



# Hanney News

Number 604 March 2026

## East Hanney Community Awards 2026

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**Yo Dudes!...Get down  
and boogie with us on  
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**Oi you lot!  
There's some  
changes coming  
up to our buses.  
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**Panto pics....more on  
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**Are you a lady who socialises, or would  
like to, in West & East Hanney and local  
areas? If so, fire up your phone or your  
Facebook, and head to page 7!**

**Potholes!...Page 15**

## Editorial

We here at Global HQ are marching into March with the certain knowledge that Spring is on its way!

As usual I've tried to include a mix of stuff in this issue, some serious, some a bit silly. Feedback always welcome!

Snowdrops feature on page 21, and an update on the Chequers at Charney is on page 19...not great news I'm afraid, with a projected opening very unlikely before Summer 2027!

Jaunty Jilly is back...she's been begging me for a column since she returned from Venezuela, so I've given her one. She in turn gives us the benefit of her wisdom on a few items currently in the local news on page 5.

Please don't miss the Cancer Research Table Top Sale... pop along and spend a few quid to help the fundraising! You're guaranteed a lovely cuppa and some delish cake! The hard work that the organisers put into this regular event is incredible.

If you're a Bruce Springsteen - he's one of my all time favourites - you'll not want to miss Film Night on Friday 6th. See pages 3 and 13.

Matt Barber's piece details some disappointing figures from our government, but there's optimism too, on page 19.

If you've ever wondered about the Hanney Lottery, head to page 13, where Hilary



Cakebread tells all, and how you can get involved. Well worth supporting in my humble!

Flood prevention - good news - and dog poo - bad news - on page 20.

I want to mention our District Councillor Sally Povolotsky, who stands as an Independent. Sally is a recently married lady and big apols Sally, but I can't remember your married name.

What I can remember is the last West Hanney Parish Council meeting, which she attended. It's not often that District or County Councillors attend Parish meetings, and it was good to see her. One of the discussions at the meeting focussed on the proposed reservoir that's much in our thoughts currently, though was first proposed in about 1990 I believe - yes really! It soon became clear as Sally started to speak that she is as passionate as she is knowledgeable on the subject.

My advice if you are pro the reservoir, and yes, there are a few folk around who are, including on the West Hanney Parish Council itself, do not pick an argument with Sally.... you will surely lose.

I would like to thank Sally very much for all she does - with real dedication - for our community.

Ok, enough for this month, other than to say au revoir till April.

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

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

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> , Hanney Gardening Club** - Village Hall, 7.30 for 8pm. '52 Weeks of Shade Loving Plants' by Lynne Moore, a passionate horticulturist specialising in shade loving and woodland plants. In her talk she provides a comprehensive guide to cultivating a vibrant garden in shaded areas, non-members welcome.

**Fri 6th, 7.30pm, Village Hall, Hanney Film Nights, proudly presents Deliver Me From Nowhere, see poster on page 13.** Doors and Bar open 7.30pm, film starts 8pm. Contactless payment only...no cash. £8, £7 concessions

**Sat 7th, Night in the Museum, Classical Music Concert,** the Ivel Flute Trio, at the Oxford Museum of Natural History. Details last month page 13, or here....

**Mon 23rd, 8pm, Village Hall - Hanney History Group.** A talk by Dr John Naylor 'Watlington Hoard'. See page 22. Visitors very welcome - £3.50.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> - Hanney Community Woodland Working Party** - contact Paul Sayers - page 34 for details.

**Sunday, March 29th, 2.00 - 6.00pm Garden Opening** for local charity 'Flexicare' at Larkbears, 85 Cumnor Hill, OX2 9HX. Entrance free but donations to Flexicare. Teas & sale of home-made preserves and plants. Early Spring flowers in an Arts & Crafts garden including a small fritillary meadow



## And further ahead

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> April, Hanney Gardening Club** Village Hall. 7.30 for 8pm. Soil Improvement by Russell Atwood, who draws on over 25 years' experience in allotment gardening and Crop Science. He delves into the complexities of soil biology and sustainable gardening practices and the importance of organic matter and microbial activity and also practical techniques such as no-dig gardening. Non-members welcome.

