

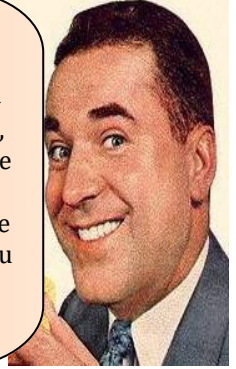


Hanneley News

Number 510 May 2018



Hey everyone, did you know?our Community Shop will be accepting credit & debit card payments, starting sometime this month. There will be a minimum spend of £5 to help offset the payments to the card company. Alisa at the Post Office will still be happy to provide you with cash when it is open in the mornings, should you prefer.



A338 pedestrian crossing update.

At a recent East Hanney Parish Council meeting I learnt that they are hoping to meet representatives of Oxford County Council, (OCC) very soon. Meantime, OCC have emailed me direct to advise that they.....



"...have identified two potential methods of funding and delivery for the crossing, which I will continue to pursue. For clarity, this is not a guarantee the crossing will go ahead, but certainly steps in the right direction."

Expect an update, hopefully with some good news, next month.



Our magnificent Speedwatch teams continue their good work, and they informed me recently of a driver caught doing 46 mph down Winter Lane, just outside Hanney News Global's HQ, where the road is a mere 4.4 metres wide - yes, I've measured it - with a ditch on one side and a stone wall on the other. When I say 'caught', to clarify, all the idiot gets is a polite letter from the police asking them to drive a little slower. Isn't it time to name and shame...number plate, make and colour of car?



'Hey Pipe-dude, heard about the News Fund?'

'Sure have Big Jim, read all about it on page 10.'

Editorial

Well it's Royal Wedding May Madness here at Hanney News Global this month, and in honour of the occasion we have commissioned - at great expense - none other than the Poet Laureate herself, one Carol Ann Duffy, to write a right royal limerick exclusively for Hanney News. It's on page 4...enjoy, and make sure you celebrate on the day with us at the Village Hall....full details on page 12. Jaunty Jilly has bought a new hat...see below. I'm not so sure, but she loves it.



You could do worse than follow up the Royal Wedding with an evening of culture at St James Church. Details of their Baroque evening are on page 15. If your tastes are a little more inclined to beat combo pop music then head to the Royal British Legion as they host another of their monthly live gigs on the same night, with the rock-tabulous Mustang!

The week prior, on Sat 12th, it's the traditional Gardening Club Plant Sale coupled with the Christian Aid Coffee Morning at the village hall. Details of the latter on page 5 and if you are able to

make a cake, please contact organiser Pam Blustin soonest, on 01235 868783. Please read Clive Manvell's very interesting piece on page 15 about Himalayan Balsam, particularly in regard to our watercourses. Gardeners will already know that this is very nasty stuff indeed.

Here at Hanney News Global we officially launch the News Fund this month...read all about it on page 10.

A quick skim through this issue reveals a bewildering array of opportunities for volunteers...they're always needed and if you've got a bit of spare time, you may consider getting involved. It's certainly very rewarding to feel that you are doing your bit....Parish Clerk, Parish Councillors, Chair of a NAG, Chair of the CPRE, someone to help kids improve their reading skills, bar manager at the hall, helpers for the shop...the list goes on. We've four letters this month on page 11, all saying thank you, a couple of them thanking those same volunteers we are always so short of.

Allow yourself some very cautious optimism regarding the crossing on the A338 - see front page - but I'm concerned that our other current project - the much needed car park extension - may hit some snags.... ignorant 'jobsworths, devoid of common sense have put forward official objections that are monumentally silly, but could still, sadly, derail the whole process. Update next month.

Finally just to mention that the annual Oxfordshire Artsweek has come round again. I know we have several talented folk in our community, but only one, Charlotte Hodgson, has been in touch. See her ad on page 5. Sounds interesting! Till next month meine liebe freunde!

Notices...what's happening this month.

Fri 4th. Hanney Film Night - see page 13.

Sat 5th 10am--1.30 pm Wantage & Grove Lions are holding a grand plant sale plus 2nd hand garden pots etc at Hanney Royal British Legion. Refreshments.

