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## Editorial

Bumper 32 page issue this month, simply cos there's loadsa stuff to cram in, so I must start by thanking our team of distributors once again. Their sterling efforts to get the mag through your letter box each month are much appreciated. Some of the team deliver over 50 copies! My gratitude goes to all of them, and I look forward to saying thank you to them personally at our Distributors lunch which will happen in the Black Horse East Hanney, after we go to print, but before you read this.

It's a modest thank you from us at Global HQ for all their hard work delivering the mag every month, come rain or shine!

I also want to shout out to a member of our community by the name of Benoit Alvarez, who has recently done a magnificent job of clearing the badly overgrown footpath off the Meads in West Hanney. Merci Monsieur!

As well as heroes we have a few Dismal Jimmies amongst us don't we? I'm often accused of being one myself, even having the right name! The DJs warned that our new bridge at Poughley Farm, if we ever got one, would look pretty awful. Well, it's now finished, and you can decide for yourself... snaps and a summary of the story are on pages 18 and 19. Big ups go to Oxfordshire County Council, who built the bridge, but oh dear, bad news - see page 6 - on the installation of the Puffin crossing we so badly need on the A338? This is a difficult and dangerous road, and some form of pedestrian crossing should have been put there as soon as the first residential properties were built on the east side of the A338 many years ago.

And talking of developments, the latest one

in West Hanney has finally started, on the north west edge of the so-called 'Hanney Gap', the fields on the north and south sides of School Rd. that separates East and West Hanney.

This is bound to mean increased traffic - including of course large construction vehicles - trundling through Hanney, so even more care is needed along that stretch of road, particularly at drop-off and pick-up times outside St James school.

We welcome a new advertiser this month... Electric Studios, the local folk to go to if you want a website! See their ad on page 11.

Hanney News was happy to make a donation to our splendid Flood Group to allow them to purchase much needed equipment. Since 2017, we have donated almost £3,500 to good causes within our community, something of which we are rather proud, and only able to do thanks to our commercial advertisers. We receive no income from any other source and have recently stopped making any charge for space to the Parish Councils, the Church, and all other non-commercial groups or organisations. So, please support our commercial advertisers whenever you can. Now some very sad news...one of our advertisers, Sharon Wilson, who ran her 'Fitsteps' dance class here in Hanney, though she was not Hanney based, has sadly died. We send our sincerest condolences. That's it for this month readers...hope you enjoy this issue, and remember, feedback either +ve or -ve, is always welcome!

**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?

**Monday 1st, 7.30pm for 8pm, Hanney Gardening Club's** talk will be delivered by David Hurrian (who has visited us before) on the subject of 'Pruning'. All welcome (£2 for guests) at the Hanney War Memorial Hall. [www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk](http://www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk)

**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> - REMEMBRANCE FESTIVAL, St James Church, 10.45am**

**Sat 20th, Cancer Research UK Fundraising Bazaar** at the Village Hall. See front page.

**Mon 22nd, 8pm: Hanney History Group - 'Oxfordshire in Canvas'**, the portrayal of the County by famous and lesser known artists and the history these images reveal. A talk by Marie-Louise Kerr. (Meetings will now be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month in the Main Hall of the War Memorial Hall. This allows us to meet with suitable Covid precautions in place and allows extra room.)

**Sun 28th, 10am - 3pm, Wantage Christmas Market** in the Market Square, Cafes, Bars, Pubs and Restaurants open, live music and entertainment. See Wantage Markets Facebook page for more details.



**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>, 2.30pm. 'Senior Citizens' Club** – The November meeting will be 'A European Taste of Christmas.' Plus tea, chat and cakes! Village Hall. All are welcome

## And further ahead...

**The December meeting of the Hanney Gardening Club** will be replaced by a Christmas party for members and guests. The first meeting of 2022 will be on 3rd January on the subject of 'Luscious Lawns'.

**Fri 3rd Dec - Dickensian Evening, Wantage.**

**Sat 11th Dec, Holly Fair, St James Church, 10am - 12.30pm, -**

Another event that we have to say "fingers crossed" about! Plans are being made to host this very popular village event – the perfect opportunity to do your Christmas shopping supporting our local community artisans and avoiding the crowds!

