



Hannee News

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Final Thought

'A book fell on my head. I can only blame my shelf'
Sean Connery.

Hannee Lottery

Feb and March Winners next month

Not got a number yet or want to have additional numbers? Just call

Gill Parry on 868490 or email jasminecott@madasafish.com

May be able to help run the Lottery? Ring Gill for details.

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Interested in starting up a club? Keen to share your hobbies or interests?

Hannee War Memorial Hall

has some regular slots still available on a weekly or monthly basis. If you are starting a new club, we can offer a reduced rate for the first few sessions to build up interest in the village and surrounding areas. We have a variety of rooms to suit all requirements.

Please contact Nigel Kilbey, 07734 051258 or email hwmh.hannee@gmail.com for more details

Hannee Hall.
Loads of fun stuff happens here!!

Annual Hanney Litter Pick
Sat 2nd April 9am
Meet at the Village Hall. Hi-Viz jackets and litter pickers provided. Volunteers needed, newcomers to the Hanneys warmly welcomed. Please confirm attendance to Bob Wilson on 868389 or email -



We're at the village hall on 16th April! See page 13

Winter Lane Footpath - update.

Oh dear, it's all got a bit muddy I'm afraid - and I don't just mean the grass verge itself. Bellway the developer have submitted their proposal to the Oxfordshire County Council, though over a week later, the OCC claim not to have received it. I have started to make a bit of a nuisance of myself with these well-meaning but rather overworked folk, and the OCC engineer assigned to the case, Jeremy Fry, has promised to try and get to the bottom of this asap and keep me informed. So hopefully I'll have better news next month, and in the meantime, keep the wellies handy, though - useful health and safety tip - always wear them on your feet, never your hands!

Michaelmas Fayre
24th Sept 2016
Note change from 17th. See article on page 23 for more info and details of how last year's grants were distributed in the villages.

Editorial

Well, here we are again, with another jam-packed issue of the best Parish Newsletter in the whole of Hanney! So jammed that I've had to cut back on the space for this editorial... no room for pictures of pieces of cheese...Gromit will be sad.

If you're a bit of a culture vulture, be sure to check out page 17, where you'll find a lady even sadder than Gromit. Something tells me she can probably belt out a good tune though, and there's more good ones to be had on page 23, where two upcoming events will interest music fans. More great stuff is promised at next month's 1940's night at the Hall...page 13 for details

Apols to Pippa Carey, who runs a Pilates class every Weds eve at the Legion - see ad in last month's issue, page 25. I called her Pippa Storrey last time out! No idea why. The quizzers amongst us have a feast of events coming up - Nigel Kilbey's great quiz at the Plough on 2nd March, another at the Pre-School on the 4th, and a third at the village hall on 8th April. 19th March is the day to hunt down a bargain or two at the CRUK Table Top Sale (page 12).

Talking of hunts, one was around here on 15th Feb, dogs barking and someone blowing a hunting horn - not particularly well it must be said; Louis Armstrong he/she was not! - and has prompted a letter from a Hanney resident. Any other views on this, or any other topic, always very welcome.

Can we talk about the village hall? Ok, I know it doesn't exactly rival the Taj Mahal in terms of architectural splendour, but it's a very functional place if you wanna have a party, or in fact organise anything that's legal, so probably not fox hunting then? The team who run it may look slightly scary, but they're a very helpful bunch and will ensure your event, whatever it is, runs like clockwork. Let's try and use it, and of course support events that happen there. If you are organising a bash and need a disco, check out our new advertiser CG Events, their ad on page 21. Gourmet night at the Plough (page 11), review next iss. Big apols to Ed the V, our MP, and Matt the Barber as we have no room for their pearls this month, and finally, if you're a MaggieJudiBondy fan, see below!

HANNEY FILM NIGHT in the OWEN WRIGHT CINEMA, WAR MEMORIAL HALL
FRIDAY MAR.4th, 7.15 for 7.45. £6, conc. £5. **Bar & Doors Open 7.15**

SPECTRE - 148 MINS, CERT 12A

"A cryptic message from Bond's past sends him on a trail to uncover a sinister organization. While M battles political forces to keep the secret service alive, Bond peels back the layers of deceit to reveal the terrible truth behind Spectre. Starring Daniel Craig, Christoph Waltz, Léa Seydoux **NB: Earlier starting time!**

SAT MAR.12TH, 7.30 FOR 8.00. **Bar & Doors Open 7.30**

THE LADY IN THE VAN - 104 mins, cert 12A

"A man (Alan Bennett) forms an unexpected bond with a transient woman living in her van that's parked in his driveway!" Stars Maggie Smith, Alex Jennings, Jim Broadbent.