**Sat 18th April, 10am - 2pm, Cancer Research UK** sale at Village Hall. See page 4.

**Sun 26th April, 10am - 2pm, Royal British Legion East Hanney: Abarth - Fiat - Spider "Meeps Meet."** Details next month.

**Mon 27th April, 8pm, Village Hall - Hanney History Group,** a talk by Richard Marks 'The Wantage Tramway'. See page 24 for details. Visitors very welcome - £3.50.

**Sat 16th May, W.I. Craft Fair. Village Hall.** Hope to see you there. Always a popular event for all the family. Note: we are full for stalls.

**Mon 18th May, 8pm, Village Hall - Hanney History Group,** a talk by Timothy Walker former Director of the Oxford Botanic Garden - 'History of Oxford Botanic Garden'. Note this is not the usual 4th Monday of the month due to the Bank Holiday. Details next month. Visitors very welcome - £3.50.

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**We in Hanney always** welcome news of new arrivals in our community. And here's one of the newest! This is Buster, the beautiful little chap in the pic below.

Massive congrats to Mum and Dad, Leanne and Malcolm! I'm sure they are so proud of Buster, and we wish them all the very best for the future.



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A friend of mine organises themed holidays for people who like to pay tribute to Scottish singers. Next month we are going to Honolulu.

**Our MP is Olly Glover.** [olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk) [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

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# East Hanney Community Awards 2026

**East Hanney Parish Council** is delighted to launch the East Hanney Community Awards 2026, celebrating the individuals who make a real difference in our village.

These awards recognise those people living in **East or West Hanney** who go above and beyond to support others, strengthen community spirit, and contribute positively to life in Hanney.

We are inviting nominations from local residents for people who deserve recognition. Nominees might include volunteers, young people, community champions, or anyone whose actions have had a positive impact on village life.

Award Categories:

- Young Person Award (under 17)
- Community Contribution Award (17 and over)

If you know someone who deserves recognition, please submit a nomination and tell us why they should receive an award.

Nominations close on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. Nomination forms can be collected from the Community Shop or filled in online by scanning the QR code.

Let's come together to celebrate the people who make East and West Hanney such a special place to live.

Winners will be announced at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.



**Yes darlings I'm back!!** That sweet old boy Jim the Editor has given me a column. So, here we go....  
The Community Awards - see above - is a lovely idea, and feel free to nominate me! Joking!!! Much better to think of the folk who just quietly and efficiently get on with helping our community behind the scenes, often unnoticed and receiving few, if any, thanks for their efforts.  
Less good news are these potholes...allegedly they're being filled in - see Jim's piece on page 15. My message to Cllr Gant is to be a little poppet and make Hanney a priority!  
After all how many Oxfordshire villages can boast a Global

HQ in their midst?

Finally good news for the ladies....page 7 details a great new initiative for us girls who like to get together for a chinwag, a moan about our men, and maybe the odd glass of bubbly. I'm up for it...sounds like a bit of fun!  
Hoping for a column next month...just gotta persuade little Jimmy the Ed!!

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**Next meeting is on Weds 11th March, 7.30pm, Village Hall.**

**SESRO** - I attended the Vale meeting this month to support a motion put forward by Sally Whiteman for further scrutiny of the Thames Water reservoir. Clearly there is a need for water but not at any cost. The reservoir is now expected to cost £7.5Bn and require more land than Gatwick Airport. It is only right that there is proper scrutiny of the proposal and alternatives.

**Roads** - the gulleys and drains will be cleared in March, meanwhile please report potholes or craters on the OneNetwork fix my street website.

**School** - we are aware of the significant crater in Cow Lane at the junction with School Road, Highways - who are responsible - have been informed.

**Blenheim Orchard footpath** to the A338 will be improved as identified by the countryside access team and funded by them.

