



Hanney News

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East and West Hanney are now officially 'No Cold Caller Zones' This means that anyone who 'cold-calls' is committing a criminal offence.

If you do get a cold caller call the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808223 1133, and if you feel threatened or intimidated, do not hesitate to ring 999



Heating or eating?

Do you know anyone who lives in Hanney or Lyford who has been genuinely affected by the recent increase in home heating bills?

The 'Hanney Parochial Trust' may be able to help. Please ring me, Jim, on 01235 867500, or email: jim.stagg@btinternet.com.

The Hanneys Annual Litter Pick is back for 2022! Volunteers are needed. See page 9 for details of how you can help

More Good News... thanks to the splendid efforts of our County Councillor Juliette Ash - the lady on the right - who, I gather, has delivered some well-aimed kicks, metaphorically speaking of course, to ensure that the funding is now available for us to at last get our much needed Puffin crossing on the A338 in East Hanney. Start date for the job could be sometime this summer. Fingers crossed!..crossed, crossing..geddit?



And there's more as Jimmy Cricket used to say.....East Hanney Parish Council and Sovereign have agreed that the second East Hanney defibrillator can be fixed to the outside - and hence available 24/7 - of the large building on the A338 that they rent from the Council! And I understand Sovereign will be making a major contribution to the cost. That's decent of them isn't it? Hope it's never used!!



Editorial

March...Spring approaches, Winter packs its bags and goes wherever Winter goes in the Summer. Australia maybe?

And once again your fave Parish mag is as full as an egg!

Talking of which, this month's rock from Hannaconda, the snake outside the Village Hall, is a rather tempting fried egg, sunny-side up as they say in the big ole US of A..

It's always nice to include good news on the front page, so it's a warm welcome back to the Litter Pick, and I'm already planning the opening ceremony for our Puffin Crossing. Queenie's Platinum celebrations will be over by then; she'll probably be kicking her dainty little royal heels in her Jimmy Choo-choos and getting a bit bored, so will be only too happy to pop down and do the honours.

You may remember that she did a great job on the Winter Lane footpath a while back - see pic. (Still puzzling how Alan Sugar got an invite!) 'Bags to School' is happening again, fundraising for St James School via the fab and groovy folk of the Friends of St James -see page 5 for de-

tails. And check out, also on page 5, a very worthy family fundraiser day down at the Volunteer pub on the railway bridge near Grove.

All being well, in the near future, East Hanney will have a 20mph speed limit on most of its roads, though not the A338 itself where, hopefully, the crossing will help

control the sometimes very silly speeds at which some motorists drive on it!

Controversy, Jeremy Clarkson, our MP and bacon butties lurk on page 7, and we've loads of letters - slight exaggeration - this month on pages 8 and 14. The Buttercross is the topic of the March page of the Hanney Historical calendar - info about it on page 16.

If you fancy a bit of a sing-song, check out page 9, and if you're toying with an electric car purchase, see page 15. Finally, a quick request...if any contact or other details change within the club or organisation you're involved in, please tell me. I have no telepathic powers, sadly, but am very keen to try and keep the info in these pages up to date. Till next month dear readers, I bid you a happy March!



Many of us will remember, with much fondness, Kay Longworth who died on 6th April 2020. Her family are holding a memorial service at 2pm on Saturday 9th April at St James West Hanney. Anyone is welcome to join them. Kay was a long term resident in the village and was greatly involved in the community over many years.

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?

Bags to School drop-off, 27th Feb or 2nd March. See page 5.

Fri 4th, 7pm, Hanney Film Night - 'King Richard'. See page 9.

Mon 7th, 7.30pm for 8pm in the Village Hall. Hanney Gardening Club. Rosy Hardy will be talking about 'Spring Flowering Perennials' All welcome; guests £2.

www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk

Sat 12th, Volunteer Pub, Grove, 9am - 2pm, Massive charity fundraiser for Brain Tumour research...see page 5.

Sat 26th, Hanney Community Woodland Working Party - (see page 26 for contact details.)

Sat 26th, The Hanneys Litter Pick - see page 9 for details.

And further ahead...

