

# Hanney News

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**The RBL Service of Remembrance will be on Sunday 13 November, starting at 10.45 on Church Green, preceded by the march from the Royal British Legion, East Hanney.**



## 'The Historical Hanneys

**Calendar 2023'** is now available, from the Community Shop or direct from me - 01235 867500. I can deliver in the Hanneys!

This year's splendid features twelve more fascinating images from Hanney's past.

All our production costs are being met by Hanney News Global, and any surplus will help ensure that the best parish mag in the whole of Hanney keeps going through difficult times.

We'll also be distributing some surplus to other good causes in our community, including the Community Shop.

The calendar costs a mere £10 and they make great Christmas presents.

(See page 4 for details of the locations where all the pics were taken.)

**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.**

**In your super soaraway News this month, read all about helicopters, anthropologists, lions, running, Tom Cruise's Rolos, Scouts being posties, Osteoporosis, Warm Home Discount rules, the Archers and much much more!**

## Editorial



We recently held our Distributors Lunch at the Black Horse, an annual event that gives me a chance to personally thank all our individual distributors for their efforts. Without such an efficient distribution system, there wouldn't be much point in producing Hanney News, so massive thanks go to them.

Still on Hanney News, but slightly less good news....with a recent increase in printing costs and a fall off in commercial advertisers - our only source of income - we're having to watch the pennies here at Global HQ. We've sponsored the 2023 Hanney Historical calendar, which is now on sale in the shop or from me. Surplus from sales - hope there is some!! - will come to us, with some going to the shop and possibly other good causes in our community. I do hope you'll consider buying one... Or more! See front cover and page 4.

Hanney News has recently been criticized for being too serious, and if you share that view, you'll hopefully enjoy Andy Robertson's quiz on page 5.

Talking of humour, a certain Walter Gabriel - he of the Archers radio series - gets a mention on page 16, and a good laugh is guaranteed if you hunt out Tony Hancock's

impersonation of Walter on YouTube.

We are pleased to welcome a new advertiser this month, plumber Roger Wilson - see his ad on page 18. I can personally recommend Roger...he recently fixed a leaking loo cistern here at HQ!

On page 14 you can read how Ria Lambert got on in the London Marathon, and if you also ran it, or know a member of our community who did, do please let me know. We go to press too early for me to include details of the Oxford Half Marathon, which happened on 16th Oct. We certainly had local folk running in that race...details next month.

As we approach December and all things 'Christmas', keep Saturday 10th December free, since all your Christmas present needs can be sorted by a visit to the magnificent Holly Fair in Philberds Manor, a beautiful atmospheric setting for a delightful community event. Please support it. Once you're done there, head over to Bothy Vineyard where they too are holding a Christmas market.

Still on Christmas, remember St James Church have got some lovely Christmas cards for sale...details on page 13.

Till December my friends!

**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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**Juliette Ash is our County Councillor...**her contact details: c/o County Hall, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1ND. Email: [juliette.ash@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:juliette.ash@oxfordshire.gov.uk). [www.julietteash.co.uk](http://www.julietteash.co.uk)

**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?

**Fri 4th - Film Night, 'Top Gun, The Maverick'...** Tom Cruise leads a mission that demands the ultimate sacrifice! Oh err...perhaps giving away his last Rolo?! Details page 4.



**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm for 8pm at the Village Hall. Hanney Gardening Club.** An illustrated presentation on the **Secrets of Successful Water Gardening** by James Allison. Guests welcome, £2, or become a member for only £8 pa and enjoy a full series of monthly talks and visits including a presentation by the garden designer and presenter Chris Beardshaw on February 6th 2023.

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

**Sat 19th - Village Hall - Cancer Research UK Bazaar.** See front page.

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

**Mon 28th, 8pm, Village Hall - Hanney History Group**, a talk by Judy Dewey, Curator of Wallingford Museum **'The Life and Times of King Alfred'**, the first King of the English, born in Wantage.

## And further ahead...

**Sat 10th Dec - 10.00 - 12.30. Holly Fair** - all details see page 13.

**Sat 10th Dec - 10am - 4pm - A Mini Christmas Market** at Bothy Vineyard. Ten Local producers including, preserves, Earth Ale, gifts, mulled cider and hot food.



**The Hanney Scout Group** are offering a Christmas Card delivery service this year.

Folk will be able to drop their Christmas cards into a designated post box and the scout group will deliver them around Hanney and surrounding villages ahead of Christmas eve, at a cost less than a second class stamp!

We will have full details in our December issue.