**Pavilion** - we are now approaching suppliers to give us indicative pricing prior to going to full tender.

**Verge Damage** along Summertown - we have written to Highways to ask for help with the damage that has been caused by buses and lorry's.

**Playground Matting** - we have upgraded the matting around the zip wire and other equipment to comply with the latest ROSPA requirements at a cost of £800. Please report issues with the playground to the Clerk.



**Community Award** - we are excited to launch the Hanney Community Awards, recognising the volunteers in our community. We know that many residents volunteer for good causes both large and small in the village. This is a great opportunity to thank these individuals for what they do. See our promotion on page 5 of this issue of Hanney News.

*Paul Aram,  
Chair,*

# West Hanney Parish Council

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The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room, Hanney War Memorial Hall

**Local Government in Oxfordshire is changing.** The District Councils and Oxfordshire County Council are due to be replaced with a new unitary council(s) in 2028, providing all local government services, including housing, planning, refuse collection and recycling, social care, children's services, transport and highways. You can read about the three proposals being considered for Oxfordshire at [www.twocouncils.org](http://www.twocouncils.org) and have your say by responding to the public consultation that is open until 26<sup>th</sup> March.

**“We have recently set up** a women’s social group with a Facebook page.

This will be a friendly welcoming group for all women in the local area who would like to chat, meet up, find friends, go for walks or just sit and drink tea/coffee and eat cake.

We can also arrange to meet up for meals, lunch etc. and to share news and views in a safe supportive place.

This is based in and around the local areas.

This FB group will have an 'events' section to list coffee dates, meals etc., whereby all members in the group would be invited and able to select the events they would like to attend.

This is the link to our Fb page:



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2223124478438666/>, but it’s easier to simply enter... **‘Ladies who socialise’** in the search box.

We also have a WhatsApp group if this is helpful, particularly for those who wish to stay in touch but do not use Facebook.

The number is 07840 968736

*Sue, West Hanney.*

**These are difficult times for many folk.**

**Here in Hanney we have a charity, 'The Hanney Parochial Trust' that may be able to help.**

It's 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, and a representative of the Church, along with long-term residents of our community.

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

If you apply for any type of grant. I will meet with you to discuss your situation, all in strictest confidence of course. I will then discuss your case with my fellow trustees. We aim to give you an answer within a couple of days.

As well as a general grant, here are some specific ways we can help...the purchase of specialised equipment, e.g. wheelchairs, stair lifts, the payment of hospital transport, school trips etc.

We also offer grants to assist under 25's embarking on higher education courses. This is regardless of their financial situation.

Our rules - the Charity Commission oversee our work - state that our grants are only available to residents of East Hanney, West Hanney and Lyford. Please note that receipt of a grant from us is not dependent upon how long you have lived in our community.

We now work closely with '**Vale Community Impact' (VCI)** in Wantage, so feel free to approach them first if you'd rather. Their website is here: [www.vci.org.uk](http://www.vci.org.uk). Tel: **01235 765348**.

**My telephone numbers are 01235 867500 or 07762 239681.**

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

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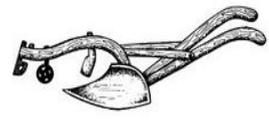


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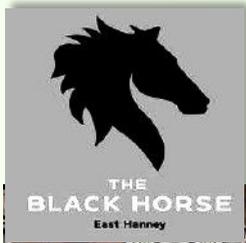


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Many of us have quiet longings in our hearts, but there are lots of reasons why we ignore them. The noisy overload of social media; the busy rush of everyday routines; the tired ache of stretched lives.

Faith is like a spring flower that lies dormant below ground – until some light and warmth stir it into life again. In the woods the green bluebell leaves are pushing up. They are easily squashed by clumsy feet but still persist in reaching out for life. “A bruised reed he will not break; a dimly burning wick he will not quench” says the prophet Isaiah. Many of us feel that our faith in people and in God has been trampled and harmed.

