

# Hanney News

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**MICHAELMAS FAYRE - SAT 26TH SEPT**  
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**The Michaelmas Fayre Marvellous Face Masks Competition**



**£3,840.07! SEE PAGE 11**

**HANNEY WINTER FESTIVAL - PLEASE KEEP YOUR FIREWOOD!**  
**Look forward to a socially-distanced Hanney Winter Festival this November!**

In preparation for this, we would like to request contributions of firewood for a community bonfire.

We're also **looking for volunteers** to help - if you're interested in getting involved then please get in touch via [hanneywinterfestival@gmail.com](mailto:hanneywinterfestival@gmail.com) or call 07957 564552.

It's going to be a great evening so please look out for more information. In the meanwhile, please collect and hold onto your **unpainted/raw wood and wooden pallets** over the next couple of months. Thank you! [hanneywinterfestival@gmail.com](mailto:hanneywinterfestival@gmail.com)



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## Editorial

I want to start by thanking our Covid 19 emergency delivery team for getting Hanney News through letter boxes during the lockdown period! We've now reverted to our pre-lockdown team - thanks to them too of course! - for delivery of the finest parish mag in the whole of Hanney! The emergency team lead by David Corps deserve our sincere gratitude...well mine anyway!

We are all aware of the problems Covid has caused with our kids education. There is something we can do....the charity

'Schoolreaders' needs volunteers to help youngsters struggling with reading, so please check out their piece on page 15.

We welcome a couple of new advertisers this month...'L & E Carpentry' - page 11, and Philippa Spits, a counsellor - page 16.

Big ups to Film Night, the Gardening Club and the Book Club for starting again, and I know the W.I. have too, though I think a massive storm put paid to their first gathering in August, an outdoor affair! Oh dear. The new tenants at the Plough start this month - see page 8 - and we wish them every success.

Let's support all our eating and drinking establishments here in the Hanneys...we are lucky to have such a fine selection.

The annual Michaelmas Fayre is happening - page 5 for full details. I know the current pandemic has made putting it together extremely difficult, so massive thanks to the organisers - it's needed a huge effort to make it happen. Again, please support it. Good news from the cricket club on page 9, and the War Memorial Hall big chief Prince

Graham of Ghana explains how they will be operating in the current climate on the same page.

Some sad news - our magnificent Cancer Research UK team have had to postpone their next bazaar, see page 9 again.

Three amazing ladies of West Hanney are on the front page and on page 11 where you can read details of their fundraising efforts. Originally their marathon walk was to be up in London with loos, watering stations, jazz bands and millions of people supporting them, but that was cancelled. It

didn't put off our hardy and determined promenaders...they strutted their stuff over 26 miles of our sleepy country lanes in an incredible 6 hours 25 minutes...that's 4 mph for 26 miles!! Just reading that made me feel quite exhausted!

Sue Clark, Maureen Sawyer and Ray Woodyear are three very special folk who've more than done their bit for our community.

Sue's story is on page 13, and we wish her successor as Guide leader, Clare Green every success.

Maureen's moved to Grove...see page 14, and Ray has stepped back from his many roles in the community...also page 14. Big thanks to all of them.

Offers of a grant, and an odd request on page 17, and all the usual adverts - which pay our costs, so big thanks to them too. More news next month on the Bonfire party planned for November, and finally.....

Not wanting to get too controversial, but I rather like the pic and the sentiments expressed in the photo!

Till next month dear readers.

