it doesn't scan, but no matter, this fine bunch of Hanney men are indeed champions, having won the Abingdon Aunt Sally League, Division D! Massive congrats...keep on throwing your sticks, whilst supping the occasional ale!



MAN v MESS

Can you help? See page 16

*Remembrance
Service, Sunday
9th November
See page 18*



**Great to see the
Union Jack fluttering
majestically on the
Church flag pole.
Many thanks to
Stuart and Hilary
Cakebread.**

See letter, page 18

Next month we celebrate our 50th birthday and our 600th issue!

Our first was December 1975, edited by East Hanney's Jenny Diment.

This amazing lady, as well as being a very busy young mum in the earlier days of her tenure, produced Hanney News every month for 25 years!

Ably assisted by her hubbie Keith, she never missed a month. So I'm hoping to put together a bumper issue of memories from those times, as well as allowing myself a proud little grin, knowing that we've still never missed a month since. Massive thanks also due to the editors who followed Jenny, including Jenny Corps, who 'did' 7 years before handing over to me in May 2015!

Being as it's October and autumn's here, I thought that, along with my usual witterings, I'd use at least some of this page for a rather timely snap.

If you feel like getting a bit arty with your box brownie, now's the time!

Wait for some low, early morning or late afternoon sun, and get outside! I know you won't use a box brownie but rather your 'Apples and Pears iPhone 47' or whatever it's called.



A major new project is now happening at the Church, hence the presence of the Portaloo and the skip. Yes, I know they don't exactly enhance the view of our magnificent Church, but the big improvements will be well worth it. See page 12. Say hello to our new vicar on page 13. Please do not post any letters into the Hanney News postbox in the Community Shop that you want Postmen Pat to deliver. Someone recently did (!) - I retrieved it and put it in the bright red pillar box at the entrance to the Hall car park, which Pat does empty!

As ever, loads going on this month, so settle down with a cuppa and have a browse through the best parish mag in the whole of Hanney!

I've pretty much run out of room, so farewell dear friends, see you 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....

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

Sat 4th, Hanney Community Woodland Working Party. Page 30 for contact details.

Sat 4th , from 12:00 noon. Join us at The Plough, West Hanney for Oktober Fest!

Mon 6 th, 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.

18th, 19th, 25th – 31st Oct, Earth Trust, Autumn Adventures for young kids: page 7

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

Sat 25th Hanney Community Working Party, see 4th Oct,

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

Mon 27th–29th Oct, Earth Trust Outdoor Explorer Camp , for older kids: page 7

Mon 27th, Hanney History group. Village Hall. Doors open 7.30 - starts 7.45. 'From Balliol to Bethlehem, Wyclif and Hus; Freedom, Faith and Fire .' See Page 4.

Turs 30th, Fri 31st, Sat 1st Nov 31st: AmEgos Theatre presents the comedy play THE LADYKILLERS. Four shows, Thursday to Saturday at 7.30pm nightly, Saturday matinee at 2.30pm at King Alfred's Academy Theatre, Wantage. See page 4



And further ahead

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.

Weds 5th Nov, 1.30pm - 'Holmes of Hanney and Birth Control' A talk by Katherine and David Gahan at the Vale and Downland Museum. Book in advance. See page 12.

Sun 9th Nov Remembrance - Service St James Church, see page 18.

Sat 15th Nov Bazaar , Cancer Research UK 10am - 2pm, Village Hall - see page 5.

Thurs 27th Nov, 2.30pm, Senior Citizens, 'Music of the 60's' Quiz. Jim Staggs

Sat 29th Nov, Hanney Community Woodland Working Party - see page 30.

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

The Stagecoach S9 bus is now running through Main Street, East Hanney, stopping outside the Black Horse, though I'm sure the driver won't pop in for a swift drink! It's a half hour service to Wantage and Oxford, and **this is** in addition to the hourly X1 service which continues.



