



# Hanney News

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**STOP PRESS:** Latest on Covid travel restrictions... Government is advised by experts that only those countries who voted for us in the recent Eurovision Song Contest should be on the 'Green List'.

**Friends of St James** are holding a Table top and craft sale on Sunday 11th July 11-2pm at the school. See page 9

**Raising Funds for the children of St James C of E School**

## **COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS RETURN TO THE VILLAGE HALL**

All being well, coffee mornings will start again on 6th July, 10am to 11.30am.

Feeling the need for some company or ready to meet others in the village?

Then why not come and join us – remember to bring your mask! We are a very friendly group, and everyone is welcome, so go on, give us a try.

PS: We're very sorry but we don't have facilities for children.

PPS: Other varieties of biscuits are available - Bourbons, even Hob-Nobs on high days and holidays! - it's just that custard creams are the Hanney News Editor's favourites, and he always comes along!



**Newbury Street  
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have recently  
changed their phone  
number to  
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## Hanney Community Shop



A reminder that volunteers to serve in the shop - and customers! - are always very welcome.

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## Editorial

Instead of the usual ramblings that I put on this page, I've detailed below some stuff about Hanney News itself. (Hope that doesn't come over as big-headed!)

Hanney News is produced by the Hanney News Association, (HNA) which is 'unincorporated' - i.e. we don't make a profit. HNA comprises myself as Editor, Chris French as Treasurer and Paul Haines as Chief Distributor.

We answer to no one...be it Parish, District or County Councils, the Church, Harry and Megan, Greta, the Beeb, Boris, Russian oligarchs, Jamaican Yardies, Chinese Triads, Sicilian Mafiosi...you get the point, I'm sure!

Our sole source of income is the fees we charge our commercial advertisers, and our only expenditure is our monthly printing bill. (We use the great local company Artisan who are up in Kingston Bagpuss. I can highly recommend them.)

No one involved in producing the mag takes a penny for their sometimes quite extensive and time consuming efforts. Since Chris took over responsibility for the piggy bank in 2013, our finances have improved to the point that back in 2017, we were able to start giving funds to local good causes and organisations. I don't believe that's happened before in the 45 year history of the mag.

Since then we've handed out a total of over £3,250. Our most recent donation was to the West Hanney Aunt Sally team who needed some netting erected before they could play their traditional Oxfordshire game in the Plough pub garden without endangering the lives and limbs of other folk who happened to be in said establish-

ment at the same time!

During the very difficult Covid time we're all going through, we've been able to give all our commercial advertisers six months free advertising.

Very few of our advertisers drop out, and we have a waiting list for those seeking to take space with us.

Any feedback about Hanney News - positive or negative - is always very welcome; see panel below on how to contact me. Finally, thanks to those who say nice things about the mag...your compliments are always much appreciated.

Enough on Hanney News itself...what's in it this month's issue Jim?

Well the restart of the Community Coffee Mornings means I now have two regular dates each week in our Village Hall....the above mentioned, Tuesdays 10am - 11.30am, and every Friday, 10am - 11am, I'm back again for some jolly ping pong. I recommend both.

Opportunities for sporty folk on page 4, Yoga and 'Heroes' on page 5, and a hint in East Hanney Parish Council's piece on page 6, that we may finally be getting our much needed Puffin Crossing on the A338 in East Hanney.

Michaelmas Fayre update on page 13, including a snap of two very wise members of our community perusing the book stall at a previous Fayre.

There's a story of a little black horse on page 14, along with an opportunity for a flutter, but not on horses.

Think that's enough for this month, so stay well, safe, hydrated and happy dear readers, and see you in August!

**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](mailto:hanneynews@gmail.com)

## What's happening this month?

### WANTAGE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL 2021 - MUSIC. ART. WORDS

July 1st to July 31st, 2021 (Covid Restrictions permitting)

We welcome participation from local artists and musicians. Contact

[jim@wantagesummerartsfestival.com](mailto:jim@wantagesummerartsfestival.com). Website: [www.wantagesummerartsfestival.com](http://www.wantagesummerartsfestival.com)

**Table Tennis happens every Friday**, from 10am, in the Village Hall for 1 hour. £ 2 per session. All welcome. Just turn up for some ding dong ping pong!

