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**This is Freddie...he has  
brought us all a little bunch of  
flowers to cheer us up.  
Thanks Freddie!**

## Editorial

Well, here we are again, June already, and still more or less in lockdown, as I write. So much stuff, I've expanded to 32 pages, so all the more reason to start by thanking everyone involved in the distribution of this month's issue...some of our regulars and many from the Covid 19 Volunteer team. Thank you all!

If you haven't already got one, do help yourself to a Hanney History Guide...see page 3...and enjoy a very interesting walk. Sadly, person, or persons, unknown saw fit recently to take some copies of the guides out of the box in which they sat in the West Hanney bus shelter, and chuck them around on the ground. The posters, flyers and notices on the notice board were all ripped down and stuffed into the empty box. A broken beer bottle was on the ground. Petty vandalism with no real damage done, save to the guides themselves which had suffered by getting wet during the night.

In this time of heightened 'community awareness', this sort of incident rather stands out, but in fact, apart from littering, we live in a very law abiding environment, something we should be grateful for.

That said, to the lads - I'll not name names - who perched themselves on the cricket pavillion roof the other night to sup a couple of San Miguels, and then proceeded to lob the empty bottles down on the ground, can I suggest that, instead, you put your empties in a bin....not exactly a big ask.

Back to the 'thank yous' and there are two more groups I want to mention...firstly the wonderful folk who volunteered for the Covid 19 team but have yet to be given a task. It's a sign of just how many people volunteered, and I know that everyone who did, whether they've been used or not,

deserve our thanks.

Second group due for 'big-ups' is surely the kids? I mean all of them in our community...from the tinys to the teenagers. This lockdown business must be especially hard for them - and their parents! So congrats on not going completely crazy!

As you wander in East Hanney, you'll see a couple of banners - by the playground and the Holmes Memorial Garden - that express how we all feel I'm sure about our NHS.

Photos on page 6 and thanks to East Hanney Parish Council for putting them up.

Btw, Holmes himself was a pretty cool dude, and you can read a little about him in the History Group's Guide I referred to earlier. If that wets your appetite, then you'll be interested to know that the History group produced a biography of him some time back...well worth a read. I've put a snap of his memorial stone in his



little garden on page 13.

Now a request....some local businesses have done their very best to stay open over this lockdown, not least our own community shop, so let's keep using them as much as we can after this whole malarkey is over and done with.

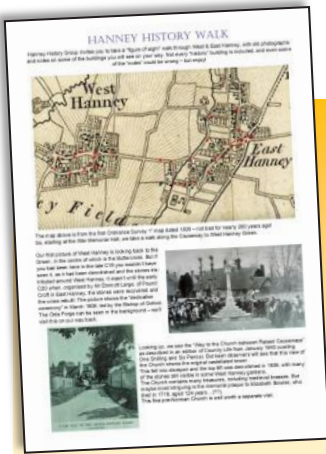
Decisions on the much needed pedestrian crossing on the A338 are being taken and I really hope common sense prevails. Update on this one next month...see page 3.

There's a certain irony here...we've all made tremendous sacrifices to keep ourselves safe from Covid, whilst measures to help keep us safe from speeding motorists and thundering great HGV's seems to be still up for debate. I really do hope there's good news soon on this.

OK, serious bit over...please stay well, and see y'all next month.

**Notices...what's happening this month....**well, nothing really if I'm honest, but see page 20 for details of the Michaelmas Fayre, due to happen on 26th Sept.

**Hanney History Group** have produced a guide to a walk around the Hanneys, highlighting just some of the amazing historical buildings we have in our villages. With beautiful old photos and a short story on each one, it makes a fascinating document. So grab a copy, take a stroll round our villages and be prepared to learn and be entertained at the same time as taking your daily exercise! Copies available from the Community Shop, the bus stops, the porch of St James Church, outside Global HQ here at Mulberry House, Winter Lane, West Hanney and Hale Cottage, East Hanney History Group contact details on page 26.



**Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)** have re-opened their waste recycling centres for 'essential disposal of waste'.

This is what they said in a press release...*'Essential means waste that cannot be stored at home, or would cause hard to health if stored.'* Well, we certainly can't have anything which could cause 'hard to health' can we? (Sheesh, doesn't anyone at OCC even bother to proof read this stuff!!)