This from Paul Sayers, the main man of the Community Woodland Group
"Because of the two recent very wet winters when we have been unable to work in the southern part of the Woodland, several of the rides have become very overgrown, more than we could manage to cut back manually with our working parties, even if there is not yet another wet winter. Accordingly, West Hanney Parish Council has agreed to employ a contractor to do some work with a tractor mounted hedge trimmer. We do not have any dates yet but it may be that I ask for a few volunteers to turn out to help rake up the arisings." Paul's contact details on page 30.

A big 'Thank You' to David & Roz Arthurs who have kept our Community Shop well supplied with delicious eggs, all laid by their chickens here in Hanney. Now that's what you call fresh!
 We at Global HQ often enjoy 'eggy' type dishes in the staff canteen, with the vital ingredient - eggs! - supplied by Roz and

David.

Were I to enter a 'Chef of the Year' competition, my signature dish with which I would wow the judges would be my superb 'scrambled eggs'. Forgive the immodesty here, but they offer a quite unimaginable gastronomic delight for anyone lucky enough to try them!

Mon 27th Oct. Hanney History Group. Village Hall, 'From Balliol to Bethlehem - Wyclif and Hus; Freedom, Faith and Fire.'

A local history talk by Paul Whifton. 'What does the title Balliol to Bethlehem mean? Balliol is the university college in Oxford; while Bethlehem (Betlem) is a university chapel in Prague, Czech Republic. Two cities, two university colleges and two important men, John Wyclif and Jan Hus, of the 14th century connected by their roles in reform, freedom and ultimately in their deaths. The talk features some interesting local connections just a few miles from here and will also highlight the incredible part our city of Oxford has played in European history.

AmEgos Theatre is thrilled to present the hilarious comedy play **THE LA-DYKILLERS...** a fabulous adaptation of the classic Ealing comedy, a tale of a sweet little old lady pitted against a gang of criminal misfits who will stop at nothing to carry out the perfect heist. The gang rent a room in Mrs Wilberforce's house. They plot to involve her unwittingly in a robbery. The police are stumped but she becomes wise to the gang's ruse and the gang conclude that there is only one way to keep the old lady quiet. With only her parrot, General Gordon, to help her, Mrs W is alone with five desperate men. But who will be forced to face the music?

Four shows, Thursday 30th, Friday 31st Oct & Saturday 1st Nov at 7.30pm, with a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm at King Alfred's Academy Theatre, Wantage. Tickets and further info:

www.AmEgosTheatre.com

Just up the road from us is the lovely village of Charney Bassett, and they're having a party to which we're all invited!

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Please do not take your dog onto the MUGA! Much as we all love our doggies, they are not allowed on it, and whoever stole the signs advising folk of that rule, could they please bring them back!

Talking of dogs, I knew a chap who taught his poodle to talk. First thing it said to him? "Don't you ever give me a haircut like this again!!"



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Next meeting is on Weds 8th Oct, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

Allotments available - £10 for a half plot, £15 for a full plot. Contact Cllr Dennill

Pavilion - as you may have seen the pavilion planning is progressing and we have received some great feedback. We are adapting our plans to incorporate the suggestions.

Letcombe Brook Project - we are hoping that the group can provide additional educational sessions along the brook where residents can join to learn more about the rare chalk stream that runs through Hanney - One of only 200 in the world.

Community Trees - we have been successful in our bid for 400 additional trees which will arrive in November - so help will be gladly welcomed. These trees are vital in providing natural habitat in the longer term and balancing the development we see in Hanney and nearby.

Driving Standards - with the 20mph zone we see the majority of drivers travelling through our village in a respectful manner. Unfortunately there are still one or two who don't respect others and drive too fast or indeed crash into private gardens. Please report issues to the Police as necessary.

MUGA Use - the Multi Use Games Area is a valuable asset to the village and well used - recently we have seen some activities involving dogs on the MUGA which is preventing the use by others and we hope this will stop. We will be placing No Dogs signs

on the MUGA to help with this.