**Sunday 4th - Artisan Market** in Wantage... for full details see page 9 of the June issue ...what do you mean you've thrown it away?!

**Sunday 11th - Table Top Sale at St James Primary School** - see page 9.

**23rd - 25th - Truck Music Festival.** [www.truckfestival.com](http://www.truckfestival.com)

### Hanney History Group... Summer Visits:

**Tuesday June 29th.** 6.30pm - 8pm, Carfax: A History of Oxford's Jewish Quarter.

**Tuesday July 20th.** 6.30pm - 8pm, Radcot House and Gardens, ,

**Saturday August 28th** - 2.00 p.m. Letcombe Brook History and Ecology – approx. 2 hours, led by a historian and a naturalist.

Numbers for all events are limited and booking is essential. The Oxford and Radcot evenings offer priority to Hanney History Group members, but friends and recent visitors can also apply. There is a £10 charge for each event, including wine at Radcot. Numbers allowed will be led by current Covid rules.

The Letcombe Brooke walk will be open to all, including children over 14, and will feature a cash collection which will aid the Project.

To book please contact the [hhgsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hhgsecretary@gmail.com) .

### And further ahead...

**Suns 1st Aug, 5th Sept and 3rd Oct, Artisan Market** - see entry above for 4th July.

**Sat 4th Sept, Charney Bassett Village Fete.**

**Sat 11th Sept - Abingdon Air and Country Show.**

Details here:

[www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk](http://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 latest.



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

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

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

you can contact him by email: [councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk](mailto:councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk) or by visiting his website at [www.matthewbarber.co.uk](http://www.matthewbarber.co.uk)



**Wantage Town Ladies FC** are looking for new players! We are a friendly and welcoming team, and train through the summer at Wantage Town FC's ground every Thursday at 7pm. Ring Nicky for details: 07974 805547

**And whilst we're on sporty stuff**, if basketball floats your canoe, there's a club in Abingdon, called the Eagles. They have a Facebook page here: [www.facebook.com/ABINGDONEAGLES/ basketball](http://www.facebook.com/ABINGDONEAGLES/basketball).

You can get in touch with them at [info@abingdoneagles.com](mailto:info@abingdoneagles.com) and their website is here: [www.abingdoneagles.com](http://www.abingdoneagles.com).

**Back in Hanney, our Tennis Club** have just had their courts resurfaced and painted. Here's a couple of snaps of the gents who did a splendid job, hard at work, and one of the finished job. Tennis club contact details on page 26.



## Along with all the other activities that

happen here in Hanney, a recent addition is an adult Yoga class that takes place every Wednesday, from 7:45pm until 9pm in the Village Hall.

The organiser and teacher is Grace Yoell of East Hanney, and she tells me that all ages and abilities are welcome, and that her classes are suitable for all levels of experience.

For more details and bookings, visit the 'MamaYoga' website at [itsmamayoga.com](http://itsmamayoga.com) or email Grace at [mamayogacontact@gmail.com](mailto:mamayogacontact@gmail.com).

# MAMAYOGA



## Garage or Yard Sales

have been common in the USA for many years and have also been happening here for some time.

Wikipedia defines them as 'informal events for the sale of used goods by private individuals, in which sellers are not required to obtain business licenses.' I've seen a couple recently



mentioned on our magnificent community Facebook group.

If you're planning on having one and want some publicity, let me know the date, time, venue etc. and I'll mention it here in the mag. It would also be worth letting folk know what you're selling and plans you may have if it's pouring with rain on the day!

## UNSUNG HEROES!

We have many in our community, and here are three I don't believe I've mentioned before in these pages....

step forward **Des Thomas!**

Des mows the 'rides', i.e. the footpaths, in the Community Woodland on his vintage tractor...thanks Des. I hope to have a photo of him at the wheel of his Ferguson in a future issue.