Sun 24th April, The Ray Collins Charitable Trust is hosting a St George's Day themed market. Any business-owners or fellow fundraisers that would like to book a stall for the market contact info@raycollinstrust.org, or see The Ray Collins Charitable Trust Facebook post

Sunday 8th May 2pm to 4pm Village Hall, outside, 'weather permitting'.

Hanney Gardening Club Annual Plant Sale.

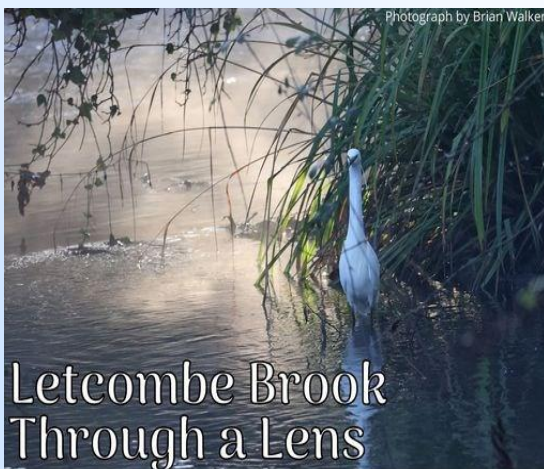


Sun 8th May. Flexicare's 23rd annual community walk. Once again we will have delicious refreshments

and a choice of walks. We hope you can join us. Registration via our website: (www.flexicare.org).

2nd - 5th June, Platinum Jubilee

Celebs, see page 4 and much more as the date approaches!



Photograph by Brian Walker

Letcombe Brook Through a Lens

Discovering the secret life of a chalk stream

An exhibition of photographs of the Letcombe Brook and its wildlife taken by supporters of the Letcombe Brook Project

1st March - 1st April

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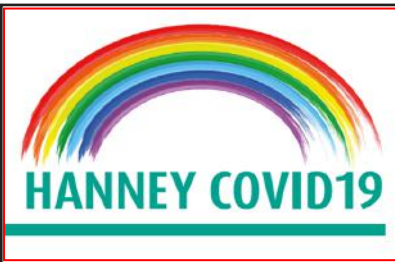
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Our political chums... David Johnston is our MP. You can write to him here:

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



Omicron got to you? With the continued rise of Covid and in particular Omicron in this area, your Hanney Covid Support Team are back in action. If you or a member of your family are self-isolating or vulnerable and shielding and need food shopping or medications collected, we can help!

This is available to anyone living in the Hanney's – we're here for everyone who needs some help!

We also have a limited availability for transport to

medical appointments – including a Covid booster injection. This is not available if you are self-isolating, shielding or have any symptoms which might be Covid.

Please ring us on 0808 123 0161 or email: hanneycovid19@gmail.com

Still on medical stuff...the planning application for the extension to the Mably Way **Health Centre** still hasn't been approved, so suggestions that the new space might be open by the end of next year seem optimistic.

Expect major roadworks at the Airplane roundabout in Wantage - they may have already started! The roundabout is being enlarged and realigned - ooh err! - so expect four way traffic lights there for about two months. Work is due to finish on Friday 22nd April 2022.

The Reservoir seems to be back on the agenda and GARD (Group Against Reservoir Development) have recently been holding meetings across the area. Sadly they didn't tell me ...I only found out through third parties and the Hanney meeting has already happened. GARD's website is here...<https://www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk/>

And for the other side of the proverbial coin, Water Resources South East (WRSE) - which includes Thames Water, has just released its emerging regional plan for consultation. Deadline for responses is 14 March <https://wrse.uk.engagementhq.com/>.

