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July Winners:
£100 - Sandy Banwell
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Final Thought:

Politicians and nappies must be changed often and for the same reason - Mark Twain

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£1,800 raised at St James School Fete!! See page 4.

The developer Barwood's appeal

against the Vale's refusal to grant them planning permission for the 200 home on the corner of the A338 and Steventon Rd, opposite La Fontana, has been turned down by the Planning Inspectorate. Good shout Mr/Mrs/Ms P.I. person and it now seems that the likelihood of a big development there is attracting the same odds as England winning the next World Cup! More on this in East Hanneys Parish Council's piece on page 7.

Did you know we've all been invited to participate in The Big Health and Care Conversation? That's nice isn't it? If we go to <https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/Bighealthandcare/consultationHome> we can have our say on how healthcare is delivered in Oxfordshire. The consultation ends on the 12th Aug.

Problems with our roads, streets, pavements? Potholes, overgrown bushes and trees, uneven surfaces, crumbling kerbs or road edges, broken or obscured road signs, piles of rubbish? Go to fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk to report it.

The A338 road bridge

over the railway line at the Volunteer pub is now officially open. The ribbon was cut recently by Zoe Patrick, local councillor for Grove, and the sandwiches and victoria sponge cake were eagerly consumed by all the guests, me included. The coffee flowed - no sign of champagne - as Robbie Burns, the Regional Director for Network Rail, assured us - sadly not in rhyme as one would expect from a gent with that name - that the decision to keep the old bridge open until the new one was built was a 'novel' approach and, though it has 'cost us quite a bit more money', he was glad they had decided to do it that way. The clearing of the 300 newts that lived on the site prior to construction also ramped up - ramp? bridge? I thought that was rather clever - the costs somewhat and delayed the job by approx. 12 months. My snaps show Zoe wielding her scissors and lots of people in very fetching orange outfits. They ate most of the cakes by the way.



Well, what a busy month we've had. I've included some snaps from a few of the events that have kept us entertained, amused and informed, assuming you went to them of course! We've also had good news on the planning front, not only the refusal of Barwood's appeal - see front page - but also this from Matt Barber, informing us that the Vale planners are, I quote, '... about to embark on a number of changes to improve procedures at Planning Committee meetings. These will ensure that the most significant planning applications get more time to be considered carefully by the committee and there will be more interaction between the committee and those speaking for or against an application. There will also be changes to the way planning proposals are dealt with before they reach the committee.'

If you've ever been to one of these meetings you will have been, as I was, staggered by the massive unfairness of the procedure and the complete lack of any kind of democracy or transparency, so this is very good news indeed. Once again I'm happy to sing the praises of the Parish Councillors and everyone else who has worked tirelessly - and continues to do so - to ensure that our very special

Editorial

villages don't end up as a mere suburb of the wild and wicked flesh-pots and hot beds of sin that is Wantage. I'm exaggerating that last bit slightly, just cos I'm in that kind of mood. For the first time ever in my encumbrance I have included a voucher (page 10) that will entitle you to a free drink at the Vale Museum, provided you buy a cake. Ok, it's not life-changing, but still. The downside is you will have to cut it out of the mag, thus rendering your copy marginally less collectable to those who, in maybe 100 years time, will be fascinated by items of historical English whimsy such as Hanney News, and avidly collect them for stupidly large sums of money. Now, did you spot last month's deliberate mistake? Our sub-editor - since summarily dismissed by the way - urged you on the front page to consult page 23 for details of HannyFest, but oh dear, page 23, though it held many pearls and some lovely snaps, made no mention of the Fest, which was actually detailed on page 11, so apols all round, and rest assured, it won't happen again...I hope anyway. Really pushed for space this month, so no more room for my further witterings...till next month my friends!

Contact details for our political chums.

Ed Vaizey MP - You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350

or dicksonce@parliament.uk.

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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

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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. £45 for 6 sessions; £9 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

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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 Clark 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.hanneynwinecircle.org.uk

HANNEY CRICKET CLUB Indoor nets available in March & April followed by outdoor training every Thursday 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, or first XI captain Mark Tracey 07775 503169

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

Sun 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, Services at St James. See page 13 for full details.

