



# Hanneley News

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**Hanneley WI invite you to our Craft Fair on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at the Hanneley War Memorial Hall.**

Many quality artisan traders will be joining us who are local and also from all over Oxfordshire and Berkshire. There will be something for everyone including the famous WI Teas & Cakes. With so many things to choose from you might even be tempted to shop early for Christmas! Bring your friends and family for a good day out.

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## Editorial

As I write this editorial, we are just six days on from the loss of HM the Queen. I, along with everyone else I'm sure, was a huge admirer of her absolute dedication to the role over a very long time indeed.

Since her passing, and not altogether unexpectedly, we have all been rather inundated by the media with a million tired old clichés regarding her life and her death.

One claim that was made - on the BBC and elsewhere - was that during her reign, she had visited about one third of the country, and that set me wondering if she had ever come to Hanney? So dear readers, if she did - and you perhaps have a story to tell about the visit? - please let me know.

If you expected long tributes and numerous photographs of the Queen in this issue, I can only apologise, since there are none, other than the one of the book of Condolences in St James Church and a portrait - a particularly good one in my humble - on the front cover.

In the evening of the day she died last Thursday, I enjoyed a very agreeable drink down at the Legion with some fine and up-standing East Hanney gentlemen. The place was buzzing...footie on the tv, and a darts match in full swing.

Life does indeed go on - how's that for a tired old cliché? - no less in these pages

than elsewhere. Apart from all else, I'm sure that's what she would have wanted.

So, with your permission, I'll return to the usual 'stuff'....

We welcome a new advertiser this month, 'Mrs Jones Beauty', see page 19.

And whilst on ads, we currently have some room, so if you want to advertise your business, give me a ring...we're cheap! See page 11.

Thanks to the various photographers who contributed to our photospread on page 15 of our two recent Festivals hosted by the splendid local hostelries, the Plough in West Hanney and the Black Horse in East. And shares are still available to buy in the Hanney Community Pub Co....see page 13. Tempted by tennis? Now's a good time to join the Hanney Tennis Club...see page 14. Little Emma R seems pretty keen!

A sad tale on page 9, and some thoughts on our Facebook groups on page 5.

If you enjoy a whiskey, check out page 4, and if you remember 'Blakey', see page 5. Please be kind to our water voles and don't let your doggies swim in the Letcombe Brook...page 6.

OK, enough ramblings from me, you get the idea, I'm sure. Here's to a rather more jolly and less eventful October, I'll see you in November.

**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)

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**Sally Povolotsky is our District Councillor.**

You can contact her on: [Sally.Povolotsky@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:Sally.Povolotsky@whitehorsedc.gov.uk)

## What's happening this month?

**Monday 3rd - 7.30 at the Village Hall. Hanney Gardening Club** hosts a talk by Andie McDowell who set up the very successful 'Dahlia Beach' at Milletts Farm. All welcome - guests £2 or become a member for only £8 per year and enjoy a full series of monthly talks and visits. A special highlight will be the talk by garden designer and TV presenter Chris Beardshaw on February 6th 2023. More information on [www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk](http://www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk)

**Fri 7th. Hanney Film Night - 'Downton Abbey'** - see page 4.

**Sat 15th, 10am till 3pm. Hanney WI Craft Fair**, Village Hall. Lots of stalls, teas and cake throughout the event, a nice family outing. See front page, assuming you haven't already, on your short journey here to page 3! (Research shows that some people read magazines backwards.)

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> - Hanney Flood Group Working Party**. For details see page 26

**Sat 15th - Dirty Deeds at the RBL**. A jaunty beat combo with drums and electric guitars involved I suspect.

**Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Oktoberfest**, Old Mill Hall, School Ln Grove, OX12 7LB.

**Mon 24th - Sat 5th Nov - Wantage Literary Festival**.

[www.wantageliteraryfestival.co.uk](http://www.wantageliteraryfestival.co.uk)

**Thurs 27th, 2.30pm, village hall. Hanney Senior Citizens**. A talk "Will it cost the earth?" followed by tea, cakes, chat and a raffle. New members welcome or just come and try us out.