Since they were installed, **Dr Katie Barber** of West Hanney has been the 'Guardian' of the defibrillators in East and West Hanney. Her role involves replacing the pads which have expiry dates even when they're not



used, and the battery packs. I understand Katie is handing over responsibility to the Parish Councils.

Big up thanks for all your efforts Des and Katie!

They both also get well deserved mentions in this month's articles from our Parish Councils.

And talking of PCs, East Hanney Councillor **Sarah Stephenson** has recently resigned. Sarah did a great job during her time on the PC, and we all thank her very much, and all the other councillors, both East and West, for their largely unsung, but often very extensive efforts for the community.

## East Hanney Parish Council

**‘Thank You’** The Parish Council would like to extend huge "thanks" to Katie Barber who pushed for the defibrillator to be installed on the Hanney War Memorial Hall and the Plough in West Hanney and maintaining them for all of these years.

### **A338 Crossing:**

Oxfordshire County Council have completed their designs and appointed a contractor. Once the funding has been released from the current development on the Steventon Rd, it is hoped to start construction during the summer school holidays in order to minimise the disruption to the traffic along the A338.

### **The Playground:**

On a recent inspection of the playground, Councillors found that one of the pieces of much loved equipment had been deliberately damaged. Whilst there is minimal risk to users due to the damage, we have had to request an inspection by specialist playground engineers to assess and fix the damage, which could be costly to the parish. We would request that the community keeps a watchful eye on parish property and reports any suspicious activity to the council. If you see a crime in progress please call the police on 999.

**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; Richard Strange - rsehpc@gmail.com; Dickon Green - dgehpc@gmail.com; Rosie Reed - rrehpc@gmail.com

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

## Village Hall Update

Some of our regular groups have returned to the Hall after some restrictions lifted on May 17th, but some have decided to delay their return until September. Following the announcement by Boris on June 14, the following restrictions will continue to apply until we enter Stage 4 of the roadmap, hopefully on July 19:

1. No social events such as children's parties, family parties and birthday parties can take place in the Hall.
2. Choirs cannot rehearse in the Hall.
3. All activities must follow social distancing rules and so the capacity of the Hall is currently reduced to 28 for physical activities.
4. Seated meetings of up to 60 people can take place but attendees must sit in family groups and be socially distanced from other groups.

Please contact me on [hwmh.hanney@gmail.com](mailto:hwmh.hanney@gmail.com) if you would like to make a booking or ask if your booking can take place.

*Graham Garner, Hall Chairman*

## West Hanney Parish Council

I would like to thank Dr Katie Barber who was instrumental in securing funding for our community defibrillator that is located opposite the Plough and who has been the guardian of the defibrillator since its installation. Katie has now handed over the guardianship of the defibrillator to West Hanney Parish Council who will be responsible for maintaining it.

The orchids in the community woodland should be flowering in July, although the cold April and wet May means they are likely to flower several weeks later than last year, please look out for these on your walks in the community woodland. I would like to



thank Des Thomas for continuing to cut the rides using his vintage 'Fergie' tractor, helping to keep our community woodland accessible.

The village gates, approaching West Hanney from the north have been replaced, together with new 30mph signs; thanks to Oxfordshire County Council for doing this work

**The next meeting of WHPC will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room at the Hanney War Memorial Hall.**

*David Corps - Chairman*

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

**Graham Garner - 868684.**

**Edward Wilkinson - 867316**

**Trevor Brettell - 868459.**

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**You may have heard** of the significant changes being proposed for Oxfordshire by the independent 'Boundary Commission'. They are suggesting moving the Faringdon, Kingston Bagpuize, Stanford and 'Watchfield & Shrivenham' wards from the Wantage constituency into Witney. Also to move Marcham from Wantage into Oxford West and Abingdon, and Sandford and the Wittenhams from Henley into Wantage, which will then get an official

new name: 'Didcot and Wantage'. The purpose is to give each MP roughly the same number of electors, as currently, constituencies in England range from 55,000 to 100,000 people.