Issues around the village - thank you to residents who have informed us of issues, this is much appreciated and we have addressed them when raised. For example tree branches that are hanging dangerously or benches requiring repairs

Public Toilets - we have reviewed the opportunity to provide public toilets but unfortunately this is much more complicated and expensive than maybe meets the eye. The council agreed to budget for temporary toilet provision during July & August next year and will investigate the options available.

Allotments - holders of allotments are reminded that they must keep their allotment clear and tidy - as we have a waiting list for allotments, we will request the return of the allotment if the allotment is not utilised and left in poor condition.

Temporary Road Closure - the road from the British Legion to the Church will again be closed on the **9th November** to allow for the Remembrance Sunday parade to occur. Please feel free to join the parade and pay respect to those who fell during past conflicts.

(There's one more on page 7!)

East Hanney Parish Council - continued....

The Paddocks A338 Planning Approval - the council notes the approval was granted with a considerable number of conditions applied. The council and local residents will be keen to see that all of these conditions are met prior to and during the construction phase and will be keenly watching that there are.

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**Our next meeting is on Weds 5th November at 7.30pm
in the Hanney War Memorial Hall**



CASTING CALL

It's not too late to join the cast and crew for the Hanney Pantomime 2026!! The first round of casting was held on 23rd September and there's more to come. Let us know how you would like to be involved – call Anita on 07876 823507

This October half term, adventure awaits at Earth Trust!

Join us for **Autumn Adventures: Tales and Trails (18th & 19th, 25th – 31st Oct)**, where families can wander enchanted paths, solve our giant maize maze to find the mischievous Maize King, discover fairy doors and secret creatures, and celebrate the season with marshmallow toasting, nature crafts, storytelling and outdoor fun.

For older children ready to dive deeper into the wild, our **Outdoor Explorer Camp (27th–29th Oct)** offers full days of hands-on activities led by expert instructors. From bushcraft and fire lighting to den building, orienteering and camp cookery, it's the perfect way for 7-13 year-olds to



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Apols, the gremlins got into the Sept issue, specifically the article below.

Here's hoping it's 'gremlin free' this time!

"Update on the Walking Netball"

I mentioned on page 9 of the August issue. 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. If any 'Hanney Ladies' feel like joining us please

contact Belinda Watson - belconacher@talktalk.net

I went to see a fortune teller recently. When I arrived, there was a notice on the door "Closed due to unforeseen circumstances"

The other day a bloke loudly shouted 'BNAG!' at me several times! I thought to myself that's bang out of order.

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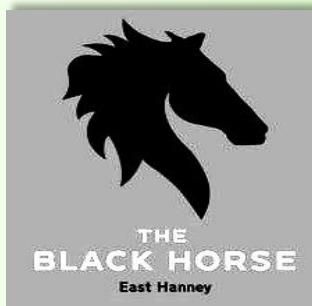


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The bells are silent, there's a Portaloos outside and the church is shut – what is going on?

Answer : after 11 years of planning, fund-raising and a lot of hard work, works on the long-awaited church loo, improved disabled access, lighting and a small room for community use are underway.

The church will be shut during this period, but we are hopeful that the regular Sunday Eucharist can continue on the vast majority of Sunday's during the 4 – 5 months build programme – it will take place in the Chancel and guidance will be provided on

access – if you would like to be added to the emails sent out on this, please email hilarycakebreadhall@gmail.com.

Part of the plans is to remove one section of pews in order to create a more open space and this will also be available for community groups to use – the pews are being replaced by high quality chairs for which we need support to purchase – if anyone would like to 'buy' a chair by way of a donation – perhaps in memory of a loved one, please contact Hilary (email as above or 01235 868590). Thank you to all those whose endeavours have helped with the fund-raising to-date.