**Fri 28th, 10.30am - 12noon in the Beacon, Wantage - The Arts Society Wantage** - "Selfies, Celebrity & the Victorian Carte de Visite" - Mark Hill (from the Antiques Roadshow). Visitors welcome - £10 (pay on door). Annual sub £50 including refreshments. For further info contact [clemdavies2010@sky.com](mailto:clemdavies2010@sky.com) 01235 764037  
[www.theartsocietywantage.org](http://www.theartsocietywantage.org) See page 14

**Sat 29th - Hanney Community Woodland Working Party**, 9am - Noon, latest. Details, please see page 26.

## And further ahead...

**Sat 19th Nov - Hanney Flood Group Working Party** - see page 26

**Sat 19th Nov, Village Hall - Cancer Research Bazaar**. See page 5.

**Sat 26th Nov - Hanney Community Woodland Working Party**, 9am - Noon, latest. For details, please see page 26.

**Sat 10th Dec - 10.00 - 12.30. Holly Fair** - all details in the next issue.

**GROVE LIBRARY "Rhyme time 2022"**  
Nursery rhymes, singing & movement  
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November & 13th December.





# DOWNTON ABBEY

## A NEW ERA



**Hanney Film Night in HWMH (Village Hall) on Friday, October 7th.**

**Doors and bar open 7.15 for 7.45 start.  
Starring Hugh Bonneville, Jim Carter, and Michelle Dockery among many others.**

**'Like one of the Christmas specials but more so.'**

**Tickets £7, £8conc. Card payment only.**

**PG, 124 minutes**

**This from our postie Mark** who's moving on to pastures new.... *"It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege being West Hanney's postie for the last three years. In that time I have made a lot of friends and enjoyed the daily chats with my customers. There is no doubt that it has been my most enjoyable time since becoming a postie 30 odd years ago. My thanks to you all for making me feel so welcome stay safe and well."*

Thanks Mark, we'll miss you! All of us here at Global HQ wish you the very best for the future.



**Last month I mentioned a sculptor** called

Pud Farmer. Edwina Poller contacted me regarding a small copper sculpture of his that he gave to Edwina's late husband Frank. See pic. What do you reckon? Below is another of his efforts, which he also gave



as a present... obviously a generous chap as well as a talented sculptor. I'm not sure what happened to Pud.

## Whisky Tasting

**Saturday October 1st, 8pm  
Royal Oak, Wantage**



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# Hanney Fundraisers For Cancer Research

Our annual Bazaar in aid of CRUK is being held on  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, in the HWM Hall.**

**If you would like to come and join us to sell your own items/gifts/etc. then ring Kath to book a table. Tel 868527**

**Knitting Wool Wanted - If you have any surplus wool you would like to donate to our charity, please contact Dulcie on 01235 868470.**

**I'm always banging on** in these pages about 'community' and I want to mention four individuals who certainly 'do their bit' for ours.

I'm talking about the administrators of our **Facebook Groups**. Yes, we have two...the **'West Hanney and East Hanney Community'**... self-explanatory really, as is our second... **'East Hanney and West Hanney - Buy & Sell'** which was set up *"For residents to buy and sell things without fear of cluttering the community page"*.

An honourable intention methinks.

Ali Rosum, Kevin Sanders and Dawn Hutcheon administer the Community group and Macy Jones does likewise for the second one. Big ups for all their efforts - much appreciated! I know they all have busy lives outside their Facebook duties.

Comments on our Community Group are mainly informative, sometimes funny, sometimes silly, occasionally rather annoying and, once in a while, a combination of all the above!

I occasionally post myself, usually after I've quaffed my mid-morning G&T!....(Joking!)

If you're on Facebook but don't follow either group, I urge you to give them a try.

