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Number 523 July 2019

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in Bloom'? Well they raised
two thousand pounds!!

VILLAGE PICNIC

Sunday 14 July - from 1.00pm.

All welcome, see full details and how to get tickets on page 13.

We're all invited to an open afternoon at the School!

This from Headteacher Mrs Peacock...
"St James are having an open afternoon on Wednesday 10th July 2019. We would like to invite all villagers along to come and see what's been happening in school over the past year. The school will be open to the public from 4-6pm and everyone is welcome to come along and have a peek at our fantastic new building, library and staffroom."



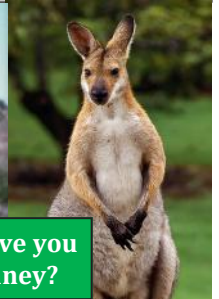
TWILIGHT SAFARI

To look for moths and bats in the Community Woodland.
Guided by Mark Bradfield,
Letcombe Brook Project Officer.

Friday 5th July 8-30 - 11pm

Booking necessary. For further
details contact Paul Sayers

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This is a wallaby. Have you
seen one in East Hanneley?

Editorial

July...holiday time and I'm trying to get into the swing with the lovely beach ball on the front cover.

First up, a quick mention for the fine folk who keep our Village Hall running; Treasurer Dagmar Hummel, Secretary Myfanwy Langton Jones and Chair Graham Garner. All work very hard in their roles and deserve our sincere thanks. The recent Village Hall AGM revealed just how much effort they put in. Whilst I'm handing out plaudits, I want to mention again our team of distributors who deliver Hanney News each month. We thanked them recently with our annual lunch held at the Plough in West Hanney, and a jolly affair it proved to be. Nick and his team put on a tremendous spread, so thanks to them too.

A couple of changes this month...a full page advert on the back cover from our very own Dews Meadow Farm Shop, and for the first time, certainly in my era as Editor and CEO of Hanney News Global International, I've included an article, written for a school project, by a very bright young pupil at St James. Big ups to her, and of course her super teacher Casey McPherson...see page 10. You may remember the recent 'Spannersgate' mini-series; well brace yourselves dear readers as I present 'Plategate' the tale with a twist! Rather than something missing, it's the sad

story of a plate that lies unclaimed and apparently unloved, in a cupboard, following the W.I Coffee morning back in April. Extensive enquiries have failed to reveal the owner. It's a 9 inch diameter, plain cream coloured plate from the 'Debenhams Stoneware' range. If it's yours, please let me know.



I'll be back!

Continuing on the slightly surreal theme, have you seen a wallaby hopping about on the village green in East Hanney? One was spotted recently; no alcohol was involved, certainly as far as the witness was concerned anyway! Can you shed any light on this? Loads to do this month, with the

St James School Fete and the Village Picnic both 'must attend' events.

The Twilight Safari sounds fun, especially if you like moths and bats.

If you enjoy a good sing-song, like Doris on the front cover, check page 14, where you'll find details of a couple of interesting events some enterprising young folk have set up .

On a sad note, we have an obituary from Alma Triffitt's family on page 16 and news of the recent loss of two much loved village folk, Judith Hockaday and Dolly Bevan.

We here at HQ wish happy holidays to all our readers.

Till next month mes ami!

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Notices...what's happening this month.

Fri 5th, A Twilight Safari in the Community Woodland....see front page

Sun 7th, Friends of St James School Summer Fete...see page 4.

Tues 9th, Quiz Night at the Vale Museum, see page 14

Weds 10th, St James School Open Afternoon, 4 - 6pm. See front page.

Thurs 11th, W.I. Summer Soiree held at The Barn House.

Fri 12th, Gardening Club - Travelling Garden Party.

Sun 14, Village Picnic - All welcome. See page 13.

Sat 20th, Hanney Flood Group working party...page 26 for contact details.

Tues 23rd, History Group visit to 'Tom Brown's Schooldays' Museum and the Church Uffington, followed by a 'village trail' walk to the Fox and Hounds - 2.30 p.m. start.

Weds 24th, St James School, Term 6 ends.

Thurs 25th, Senior Citizens, Summer Garden Party, 8 Morlands, East Hanney.

Bingo every Sunday at the Legion. Eyes down 8pm. All are welcome.

And further ahead....

Tues 27th Aug, 1.30pm, History Group - Visit to Shaw House. A fine Elizabethan mansion, restored in 2008.

Sat 7th Sept, The Inflatables at the Royal British Legion.