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**The Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday
at 9.30am in St James – all are warmly welcome.
Freshly brewed coffee or tea is served after the service**

Hanney Lottery ... September Winners

1st - Wendy Hunter

2nd - Elizabeth Hulme

3rd - Polly & Tom Godfrey

Not got a number yet or want additional numbers?

Call Hilary on 868590.

A while back I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the Hanney History Group in which David and Katherine Gahan gave an excellent illustrated talk about 'Holmes of Hanney.' They are presenting it again at the Vale and Downland Museum, and I urge you not to miss it. Happening on Weds 5th Nov at 1.30pm, with an entry fee of £7.50, advance booking is advised.

Reverend Dr Miriam

Jones has become Associate Vicar for the Vale benefice having served as the curate at All Saints and St Hugh's Gosforth near Newcastle.

Miriam writes *"After four years of ministry in the diocese of Newcastle, I'm excited to be beginning a new chapter in the beautiful Vale benefits as your new associate vicar. Before moving to the UK in 2019 I lived in Amsterdam where I was brought up in an international family with American and Canadian roots my husband Thomas and I have three daugh-*



ters and a son, Emily aged 13, Julia 11, Zoe 8, and Adam who is 4. In my free time I enjoy reading, board games, long walks and long conversations. I look forward to getting to know you all in the months ahead and to discovering together what God has in store for us!"

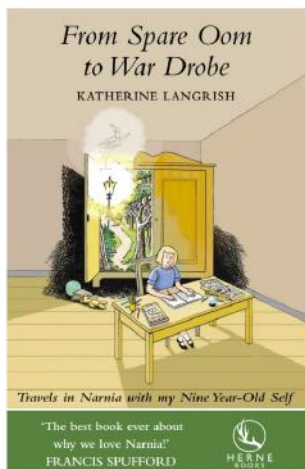
We look forward to welcoming Miriam into our community. She is a gifted priest and passionate follower of Jesus Christ and we are excited to live and work alongside her as we enter this new phase in the life of the Vale benefice.

All of us here at Hanney News Global International welcome Miriam, and wish her every success in her very challenging new role.

Following my recent articles

about Chris French's book 'National Endeavour', I'm pleased to tell you about another Hanney author, Katherine Langrish, and her latest book, 'From Spare Oom to War Drobe' which will be published on 24th Oct. Here's her blurb about it.....

"Back in the 1960s a little girl of nine who was deeply in love with Narnia wrote a book of short stories. Written in spiky blue ink with various crossings-out and spelling mistakes, Katherine Langrish's *Tales of Narnia* filled an old hard-cover notebook from front to back. Some of the stories were illustrated with dramatic, poster-painted scenes, and Katherine drew a map of Narnia on the inside back cover. Now a celebrated adult writer of children's and young adult's literature, Langrish has



revisited C. S. Lewis's *Seven Chronicles of Narnia* to explore what they mean to her today. In *From Spare Oom to War Drobe* she analyses what once enchanted her and asks whether it still has the power to do so. Hand in hand with her nine year-old self, she traces many paths through Lewis's thick forest of allusions not only to Christianity, but to Plato, fairy tales, myths, legends, medieval romances, renaissance poetry and indeed to other chil-

dren's books. Here are two very different ways of reading the Narnia stories: the adult, informed, rational way and the passionate childish way. For whenever children fall in love with a book they love it fiercely, loyally, completely; and as anyone it's ever happened to will know, it can be a transformative experience."

Is it really your bank calling?

Sadly we know that one of the most common crimes that we can all be vulnerable to is fraud. It can take many forms but impersonation of your bank, a government agency or even the police is a tactic that many criminals will use.

If you receive a suspicious call, independently contact your bank or the relevant agency using an official telephone number – do not use numbers given to you by the cold caller. But who has the time to dig out and verify a number for your bank? That's why the 159 service was created. If you get a call from someone claiming to be your bank you can simply call 159 and you'll be put through to an automated service which can put you through directly. The system is supported by most of the major banks. The idea is to give one trusted number that the public know they can call safely in order to be put through directly to their bank.