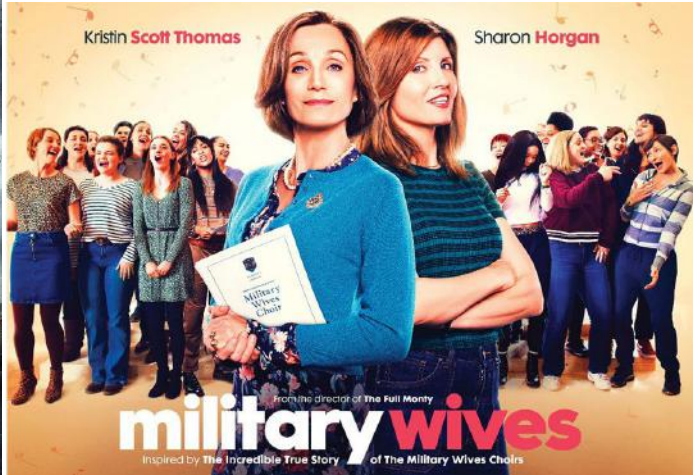


## What's happening this month?

Well, the Gardening Club are back up and running...see page 4, and Film Night returns with two films. The first on **Friday September 4th** is 'Military Wives', and the second on **Friday 18th** is '1917' - two very contrasting films. Times - 7.30 for 8.00pm at the Village Hall. No interval, though there will be a bar - **Card Payment only**.

Because of social distancing, seating is limited to 60, so you may book your seats if you wish, contact losalamos@btinternet or 07734 051258. **Please note that face coverings must be worn , except when drinking!**

**Tickets are £7 & £6, again Card Payment only.**



**If you like to keep up with local news and info**, check out this website: [pennypost.org.uk/](http://pennypost.org.uk/)

On it, you can subscribe to their weekly email newsletter, which is well written and informative, a tad quirky and amusing too, which I like very much.

This little gem from their current newsletter made me smile.....

*"As is customary, the PM has unveiled the new life peers which include the usual list of supporters, donors and political veterans being put out to grass.*

*One surprising, to me at any rate, inclusion is the former Wantage MP Ed*



*Vaizey (whose father was also made a life peer by Harold Wilson in the 1960s, allegedly because he helped arrange private education for two of the illegitimate children of Wilson's secretary.)*

*Vaizey Jr seems to have been at best only a luke-warm supporter*

*of Brexit, having campaigned for Remain in 2016, and was one of the Tory MPs who had the party whip removed in September 2019 for some act of perceived disloyalty during the Brexit debate."*

Good stuff, Penny Post people!

Of course here at Hanney News Global HQ we would wish to add our congrats to Ed the V on his well deserved Peerage.

## Hanney Gardening Club is alive and digging!

We hope all of our 85 members will be re-joining this autumn to help us regain the momentum of this successful village club. We also hope to see lots of new members, including those new to the village. It's a great social club and a focus for exchanging ideas on all aspects of gardening.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the last

meeting and talk of our 2019-20 programme, the plant sale and two visits, one of which was to RHS Wisley.

The visits have already been rescheduled for 2021.

The ever popular 'Travelling Garden Party' in July was also cancelled.

But we plan to start our 2020-21 programme on **Monday 7 September, 7.50pm for 8pm in the village hall, when our speaker will be Rachel Siefried on 'Growing flowers for cutting'**, and we'll



hold our AGM (always short and sweet). If you plan to attend it would be helpful to let us know (contact Adrian on 07732 017299). Going forward we have a full programme of monthly talks and events.

Confirmation of these and any changes will be communicated via the website:

[www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk](http://www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk), Hanney

News and the Community Facebook page.

One very special event to note is that **Chris Beardshaw** (British garden designer, multi-gold medal winner at Chelsea, plantsman, author, speaker and broadcaster) will be giving an illustrated talk about Boveridge

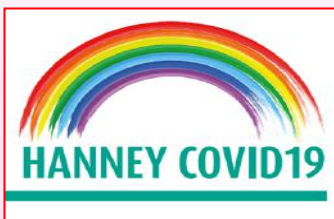
House Garden in the village hall on **1 February 2021**. More details nearer the time. (All our events will be Covid19 compliant.) So keep in touch and happy gardening!

*Adrian Bodimead*

## Hanney Covid 19 Team

As Hanney News goes to press the Hanneys COVID-19 Community Response Team are still in operation – albeit with a slimmed-down 'volunteer army' to support those in the villages who still need assistance with shopping or prescription collections.

We also have a very small team who are willing to help with transport for medical appointments either to your GP or routine hospital appointments if there are no other transport alternatives. This is NOT availa-



ble if you think you are suffering from any COVID-19 symptoms – in that instance please phone 111. The situation remains

changeable but

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**get in touch with us on our Free to Call number 0808 123 0161, or**

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**Take care and stay safe!**

*The Covid Team*

# Michaelmas Fayre – Sat 26<sup>th</sup> September

**It's happening** - we hope! Things may change but whatever happens its going to be good to get out and meet the friends and neighbours (1m plus apart!).