The centres are open 8am till 4pm, 7 days a week, and please note that trailers and hire vans will not be allowed on the sites as OCC want people to move through the centres as swiftly as possible. Info here: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wastereopenquestions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wastereopenquestions)

**Staying with the OCC**, their 'Cabinet for the Environment and Transport' met on 21st May - we will have gone to print by then - to hopefully make progress with the proposal for the puffin pedestrian crossing, so badly needed on the A 338 in East Hanney. I will have an update next month. In the meantime, you could have a dig round their website to find out what was decided. I suggest you start here....



[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/meetings-and-decisions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/meetings-and-decisions).

**OCC are also responsible for libraries**, which are closed as I write - maybe that will change soon? - but still offer loadsa stuff online. Check it out here....

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/libraries](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/libraries)

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## It seems extraordinary

that just 10 weeks ago (as I write) the Hanney Covid-19 Community Response team was set up to support any members of our community who needed help during this time, but with little idea of the fantastic response made by our 'Volunteer Army'.

Everyone on the Ops Team would just like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and services, and are continuing to do so, in these unprecedented times. With so many stepping forward from the outset and new volunteers continuing to register, we have so far been able to meet all the requests for help that we have received.

To date our volunteers have provided :

- Transport to and from routine or non-routine medical appointments
- Working in the Community Shop
- Collecting stock for the Community Shop
- COVID Support Leaflet drops
- Delivering Hanney News
- Delivering and collecting prescriptions

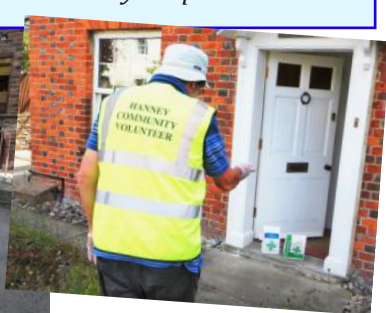


Shopping and dropping off groceries for people in self-isolation / shielding or social distancing  
Other specialist skills, for example repairing spectacles!  
We know that the residents who

are receiving help are enormously grateful and feel blessed to live in such caring and supportive villages. Recently there have been some changes to Lockdown and the situation continues to evolve; if you are no longer available to volunteer – or need to change your availability times please email us on

[hanneycovid19@gmail.com](mailto:hanneycovid19@gmail.com) so we can update our 'Register'. However, we anticipate that the safety guidelines will remain in place for some groups of people for a while yet, to maintain current levels of support we will continue to need those still able to act as volunteers over the coming weeks and months – our sincere thanks for your continued support, generosity and kindness - it is truly awesome!

*Stephen M and David C, E and W Hanney Parish Councils on behalf of the Hanney Covid-19 Community Response Team*



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## Introducing the Hanney Covid - 19 Snake!

He lives on the wall of the Village Hall and you can help him grow! Just add your painted and coloured rocks. Organiser Laura Lolly Bligdon tells me this isn't just for children, but for big kids too! I expect he'll grow very long indeed...hope we've got enough wall!

## The creative juices continue to flow

whilst we're all locked down!

We've a poem this month - see page 19 - from West Hanney author Angela Cousins.

## And may I

**introduce** the Reverend Hanney (aka talented comedian and Hanney resident Andrew Wastie.)

You can meet the Reverend via his YouTube Videos by simply going to

youtube.com and putting Wastieworld in the search box.



## East Hanney Parish Council

With the Covid-19 restrictions in place, in common with all other small authorities, East Hanney Parish Council is now meeting remotely, via the Zoom application. Should you wish to attend any meeting, the information will be on the agenda posted on the notice board by the shop and online. You do not need to be a member of Zoom to join a meeting, it works on the majority of computers, laptops and phones. You would need built-on or external speakers and a microphone at least though. Failing that, you may even call in on a special UK phone line should you wish to.

To facilitate the meeting, please could anyone wishing to attend contact the Clerk by email or phone no later than 5pm on the day of the meeting to inform him of this. Should you be joining on the Zoom platform, it would be appreciated if the name shown is not a nickname.