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The best way to avoid that is to wait for 15 minutes, to ensure the line is clear, or call from another phone if you have one available. Then simply call 159 to be put through directly to your bank.

NEVER disclose any personal or sensitive information over the telephone.

Whilst fraud is one of the biggest risks to us all from criminals it is also one of the most easily prevented crimes. A dose of healthy scepticism goes a long way, and always be cautious with unsolicited calls, emails and texts.

If in doubt, take a moment, do not be pressured into sharing information or handing over money. Check with someone else if you're suspicious.

Royal Britis Legion charity 'Poppy Appeal 2025'

*"Hi Hanney, I'm Jamie and I've recently taken over organising the Poppy Appeal for the Hanney area, I'm looking for public places that may want a collection box i.e. Pubs, shops and local **businesses** please get in touch. **Pin Badges** will be available, and also can be reserved/**ordered** by messaging me on **07342812801** or email me jamiebutch@hotmail.com and*

collected from Longfields in Marcham. We thank you in advance for

your donations. All are invaluable in enabling the Royal British Legon to provide life-long support to serving and ex-serving members of the British Armed Forces and their families."



We know it might feel a little early to mention the “C” word but ...Christmas will be here before you know it!

We know it's only September and most of us are still in our shorts (and clinging on to the sunshine).

But guess what? Christmas is already knocking at the door, and our festive menus are hot off the press!

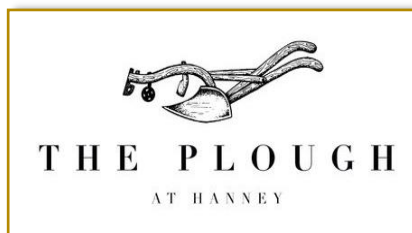
So if you're the group planner (nobody wants this job), or just fancy getting dibs on the best dates, now's your chance...

Not one, but three festive menus.....

Nice - Think Classic Christmas comforts: roast turkey with all the trimmings, indulgent deserts, and every thing you'd expect from a proper festive feast.

Naughty - A little less extravagant, but just as tasty. Perfect if you fancy celebrating with out rolling home after three courses.

Even Naughtier - A part buffet designed for big groups, office parties, and those who



really want to let their hair down and go all out.

So whether you're planning...

A cosy get together by the fire,

Organising a festive catch up with a friend,

Or in charge of the office Christmas do (no pressure)...

...we've got the perfect menu (and plenty of wine!) to make it one to remember.

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fancy. Then get that date in the diary before the December rush begins, because we all know the best spots go first.

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Owain and Luke.

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Hanney History Group

offers talks that mainly focus on the history of the Hanneys, the Vale of the White Horse and Oxfordshire.

We meet every 4th Monday of the month, from September 2025 to May 2026 at 8pm at the Hanney War Memorial Hall, OX12 0JL.

Visits are arranged in the Summer.

New members and visitors are always welcome. A £14 subscription covers eight evenings - £3.50 per talk for visitors.

Summer visits and walks at venue/guide cost price.

2025 - 2026 Talks Programme

22nd Sept 2025– Alastair Lack – ‘C S Lewis and J R R Tolkien’.

27th Oct – Paul Whitton- Balliol to Bethlehem, Wycliffe and Hus: Freedom, Faith and Fire.

24th Nov – Andrew Long- Oxfordshire Place names

26th Jan 2026 – Sem Seabourne- The Port of Wantage

23rd Feb – Gillian Cane- Coleshill-nerve centre of British Resistance

23rd March – Dr John Naylor- Watlington Hoard

27th April – Richard Marks- The Wantage Tramway

18th May – Timothy Walker-History of Oxford Botanic garden

June – August – walks and visits, ideas welcome.

**Saturday 11th
October 10:30am**

This from Andrew Wastie, a very hard working member of our Community....