Sat 13th, White Horse Festival Ceilidh, Old Mill Hall, School Lane Grove. 7.30pm
£9. Fun for all ages. www.whitehorsefolkfestival.co.uk Tel 07855 548512

Sat 20th, Wantage and Grove Lions: Bingo at Grove Village Hall, doors open 6.45pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. Great Raffle.

Sat 20th, RB Legion East Hanney, Live music with the amazing Saga Louts!

Sat 20th, Wantage and Grove Extravaganza. See May issue, page 23.

.....and further ahead

Fri 2nd Sept, Hanney Film Night, showing 'Eddie the Eagle'. More details next month. (Is he any relation to Angela? - Ed)

Fri 9th - Sun 11th Sept, Hanneyfest. Black Horse, East Hanney. Details next month.

Sat 24th Sept: Michaelmas Fayre. See below.



Full details on ALL the competitions is now available from the usual places or download www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk .

NOW is the time to -

- ◆ Clear out all the books, DVD's, CD's and sheet music gathering dust (these can go boxed to Chris – 868375)
- ◆ Sort out all those vases, ornaments, pictures and 'bric-a-brac' that you're fed up with dusting (please box and contact Hilary – 07831 690524)
- ◆ Get the children to sort out the games, puzzles and toys they no longer want for the Toy Stall (anyone like to volunteer to run this?)
- ◆ Clear out your wardrobes – men's and children's wear as well as ladies clothing – and accessories are very welcome too (to arrange delivery 868552 or
- ◆ catriona.karney@gmail.com)
- ◆ And finally get ready to go on down to the 'old camp fire' (aka HWMH) and join the Wild West Feast for your supper (saves cooking and washing up) – tickets available from 15 August.

Offers of help still needed please – for all queries, offers or anything else info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk or 868590 or 07831 690524.

HANNEY PAROCHIAL CHARITIES

Student Educational Awards - HPC is offering awards to young people in further education, who are under 25 on October 1st 2016, and are residents of either East Hanney, West Hanney or Lyford. The award may be used to help towards the cost of books, particular equipment etc. The award is given annually so students need to apply each year.

To apply for an educational award please email the Charity at lbcousins@gmail.com requesting an application form. The closing date for applications is 30th September 2016 and applications must have been received by the Clerk by that date in order to be eligible for an award. All requests for awards will be considered by the trustees of the charity during October and pay-outs will be made by

October 31st.

Hospital transport HPC is able to offer financial support to those who do not have independent means of transport and need assistance to attend hospital appointments. If you need help, please contact either Chris Surman (West Hanney) Tel 868749, email sandyandchris@btinternet.com, or Kathy Rolfe (East Hanney) Tel 868341.

Unexpected difficulties HPC holds some funds in reserve to help residents who may be experiencing short-term financial difficulties. Please contact either of the above to enquire about possible support.

Trustees of HPC – Robert Hodgson, Kathy Rolfe, Mavis Herman, Dulcie Parfoot, Chris Surman, Rick Huckstep, Rev John Durant, Lionel Cousins (Chairman)

Big up thanks to the Hanney

History Group, whose recent Heritage Walk afforded a fascinating insight into the history of our villages. Many villagers and a few dogs enjoyed a most entertaining morning that even had its surreal moments when two shiny cars full of American folk stopped and insisted on taking our photograph - all most odd - and I have no idea why.



I do hope the History group organises some more of these splendid walks. The snaps show us gathered in a couple of the gardens that were part of the tour. Thanks to all the organisers, and especially to those who shared their pearls with us - step up Paul Sayers, Sue Tyser, Angela Cousins, Ann Fewins and Christine Ball.



Fun at the St James School Fete recently - and a magnificent sum raised. Great fun, the weather kind-ish and a big fat 'well done' to all the organisers. My pic on the front page shows two of them, Hayley and Sarah - reckon they got the best job - serving...and sampling!... the beers, and the odd bottle of fizzy pop!