Sat 28th Sept - Michaelmas Fayre, page 4.

Hanney



**A Guide for
Newcomers**

(and maybe a few 'old timers' too!)



**New to Hanney?
Get your free
Guide from the
Community Shop.
It's also on the
Hanneys website.**

The Community Shop has now re-opened

on Thursday afternoons thanks to two volunteers who read the plea in last month's mag. Great news, and big up thanks to them. More volunteers are always needed, so please contact Ann on 868440 or Hazel on 868145 to find out more.

West Hanney Parish Council have arranged to have the gulleys cleaned and edge cutting to be done. If you know of a particular location in West Hanney that needs attention, please contact a councillor....contact details on page 7.

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

Matt Barber, Vale of White Horse. District Councillor for the Hanneys.

Email: councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk.

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“Ere you lot...”

Summertown in East Hanney will be closed for a week in July from approx 15th - 19th, to allow **Thames Water** to carry out ‘essential water mains work’.

Stagecoach buses have announced that there is no possibility of erecting temporary stops anywhere, and that the S8 bus service will follow the S9 route. It will only be able to serve the bus stops at Ashfields Lane, on the main A338 during these works. **Stagecoach** have promised to place passenger information notices, regarding these works, on the affected stops approximately one week prior to works commencing, adding that their website: www.stagecoachbus.co.uk will also have a ‘Service Update’.

“I still ‘ate you Butler.” as Blakey would say.

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East Hanney

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FREE ENTRANCE!

Make sure you keep up to date with all the news of the Hanney Michaelmas Fayre & Feast and have **SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER** circled on the calendar! A newsletter is available from info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk, the Competition details are available from the Community Shop, St James Church and on our website - www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk
The Notice Boards will be going up very soon.

East Hanney Parish Council has said farewell to three long-standing councillors, Judy Long, Jim Triffitt and Stewart Scott, who between them have given over 40 years of service to our community.

Judy, I have always seen as the approachable face of the Parish Council, I believe more people went to Judy to express their concerns and to ask her to represent them at monthly meetings than anyone else. She always did so with care and consideration; if anyone went to Judy they knew she would doggedly follow it through until she got satisfaction. Judy would not be afraid to take concerns to the District Council and speak at public meetings representing the village and parishioners. Her contributions at meetings always brought the subject back into focus not allowing anyone to be side-tracked, and reminding everyone no matter who that decisions had real effects on real people.

Jim became Chairman, after many years as a councillor, at the one most intimidating times for East Hanney when we were being threatened by many large scale developments that would have forever changed the character of our village. He steadied the ship with a calm, intelligent reassurance

always believing that the powers that-be would see sense. He spoke with passion to developers, Planning Committees and to Government Inspectors, defending the village against unsustainable, destructive development; and often won the day. He considered everyone and everything, and would not be pushed around by the District Council or any lobbying body; the village and his duty to the parishioners always came first.

Stewart was one of the hardest working members of the PC, getting an email at midnight wasn't unusual. He was vice Chairman and more recently took over the Chairmanship of the PC. His immense technical knowledge on flooding and traffic made him the go to Councillor and this knowledge benefited the village in so many of it's successful campaigns. The EH Neighbourhood Plan was driven by Stewart; he committed so much time and energy and never backed off taking on the hard yards. Thankfully Stewart will be continuing to help as we take it on to the next stage.

They all will be very much missed, I know the current Councillors will carry on their work, and I, as current Chairman, will always think "what would Jim and Judy and Stewart have done?"

Steve McKechnie, EHPC Chairman.

Hanney News welcomes articles or letters.

Please submit items to the Editor, preferably by email, or use the Hanney News post box in the Community Shop, or by post/delivery to Hanney News Global International HQ, Mulberry House, Winter Lane, West Hanney, Oxfordshire, OX12 0LF

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East Hanney Parish Council

Firstly, congratulations to Oliver Cornish, who was co-opted a member of East Hanney Parish Council at its meeting on the 12th June 2019. This brings the membership once again to seven. It is with the deepest regret that we report that Stewart Scott has resigned his seat on the Council. The Chairman reluctantly accepted his resignation, echoing the feelings of the whole community by saying:

“Over the years I have come to respect you as a *no nonsense let's get on with it bloke* with an envious pool of stamina and enthusiasm. You took on the hard yards and never ducked the responsibilities. You were, and do you know you still are, an incredible asset to this community your presence, straightforwardness, diligence and just plain hard work cannot be replaced with just one person. You are a tough act to follow and for many reasons will be sorely missed.”