“Hanneys are at War. Ok, we are not actually at war but there is a battle on at the War Memorial Hall: a battle against weeds! ‘A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they shall never sit’ This ancient Greek proverb really sums up our villages - foresight, planning and a friendly thriving community based on altruism. The Hanneys are a place you call home and I personally feel greatly proud to live here and be a part of that community.

Our Village Hall is calling for our help, a working group is planned to clear weeds and cut back shrubs. It's a meeting place for many of our clubs and societies and hired out for

many more, and it deserves to be looked after. The community response is for us to turn up with gloves, spades and buckets to clear the exterior all around the buildings. We won't be using weed killers, just gardening tools.

This is only a few hours and the more that turn up the easier this will be.

We hope to see you on the 11th October at 10:30am to join those who have already signed up.”



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**The gent
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broke, who is
now the Chair of the
Hanney branch of
the 'Flat Earth Soci-
ety'. His rather
appropriate T-shirt
informs us that
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back"**



Not exactly a side-splitter, but the message is clear enough. If you'd like to get involved, you can reach Steve on his mobile: 07702 476807. He tells me that the branch are hoping to set up weekly meetings at the Plough in West Hanney, when members and anyone interested can get together.

I should mention that Steve is also a champion 'Aunt Sally' player, scoring 5 out of 6 as a member of the Plough team in a recent match. If you're not familiar with the scoring, that's pretty impressive.



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Dear Editor,
Returning from holiday recently, I was delighted to be greeted by the sight of the Union Jack fluttering gracefully from the flagstaff at St James church, a replacement for the shameful tattered rag which was there previously.
Obviously, when new, the flag of Ukraine was a symbol of support for the valiant efforts of resistance by its proud people. However, lack of maintenance of that country's icon turned a well meaning gesture into an insult.
Having declared independence from the



USSR in 1991 Ukraine is fighting for its very survival and the continued support of all right thinking free people is imperative.
Having made the point of our unwavering stand against aggression, it is right and proper that our own Union Jack, a symbol of justice and freedom since 1603, is now flying proudly over Hanney.
I consider a vote of thanks is due to the churchwardens and anyone else involved in maintaining the status quo.
Regards,
David Bratley

The poster has a light pink background with a red border. On the left side, there are several red poppies with black centers and long black stems. The text is centered and right-aligned. At the top, it says "NOVEMBER 9th 2025" and "St James Church, West Hanney". Below that, the word "REMEMBRANCE" is in large, bold, red capital letters, and "Service" is in a black cursive script. A horizontal line separates the title from the event details. The details are: "10:15 - Meet @ East Hanney RBL", "10:30 - March led by Wantage Silver Band", and "10:45 Service begins". Below that, it says "Post service refreshments and live singer @ RBL". At the bottom, a paragraph reads: "Everyone is welcome to join us as we come together to honour and remember the brave soldiers who have sacrificed for our freedom. This ceremony is a time for reflection and gratitude." In the bottom left corner, there is a small text: "Made with PosterMyWall.com".

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Dear Editor
Thank you to Ian and Jacqui at the Black Horse and everyone else who was involved in the Hanney Fest for raising £1,110 for the Churchill Hospital for Research. Well done and thank you all for your hard work involved,

Hanney Fundraisers

Good News!

Following the period of public engagement around refurbishment proposals for Wantage Cottage Hospital, our application for funding via the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) overseen by the Vale of White Horse District Council has been approved. This allows us to proceed with refurbishing the hospital's ground floor. The start date is yet to be confirmed, we are working towards works beginning in mid-October and being completed before the end of March 2026."



A few snaps from the recent HanneyFest.

Massive big ups to Ian and Jacqui at the Black Horse for hosting this fab and groovy event that raised £1,110 for charity!

And if you're a connoisseur of burgers, I urge you to check out these boys.

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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.

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.....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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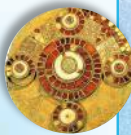
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Visit the website:
<https://thehanneys.uk>



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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 18th 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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