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The Reservoir...

And no, it won't look like this, sadly!

(That was 'Headings Pond' - sometimes spelt 'Eddins' - back in the day, now filled in.)

See page 8 for more on our potential new neighbour!

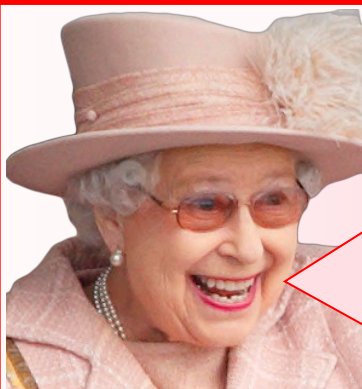


Saturday 2nd April sees the launch of a monthly market at the Black Horse in East Hanney!

It will run from 10am to 2pm on the first Saturday of each month.

If you run a local business and are interested in taking a stall, then please contact Liz at liz@littlebearsbakery.com or call 07812 847958. This is a free market, aiming to support local businesses and create a new facility within the Village.

Please note that parking will be very limited, but there is free parking available in the Village Hall car park, a short walk away.



Oh yes, dear loyal readers of Hanney News, do raise a glass of Bubbly on my lovely Jubbly!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is coming in June!

Details of what's happening here in Hanney on page 5

Editorial

This issue sees the end of my 7th year as Editor of Hanney News, so thanks to all who've expressed their appreciation of this little mag over that period.

A letter on page 15 raises some challenging points. It is not my intention to come over all 'political' in Hanney News - I see it as a rather warm, fluffy and hopefully informative little publication, and if the odd bit of silliness raises a weary smile, so much the better. But if I do, in your considered opinion, overstep the mark, please let me know. The big event of the summer is of course going to be the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the splendid team organising and coordinating events here in Hanney have got in early...see page 5.

Some details are still to be finalised of course and they'll have another full page next month to update and expand on the info. Yes, it's still a way off, but please put the dates into your diaries now.

With some good weather it could be a memorable few days when the community can get together, meet new friends and have a bit of a knees-up. And please note that there will be no Michaelmas Fayre this year. The proposed 'Abingdon Reservoir' is another big talking point currently...not sure why it was named thus, cos if it happens, it will be, almost literally, on East Hanney's doorstep, as well as Steventon's! That'll give you an idea of how big it is! On page 8, I've reported back from my



recent visit to a Thames Water Drop-In session they held in Steventon. The Plough, West Hanney's only pub, has also been much discussed of late, though sadly not frequented and enjoyed, since it's been closed since New Year! A few brief thoughts on page 13.

Lighter stuff...if you enjoy a musical, check out page 9 for details of something rather special and very local, and if you fancy a trip to London, I can heartily recommend 'Get Up Stand Up!' the Bob Marley musical currently at the Lyric in Shaftesbury Ave. (My lovely family took me to see it as a birthday treat last month!)

We here at Global HQ wish the promoter of the market happening for the first time at the Black Horse on Sat 2nd April, the very best of luck. Anything that helps a spirit of community here in Hanney is fine by us. I'll be there with my box brownie camera, so come along, buy something lovely, say hello and strike a pose! Pictured is another lovely rock from the Hannaconda and I think there's plenty of

'lurve' in the air in the Hanney Film Night showing of West Side Story...see page 9. Our layout man has had a bit of a wobble this month, and gone and stuck the Lottery winners names in amongst our commercial ads on page 10...apols. His pay will be docked.

Check out some amazing fundraising news on page 4. Big ups to all involved. That's all for now....till May mes ami!

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?

Sat 2nd, Hanney Community Woodland Working Party - postponed from March 26th, due to clash with 'Litterpick'. This will be the final date until after the summer. We are already noticing signs of spring in the Woodland. There are 3 song thrushes singing in different places, blue tits and great tits are calling by nest boxes and in several places we have seen wrens inspecting habitat piles. (See page 26 for contact details.)

Sat 2nd April, 10am - 2pm, Market at the Black Horse, East Hanney. See front cover.

Monday 4th, 7.30pm for 8pm in the Village Hall. Hanney Gardening Club - Rachel Seigfried will be talking about 'Growing flowers for cutting'. This is our last meeting till 5/9/22, but we continue with visits and socials - not too late to join! All welcome; guests £2 www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk

Sat 9th, 2pm, St James Church West Hanney. Kay Longworth Memorial Service. All are welcome.