Thurs 10th, 7.30pm, Village Hall. Hanney W.I. 'Popular Music of the 20th Century - a Reminiscence' by Jim Stagg.

Sat 12th, Christian Aid Coffee Morning, Village Hall - see page 5.

Sat 12th, Gardening Club, Village Hall - Annual plant sale.

Monday 14th 10.30 am. History Group. A private visit to the Swindon Museum and Art Gallery, £8.

Sat 19th, Hanney Flood Group - www.thehanneysfloodgroup.org.uk

Sat 19th, The Royal Wedding Picnic...see page 12

Sat 19th, 7.30pm - 'A Medley for May' - recital in music and word at St James Church featuring 'Berkshire Baroque'. See page 15.

Sat 19th, R.B.L. Live Music with Mustang, 60's and 70's music

Thurs 24th, Senior Citizens, 2.30pm, Village Hall. The Return of the Owls.
Come and meet some real live owls!!

Fri 25th, St James School, Term 5 ends.

Sat 26th May Freecycle Live Swapshop at the Beacon, Wantage. Free entry. See their website for details: www.sustainablewantage.org.uk

Monday 28th, 2-5 pm. Wantage - Priory Road Garden Crawl, Stalls, Teas, etc. £5 per adult, Children under 16 Free. No Dogs, apart from Assistance dogs, most gardens accessible. profits to go to Parish Church of SS Peter & Paul.

And further ahead....

Mon 4th June - St James School, Term 6 begins

Sat 16th June - The Grove and Wantage Extravaganza. Details next month.

Sat 16th June - Cancer Research Table Top Sale - Village Hall, details next month.

Sat 22nd Sept - Michaelmas Fayre. See page 13.

Sun 11th Nov. Remembrance Sunday and commemoration of 100 years of the 'Armistice'. Bell ringers needed. See Feb issue, page 5.

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



The Hanney Royal British Legion Hall

in East Hanney offers the perfect venue for holding an after funeral reception, often known as a wake. This is an opportunity for friends and family of the deceased to celebrate their life as well as mourn their passing.

A warm, welcoming venue is essential, and that is exactly what we offer here at the Legion.

Our hall is just a five minute drive from the South Oxfordshire Crematorium on the A338 at Garford, and we are a two minute drive or ten minute walk from St James Church in West Hanney.

We have a large car park, including specified disabled parking bays, and our hall is large and comfortable, with a bar and a stage.

Smaller rooms are available.

For your catering needs, we are able to offer a variety of options to suit your requirements and your budget.

For more information, please contact Alan Wilkinson on 01235 868335 anytime, or the British Legion Hall on 01235 868672 any evening after 7pm.

The Poet Laureate's tribute to the Royal Wedding



T'was once a pretty girlie called Markle Who into our lives brought some sparkle

She's to marry 'ere soon

Good Prince Harry's her groom

Hope it won't all end up a debacle!



Blue badge holders only

Parking on the DP places at the village hall.

Apparently some folk are parking on the Disabled Parking bays in the hall car park without displaying a blue badge. Maybe they don't have one?

We all know spaces are sometimes impossible to find, hence the urgent need for the car park extension currently under discussion, but if you see anyone abusing

the system please have a gentle word, or simply take their registration number and make of car and let Graham Garner know - hwmh.hanney@gmail.com

Bar Manager needed for Hanney War Memorial Hall

"We need someone to take responsibility for managing the bar

(only 1-2 bars required per month) so if you feel you can help your community, please contact Graham Garner on 07970 503931 or by email at hwmh.hanney@gmail.com

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Saturday 14 May 10am to 12 noon

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Fairtrade tea and coffee – delicious homemade cakes – Raffle !

We're next door to Hanney Gardening Club's Plant Sale – so keen gardeners can have a refreshing cuppa after their visit to the Sale and those who don't want to buy plants can join us instead!

Supporting Christian Aid's work wherever it's most needed.

ACCOMMODATION IN LYFORD

The Oliver Ashcombe

Almshouses Charitable Trust

has ground floor small unfurnished units to let. Rural village location, communal garden, exterior parking. Please note NO public transport in Lyford.