WANTAGE CHORAL SOCIETY rehearses every Tuesday at CofE School, Newbury St. (next to Comrades Club) at 7.30pm. New voices always welcome. Contact Judy Gibbons 868516, www.wantagechoralsociety.co.uk, email wantagechoralsociety@yahoo.co.uk.

WANTAGE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION : 9am - 12noon every Saturday Feb-Sept. See website for details of all they offer. www.wantagegardeners.org.uk

WILTS & BERKS CANAL TRUST/EAST VALE BRANCH First Wednesday in the month, Social Meeting at the Hanney British Legion 8pm. Details contact Brian Stovold on 763072 wbct.org.uk

NORDIC WALKING CLASSES WITH LISA FROM OXFORDSHIRE FITNESS daytime, evening and weekend classes available please call Lisa on 07885635367, email lisa@oxfordshirefitness.co.uk or visit www.oxfordshirefitness.co.uk for more details or to book a taster session.

HANNEY WI (WOMEN'S INSTITUTE) meet the second Thursday of the month (not Aug) 7.30 - 9.30 in the Olde Hanney Room. New members are welcome, contact Angela Morris Tel. 223245, Email: angie.m@ntlworld.com or Helen Evans 868542

Regular Events

HANNEY LITTLE RAINBOWS, Activity and fun for 0 - 3 yr olds meet every Monday, 9.30 - 11.30am. At the Village Hall Contact Hayley Aram for details 07900 696 921

DANCING CLASS, Tuesdays, 3.30-4.30pm during term-time. Children from 3 1/2. Ballet, tap, acrobatic dancing, deportment. New pupils welcome. Nancy Becker on l.becker@virgin.net

OXFORDSHIRE FITNESS CLASSES Mondays 6.15 - 7.15pm Legs, Bums & Tums at the British Legion; Thursdays 6.15 - 7.15pm. Pick and mix exercise at the British Legion. Call Lisa on 07885635367

YOGA (HATHA) – MIXED LEVEL at Hanney War Memorial Hall, Fridays 9.30-11am. £36 for 6 sessions; £7.50 for drop-in. Ring Eleanor on 01865 863316 or email eleanorwadge@yahoo.co.uk to book or for more information.

HANNEY CHAPEL. Every Sunday, Morning Service at 10.30 (and "Explorers" for children) - creche available. Evening Service at 6pm. All welcome. "Jumpstart" club for 6-10 year olds, Thurs 6pm. Friday Club for 10-15 year olds at 7.30pm, both in term time. Thursday Lunch & Listen first Thurs in month 10.30am. Contact Bob Pritchard on 868864.

HANNEY PRE-SCHOOL meets term time, in the Elliott Building in the grounds of St James School. For 3+ year olds: Monday - Friday 9am – 2pm, For 2+ year olds: Mon - Fri 9am - 2pm. Contact Hanney Pre-School on 07759181330 or see www.hanneypreschool.co.uk

OLDE HANNEY ROOM COFFEE SHOP, Tuesdays, 10.00-11.30am. Everyone welcome for tea or coffee - chat and a raffle.

MOBILE LIBRARY visits alternate Thursdays at West Hanney Bus Shelter, 1.30-1.50pm only.

BINGO every Sunday, R.B. Legion Hall 8pm. Cash prizes. All over 18 welcome

PILATES CLASS Wednesdays 6 -7pm (term time only) at the Royal British Legion, 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 at pippa@thrive-nutrition.co.uk

Clubs and Societies

HANNEY BOWLS CLUB Wednesdays 7.30-10.00pm, and Thursdays 2.00-4.00pm. Contact 868145

RBL WOMEN'S SECTION MEETINGS are held at 8.00pm on the second Monday of the month in the RBL 66 Club. New members very welcome.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH meets bi-monthly on the 4th Wednesday of September, November, January, March, May and July in the RBL Club. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

HANNEY BADMINTON CLUB meets every Thursday in the HWMH, 8-10pm. We welcome new members. Call 868256 for details.

