



Hannee News


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Final Thought

I enjoy a glass of wine each night for its health benefits. The other glasses are for my witty comebacks and flawless dance moves.

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Big up praise to the parish councillors who sorted the building of fences and gates to prevent unwanted vehicles gaining access to the playing field. Sadly, just before the locks were installed, we did have some unwelcome visitors, but they have now gone, so hopefully that won't happen again.

Despite a recent campaign to raise awareness of the issue, some folk are still putting things like food waste and dirty nappies in their green wheelie bin. Yes, they wheelie are - sorry, couldn't resist that one! - and as a result, Vale of White Horse District Council have announced that from November they will only empty wheelie bins if the contents are loose or in clear sacks.

Lead stolen from church roofs. Page 17.

The road bridge on the A417 at Challow will be closed from Monday 3rd Oct for resurfacing. It's expected to take a max of 2 weeks. Though done not long ago, water has apparently seeped in under the surface which is now starting to break up. Somebody obviously didn't do a good job the first time...the naughty step for them!

Another development in the pipeline, this one in East Hanney to the north of Ashfields Lane, west of the A338. The potential developers - they've yet to get planning permission - Pye Homes, are proposing up to 75 houses, including a few bungalows. See East Hanney PC's piece on page 6 for more details.

In the dark? Dial 105
if you want to report or find out about a power cut in your area. You will be put through to your local electricity company, no matter who your supplier is.

Hannee Parochial Charities...update
The deadline for applications for an award has been extended...see page 11.



More pics inside

Editorial

As you read this latest edition of the finest parish mag in the whole of Hanney, brought to you courtesy of Hanney News Global International, the Michaelmas Fayre will be a recent and no doubt happy memory. As I write this however, due to the restrictions of the printed word, the event is yet to take place, so, sadly no snaps - there'll be plenty next month - but there are several of the magnificent HanneyFest which happened a couple of weeks back. A huge 'Well Done' to everyone - all giving their time and expertise for free - who made it such a success, raising about £2,500 in the process!

It's nice to be able to say something nice about estate agents, as Bruce Forsyth didn't quite say, so I'm very happy to big up Hodsons, the local estate agents - check out page 15 to see why. And Bruce, if you're reading this, please, please come back to Strictly...Tessa and Claudia are surely the most irritating people on TV, and that's saying something!! The Sweetcroft development in West Hanney continues apace...please bear in mind that they own all the land they are working on, having bought it from Nigel Eadey's estate. If you use the footpaths that traverse it, please remember that you are on private property. Most will have seen, or at least heard about our recent traveller visitors, who settled on the playing fields for a week or so. They've just gone, but have left us

plenty of souvenirs - numerous sacks of rubbish, a tent, a gas cylinder, a dead rabbit, a live chicken - now making new friends at the Black Horse - a large pile of tree branches, a plastic garden chair, etc. An expensive clean up job is needed. Whilst we say goodbye to unwanted guests, let's welcome our new Vicar, Alec Gill and his family, to West Hanney. We wish them every happiness in our community, of which they are already becoming an integral part. Huge congrats to Hanney's own Cancer Research UK fund-raising team, who have now collected over £100,000!! Amazing. See page 14.

A quick plea...please read the enclosed flier - both sides - and be sure to vote. And of course well done to Sir Graham of Garner, who's driven this whole project. Finally some very sad news - though not a Hanney resident, John Heyes was known to many in the village, not least as an able assistant to Mark Heyes, his son, one of Hanney's finest local builders. Tragically John died recently after a short illness. He will be sadly missed by the many, many people who knew him. My own favourite memory of John was when, after much persuasion, he played me a tune - 'Sea Cruise' by Frankie Ford - on his harmonica, knowing that I too was a 'harp' player. His modesty was matched only by his ability; he was a truly lovely man - an over-used phrase I know, but in his case absolutely true.

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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

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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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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 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 9.30am prompt (10am after the clocks have gone back for the winter) 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 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

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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 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, Services at St James, start 9.30am. Page 13.

Sat 8th. 7pm. Harvest Supper, page 13 again for details.

Sat 8th. Wantage & Grove Lions are holding a Craft Fayre. 10 - 4pm

Sun 9th. Hanney Hall. Drama Group - Luvvies wanted, see page 19.

