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Not got a number yet or want to have additional numbers? Just call Hilary on 868590.

Meantime, the lucky June winners are...

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- 2nd - Wanda Oberman, EH
- 3rd - Ann White, EH

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Sue Garner on 868684
hwmh.hanney@gmail.com

It's not just Hanney that has problems with a minority of irresponsible dog-owners - here are two signs from California where doggy poo is also an issue. Perhaps a 'Mutt Mitt' is the solution?...they're free from a dispenser in the street...no



excuse if you don't bring your own poo bags!



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PLACES AVAILABLE AT ST JAMES SCHOOL! SEE PAGE 10 FOR DETAILS.



Aloha...Fun in the Sun

Update on West Hanney Housing Development....from West Hanney Parish Council. *"You will be aware of the intention of developers to seek permission to build up to 54 houses at Townsend on the western end of our village. Parish Councillors met recently with a senior planning officer from the Vale of White Horse DC to raise our concerns. It was agreed that the development is contrary to the Local Plan 2031 Part 1 and the site is not identified in the Local Plan Part 2 that will be adopted in 2018.*

It is also contrary to the housing policies in the emerging West Hanney Neighbourhood Plan. The proposed land and the main road off which the entrance would be sited is subject to regular flooding from the Childrey Brook, and often has to be closed. The developer's representatives have since met with the VOWH planners and were told that as their proposal is contrary to the Local Plan Part 1 and that there is no need for additional housing sites such as this one, it would not be recommended for approval."

Editorial

Yes chums, we've reached our **500th** edition of Hanney News, and I'm very honoured to be Editor on this auspicious occasion, even though I've only edited 27 of them! My predecessors all deserve great credit for their part in this achievement, as does everyone else who has been involved in any way with the production of the finest parish newsletter in the history of...well, parish newsletters! See page 4 for a bit of a NostalgiaFest.

Meantime, details now available of this year's Michaelmas Fayre - see opposite. And let's hope for similar weather to what we've just enjoyed at the fabulous



Hawaiian Beach Party that was this year's St James School and Pre-School summer fete. Plenty of snaps this month and big ups to all the folk who worked so hard to make it happen. They can be very proud of themselves...another great community event!

St James School itself features a few times this month...check out pages 10 and 19, as it needs your help.

There weren't many at the recent GARD meeting re the reservoir, but this is, potentially, a serious issue, so check out the short article on page 5, to keep up to speed on it.

Details on page 11 of proposals for the field recently acquired by E Hanney PC, and well done to all involved with this. Here's the email I recently sent to Bellway Homes and Oxfordshire County Council Highways regarding the footpath in Winter Lane.

Gents, I bring you my usual cordial greetings, but I must insist that in return you tell me when we are going to get our footpath. I looked back into the archives and found that it was in Nov 2015 that we met on site at the start of this process...a year and a half later we are still without our footpath. I and my readers look forward to the latest update'.

I send something similar every month, as I don't want them to think we've forgotten the planning requirement placed upon Bellway at the time they built Elderberry Close two years ago, to provide a proper pavement along the southern section. Usually they respond with reasons for the delays, but this time I have heard nothing...not a sausage. To say I'm disappointed is something of an understatement, but be assured, I will continue to pester, vigorously.

Meantime, my snap is putting me in a BBQ kind of mood! Till next month my friends.....



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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

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

WHITE HORSE CROQUET CLUB within the grounds of Wantage Cricket Club. We offer up to 3 FREE sessions to potential new members and all equipment is available on site. Playing sessions are each Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 am and Thursday from 2 pm. The playing season is from April to September. For more information visit our website at whcc.webplus.net.