Enter one of the Horticulture Competition categories – special classes for Novices and Allotment Holders - compete for the Harry Walker Cup!

Get your children entering the children's categories competitions – 8 and under, and 9 -13 classes.

Come and be tempted by the goodies on sale – including the first chance to 'bag' a 2021 Hanney Calendar!

Visit the new landlords in The Plough and enjoy a Michaelmas Ale.

Let's try to help the Hanney Snake get to 500 specially painted stones and enter the competition to name it.

Write a Limerick (first lines supplied)

Print off all the wonderful photos you've taken during Lockdown ready for the Lockdown Exhibition

This year – more fantastic bikes to view thanks to the Triumph Owners Motorcycle Club

**MAKE YOUR SCARECROW** – and with the theme of **KEY WORKERS** there are lots of ideas to choose from – a great way to thank our 'posties', care home staff, nurses, doctors, delivery men, refuse collectors, hospital orderlies, shop staff to name just a few – and then there are our Hanney-own who did their bit to make things easier for us! See our website for more details.

The boring bit – as this goes to press the Fayre is still 6 weeks away – and right now that's a long time! So – full details of **HOW** to enter the competitions and all the procedures are still being finalised.

Plus lots more – like what refreshments we'll have and other activities are being worked on.

Check back on our website: [www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk](http://www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk)/or sign up for a Fayre ENewsletter:

[info@hanneymichaemasfayre.co.uk](mailto:info@hanneymichaemasfayre.co.uk)

## **STOP PRESS!**

**"The Michaelmas Fayre Marvellous Face Masks Competition"**  
Announcing Michaelmas Fayre's new competition: Design a face covering - judged by an award-winning fashion CEO. Not only win a family set produced by a top British mask manufacturer, but have your design available for sale at the Fayre and worn throughout Hanney!  
**Full details on our website and Facebook**

## East Hanney Parish Council

Cllr Kirk continues to pilot East Hanney's Neighbourhood Plan on its course. These final stages have been more convoluted than expected, but the Council hopes to have a final draft to consider in the next month. The plan cannot be put to a village-wide referendum until the current coronavirus restrictions are eased and the most likely dates will be alongside any elections to be held in early summer 2021.

This year's audit has been postponed due to Covid-19. The Council's accounts and governance audit return has been passed by the internal auditor. The documents are due to be submitted for external audit by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. Any resident interested has the right to inspect the records. For the year ended 31 March 2020, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to the Clerk until 28th September 2020.

The Council has submitted its statement of case to the planning inspector regarding Oxfordshire County Council's plans to widen the BOAT (Byway open to all traffic) known locally as Cow Lane, running along the parish boundary south of The Causeway towards Grove. As a reminder, OCC put a request in to widen it to 17m along its whole length. The Council maintains that this BOAT should be no wider than 10m

and whilst it has varied over the years, has never been as wide as OCC claim. The document can be found on the PC's website in the document list or you may ask the Clerk for an electronic copy.

OCC have not, at the time of writing, presented any amended plans for the bridge at the end of Halls Lane. The Parish Council continues to press the VWHDC Conservation and Planning Officers to be mindful of the sensitivity of the area. Likewise, it continues to press the engineers at OCC for a final design that will be in keeping with the character of the environment in which the bridge is situated.

**East Hanney Parish Council meets every three weeks, all meetings are on Wednesdays and start at 7.30pm and are held remotely via Zoom. All residents of East Hanney are welcome to attend, to do so please see the meeting calendar on the Council's website or contact the Clerk for details. The meetings in September are:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020: Planning & Development Committee.**

**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020: Environment & Leisure, and Planning & Development Committees.**

### East Hanney Parish Councillors -

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# West Hanney Parish Council

The final version of our Proposed Neighbourhood Plan has now been submitted to the Vale of White Horse District Council for their consideration. One of our aspirations in this Plan is to see an increase in the biodiversity of our Church Farm Meadow. WHPC are working on a proposal to apply for a grant from the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) for the preparation and seeding of this meadow with wildflowers. This would then provide nectar and pollen for bumblebees, butterflies and other insects. If you would like to volunteer to help with this project in due course and/or join the autumn working parties in our community woodland please contact Paul Sayers via email:

[pbsayers@btinternet.com](mailto:pbsayers@btinternet.com)

Whilst on the subject of the community woodland, SSE contractors will be working to clear vegetation from under the electricity cables and doing some essential repairs this autumn. Please keep away from these areas when this work commences.