That has led to a ‘Casual Vacancy’, as we are sure you have seen posted around the village, on Facebook and the

Council’s website. Leafing through old copies of J K Rowling’s best seller would be enjoyable but the machinery of ‘local government’ is rarely as entertaining. The Council will hear at it’s meeting on the 10th July 2019 whether the vacant seat will be filled by election or co-option.

You may also have received notification that Linden Homes have put in a planning application for 46 dwellings sited north of the Steventon Road, application P19/V0910/FUL. The Parish Council has submitted its response and awaits feedback from the Vale and Linden Homes.

Councillor Strange is looking at the playground facilities and it is anticipated that a plan for its improvement will be available for consideration towards the end of the year.

The next two meetings of East Hanney Parish Council will be held from 8pm on the 10th July and 14th August 2019.

East Hanney Parish Council

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West Hanney Parish Council

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our newest Parish Councillor. As you may be aware, we had an uncontested election in May, and although we welcomed the election of David Corps, we still had an unfilled vacancy for our fifth councillor.

I am delighted that Peter Packham has offered his services to fill the vacancy and he will attend his first Council meeting in July as your co-opted new councillor. Peter moved to the village about 18 months ago and is a semi-retired architect. He has considerable experience of planning and building issues and all his fellow Councillors are looking forward to working with him. Peter will attend the next Council meeting on **Monday July 29th, a change to the published date which was originally scheduled for Tuesday 30th July.**

Many of you will remember the Parish Council embarked on the quest to formulate our own Neighbourhood Plan which began with a Community Survey in December 2016. We had an excellent survey response rate from the community and we used the responses as the basis for our Neighbourhood Plan policies. We have gone through many

iterations of the Plan working with our external consultants, 'Community First Oxfordshire', to produce a draft plan that would be acceptable to the Vale of White Horse District Council. The Plan will be discussed at a meeting this month with the VOWH Council and we are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to present the Plan to our community in the next couple of months, for a six week consultation period.

Finally, I would like to draw the attention of our residents on the north side of Church Street to the many complaints the Council has received about the difficulties parents with buggies and wheelchair users are experiencing trying to negotiate the path on that side of the street. Several sections of the path are width restricted by plants and vegetation that is overhanging from gardens or growing in front of the property boundary. It is the responsibility of homeowners to ensure that overhanging plants are cut back to ensure that the path is kept clear. Please contact any of your Councillors if you require any assistance to maintain your front curtilage – the fancy name for your property boundary.

Graham Garner, Chairman

**Next Meeting - Mon 29th July
St. James Bell Tower - All Welcome**

Councillors

Chairman: Graham Garner - 868684

Edward Wilkinson - 867316

Trevor Brettell - 868459

David Corps - 867454

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I was recently asked by Casey McPherson, one of the splendid teachers at St James, if I would publish a piece of work written by a pupil. I happily agreed, so please read Casey's brief explanation that sets the context and then the letter itself.

"In Term 5 our Year 4's and 5s were reading the book "The Tin Forest" by Helen Ward. In the story the main character reuses all the tin to create a beautiful forest. As part of our persuasive writing unit the children were tasked to research and write a letter to the people of the Hanneys on why it is important to recycle and reuse. It was tough to choose just one piece of writing, so special mention goes to all the students in Rowling Class on their efforts!"

Recycling by Cecily Swinfen

"Did you know that every year animals get killed because of our rubbish? Let's try to stop it. Some believe that littering doesn't matter, in my opinion it does. Animals everywhere, not just in the ocean, are getting killed because humans can't be bothered to clean up after ourselves. They might be extinct in 2021! Scientists ran a test about it. Animals can't digest plastic, therefore, it's getting stuck in their system causing breathing to stop. Plastic is like a disguise to animals, it looks like food. Every year animals are getting killed because of plastic – that's why some people, and restaurants, use paper instead. It's making a big difference. To keep our wildlife alive and healthy we water our plants, mow the lawn, clean up after our pets (hopefully), but we don't put our rubbish in the bin. We need our wildlife to survive. Plastic kills trees and trees provide us with the oxygen we need to live so we should not litter in case all of our trees die. In 2018



around 30 million tons of plastic is thrown into the ocean. If we have plastic in our lives it fills the ocean letting no fresh air in, causing plastic pollution, we will have no room to breathe. If you have plastic, do you ever re-use it? If you don't, you hopefully put it in the recycling bin. There are lots of ways you can re-use plastic:

- D.I.Y
- Recycling
- Turn plastic into books

You can even turn plastic

into glitter!