Thurs 14th - Sat 16th, local theatre group, AmEgos present 'Me and My Girl'...page 9 for details

Sun 24th, 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

And further ahead...

Sunday 8th May, 2pm to 4pm, Village Hall, outside, weather permitting, the **Hanney Gardening Club Annual Plant Sale.**



Sun 8th May. Flexicare's 23rd annual community walk. Run, walk, wheel, or cycle your way along routes of different lengths and ease on and around the Ridgeway, starting from Snells Hall, East Hendred. Refreshments available. Raising money for Flexicare, an Oxfordshire based charity providing a specialised sitting service for families with severely disabled children. For further info, visit our website www.flexicare.org

2nd - 5th June, Platinum Jubilee Celebrations,
see page 5 .



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. Website: www.david-johnston.org.uk

Juliette Ash is our County Councillor...her contact details: Address: c/o County Hall, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1ND. Email: juliette.ash@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Website: www.julietteash.co.uk

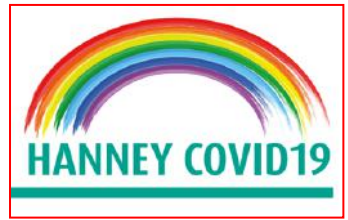
Matt Barber is our Vale of White Horse District Councillor, and you can contact him by email: councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk. or by visiting his website at www.matthewbarber.co.uk

Covid – 19 and the Hanney Support Team update... As the famous line at the '66 World Cup went ...
“They think it’s all over. It is now”.

Well we’re pretty sure Covid-19 isn’t all over – but for the time being, with summer coming and infections of Omicron gradually diminishing, your Hanney Covid Support Team will be standing down on 31st March.

But rest assured, if over the coming months a new variant arrives and the situation changes, we would hope our volunteers will be able to support our community again. A big thank you to all those who volunteered for this most recent period of support.

Hilary



I’m sure I speak for the whole community when I say that we would like to add our sincere thanks to the volunteers and of course to all the splendid organisers of this great community project. Editor

East Hanney Allotments

East Hanney Parish Council has a few vacant allotment plots. These come in full plots (enormous!), or half plots (more manageable). There is a great allotment ‘community’ and decades of experience on hand if you want to try growing your own produce for the first time.



In the past some people have managed the plots very successfully in small groups. There is an annual fee of £5 for a full plot, £2.50 a half plot. There is water on tap (so to speak!) with plenty of water points on site. The allotment year begins in April, when the fees are due. Don’t lose the plot! Come and join the fun!

Please contact me, Cllr Oliver Cornish on ocehpc@gmail.com if you would like to find out more. Our snap shows the allotment holder’s party, an annual event.

West Hanney Parish Council also have allotments available, see their article on page 7.

Last month I mentioned a great fund-raising event for the Brain Tumour Research Charity, held recently in Grove. Hanney’s very own Dawn Roach was one of the organisers, and she tells me it was a great success, with **£4,952 being raised!** Massive congrats to all involved. The pic shows the organising team with Carlie Buchanan, the lady battling the disease, pictured third from the left.

Her story is very moving indeed. You can read about it and donate to this very worthy charity here: www.justgiving.com/fun.../cancerlikesboobsandbrains





The Hanneys Jubilee Weekend

www.hanney-events.co.uk

Friday 3rd June

National Peal

St James Church, West Hanney
Time TBC

Royal British Legion

BBQ from 2pm

Disco from 8pm



Saturday 4th June

Hanney Jubilee Fayre

Activities, music and fun for all the family
In & around St James Church, West Hanney
2pm to 4pm

TBC

The Black Horse

Sunday 5th June

The Big Jubilee Lunch

BYO picnic, rugs, chairs
Fun for all ages, bouncy castle, face painting
Hanney War Memorial Hall, East Hanney
From 12pm

Hanney's Got Talent

Hanney War Memorial Hall, East Hanney
From 7pm



West Hanney and East Hanney Community

#platinumjubilee #HM70

East Hanney Parish Council

The Neighbourhood Plan: All responses are now being considered and amendments made as necessary.

Car Park Extension: Planning permission has been granted and the PC are responding to the conditions.