Following completion of the work on the surface water drains from Church Street to the junction of Winter Lane, it was very pleasing to see that despite the recent tor-



rential rain, this part of Church Street no longer flooded. I would like to make a further plea to landowners, who have a ditch running along a boundary of their property, to ensure the ditch is kept clear of vegetation, obstructions and silt, so that any surface water can flow unimpeded out of West Hanney. Likewise with hedges, for landowners to ensure they do not overgrow footpaths, pavements and roadways. WHPC will start to make contact with landowners who need to take some remedial action in these areas.

David Corps  
Chairman WHPC

**The next 'virtual' meeting of WHPC is on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm using Zoom video conferencing software.**

**Councillors: Chairman: David Corps - 867454.**

**Graham Garner - 868684.**

**Edward Wilkinson - 867316**

**Trevor Brettell - 868459.**

**Peter Packham - 868038.**

**Barbara Martin (Clerk) - 868806**

**Website: [www.westhanneypc.org.uk](http://www.westhanneypc.org.uk)**

## The Plough at West Hanney

Following the sterling work by volunteers and tradesmen completing the redecoration, renovation and repair of The Plough during July, our community pub was able to reopen on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

It has been operated by trained staff and volunteers led by Chris French and Phil Larder, in a Covid-secure way.

The opening weekend was particularly well supported, and everyone enjoyed some glorious weather whilst sitting in the pub garden. Even when the heatwave ended and the rain arrived, The Plough has continued to be well supported, with many customers commenting that it is now looking the best it has in their living memory.

Following this successful refurbishment and reopening, Chris French announced that he was stepping down as a Director of Hanney Community Pub Ltd. He felt that now was the appropriate time for him to move on and allow for new membership of the Board.

Chris was instrumental in saving The Plough. He helped set up Hanney Community Pub Ltd., encouraged shareholders to invest and raised sufficient funds to purchase and complete the first renovation of it.

He went on to oversee the recruitment of tenants and two further refurbishments. Chris served as Chairman, Company Secretary and Finance Director on the Board and he is continuing to assist the Board with his support for financial affairs.

The Board, on behalf of all shareholders and the wider Hanney community, would



like to thank Chris for his extraordinary efforts over the past six years in saving The Plough as a community pub for the Hanneys.

With Chris' departure there are currently vacancies for two new Directors; if you are interested in having a conversation about joining the Board of Directors please contact the Chairman, Dave Lea, the Company Secretary, David Corps, or Chris Kelland.

If you would like to become a shareholder, please email David Corps, Company Secretary, Hanney Community Pub Ltd at [david.corps@btinternet.com](mailto:david.corps@btinternet.com)

Finally, I am delighted to announce that our new tenants, Matthew and Ivone, will be moving into The Plough on the 4<sup>th</sup> September.

They plan to open in a Covid-secure way with a food and drinks service, starting on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. I understand that food will be offered at half price on this first Friday and first Saturday.

I'm sure everyone will welcome them to the Hanneys and wish them every success running our community pub.

*David Corps*



## Hanney Cricket Club...

this from David Johns.....

*"We have two more fixtures confirmed, but still four weeks to fill, hopefully. We are playing Boars Head, Ardington, on August 30th, and Sutton Courtenay on Sept 6th. Both games at home. Nets take place on Thursday evenings from 6pm and on Sundays at 10am.*

*We had a wonderful game at Hendred on 26th July, batting first and scoring 162 for 6 wickets from our 35 overs. The opposition were bowled out in the 33rd over for 135. We had one 13 year old and two 12 year olds, all of whom made significant contributions to our victory.....a wonderful day!"*

See page 26 for contact details if you want to get involved.