Lots of companies who make plastic turn it into art to reduce the number of animals dying.

If you want to make a D.I.Y project go to 5 minute crafts, they have plastic bottles turned into money boxes, and a plastic box turned into Christmas decorations. Recycling is important so we can keep our world healthy. It only takes one person to change the world.

I hope that you've taken my advice and started recycling. It makes a difference!"



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Dear friends,

10 years ago on the 4th July I was in the American military base, Camp Buering, Kuwait; where the American armed forces had their final training preparation before going to Iraq or Afghanistan. The regiment I served with was there because they had the task of organising the withdrawal of British troops from Iraq.

July 4th was a Wednesday and as usual I joined in with the 5Km run for which, as a special celebration of Independence Day, all of us who took part received a tee shirt. Independence Day commemorates when, in 1776, the Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject to the monarch of Britain.

I will probably wear my tee shirt on 4th July this year, not because I want to celebrate independence but, rather the opposite, for it reminds me that Christians are called to be **dependent on God** and **interdependent on each other** rather than independent.

Please note I am not trying to make any political comment on Brexit; for whatever our status with the European Union or America, we still have to relate to other countries; but rather I mention it to offer a positive thought about the spiritual and moral state of our lives.

Could the increased mental stress, poor wellbeing, deteriorating relationships and greater loneliness that appears to be happening in our society in Britain be caused by living independently of God?

What I want to encourage *especially as we have our Village Picnic celebrating the feast Day of St James this month* is that when we seek to follow a God of humble service, loving sacrifice and just peace as well as when we cooperate with each other we will receive greater blessings for all of us not just a few.

So as I wish you the joys of a wonderful summer may you know and depend on the Lord God who challenges the strong to be caring, comforts the suffering, strengthens the weak and gives hope to the downcast for it is through Jesus Christ we can have this relationship of trust.

As the psalmist sang : *Praise be to the Lord, to God our Saviour, who daily bears our burdens. Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign Lord comes escape from death.*

God bless

John

Eucharist SERVICES in July- Sundays at 9.30am

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VILLAGE PICNIC – Sunday 14 July – from 1.00pm

By the middle of July summer will have arrived – we hope! So take an afternoon off and come and join in this popular annual event – we do the cooking, all you have to do is enjoy yourselves with family, friends and neighbours.

Tickets are £8 (adults), children 5 – U14, £4.50 and U5 FREE! Please bring crockery, cutlery and something to sit on. Should sunshades be necessary (me - ever the optimist) small gazebos are permitted. Last year we sold out so don't delay – get yours organised now! Cash bar available plus a 'jolly good' raffle.

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Squash, Cake, Coffee, Craft and 'Open the Book' story.

Children welcome with parent, grandparent or carer. Come and relax whilst the children have activities and prepare to be part of our story.

UPDATES...

Hanney in Bloom - this from Graham Garner - "We welcomed 232 people to 14 gardens in East and West Hanney on Sunday 16th June and raised almost £2000 towards our new car park. Thank you very much to everyone who opened up their gardens or volunteered to help and to everyone who visited the wonderful gardens." Not only were lovely gardens available, but one even offered an introduction to croquet!



Hanney Cricket Club have two more away games organised, one on July 7th and one on July 21st. There is a home fixture later in the season, date to be confirmed.

Net sessions now Sunday mornings from 10.00 am

We intend to have more fixtures next season so contact David Johns on 07770 456147 or 01235 868519 or email: djohnski@uwclub.net if you want to be involved.

Casual bar staff are still needed at the Hanney War Memorial Hall.

If you are interested in joining our bar team, please email Graham Garner at hwmh.hanney@gmail.com or phone him on 07970 503931.

Training will be provided for inexperienced staff, and expenses are available.

Last month's snap from 1902 outside Darden House in East Hanney...well the chap in the middle is not Fred - that's the name of the baby! Frederick John, to give him his full name, he was born on 16th Dec 1901, so we still don't know the chap in the middle. The girl Alice, on the right, was 14.

The Vale & Downland Museum Presents

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Tuesday 9 July 2019

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Sings...
'Daylight
come an' me
wan' go home

**14 September – Music for the Un-
Musical - details next month**



Dear Editor,

Yet again I am writing to offer my warm thanks to those who supported the Christian Aid coffee morning held alongside the annual Gardening Club Plant Sale on 11 May. As always we were well supported by generous donations of delicious home-made cakes, which were enthusiastically gobbled up, support from the Co-op in Grove who donate the Fair Trade tea and coffee and the much appreciated helpers who undertook the myriad tasks to make this another successful event. If any of your readers haven't been to one of our Coffee Mornings they might like to put a note in their diary for the second Saturday in May next year...!