MUGA (Multi Use Games Area): Planning permission has been granted and the approved contractor informed

The 20's Plenty campaign: We have received comments and they are being considered, there is still time to complete one of the comments form that are located within the Community shop.

The Reservoir debate: the cut off date was 14th March, the PC engaged GARD for the technical reports but the PC responded with the concerns that have been expressed by parishioners.

Playground: As you read this the PC would have met to consider the tenders and choose the contractor for the playground expansion.

East Hanney Parish Councillors -

Chairman: Stephen McKechnie - smehpc@gmail.com.

Vice Chair: David Kirk - david.kirk@btinternet.com; Paul Aram - pvaehpc@gmail.com;

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Clerk: Wendy Quigley, tel: 07859 924655,

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Website: www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk

**Next Meeting, Wednesday 13th April, 2022 at 7:30pm, Old Hanney Room,
Hanney War Memorial Hall, aka Village Hall.**

**Beautiful flowers in the
West Hanney allotment**



West Hanney Parish Council

Do you fancy cultivating an allotment and growing some wonderfully tasty fruit and veg and perhaps some beautiful flowers for picking? (See pic below.)

West Hanney Parish Council has a number of vacant plots on its allotment gardens on the north side of the Causeway between the playing field and Old School House. This is the start of the allotment year and an ideal time to begin, helpful advice is available, and water is provided to a standpipe.

If you are interested, please contact Barbara Martin our Parish Clerk for further details.

West Hanney Parish Council would like to thank the community-minded residents who re-erected the signpost at the junction of Main Street and The Meads and arranged for the broken sign to be repaired. If anyone knows the identity of the inconsiderate driver who caused the damage to the hedge and the signpost, the Parish Clerk would be delighted to hear from you.

The next meeting of WHPC will be held on Tuesday 3rd May 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

Noddy says ...

"Hello everybody! That big road the A338 is due to be shut from Mon 23rd-Fri 27th May for them to make our lovely new puffin crossing.

My very clever friend Tessie Bear tells me that BT may also be working on that road earlier in May, so be prepared for hold-ups and delays throughout the not so merry month!

She also said that there may be roadworks on School Rd, West Hanney at the end of April, so Big Ears and I will have to drive extra jolly carefully and slowly over the next few months, or PC Plod will be after us! He often gets quite angry and shouts at me in my little car ... 'Stop in the name of Plod!'"

Thanks Noddy, hoping to have more



details on the May closures next month. Remember too dear motorist that from 4th April, district council car parks across the Vale of White Horse will now have only one hour free parking instead of two.

Finally, a heads-up on the Steventon Road, which, from just east of Tinkerbush Farm, will be closed from 28th April to the 29th. Times stated are between 22.00 and 06.00,

The Reservoir...Hopefully all

Hanney folk have now had a flyer through their door, stating **GARD's (Group Against Reservoir Development)** case, and it's probably fair to say that most, but not all, of us share their view, given what we currently know anyway.

I found a mention of the reservoir in a document from 1993, so it's hardly a new issue, and GARD have, since 1996 I believe, been presenting sometimes highly technical arguments assuring us all that it will be a disaster if it goes ahead, for a variety of reasons. You can read them on their website - **www.gard-oxon.org.uk**.

Thames Water (TW) is one of the water companies who want to build the reservoir. They are of course responsible for supplying our water and taking away our sewage. In contrast to GARD, they have presented very few 'facts', technical or otherwise.

At a recent 'Drop-In' session in Steventon - they didn't hold one in Hanney - I popped along to pose a few questions.

I started on leisure opportunities once the reservoir is built, this being one of the few potential benefits to our local communities after we would have endured many years of disruption, massively increased heavy traffic, road closures etc!

All the TW reps at the drop-in were casually dressed...no hard-nosed businessmen in sharp suits and silk ties here thank you very much; this is the warm and fluffy face of big business and massively wealthy foreign investors!

Some even in jeans, they were universally polite and patient. And boy, did they need to be!

Here's the informal Q & A session I had with one of them.....

Me: Once completed will we be able to swim in it? **TW: Under consideration.**

Me: Fish and sail? **TW: Almost certainly to both.**

Me: Water-ski and other watersports?

TW: Motorised sports unlikely.

Not specifically on leisure...Me: What % of the surface will be covered by floating solar panels? **TW: Don't know.**

Me: Will sunrise be delayed by 30 minutes west of the reservoir due to the height of the wall, as claimed by GARD?