People we should have been able to trust have let us down. Prayers we have prayed seem to have fallen on deaf ears. We are left nursing feelings of hurt and anger. It seems too costly to try again, to risk the pain of more rejection. So, we leave things as they are, however uncomfortable they make us feel. Doors that used to be open are locked when we try them. Old habits of prayer seem dusty and unfamiliar.



But ‘For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven’. Perhaps this year is a time for a fresh opening up of your search for meaning and new life. It is easy to blame everything else for not wanting to begin again. But only you are responsible for finding

what your heart desires.

I am writing to invite you to join with a few others to begin an exploration of the spiritual life. A couple of friends and I are going to be starting a small group for any who would like to come and see what trusting God might be like. We hope it will be a safe place where any question can be asked, any difficulty faced, any objection aired.

We hope to start something after Easter. If you would like to find out more about this, please drop me an email at

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*Geoff Maughan*

*Retired Minister living in West Hanney*

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## Hanney Lottery - February Winners

1st - Jenny Gascoyne, 2nd - David Johns, 3rd - Jane Bradley-Heyes

Not got a number yet or want additional numbers? Call Hilary on 868590.

**For many years Hanney has had a monthly lottery** – the funds raised are used to maintain St James Church – and are vital to its maintenance.

In recent years the funds raised have paid for some major repairs for the Tower bells and most recently to purchase the new bell rope guide being installed during the restoration currently underway.

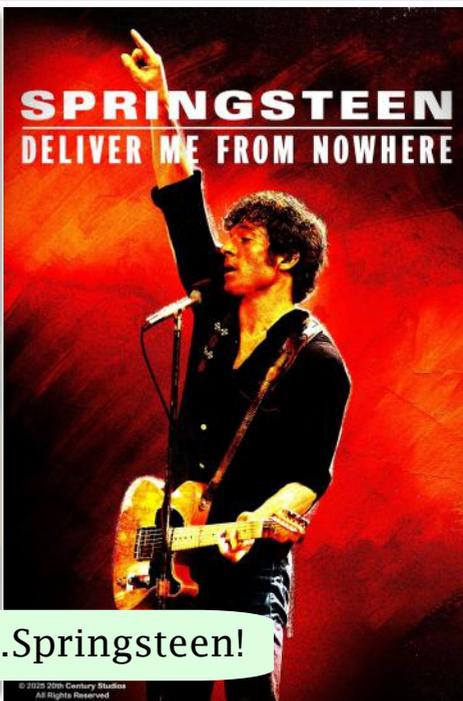
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Spring!....Springsteen!





**Pics of Hanney Drama Group's "Puss in Boots" panto. I'm told it was the best one ever!! Massive big ups to all involved, and thanks to the photographers who allowed me to use their snaps.**

**“Additional teams and resources** are being made available to repair potholes on our roads following a rise in reports of them due to recent wet and freezing conditions.

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and its highways contractor 'M Group' are increasing the number of repair crews from seven to 16 to reduce a backlog .

The mid-December to January weather created a cycle of freezing and thawing – perfect conditions for creating new potholes.

OCC aims to repair potholes within two hours, 24 hours or 28 days, depending on how big a risk they pose. M

Larger potholes, require substantial repair methods which – although producing high quality results – are more labour intensive and time consuming.



Councillor Andrew Gant, OCC's Cabinet Member said: “It has been a difficult winter, but we are actively looking to improve the situation on our roads by making more resources availa-

ble. “Our highways teams work very hard in all weathers and conditions to maintain the 3,000 miles of road for which we are responsible.

More than 41,000 highways defects were reported in the last 12 months, 90 per cent of which were potholes. About a quarter of these were reported by members of the public, with the rest logged during its own highway inspections. Contractors filled 37,042 potholes in 2024 - 25.

You are asked to report potholes via [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com), preferably with photographs. Reports are generally investigated within ten days of being raised.”