# HANNEY SCOUT GROUP

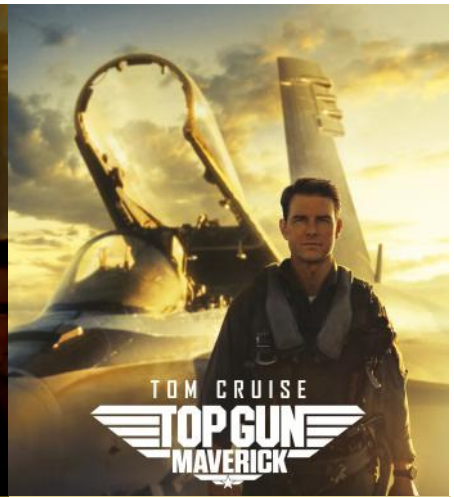


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**And whilst on matters cinematographic** - hope that's a word? - I heard recently of a chap who went to the cinema to see a comedy film. Sat in front of him was a lady, and next to her was sat a large dog. Throughout the film it laughed at all the appropriate moments and clearly enjoyed the film very much. Once the film had finished the chap remarked to the lady how incredible it was that the dog had apparently enjoyed it so much. 'Yes' replied the lady, 'I was surprised too because he really hated the book!'

**Several folk who have already** purchased a 2023 calendar - big up thanks to them - have asked the locations of the photos.

Contrary to rumours, Dave Bratley and I did not actually take the pictures, but here's a quick summary of their locations.

(Once we're into next year, I'll be doing my usual short piece on the historical background to each pic in a little more detail, which I hope folk find interesting.)

January is West Hanney House, February is now La Fontana in East Hanney, this view from the Steventon Rd.

March is East Hanney village green, with April being 'Varlins' at the north end of the same green, with Halls Lane to the left and Ebbs Lane to the right behind the cart.

Back to West Hanney for May, this taken from Church St, looking East toward the



Plough, on the left, with St James Church on the right. Still in West for June, this is 'Castleacre' at the bottom end of Winter Lane on the northern edge of the village green near the Buttercross.

July's is Church Green, West Hanney,, the church out of frame to the right. August's is Darden House in on Main St, East Hanney, Snuggs lane off to the left out of shot. September is the maypole on East Hanney village green. October...not sure on this one, probably also on Main St, maybe just past and opposite the Chapel. If you know better, please let me know.

November is Eddins Pond at the far end of Church St, West Hanney, and finally December's, which is on Main St West Hanney, on the right hand (north) side if heading towards Denchworth. What was the shop is now a private house.



Dear Editor,

Through the good offices of Hanney News, may I thank all those who helped ensure that Hanney marked the death of Her late Majesty in accordance with the protocols for the death of the Monarch and as we would wish to, in grateful thanks for her life-long service.

Our Tower team, Andy, Chris, Laura, Meredith, Mike and Tim were magnificent, all playing their part to ensure that the bells were muffled when required – including the toll 96 times less than 2 hours after the news was announced, the open ring marking the Proclamation of our new King and muffled at all other times. To Stuart for ensuring the Union flag was lowered and raised at the set times and to members of our honorary clergy team for the services conducted during this time.

The Hanney Book of Remembrance was signed by many in the Village and will be kept in the County Archives.

God bless,

John, Vicar – Vale Benefice

## Hanney Lottery

### September Winners

- 1st - May Kent
- 2nd - Jean Sutherland
- 3rd - Tania Orchiston

### October Winners

- 1st - Ann White
- 2nd - Marie & Richard Haynes
- 3rd - Chris French

***Not got a number yet or want additional numbers?***

***Just call Hilary on 868590.***

**As a response to the stinging criticism** that Hanney News does not contain enough humour, I now present the following from East Hanney’s Sir Andy of Robertson and Hale and Hearty Cottage, who posed some questions for us a while back, you may recall. But be warned those of you who seek a good chuckle...his latest posers - well more the answers really - may, rather than make you laugh so heartily that you need the services of a good surgeon to sew your sides back together, cause you in fact to groan very loudly whilst slapping your forehead with a headache-inducing ferocity!

Andy asks us to cogitate upon why a student was awarded *zero* for his answers to the following questions – see the student’s answers on page 11:

Q1: Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?

Q2: What can you never eat for breakfast?

Q3: If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what will it become?

Q4: How can a man go eight days without sleeping?

Q5: If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand, and four apples and three oranges in the other, what would you have?

**If you know anyone who is in genuine financial need**, in these difficult times please ask them to contact me, Jim Stagg, Chairman of **The Hanney Parochial Trust** in strictest confidence.

**Tel: 01235 867500 - or email: jimstagg@btinternet.com.**  
**The Trust’s Charity Commission number is 205792.**

## East Hanney Parish Council

Apologies for any inconvenience caused by the temporary reduction of car parking to the overflow section of the Memorial Hall, but by early November this should be over. The short-lived inconvenience will be more than compensated for by what is coming our way; the largest single investment into village amenities since the building of the Memorial Hall.

This will then be followed by the MUGA (multi use games area) and a further extension to the car park. There's a lot happening in East Hanney over the next year!

Highways, St James School, East Hanney and West Hanney PCs have recently taken part in an on-site survey for the parking

restrictions that are scheduled to come into force in March 2023. Affected East Hanney residents have been consulted and their views passed to Highways who have amended plans where it was feasible to do so.

Hopefully you managed to attend a presentation regarding the proposed Digester Plant. If you couldn't attend and wish to comment please do so through any member of the PC. A combined meeting of Grove, East and West Hanney and Denchworth PC's together with the developer is being arranged by our Clerk, Wendy.