TW: We haven't done the calculations.

Me: Security guards on site 24/7?

TW: Don't know, but anyway cannot discuss security arrangements.

Me: How steep will the banks actually be?

TW: As shallow as makes sense.

If you're familiar with GARD's take on the above questions, you'll spot the odd difference!

Speaking to fellow visitors, I realised that polite but frankly not very well informed, and often vague answers were all that they also got from TW.

GARD had their display in the foyer of the hall and were out in full force, verbally sparring with the TW folk.

A young lady with a large TV camera was there, interviewing many of the worthy souls attending. There were plenty.

Modesty prevented me from revealing myself to her as the local press baron.

Sadly lacking were supplies of tea, coffee and custard creams.

To summarise...this whole 'reservoir' affair is a big deal and the full facts are not that easy to establish. It really is important we take it seriously.

If you object to the reservoir, the one thing you can do, short of Extinction Rebellion type tactics with a tube of superglue - not recommended - is write to our MP, and our County and District Councillors.

Their contact details are on page 3, and have a look at the OFWAT, (the water regulator) website: www.ofwat.gov.uk/

As we say in the newspaper business, this story has legs!

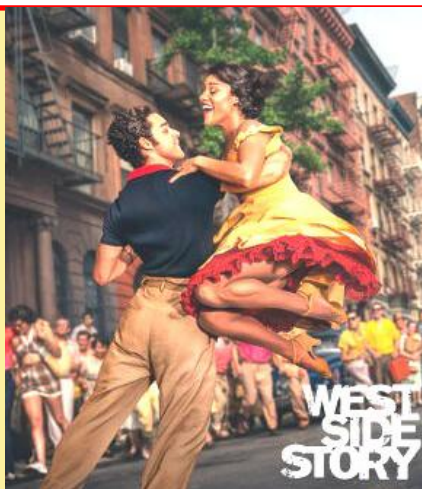
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Thanks to some dynamic community projects, 'Sustainable Wantage' has been named as one of Oxfordshire's eighteen 'Climate Action Heroes'.

At a recent ceremony, SW's Jo Harvey and Jez Elkin received the award from Oxfordshire's High Sherriff, Imam Monawar Hussain. He's the gent in the middle! They all look mighty happy, and rightly so!
Well done SW, say we here at Global HQ.

If you'd like to learn more about Sustainable Wantage, check out their website here sustainablewantage.org.uk

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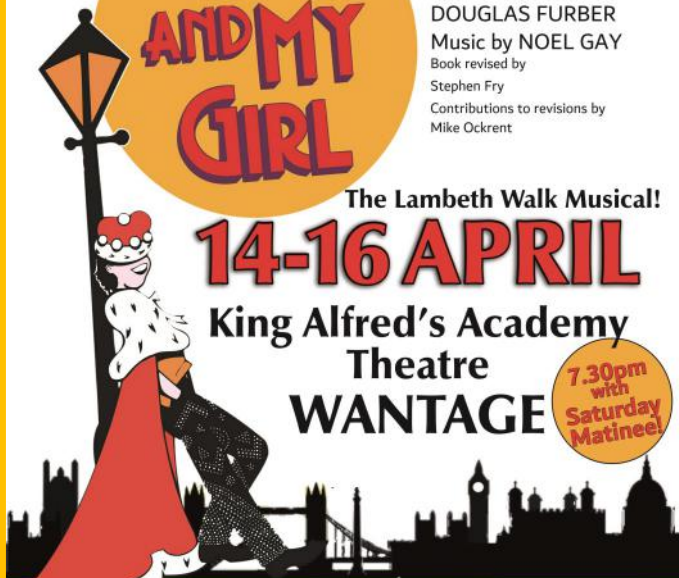
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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Dear Friends

I was reminded of the phrase **Repairer of broken walls** recently because our garden wall collapsed last month (*the photos below may not be up to our esteemed editor's high standard but you get the picture*).

Repairer of broken walls is given as a title to those who are bombarded and besieged in the verse in Isaiah 58:20, implying that they have the hope that good things will be restored.

Whilst writing, the media is full of images of destroyed buildings with their broken walls as the Ukrainians try to defend their country from invading Russians.

By the time you read this, things may be much worse but they certainly need hope and a repairer of broken walls.

Easter holds out hope in repairing our brokenness because Jesus broke through the barrier of death.