It may look a bit different than in the past but will still be a great morning – so look out for more details – For more information, please email us on [stjameschurchwesthanney@gmail.com](mailto:stjameschurchwesthanney@gmail.com)

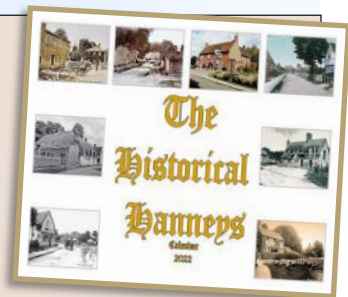


**Sun 12th Dec 10am - 3pm, Wantage Christmas Market...see 28th Nov entry above.**

**Sat 18th Dec 5pm - 8pm, Another Wantage Christmas Market, as above**

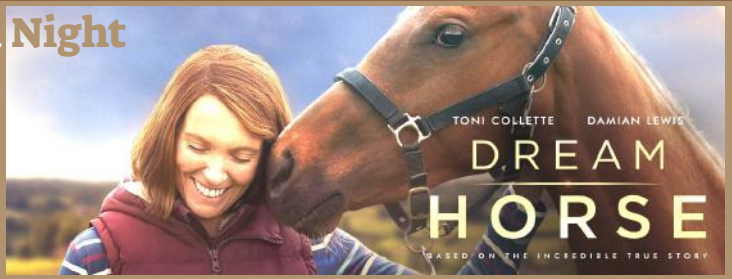
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## Hanney Film Night

Hanney War  
Memorial Hall,  
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7.30 for 8.00



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**Hanney Seniors** lined up for a quick team photo prior to taking on Didcot Casuals in a recent home fixture. Some quality football was on display, and passions ran high. If you want to know more and get involved, contact their player manager Tom Aram...he's the gent standing far right. You can reach him by phone: **07597 216635** or email: **tjaram99@icloud.com**

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## Love the sound of our church bells?

Then stick around West Hanney on Friday 5th Nov, when a visiting 'Bellringing team' will attempt a 'full peal' from about 10am at St. James the Great.

A full peal means that at least 5,040 changes in the sequence of the bells has to be achieved. Each ringer of the six bells has to remember this sequence and no help or guidance is allowed.

It takes a minimum 3 hours of nonstop



ringing for a peal to be successful - any errors and the attempt is deemed a failure.

Peels are both a physical, (the tenor bell at St. James weighs over 18 cwt.) and mental challenge, as concentration has to be maintained for a long period.

The leading ringer of this

attempt is Colin Turner, who became the first bellringer to ring 5,000 peals, and has now reached 7,760! What an unbelievable achievement.

Listen out, it should be well worth it!

**The window displays in our community shop** are rather splendid - always worth a look - and none more so than the lovely one publicising the recent Michaelmas Fayre. Put together by 'Team Cavendish', pictured below, who must have spent ages making it. Well done team!



## Did you know that Hanney has a book club?

It was established in 2014 and has featured on Richard and Judy on Channel 4! It meets at 8pm on the first Thursday of every month in the Plough, West Hanney. All are welcome...just turn up on the night!

The club will be discussing these books over the coming months....in November, 'Just My Luck' by Adele Parks.

December's delight is 'Christmas Days: 12 Stories and 12

Feasts for 12 Days' by Jeannette Winterson. In January 2022 it will be 'Giver of Stars' by JoJo Moyes, and in February 'Fifty Fifty' by Steve Cavanagh.

For more info you can email [hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk)



# East Hanney Parish Council

**Next Meeting, Weds 10th November, Old Hanney Room, Hanney War Memorial Hall, aka Village Hall, 7.30pm.**

## East Hanney Parish Councillors -

**Chairman:** Stephen McKechnie - smehpc@gmail.com.

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This recently appeared on the **East Hanney Parish Council Facebook page**, and it's worth repeating here methinks.... *'A polite reminder to horse riders and dog owners that the playing fields and Kings Leases (the large dog walking field beyond the playing fields) should not be ridden on please. Dogs are allowed off leads on Kings Leases and loose dogs and horses are not a good mix. Dogs should be kept on leads when on the playing fields to prevent unnoticed fouling.'* (Think they mean doing a poo, not fouling as in what Liverpool footie players do a lot...Calm down Scouser fans, just one of my little jokes!)