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

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

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

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

PILATES CLASS Wednesdays 6 -7pm and Fridays 9.15 - 10.15am (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 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 Catherine Tysoe 867356. **HANNEY BROWNIES** (aged 7+) meet on Tuesdays in British Legion Hall from 6.00 - 7.30. Contact Jacquie Donald. **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. For more details contact David Johns on 01235 868519 or 07770 456147

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, hyfcooty@gmail.com or visit our website hanneyyouthfc.co.uk

HANNEY TABLE TENNIS CLUB qualified coaching to a high level, or just play. Cadets, juniors and seniors, £2 per night, league matches every week, just turn up 6.30 every Thursday. Richard 07908 673367

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, page 15 for details.

Sat 8th, 6.45 pm, Wantage & Grove Lions: cash bingo at Grove village hall.

Weds 12th, 6.30pm, History Group, visit to Pendon Museum. Contact Bill Orson for more details 868859

Thurs 13th, W.I. Strawberries, Wine (maybe some cheese) at the Barn House

Sat 15th, Flood Group, 9am, contact Stewart Scott for details, 868503

Fri 14th, 8pm, R.B.L. Prize Bingo. Children welcome.

Fri 21st, St James School, Term 6 ends. 'Boo-hoo' cries little Johnny.

Sat 22nd, R.B.L Live music with Retro, 60s and 70s music.

Thurs 27th, Senior Citizens Summer Party, Woodpecker Cottage, Winter Lane, West Hanney.

Michaelmas Fayre

23 September 2017

The "JAZZ AGE" comes to Hanney
This year we celebrate the JAZZ AGE. Lots of music, dance, sideshows, great food & drink, fun for children (and adults), scarecrows and of course our traditional West/East tug-o'-war.

Forms for the competitions will be available from early July in St James Church and Community Shop and to download from our website.

Most importantly PLEASE start collecting books, CDs and DVDs, White Elephants and Nearly New & Vintage Clothes (men's, ladies and children's).

Food and drink will be available from 1pm with the Fayre starting in earnest at 2pm.

And full details of the hop in HWMH will be available shortly - make sure it's in your diary.

We'll again be offering "Experiences" by Auction - any offer of a prize that "money can't normally buy" would be very welcome. Please contact Stuart or Hilary on 868590, or info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk for more information.



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.

Ed's website is www.vaizey.com

Vale of White Horse District Council leader **Matt Barber's** email and website address: councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk - www.matthewbarber.co.uk

In December 1975, Harold Wilson was our Prime Minister, with Maggie Thatcher, fresh to the leadership of the Tory Party, still 3 years away from becoming our first female PM. Pop fans and, no doubt, 5 year old Nicola Sturgeon - soon to be our third female PM? (joke!) - were listening to the Bay City Rollers. Rod Stewart was 'Sailing', whilst Windsor Davies and Don Estelle were serenading - or maybe smoking? - some 'Whispering Grass'. Perhaps you were going 'Down, Down' with the mighty Quo? West Ham were the FA Cup holders, and Derby the league champions when it was called 'Division One'. Ali had beaten Frazier in the 'Thrilla in Manilla' and Wales had won the Five Nations rugby; Italy not invited back then. Arthur Ashe, Billie Jean King and Nikki Lauda were all world champs and a baby, one 'Eldrick Tont Woods' was born. He later excelled in the sport that Jack Niklaus dominated in 1975. In short, it was a very long time ago indeed.

Also born late that year was Hanney News. It can't claim to have had the same roller-coaster life that Mr 'Tiger' Woods has, but every month without fail since Dec 1975, it has reliably and reassuringly dropped through our letter boxes. Many folk have helped along the way, and it's probably best not to mention individuals, for fear of leaving some out. Nonetheless, there is one person who must be named, and that of course is Jenny Diment, our first Editor, who steered the ship for 25 years before handing over to Nicola Mathews in 2000. Jenny then took over as Chief Distributor until she retired in 2015

Back in 1975, she was a young Mum with small kids when she was asked by the Vicar, Douglas Pearce, to set up a

parish newsletter. Someone opined that it would last 3 months, but nearly 42 years later I'm glad to be a part of proving them wrong.