Thurs 13th, 7.30pm, W.I. Birthday Meeting. Village Hall

Fri 14th, 8pm, Royal British Legion, Bingo. Children welcome.

Sat 15th, Royal British Legion, Live music with 'Mustang', 50's, 60's, rock'n'roll.

Fri 21st, St James Term 1 ends.

Sunday 23rd, Wantage Autumn Festival...see panel below.

Tues 25th, 8pm, History Group, AGM, with talk by Angela Cousins. Village Hall.

Thurs 27th, 2.30pm, Senior Citizens, 'All dressed Up' Oxfordshire Heritage. Hall.

Sat 29th 7.30pm, at the Beacon in Wantage, 'Opera Unmasked' present an Evening with Wessex Male Choir and Special Guests MJ-UK, a great young musical theatre group. Tickets £12 direct from the Beacon Tel. 01235 763456 or Jim Mitchell 01235 767975.

....and further ahead

Weds 2nd Nov. St James School, Term 2 begins...Whoopie!!

Sat 19th Nov Christmas Bazaar at Village Hall for Cancer Research UK

Wantage Autumn Festival A celebration of the season with food and craft stalls, live entertainment, local ale & cider, local food BBQ and Goan curries, traditional apple pressing - bring your own apples with bottles for juicing - 'grow your own' advice, and lots of kids activities, including bouncy castle, pedal powered gadgets, mega decoupage, face painting and Lenny's Lizards. Funds raised will be donated to the Sweatbox Youth Centre & Sustainable Wantage | mims@talktalk.net | 01235 766689 **Sunday October 23rd | 12-5pm | King Alfred's East Site, Springfield Road, OX12 8ET | £2 Adults, Kids go FREE**

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

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East Hanney Parish Council

Frustratingly, despite Councillor Paul Aram's and the Clerk's best efforts, the installation of fencing to secure the playing fields in East Hanney was not an immediate success. The padlocks to secure the gate did not arrive until the day after the most recent visit from the travellers. The Council is confident that in the future the fencing will prove effective. Groups and individuals that need access to the field will be issued with the combination to the padlock and provided with regulations for access, though the Parish Council requests that people only open the gate when it is essential that they do so. You will no doubt by now be aware that another sizeable development threatens the village, with 70 or so houses and bungalows being planned for the field north of Ashfields Lane. The village has already had a 63% increase in housing, and developments such as these are never supported by the Parish Council. At a meeting on the 22nd September, the PC laid out its position and will submit the response to the Vale of White Horse DC in due course.

As the season changes, the Council reminds local residents and landowners that it is vital that drains and ditches are kept clear to help any excess water flow through the village and not contribute to a flood. If you have any drains or ditches on your land, please make sure they are clear. The Hanneys Flood Group can advise if you need some assistance.

The PC is working with the Arts Officer at VWHDC to replace the circular benches opposite La Fontana. The blacksmith that has been commissioned is keen to work with local groups on the final design. The Council hopes that the School and the History Group will be involved but if you are member of a group and would like to be involved, please contact the Clerk on the details below.

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 Council's website and on Facebook a week in advance.

The next scheduled meetings are 4th October and 1st November 2016.

Chairman: Jim Triffitt 868314 (Allotments)

Vice Chairman: Stewart Scott 868503 (Neighbourhood Plan and Technical Issues)

Councillors:

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

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West Hanney Parish Council

On behalf of the Parish Council, and we are sure the whole village, we would like to welcome our new Associate Minister Revd. Alec Gill and his family. We sincerely hope they will be very happy living in West Hanney.

Many people were saddened at the loss of the Chestnut Tree in front of the Church but as this was on Parish Council land we had no choice than to have it felled. After two branches came off in only moderate strength winds we asked Tree Surgeons for a report. They condemned the tree as it had canker disease, was in a dangerous state, and advised it should be removed without delay.

One of the other Chestnuts is also showing signs of disease but should be safe for around 10 more years. Part of a Willow also came down on Headings Pond and we have arranged for this, together with the other Willows on PC land in Church Street to be pollarded.

Due to an anonymous complaint to the authorities, Sweetcroft Homes have reluctantly decided that they must ask dog walkers and ramblers not to trespass in their two fields and to keep only to the public footpaths. This is unfortunate as most villagers have no problem with the work that is being undertaken by the developers and were delighted that Sweetcroft had agreed to gift one of the fields to the village. Signs have been erected and we ask villagers to respect the decision.