Now some good news....East Hanney Parish Council have put new bark chippings onto the villages' playground...see photo. Big ups to Councillor Cornish and his team!



Now the bad....the much needed Puffin crossing on the A338 will not be installed this year. Apparently the quotes have changed (upwards obviously) and there are now insufficient pennies in the Oxfordshire County Council Highways Dept piggy bank. Well, there's a surprise! I have no more details, but it's probably a safe bet that the blame is being pinned on Brexit, Covid, lack of truck drivers, high cost of energy etc etc.

**"If you see me in your garden,** I appreciate food (unsalted raw meat, such as minced meat, and I also love cat food but not fish) and I need water. **But please don't give me milk** as that would cause stomach problems and I could die. I'm inoffensive and help in your garden because I feed on insects that attack your veggies. My species is disappearing, so please help us to stay alive. And if you're having a bonfire, please check I haven't made it my home before you set it alight!"



## West Hanney Parish Council

Work has now started on the School Road development. Cllr Peter Packham is liaising with the developer Lagan Homes on behalf of the West Hanney Parish Council (WHPC). Please contact Peter on 868038 with any queries or concerns that you may have. Whilst the work proceeds, please take additional care when driving along School Road.

WHPC have purchased 12 apple trees, including some heritage varieties, for planting in the strip of land between the community meadow and community woodland, which in time will help mitigate for the loss of the old orchard. The trees will be planted in early December and will be registered with the Queen's Green Canopy to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. If you are interested in helping to plant these trees, please contact Cllr David Corps 867454 or in joining working parties to help maintain our community woodland please contact Paul Sayers 868146.

WHPC would like to apply for the roads around the West Haney Green

(Buttercross) to be recognised as a public right of way and a public highway and thus maintained at public expense. It would appear that these roads currently are not owned by anyone, and they are **not** recorded on the Highway Record Map that Oxford County Council took over from Berkshire County Council in the local government reorganisation in the 1970's. WHPC are seeking evidence through witness statements, historic photographs or other evidence that these roads were in use as a public highway prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 1930 or during the period 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2001 and 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006. Similarly, WHPC would like to apply for the path on the south side of School Road to be recognised as a public right of way and a public footpath. Please contact Cllr David Corps 867454 if you are able to help.

*David Corps - Chairman*

**The next meeting will be on Tues 4th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room in the Hanney War Memorial Hall.**

**Councillors: Chairman: David Corps - 867454. Graham Garner - 868684. Edward Wilkinson - 07771 705234. Trevor Brettell - 868459. Peter Packham - 868038. Barbara Martin (Clerk) - 868806**  
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Website: [www.westhanneypc.org.uk](http://www.westhanneypc.org.uk)

### Got an electric vehicle charging point?

A while back I published a letter suggesting that a register of properties be put together of those folk who were prepared to offer their electric car charging points to visitors to our community, in return for a modest fee... £10 was suggested. Currently...geddit?!... our nearest charging



point is at the Shell petrol station at Frilford.)

As electric vehicles become more popular, this could be something worth considering,

so once every few months, I'll publish a list of folk who are happy to be included and involved in this rather nice 'green' community initiative.

Let me know if you're one, and your preferred method of contact.

## Obituary

### Philip Anthony Carter, 25th April 1952 - 26th July 2021

The sudden and unexpected death of Philip was a great shock to us all. He was born in Wantage hospital, and lived in Wantage, attending school there.

On his marriage in 1981, he moved to Hanney. He worked for many years in Oxford at the motor works.

He took great pride that his family came from Little Imber, the village on Salusbury Plain that was taken by the Army.

After leaving Little Imber, the family moved to Wantage.

*Marion Carter*



Dear Editor

Thank you to all family, neighbours and friends of East and West Hanney and beyond. Without you all I would have been very lost.

It was a great shock, so unexpected to lose Phil so quickly.

A big thank you to everyone for all the cards, flowers and visits from you all, and the ambulance staff, police and undertakers who did everything to help me.

A thank you to the Black Horse for the wake...wonderful food, a lovely garden and a very sunny day.