Issue 1 contained a 'For Sale' section - two evening dresses and a pair of court shoes, worn only once, a bargain at just £7 - details of the mobile library's visits, the monthly infant welfare clinic when health visitors and a doctor would provide help and advice for all mothers with children under 5. Art and dancing classes were mentioned, as was Ladies Badminton and Keep-Fit. The Gardening Club, WI and the Senior Citizens also got a mention...good that they still thrive...and the back page - there were 4 in total - contained details of the St James Church services.

In issue 2, the WRVS made a plea for well washed milk bottle tops and Hanney United football club thanked everyone for their support. Items for sale included a tape recorder, a kidney shaped dressing table and a cold water storage tank! Volunteers were asked to help with a 'teenagers disco', and Rev Pearce and his wife Mary wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Surely a history of Hanney through the pages of Hanney News is begging to be written? Any volunteers? Meantime, massive thanks to all who've ever had anything to do with producing Hanney News - our advertisers, contributors and most of all, our readers. If any of the above has stirred a few memories, please feel free to share them with us.

And finally, raise with me a glass to our 1,000th edition, which will be - assuming I have my sums right - March 2059.

(Thanks to Angela Cousins for info from her 'Telling Tales' book.)

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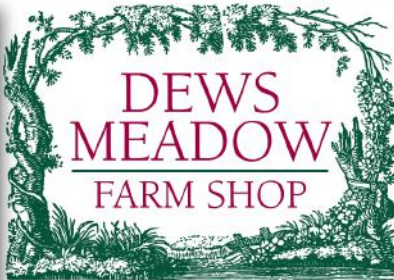
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The wonderful folk of the Hanney CRUK

recently held another of their splendid Table Top Sales. Here's an email they sent me after the event...

*'Hi Jim. Would you please put a **big thank you** in the Hanney News to thank everyone who came along and supported us on the day and family and friends who help us to set up and clear away, we couldn't manage without them all. We have made £1,743.00. for Cancer Research today. Thank you all again. Hanney Fundraisers for Cancer Research'*

I'd like to add my thanks, especially to the lady who makes the Victoria sponge - to die for!

Here's the Poughley Farm bridge,

recently closed to all vehicles by Oxfordshire County Council. It looks OK to me, so we at Hanney News Global International commissioned a top London firm of engineers - one of their other clients is the Royal Albert Hall - to give us their thoughts on the closure. Their report makes very interesting reading indeed. I've forwarded copies to East Hanney PC, OCC, our MP and the Vale DC . Full story next month.




GARD...that's the 'Group Against Reservoir Development'...

held a meeting recently in the village hall, to give their side of the argument that rages over a reservoir twixt E Hanney and Steventon proposed by Thames Water as an option to deal with future water shortages. The reservoir - it'll be huge, approx 4 square miles - is far from a done deal. Thames Water are holding an open session at Steventon Village Hall on Mon 10th July, from 2pm - 8pm to give their side of the story. GARD's website gives theirs...www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk

Meantime **Hanney Flood Group** have organised a meeting at the village hall here in Hanney on 17th July. Time to be confirmed. Thames Water will take questions on our sewage system and how it will cope with the additional load put upon it by the new housing developments. Doubtless, the subject of the reservoir will also come up.

'Craft, Cake and Coffee' Activity mornings, with an Open the Book Story...

will take place during the summer holidays. Come to St James Church to have a go at some craft, take part in the story and eat some cake. tarting on Tuesday 25th July, at 10.30am, every week up to 29th August. Many children in Hanney already enjoy the Open the Book Stories at St James School. This is a chance for families to come and join in with the fun. - Sue Clarke



East Hanney Parish Council

You will no doubt be aware that the bridge at the end of Halls Lane over the brook has been closed 'temporarily' by Oxfordshire County Council. Following a much overdue inspection, the bridge was deemed unsafe and unable to carry the weight of the vehicles using it to access Poughley Farm. Other access routes have been considered by the County Council and in the meantime the Parish Council has requested that the County reconsider how to fund the replacement of this bridge from its budgets to ensure the closure is for as short a time as possible.