No 6 comprises a small bedroom, sitting room, kitchen and a bathroom/WC. No 7 comprises a small bedroom, kitchen/sitting area and bathroom/WC.

Terms of the charity state that tenants are to be "from the local area, elderly and of good character." References required.

**For info, contact John Gunn -
01235 868329 or**

Caroline Milne - 01235 867495.

<<< ARTWEEK AT PHILBERDS >>>

Immerse yourself in polychromatic wonder!

A box fort art installation is exhibiting at:

The Old Barn,
Philberd's Manor,
Halls Lane, East Hanney, OX1 2 OHJ.

10am-6pm, Saturday 12th May - Sunday 20th

by return resident Charlotte Hodgson

aka Alotta Doolally. Adults and children alike

will enjoy this glittery spectacle. Animal art,

festival headdresses and cream teas

all for sale!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LISTEN TO CHILDREN READ IN LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Can you spare an hour or two a week to listen to children read in a local primary school? We are looking for volunteers to carry out this important role.

Reading time for many children at home and at school is often insufficient and one in four children are now leaving primary school unable to read to the required standard. This can have a lifelong consequence. No qualifications are necessary, just a good command of

spoken and written English.

'**Schoolreaders**' is flexible and will match your availability to an appropriate, local school. Our volunteers find the scheme incredibly rewarding, knowing that a few hours helping a child learn to read each week can have such a great impact on their life chances.

Please visit our website

www.schoolreaders.org or call 01234 924111 for further information.

East Hanney Parish Council

Your local Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) is seeking new members. With regret, I inform you that without volunteers your area stands to lose the Faringdon East Neighbourhood Action Group. It requires volunteers for the positions of both Chair and Secretary.

If you have the time to commit to four meetings a year leading a group of people from across the area to support the police defining and dealing with neighbourhood priorities then please contact Robert.maris@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Regrettably there are no further meetings of the group scheduled whilst these positions remain vacant. The only foreseeable option would be to seek permission from the Faringdon West Action Group to amalgamate with them. As well as being an important community forum with the police, the group has been pivotal in obtaining "Smartwater Village" status for 3 villages, reducing burglaries in the areas and for the Speedwatch initiative providing important data to target police enforcement activity.

If being a Parish Councillor is more to your taste, then it will be of interest to you to know that the next elections are in about a year – in May 2019. At this election, East Hanney Parish Council will be expanding to 8 members. If you are interested in the village and its community, and would like to be instrumental in helping to shape its future, please consider standing. To find out more, please contact the Clerk by email or telephone. Unlike other parts of the county, we're not having an election on 3 May 2018, so don't expect any voting cards or postal votes.

Finally, if you have an allotment in East Hanney, please remember to pass you annual rental to Jim Triffitt as soon as possible.

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 on the notice board outside the Community Shop, on the Council's website and on Facebook a week in advance.

In May the Council meeting will be preceded by the Council's AGM and later in May the Annual Parish Meeting will be held. If you have any items that wish to be discussed at this meeting (any East Hanney registered elector can put an item on the agenda and speak), please contact the Clerk by the end of April 2018.

The next meeting is on 2nd May 2018.

The Annual Parish Meeting is on the 23rd May 2018, from 8pm.

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)

Clerk: Guy Langton 867403 gl-ehpc@outlook.com

Website: <http://www.easthaneyparishcouncil.org.uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/436816943170450/>

West Hanney Parish Council

At the time of writing we are still awaiting the planning department's decision on the application for 35 houses off School Road. The delay is apparently due to Oxfordshire County Council's continuing failure to respond to the Planning Department's enquiries. The road to Denchworth had to be closed for a day early in April when persistent rainfall caused a flood. Several cars ignored the signs which was probably an expensive mistake as they had to be recovered by breakdown services.

Your Councillors are still looking for someone to join them as Parish Clerk. This is a vitally important and interesting role and a small salary is payable. If you are at all interested in joining the team, please ring Kay Sayers for an informal chat.