And don't let the fact that they are marked 'Private' put you off...when you sign up to join you just have to answer an easy question and promise to behave, and you're in!

**And whilst I'm bigging up community-**

**mind-ed folk**, can I please mention Bridget Hamilton, who as well as serving very regularly in our Community shop, also does some of the 'backroom' work needed to keep it running smoothly and efficiently. This, along with her full time job, means she's another busy lady. Thank you Bridget for all your hard work!



**Oxfordshire has been awarded £12.7million**

of government funding to get people out of their cars and back on the buses.

'Blakey' will be pleased. For the benefit of our younger readers, that's him pictured above. He was a star of the ITV sitcom 'On the Buses' which ran from 1969 to 1973...a total of 74 episodes!

The funding will support measures over the next three years, including cheaper fares for under-19s, new rural services - maybe West Hanney will get its bus service back? - and bus priority improvements across the county.

Also proposed are traffic filters to reduce journey times and support the introduction of new zero-emission electric buses.

## East Hanney Parish Council

A new contractor has now been engaged to empty the dog waste bins. Early signs are promising. Less good news regarding the bank of the brook by the iron bridge, which has been damaged by erosion and people/dogs entering the brook. There are water voles in this area, so it is hoped that access to the water can be minimised until a more robust solution can be found. Repairs to this bank cost in excess of £10,000 in 2009 so minimising damage is vital to keep costs down and safeguard the local wildlife.

**Next Meeting - Wednesday 12th Oct, 7:30pm, Old Hanney Room,  
Hanney War Memorial Hall, aka Village Hall.**

### Parish Councillors -

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

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**The fab production team** - well, Dave Bratley and I to be precise, and mainly Dave - who brought you **'The Historical Hanneys Calendar 2022'** are already busy working on next year's. We asked our PR and branding team for a catchy new title for 2023. Their creative juices flowed and after some 'left field thinking'...they've come up with .....

**'The Historical Hanneys Calendar, 2023'!**

It will feature 12 more fascinating images from the Hanney's past. This year all production costs are being met by Hanney News, and any profit will help ensure that the best parish mag in the whole of Hanney keeps going through difficult times.

The calendar will cost a mere £10 and you must buy at least one. They make great Xmas presents, so a purchase of several would not be that silly! We are printing 200 copies, and once they're gone, they're gone!

This year in each month's Hanney News I have devoted a page to a short history of the photo relevant to that month, and I intend to continue to do that next year.

### Water Voles Live Here

Please give them some space

They are a **protected species** and shouldn't be disturbed by people or dogs



Water voles are very rare but we are lucky to have a colony living here. For further information contact

[Letcombebrook@hotmail.com](mailto:Letcombebrook@hotmail.com)

## West Hanney Parish Council

The twelve-month review of our Neighbourhood Plan was presented to the Annual Parish Meeting and approved at the Parish Council meeting that followed.

Please could landowners with hedges that encroach onto pavements, footpaths or roadways, keep them well trimmed back.

If you have a ditch running alongside your property boundary, as a 'riparian' owner, please keep the ditch free of vegetation and any other obstruction so that any surface water can flow unimpeded.

If you have difficulty doing this work yourself, please contact the Parish Clerk to see if help can be arranged.

Thanks to the contractors working for Hills Homes at Deans Farmhouse for clearing

and reprofiling the drainage ditch running from Church Street to Main Street.

To help maintain the visual amenity of our local environment, please could residents only put out their bins after 6pm on the evening before collection and return their bins to within their property boundary as soon as possible after their bins have been emptied. Please also refrain from parking on our grass verges and likewise please politely encourage any visitors to West Hanney not to park on our grass verges.

**The next meeting of WHPC will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room at the Hanney War Memorial Hall**

*David Corps - Chairman*

Councillors: Chairman: David Corps - 867454. Graham Garner - 868684.