As of now, Wantage is 91,000, and the proposals would reduce it to 71,000. You can read all the details on the Boundary Commission's website, and give your views on the proposals up until **2<sup>nd</sup> August**.

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



**Habari za  
asubuhi**

**If you're new to the area**, here's a very brief summary of a few places not far away that are well worth a visit.

One of our favourites when our kids were younger was the **Cotswold Wildlife Park**. It's about a 35 minute drive from Hanney, and, as well as a fabulous selection of animals, it also has a superb adventure playground and a narrow gauge railway where you get to trundle round the very picturesque park and wave at complete strangers as you pass by. They will almost certainly wave back equally enthusiastically, which is nice. That said, the train may not be operating at present due to Covid. Website is: **[www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk)**.

I took the giraffe pic a few years back. He - maybe a 'she'? - is wishing me 'Good morning' in Swahili, though that's me being silly, cos in fact giraffes don't make much noise at all. It's just that with it's mouth open, I couldn't resist giving the giraffe a speech bubble. You can get up close and personal with these magnificent creatures thanks to a tall structure that allows you to climb up to be level with their heads!

**Didcot Railway Centre** is also well worth a visit. It's next to Didcot Parkway railway station, so loads of parking. During past visits we've met Thomas the Tank Engine there, and the Fat Controller, who wasn't quite as rotund as I expected. Their website is: **[didcotrailwaycentre.co.uk](http://didcotrailwaycentre.co.uk)**.

Also local - just north of Carterton, so again a 30 - 35 minute drive - is

**'Crocodiles of the World'**. We've never been, but check out the website...it looks a great place to visit, and, as with the Wildlife Park and the Railway Centre, is very child friendly. If you do pay a visit, I'd be most interested to hear your thoughts. Their website is: **[crocodilesoftheworld.co.uk](http://crocodilesoftheworld.co.uk)**.



Finally, another place well worth a look is **Cogges Manor Farm** in Witney. Their website is **[www.cogges.org.uk](http://www.cogges.org.uk)**. They have plenty of farm animals, loads of child-friendly activities and you can even get married there should the mood take you!

If you have any suggestions for other places to visit, do let me know, and I'll mention them in future issues.



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**This lovely snap appeared recently** on our Community Facebook group. When I first saw it, I thought the magic mushrooms I once took as a callow youth back in about 1974 must have finally kicked in!...they didn't do much at the time, as I recall.

Thanks for posting this go to Laura Lolly Bligdon...it certainly made me smile and serves as a reminder of the delights to be found on our great community Facebook group. A good moment methinks to also thank our splendid administrators!

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# THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



How do you react when you need to complain?

Are you fuelled by righteous anger or motivated by the drive to see justice done?

Do you just want to get it sorted out and move on?

Or is making a complaint something that you would prefer to avoid?

As a child I was told to complain nicely. Because the first person we speak to about a complaint may have had nothing to do with what went wrong and you may need their help to get the problem fixed.

Generally, I don't like having to go and make a complaint. Weirdly, I feel embarrassed about having to speak up about something that others have gotten wrong! Who it is that we are complaining to, can also have an impact on us. While I have gotten used to pointing out problems with my food in a restaurant, I got very nervous when I had to go and speak to the head teacher at a school, where we used to live, to complain about a teacher showing one of my children's class the open scene from Jaws; it's a great film but as a 12 certificate, it's not really suitable for primary school viewing!

Complaining can be hard to do, but for me, complaining to certain people can be even scarier. And yet, this is exactly what the Bible tells us to do with God. Yes, the Bible says a lot about saying how great God is, thanking God and asking for God's help. But it also features people complaining to God. The book of Psalms, a collection of 150 songs, is filled with passages where

the writer is complaining about their situation and questioning why God isn't doing something about it. The book of Lamentations is one giant outpouring of suffering and complaint. The Old Testament character of Job is famous for demanding to air his complaints face-to-face with God.

The thing about all this complaining in the Bible, is that God is big enough to take it. In fact, it seems that God has no problem with us giving it both barrels when we pray. God wants us to be honest and that includes being open about our complaints as much as our praise.