The Annual Parish Accounts are now available for anyone who wishes to view them. Please either come along to our next meeting or again call Kay Sayers to arrange a mutually convenient time. The Accounts will also appear on our website in due course and will be posted on the Parish Notice Board adjacent to the Bus Shelter.

Staff operating on behalf of the Vale were scheduled to be in the village to carry out a deep clean on areas we had specified as needing attention. We are grateful to the Vale for this operation, which together with the annual litter pick organised by Bob Wilson should

mean neat and tidy streets for a while. Several people have asked why they have not yet received voting papers for the local elections, but unlike other parts of the country there are no elections in this area this year. The next scheduled elections in the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse districts are in May 2019.

Another working party was held recently in the Community Woodland which will be the last until Autumn. Paul Sayers reports that fifteen volunteers turned up and carried out more cutting back to prevent encroachment on the sides of the rides, and a magnificent haul of some 7 large skip bags of tree guards were gathered. This collection saves the guards from breaking up and blowing around in the wind. More open areas were created as a result, which will benefit wild flowers and butterflies. Many thanks to all who helped, and to Kay Sayers for the usual scrummy cakes and liquid refreshments.

Since the working party there has been a lot of rain and parts of the Woodland became very muddy with standing water in places making walking around rather difficult and unpleasant. Just the English Countryside in winter I'm afraid. Hopefully it has all dried up by now.

**Next Meeting – Annual Parish Meeting –
Tuesday 22nd May 7.30pm –
St. James Bell Tower**

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

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'The News Fund'

Hanney News is managed by the Editor, Chief Distributor and Treasurer - that's myself, Paul Haines and Chris French. We hold regular meetings at which all aspects of Hanney News are discussed. We take great pride in what we do, so perhaps now is a good time to repeat once again that we welcome feedback, positive or negative. Our hope is that the magazine fulfils its role as a useful and interesting 'parish newsletter.' Please let us know if you disagree, and tell us how we can make it better.

Our advertising rates are competitive; we always have a waiting list of advertisers wanting to take space with us. We made a decision not to increase the advertising content in the mag, which remains at the same level, pro-rata, as it was when I took over as Editor, some three years ago.....time flies!

We have a great team of distributors - as ever, my thanks to them - and to cap it all, our printing costs have recently dropped significantly.

The result of all the above is that for the first time we are able to honour the pledge contained in our constitution that when we have 'surplus funds' we will distribute them to organisations, clubs and societies that 'primarily benefit the residents of Hanney.'

We have already paid for the purchase of the kissing gate in West Hanney as well as making a significant contribution to the Hanney Fund.

We have also financed the purchase of two bell ropes, much needed by our splendid bell ringers.

We now intend to set up the Hanney

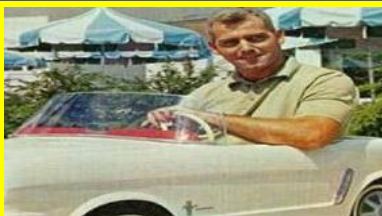
News Association Fund, or 'News Fund' for short, through which we will make payments to community-based organisations or individuals. We welcome direct applications for funding or ideas as to where we might best spend the

money. Much as I hate corporate-speak, some 'sky blue thinking' and 'left field' or 'out of the box' suggestions are particularly welcome.

Needless to say, we are very proud of the current state of Hanney News which allows us to set up the News Fund.

Just to be clear, it is not a registered charity and does not seek donations. Our funds come exclusively from the profit generated by Hanney News and should that profit cease for whatever reason ...lack of advertisers, big increase in printing charges...then the Fund would have no money to distribute.

Please feel free to contact me regarding any of the above by email or phone. My details are on the back page. **Jim, Editor.**



Volunteers are needed to collect the supplies for the Community Shop from either Bookers or the Co-Op. It only takes an hour or two once every 4 - 5 weeks.

Please get in touch if you can help.
Many thanks. Hazel - 01235 868145.

LETTERS

Dear Editor

The St James's Bellringers would like to express their most grateful thanks to the Michaelmas Fayre committee, to the newly set up 'Hanney News Fund' and to two private donors, for supporting our requests for funding to purchase new bell ropes for the Tower.