With many people spending more and more time at home over the past few weeks, this is a good opportunity to remind residents of the areas each Councillor takes a special interest in. If you want to bring

anything to the Council's attention, please do so by contacting the relevant Councillor. The Clerk may also be able to assist with advice. Please do not use personal contacts such as their own Facebook page or personal email. See page 7 for the Councillors contact details.



Cllr Aram	Playing fields, sports club development and associated projects
Cllr D Blomley	Allotments First Council representative on the Hanney War Memorial Hall Operations Committee
Cllr O Comish	Village environment, including Parish Council owned items. Liaison with the annual litter pick
Cllr D Green	Neighbourhood Action Group Speedwatch Parish Council representative on the Emergency Planning Committee
Cllr D Kirk	Scrutiny and response to the Vale of White Horse DC Local Plan 2031 Leadership of the East Hanney Neighbourhood Plan
Cllr S McKechnie	Liaison with District and County Councils. Second Council representative on the Hanney War Memorial Hall Operations Committee
Cllr S Stephenson	Community group liaison (e.g. PTA/scouts/guides liaison) Footpaths Internal Financial controller
Cllr R Strange	Playground and associated projects

All meetings are on Wednesdays and start at 7.30pm.

All residents of East Hanney are welcome to attend.

The next meetings before the July issue are:

**10<sup>th</sup> June 2020: the first meeting of the Council's Planning & Development Committee**

**1<sup>st</sup> July 2020: the first meeting of the Council's Environment & Leisure Committee**

**Meeting dates for the remainder of the year 2020-21:**

**Council Meetings (to include Planning & Development items as required)**

**12th August, 4th November 2020, 27th January & 21st April 2021**

**Recreation & Leisure Meetings (to include Planning & Development items as required)**

**1st July, 23rd September, 16th December, 2020 & 10th March 2021**

**Planning & Development**

**10th June, 22nd July, 2nd September, 14th October, 25th November 2020,**

**6th January & 17th February 2021.**

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### **Many of us will know that Pat**

**Woodyear** of West Hanney has been very ill recently and is currently in a care home. She has received many 'get well' cards, and has asked, via her husband Ray, if I would publish her appreciation and thanks to everyone for their gestures. Happy to do so and we of course also wish Pat a full and speedy recovery.

It is with deep sadness we announce the recent passing of East Hanney resident **Robin Hatley**. Robin had been in Sobell House, but passed away at home after a battle with cancer. He was quite a private person, but was very involved with Hanney Bowls Club, and I'm sure fellow members and all his other friends and family will miss him greatly. We send our sincere condolences.

### **RAFFLE TO SUPPORT THE NHS**

This lovely hand-crocheted Llama is

being raffled in Hanney Community Shop  
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One wishes to know where one might find a waste receptacle?

Why, t'is right 'ere, your Right Royal Queen of Loveliness!



**East Hanney Parish Council** have recently purchased and installed a waste bin, and two round benches which are made of 100% recycled plastic. The bin is located by the shop... lollipop wrappers can now go straight into it as the lucky owners of the sugary treats on a stick prepares to give them a good lick-ing!

The bin commemorates World War One with, in my humble opinion, a very attractive design. The benches are on the field near the play-ground. A rather clever design feature is that on one side, the seat has been cut away to allow wheelchairs or buggies to be brought close to the table.



A good deal of thought by the Councillors has gone into the purchase of these items which are a real asset to our community, will last a long time, and, when the time is right - hopefully not too far away - it will be great to see the benches piled high with happy families, yummy picnics and large bottles of fizzy pop!



But that's not all....two new metal benches have also been purchased, one featuring a 'Warhorse' design, which will be installed in Ebbs Lane on the land that is the home of the massive black walnut tree.

The other bench, a WW2 design, will go somewhere on the field, yet to be decided. (See pics)

So it's big ups to the councillors for these purchases...let's hope for a good summer and plenty of opportunities to use them. Finally to mention that East Hanney Parish Council put up the two 'Thank you to our NHS' banners - see page 6.