White Horse DC has asked us to remind all residents that from next month no black bags must be put in, or by the side of, Green recycling bins. Clear bags only must be used so operatives can check the contents. Apparently some families are putting non-recyclable waste such as soiled nappies in their green bins, which means the whole load is contaminated and has to go to landfill.

The West Hanney Parish Council website is now up and running and over the coming months will become a comprehensive guide to the village and the work of the PC. Details of all our meetings, minutes and decisions will eventually be listed. To have a look go to www.westhanneypc.org.uk

Next Meeting - Tuesday - 1st November 7.30pm - St. James the Great

Your Councillors:

Chris Surman (Chairman)	868749	Edward Wilkinson	867216
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Letters

Dear Editor,
Having read the letter from Dr Barnes in the September issue of Hanney News I feel I must correct some of his statements. Firstly, his accusation that RAF helicopters do not abide by the stringent rules that apply to low flying I consider to be unfair as all sorties are conducted following exhaustive preparation and under strict supervision. They are most certainly not aerial joyriding. It is worth remembering that it is notoriously difficult for an untrained observer to judge the height of an aircraft, and more so the larger the aircraft is, so that his estimation of a Chinook being 'at first floor height' is likely to have been inaccurate.

Secondly, Benson's helicopters are all training for operational service and that would have included the door gunner who is responsible for the self defence of the aircraft. Whilst he was no doubt practising traversing and aiming his weapon he was unlikely to be deliberately victimising Dr Barnes in his study even if he was able to see him. It is also worth noting that Puma helicopters from Benson are still currently deployed in Afghanistan so that the training they perform around the Hanneys is in earnest and the skills developed are employed daily in that country.

As to the suggestion that 'it's quite absurd having a helicopter training base in the centre of the Home Counties' is he not aware that the two busiest airports in the UK, Heathrow and Gatwick, are also located in the south east where there is a large residential population? Both airports have daily movements of aircraft that

dwarf those at Benson. The helicopters at Benson exist to support the army which is largely based in the south of England close to their main training area at Salisbury Plain so it would be impractical to move the helicopters to any of the bases he suggests, even if those airfields had the capacity to take them.

Whilst I confess that I too have been at times annoyed by the activities of the helicopters, mainly when they are operating late at night, I understand that they are conducting essential training and that this is one of the drawbacks of living in a comparatively quiet and sparsely populated part of our crowded island. I do though agree with Dr Barnes' comments regarding avaricious house builders who seem determined to concrete over all of our green spaces and I feel that they are a much worthier target for his ire than helicopters.

Yours faithfully,
Phil Mobbs

Dear Editor (and Hanney residents, especially those of a certain age!) Clive and I have just returned from a very enjoyable pensioners' lunch at the Plough Inn, West Hanney. Phil had cooked a dish new to the pensioner menu, a stir fry, salt and pepper pork which was delicious, I had this. Clive had a beautifully cooked Plaice and chips.

We have a pensioners' lunch every other week and look forward to it. Why not give it a try? You will receive a very warm welcome from Fi and Phil.
Jean Sutherland

The Speedwatch initiative.

Probably one of the most regularly voiced concerns in our villages is the issue of speeding, and at last something is being done about it....the Speedwatch Initiative.



Volunteers, using a clever little device, see pic, with a rather natty 'eye' logo - geddit? - report speeding motorist's details to the police, who send them a warning letter. Three letters and they get a visit from the 'Roads Policing Officer', and I trust, a jolly good ticking off!



I recently spent an hour with Dick and Paul, two of the West Hanney volunteers on the Speedwatch team. We positioned ourselves on the main road in West Hanney, just west of St James school, east of Hanney Spice. The 'boys' - I use the

term loosely! - had to wear hi-viz vests. Once the kit had been set up, we waited for motorists who clearly had no regard for the speed limit, or, more importantly, the safety of their fellow citizens. Most who passed are well within the 30mph limit - I suspect some alerted by the hi-viz gear - but a few apparently couldn't care less. We clocked one idiot at 44mph. After a while a large lorry parked opposite us, delivering building materials to a nearby house and hence reducing the road to a narrow single lane. That didn't bother one chap...he still barrelled through at 37mph. The details of these two, and 3 others, were passed onto the police.

