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“The last year has shown what an amazing, caring community we are, coming together in a lasting way that only makes us stronger.”

**Hanneley Covid-19 Community Response Team.
See page 4**



Village Hall re-opening...

this from Sir Graham of Garner, Chair of the Management Committee...

“We have been waiting for updated guidance from the Government about how and when we can re-open.

The roadmap suggests that community centres and village halls could have re-opened from Monday April 12th but nearly all the activities that take place in the Hall cannot re-start until May 17th!

*We have therefore decided to re-open the Hall from **Monday May 17th** to all our uses.*

Our cleaner will deep clean the Hall early in May, in advance of the re-opening.

*The Hall will be allowed to be used as a Polling Station on **Thursday 6 May** following Government guidelines, as a one-off event.*

(See page 8.)

*The Gardening Club Annual Plant Sale (see page 3 for details) will take place outside the Hall on the afternoon of **Saturday 8th May.**”*

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Editorial

This is the first issue of my 7th year (!) as Editor of Hanney News. Maybe it's time for me to hang up my quill and that funny little green visor thing that Editors wear?

Talking of standing down, you will see on page 4 that our magnificent Covid 19 Response team are winding up their operation. They rightly thank all the volunteers who've helped - including in the delivery of Hanney News(!) - and we would like to add our thanks to them all, whatever 'tasks' they carried out.

But with typical modesty, the Covid team do not mention themselves, so I will!

Always a bit risky - I hope I've included everyone, but big apologies if I've left anyone out. Drum roll...crash of symbol...stentorian voice slowly booms out...

"David Stubbington, Clive Manvell, Hilary Cakebread Hall, Sarah Stephenson, Trevor Page, Lucy Palmer, Dickon Green, Steve McKechnie and David Corps."

MASSIVE thanks to them.

Also calling a halt is the Hanney Bakery (details on page 7) and more enormous thanks go to them. Two distraught loyal customers are pictured, with one unable to hold back his tears.

Good news on the litter pick...the Vale of White Horse District Council have agreed to recommence support for locally organised picks. No definite news yet on when we might hold one.

Sadly we have no pearls from West Hanney Parish Council this month.

Talented Hanney artist Jill Smith is exhibiting in the annual Oxfordshire Artsweek - see the panel on page 3.

Thanks in large part to the efforts of our splendid Flood Group, we experience few-

er floods these days, but if one does happen on the road out to Denchworth, up step Chris Surman and Graham Young with warning signs they place on the road, at either end of the affected stretch. Surprisingly - should that read 'stupidly' ?- some motorists ignore them. Not a good idea! Science never was my strong point, but even I know that internal combustion engines and water are not the happiest of bedfellows! (Wonder what happens if you drive an electric car through a flood?)

The two younger members of our community pictured on our front cover - if their smiles don't lift your spirits, I fear nothing will! - ask for help to raise funds for St James School. See the article on page 13.

Due to the difficult time many businesses have been experiencing, we here at Hanney News Global International have now given all our advertisers a second three month period of free advertising.

When you can, please use local businesses and if they advertise in Hanney News, so much the better! Though just to mention, there is always a waiting list for advertising space in our humble mag.

Finally a warning...sexism rears its ugly head in these pages, so brace yourselves. We've info on singing and bicycling opportunities only for 'ladies' - not sure that's even a permissible term these days in this modern PC-mad world - and singing, only for 'gents'.

I imagine singing and cycling at the same time is permissible, though most cyclists who pass my office windows here at Global HQ appear to think that shouting VERY LOUDLY is the sole requirement.

Rant over...till next month dear readers!

We here at Hanney News Global International welcome articles or letters.

Please submit items to the Editor, preferably by email, or use the Hanney News post box in the Community Shop. Contact me, the Editor, Jim Stagg, on 01235 867500, or by email: hanneynews@gmail.com

What's happening this month?

'Hanney Gardening Club' - "Everyone's invited to Hanney Gardening Club's Plant Sale to be held outside the Village Hall on Saturday 8 May from 2pm. Due to continuing regulations, it will be held outdoors - social distancing and mask wearing will be required. Payment by card preferred. We hope you will support this successful village club whilst at the same time giving your garden a spring boost".

Hanney History Group's talk this month, can be enjoyed via the wonders of Zoom by contacting the History Group Secretary via email:

hhgsecretary@gmail.com.

Non-members, will be asked to contribute a modest £3.

May 25th Artists in Wonderland - The Pre-Raphaelites in Oxford - Mark Davies

This talk features PRB artwork; the iconic 'Alice' illustrations of John Tenniel; Lewis Carroll's quirky originals; his exceptional photographic portraits of Combe, the Pre-Raphaelites themselves, and other key contemporaries and the influence of 'drawing-master' John Ruskin.