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22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026



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To improve punctuality and reliability across our network, Oxford Bus Company and Thames Travel are updating our services to run more smoothly with the new Congestion Charge and free Park & Ride services. From Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, our new timetables will come into play and be updated on both our website and app. If you're not sure about your journey, check out the journey planner on our website, or contact our customer service team for help. We're here to make sure your travel is as smooth as possible.

For East Hanney, the main affected services are the X1 and X15. For more information, feel free to check out our website!

<https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/service-changes-22nd-feb-26>

**First and Last Mile (FLM) CIC, a small Community Transport** operator based in Stanton Harcourt, are pleased to inform you that - subject to final approval from the Office of the Traffic Commissioner - with effect from Monday 16 February 2026, there will be a new weekly bus service to Wantage, the 401.

This has come about because sadly Richard Wellesley Memorial Transport based in Buckland are closing down. FLM are providing replacement services including the 401.

This does not replace the existing Wednesday 88 service run by Oxfordshire County Council Fleet Services, which will continue unchanged. The 401 is an additional service which FLM hopes may be of some benefit to people in the village.

The bus will of course stop at the Bus Shelter but in addition will stop at any safe

place on Winter Lane, Main Street or Church Street as it will do a loop of the village before going via The Causeway to East Hanney.

Timetables will be available shortly, but the bus will leave the Bus Shelter at 10.07 and arrive in Wantage Market Square at 10.25. Both Grove and Wantage Health Centre are served by request only in both directions. The return journey leaves Wantage, Market Square at 12.15.

Concessionary bus passes and MyBus tickets are accepted and there is no need to prebook.

Fares for paying passengers are

Adult Single.	£3
Child Single.	£2
12 Trip Tickets.	£25

## 53 more neighbourhood police officers despite Home Office underfunding

Back in December, the Government announced the funding settlement for Thames Valley Police - allocating nearly £9m less than they had previously indicated! The funding from central government will barely cover the costs of inflation and pay increases for police officers. In addition the Home Secretary, Shabana Mahmood, confirmed at the end of January that the Government would only fund 40% of the cost of new police neighbourhood officers, putting more pressure on your local council tax bill and squeezing other parts of policing.

Despite these financial pressures, I am confident that we will be able to **deliver 53 more neighbourhood officers** this coming year, that's on top of the 218 extra officers delivered in the last three years.

This comes at the same time the Government has published a White Paper on Police Reform. It sets out radical changes including the regionalisation of policing into mega-forces that could see the abolition of Thames Valley Police. As well as plans for force mergers, the document proposes the creation of a new National Police Force and

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suggests changing the law to introduce more direct control by ministers for the first time, risking the end of operational independence.

Despite some good intent around better sharing of information between police forces to tackle serious and complex crime, overall I am deeply concerned by these plans which will do nothing to deliver better policing locally and are likely to see less money available for the police in our area. I will continue to challenge the Home Office on these plans and stand up for policing locally.

Greater efforts on crime prevention, alongside more police officers, are making a difference, with crime falling across Oxfordshire. Locally the priority will always remain cutting crime and catching criminals despite the pressures imposed by the Government.



Dear Editor,

On behalf of Cancer Research UK I would like to thank all the people that have knitted items for Cancer Research. With your help we have raised £1,200.

A big thank you from Dulcie Parfoot.

## Update on the Chequers at Charney Bassett....

This from the owners....The vision for the Chequers is a family friendly, country pub for the local community, supplied locally as far as possible, including from Pusey Farm which is just next door.

Unfortunately, there have been delays. The pre-app planning office has been closed to new applications and the ecology review requires at least two further bat surveys between May and September.

This means we cannot do any building work ahead of these surveys being satisfied

which is as frustrating for us as it is for the village and everyone who wants to get back in to the Chequers as soon as possible. Assuming no further delays, we would envisage the Chequers opening during the summer of 2027.

In the meantime, if popular, we are exploring the idea of a pop-up pub, which could operate from the garden, on occasion, in the summer. We intend to keep the village up to date on progress and activities and will continue to do so via the Charney Chatter (and website once live).