*Marion Carter.*

(Please see Obituary above)

Dear Editor

The Hanneys Flood Group want to thank Hanney News for their recent support and donation of funds to purchase four folding saws. These are handy tools for working in confined spaces, removing overhanging vegetation from Letcombe Brook, Childrey Brook and other water courses surrounding our villages.

As a community-focused organisation, The Hanneys Flood Group enjoys support from Hanney News for important equipment purchases. Our website has a 'Donate' button for contributions from individuals and other organisations.

If you like being in the water, love being outdoors, are interested in the local wildlife, want to meet new people, and enjoy working in a fun team, then 'The Hanneys Flood Group' could be just what you are looking for!

We are open to everyone over the age of sixteen. Working parties are held on the third Saturday of each month. Contact details are in Hanney News and can be found on our website too. A Newsletter is usually circulated with the details of when, where and what the next working party is planning a week in advance.

Clive Manvell, Chairman



**The Hanneys Flood Group - [www.thehanneysfloodgroup.org.uk](http://www.thehanneysfloodgroup.org.uk)**



## A big shout-out to our team of Woodland Volunteers,

ably led by Paul Sayers, who holds regular working parties in the Millennium Wood. Not the kind of party that has jellies, ice cream and a conjuror, but a get-together of like-minded souls, all ready, willing and able to carry out plenty of great work maintaining the Woodland - one of the gems in the Hanney Crown!

Paul advised that... *“Autumn has started to arrive and it looks like we have an abundance of berries in the Woodland ready for when the Fieldfares and Redwings (see photo) arrive. Despite the sterling work last winter by Phil and Clive Manvell on the ride alongside Cow Lane and some work that I have been doing, we have some catching up to do after Lock-down.”*

Their next party is Saturday 27 November,



starting at 9am and finishing by 12noon. Thanks also go to Paul for recently showing the Brownies and Guides around the community woodland. They use it a lot in summer, and, thanks to Paul, now know more about the wildlife, and how the working party's efforts maintain it. If you're interested in getting involved, or able to lend a hand, see Paul's contact details on page 30.

## For the last 6 years,

Mrs Peacock, Headteacher at St James School, has dreamt of having a reflection area and prayer space for the children.

Well, during Covid, Friends of St James have done exactly that. The time and perseverance from Sam, Kate and the Team has been greatly appreciated. We now have a Summer House, a Sensory Garden and a Willow Dome.

The Children were able to sponsor a stepping stone for £5 and then decorate it, and these are placed around the area. We can't thank the local community enough, but special thanks go to Bovis, Pye Settlement and P & L Accountancy for all the grants and sponsorship.

We believe we've laid the foundations for a lasting legacy for this village, a school environment that inspires learning, and hope that this will drive towards a sustainable and exciting future for our school.

*Kate Thomas*



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We have our rolling steak night on the third Thursday of every month, with live music.

Curry night on the first Tuesday of every month by Masooms Wantage.

Our gorgeous roast dinners on Sundays continue to be popular and are a real treat.

We have just changed our evening menu to reflect the season change and it has some delicious options for all.

We continue to offer private function venue, wakes, birthdays, christenings etc. with a buffet option.

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# THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Listening is important. It can make a great difference when we give people time and space to talk. I have valued the times when others have truly listened to me.

But how often do we actually, listen?

The New Testament challenges us to “be quick to listen, slow to speak” (James 1:19).

Listening can be transformative, allowing people to process their experiences and emotions, but it is also draining and time consuming. It is an activity that we must choose to do and a skill that we can develop.

At this time of year, we have had and will have the opportunity to reflect on black history, the sacrifices of those who have fought in wars and give time to remember our loved ones who have died. It can be challenging hearing stories that are traumatic and different from our own experiences. But it is important that we take time to pause and listen to others, as giving space to hear different voices shows that we value individuals, allows us to fully understand the climate that we are living in and helps us to make better informed decisions about the actions that we take.

But we also live in a culture which is increasingly becoming more polarised around political, moral, social and spiritual issues, impacted by issues of fake news, cancel culture and echo chambers.