We can come to the Creator of the Universe and lay out all our frustrations and complaints about our lives and ask why God hasn't done something about this, because the Bible says that God will protect, provide and guide us. So, we can ask; God, what's going on?

Complaining to God has helped me to express my pain and anger, it has helped me gain perspective on what is happening in my life and it has stopped resentment from becoming a barrier between myself and God. I don't always get an answer to my complaints and some I make more than once, but I have learnt that they are an important part of having a healthy and open relationship with God.

God bless,  
Alec

## SERVICES in July 2021 at St James

The Sunday Eucharist – at 9.30am, current plans (!) – are as follows – 4<sup>th</sup> – Revd Geoff Maughan, 11<sup>th</sup> Revd John Durant, 18<sup>th</sup> Revd John Durant, 25<sup>th</sup> PATRONAL FESTIVAL.

And the weekly Tuesday Eucharist at 10am continues.

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### Michaelmas Fayre 2021 ‘The morning after the night before’

So – sadly not a confession of a Monday evening drinks night – but the morning after the latest ‘PM Briefing’ on what we may – or may not – be able to do in another month or so.

All we can say is – **IF** we can safely do a mini Fayre, we will – but it would be rash to make a promise just yet.

What we can also say is – it will be very different from what has gone before – but like last year’s thwarted plan, all activities will be outside!

Ideally we would like to offer a horticultural and a children’s competition, the possible opportunity for some refreshments,



some distanced sideshows and the opportunity for the creative talents in the Hanneys to display and sell their wares and maybe even some music.

One of the positives of the last 18 months has been people’s willingness to adapt and respond at short notice to a ‘window of opportunity’ – let’s hope this will be one of those.

**Sign up for a copy of the Michaelmas Fayre News – to register, email us your name and email address on:**  
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*Hilary, Organiser*

**I have been asked** to include this by Ken Weetch of the Royal British Legion... *“It is with sadness that we were told on the 28 May 2021 that MR TONY BELCHER had passed away. Tony was a long time member and stalwart of the Hanney Royal British Legion. He gave his time service work in Hanney and the surrounding villages. He also gave his time helping run the Hanney Royal British legion ‘Club 66’ from the start-up date in 1966 . He will be sadly missed by all members of Hanney Royal British Legion.”*

**Mr Ken Weetch, Chairmen, officers and members of Hanney RBL.**

**Laura, the landlady at the Black Horse in East Hanney**, recently posted this on the community Facebook page... *"We are incredibly honoured to have been contacted by a lovely villager who handed us this rather beautiful statue of a black horse.*

*He explained that over ten years ago he had been asked to be the caretaker of this statue when a previous landlord left, under the strict instructions to only return it to the pub when he felt it was "deserved". He explained that he could see how much love and care had been put into the pub by the new owners and felt it was time for*



*the horse to come home. What an incredible story and we are so so proud to have this little horse on display, back where he belongs and will take good care of it".*

Great news...without fear of contradiction, I can categorically state that we have two excellent pubs in Hanney.

Long may they last, and I'm sure they will if we pop in once in a while for a swift libation, and maybe a bit of tucker, as they say 'down under'. I can heartily recommend both establishments and their fayre!

**Talking of 'down under'**, I've recently heard from a lady who lived in East Hanney but is now in Australia. Apart from telling me how much she enjoys Hanney News - what impeccable literary taste she clearly has! - she also suggested that she's probably our most remote reader. Geography never was my strong point, but unless we have a reader in New Zealand or the Norfolk Islands - then I'm sure she is. The latter is a territory owned by Australia, but nearer to New Zealand. (I only know that cos I looked it up on the jolly old t'internet!)

Meantime, we of course send our best wishes to Pam, our far-flung fan!

**If you like a little flutter**, you may be interested in this recently launched new lottery scheme that supports local charities and voluntary groups in the Vale of White Horse. Tickets cost just £1 each. Prizes range from free prize draw entries to a £25,000 jackpot.