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**These are difficult times for many folk**, and they don't look like getting easier any time soon. **The Hanney Parochial Trust** may be able to help. If you know anyone who is in genuine financial need, please ask them to contact me, Jim Stagg, Chairman of the Trust, in strictest confidence. (Contact details below.)

We may also be able to assist with **Further Education Grants**.

If you are under 25 years of age, live in Hanney, and seek funding to help with costs directly related to your FE study, please contact me.

**Tel: 01235 867500 - or email: [jimstagg@btinternet.com](mailto:jimstagg@btinternet.com).**

**The Trust's Charity Commission number is 205792.**

To The Editor

Sir



For a few fleeting moments on Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> it was possible to hear the wonderful sounds of the bells of St James and the start-up sounds of the Black Horse annual Hanney Fest, all at the same time.

How splendid! Do you think a repeat performance could be organised – only for longer – for the equivalent Saturday in September next year?

Yes indeed. East Hanney is truly a wonderful place to live!

Clive Fewins, East Hanney



**I'm now on a fitness kick...**eat and drink less and take exercise! The latter involves walking - not my favourite activity I must confess, but two factors make it actually rather agreeable. The first is that I often bump into members of our community who are, without exception, friendly and happy to pass the time of day. (This by the way, is also one of the reasons I enjoy taking a turn in our Community shop.) The other result of my regular wanderings is that I am constantly reminded of what delightful and picturesque villages we live in.

There is however one thing that can reduce the visual appeal of our environs, and that's wheelie bins. Of course they must be left out for emptying at the appropriate time, but one or two can appear up to a week before they're due to be emptied. Then, after emptying, they may stay out, sad,



lonely, and neglected, again for days. Vale District Council have quite strict rules on this. Now, I've never been a great one for rules, but here's what they say: *'Your bin must not be put out earlier than 6pm on the day before collection or later than 6am on the day of collection.'* *Bins should be removed from the pavement as soon as possible after collection and must be stored securely within your property boundary between collections.'*

Of course, you're not going to face a spell at Her Majesty's pleasure if you break the rules, but if you are able to keep your bins out for the shortest possible time, so much the better. The 'Wheelie Bin Policy' is set by the Vale of White Horse District Council on their website...

[www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/)

## Continuing on the strolling theme...

on a Sunday afternoon it's often worth wandering down to the recreation ground to tarry a while and witness some cricket courtesy of the 'Golden Sparrows'. Though not Hanney-based, they have adopted our pitch as their home ground, and have done rather well in their league...see below

from Sir David of Johns and Cricket, a fine East Hanney cricketer and cricket lover.

*"For two full seasons, the very likeable and enthusiastic Golden Sparrows have played cricket on the Hanney cricket pitch on the recreation ground.*

*They won promotion in the first season and bettered that this year by winning*



*their division - promotion again - congratulations! The two most successful batsmen (now batters!) were Praveen and Aditya, the most successful bowlers were Ravi and Maruthi. Two other bowlers, Ravi and Surya, also had hat-tricks ALL of the team just love this game -- and it shows -- come and watch next season."*



**A sad but true story.** Many years ago a gent named Thomas P. Wiles lived in the cottage that is attached to the Plough pub. They had a son who was in the Navy and when he returned from a particular trip, presumably from a place where monkeys were easily found, he brought home with him one such furry creature which became the family pet. His name has been lost in the mists of time, but what is certain is that he lived in a cage, or up a tree in the garden, on a long chain to stop him escaping. He sometimes did however, and, by all accounts was a rather naughty monkey who bit most people he met! Folk were genuinely scared of him. What species he was is not known, but a description suggested he was a grey/brown colour and approx. three feet tall when stood upright on his furry hind legs! Some experts suggest he may have been a gibbon.



Frank Bunce, now an East Hanney resident, lived at the time very near the Plough and early one evening he witnessed the sad demise of said monkey.

He had been the family pet for maybe two or three years, but one evening he escaped from his garden and climbed onto the roof of the Plough next door. The landlord at the time was Percy Simpson.