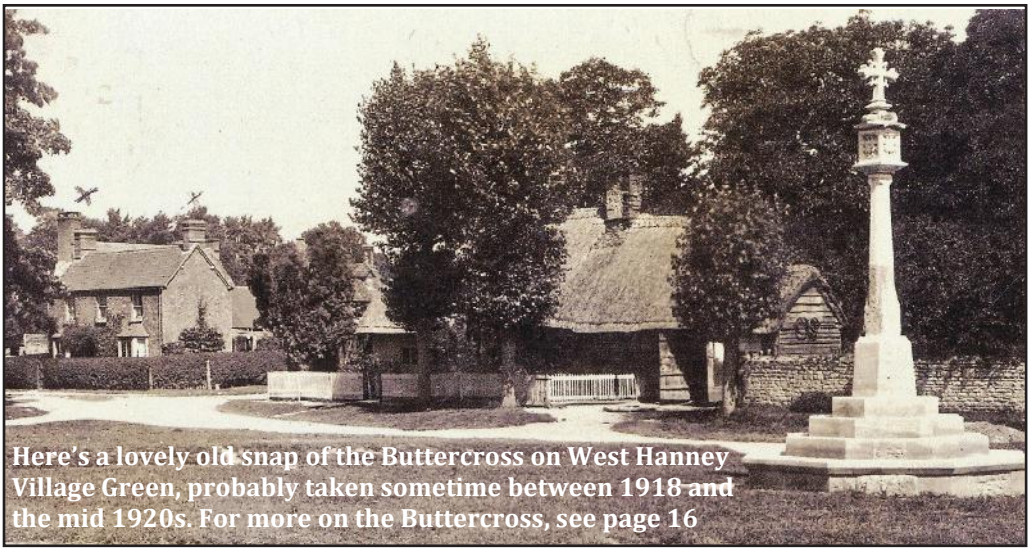
Sustainable Wantage is looking for volunteers to help fortnightly between 9am to 10am on Saturdays with collecting unwanted and surplus food from local Waitrose and Sainsbury stores. For further details please email Jo at wantagemix@gmail.com.

Free rolls of bin liners for food waste caddies available at Wantage Library.

Hanney is going to CELEBRATE! The unique celebration of the PLATINUM JUBILEE over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend of 2nd – 5th JUNE is going to be a great chance to get together and have a fun weekend! So make sure you "SAVE THE DATE" – and look out for more details as announced.



Remember last month's photo from our Hanney Historical Calendar? I asked if anyone knew the name of the little dog. I didn't really expect a response, but I've had one, and so can reveal that said doggie was probably called Sheila and belonged to Alf, the brother of Rita, the young lady in the pic. Many thanks to Ann Young who supplied the dog's name, along with a detailed and fascinating email with much more info on the family.



Here's a lovely old snap of the Buttercross on West Hanney Village Green, probably taken sometime between 1918 and the mid 1920s. For more on the Buttercross, see page 16

A great fundraising event for the Brain Tumour Research charity needs your help!

The organisers are looking for donations of Cakes...homemade or shop bought, individual cupcakes, biscuits, large whole cakes. Absolutely anything yummy!

If homemade, please label them with what the cake is and its ingredients such as: wheat, milk, eggs, nuts, vegan, gluten free etc. for allergies. If shop-bought please leave in their original packaging, so they can be labelled up correctly.

To be made or bought as close to 11th of March for us to collect or deliver to The Volunteer Inn, Grove, so they are as fresh as possible for sale on the 12th March.

Raffle Prize Donations are also still wanted - anything that will help us raise money for this amazing charity at our Family Fun Coffee



& Cake morning!

It's happening at The Volunteer Inn, Grove...that's the pub next to the railway bridge on the A338, opposite the Williams factory...on Saturday 12th March from 9am-2pm, and all are welcome!

Face painting

Kids Tattooing

Hair braiding/express straightening

Craft table

A Big Raffle with great prizes
Cakes/sweet cones/popcorn
Refreshments

If you cannot make the fundraiser or are unable to donate

a raffle prize or cake, but would like to make a donation to this great Charity please use the link below...

www.justgiving.com/fun.../

cancerlikesboobsandbrains where you can read about Carlie Buchanan's journey battling through this horrible disease. Please take a look, hers is a very moving story indeed.

Bags To School... Got any clothes, paired shoes, bedding (not pillows or duvets), fabrics, textiles etc.? Then please help fundraising at St James School by shoving them in a bin liner and dropping them off, either at school on Wednesday 2nd March before 9.30am, or on Sunday morning, 27th February at the Village Hall. Many thanks!!