HANNEY TENNIS CLUB New members welcome. Club sessions Sunday 10am onwards, Tuesday 7pm - just turn up. For coaching adult or junior contact andy.aitken@growingthegame.co.uk
More information www.hanneytennisclub.org.uk or call 868261.

HANNEY HISTORY GROUP. meets 8pm every 4th Tuesday. New members and visitors welcome, non-members £3. For further info ring Bill Orson 868859.

HANNEY BELLRINGERS meet every Wednesday St James' Church West Hanney from 7.30 pm until 9 pm. Beginners very welcome. Contact Jean Hazard for more details (868883).

HANNEY GUIDES meet on Mondays 6.30 -8.00 during term time. All girls welcome, aged 10+, contact Sue Clarke 765885. HANNEY BROWNIES (aged 7+) meet on Tuesdays in British Legion Hall from 6.00 - 7.30. RAINBOWS (5+) in Grove on Wednesday and Thursday. Further details and waiting lists: www.girlguiding.org.uk

HANNEY GARDENING CLUB meets on the first Monday of each month in the HWMH. 7:45 for 8.00pm. Tea and coffee followed by a talk. Visit www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk

HANNEY WHEELERS CYCLING We meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at 9.30am prompt at the Hanney WMH. New cyclists, you will be warmly welcomed for recreational local cycling with essential coffee stop!! Call Bob Wilson 868389 or bobwilson300@hotmail.com

HANNEY WINE CIRCLE meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month: www.hanneywinecircle.org.uk

HANNEY CRICKET CLUB Indoor nets available in March & April followed by outdoor training every Wednesday evening throughout the summer from 6.15pm at the rec. League fixtures every Saturday, occasional friendly Sunday games & mid week T20. Contact: Secretary Jerry May 07714 033651, Chairman Richard Green 07765 648638.

HANNEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB trains at the rec. on Thursday night. We play in the Oxford Mail Youth League and have teams from age 5 up. If you would like to join us please contact Paul on 07510 435 508, hyfcfooty@gmail.com or visit our website hanneyyouthfc.co.uk

HANNEY TABLE TENNIS meet every Thursday from 6.30pm till 7.30pm at the HWMH. £2 entry. Richard Anstis 07908 673367 for details, or just turn up!

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 30 or so. Call Geoff (868440) or Nick (768249), www.wantagemalevoicechoir.org.uk

Notices...what's happening this month

Weds 2nd March, Quiz Night, The Plough, 8.30pm with Sir Nigel of Kilbey

Thurs 3rd Mar, Book Club, The Plough, 8pm. www.hanneybookclub.co.uk. (Page 11)

Fri 4th March, Hanney Pre-School, Quiz night at the school.

Sun 6th, Sun 13th, Palm Sunday, Weds 23rd, Good Friday, Easter Day, Services at St James Church, see page 7.

Mon 7th March. Age UK Tai Chi class 50+. HWMH. 10am - 11am. First Session free!

Mon 7th Mar 7.45pm Gardening Club 'Shoot Gardening Website' by Nicola Gammon

Weds 9th March 7pm Neighbourhood Watch meeting 7pm Hanney Hall. Page 25.

Thurs 10th March 7.30pm, Hanney Hall, W.I. Annual Meeting.

Mon 14th March 8pm: Hanney Community Assoc and Hanney Community Pub Ltd AGM in Hanney Hall

Sat 19th March: Cancer Research U.K. Table Top Sale. See page 12.

Sat 19th March 2pm Jumble Sale, Wantage Grove Volunteers, Grove Village Hall.

Sun 20th March, 3pm: St James Church, 'The Hanney Ensemble'. See page 23.

Tues 22nd March, 8pm, Hanney Hall. History Group, 'History of Oxford's Covered Market' talk by Malcom Graham

Weds 23rd Mar, St James School, term 4 ends.

Thurs 24th March 2.30pm Hanney Hall, Senior Citizens 'Mysteries about food' talk by Liz Cornish

Sun 27th March. Easter Praise, Hanney Chapel. See page 25

....and further ahead

Fri 8th April 11am - 2pm. Charlton Spring Festival. Details next month

Friday 8th April Quiz night at Hanney Hall, with Sir Nigel of Kilbey. See below

Mon 11th April St James School, Term 5 starts.