The bus shelter at the Black Horse is undergoing some repairs. Whilst these go on, the shelter will be closed but the bus will of course still stop! Also, the electronic indicator has been removed as it was not working and the Parish Council has requested that up to date timetables and full details of how to contact Stagecoach for up to date information is displayed at all village bus stops.

The Council is still looking for a person or group to pick up litter in and around the playground and Hall. This could be a good way of earning a little extra or gathering funding for a local or national cause or charity. For more information, please contact the Clerk.

Finally, the Parish Council expresses its thanks to the operators of the fair that was in Hanney in May. Their quick thinking and actions stopped a group of travellers accessing the playing fields and parking their caravans on them!

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 meeting dates are 5th July and 2nd August 2017.

East Hanney Parish Council

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 Environment)

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West Hanney Parish Council

We are delighted to report that due to the success of the Forest School, agreement has now been reached for St. James pupils to utilise the parish owned wooded area at the top of the lane behind the school buildings, as well as the two areas in the community woodland. Volunteers are needed to assist teachers so if you have a few hours and enjoy working with children why not contact the school and offer your services. They would be most grateful.

The Vale of White Horse District Council have now published their latest update on the 5 year housing plan as at 31st March 2017 which shows the Vale has a land supply of 6.7 years district wide. This is important when taken in context with the front page article.

On Tuesday 30th May a convoy of traveller's caravans tried to access the playing fields. At the time the fair was in situ and two members of the fairground family rushed to hold the gate against the lead transit van even though it had already been forced open. After telling the travellers they could not let them enter the fields, and a lengthy discussion, the visitors, who were apparently not aggressive this time, agreed to leave. We owe Cindy and her family a big vote of thanks. They probably saved the parish councils a large clean-up bill had the six caravans been able to get onto our sports fields again. As a small token of our gratitude we have not accepted the usual ground rent from the family.

Can we please once again remind residents to keep their hedges cut back to allow free passage along footpaths. If footpaths are not kept clear Oxfordshire County Council reserve the right to appoint contractors to carry out the work and charge the cost to the householder. Do not let this happen to you. Accounts and Minutes from Parish Council Meetings can now be found on our website at the address listed below.

**Next Meeting - Tuesday 15th August 7.30pm
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In last month's issue, Chris Surman, the Chairman of West Hanney PC mentioned a motorcyclist who had been riding in the Community Woodland, causing damage. Well, a 16 year old lad has recently been given a 'Section 59 warning for Anti-Social use of a motor vehicle' in Cow Lane, Grove.

If he's caught again within 1 year, his 'vehicle', i.e. his motorbike, can be seized. Whilst not exactly the crime of the century, they do nonetheless cause damage and if you spot any, it's probably best to ring the Police.



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Obituary

Liz Houldey, 25th May 1949 - 4th June 2017

It is with deep sadness we record the recent passing of Liz Houldey. She and her husband had only lived in Chapel Cottage, East Hanney for 23 months, but on arrival, Liz immediately got involved with various village activities, taking up an allotment the next day! She joined the Gardening Club and had just become a member of its committee. The W.I. also benefited from her support, and she was a cat-walk model for their fund-raising fashion show in March.

Liz was also involved in fund-raising with Pat Beach and others at the Black Horse, which is where I had the pleasure of meeting her. Her determination and desire to be involved with, and make a contribution to her community shone through.

Liz was born in Lewisham in South London; she never fully lost the accent. Her career was as a teacher and she had worked at three schools in Oxfordshire. On retiring from full-time teaching Liz moved into part-time adult education and became a volunteer for 'Homestart'.

Liz had a real passion for running and completed three London Marathons in the Eighties. Latterly she was a regular entrant in the Great South Run, and an enthusiastic member of Park Run Abingdon.