Listening is at its hardest when we hear things that we don’t agree with. If we ignore the views and realities of others, then divisions only deepen and in one form or another, people get hurt. One of the most radical things that we can do is to listen to someone that we do not agree with.

We need to listen, so that we show respect to others, honouring God’s command to love others

We need to listen, so that we are fully aware of the situation that we are in, hearing the voices of others.

We need to listen, so that we can effectively respond to or challenge what others have said.

We need to listen, so that we can learn from past mistakes and learn more about current problems.

We need to listen, so that we can grow and develop.

I need to listen more and be slower to speak.

God bless,  
Alec

## SERVICES in November 2021 at St James

Sunday Eucharist at 9.30am.

7<sup>th</sup> - Revd Chris Ashton,

**14<sup>th</sup> - REMEMBRANCE FESTIVAL, 10.45am**

21<sup>st</sup> - Revd Canon Geoff Maughan, 28<sup>th</sup> Revd Chris Ashton.

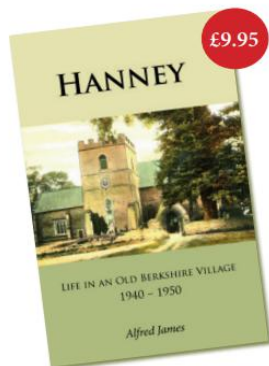
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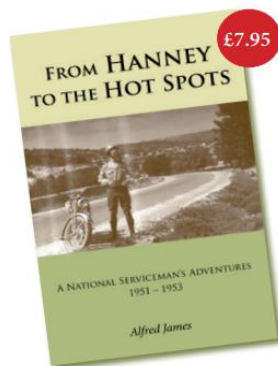
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### HANNEY LIFE IN AN OLD BERKSHIRE VILLAGE 1940 – 1950

Focussing on the villages of East and West Hanney, to where he moved as a child in 1940, Alfred James takes us on an amusing and nostalgic journey along the highways and byways of what was formerly part of north Berkshire.

With fascinating descriptions of people and places in 'old north Berks', this book will be sure to delight anyone who lives or has lived in the area or who has an interest in social history from a bygone era.



### FROM HANNEY TO THE HOT SPOTS A NATIONAL SERVICEMAN'S ADVENTURES 1951 – 1953

In this book, Alfred James brings to life his National Service experiences, as we follow him through basic training to being sent to two of the world's trouble spots in the early 1950s.

Recalling memorable events and amusing characters from a time now fast-disappearing from the national consciousness, this book will appeal to anyone who lived through that era, has a family member who did National Service in the early 1950s, or who has an interest in the social and political history of that time. Photographs taken by the author complement the text.

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

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website at [www.matthewbarber.co.uk](http://www.matthewbarber.co.uk)

**As from the beginning of this month**, Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) take over responsibility for enforcing parking offences from the Police.

Parking violations will now become civil offences, and the changes will mean increased, more consistent enforcement of waiting and loading restrictions, double yellow line parking offences and dropped kerb obstructions.

On their website, OCC include some 'parking myths'.

Here's a couple of them....our Civil Enforcement Officers (that's obviously the latest name they've come up with for 'traffic warden'!) do **not** get bonuses for issuing tickets.

They are paid a wage.

Double yellow lines with double kerb ticks mean no waiting or loading at any time. You can, however, stop to let passengers in or out of your vehicle. This includes coaches!

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**Remember all those delicious pastries, scones, doughnuts** and the like that we enjoyed during lockdown, courtesy of the 'Hanney Bakery'? Well, the young man who made all the goodies is one of East Hanney's finest, Sir Daniel of Cornish, actually the senior Chef de Partie at Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons, no less! Small wonder they tasted so good!

Dan, a modest and charming young gent, see pic, has reached the final of the 'National Young Chef of the Year' competition which happens in London after we go to press!

Massive congrats to him for getting this far and good luck for the competition final.

## Mrs Smiles runs for miles!

Yes, it's none other than Hanney's very own Patsy Smiles, a member of the Harwell Harriers, competing in last month's 'Hanney 5', the annual five mile road race that saw over 160 athletes of varying abilities running through our sleepy little lanes and past Global HQ here in Winter Lane, at stupid o'clock on a recent Sunday morning.