It was three days between the death and resurrection of Jesus.

It was just under 4 weeks that our wall was repaired (*indeed looks a lot better*); but people (*as in the days of Isaiah*) usually have a lot longer to wait before things improve.

Yet with the distress and terror going on, it feels more fitting to stay reflecting on the horror and brokenness of Calvary where Jesus suffered and died rather than rush on to the celebration of Resurrection.

As we contemplate such suffering we might ask ourselves if and how we can help? Christians can own contribute several ways.

Pray

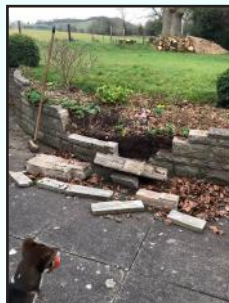
Donate to the various charities helping Ukrainians.

Remind the world that there is more to life; that walls will be repaired - giving hope to the oppressed.

May you know the resurrection and restorative hope of Jesus this Easter.

God bless

John



SERVICES in April 2022 at St James

April 3rd – Revd Canon Geoff Maughan, Palm Sunday, 10th,– Revd John Durant, EASTER DAY, 17th – Revd Alec Gill, 24th – Revd Velma Oxley.

Midweek Said Eucharist – Tuesday at 10.00am

Good Friday – An Hour before the Cross at 11am

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).

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

Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC) 'Home Library Service',

in partnership with Age UK, is available to people who are unable to visit a library through frailty, infirmity or a disability. Full-time carers and those who might need the service on a short-term basis following debilitating illness or hospitalisation can apply too.

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vice. Whenever possible, we try and arrange for the same volunteer to visit you each time. Your books, DVDs etc. will be delivered and collected every 3 weeks. The Home Library Service is free of charge. To register or for further info call the Home Library Service on 01865 810259 or email homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Interested in volunteering for the Home Library Service?

Your local library manager or one of our partner volunteer organisations will be delighted to see you. Contact details as above.

'The Plough' is the community-owned - and only - pub in West Hanney, and has been closed since the start of the year, following the resignation of the tenant.

The Hanney Pub Company have been working hard to recruit a new tenant, and all being well, the pub will reopen sometime in May.

We have missed our 'local' and need to support it when it does reopen.

We are lucky that here in West Hanney, we have the delightful 'Hanney Spice' restaurant, serving the best Indian food - see



their ad on page 10 - whilst not too far down the road in East Hanney is the Black Horse - see their ad on page 11 - La Fontana and the Royal British Legion, all offering the finest of fayre, events etc.. We need to support them too.

This from the Vale District Council...

£150 'rebate' to help with energy bills. Many council taxpayers in the Vale of White Horse will soon receive a £150 council tax 'rebate' to help with rising energy bills. Most households in council tax bands A-D will be eligible for the rebate. However, contrary to some reports, the 'rebate' will not be taken off people's council tax bills when they are issued.

The Vale is putting arrangements in place to make a separate payment to households as soon as possible. Here's how the payments will be made:

If a household pays their council tax by direct debit – they should be able to receive the £150 directly into their bank account. Vale is hoping to start making these payments by the end of April.

If a household is not on direct debit – it will take longer to make these payments as the council will need to write to them to confirm their bank details.

To ensure the Vale can carry out this work as quickly as possible, they are asking people not to contact them to chase the 'rebate' payment.

Residents can still sign up to pay their bill by direct debit – for more information on how to do this, visit: whitehorsedc.gov.uk/counciltax.

Limited funding will also be made available for households in need who would not otherwise be eligible for this energy rebate. This will be a local discretionary scheme and details will be made available on the council's website in due course.

If you are struggling to pay your council tax bill, please visit whitehorsedc.gov.uk/counciltax or call 0345 302 2315.

For advice if you are struggling to pay other bills, please visit Citizens Advice website – citizensadvice.org.uk or Vale Community Impact – vci.org.uk

And a quick reminder from last month...if 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: jimstagg@btinternet.com.

Here's another lovely window display currently in our Community Shop - maybe gone by the time you read this, so hopefully you did get to see it.

It features some beautiful hand-made cards by Sarah Miller, a very talented young Hanney resident. And you can see samples of her work on her Facebook page here:

www.facebook.com/sjshandmadecards



L E T T E R

Dear Editor

In response to the editorial on p 7 of the March Hanney News, regarding the decision of Oxfordshire County Council to go wholly vegan at council meetings...