East Hanney Parish Council

Application to Oxfordshire County Council to reduce the speed limit to 20mph in East Hanney. We have applied to the County Council under their '20's Plenty' initiative to reduce the speed limit on a number of roads within the village.

It is hoped that this will improve the flow of traffic around the village, reduce the severity of any collisions and make East Hanney a more welcoming environment for walking, cycling and horse riding.

We are proposing to request a 20mph limit on all the roads that currently have an average speed of 24mph or less, as measured by the council's speed indicating devices, as these roads meet the selection criteria without the need for further speed calming features. They are also roads that either have little or no pavements or have multiple informal crossing points for pedestrians.

We would like to receive feedback on its proposed scheme from residents of East Hanney. The '20s Plenty' campaign are conducting an online survey which it invites you to complete. This can be accessed via <https://forms.gle/83MmvthXjuMqkGXH8> or scanning the QR code.

Paper copies are available from the village shop.



We would like to thank everyone who took the time to give their views and respond to the East Hanney Neighbourhood Plan Consultation.

The responses were very much appreciated and an important part of the formative process of the Plan. The consultation period is now closed, and all comments received will be considered for the next stage of the draft documents.



Thereafter the draft Plan will be taken forward for review by an independent planning inspector, before going to referendum in due course. The draft Plan includes a number of policies intended to reflect the green nature of the village and to help support the local environment and village character.

Updates on the progression of the draft Plan will be posted on the East Hanney Parish Council website.

Next Meeting, Wednesday 9th March, 2022 at 7:30pm, Old Hanney Room, Hanney War Memorial Hall, aka Village Hall.

East Hanney Parish Councillors -

Chairman: Stephen McKechnie - smehpc@gmail.com.

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Dickon Green - dgehpc@gmail.com; Rosie Reed - rrehpc@gmail.com;

Garth Dennill - gdehpc@gmail.com

Clerk: Wendy Quigley, tel: 07859 924655,

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Website: www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk

West Hanney Parish Council

The next meeting of WHPC will be held on Tuesday 1st March 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
email: parishclerkwesthanneypc@gmail.com
Website: www.westhanneypc.org.uk

'If you ever attend an Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) meeting or event,

and fancy a bacon butty - see pic! - then I have some bad news.

An OCC Green Councillor, Ian Middleton, recently tabled a motion for *'entirely plant based food at council meetings and events'*. The motion was passed and is set to go to Cabinet for the final decision soon. As well as being a councillor, Mr M is also,

according to the 'OCC Register of Interests', the Company Director and Secretary of **'Vegamoda Ltd'**, who on their Facebook page boast...

"Website launching soon bringing you the best in vegan & vegetarian fashion, food and lifestyle products",

so his less than enthusiastic take on bacon butties is hardly surprising!

Our local MP David Johnston, Jeremy Clarkson and, I suspect, most farmers in the county, remain to be convinced.

Now, our Jeremy is not known for his measured tones or diplomatic skills, and wrote in his column in the Sun newspaper that: *"Oxfordshire Council, which is run by an unholy alliance of swivel-eyed com-*



munists, drippy hippies and Liberal Democrats, has decided that at all future events, it will only serve vegan food....Thanks to a dramatic drop in grants and subsidies, farmers are in dire straits at the moment and the last thing they need is a kick in the teeth from their local council."

Whilst, in his latest newsletter, MP Mr Johnston wrote... *"We have many farmers in this constituency and across Oxford-*

shire who produce high-quality meat yet often struggle to make a living. I regularly visit farms and it is very hard work for small profits; they are frequently subject to theft and abuse/vandalism from animal rights activists.

They deserve our support and I hope the Council will reconsider."

I'm sure there will be differing views on this, but what isn't up for debate is the fact that back in the 1800s, Wantage was famous for its local top quality bacon, and it's also a fact that top quality locally sourced bacon is still available today, right on our doorstep, at the **magnificent Dews Meadow Farm shop on the A338 in East Hanney. See their ad on page 24.**

Hanney Lottery - February Winners -

1st Christine Thomas, 2nd Graham Garner, 3rd Tony Charles.

Not got a number yet or want additional numbers? Just call Hilary on 868590.