Liz will be sadly missed by all who knew her, and we offer our sincerest condolences to her husband Denis and their family at this difficult time.

Jim Stagg

Letters

Dear Editor

Thank you to all those that came to the recent charity cream tea at the Black Horse, East Hanney. Though pelting with rain, we had a good turn out, and raised £175, all of which was donated to the "OCTOBER CLUB" in Wantage. This is a club for people with DEMENTIA, which greatly relies on donations and volunteers. (*See their ad on page 25 - Ed*). A very big thank you to those who gave their help.

Regards, Pat Beach

Dear Editor

We are Roald Dahl class from St James CE Primary School (Year 2 and 3). We are learning about Hanney. We were wondering if you could help us because we are making a Hanney A- Z book. We have got stuck on U, X, and Z. Do your readers have any suggestions for these letters that we could add to our book please?

Thank you. Love from Roald Dahl Class.

St James School is very happy to put an end to the rumour that we are full. We are not! Following confirmation that our new classrooms will be completed early next year, we will be expanding from 5 to 6 classes in September. This means we will have spaces across most year groups. Many other local schools have little or no space, so we are delighted that we will be able to offer the much needed places. Please spread the word.

Volunteers are needed to help at

St James School, specifically with their 'Forest School', a very popular initiative we featured here in May's Hanney News.

Headteacher Janice Peacock told me recently that volunteers would assist with the running of Forest School and that no experience was required, just a willingness to get involved with the children and a love of the outdoors as it can get cold and wet! Initially a DBS would not be needed - used to be called a CRB - but if the person volunteered regularly, the school would initiate this. They are looking for volunteers able to offer anything from one session through to a regular commitment.

If you're interested, please contact the school direct on **01235 868232**



What's Happening at Hanney Chapel? This from Bob Pritchard...

'Have you noticed fewer cars parked near the Chapel on a Sunday and wondered if our congregation has deserted us? Thanks to the help of the HWM Hall committee we have been able to ease the parking problem by using the hall overflow car park for some of our visitors on a Sunday - so the people are still inside but not so many cars outside!

Currently work is underway at the Chapel to build a new kitchen, storeroom, entrance porch and access ramps, giving us more room in the main hall and improved facilities. The work means we will have to close the building for 7 weeks, so from Sunday 23rd July to Sunday Sept 3rd we will be holding our services in the War Memorial Hall at 10.30am and 4pm (except on Sept 3rd when we will only have the 10.30 service). You are very welcome to come along. In the mornings there is a crèche and separate groups for the children and young people.

For more information please contact our Pastor, Mark Fisher on 867105'