Well done to Patsy...I gather you have more running endeavours planned, and we wish you all the best with them!

The winner of the race completed the course in just 25minutes and 39seconds, and the fastest lady - yes, the results do still show the gender of the athlete! - came home in 19th place in a time of 29 minutes and 47seconds. Well done to all...maybe next year Jim?



**In spite of major limitations,** Hanney staged another great **Michaelmas Fayre**, our annual community event so enjoyed by folk from far and wide, not just Hanney! Massive congrats to all who helped make it happen, including of course the amazing Hilary!

This from her... *"Hanney did it again! Well done and thank you to everyone for giving us all a memorable day - genuinely a chance to spend a few hours doing things more or less as we used to take for granted. There will be a smaller amount than usual available for Michaelmas Fayre grants as there was less income, but do get your applications in - all information needed is on our website - [hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk](http://hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk). See you next year!"*

Loads more snaps overleaf, and I also want to give a shout out to these lovely ladies at their stall...Sarah and her

Mum, new to the community, but already getting involved and selling some fab handmade greeting cards via

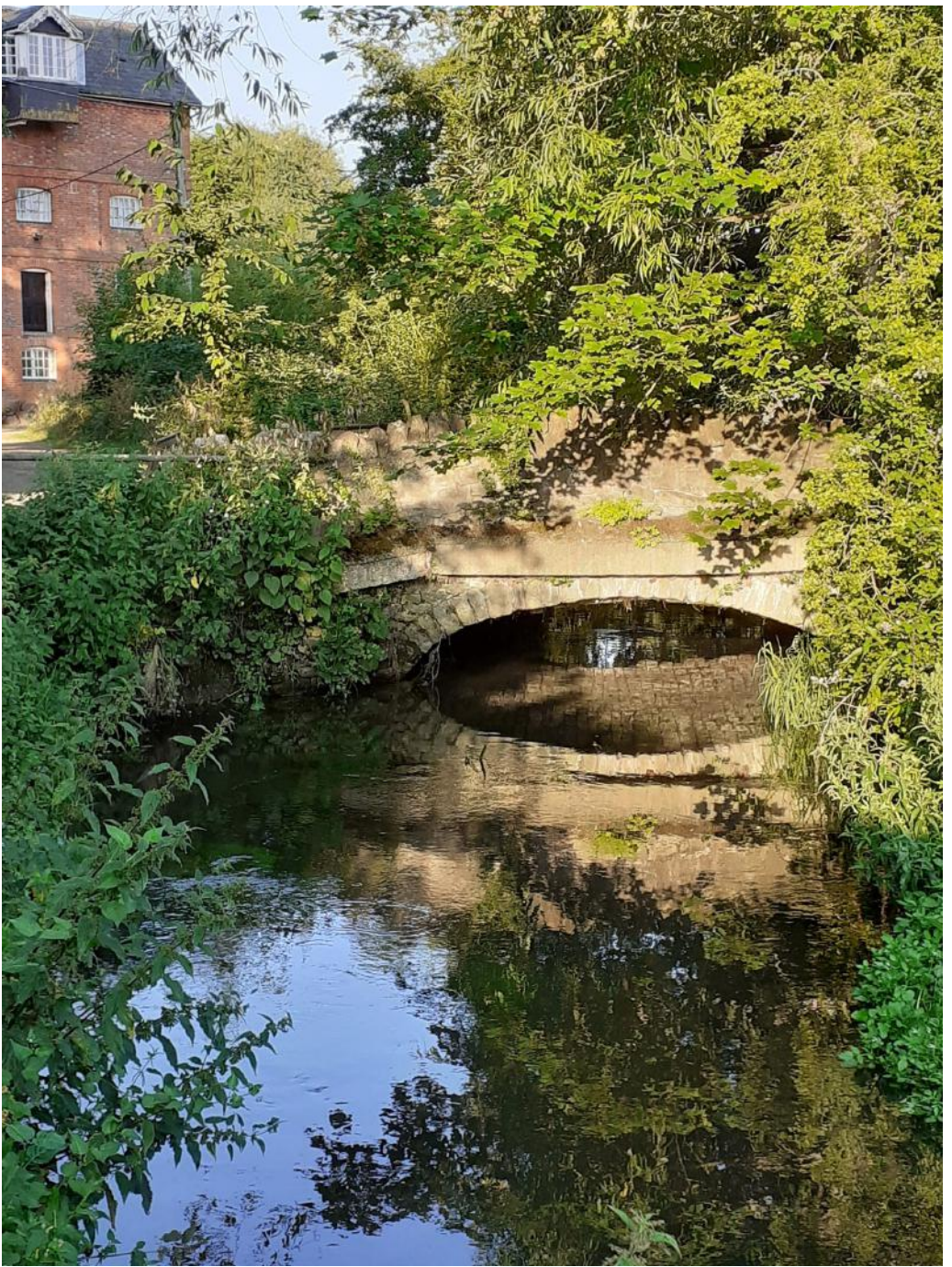
Sarah's business '**SJ's Handmade Cards**'. It's on Facebook and Instagram and she has an Etsy shop - not sure what that is, but hey, it sounds cool! Check it out bro!