The night was drawing in and given his history of biting people - the monkey, not Percy! - it was deemed too risky to allow him to remain free overnight. Word got round, and quite a crowd gathered to see the monkey on the roof. Sadly, he could not be coaxed down, so finally, and with the approval of his owner Mr Wiles, Wally Smart, a local farmer was asked to dispatch him with the aid of Wally's 12 bore. This he duly did, and the poor monkey fell backwards into the garden of the pub. There was no canopy or awning of any sort outside the back door, and he crashed down into the garden.

A sad end I'm sure you'll agree, to our bizarre little tale. Some do say that he was 'pretty ancient' at the time of his demise, and that he was buried in the churchyard in an unmarked grave. Hmm...most of this story is true, but I'm not sure about that last bit. Our photograph, dug up from the archives, depicts the poor monkey moments before he met his sad end, balanced somewhat precariously on the roof of the Plough. He does indeed look a rather scary fellow. Maybe he'd already spotted Wally and his shotgun? The Wiles family - obviously keen animal lovers - had a pet parrot, also brought home from his travels by young Wiles the sailor. It was called 'Ebsy' and used to fly around the village.

Next month I hope to bring you the tale of the roaring lion that lived in West Hanney - yes, really! And you thought the occasional barking dog was a nuisance?



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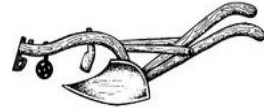
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# THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



What do an Ancient Greek philosopher and Bob Dylan have in common?

They both believed that “the times they are a-changing” or as Heraclitus put’s it, change is the only constant in life.

As we journey through autumn into winter, we can see changing of the seasons all around us. Life can feel in a state of flux, with the future being uncertain and daunting, particular with all that is going on in the world at the moment.

Yet, nature also reminds us that there is a cycle and a season to life. The season’s change, yet their pattern is known; summer leads to autumn, autumn to winter, winter turns to spring as summer approaches.

The writer of the Ecclesiastes 3:1-3, puts it this way:

*There’s a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens: a time for giving birth and a time for dying, a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted, a time for killing and a time for healing, a time for tearing down and a time for building up. (CEV)*

The cycle of life continues to repeat itself and we gain much from being aware of its rhythms and routines, for as George Santayana warns us “those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

We cannot predict the future, but we can learn the patterns of life from the past and these can help us navigate what is ahead. For myself realising, that in life we should “expect the unexpected” (Oscar Wilde) with life being more like a roller-coaster than a pleasure cruise, has help me in facing what ever life throws at us next. Life is messy and it is how we deal with the mess that counts. And sometimes the best way to deal with the uncertainty of life, is to take it, one day at time; as Jesus said, “don’t worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will have its own worries.” (Matthew 6:43)

Life can feel uncertain yet recognising its times and seasons can aid us in reflecting on our past to help us look forward, even if we can at times only take it one day at a time.

God bless,

Alec

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## SERVICES in October 2022 at St James

Sunday morning Eucharist at 9.30am.

2<sup>nd</sup> – HARVEST FESTIVAL – Revd Alec Gill, 9<sup>th</sup> Revd Peter Rich, 16<sup>th</sup> Revd Geoff Maughan, 23<sup>rd</sup> Revd Charles Draper, 31<sup>st</sup> Revd Velma Oxley.

As we have done for some years – we will be collecting for the WANTAGE & GROVE FOODBANK at our Harvest Festival – all are very welcome to attend the Service – but if you cannot get to it and would like to make a contribution please contact us on [stjameschurchwesthanney@gmail.com](mailto:stjameschurchwesthanney@gmail.com) or 868590.

At present there are no Covid-related restrictions, however should there be an increase in infections or mandatory requirements re-introduced, we will take the appropriate action.