If you could spare an hour once in a while to help with this very worthy project, please contact Gerald Chaffey on 868627 who leads the West Hanney crew. Meanwhile East Hanney have their own team, and they've done some statistical analysis which reveals that, over a 13 day period, they monitored approx. 3,000 vehicles. 306 exceeded the speed limit, at an average speed of 38.8 mph, with one reaching 47 mph past the school and another driving at 70mph on the A338 in the 30mph limit. They too need volunteers, so please contact Guy Langton if you can help. Page 6 for his contact details. Speedwatch won't solve the problem, but it's a step in the right direction, and the teams of volunteers deserve our thanks.



Hanney Drama Group are holding auditions on the 9th Oct, 2-5pm in the Hanney Room, for our next production in Feb 2017, a comedy play. Actors and backstage crew of all ages and abilities are welcome. We are especially looking for younger actors to join us. Please contact the Director Charlie East for more information on Email: charlieeast1550@gmail.com or Tel: 01235 200771 or just turn up!

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Dear Editor

I am new in the village, living in one of the small new developments. One of the main reasons we opted to live here is the beauty, small size and environment of the two Hanneys.

The recent heritage walk confirmed our choice with regard to the history and architectural interest of the place in addition to nature's gift to the villages. Furthermore I had the pleasure to meet some of the local people and it all added to make me feel as a Hannean myself. It is from this newly acquired position and from the developing love for this place that I write to you to express my surprise at the recent increase in the rubbish found

in the streets of the village. Plastic bottles, ice cream papers, tissues etc., but more surprisingly and something I never expected, is the spread of dog poo found all over.

We have a dog and we make sure that no matter where he will poo, we collect it in a poo bag and dispose it accordingly. It is really a shame to spoil our own village, it is really a surprise to believe that otherwise polite and civil villagers don't collect their dog's poo, it is really a pity that we do not set the standard to any newcomers. Or does it mean that I may also let our dog poo every which where with immunity?

Kind regards

Vangelis

Hanney Parochial Charities...update

The deadline for applications for an award for young people in further education or apprenticeships has been extended to Friday Oct 14th. If you know anyone who fits the criteria, please ask them to contact the Charity soonest via an email to rickhuckstep@yahoo.com. Full details in last month's Hanney News, page 11.

I am very honoured to have recently been asked to become Chairman of the Charity, and have taken over from Lionel Cousins, who many of you will know. Lionel has been involved since the 1970's. Robert Hodgson has been a trustee for even longer and both have recently retired. I would like to thank them both for all their hard work over a collective 90 + years! Thank you gents; I will endeavour to continue your good work.

I also want to thank Rick Huckstep who has been 'Clerk' to the charity for several years. He's off to sunnier climes, and John Gunn, another fine, upstanding Lyfordian, is taking over his role. I look forward to working closely with John in the future.

The book, detailing the history of this wonderful little charity, which dates back to 1611, written by one of Hanney's finest authors, Angela Cousins, will soon be available. More details next month.

Still a few places on the CPR / Defibrillator course, happening on Weds 12th Oct, 6pm, Village Hall. Ring me soonest to book your place...01235 867500





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We will be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving this month, so can I encourage you to be thankful not just for all the good food we eat, and we are very fortunate to have fresh food supplied all the year round, but for all the good things we have.

At the time of writing, I am extremely grateful for enjoying a lovely family holiday in Wales; that our son did well in his exam results; and that my new colleague Alec has begun his ministry amongst us. Indeed, I am really grateful for all those who came and took part in the licensing service for making it such a splendid welcome. It was a great support that so many councillors, headteachers and leaders of local organisations joined us.

I also want to say a very big thank you to everyone who supports and helps look after our church buildings as well as our groups and events with dedicated commitment. It is very encouraging that such efforts build our strong sense of community in our villages.

In addition, of course, I am thankful for the daily pleasures and family and friends who support and love me.

My personal thanks are not only for you and to you but I also give thanks to the Lord God for all those many blessings to me.

The refrain of Matthias Claudius' translated hymn – *We plough the fields and scatter*ends with: **O thank the Lord for all His love.** Those words which are over 200 years old are as true now as they were then.

I pray that God will help each one of us to live daily with a thankful heart.

John

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