## West Hanney Parish Council

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank everyone who has stepped up to help our more vulnerable residents during the Coronavirus lockdown. You may have offered to get some shopping or prescriptions in for people shielding at home, or helped to keep our Community Shop open and fully stocked. You may have volunteered to join the Hanney Covid 19

Emergency Response Team supporting residents who need help and delivered Hanney News to households. You may have supplied, dyed or cut up duvet covers and operated sewing machines to make much needed scrubs for our frontline NHS staff and care workers.

We should all be very proud of the response from members of our community. If you, or anyone you know, requires any assistance during this lockdown period, please contact the Hanney Covid 19 Emergency Response Team on 0808 123 0161.

The Council has continued to meet using the Zoom video conferencing software and held our first “virtual” Annual Parish Council meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> and are planning to hold our next Parish Council meeting “virtually”.

We have deferred the Annual Parish Meeting to later in the year. Please don't hesitate to contact any of our Councillors or our Clerk if you have any concerns about our community during this challenging period.

### **Drainage issues in West Hanney**

The Parish Council would like to commend Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department for continuing their repair and maintenance programme, despite the lockdown restrictions, and completing the repair to the drainage pipes in the vicinity of St James Way.



### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Despite the lockdown, the Council is continuing to work on the next phase of the Neighbourhood Plan with our consultants at Community First Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse District Council.

**The next “virtual” Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm using Zoom video conferencing software.**

Stay safe and alert!  
*Graham Garner, Chairman*

**Councillors:** Chairman: Graham Garner - 868684.

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For general advice visit our website:  
[citizensadvice.org.uk](http://citizensadvice.org.uk).

Citizens Advice can offer all sorts of help and advice. If you have problems paying your bills, they have many helpful suggestions. They've also produced a very useful piece on scam emails, which, with their permission, I have summarized here...

### Use new fast-track reporting for suspicious emails...

Scam emails are becoming ever more smooth and sophisticated. If you are ever suspicious of an email, you can use a new, dedicated reporting service which is very quick and convenient.

Simply forward the email straightaway to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) and the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) will inves-



tigate it. They act on every message received, analyse it and any dubious websites it links to. Government specialists can then block the criminal's email address and instruct hosting companies to remove the websites from the Internet.

Remember, if you are in any doubt, don't open the email and don't click on any of its links.

Final quick point...Always check the sender's email address because this is the only part of an email which scammers can't

fake. There will be often be something peculiar about it...maybe an extremely long and complicated address with lots of numbers and letters, or the country code might be unfamiliar.

For much more info see [https://](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/report-suspicious-emails)

[www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/report-suspicious-emails](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/report-suspicious-emails)

To finish on a lighter note...there's a comedian called James Veitch who has posted numerous videos on YouTube regarding his correspondence with scammers. He actively engages with them - he's pretty computer savvy, so unless you are too, don't try this at home kids! Some are very funny and make me chuckle.

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### **OK history and petrol heads, here's a little question for you...**

When was this lovely photo taken and what's the make of the car?

You'll probably recognize the magnificent building - the Mill House next to Dan-dridge's Mill in East Hanney, but the car's not so easy.

In fact it's a make I'd never heard of before...a Star, probably a 1924 Mercury 6 cylinder tourer to be precise. Star were car makers based in Wolverhampton, who ceased trading in about 1932. They produced high end, luxury, fast cars. Did this one belong to the owner of the Mill? The number plate gives a clue...it looks like 'WB 129' and the 'WB' indicates that the car was registered in Sheffield, so maybe the owner was a visitor to the Mill from Yorkshire. There's a few examples of these rare cars still around today. One was recently adver-

tised on the Car and Classics website for £36,000!

And the answer to my question regarding the date of the snap? Well, I reckon the late 1920's. Maybe you know better, and have an idea who the owner of the Mill House was at that time. That may give us a clue as to who owned the car. You can read more about the Mill House in the magnificent brochure that the Hanney History Group have produced...see page 3.

This pic and the ones I published in March were kindly donated to our History Group by Bernard Panton, who lived in the Mill House for many years, but of course not back when this photo was taken! Thanks for allowing me to use the pics.

By the way, I've been advised by Andy Robertson's lawyers that I should cease with immediate effect to suggest that he may have taken any of these photos!

### **Brown Bins.**

Vale of White Horse District Council has reopened its paid-for garden waste service to new customers.

The service costs £49 per year and is an annual subscription paid by direct debit.