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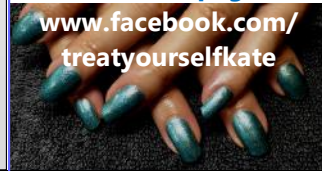
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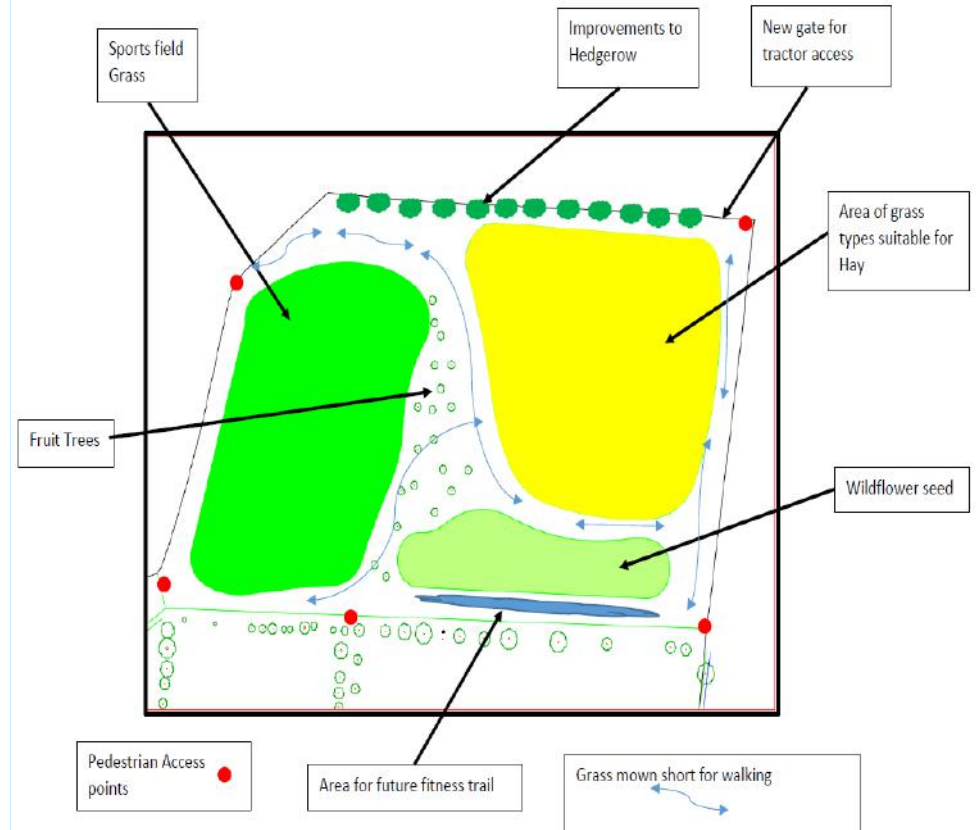
'We are proposing to call the new field "King's Leases" as this was the name of this land in the ancient tithe maps and this reflects our historic village.

The most popular suggestions from the community survey were open grassland for general use, a wildflower meadow, an outdoor fitness trail, a pond and a sports field. Unfortunately, drainage tests indicate that a pond is not possible, and a wildflower meadow may be difficult to establish.

We have therefore come up with a compromise where part of the field will be seeded with wild flowers, part with long grass and part as a sports field.

East Hanney used to have extensive orchards and so we would also like to plant fruit trees of varieties that were common in this part of Oxfordshire and Berkshire. The northern boundary will be thickened with a wide range of typical hedgerow species.

If you have any comments on the layout please pass them onto any Parish Councillor or Guy Langton, our Parish Clerk. Page 6 for his contact details.





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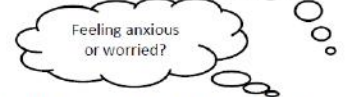
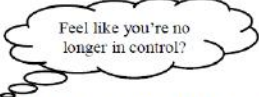
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It came to my mind because I am to take a school assembly where the value or theme is **simplicity**. The challenge for me on reflecting about this value of simplicity is that life is not simple, certainly not in the sense of being easy or straightforward.

I'm writing this after the result of the general election and the results appear complicated though, by the time you read this, some of those difficult decisions may have been resolved. It is also Trinity Sunday, which for a lot of people, complicates the uniqueness of the one true God. So in this complicated and varied life we live, can we approach it with a simple philosophy?

When Jesus was asked what is the greatest commandment; his reply was very focused and specific: **love**. Love has an infinite ways of expressing itself and Jesus did distinguish between loving God, loving our neighbour, loving one another and even loving our enemies, but effectively his and the Christian message is one about **love**.

Yes, it is hard to accept that God loves us when we have experienced life's harshness and disappointments. But it is love that helps us get through those times.

So can I encourage you to express that love, perhaps in praying for our country and our leaders, for protection and guidance; or in care and support for your neighbours; perhaps by trying to understand those you find difficult or who oppose you; or indeed by challenging the assumptions that may not be loving.

Going back to Simple Simon his folly, according to the nursery rhyme was expecting something for free. Yet that is exactly what love and especially God's love is all about, giving freely. As Jesus said, "*...freely you have received, freely give.*"

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John

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