This from Monica Bullen...*'On behalf of 'Friends of St James' we would like to thank everybody who supported our Summer Samba Fete. We are delighted to announce that we made a total profit of £1,790.83. This is a fantastic result and all the money raised goes towards enhancing the learning of the children of St James'*

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East Hanney Parish Council

The big news is that the Planning Inspectorate has rejected the appeal by Barwood against the rejection of their planning application for 200 houses to the east of the A338, south of Steventon Road. Nick Fagan, the Inspector concluded stating: "the above environmental harm would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the social and economic benefits of the proposed development when assessed against the policies in the NPPF taken as a whole." The paperwork relating to this can be accessed through the Parish Council's website (see below).



At its July meeting, the Parish Council agreed that a new cantilever swing would be purchased this year, see pic. Thanks to all of the younger residents for your suggestions at our Neighbourhood Plan Pizza evening - your input has made a difference!

Additionally, the Council agreed to fund fencing to secure the playing fields from future unwanted incursions. Teams and groups that use the fields will be provided with the means to open a gate that will be in the fence. The start date of this work will be notified via the website, Facebook

www.easthaneyparishcouncil.org

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

and Hanney News.

Some residents have been having problems with the family of swans the village is lucky enough to have living and rearing young on the brook. To find the best course of action to keep the swans safe from unwanted attention from people and dogs, the PC sought advice from the recognised specialists, *Swan Lifeline*. They advised that temporarily cordoning off areas of the bank which are known access points for children and dogs is a sensible precaution during the time when the male becomes very territorial. This is for the protection of the swans, their cygnets, people and pets. Attacks on cygnets are now more prevalent than ever. Nothing will be done this year but at the start of the season next year the PC will seek advice and a visit from *Swan Lifeline* to establish the best course of action.

East Hanney Parish Council meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8pm. The agenda will be available to view on the notice board outside the Community Shop, on the website and on Facebook a week in advance.

The next meetings are on 3rd August and 7th Sept. 2016

The Chinooks are a tribe of Native American Indians. In my younger days we called them Red Indians - no longer considered PC, apparently. Anyway, they lived in the Oregon and Washington State area of the Pacific North West of the USA and frankly, were a bit of a funny lot - into slavery and trying to give their babies flat heads as a sign of their status...all very strange. Hopefully for their neighbours, they weren't as noisy as the large twin engine U.S manufactured helicopters named after them. Several of these enormous beasts regularly fly over us, usually when I'm trying to catch a few well deserved afternoon zzzz's!

When I say over, I don't mean high over - sometimes they barely skim the rooftops - and many folk consider them a bit of a pain. Apparently arrangements have been made to allow them to low-fly over and land on the large fields to the south west of Hanney towards Denchworth. This is even though the Chinook fleet of 6 helicopters is based at RAF Benson, near Wallingford, having moved there late last year. If you are somewhat vexed by this intrusion and feel the urge to complain,

the RAF have a website - here's the link: <http://www.raf.mod.uk/RAFbenson/flyinginfo/flyingcomplaints.cfm> Alternatively, ring the MOD Low Flying Complaints and Enquiries team, available from Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm on 01780 417558. Outside these hours an answerphone service is provided.

Of course, on the other side of the proverbial coin, the crews flying these things are military personnel undergoing training. We will expect them to do the most difficult jobs if we send them into the theatres of war, and to show the kind of bravery and courage that most of us will never be called upon to demonstrate. They need practical training, including, obviously, low level flying, and they've got to do it somewhere.

To end on a thought-provoking note...a chap I know was a helicopter pilot for the military in Afghanistan - pretty stressful stuff - flying in, under fire, to pick up wounded troops from the front line. I said that it must have been awful hearing these poor young soldiers screaming in pain. 'Oh no' he replied 'that was good - if they were screaming, at least they were still alive.'

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The Winter Lane footpath....

the story so far. Bellway the developers built a 13 property housing estate in the field at the back of my house. They sold all the properties without too much trouble and most have now been occupied for nearly a year. One of the requirements placed upon Bellway was that they would construct a proper footpath down the west side of Winter Lane, where currently none exists. For a variety of reasons - not always their fault - they have not done this, and each month I pester them and

the Oxfordshire County Council Highways Dept. for an update on this relatively minor job. You may recall previous chapters in this long running saga. The latest delay is due to the need for the Land Drainage Authority to give their approval for the ditch strengthening work that is needed before the footpath can be built. This in turn requires an ecological survey to be undertaken first, I assume to ascertain that there are no hippos or crocodiles living in it. I am bewildered by the beurocracy, but will continue to pester and keep you posted.