*The Chequers Inn, Charney*

## Join the Friends of the Vale & Downland Museum

- see poster on the right - and speaker Dr Julian Parfitt for another fascinating talk which will cover what moths and bats tell us about the state of our local environment.

Key species and how to record them, and simple tips on garden design to help moths and bats.

The study of moths and bats is part of the Wild Wantage Project.

## Wild Wantage

by Dr Julian Parfitt



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## The good news....

I mentioned last month the 'No Floods Flexwall' that we here at Global HQ helped pay for, which is now in the possession of our magnificent Flood Group who tell me that it is fully operational. It will be a great help with flood prevention, especially in the Ebbs and Halls Lane areas of East Hanney.

## The bad news....

East Hanney Parish Council (EHPC) recently asked Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) to provide a dog waste bin for the top end of Halls Lane outside Poughley Farm.

Some dog owners pick up their dog's poo and bag it but then think it would make a very nice tree decoration and hang it on a nearby branch. That'll certainly save them the trouble of having to put it in a bin, at the same time as enhancing the beauty of our surroundings!

EHPC and, I suspect, most of us, disagree, hence the PC's request.

The Loony Libs, currently in charge at OCC, have decided that a doggie waste bin is not needed, so have responded with a rather unhelpful big fat NO. So, to the few dog owners who hang their bags on our trees, please don't. Just bin it!!

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## I recently read this somewhere...

"Snowdrops are one of our most popular flowers here in the UK. Small and hardy, bringing hope of warmth and longer days to come, even when they are poking out of blankets of snow. They can often be found in graveyards because monks first brought them to this country from Europe in the late 16th century and planted them in monastery gardens. It took them about 200 years to become a wild plant. Victorians also planted them extensively on graves as a symbol of eternal life.

Here are a few good places to see them...Wantage Parish Churchyard, Betjeman Park, Letcombe Nature Reserve, Lockinge Lake, West Hendred and Sparsholt Churchyards, Ardington Snowdrops & Plant Fair, Kingston Bagpuize House.



## Our thriving Hanney History Group

hold regular talks that focus on the history of the Hanneys, the Vale of the White Horse and Oxfordshire. They meet on the 4th Monday of every month at 8pm, up to and including May 2026.

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

The group organise visits and walks in the Summer at venue / guide cost price.

The talk in March is

### **“The Viking-Age World of the Watlington Hoard.”**

The Hoard is an exceptional find of 9th-century silver jewellery, coins and ingots. Buried at the end on the 870s, it can be related to the defeat of the Viking Great Army by the forces of Alfred the Great at



the Battle of Edington in 878. This talk explores the contents of the hoard and brings together broader archaeological evidence for potential Viking activity in 9th-century southern and western Britain to explore the context of its deposition. The Hoard was acquired by the Ashmolean

Museum in 2017 and is on display in its ‘England 400-1600’ gallery.

Our speaker is Dr John Naylor who is the Portable Antiquities Scheme’s National Finds Adviser for Early Medieval and Later Coinage, based at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. A specialist in early-medieval archaeology and numismatics, he was a lead researcher on the Watlington Hoard project, published as *The Watlington Hoard: coinage, kings and the Viking Great Army in Oxfordshire AD875–880* by Archaeopress in 2022.



**Yes indeed friends**, welcome to the Hanney War Memorial Hall!

Enter through the fab and groovy new door! I’m pleased to say it’s much gentler and more welcoming than its predecessor, which tried to bite your bits off every time you went through it! Big ups to Graham Garner and his Hall Committee for sorting this on behalf of everyone who uses the hall!

Three more big ups whilst I’m about it, the first to Keith Ringsell who decorated the bar area in Ye Old Hanney Room, and a lovely job he made of it.

The second to Andrew Wastie who helped with the installation of the door, and the disposal of the naughty old ones!

And finally, thanks to Meryl, the lovely lady who was press-ganged into posing at the new door by our photographer. At the time she was working in the shop, but was rudely interrupted by our pushy photographer!