**We recently said goodbye to this...**

(The beautiful photograph above taken by Helen Mowforth.)

We've put up with this eyesore for over four years... yes, really!! It was in 2017 that we welcomed these little 'beauties'.

And then, some folk - not sure how they knew? - warned us to expect something like this!

And in fact, we've ended up with this....



Below, l - r, Paul, Dizzie, Tash, Bob and Hanna strike a pose on the new bridge.



**Yes folks, at last the Poughley Farm Bridge saga** seems to have reached it's conclusion, with the completion of what I reckon is a reasonable replacement for the original, which was closed by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) back in June 2017. On the front page of the Sept 2017 issue of Hanney News, I opined that the hideous great concrete blocks (see photo above), there to prevent vehicular access - I described them, sarcastically, as 'stunning works of art' - were 'likely to be with us for a long time yet...years probably'.

Well, better late than never as they say, and finally, some 4 years later, we have a new bridge. Not as attractive as the original, but it's certainly a jolly sight better than was predicted by those who claimed to know what we were going to get. So, thanks to OCC, and Bob the Builder and his team, and don't believe all the gloom you see on Facebook!

**A good night was had by all** recently when Hanney Women's Institute celebrated it's 100th Birthday! Here's a snap of the committee members who all worked very hard before and during the evening to ensure it all ran smoothly. Big ups to them, and they in turn wished to convey their thanks to all the sponsors who helped make it happen....The Beauty Shed in East Hanney; The Black Horse Pub, East Hanney; Blomley Investments; Dews Meadow Farm Shop, East Hanney; Kangaroo Paws the florists; Philippa Kendall; Pilates Playroom of Wantage and Well Preserved of East Hanney.



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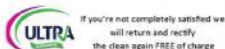


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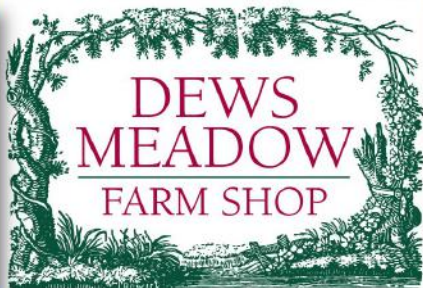
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## Clubs and Societies

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

**HANNEY BELLRINGERS 'Learn the Ropes'**. Wonderful mental and physical exercise with a friendly mixed group. Why not come along and watch a ringing session at St. James church. For more information contact Chris Surman 868749

**HANNEY BOOK CLUB** - 8pm, 1st Thurs of the Month, Plough, W Hanney.  
[hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk)

**HANNEY BOWLS CLUB** - 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 [pkayers@btinternet.com](mailto:pkayers@btinternet.com) or 01235 868146

**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. [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** is a very friendly village club and always welcomes new members. The

courts have just been resurfaced and painted. For membership enquiries email our membership secretary [membership.htc@gmail.com](mailto:membership.htc@gmail.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 9.15am - 10.15am, and 6 -7pm (term time only from w/c 13th Sept) 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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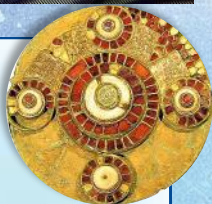


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