As the council offices are currently closed to the public, we can only take subscriptions online.

[www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/recycling-rubbish-and-waste/garden-waste](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/recycling-rubbish-and-waste/garden-waste)

## Proposed merger of Hanney Pre-school and St James CE Primary School

The Vale Academy Trust (VAT) is proposing to merge Hanney Pre-school with St James CE Primary School.

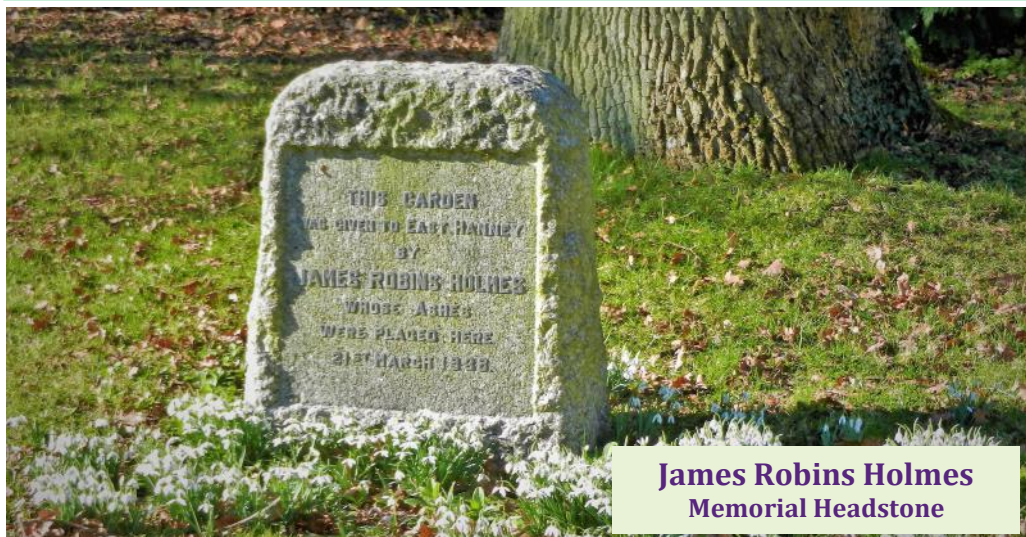
The Pre-school shares a site with the school and most of the children who attend the Pre-school move on to St James' School. The two separate organisations have had a very positive relationship, and now feel the time is right to join together. The school will extend its age range to take children from two years old, and the Pre-school charity will close and transfer all its assets to the VAT as part of St James School. The Pre-school building will become the school's Nursery. There are three main reasons for making this proposal:

- To be able to offer better continuity for children who transfer to the Reception class, and offer more opportunities for joint activities between the nursery children and the main school.
- To give pre-school staff more opportunities to work with school staff and share their skills and expertise.

- It will mean that the running of the provision for the youngest children will no longer rely on the goodwill of those who volunteer to be on the Pre-school committee. The Pre-school has been very fortunate to have a good committee in recent times, but it can be time consuming and carries a large responsibility for the employment of the staff and managing of the accounts. By coming under the management for the school, provision for pre-school children will be managed by the permanent staff of the school, with the central team of the VAT to call on when needed.

The Trust proposes to make this change from 1st September 2020 or as soon as possible after that.

The Trust, supported by the Oxfordshire County Council, undertook a formal consultation, and submitted an application to the Regional Schools Commissioner, who will be the decision-maker on this proposed merger.



**James Robins Holmes  
Memorial Headstone**



## THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends

What is essential? In this lockdown period we are told we can only do what is essential. There have been a few intense discussions about what is essential in the Vicarage!

I mentioned a couple of weeks ago when speaking about unleavened bread (bread made without yeast – which was used to celebrate the Passover and therefore is linked to the Easter story ) that I had not found any yeast in the shops. Several people very kindly left packets of yeast at the vicarage for which I am really grateful. For most types of bread and certainly for the bread Sally bakes it is essential to have yeast.

What do you think is essential?

I would suggest that **faith** – trusting in Christ for our salvation; **hope** – trusting God in our current circumstances will ensure a wonderful outcome and especially **love** in all its infinite good qualities are truly essential. Faith Hope and Love in the one who said “ I am the bread of life!”