**Midweek Said Eucharist – Tuesday at 10.00am in the Chancel**

**Ever heard of WARP?...no,** me neither. It stands for Wantage Association of Retired Persons, and meets at 2pm on the third Wednesday of every month at the Comrades Club in Newbury St. Wantage. Their October gathering, on the 19th, will feature a talk by Lynda Warren entitled 'A look back at the '60s', and on 16th Nov, Mike White will talk about the 'Ghosts of Wantage'! Spooky!

For more details about this organisation, ring 01235 768644. Sorry, don't have a name.

**The Faringdon Arts Society** are holding their annual exhibition on Fri 28th, Sat 29th and Sun 30th Oct in the Corn Exchange. Free entry. Full details at [faringdonartsociety.co.uk](http://faringdonartsociety.co.uk)

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## We have many very cultured folk

here in Hanney and our surrounding villages...I am of course one myself!... but until recently I was unaware of 'The Arts Society Wantage'. It was formed in 1985 and is a member of an association of societies centrally coordinated by a leading arts charity - 'The Arts Society'.

The Wantage Society meets monthly, except for August and December, for lectures on an eclectic range of topics from English ceramics to Australian aboriginal art via French chateaux.

Their October lecture sounds most intriguing... titled 'Selfies, self-expression, celebrity and the Victorian Carte de Visite', it's happening on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct and I'm intending to go. The lecturer is a gent called Mark Hill. Here's his little blurb... 'From the late 1850s to the mid-1870s a new craze gripped the world.

Photography had just begun to be popularised, and suddenly nearly everyone could afford a portrait of themselves to share with others. These small photographic portraits mounted on card were shot profes-



sionally in studios and handed out like business or greetings cards - just like we share 'selfies' on today's

social media. Across nearly two decades, over 400 million cards were estimated to have been printed and shared with friends, family, and fans. We think we invented the 'selfie', but we didn't - welcome to the Victorian 'carte de visite'.

In this highly visual and relevant lecture, we'll look at the rise and fall of the fashion, learn how these cards were used, and find ways of dating cards from clothing and hairstyles. We'll examine in detail the hidden meanings behind the poses, facial expressions, backgrounds, and choice of clothes to reveal the fascinating histories behind these cards that were used by everyone from royalty to the man in the street.'

The Society also organizes visits and guided tours to museums, galleries and other places of artistic, architectural and historic interest.

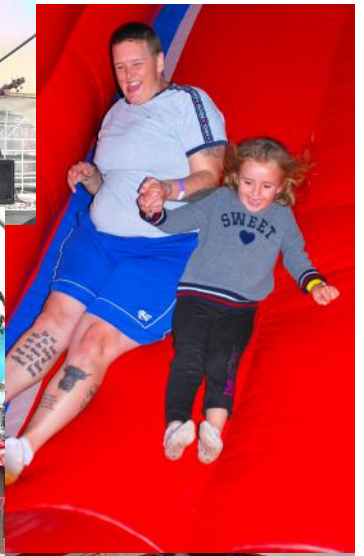
Full details are on their website....

<https://theartsocietywantage.org/>

**Talking of culture**, did you get to see Look Theatre's recent performances of 'Kinky Boots' the musical? If not, you missed a treat! You will also not have seen two of Hanney's finest...Clive Ward and Janice Fletcher ...on stage, since both were members of the cast. The former - yes really! - even got to wear the kinky red boots...an image not easily forgotten! He has since told me he had to hand the boots back at the end of the production run, so this vision is never to be repeated.







**HANNEY  
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**October's photo** in our History Calendar is the Black Horse in East Hanney, well known and oft frequented by many of us.

This photo, taken not that long ago I suspect - maybe 1970's? - shows the pub prior to having its exterior painted in 1998. That caused quite a kerfuffle at the time, with the Oxford Mail reporting... "The new landlord of a popular village pub has angered locals after splashing out on a new coat of paint. German-born Peter Bilecki has been accused of "vandalism" after deciding to change the Black Horse to white within weeks of his arrival in picturesque East Hanney. He shunned the advice of council conservation officers and went ahead with covering up the traditional 'red and blue' brick frontage of the prominent pub in Main Street, parts of which are believed to date from the late 18th century.'