Sat 16th April HWMH '1940's themed Charity Dinner Dance'. Live music, dancing and great food with the Three Belles. See page 13

Sun 17th April 10am - 5pm, Riding for Disabled fundraiser Food Fair in Ardington. Details next month

Sat June 25th: Cancer Research UK Table Top sale, see page 12.

Sat 24th Sept: Michaelmas Fayre (note change of date)

It's **General Knowledge Quiz Night** again at the Hall on **Friday 8th April**. Doors & bar open 19.30, start 20.00. £2 a person, no team number limits and profits to charity (the Hall). Sir Nigel of Kilbey is the quizmaster, so expect a few side-splitting jokes, at no extra charge!!

East Hanney Parish Council

Parishioners, to bring you up to date on the inspection of the Vale of White Horse Local Plan (2031) phase 1, on the 4th February, The Parish Council was represented at a round table discussion lead by the Inspector and including all interested parties. In the opinion of the representatives of the PC, the Inspector appears to be even-handed and fair and gives the impression that he is working towards the 'right' plan for the district, rather than 'any' plan. It was clear he had picked up on a number of deficiencies in the Vale's Local Plan and brought this to their attention. The Inspector also considered the 'size' of the village as defined by the Vale. The Inspector planned to visit the village to inspect the sites that formed part of the discussion, the sites to the south and the east of the village.

Following the wet weather, Cow Lane to the northern end of the village near Ploughley Farm has become very muddy. The Clerk has brought this to the attention of the relevant department at the County Council, the countryside Access Team.

Your Parish Council meets monthly on the first Wednesday from 7.30pm. The agenda is available to view on the notice board outside the Community Shop, Facebook and the website a week in advance. The next planned meetings are:

6th April 2016 Planning sub-committee meeting.
2nd March 2016 Full meeting.

The Council sponsored 'Speedwatch' initiative is now off the ground and the volunteers have been trained in using the equipment. The results of the first sessions have been submitted to the local policing team in Faringdon. Should you wish to volunteer, it is not too late. Please contact the Clerk to express your desire to be involved.

The Parish Council has started to gather evidence for its Neighbourhood Plan, that allows communities like ours to shape development in the parish. This plan and the policies contained within would, once adopted, become part of the Local Plan and be used in the determination of planning applications. As an essential part of the process, the Parish Council is planning to hold a number of community engagement and information events. The first of these is planned to be in mid to late April and will be in the Hanney War Memorial Hall - the exact date to be confirmed.

Councillors: Chairman: Jim Triffitt 868314 (Allotments)
 Vice Chairman: Stewart Scott 868503 (Neighbourhood Plan and Technical Issues)
 Paul Aram 868858 (Playground and Playing field)
 David Kirk 07740029059 (Neighbourhood Action Group)
 Judy Long 868425 (Footpaths)
 Stephen McKechnie 868823 (Village furniture and annual litter pick)
 Clerk: Guy Langton 867403 gl-ehpc@outlook.com

EASTER PRAISE!

10.30am on Easter Sunday (27th Mar) - Hanney War Memorial Hall

Everybody very welcome – crèche available

*A special service organised by Hanney Chapel
 (in place of the usual morning meeting at the Chapel)*



After the service there will be a hot lunch served for those who wish to stay (no charge!)

For more information or if you would like a lift call 01235 867105 or Email mailmarkfisher@gmail.com

HANNEY TENNIS CLUB – friendly village tennis!

New Season Sign-up starts 20th March, just come along to our regular Turn up'n' Play sessions throughout the year:

- Sundays 10am - 12.00 noon
 - Tuesdays 7-9pm

Cardio (Fitness) Tennis – Wednesdays 9-10am
Excellent junior programme – weekly classes for all ages
3 School holiday tennis camps in April, May and August!
Individual or group coaching available
League tennis, Annual Tournament and Family days
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Low Cost membership & internet court booking



For details see: www.hanneytennisclub.org.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING 9th MARCH