Jesus reminded us when he was tempted that “Man does not live by bread alone....” It is a quote from Deuteronomy that continues “.....but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord”.

We pray in the Lord’s Prayer “Give us this day our daily bread”; I pray you have all you need during this period and you may wish to pray this prayer for yourselves and your loved ones.

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you. Such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, A  
*(Collect for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)*

God bless

John

## JUNE

Although absolute clarity is not yet available, it is probable that churches will not reopen in any form until July at the earliest – and then it may be for private prayer rather than a service.

We are providing weekly prayer and service sheets – if you would like one please email me – [hilarycakebreadhall@gmail.com](mailto:hilarycakebreadhall@gmail.com) or wish to speak with one of our clergy please email them direct – [vicaralec@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:vicaralec@valebenefice.org.uk) or phone (01235) 771479.

In the meantime, the churchyard remains open and is a quiet and contemplative place to sit a few moments on one of your daily exercises.

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## COVID 19.... Other places you can get help .

**Oxfordshire County Council** have much info on their website. Here's the link:  
<https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-from-the-government/>

**Oxfordshire Age UK** can also help. You can reach them on **01865 411 288**. You leave your name and number and they ring you back. Their offer of assistance includes a friendly weekly call to see how you are doing.

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**Oxfordshire All In** is another County wide organisation. It has been developed by local community organisations in collaboration and with the technical support of local businesses. The collaboration is being led by staff from local registered charity KEEN ([www.keenoxford.org](http://www.keenoxford.org)) Worth checking their website here, or ring them here...[www.oxfordshireallin.org/](http://www.oxfordshireallin.org/)

## COVID 19....

### The Hanney Parochial Trust

is a small local charity that has been in existence in one form or another for over 400 years.

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Please contact me, Jim Stagg, by phone 01235 867500, or email: [jimstagg@btinternet.com](mailto:jimstagg@btinternet.com), in the strictest confidence.

## The Plough at West Hanney - our community-owned pub

Every day in these troubled times we have to deal with uncertainties. When will the lockdown end fully and when will we get back to normal? What will normal look like? Will we be able to go to the cinema, theatre, restaurant, sports fixture and pub before a reliable vaccine is found and used? How long will this be?

In the UK there are about 130 community owned pubs and ours in West Hanney is one of them. When we villagers joined together in 2015 and purchased our pub we did it because we didn't want our pub to close.

What a very good decision that has proved to be, because every pub in the UK that is not community-owned is now under threat and may not open again. We know for certain that whenever the lockdown comes to an end, our pub will be there and ready to open again. In this time of uncertainty, we know for sure that we will have our pub in the village.

Nick & Trish, our tenants, will be leaving on August 14<sup>th</sup>, or earlier if they decide. We should place on record our thanks to

them for being our tenants for three years and we wish them well in the future. We know that they have made many friends here.



When the pub is returned to us we will need to get it ready for the new tenants, whenever that may be. We will again call upon our reliable band of volunteers who have helped us previously. If you wish to

join them in the cleaning, decorating, refurbishing and improving the pub so when it does open again, it will offer a warm welcome for the villagers, then let me know. We will be inviting all Hanney based shareholders in a separate message, but if you are interested in helping, please send me an email or contact one of the other directors. During this period, we will ensure that all volunteers will be following the government's guidance on social distancing.

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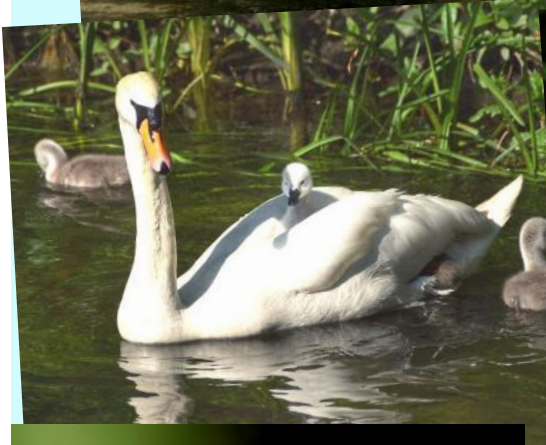
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## Please practice social distancing with our swans!