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And further ahead...

Sat 11th Sept - Abingdon Air and Country Show.
Details here: www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk

Sat 25th Sept - Michaelmas Fayre...keep fingers and toes crossed for this one. It's not confirmed yet. See page 13 for the story.



Unbelievably, it is now over a year since the Hanney Covid Team set up our response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

In this time, an amazing 128 residents of East and West Hanney have joined us as volunteers to help Hanney residents. This has meant that we have been able to provide a support network responding to over 155 individual requests for help (a significant number of which have been for ongoing support) from local people who have been shielding or self-isolating. We were able to ensure the delivery of the Hanney News last year, and support the Community Shop in remaining open during these difficult times.

We are very proud of these achievements and we would like to say a massive thank you to all our volunteers for their support and commitment. Now that restrictions are easing and the

vaccine programme has reached so many, we feel that this is the right time to bring our activities to an end and stand down as a team.

Therefore we closed our helpline at the end of April having assured that those members of the community that have been receiving ongoing support, have been contacted individually to ensure that alternative assistance remains in place where needed.

So, it just remains for us to say once more thank you so much to everyone that helped to make this response possible.

The last year has shown what an amazing, caring community we are, coming together in a lasting way that only makes us stronger.

Hanney Covid-19 Community Response Team

Hanney Community Shop News

Calling all the creative Hanney people!

Are you a local arts and crafts person who makes things to sell?

I know from looking at the Hanney Facebook page that there are some very talented people in the Hanneys. I

have seen stained glass, recycled furniture, wooden children's toys, candles, flower arrangements and of course, my bags, to name but a few, and I am sure there are many more of you out there who make some fantastic things.

Hanney Community Shop would like to be



a part of this by offering the shop window for people to display the product of their hard work. We won't get involved in selling the items but will give out contact details. There won't be any charge for using the window and the only criteria are that you must be a resident of The Hanneys and

you have to make the items yourself.

If you would like to know more about displaying in the shop window, please email Margaret Hanlon on

margandjim@btinternet.com.

Margaret Hanlon

Many thanks to everyone who purchased a **Hanney 2021 Calendar**, photographed and produced by Sir David of Bratley and Box Brownie.

£600 was raised, just £100 short of last year's total.

Given how Lockdown seriously limited opportunities to utilize my pushy sales technique in pubs on a Friday night (!), and the lost potential for sales at the sadly

cancelled 2020 Michaelmas Fayre, it's a pretty impressive amount.

£300 was donated to our Community Shop, who sold over half the total. Big thanks to them!

The other £300 went to our magnificent 'Senior Citizens.' The donation will help them fund a Summer Party, with lots of jellies and ice-cream!

(Page 26 for their contact details.)

Changes at the Wantage Independent Advice Centre - from now on to be known as '**Vale Community Impact**' or VCI.

Here's what they said...

"The change in name better reflects our core remit that we are "In the Vale for the Vale", offering many more services than Independent Advice from a Centre in Wantage!

We will continue to deliver our well-established services within our communities with a new name and logo.

Our address, phone number and Charity Number etc. will remain the same.

Our website is now: www.vci.org.uk



It's always good to hear of one of our clubs doing well, and the Hanney Tennis Club - see contact details on page 27 - are certainly thriving. They have over 160 members, 80% of whom live in the Hanneys.



Vil don Harnie pimples!

I shud be at skool.... oh wait, I'm now 18, so must go to Yobcentre and get a job!

Recently the government published figures showing how much waste is recycled across the country.

The Vale of White Horse District came joint third with 63.3% of its waste being recycled. The national recycling rate is 45.5%, and the Vale is one of only 11 local authorities in the country with a recycling rate above 60%. We have consistently been in the top ten in the past five years. That's good isn't it? No wonder little Greta T is pleased with us!

And remember, most of the waste that goes in our black bins get's incinerated in an environmentally friendly way at a place called Ardley, near Bicester. Interesting stuff goes on there...check it out here: www.viridor.co.uk/energy/energy-recovery-facilities/ardley-erf/

East Hanney Parish Council

We have had an amazingly positive response to our plans for improvements to the recreation facilities in East Hanney. All of the views that have been expressed and ideas that you have shared will be taken into consideration as we move forwards with the plans.

We do hope that the message about the change of the April meeting date reached anyone who was planning to join. We were advised to reschedule the meeting in accordance with the period of mourning following the death of Prince Phillip.