The Government allowed Community Centres and village halls to reopen from July 6th but decided that most of the activities that normally take place in our Hall were too risky.

As a result, we had to wait until the guidance changed and they announced that sports centres and gyms could re-open from July 25th.

Nearly all of our regular activities can now return as long as precautions are in place to avoid the risk of transmitting the virus. All our groups will have to follow the revised guidance for use of the Hall and information has been sent to all the group organisers. Some of our groups have already indicated that they will not restart until September at the earliest and they will notify their participants.

We are pleased to welcome back our

## Hanney War Memorial Hall Covid Update



regular groups but Government restrictions remain in place and so social gatherings such as family and children's parties, wedding receptions, and live music events where social distancing is very difficult to achieve, will not be able to take place in the Hall until those restrictions are

lifted.

On a more positive note, we will be allowed to hold our regular monthly Film Nights from September - see page XX - with appropriate precautions and look forward to welcoming you back in our Hall. We will be following the Government guidance and so all attendees will have to wear a face covering. We will also have a bar before the film and the face covering can be removed when consuming drinks once you have taken your seat.

**Due to the ongoing situation with the virus we have cancelled our annual Bazaar for Cancer Research. We hope our events will only be put on hold and can return in the not too distant future. We would like to thank everyone for their support to us over the last thirty odd years and hope to get together again soon. Stay safe! Hanney Fundraisers for Cancer Research**

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## In an incredible time of 6 hours and 25 minutes

these three very special West Hanney ladies walked a full marathon - over 26 miles! - around the highways and byways of our delightful countryside. In doing so, they raised £3,840.07p for breast cancer research... an amazing effort!



L - R, Stephanie, Jane and Clare.

Massive big ups to them, Stephanie Wheeler, Clare Wilkinson and Jane Bradley Heyes. Stephanie told me... "Katie Barber played a wonderful supporting role on her bike, keeping us hydrated and fed. We are so chuffed with all of the support we have received from everyone in Hanney".

It's not too late to donate, you can do that here:

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## THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Who have you looked to for inspiration?

There are many people that can inspire and influence us. They can be people that we know or someone who we have seen, listened to, watched or read about. We may share similarities with them, or it can be through our differences that they impact and affect us. We can be influenced by what they do, inspired by what they have achieved and challenged by how they live.

For over 2,000 the Church has remembered and passed on stories and examples of other Christians whose lives add to our understanding of what it means to follow Jesus. We call them Saints and throughout the year the Church reflects on different ones on set dates.

I have found a new person who both intrigues and inspires me, when I was asked to lead a service on the day that the Church remembers Mary Magdalene, a woman who was known to be “over-friendly” and followed Jesus around.

Except, that is not who she was. Mary was in fact healed by Jesus and she went on to support his work, underwriting his traveling ministry. She was part of the wider group of Jesus’ followers. Rather than being just a hanger-on, Mary was the first person to see Jesus alive after his death and she was sent by Jesus, to tell the disciples that Jesus was back!

Over the years, the Church had mis-understood and mis-represented who Mary was and her significant role in the good news of Jesus. This was one of the things about Mary, that struck me.

It is clear from the Bible, who Mary was and what she did. Yet, that was not how people saw her. We can be easily pigeon-holed by others, who can only see us in a certain light. The way that they think about us can limit their expectations of us and this can eat away at our own self-esteem. Yet, we can so easily do the same to others. Not listening to what certain people say, because we know what they are like and we have heard it all before.

For me, Mary Magdalene is a reminder that who we truly are is not restricted by the limited view of others, but it is defined by what we do for God and how God sees us. Mary’s actions live on and so will ours. Mary chose to say yes to what God was doing through Jesus. The challenge for us is what will we choose to do and how will that impact others, no matter how people view us.

God bless,

Alec

## SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at 09.30 Eucharist in Church and 10.15am Outside Service (weather permitting) - please bring a chair.**

**Tuesdays at 10am - Eucharist.**

**Please be aware that changed regulations may restrict our plans - even though we are limiting our services due to the uncertainty of our situation at the moment. Numbers will still be limited and pre-registering to attend will still be required.**

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Alec Gill: 07739 563894 - [vicaralec@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:vicaralec@valebenefice.org.uk)

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### **Sue hangs up her Guides**

**hat.** Hanney Girl Guides say a fond farewell and thank you to our leader Sue Clark, who has retired after an impressive 17 years, passing the baton to Clare Green.