Yours sincerely, Pam Blustin

All who knew Dr. Judith Hockaday will have been deeply saddened by the news that she had recently died. We offer our sincere condolences to her husband Derek and all Judith's family and friends. I received this from Derek.....

'Judith Hockaday (nee Fitzsimons) had a very happy last 26 years in the Hanneys. 'The Mulberries' was the second house we saw when aiming to move out of Oxford after a life's work in the hospitals there, but it seemed to present too big a repair job; and it was only after several months of fruitless search around Oxford that we decided to give it a go, lured by the huge potential of the garden and meadow. The house gave Judith a consuming source of planning and decoration for a couple of years, and the garden a much longer and ever continuing involvement in shaping its lay-out and selecting and nurturing its flowers, shrubs and trees; with latterly her perhaps paradoxical maxim, for so knowledgeable a plantswoman, that 'less is more'.

We also found the Hanneys actively friendly villages, and over the years, and particularly lately, full of kind and supportive neighbours. They're also lively and 'do it yourself' societies, and Judith did the 'Booker run' at the Shop for several years, though never quite happy that in those days so large a slice of the profits came from sales of medically undesirable tobacco. She also relished the Gardening Club, greatly enjoying the meetings and serving on the Committee, with the annual 'Plant sale' a big item in her gardening year.

She came to have a wide range of friends and acquaintances, and relished talking over with them her many interests, which widened further from their discussions. I've been moved by the many kind, apt and sensitive messages I've received since her death, and thank all who sent them.'

Derek Hockaday

Dolly Bevan, a Hanney resident all her life until she went into 'Stirlings' old folks home two years ago, has recently died, just two days before her 98th birthday. Dolly will be remembered with fondness by all who knew her and we send our sincerest condolences to her family and friends.

Obituary Alma Triffitt

5th June 1937 - 19th July 2018

Alma Triffitt died peacefully on the 19th of July 2018 in the Churchill hospital with her husband Jim by her side, after a long and courageous fight against cancer.

She left behind her daughter Nicola, her son David and four grandchildren, George, Louisa, Freddy and Liliana, together with many friends in Hanney and from around the world.

Alma was born in Chorley, Lancashire on June 5th 1937. She was proud of her northern family heritage being the daughter, with her elder sister Penny, of James Hargreaves and Jesse Arkwright, famed surnames of the Industrial Revolution. She married in

July 1961 and with her husband Jim and their daughter Nicola she came to East Hanney in November 1966, immediately after living for two years in Rochester, New York, USA. In the early years she worked in a number of commercial secretarial positions, finally being school secretary and assistant art teacher at the Manor School, Abingdon.

From the beginning Alma was always very involved in Hanney village life, helping to organise the first Children's Play Group, supporting East Hanney School, acting in the Hanney Drama Group, playing badminton, attending St James the Great Church, becoming president of Hanney Women's Institute

and generally taking part enthusiastically in many other village activities.

From 1982-1990 she was the Producer and Director of Hanney Pantomimes that brought together whole generations of villagers. Together with her front of

stage actors, musical and back-stage crews they produced magical and entertaining shows.

Alma understood the value of human relationships, and always took precious time to engage lovingly with everyone she met. No-one escaped her attention and she made people happier just by being herself. She became very involved with Jim's work on a rare disease called

FOP, and was a sympathetic and empathic presence to all the patients suffering from this disease. She coped with her own illness with immense fortitude, and she was so grateful to all the staff in Oncology at the Churchill hospital, who were unfailingly professional, caring and sympathetic in her treatment and care.

Alma was a lady who always left her unique mark wherever she went. A well-known phrase of hers was 'You only get out of life what you put into it'. She certainly put her heart and soul into every aspect of her life and she would urge everyone to enjoy every minute of theirs – as she always did!



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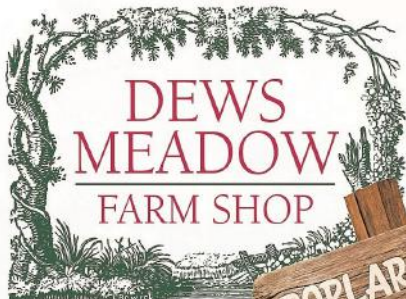
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