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Members of the Parish Council together with the International reporter (and Editor) of Hanney News, attended the official opening of the new Grove Railway Bridge on Monday 4th July. Sensibly, the road was not closed again for the event but a ribbon was symbolically cut alongside the Bridge to formerly mark the opening. At least we are now spared the intolerable amount of traffic through our villages during the weekend closures! Having said that we were warned that there will be closures whilst they dismantle the old Bridge, which at the moment is scheduled for October. We are sure there will be more news on this event elsewhere in this month's issue.

Further discussions have taken place with Oxfordshire County Council regarding the cutting of grass areas around our village. The amount offered by the County is quite frankly derisory and therefore at present the grass verges will be cut by OCC once a year only.

Most of us cut the verges outside our property and all we can do is to ask those who don't, to consider helping us out. If there are any volunteers willing to help keep other unkempt areas in the village in check then please contact any member of the PC. Your help would be really appreciated.

In conjunction with East Hanney Parish Council plans are underway to secure the sports field with gates and bollards. It is a pity that this has become necessary due to recent incursions onto the field.

At the time of writing we still have no further news on the outstanding planning applications, although a date for the Planning Committee Meeting to decide on the School Road development should be imminent.

Next Meeting - Tuesday 16th August - 7.30pm - St. James the Great

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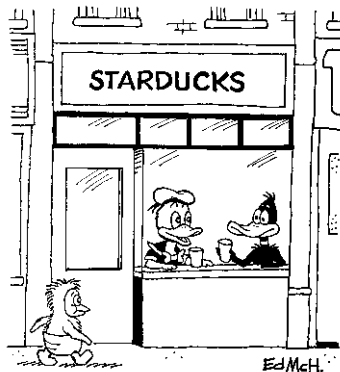
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Letter

Dear Editor

In spite of no bridge, the weather and the football tournament, we managed to raise £1648 in aid of Cancer Research.

Many thanks to all our loyal supporters and of course all our family and friends who always help to make it a successful event. We couldn't manage without you.

Our next planned event is the Xmas Bazaar on 19th November, I know it seems a long way off but we are already taking bookings for tables, so if any groups would like to join us on the day to raise money for their own charities please contact Kath on 868527.

Once again many thanks for your support.

Kath, Dulcie, Marion, Lyn. Hanney Fundraisers for CRUK



Here's a snap from the recent **St James Church BBQ** held in the beautiful garden of Philberds Manor. I also want to mention the **Gardening Club's** travelling Summer party.. a tad chilly, but no matter, a good time had by one and all. Meantime, the **Hanney Community Association** organised a CPR/Defibrillator training session. Feedback suggested it was found to be very useful by all who attended, and there may be another in the autumn. If you fancy coming along, ring or email me soonest. My contact details on page 2.

This from Joanna Brettell... I am the West Hanney Footpath warden and am required to give an update on our paths twice a year, to an area co-ordinator. I have already reported back on the state of footpath 402/6 - that's the one that runs from the top end of Winter Lane, westward, past the newish development off Rectory Farm Close. Though it is overgrown, I am only required - and able - to do light maintenance using secateurs.

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From the Headteacher....

As the school year draws to a close I thought I would write a few words about my first few terms at **St James**.

There have been many changes in the past few months with more to come over the course of the summer holidays. The redecoration programme is continuing apace with classrooms being repainted and revamped with new notice boards and lockers for children's possessions.

Wellie racks have appeared outside some classrooms to enable us to use the field all year round but keep the school relatively free of mud! The addition

of a music cupboard in the hall has meant that the instruments are now safely stored away and no longer likely to trip you as you pass through.

Over the summer holidays four new classrooms are being put in place, hopefully to be ready at the start of 2017. This means that the school is growing and we will have five classes in September to accommodate the extra children.