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank East Hanney Parish Council for organising the collection of the real Christmas trees in January and then arranging to have them shredded and spread on some of the worst muddy parts of the footpaths in the village. As a dog walker, I really appreciate their efforts and I am sure all walkers do also.

Jane Taylor

Dear Esteemed Editor,

Thank you for your interesting article on the background to Steventon Bridge and its current problems, which have led to the introduction of width restrictions.

As it stands, the manner in which those restrictions have been introduced, with priority for traffic coming down the hill, is an accident waiting to happen. I have witnessed three close calls and was involved in a further incident where the car in front of me had to make a rapid reversal to avoid oncoming traffic.

I wrote the Council through the FixMyStreet facility pointing out that:

When approaching from the village it is not easy to see if traffic is coming down the hill
The Highway Code guidance states that motorists "Give way to road users coming uphill whenever you can."

The current scheme, giving priority to traffic entering the village, runs counter to that seen at every similar scheme in the area.

Reversing the priority would have the effect of reducing the speed of vehicles as they enter the built-up area.

The reply I received was that *"We have assessed it and found that it does not currently meet the criteria for intervention, so will not be fixing at this time."*

I see that others have also reported similar concerns, but perhaps attention from campaigning journalism may encourage them to take a closer look.

Best wishes.

Ian Collard, East Hanney

Following receipt of this letter, I contacted Oxford County Council (OCC) Highways direct, bypassing FixMyStreet. I mentioned that I was Editor of the mighty Hanney News, voice of the people and seeker after truth and justice!

I didn't actually mention that last bit but nonetheless was immediately passed to their press department, from whom I received a detailed response to each of Ian's points.

Frankly one could argue them all, but they did at least assure me that *"We have site specific visibility issues at Steventon Bridge and are trying to avoid installing temporary traffic lights."*

That's good news in my humble. And please note...if you contact FixMyStreet and do not get a satisfactory response, don't hesitate to contact OCC Highways direct, via the OCC website.

More letters on page 14.

We're keeping you busy aren't we Postman Pat?!



Film night in The Owen Wright Cinema,
HWMH, (Village Hall)

Friday March 4th, 7.00 for 7.30 start.

King Richard

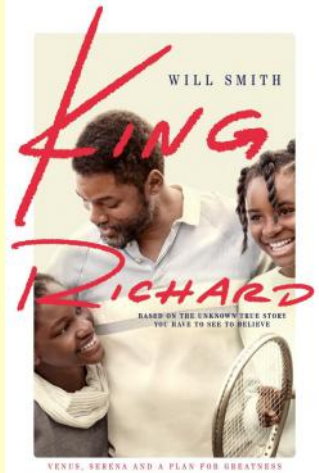
The wonderful Will Smith in "King Richard", the story of the Williams sisters rise to the top of professional tennis coached by their father Richard.

Oscar nominated.

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Tickets £7, £6 conc. card payment only please.

Please be aware of current COVID Rules and advice



The Hanneys Annual Litter Pick is back for 2022, and volunteers are needed.

It's happening on Saturday 26th March, starting at 9am.

Meet at the Village Hall. We will supply litter picker tools, Hi-Viz jackets and refuse bags, courtesy of the Vale District Council Waste Team. **Please bring your own gloves.**

We are so grateful to all of you who help to reduce the litter in our villages, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it...the more the merrier.

(Our snap shows His Bobliness, Sir Robert of Wilson and Rubbish and some of the full refuse bags from a previous Pick!)

COVID secure practices will be applied, including:

picking either individually, in pairs or family groups, keeping a distance of 2m between groups and individuals and using gloves...the ones you've bought with you! If you have any questions, please contact either Bob or Oliver.

Bob Wilson: bobwilson300@hotmail.com Oliver Cornish: ocehpc@gmail.com



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We would welcome voices in all parts, particularly tenors.

We sing a mixture of sacred and secular music and meet fortnightly during term time, at 8 PM in the small village hall in Grove.

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We at The Black Horse thank you all for your support this year so far

We will be introducing our seasonal spring menu in March.