The Parish Council usually meets on the 2nd Wednesday monthly. For the up-to-date schedule and any additional meetings please see the website www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk under "Council Meetings"

Members of the public are welcome to attend and details of the location of the meeting (or Zoom link) can be found on the notice of meeting which is posted on the website and the noticeboard at the War Memorial Hall by the Thursday before the meeting.

East Hanney Parish Councillors - Chairman: Stephen McKechnie - smehpc@gmail.com. **Vice Chair:** David Kirk, david.kirk@btinternet.com; Paul Aram, pvaehpc@gmail.com; **Councillors:** Oliver Cornish - ocehpc@gmail.com; Sarah Stephenson - ssehpc@gmail.com; Richard Strange - rsehpc@gmail.com; Dickon Green - dgehpc@gmail.com; Rosie Reed - rrehpc@gmail.com

Clerk: Wendy Quigley, tel: 07859 924655,
email: clerk@easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk
Website: www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk

There have been ch..ch..changes - as David Bowie once said! - on the board of the **Hanney Community Pub Ltd.** following their recent AGM, and we'd like to wish Chris French and his team the best of luck as they take up the reins.

Meantime, this is a good opportunity to thank very much the previous board for their excellent work; Clive Ward and David Corps, ably led by Chairman Dave Lea. Along, of course with landlord Matt the Magnificent, they have ensured that West Hanney has a viable 'local' that's a pleasure to visit. And indeed it is! We owe them all a big debt of gratitude.

And just to mention that even if you eschew the 'demon drink' and never set foot in the place, research shows that property prices drop by approx. 10% when a village loses its only pub.



West Hanney Parish Council

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

Do you love to sing? Would you like to try something new? **Harmony InSpires**, the all-female a Cappella chorus based in Marcham, near Abingdon, invites women of all ages and all levels to join a **FREE** online 'Love to Sing' course over three evenings on 2nd, 9th and 16th June. No need to read music as we provide teach tracks to help you learn as you sing along! For more details email lovetosing@harmonyinspires.org or visit www.harmonyinspires.org



And for any of you dudes who fancy a quick warble, check this out from the St James Singers... *"we are pleased to be able to resume rehearsals again in May after 12 months absence. St James Singers is South Oxfordshire's only male voice a cappella ensemble and is well known in the area for its themed charity concerts. After 12 months enforced silence,*

we will all be a bit "rusty" so it is an ideal time to join the group as we will all be starting from scratch. We will be learning new material for a series of concerts in the Autumn entitled "Songs of the World". Come along on a Thursday night and see what we do. For more information please contact David Gahan, tel : 01235 868933, or Mike Jones, tel: 01235 751656."

Hanney Community Bakery

The Hanney Bakery has now closed and we just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last few lockdown months. We wish you all the best.



Thank You!



Why, that's terrible news Stanley!

Why you should vote on 6th May.

Well, for a start, it's pretty easy and convenient, seeing as the polling station will be situated in the Village Hall, and be open from 7am to 10pm. The hall will have had a deep clean beforehand.

Take your own pen or pencil and wear your mask.

You will be able to cast your votes in two elections, one for the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner, and the other for our County Councillor.

In the latter there are just three candidates...Tory, Lib Dem and Labour. Surprisingly, no sign of a Green person!

The Police Commissioner's job is also being contested twixt the three political parties, along with a gent who has thrown his hat - should that be helmet?...policeman's helmet and all that...geddit? - into the ring as



an 'Independent.' His name is Alan Gordon Robinson. The Conservative candidate is Hanney's very own Matt Barber, currently Deputy Commissioner. In a spirit of scrupulous fairness, I should also tell you the names of the other two candidates...Laetisa Carter, Labour, and John Howson, Liberal Democrat. You can read all about them here: www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-56015505 Finally of course it's worth mentioning that world-wide, not every

citizen has a right to vote in democratic elections. We should value the privilege we have, and honour the memory of Magna Carta, the poor little orphan girl, see photo, who gave her life for our freedom.

(Think I made that joke a few years back in these pages. Not a side-splitter the first time round, but hey, I'll keep trying!)

Trees to commemorate Wenda Reynolds

Many readers will remember Wenda Reynolds who lived in West Hanney from her retirement in 1975 until her death in 2017, aged 103.

Wenda left a bequest for the planting of trees in the village. These have now been planted as a line across the northern edge of the Community Meadow, in cages to protect them from deer and rabbits and with an irrigation system. They are a mixture of native broad-leaved species, field maple, bird cherry, small-leaved lime, crab apple and sallow (pussy willow). It is hoped that they will be enjoyed by everyone for many years. The trees were planted by David Corps, Clive Manvell and Paul Sayers, assisted by Kay Sayers who helped with marking out and Phil Manvell who watered them in.