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Full details are here:

[www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/community-support/white-horse-community-lottery/](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/community-support/white-horse-community-lottery/)





**As promised,** Keith Dawson, prize-winner in our recent **'Grey Matter Challenge'** has been presented with his prize - a bottle of Sloe Gin. But no commercial blend this, instead made with sloes harvested from Hanney's own Woodland. I'm sure that, with every sip of his prize, Keith will appreciate that his win in our 'Community' competition was rewarded with a 'Community' prize.



**L E T T E R S**

Dear Editor,  
Thank you to everyone who subscribes to the Hanney Lottery - St James Church have recently received a Grant from The Lottery of £3,200 towards the upkeep of the Church.

We are indebted to the Community for this support. If you have a 'ticket' and been a winner recently - congratulations! If you have a ticket but not had a recent win - good luck for the next draw or if you haven't yet bought a ticket do think about getting one - it is just £2 per ticket per month and with 37 winners every year your chance of success is good. For details on how to do this please see the Hanney Lottery item on the back cover of this magazine.

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**We had a very aristocratic visitor** recently to West Hanney, the 'Lady Sharon', a magnificent 1921 vintage steam engine, which originally worked for 'Devon County Council Roads, County Surveyor, Exeter'. Celebrating her 100th birthday, she stopped briefly in West Hanney on her way to visit the Legion in East Hanney where she was a guest at a good old knees-up with motor



bikes and a live band. (Lots of events happening there...check out the community Facebook page and the noticeboard outside the legion.) Lady Sharon's 'Steersman' Michael - see our pic - who looks after her, can be very proud of the condition of this splendid old engine. And no, Michael assured me, it doesn't have power steering!

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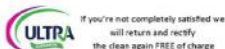


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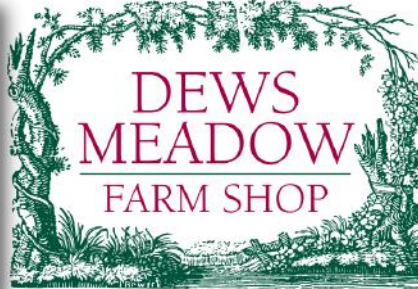
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**HANNEY CHAPEL** Sunday 10:30am and 5:30pm. 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of month Lunch & Listen at 10:30am, 1<sup>st</sup> Sat Men's Breakfast at 8:30am. In term-time: Tuesdays - Hanney Toddlers 9:15am; Thursdays - Discoverers (Rcpt-Y2) 4pm & Adventurers (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).

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

**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.** Meets 8pm on the 4th Tuesday of every month. For further details and programme 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@thegreensonline.me.uk](mailto:janet@thegreensonline.me.uk)

**HANNEY SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB** meets on the 4th Thursday of every month except August, at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Tea, cake, chats, talks and activities. For more details, ring Marcia on 01235 867461

**HANNEY TABLE TENNIS** in the Village Hall, every Friday at 10am. 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. Info on this and joining - 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](mailto: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 on 01235 869070.

**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.

**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

**PILATES CLASS** Wednesdays 6 -7pm and Fridays 9.15 - 10.15am (term time only) at the HWMH, aka Village Hall, in East Hanney. Novices and Improvers welcome. To book your place or for more details please contact Pippa Carey (STOTT Pilates teacher) on 07941 260427 or [pippa@thrive-nutrition.co.uk](mailto:pippa@thrive-nutrition.co.uk)

**VALE NORDIC WALKING** - Nordic Walking is a form of full body exercise, suitable for everyone, irrespective of age, gender or fitness level. A range of group classes or 1:1 sessions available weekly. Telephone Louise on 07709 939997. More information at [www.valenordicwalking.com](http://www.valenordicwalking.com)

**YOGA WITH 'MAMAYOGA'** every Wednesday, from 7:45pm until 9pm in the Village Hall. all ages, abilities and levels of experience are welcome. Details and bookings, visit the website: [itsmamayoga.com](http://itsmamayoga.com) or email Grace at [mamayogacontact@gmail.com](mailto:mamayogacontact@gmail.com).

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2nd - Mr and Mrs Hailey  
3rd - Mrs B Haines

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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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