Sue started volunteering with the unit in 2003 on a temporary basis until they could find someone else... and as these things often happen, she ended up staying! She has helped to give many girls opportunities for fun, friendship, skills, and experiences. We will miss Sue's leadership and enthusiasm, her wealth of knowledge, and her unflappable good humour. Fortunately, she's not going too far, as she is now the President of Girlguiding, Grove District, and is an active member of Grove Trefoil Guild. Hanney Guides offers all local girls aged 10 - 14 a space of their own. We do a wide range of activities, from outdoor adventures like campfires, to trying out dance,



DIY and cocktail making. Sue has played a big role in keeping the Guides involved in the Hanney community. You might have seen us at the Michaelmas Fair, on Remembrance Sunday, giving out Mothers' Day posies, planting trees, or even putting on a Christmas show for the Gardening Club. This year we've missed our usual activities, but we recently enjoyed a socially distanced meeting (barbecues in the community woodland) and hope to have more soon, as regulations allow. Hanney also has Brownies, for girls aged 7 - 10, and there are Rainbows, 5 - 7, and Rangers, 14 - 18, in Grove and Wantage. We always welcome new members and volunteers and have flexible roles to suit everyone. If you're interested in being involved in Girlguiding, contact Clare Green: 07845 047990, or email: [districtcomgrove@gmail.com](mailto:districtcomgrove@gmail.com) or visit our website: [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk).

**Don't forget Ride+Stride is happening on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September.** This annual

event raises funds for the 'Historic Churches Trust'. Last year St James



received nearly £700, thanks to the efforts of a few keen Hanney folk. Full details here -

<https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

*Hilary Cakebread-Hall*

## Letter

Dear Editor,

I want to express my thanks during the past four months whilst I have been shielding to those village friends who have helped me by sourcing and collecting my medical requirements, do food shopping, and provide other household needs.

So "thank you" from the bottom of my heart: Pat, Chris, Meredith, Adrian, Sue, Simon, Jenny, Clare and Jill. Each of you has offered help willingly and untiringly in so many ways; I am forever in your debt.

Lorene Ashby, East Hanney

### Unsung heroes.

Our community only is a 'community' rather than just somewhere we happen to live, because of an army of folk who fulfill a wide variety of roles within it on a purely voluntary basis. Many of them are largely unsung and rarely thanked, but they do it anyway.

One such is **Maureen Sawyer**, and the bad news for Hanney is that Maureen has recently moved to Grove. She had lived in Hanney for 53 years, and in Brookside for 43 of them.

Fortunately however, Maureen intends to continue being involved in Hanney, including in her role as Vice Chair of the British Legion. She told me... 'I haven't abandoned Hanney' and she also asked me to pass on her thanks to everyone who sent cards and good wishes on her move.

We in turn would like to offer our thanks to Maureen for all her work over many years here in Hanney...she'll be sorely missed!

**Ray Woodyear** is another stalwart who has performed many roles in the community since he moved here some 35 years ago.

Ray is retiring from those roles, so now is an appropriate time to thank him.

He was the big cheese when it came to organizing and being part of the 'milk and bread run' team, keeping our community shop stocked with milk, bread and the like, and he's been an even bigger gorgonzola regarding the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, championing it at every opportunity, and encouraging folk to get involved. In fact he got me started in Neighbourhood Watch in about 2003, and the 'milk and bread run' some time after.

Prior to 2003 - having lived in Hanney for 3 years - I'm ashamed to say I had done nothing within the 'community'; I never even gave it a thought.

Ray has been involved with Neighbourhood Watch across the whole county, even before he came to Hanney. Once here, he recruited 29 Watch coordinators...he's a very persuasive gent!

Finally, in 2013, in the merry month of May, he was presented, by Teresa May - was she merry that day I wonder? - with a Thames Valley Neighbourhood Watch Association 'Certificate of Appreciation'. Well deserved Ray...we all owe you our thanks!