We continue to offer evening dining from Wednesday as well as our lovely roast dinners on Sunday

Please pop down to our coffee shop. We are open 11.30-2.30pm, on Tuesdays for coffee and cakes and on Weds-Saturdays our lunch/brunch menu is available

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



When I was a teenager I injured my hand, I had deep cuts on the palm side of my fingers.

I got the cuts dressed and had to keep them protected, to stop infection.

In time, the cuts scabbed over. Eventually I needed to take off the dressings to help my wounds heal.

There came a point where I needed to start using my fingers normally, to help my scars stretch and to encourage full movement. I still have the scars on my right hand.

The situations, experiences and life events that we encounter leave us with both physical as well as emotional, mental and spiritual wounds. The loss of a loved one, being bullied, relationships breaking down, illness and financial instability can all leave lasting marks on us.

Initially, these traumas can be very raw and exposed. We need to protect ourselves and to find healthy ways in which we can respond to them.

There then comes a time when we feel that we can take the bandages and support off, where we feel able to appropriately share our experiences more widely. We may then come to a place where because of our own history we can support others who are going through troubles, due to the struggles that we have had.

Our wounds need to be looked after, to be aired appropriately and our scars can become part of who we are.

This is a process that takes time and support. Open wounds can become healed scars, but not always and old scars can be reopened again. It is helpful to take stock of where we are in terms of our journey with our hurts and pains.

I am thankful to the leader of a recent CPAS training session, Emma Styles, for presenting this imagery of vulnerability and how we can interact with the damage that life does to us.

I have found picturing my own hurts and pains in this way helpful, as it has aided me in realising that some things I am comfortable with sharing and others I keep private, and this alters depending on the situation that I am in. I have learnt the need to practise both self-care and vulnerability when it comes to addressing and sharing the hurts that I suffered.

God bless,

Alec

SERVICES in March 2022 at St James

Our Sunday Eucharist is celebrated at 9.30am – and at present it is not mandatory to wear a mask whilst in church, but we ask consideration for others who might be vulnerable and that you wear a mask, especially whilst entering and leaving (unless medical exemption applies).

Feb 6th - Revd Velma Oxley, 13th - Revd Alec Gill, 20th - Revd John Durant, 27th - Revd Chris Ashton. Midweek Said Eucharist – Tuesday at 10.00am

And if you might be interested in spending a little time during Lent exploring some deeper issues there will be a Zoom-run weekly session starting on Wednesday 9 March looking at Dane Ortlund's book, Gentle and Lowly. For more details please email office@valebenefice.org.uk or phone (01235) 771479.

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

Flexicare is an Oxfordshire based charity providing a home sitting service for families with severely disabled children. Flexicare is exhilarating, always different and can be challenging: the rewards, however, are significant. Every day, you will see the real difference you are making.

Flexicare are recruiting a full time Manager:

In the first instance, email admin@flexicare.org stating your suitability for the role.

Closing date **12:00 noon 18th March 2022**, with interviews towards the end of March.

The charity has always been run from the home of the manager, and ideally this will continue. However, do not let this be a bar to chatting to us.

Flexible hours (approx. 37hrs per week – including weekend and evening work) to fit around your life demands. £33,500pa salary plus travel costs. Full training and support provided. Pension scheme, including employer contribution. 28 days annual leave. Fuel costs and travel time reimbursement.



Duties include: Carrying out sits in family's homes. Arranging sits as requested by families. Leadership and support for the team, ensuring high standards of care. Assessing prospective new families and volunteers. Facilitating training. Management of the governance of the charity, including liaison with Oxfordshire County Council, the Care Quality Commission, and the Charity Commission.

Managing and assuring the running of the charity, including financial management and fundraising. Working with the Trustees to develop and deliver the current and future objectives of the charity.

We are looking for someone who is confident and forward thinking, has experience of working with disabled children, in a health, social care, or educational role, is experienced and capable in managing people and relationships, can work flexibly (including some evenings and weekends) and has use of a car for work purposes. A full job description is available via our website, www.flexicare.org Flexicare (Oxford and Abingdon), registered Charity no. 1172635.

M O R E L E T T E R S !