There will be a (long overdue!) Neighbourhood Watch meeting in Hanney War Memorial Hall (Olde Hanney Room) at **7pm on Wednesday 9th March**. The meeting is primarily for Coordinators, but any others in East & West Hanney and neighbouring villages who wish to support or know about Neighbourhood Watch in this area will also be most welcome. Recently there have been many changes and enhancements to crime warning systems, and many are not aware that

such facilities are easily available to them. As well as presentations from the police and others, attendees will be able to ask questions and discuss any relevant concerns. If you intend to come, please let me know so I can ensure there will be sufficient seats! *Ray Woodyear, Nwatch@woodyear.co.uk*



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Hanney Chapel

Pamper Evening



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West Hanney Parish Council

A meeting was held with planning officers on Friday 5th February at the Vale offices at Milton Park to discuss the development on The Old Orchard adjoining Church Farm. Matthew Barber chaired the meeting which was attended by Chris Surman, Edward Wilkinson, and directors of Sweetcroft Homes together with their advisors. Full and frank discussions were held and a further meeting is shortly to take place between representatives of your parish council and Sweetcroft.

We are fairly confident that a new application for possibly 11 new houses will not now extend beyond the natural existing boundaries of The Old Orchard. Negotiations are ongoing and we will report final decisions as soon as they are known.

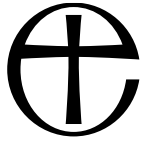
The Community Speed Watch initiative is now underway but desperately needs volunteers from both East and West Hanney. If you have a couple of hours to spare twice or even once a month, then please help us attempt to reduce speeding through our villages. The first hour or so of speed checking along the A338 close to the bus stop at East Hanney identified 18 drivers exceeding the limit including an articulated lorry overtaking a cyclist at 45mph. Later that day 12 drivers were noted by the camera as exceeding 35 mph past the school at 3.15 - 3.30, the very time children were leaving and could clearly be seen crossing the road! If you are retired, you would be an ideal volunteer as this is a mainly daytime operation. It is quite simple and you would be operating in a team of three. Hi-Vis jackets are provided. Please consider offering your help by contacting Gerald

Chaffey on 868627 who will be only too pleased to tell you more. A local resident of Townsend recently did a litter pick on the stretch of road between The Meads crossroads and Botney Bridge. 70 Beer and Lager cans were amongst rubbish found thrown from car windows! It is frightening to realise that some of those were probably thrown out by drivers! Thank you Patrick for undertaking that job.

Both West and East Hanney Parish Councils are continuing to work on Neighbourhood Plans for the villages. Once accepted such plans can be used to control speculative building and shape the future of our community. A number of meetings to inform and gain residents views will be held in the Village Hall and the first of these is likely to be in April. Details will be published as soon as possible. Please do try to attend as your input will be valued and is important. Work is ongoing to set up a dedicated WHPC website not only to comply with current legislation, but to give all residents more information as to our role and actions taken. Minutes of all meetings will be available to read. More details soon.

Next Meeting Tuesday 22nd March 7.30pm St. James the Great All welcome

Chris Surman (Chairman)	868749
Trevor Brettell	868459
Kay Sayers	868146
Edward Wilkinson	867316
Graham Garner	868684



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends,

Easter is early this year - but then the spring flowers seem to know this already. Our daffodils were sprouting just after Christmas. So, by the time you receive this March letter we will be in the middle of Lent.

The churches in the Benefice are using the course "Acts of Love" for our Lent Groups that Canon Robert Teare prepared for the Oxford Diocesan Partnership in World Mission. In the course we will be looking at different ways we can express our Christian love.

It is of course never too early to perform any act of love. Indeed the greatest act of love there has ever been is celebrated at Easter when we recall one innocent person giving up His life to save a world that opposes God. So effective was Christ's death and resurrection that it is timeless and reaches back to the earliest humanity as well as forward to all eternity.

One of the words Jesus quoted whilst dying on the cross was from Psalm 31 verse 5, "into your hands I commit my spirit". The Psalm ends by praising God for His wonderful love and encourages all His saints to love the Lord - *to be strong and take heart all you who hope in the Lord.*

While you read this, the parishes will be re-advertising the post for an Associate Vicar in the Benefice. Please pray that God will provide us with a person who will encourage us in acts of godly love.

May you know the wonderful love of the Lord this Eastertide.