My canines quiver every time I walk into Dews Meadow, great. But global heating is here in Hanney; no snow (again) this winter: no Sunday morning tennis lost to hard frosts, but plenty of wet and storms here and globally.

You went too far in besmirching Mr M. of the OCC for putting a motion in line with his *declared* interests while effectively praising Jeremy Clarkson who's only too ready to get on our screens to push his financial adventures.

You then became dangerously political in republishing slurs from the mischievous *Sun*, denigrating the people's elected representatives (might you *possibly* prefer Tory...?).

Finally, at the end of some reasonable comments from MP Johnston, came the rather pathetic lumping in of 'animal rights activists' as a 'frequent cause of theft/abuse/vandalism. Any corroboration from him in the last 10 years, locally, of this being a problem? We dealt a great blow to our farmers via Brexit, and should support them, but not by blaming principled people and ignoring the huge meat farming contribution to global heating.

I love your organ, HN, even when I disagree, and happy to share the odd bacon buttie ;-)

David Gahan

Thank you David, comments duly noted, and looking forward muchly to sharing a bacon buttie! - Editor

Big ups to some fine Hanney

heroes...top pic shows Dave Stubbington waltzing across the mud with an ivy-coated branch that came down in the recent storms, and below, meet the formidable trio that is, l-r, David Carey, Chris Aram and Mark Heyes! They've just stuck the signpost pole back in the ground after a rather inconsiderate - maybe drunk? - driver knocked it down.

Big ups too for Chris Kelland, who's fixing the actual sign, which was more damaged than the post and needs some specialist welding. Such community-minded folk deserve our gratitude.



Hanney Historical Calendar.

This month's photo is of the Causeway in West Hanney, looking towards the village green, with the church behind you. The raised foot-paths are clearly visible, more so on the left, though they are both of equal height. Care is needed when they are walked upon, especially in high heels. (No, I've never tried, I'm just guessing!) They are Grade II listed structures and are several hundred years old, as is the magnificent wall on the left, and were originally built to allow folk to get to church without getting their feet wet. Yes, our villages flooded hundreds of years ago long before global warming. Clue's in the title...Hanney, Charney, Goosey, village names that end 'ey' meaning 'island', i.e. it might get a bit wet!



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In the wall on the left, behind which lies the magnificent West Hanney House, built in about 1720, is a blocked up opening, just visible in the pic, and if you believe in ghosties and ghoulies, hang around there at midnight, and you may see the ghost who allegedly comes out once in a while and heads off down to the church!

Behind the right-hand wall is the original Vicarage, built in the early 1800s, and sold by the Church some years ago...1980s maybe? It has been a private house ever since.

At the end of the road in our photo stand some people...either posed by the photographer, or merely curious passers-by. I suspect the former, to add a bit of human interest to his snap. If the latter, they were obviously rather timid folk!

The building facing the camera at the far end of the road was the blacksmith's forge, and at the time, he was almost certainly a Mr William Cox, who had been in the village for around forty years. His family had been blacksmiths in East and West Hanney since before records were first kept in 1540. Behind the forge was a walnut orchard, offering a rather gentle contrast I assume, to the noise, heat and sweat of the smithy.

The Forge burnt down - or may have been demolished - in the 1920s, so probably not long after this photo was taken, and a private house - which is still there and appropriately named 'The Old Forge' - was built on the site.

This lower photo depicts the view from where those small figures in the original pic stood, looking back at the church. Taken sometime in the early 1940s, it appeared in *Country Life* magazine which published a feature on West Hanney in their Jan 1943 issue, describing it as "*A village of which the beauty lies in the balanced variety of the buildings of many materials and times*"

That's nice...glad they liked it! So do I.





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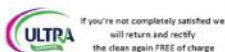


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'DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES' - Get ready to dance/workout to sounds from the 60's,70's,80's and current chart hits. This uplifting LOW impact workout moves at YOUR pace. Suitable for anyone looking for a class that feels like a party. Every Friday, 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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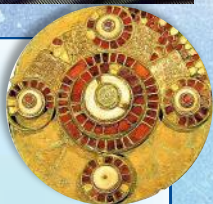


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In East Hanney, it's on the left wall of the open porch in the Village Hall.

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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