It does seem a shame that the beautiful ornate brickwork was covered with a couple of coats of Dulux, and many folk threatened to withdraw their custom altogether.

Less controversial times are depicted in the black and white pic taken some time in the 1950s I think. I assume the couple standing by the front door were the tenants at the time, and some investigative journalism of the top order has revealed that they were indeed. Lavinia and Arthur Waters, were at the pub for about 40 years! They had four children, boys Alan and Cliff, and two girls, Gwen and Heather, the latter of whom married Jim Cottrell. Heather and Jim's son Alan, now a fine, upstanding West Hanney man, was born in the pub!

Further back a tenant called Charles Arthurs - maybe you had to have 'Arthur' somewhere in your name to be allowed to run the pub? - was in post according to the 1881 Census, and still in 1891, but by 1901 he was shown as a carpenter, and in 1911 he had moved to West Hanney. He died in 1919 and is buried in St James Churchyard.

**Re last month's piece,** it's been pointed out that some of the so-called facts regarding Dandridge's Mill may not actually be true. Certainly the claim that French prisoners of the Napoleonic war worked there doesn't fit in with the dates...the war ended in 1815, and the mill wasn't built till 1820, but which time the p-o-ws would have been sent back to France. I'm hoping to put together a brief history of the mill in the near future.







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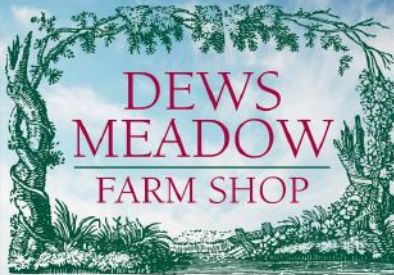
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## Clubs and Societies

**HANNEY BADMINTON CLUB** meets every Thursday in the Village Hall, 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 BROWNIES AND GUIDES** (for all girls aged 7-14) meet on Mondays in HWMH 6:00-7:30pm during term time. **RAINBOWS** (aged 5-7) in Grove on Thursdays. 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 COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING** in the Village Hall, Tuesdays, 10.00-11.30am. Everyone welcome for tea or coffee - a chat and a raffle. Just turn up!

**HANNEY COMMUNITY WOODLAND WORKING PARTY**...contact Paul Sayers by email [pksayers@btinternet.com](mailto:pksayers@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. [www.thehanneysfloodgroup.org.uk/](http://www.thehanneysfloodgroup.org.uk/)

**HANNEY GARDENING CLUB** meets on the first Monday of each month, Sept to April, in the HWMH. 7:30 for 8.00pm. Tea and coffee followed by a talk. [www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk](http://www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk)

**HANNEY HISTORY GROUP**. Meets 8pm on the 4th Monday of every month in the main hall of the Village Hall. 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 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. Also every Thurs eve, 6.30pm - 7.30pm. Just turn up to either, or both! £2 a session.

**HANNEY TENNIS CLUB** is a very friendly village tennis club and always welcomes new members. Half price membership until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 is now available – please email Jenny 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 Monday 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 Kate Tyler on 07446 364859

**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, [hyfchooty@gmail.com](mailto:hyfchooty@gmail.com) or visit our website [hanneyyouthfc.co.uk](http://hanneyyouthfc.co.uk)

**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 SINGING WITH SJS**, East Hanney small consort male-voice group, 8-10pm. Join us in our 'Royal year' with 4-part songs written by Kings Henry VIII, Charles I, and in praise of Henry V and Agincourt and Queen Vic, and a pint in the Black Horse afterwards. 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)

**'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](mailto: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](http://www.dancingdebs.com)

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## Where are our Defibrillators?

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](mailto:hwmh.hanney@gmail.com)

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