This, combined with some of our own funds from Church lunches, means we can now go ahead and order eight new ropes, giving us two spares.

We plan to hold another fundraising function in the Church soon to ensure that we are prepared for any future expenditure of this kind.

Best wishes from the Hanney Bellringers.

Dear Editor,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the residents of Hanney and our far flung empire who were such appreciative and responsive audiences at Hanney Drama Group's production of Cinderella and the Velvet Slipper. Positive audience participation is an enormous contribution to a good performance.

I am providing advance warning (is that the right word!) of the dates of our next pantomime - Thursday to Saturday, Feb. 7, 8, 9, 2019. Hope to see you there (and also at our Punch & Judy Show at the Michaelmas Fayre).

If any of you fancy taking part next year, on the stage, backstage, planning, preparing, we would be very pleased to see you. You can contact any HDG member or ring me 868396.

Thank-you,

Jean Sutherland, Director of this year's panto (different director in 2019)

Dear Editor

On behalf of the Management Committee of the War Memorial Hall I would like to thank the 28 people who gave up their time on Sunday 8th April at our Volunteer Day. Through their hard work we achieved all of the maintenance items on our target list and the Hall has greatly benefited from the spring clean. It was a great response from our user groups and we will look at whether the Volunteer Day can be repeated annually.

Graham Garner, Chairman, HWMH

Dear Editor

"I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils"

All thanks to West Hanney Parish Council and other volunteers
(and William Wordsworth...)

David Bratley

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Congrats to a very worthy Denchworthian.....

Maggie Vaughan recently completed the OX5 run at Blenheim Palace, raising over £1,000 for the Children's Hospital charity.

Maggie had never run before last November when she joined **Carey Hope's 'Your Pace not Mine'** running classes that happen here in Hanney. Here's what she said about Carey's sessions...

"I can thoroughly recommend the Running Group. Everyone is so friendly and it is great fun. When I joined in November I never dreamt I would be able to run five miles - so, come on give it a go!!!"

If you'd like to sponsor Maggie and add still more to her splendid total, give her a ring on 01235 868843, or email: maggie-vaughan35@gmail.com.

Meantime, Carey is holding a new class on Fri mornings, starting at 10.15am, here in Hanney. See her ad on page 9 for her contact details.

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Countryside Champion needed for Vale District...The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) is looking for a new Chairperson to help co-ordinate its activities in the Vale of White Horse.

CPRE works to protect and promote the countryside. We have a very friendly and experienced Vale District committee, but would love to find someone to come on board as Chair. It's a great way of getting to know your local area and helping to influence local decision-making on issues as varied as planning policy, affordable housing, litter, minerals and water. With so much development scheduled for our area in the next 20 years, it is vital that someone speaks up for the countryside and makes sure that we keep our thriving village communities.

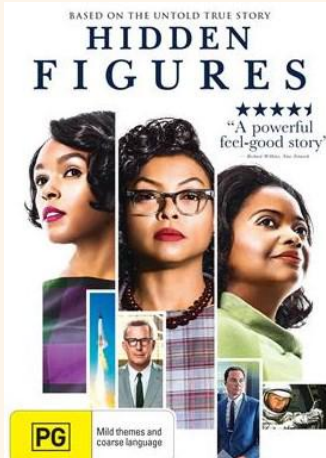
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Michaelmas Fayre & Feast 22nd September 2018

After five hugely successful Fayres (that's what others say - we're far too modest to make such a statement!) it's time for some changes - with new criteria for the competitions and new opportunities. And it's good-bye to the Scarecrows too as they don't seem to have been around much - BUT if YOU want a Scarecrow competition for 2018 let us know and we'll run one. (info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk). A new style Feast for 2018 too, so make sure 22nd September is in the Calendar. General competition info available in Community Shop, St James Church and our website from 1st May.



The last Film Night of this season: back in September!