Dear Editor,

Thanks to the generosity of those attending St James Church Carol Service on the 19th December and the Carols round the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, we have sent £160 each to both the Crisis at Christmas charity and also the Wantage & Grove Food Bank to assist their work supporting local families in many villages in this area.

We were also able to send £536 last autumn, thanks to donations from members of our congregation and their friends, to help care for Afghan refugees arriving in this area.

We feel very blessed that our community is able to support others in great need.

God bless you all and thank you.

John Durant, Vicar - Vale Benefice

Dear Editor

With daffodils just beginning, I walked into the little memorial garden to James Robins Holmes at the junction in East Hanney. This is Hanney's greatest character, a great benefactor to the village and nation (with slightly naughty connotations, including the risqué bathing place) and the cause of Hanney's most dramatic event, when a boozy mob besieged his home. Great stories! But only a bare name and date in the garden, about what you'd expect for an executed criminal.

Let's raise a glass to him on his birth/death date and make 17th March "Holmes Day".

David Gahan

Many thanks David. You are right, James Holmes was a fascinating individual, and with your help, I hope to publish more about him next month. To those not familiar with this gent, he's worth googling, or better still find a copy of an excellent little book about him called Holmes of Hanney



written by Frank Poller...sadly not that easy to find. Holmes' memorial garden is next to the two trees with the green metal benches surrounding them, just where Main St, East Hanney joins the A338, opposite La Fontana.

Here's the latest woolly work of art to appear on the post box outside the Village Hall.

Thanks to one of my team of roving reporters here at Global HQ - they're everywhere friends! - I am now able to reveal the knitter's identity! She's a very talented lady who lives in East Hendred called Val Prior,



and her lovely knitted creations have brought many smiles in these sometimes rather dull times, so I want to repeat my thanks, this time not to 'person(s)' unknown' but directly to Val, clearly a very kind and community-minded lady who's also pretty nifty with a pair of knitting needles!

A while back I published a suggestion

by one of our community that a register be drawn up of all those folk in Hanney who had electric car charging points that they may be willing to hire out. I invited any such folk to contact me. Sadly, no one did.

Now, was this because no one reads Hanney News? No one has charging points? People do have them, but don't want to hire them out? Some folks would be happy to hire out their points but don't like the idea of being on a 'register' ...GDPR, privacy and all that good stuff?

Which of the above it was I have no idea, though I certainly hope not the first!

Meantime, for electric car owners some good news...work has recently begun on the 'Park and Charge Electric Vehicle' charging scheme in the Beacon car park, Wantage, with 12 brand new EV chargers set to be installed.

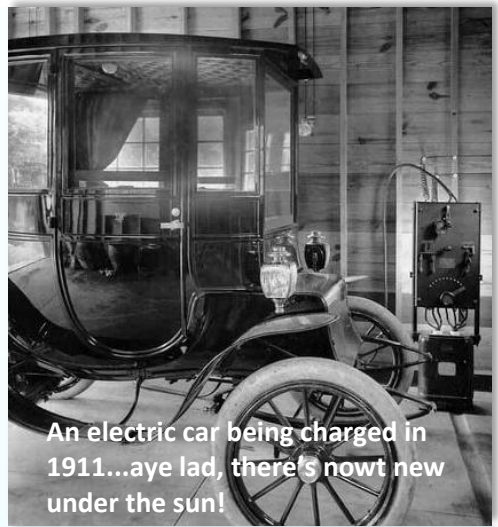
Vale of White Horse District Council intend to install 62 new charging points in car parks across the Vale, with all work due to be completed by the end of this month.

The Park and Charge scheme allows residents without off-street parking to park for free overnight and charge up using a 'fast' 7 – 22kw EV charging point. The chargers will also provide much-needed top-ups to car park users during the daytime.

Councillor Catherine Webber, Vale of White Horse District Council Cabinet member for the Environment and

Climate Emergency, said:

"This is exciting news for Wantage, the Vale and beyond. These are designed to help those wishing to switch to EVs but who live in town centres and have on-street parking which can make it difficult to access charging. Knowing work is beginning means more people can make the switch to cleaner travel."