Much excitement, and rightly so, for the return of the swans - they come here every year -and the cygnets they have produced...originally 7, now down to 5 as I write. They're a great reason to dig out the box brownie and get snapping...thanks to Ali Rosum, Ollie Kirk and John Cook for these lovely snaps. A word of warning...Dad is very protective and can be quite aggressive, so approach with care.



**Some splendid folk** in our community have recently been slaving over hot sewing machines, making 'Scrubs' for those working in the NHS and the care sector.

The project has been initiated and organised by Jo Brettell, long time West Hanney resident. That's her on the floor surrounded by all the material. Husband Trevor is pictured hard at work on the cutting table, and the team of nearly 30 people have produced a total of over 70 sets, of which 30 went to Badby Park, a residential facility dedicated to neurological illnesses and disorders that provide specialist nursing and rehabilitation. It's a very special place, and I understand all the staff - that's some of them in the larger snaps - are very grateful to Jo and her team who have worked so hard.

15 sets have gone to Oxfordshire palliative care nurses, and 25 are going to St Katherines in Wantage. Massive big-ups to all involved.



**Meanwhile, good old Thames Water** don't need scrubs, just a sturdy pair of wellies I imagine, and at the end of April they published their 'Water Resources Management Plan 2019', following approval they received from the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. It looks ahead to the end of the century and I quote...."*sets out the actions we'll take to provide a secure and sustainable supply of water for our customers, support housing and economic growth, whilst protecting and improving the environment*". They go on..."*Over the past five years we've*

*listened to the views and preferences of our customers and stakeholders*". They add... "*In the longer term we'll need to develop additional water supplies .... **look at new strategic water supply options including a new reservoir in Oxfordshire....***" (my bold highlighting) The Plan is on Thames' website here: [thameswater.co.uk/wrmp](http://thameswater.co.uk/wrmp) I'm sure GARD - that's the 'Group Against Reservoir Development' - will have something to say about this...their website is here: [www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk/](http://www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk/)

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Green shoots of hope our future foretells.**

**Forget-me-nots, bluebells, the sky and the sea.  
NHS staff care for you and for me.**

**The Queen shared her strength, her Standard unfurled,  
while dark indigo clouds threaten our world.**

**High on the mountains the rocks glow with heather.  
The fragrance of lilac we all share together.**

**Under this rainbow we wait for immunity,  
the people of Hanney, a caring community.**

*Angela Cousins*



## LETTER

Dear Editor,

With the thought that there might be some interest in the Hanneys on what's happening with Royal Mail letter deliveries, particularly on Saturdays, I have been doing a little investigating.

It appears that our local (i.e. Wantage) delivery office was informed by Head Office on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April that they were to cease Saturday deliveries of letters (not parcels and packets) on Saturdays for six weeks. This was to commence on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

The reason for this seems to be that in recent weeks a very large volume of parcels and packets had built up nationally and that this was a means of clearing the

backlog.

So, as I understand it, all the letterboxes in the land will be devoid of Saturday letter deliveries until 6<sup>th</sup> June.

If, like me, you find this situation a trifle bizarre then a very helpful mole not a million miles from Wantage Post Office confirmed a suggestion of mine that I should write to our MP, David Johnston, asking him about the apparent necessary involvement of Parliament should the Royal Mail have any thoughts of extending this six week period.

Anyone reading this and wishing to write to David Johnston in similar vein will find that his address is usually printed at the foot of Page 3 of this august publication

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**HANNEY BOWLS CLUB** Weds 7.30-10.00pm, and Thursdays 2.00-4.00pm. Contact 868145

**HANNEY CHAPEL** Sunday 10:30am and 5:30pm. 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of month Lunch & Listen at 10:30am, 1<sup>st</sup> Sat Men's Breakfast at 8:30am. In term-time: Tuesdays - Hanney Toddlers 9:15am; Thursdays - Discoverers (Rcpt-Y2) 4pm & Adventurers (Y3-Y6) 6pm; Fridays - Friday Club (Y7-Y9) 6:30pm & The Hub (Y10-Y13) 7:45pm. Contact Mark Fisher on 867105 / [mailmarkfisher@gmail.com](mailto:mailmarkfisher@gmail.com).