**HANNEY FILM NIGHT in the
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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends,

We helped move our son, Luke, into his new home. His brother and sister provided the muscles, his mother the excellent sustaining lunch and the skill I provided was the ability to pack a van tightly and securely. It was so much quicker for this move because we did not have to climb 4 flights of stairs so we had time to help assemble some of the furniture.

I managed to put some of the screw bolts of the bed in incorrectly but fortunately Luke knew what he was doing and we had it in place and comfortable very quickly. However, the solid oak dining table which Luke and his wife had been given took us 5 attempts and a lot of discussion to get it right before it was fully functional. There was no one to guide us and no instructions either!

Wouldn't life be so much easier if there were easy to follow instructions or there was someone who could tell us what to do and how to do it?

That is surely what Christians celebrate this month at Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit – our guide and friend – to those who believe in Jesus. Someone who will explain the instructions, help us follow them and give us the resources to complete them.

*Jesus said: “**If you love me keep my commandments and I will give the Comforter to be with you for ever.**”*

Presumably to be with us to offer guidance and direction since Jesus calls this Comforter the Spirit of Truth.

Whether you are on the move or staying put, the Holy Spirit is available to all for guidance and direction.

God bless

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**Spring is a good time for a
Spring Clean....**

especially in the ditches, streams and culverts around our villages which we all rely on to minimise flood risk. They need to be respected, protected and improved, and now's a good time to do a spring clean of your watercourses because much of the vegetation has died back over winter and new growth has not yet started. Many people believe "**The Council**" are responsible for the ditches around the village - this is not so. If

you own land (houses) adjoining, above or with a watercourse running through it, you have certain responsibilities. In legal terms you are the "Riparian Owner". If your land boundary is next to a watercourse it is assumed you own the land up to the centre of the watercourse. Riparian owners are responsible for the maintenance of any watercourse that runs alongside or through their property.

Himalayan balsam is a major weed problem, especially on riverbanks and waste land, but can also invade gardens. It grows rapidly and spreads quickly, smothering other vegetation as it goes. It tolerates low light levels and also shades out other vegetation, so gradually impoverishes habitats by killing off other plants. Once established near a

waterway the seeds, which can remain viable for two years, are spread further afield by the water.

For the past 3 or 4 years members of the Hanney Flood Group have been striving to remove this invasive plant from the banks of Letcombe Brook. We regularly organise small working parties to clear the weed.

The main method of control, and frankly the most effective, is pulling up the complete plants before they flower and set seed.

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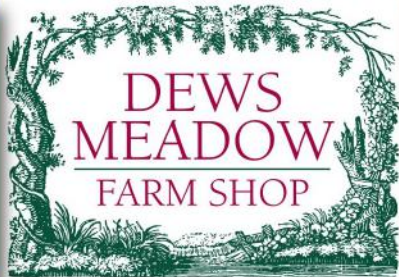
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THURSDAY EVENING SINGING WITH SJS, Hanney's small consort male-voice group, 8-10pm in East Hanney. 4-part settings from medieval to Now! And a pint in the Black Horse afterwards. Call Mike Jones on 751656 or David Gahan 868933 for details.

WANTAGE CHORAL SOCIETY rehearses every Tuesday at C of E 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

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.

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.

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

Regular Events

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

HANNEY CHAPEL Sunday Services; 10:30am and 5:30pm, all welcome. Lunch & Listen 1st Thurs of month at 10:30am. Men's Breakfast 1st Sat of month at 8:30am. In term-time; "Jumpstart" for 6 to 10 year olds at 6pm Thursdays; Friday Club for 10-13 year olds 6:30pm & Friday Club Plus for 13-15 year olds at 7:45pm. Contact Mark Fisher on 867105 / mailmarkfisher@gmail.com.

HANNEY LITTLE RAINBOWS, Activity and fun for 0 - 3 yr olds meet every Monday, 9.30 - 11.30am. At the Village Hall Contact Sarah Hill - 07514 106782 - for details.

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.

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

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

YOUR PACE NOT MINE - Meets Wednesday's and Friday's, 9.15am in Hanney Recreation Ground. A 45 minute running class for all abilities, no set distance, no set pace, your own workout. New joiners always welcome. Text or ring Carey Hope 07789 502010

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