Whilst all this is happening we have, of course, been continuing to provide the children with a variety of exciting opportunities to enhance their learning. Carnival Day saw a colourful display of costumes and masks, a treat of Samba drumming and an opportunity for parents to see some of the work the children have been doing over the course of the term. Sports Morning allowed the children to take part in a wide variety of athletic

activities in a competitive environment. Bronze, Silver and Gold medals were worn with pride by the successful athletes. Other sporting events have included quad kids athletics for children in Key Stage 1, Years 3 and 4 and years 5 and 6. In all events we were the highest placed small school. In the area cricket competition the St James team won their way through to the final. We also took part in the area tri-



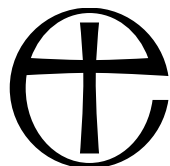
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golf tournament for the first time ever. Throughout all of the tournaments and festivals I have taken the children of St James to, they have conducted themselves with fantastic sportsmanship

and are always a credit to the school and their parents.

Older children in school enjoyed a fun packed but exhausting long weekend in the beautiful setting of Kilve Court in Somerset. Long days spent abseiling, walking, mountain biking and stream walking – mostly in the rain, but also with a smile on their faces.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first terms at St James and the welcome I received has been so positive. I am excited by the developments that are happening and am looking forward to the new academic year when we will welcome four new members of teaching staff and many new children. Now it is time for a rest to make sure we all have the energy needed for all the excitement. **Janice Peacock - Headteacher.**



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Dear Friends.

I am really looking forward to next month when the Rev Alec Gill will begin his ministry among us as the Associate Vicar. His licensing service is on 8 September at St John's Grove to which you are very welcome to come. He will be working in all the parishes of the Vale benefice, but living in Hanney Vicarage with his wife and four children. The Oxford Diocese have initially agreed to create a study in part of the garage; until then, the Vicarage will not a place of work but only their home. However, I am sure that you will welcome them with your customary friendliness into the Hanney villages.

Alec will oversee the work among Young People in the Benefice and regularly take an assembly at St James Hanney Primary School as well as being a Governor.

Look out for him introducing himself in the next Hanney News ~ in the meantime, I hope you have a wonderful summer. As that lovely verse in Psalm 23 says the Lord *"refreshes my soul and guides me along the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."* May you have the opportunity for rest and refreshment this summer.

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John

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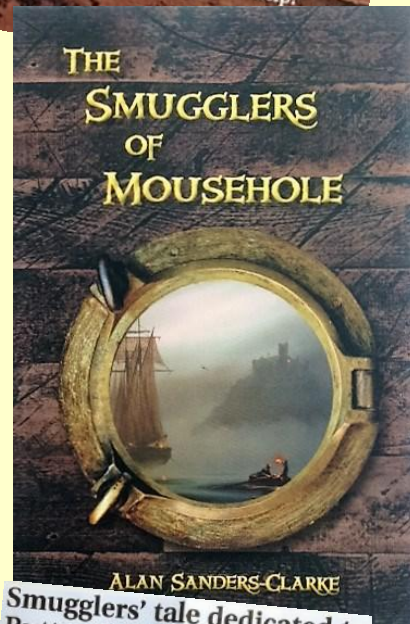
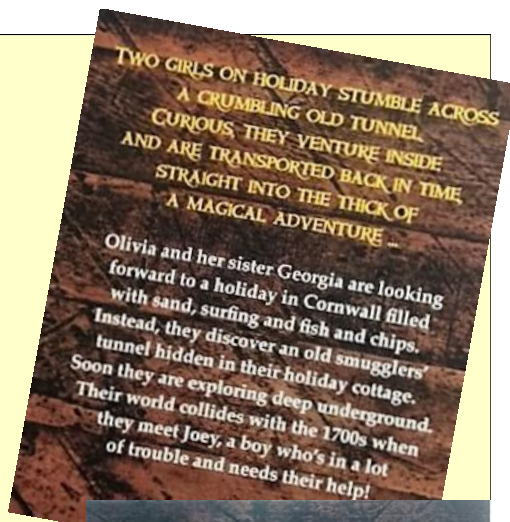
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