**Our political chums... David Johnston is our MP.** You can write to him here:

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## **‘Volunteers needed to listen to children read in local primary schools after lockdown’**

Our reading volunteers are going to be desperately needed following the Coronavirus pandemic. Thousands of children won't have had enough reading practice during lockdown. In a normal year, one in four children leave primary school unable to read well. Most children will have missed a term of school, so the reading gap is now even wider. Children who struggle with reading are



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## **East Hanney Speedwatch update**

Following the deployment of East Hanney's SIDs, (speed indicator devices) the Council and Cllr Green have been asked why there are differences in the messages displayed when compared to the devices in West Hanney.

East Hanney's SIDs do not display vehicle speeds when they are under the limit, as the police advised that this could be a distraction to drivers. The police are also concerned that it lessens the impact of displaying speed when a vehicle is over the limit. The speed is displayed between 31 and 38mph with a warning message; above

38mph it just displays a warning sign. Results of the deployment show that drivers appears to be more aware of their speeds as there has been a significant reduction in numbers of vehicles speeding along The Causeway. Also vehicles entering the village over the limit on the Steventon road have been halved from 11,000 to 5,500 over a two week period. But we are still recording dangerously high speeds on these roads, with 69mph past the school and 99mph on the Steventon road. Enforcement operations are being planned for these areas.

*Councillor Dickon Green*

## **The Poughley Farm**

**bridge** continues to be much discussed on Facebook, and at East Hanney Parish Council (EHPC) meetings. Apparently a company called Skanska have been contracted to design and build it. They're Swedish and, according to Wikipedia, the fifth biggest construction company in the world! Ooh er! That said, they are, as I write, advertising on their website for a 'Senior Design Engineer (Bridges)' to be based in Oxford, so



maybe until such a person is found it can't go ahead anyway?

Another little gem that came out of the recent EHPC meeting was that to rebuild the bridge as it is now - old style

arch, stone parapets, etc. - would cost £500,000 plus! That sounds rather high, but whatever the figure, the proposal for crowdfunding and fundraising within the community sounds like...er.. a 'bridge too far' - sorry, couldn't resist that one!

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## Clubs and Societies

**HANNEY BADMINTON CLUB** meets every Thursday in the HWMH, 8-10pm. We welcome new members. Call 868256 for details.

**HANNEY BELLRINGERS** meet every Wednesday St James' Church West Hanney from 7.30 pm until 9 pm. Beginners very welcome. Contact Jean Hazard for more details - 868883.

**HANNEY 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, Sept to April, 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**. Normally meets 8pm every 4th Tuesday, but currently suspended because of Covid19. Will resume when regulations and safety considerations permit. For further information visit <http://hanneyhistory.org.uk/>

**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@thegreenonline](mailto:janet@thegreenonline)

**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. With the relaxation of the Covid-19 restrictions on exercise, the playing of singles, doubles and some coaching activities are now permitted. Further information about this and joining the club is available from our membership secretary [jenny.corps@btinternet.com](mailto:jenny.corps@btinternet.com)

**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)

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

**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

**'YOUR PACE NOT MINE'** Hanney's very own mixed ability - and free! - running group meets 2 - 3 times a week. Email Carey Hope [carey.hope@gmail.com](mailto:carey.hope@gmail.com) for more details or visit website: <https://groups.runtogether.co.uk/yourpacenotmine>.

**NORDIC WALKING CLASSES WITH LISA FROM OXFORDSHIRE FITNESS** daytime, evening and weekend classes available please call Lisa on 07885635367, email [lisa@oxfordshirefitness.co.uk](mailto:lisa@oxfordshirefitness.co.uk) for more details or to book a taster session.

**PILATES CLASS** Wednesdays 6 -7pm and Fridays 9.15 - 10.15am (term time only) at the Royal British Legion, E. 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](mailto:pippa@thrive-nutrition.co.uk)

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1st - Lynda Scott  
2nd - Rachel Swinfen  
3rd - Shirley Miles

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## Hanney War Memorial Hall

To book the Hall, the Committee Room, or the Olde Hanney Room, contact Graham Garner on 01235 868684, email [hwmh.hanney@gmail.com](mailto:hwmh.hanney@gmail.com)

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