### **This from Hanney WI...**

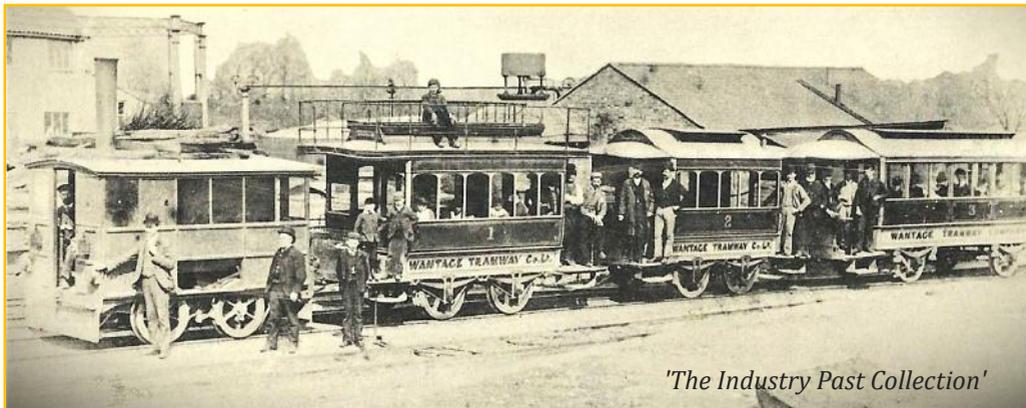
'Our Committee spent a very interesting morning going through our archives and records in readiness for a display meeting later this year. We found so many interesting facts and information about gatherings and events in our village, in particular this photo. Can anyone help us please with more information about it? We think it was taken in October the Birthday month for Hanney WI - but what year? Does anyone know someone in the photo? It's possible it was taken outside the Black Horse as the window behind the ladies is the same as it is today.

Looking for any suggestions and help please'

**Meantime, the lovely ladies who run the current Hanney W.I are holding a Craft Fair in May.**

**Surely a date for the diary!!**





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I have attached an image you can use. It is from a collection that I share so if you would be kind enough to credit it to that would be brilliant.

*Above is a synopsis of April's Hanny History Group talk on Monday 27th April. Some of the more senior members of our community remember the tram! I'm sure the talk will be fascinating.*



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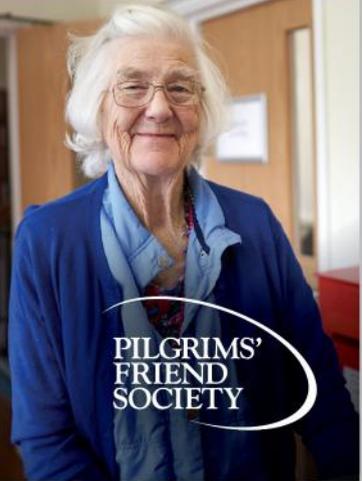
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**HANNEY BOWLS CLUB** - Thursdays 2.00-4.00pm. Contact Alan Savage on 07757 394776

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

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

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**DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB** meets every Wednesday in the Olde Hanney Room 2-5pm. New members welcome. Contact Lyn Morton ....[lynmorton89@gmail.com](mailto:lynmorton89@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**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

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**HANNEY TENNIS CLUB** is a very friendly club and always welcomes new members. For more info email Jenny at [membership.htc@gmail.com](mailto:membership.htc@gmail.com)

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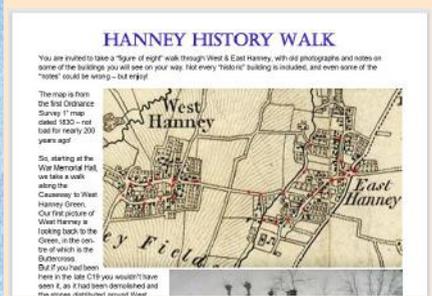
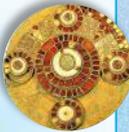
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