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Hanney Historical Calendar 2022

As in previous months, I have researched - in a not very scientific way - the photo that appears in the same month in our magnificent calendar.

March features the so-called 'Buttercross' that sits serenely on West Hanney Village Green, and will be recognizable to most of us.

My research has thrown up much info about it, and has really piqued my interest in its history.

Such is the amount I have collected that I'm hoping to produce a modest publication in the near future, sponsored by Hanney News, that will be available to anyone who is interested in more detail than I have room to include here in my little mag!

Here's the story of the calendar photo itself. It was taken in March 1908, and is of the 'Dedication Ceremony' that was performed by the then Bishop of Oxford, one Dr Francis Paget.

If you look closely at the pic above - a magnifying glass will help - or better still, the actual calendar, (of which I hope you have a copy!) - you will see standing next to the cross and slightly in front of the crowd, is a gent wearing a top hat with knee-high spats decorated with silver buttons. This was Robert Emmott Large, the driving force, and possibly financial backer(?) of the project to rebuild the structure, since the original cross had crumbled or been demolished many years before. At the time he got involved there was nothing on the Village Green at all, as most of the original pieces of stone had been taken away by locals and used for a variety of purposes. In the photo you will see that much of the stone is new...all the steps, the plinth above



it, the top half of the shaft as well as the strange box like construction and the very ornamental cross on top. Only the lower half of the column and most of the stones that form the base appear to be old.

The story has it that Mr Large went round asking for the stones to be returned so that he might rebuild the cross. He took the vicar with him, one Rev. Pinhorne, maybe to threaten divine retribution for those who refused? In spite of this, I suspect they may have received short shrift from those who had taken - should that read stolen? - the stones, hence the need for so many new ones.

The thatched building behind the Cross was the old Forge, the West Hanney blacksmith's workshop. At the time he was almost certainly William Cox, who had been there for around forty years. His family had been blacksmiths in Hanney since before records were first kept in 1540. The Forge burnt down in the 1920s, and a private house, which is still there and aptly named 'The Old Forge', was built on the site in about 1934. Behind the forge was a walnut orchard.

Finally, the Village Green itself...it is now Parish Council owned, and it's not long to wait till the magnificent daffodil display we enjoy every year appears on it! Already a few early risers are popping up their little yellow heads!



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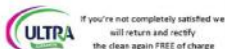


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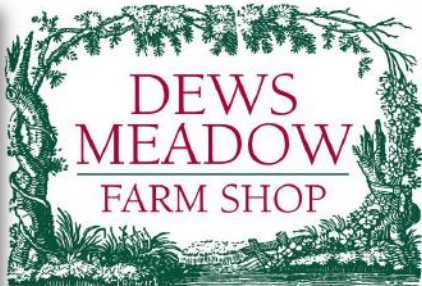
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THURSDAY EVENING SINGING WITH SJS, Hanney's small consort male-voice group, 8-10pm in East Hanney. 4-part settings from medieval to Now! And a pint in the Black Horse afterwards. Call Mike Jones on 751656 or David Gahan 868933 for details.

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, email 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

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.

WANTAGE U3A: Visit our website detailing all our current activities - 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

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

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 or email Grace at mamayogacontact@gmail.com.

'DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES' - Get ready to dance/workout to sounds from the 60's,70's,80's and current chart hits. This uplifting LOW impact workout moves at YOUR pace. Suitable for anyone looking for a class that feels like a party. Every Friday, 12noon till 1pm, £6 per class. To book or for more information email suerichmondjr@hotmail.co.uk

FITSTEPS - If you love 'Strictly' then you'll love this! Join **Dancing Debs** every Tuesday 2-3pm at the Village Hall for a fun and friendly dance fitness class, combining the best of Latin and Ballroom. Suitable for all ages and abilities with low and high impact moves demonstrated. Wear comfy clothes, trainers and bring a bottle of water. For more info contact Debs 07968 948007 or visit - www.dancingdebs.com

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In East Hanney, it's on the left wall of the open porch in the Village Hall.

In West Hanney it's on the wall of the brick garage opposite the Plough in Church St. Both are accessible 24/7. Hopefully we'll have a third one soon!

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

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