**HANNEY COMMUNITY WOODLAND WORKING PARTY**...contact Paul Sayers by email [pksayers@btinternet.com](mailto:pksayers@btinternet.com) or 01235868146

**HANNEY CRICKET CLUB** Occasional Sunday friendly games. For details ring David Johns on 07770 456147 or 01235 868519, or email [djohnski@uwclub.net](mailto:djohnski@uwclub.net).

**HANNEY FLOOD GROUP** hold a monthly working party. Contact Clive Manvell for details - [clive@manvell216.plus.com](mailto:clive@manvell216.plus.com), or 01235 868216.

**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](http://www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk)

**HANNEY GUIDES** (for all girls aged 10+) meet on Mondays in HWMH 6:30-8:00pm during term time. **HANNEY BROWNIES** (aged 7+) meet on Tuesdays in Royal British Legion 6:00-7:30pm. **RAINBOWS** (aged 5+) in Grove on Wednesday and Thursday. Girls and volunteers always welcome. Contact Clare Green 07845 047990 / [districtcomgrove@gmail.com](mailto:districtcomgrove@gmail.com) / [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk)

**HANNEY HISTORY GROUP**. meets 8pm every 4th Tuesday. New members and visitors welcome, non-members £3. For further info ring Andy Robertson – 07899 913281

**HANNEY OCCASIONAL GOLFERS SOCIETY (HOGS)** was formed in 1996, and meets four times a year plus Christmas. HOGS is very much about social golf with all standards welcome. Non golfers/spouses usually join for the evening session when prizes are awarded and 'fines' imposed! Contact 'Poppy' at [andrew.fletcher@rer.co.uk](mailto:andrew.fletcher@rer.co.uk) for further details.

**HANNEY PRE-SCHOOL** meets term time, in the Elliott Building in the grounds of St James School. For 2.5+ year olds: Monday - Thursday, 9am – 3pm, Fri 9am - 2pm. Contact Hanney Pre-School on 07759181330 or see [www.hanneypreschool.co.uk](http://www.hanneypreschool.co.uk)

**HANNEY SCOUTS, CUBS and BEAVERS**, Contact Janet Green at [janet@thegreensonline](mailto:janet@thegreensonline)

**HANNEY TABLE TENNIS** in the Village Hall, every Thurs at 6.30pm. Just turn up. £2 a session

**HANNEY TENNIS CLUB** always welcomes new members, just turn up to a club session on Sunday 10am onwards or Tuesday 7pm onwards. We have an active tennis coaching programme for Juniors and Adults, Cardio Tennis and Tennis Teams playing in the Oxfordshire League. More information on our website [www.hanneytennisclub.org.uk](http://www.hanneytennisclub.org.uk)



**HANNEY WHEELERS CYCLING** We meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 10.00 am prompt at the Hanney WMH. New cyclists, you will be warmly welcomed for recreational local cycling with essential coffee stop!! Call Bob Wilson 868389 or email: bobwilson300@hotmail.com

**HANNEY WINE CIRCLE** meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month: [www.hanneywinecircle.org.uk](http://www.hanneywinecircle.org.uk)

**HANNEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (W.I.)** meet the second Thursday of the month (except in Aug) 7.30 - 9.30 in the Olde Hanney Room, Village Hall. New members are welcome. Contact Jean Geary 869070 or Helen Evans 868542

**HANNEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB** trains at the rec. on Thursday night. We play in the Oxford Mail Youth League and have teams from age 5 up. If you would like to join us please contact Paul on 07510 435 508, [hyfcfooty@gmail.com](mailto:hyfcfooty@gmail.com) or visit our website [hanneyyouthfc.co.uk](http://hanneyyouthfc.co.uk)

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**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.**

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BINGO** every Sunday, R.B. Legion Hall 8pm. Cash prizes. 18+ welcome.

**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 767408, [www.wantagechoralsociety.co.uk](http://www.wantagechoralsociety.co.uk), email [wantagechoralsociety@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.wantagemalevoicechoir.org.uk).

**WANTAGE U3A:** Visit our website detailing all our current activities - [www.u3asites.org.uk/wantage](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/wantage) or ring 07546 631089

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