John

Revd. John Durant

MICHAELMAS FAYRE

Eleven Hanney organisations applied for funds to the MF 2015 Committee and all were awarded funds for their various projects - they were -

- Brownies for Craft Materials
- Community Shop towards more CCTV
- Guides for a Camping Gas Cooker
- History Group for archaeological kit
- St James Primary towards re-vamping their library
- Pre-School Group for a laptop
- Little Rainbows
- Table Tennis Club for team colours
- Tennis Club for start-up costs for a Summer Club
- WI for an Urn
- St James Church - for the Loo Fund

SO NEW YEAR - NEW DATE - NOW 24TH SEPTEMBER (moved to avoid the Newbury Show)

Your 2016 Committee are already hard at work planning another great HANNEY day - with new ideas taking place.

New for 2016 - food available before the Fayre starts!

The full list of categories in the Horticultural Competitions will be available from 1st MARCH in St James Church, Hanney Community Shop and our website - www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk

And as you set about your Spring Clean please put aside BOOKS & CD's/DVD's, WHITE ELEPHANTS and NEARLY NEW & VINTAGE clothes. Details on where to take them available shortly.

And last but not least - after the Fayre the very popular Supper in HWMH with great food, live music and a chance to enjoy another great village evening.



Sunday 20th March 2016
at 3.00pm

The Hanney Ensemble

Polly Armitage, Alison Trowell (flutes), David Pedder (guitar), Judith Haworth (cello), Martin Trowell (narrator)

Selected poems & music by Bach, Haydn, Vivaldi, Williams ...

Admission by programme £10.00
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Tea & refreshments served after the concert
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donkey, Mr Crusty starting at
10am at Church

Wednesday 23rd 8pm –
Holy Week Service

GOOD FRIDAY – 11am
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Mention must also be made of the fabulous costumes and superb make-up. The topless gents - you should'a been there! - whose role as pansies was greatly enhanced by some highly original body painting, is a memory that will stay with me for a long time I fear! Many people were involved and a great deal of time and effort, and even more talent, made for a very jolly evening. As my chum Craig Revel Whatsit would have said, 'Fab-You-Lus Daaaaaaaaaaaaarlings!!'

Letters

Dear Editor,

I fully expected to return from Hanney Drama Group's 'Oh What a Night' concert at the end of January thinking to myself: 'Splendid, what an enjoyable evening...but please bring back the pantomime as soon as possible'. Not a bit of it.

While I missed the juniors, who always perform beyond their weight in terms of sheer enjoyment, it was obvious from the outset that here was a show that had been months in the (meticulous) planning and rehearsed to a tee in the execution.

From the pocket-sized Cinderella to the hilarious (and wonderfully costumed) Dad's Army sketch to the rousing seaside songs, the oversized children bouncing, the showstopping Ascot Gavotte and the drunken father-of-the-bride's monologue, the month-by-month formula the group had chosen worked brilliantly because it offered such a wide variety of material.

The only surprising thing was that, as all seats were unreserved, there was not a long queue outside the door of the hall. Even on the Saturday night, when I went, there were a few spare places. All I can say to those that missed it is – book your seats for next year now! And who knows, our splendid village Drama Group's 2017 offering might even be a pantomime again!

Clive Fewins

Dear Editor,

Hanney Drama Group would like to thank all those who so generously gave to this year's designated charity, the Independent Advice Centre in Wantage. Over £200 was raised. We would also like to say what lovely audiences you were, that makes such a difference to our performance, thank-you for coming. If you enjoyed yourselves, as so many people told us they did, why not join us? Our AGM is in The Olde Hanney Room on Wednesday March 16 at 7.30 when you would be very welcome, alternatively contact me on 868396 or any member. Thank-you again,
Jean Sutherland (chair)

(More letters on page 14)



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Dear Editor

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Dear Editor

To all my friends in 'The Hanneys' thank you for helping me to enjoy such a wonderful 90th birthday, and for all my lovely flowers and plants etc. My love to you all.
Elizabeth Tully

Dear Editor

I love the new format of the Hanney News and I particularly applaud your use of the Hanney brooch as a logo. However, can you please, please do something about the colour, it looks more like a demented Willow Pattern plate than a gold and garnet 7th century Anglo-Saxon jewel.

Keep up the good work. - Paul Sayers

(It's green this month Paul, St Paddy's Day and all that. Hope you approve! Ed)

Dear Editor

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