Paul Sayers

Photos show Clive - he's the gent wearing the rather stylish hat - and Paul hard at work. Whilst we're talking about the meadow, can we say a big thank you to local farmer Alan Cottrell who regularly mows it, at no charge...much appreciated.



More good news...our petite but perfectly formed 'telephone box library' in East Hanney has now re-opened after a period of enforced closure due to Covid. Big ups to East Hanney Parish Council, who look after it. I recently received this letter and great photograph from East Hanney resident Trish Chandler

*"Dear Editor
Not sure who is responsible for reopening the East Hanney library but we just wanted to say a huge thank you! This morning my 2-year-old daughter, Phoebe, was so excited to have a browse through the books and then choose one to borrow. I also borrowed one too! This is such a lovely village resource that we are very grateful for.
Many thanks.
Trisha Chandler"*



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“...as the dragon, poised to devour its helpless pray, looms over the stranded Princess, the gallant St George charges the crest of the hill, dealing a fatal blow to the scaly beast, freeing the young maiden and bringing peace to the traumatised countryside.”

It’s not a bad story, many a film has been inspired by the fairy-tale trope of the helpless princess being saved by the dashing knight, which is so perfectly captured in the tale of St George and the dragon.

April 23rd was St Georges day and for some this either conjures up a childish story of monsters and hero’s, or an uncomfortable reminder of the Cross of St George’s flag and its previous connection with football hooliganism.

But, St George has so much more to offer us.

The real St George is understood to have been born in current-day Turkey, before re-locating to Palestine, where he served in the Roman army, rising in the ranks until he was martyred for not renouncing his Christian faith. Over the years, his example of faithful obedience and courageous dedication to God, become entwined with the legend of coming to the help of others (while fighting a great big dragon). St George has continued to inspire people over the years and across the world, as this Mediterranean refugee soldier and martyr, is the patron Saint of a long list of countries including England, Greece, Russia and Ethiopia.

It is only in the last few years, as I have been asked to preach about St George, that I began to look at him in greater detail. Where at one time, I only saw a story-book character, I am now beginning to see why this combination of a dedicated and determined man alongside the narrative of a heroic stranger coming to meet the needs of others, has inspired so many.

Our patron Saint is a reminder to me of Jesus’ dual command to put our faith at the centre of our lives and to continually look to help and care for others. It is this mixture of God first and putting others before ourselves, captured in the life and legend of St George, that has fuelled the spread of the Christian gospel across the world and inspired the church to care for others, from setting up schools, hospitals, charities, and hospices, to inspiring legal structures and supporting human rights.

Whenever we face “monsters”, when the wants and desires of some threaten to limit and damage the lives of others, all of us can be reminded of the importance of integrity and holding on to our beliefs in the face of oppressive opposition and the continuing priority to fight for the needs and freedom of others. Even if we don’t wear a suit of armour and wave around a great big spear!

God bless,

Alec

SERVICES in May 2021 at St James

Ever the optimist, it is hoped that Sunday services will be resuming in May – although of course, in a somewhat constrained fashion at present.

It will still be necessary to pre-register, wear a face covering (unless medically exempt), sit socially distanced and if you have a smart phone and the NHS Covid app, scan the QR code on arrival.

Currently planned the Eucharist at 9.30 a.m. will be celebrated as follows :

9th Revd Alec Gill, 16th Revd Geoff Maughan, 23rd Revd Alec Gill, 30th Revd Alec Gill.

Please book on stjameschurchwesthanney@gmail.com or 868590.

Vicar : Revd John Durant : 766484 - vicar@valebenefice.org.uk

Associate Vicar: Revd Alec Gill: 07739 563894 - vicaralec@valebenefice.org.uk

Office : (10 – 12 Mon – Fri) 771479 - office@valebenefice.org.uk

Church Warden: Stuart Cakebread: 868590 - stuartcakebread@mac.com

Michaelmas Fayre 2021 - This from Hilary, organiser...

*"We can only hope that by the end of September the world will not be shutting down again and a simplified 'open-air' Michaelmas Fayre such as was planned for 2020 will be able to go ahead. If it does, it will be on **Saturday 25 September**. So those growing vegetables or making jams and chutneys might want to be doing a bit of forward planning!"*

Help our school!

Friends of St James are pleased to run a clothes and shoes collection with '**Bag2School**' in order to raise funds for extra activities and equipment for the school. Our last collection was very successful with many donations from the local community, so we would be very grateful for all of your support. Just bring your old or unwanted clothes, paired shoes, hand-bags, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels, and bed sheets. More details of what is collected can be found at

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>.

The more we collect, the greater the benefit to our school!

Main collection for everyone with children at St James is at drop-off on Wednesday 19th May at school.

If you can't make it or don't have children attending the school but would still like to support us, you can also drop off your bag(s) on **Sunday, 16th May, from 10am till noon** at the Village Hall car park.

Please get in touch if you have any questions via our email:

friendsofstjameshanney@yahoo.com

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You may have taken part

in our MP David Johnston's recent survey into the possible re-opening of Wantage Road Station. (He looks happy doesn't he?) Here's his response:

"I was delighted that 2,620 people responded to my survey regarding Grove Station within just 2 weeks – thank you if you did. Some 98% of respondents supported



it being reopened! Over 90% said they would prefer it to a new bus service and 89% said they would use their car less if it reopened. We have stiff competition as there are 85 different bids to Government for stations or lines to reopen, but I will keep bashing away until we eventually succeed."

We at Global HQ wish David good luck with his efforts.

Citizens Advice needs volunteer advisers

In 2019 our 150 volunteers advised over 11,000 people. We helped three quarters resolve their debt, benefits, employment and housing problems.

We now need more advisers to help us during and after the Covid-19 crisis. Our main offices are in Abingdon, Didcot, Henley and Thame. Since March 2020, 90 volunteers and staff have been advising the public from home on our Adviceline service. Recently we partially re-opened our offices, in part to train new advisers.



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House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, or phone: 0207 219 3000, or

email: david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk

Matt Barber is our Vale of White Horse District Councillor for the Hanneys, and

you can contact him by email: councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk. or by visiting his website at www.matthewbarber.co.uk



Closing date for the 'Grey Matter Challenge' is 15th May.

Come up with two identical sentences where the meaning is completely changed solely by adding or subtracting commas. Send your entries via email to: hanneynews@gmail.com.



I've not got much info on this rather odd little snap, but I believe it's a gent by the name of Iain Duncan from Hinton Walrus, (actually Waldrist, but I prefer Walrus), a sleepy little village just to the north of the A420, beyond Kingston Bagpussly! Iain ventured down our way recently to repair the Hanney Cricket Club's shiny red ride-on mower. That was decent of him wasn't it? Looks to be quite a tusk! (Task...tusk...walrus...geddit? Oh, never mind.) Anyway, big ups to Iain who gave his services for free. Thanks Iain, that's right neighbourly of you!



Parking problems in the environs of St James School have been highlighted before in our humble mag. Oxford County Council (OCC) Highways have now got involved and are supplying new signs and lights to go outside the school. Other solutions may include extending the current school road markings and the imposition of parking restrictions during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Cautious optimism is also in order re the so called 'gates' at the north end of Winter Lane in West Hanney. They're the wooden structures with the signs affixed to them informing weary travellers that they have finally reached the Nirvana that is Hanney, and - equally important - that they should jolly well slow down!

A long time back the gate on the east side was destroyed by a car, and OCC Highways have been somewhat tardy in erecting a replacement. Apparently the job is now on a little 'list', and may be done soon. Fingers crossed.



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Spurred on by the massive popularity of last month's dose of culture that was the anonymous 'Holy Mowers' poem, I've decided to introduce a regular feature I'm calling 'Kulture Korner'. Snappy title eh? You like?

This month we step away from poetry and turn our attention to the visual arts, and part of a rather odd painting by a Dutch

dude named Hieronymus Bosch.

It's of a head, the face displaying a relaxed if slightly quizzical expression, seemingly unconcerned about the cruel fate Mother Nature has dealt him, since he has no body, arms or legs! His rather attractive shoes



may go a small way to make up for his misfortune. An angry looking owl nests on top of the head.

Back then - this was painted in about 1500 - owls were seen not as symbols of wisdom, but of the devil. Oh dear!

Most of this artist's oeuvre was pretty 'far out' - as we used to say in the trippy Sixties - so quite what Bosch put on his Cornflakes of a morning I've no idea, but it must have

been pretty powerful stuff!

Talking of Bosch, I recommend the Amazon Prime TV Cop drama of the same name. No owls or paintbrushes, but good stuff nonetheless. (Not suitable for the kiddies!)



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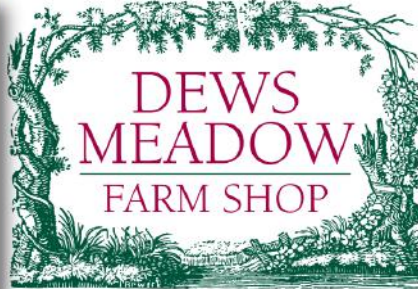
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