See below re our next meeting.

*Steve McKechnie - Chairman*

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

**Juliette Ash, our Oxfordshire County Councillor**, will be joining us at this meeting. If you have any questions you would like to ask her, please submit them in writing, in advance. This will allow her to provide the most comprehensive answer on the night. Send your questions - by Friday 4th November - via email please, to Wendy Quigley, the Parish Clerk. Her email address is in the panel below.

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- Email: [communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk)

## West Hanney Parish Council

We have some vacant allotment plots available to rent. If you would like to take one on, please contact our Parish Clerk for further information.

We are very grateful to our community woodland volunteers for helping to keep the rides clear and the woodland accessible to everyone. If you enjoy walking in it and would like to join a working party please contact Paul Sayers on [psayers@btinternet.com](mailto:psayers@btinternet.com) 868146.

The next working party is at 9am on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October and the following one is at 9am on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. It's a great opportunity to meet with others in our 'green gym' and membership is free! *David Corps - Chairman*

**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**

Councillors: Chairman: David Corps - 867454. Graham Garner - 868684.  
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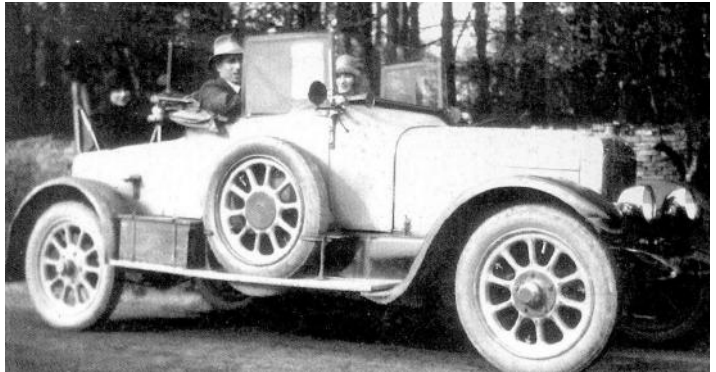
### Now here's an interesting snap....

apparently taken in the mid 1920s. It shows Leonard Barrett, the second son of West Hanney builder John Parker Barrett, out and about in his fine motor car! He sports an equally fine hat - though I'm slightly surprised it didn't blow

off in the wind as he sped along the local highways of our green and pleasant land. Of his two behatted female companions, we know that one - don't know which - was Olive Barnes. The other may have been Nora Barrett, his wife, a lovely lady from London, so I'm assured by a gentleman who knew her.

Their hats seem more firmly fitted to their heads, so were perhaps in less danger of being interfered with by the wind?

Leonard's father was also from London ... a bricklayer by trade, he settled in this area and started a building company,



Barretts, which built many properties in West Hanney.

Stand on West Hanney Village Green and face up Winter Lane. On your far left is Ras-carrel House, then the Villa, then the Old Forge and then a bungalow on the south west corner of Winter Lane...all were built by Barretts. To finish, a couple of questions...who was Olive Barnes, and, for all you petrol heads, what is the make of Len's car, and would it have been capable of sufficient speed to blow his hat off?

No prizes, but I'd love to hear more about these fascinating Hanney folk.

## Warm Home Discount rules updated for 2022-23

As winter approaches, many people will be nervously anticipating the cold weather and its inevitable effect on their heating bills. The Warm Home Discount (WHD) was introduced by the government in 2011 to offset some of this burden.

For 2022-2023 there have been a couple of significant changes to it. The number of energy suppliers participating in the scheme will increase, and those on disability benefits who don't have low incomes nor high energy costs will not receive the WHD.

The value of the WHD payment is currently £150. Nobody needs to apply in order to receive it, with the exception of those living in mobile homes on a park home site (see below). The payment is credited automatically to the consumer's electricity supply account (or credit is directly applied to a pre-payment meter), and energy suppliers have to make this payment by 31 March each year at the latest.



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Eligibility for the WHD is ascertained by means of data-matching between energy suppliers and government departments. There are three eligible groups of consumers: low-income pensioner households; low-income people on some means-tested benefits; and households with high energy costs. This last criterion is determined by

the type of property you live in, especially its age and its floor area (based on information supplied by the Valuation Office Agency or the Land Registry).

There is an alternative form of WHD for those living in mobile

homes on park home sites.

For more information about this, visit [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and search for "Warm Home Discount". Also see the information under "Check if you'll get the Warm Home Discount in 2022" on

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk).

The Citizens Advice consumer helpline is 0808 223 1133 and our Adviceline is 0800 278 7907 if you have other concerns about energy costs.

**The Royal Osteoporosis Society (ROS)** is launching their largest-ever National Bone Health Awareness Campaign aimed at high-risk groups with a view to preventing avoidable fractures and their devastating impact.

The ROS is nudging people to take practical action for their bone health by completing a 'Risk Checker' on-line tool.

It will signpost users to a dedicated Bone Health Hub for information and resources. On completion of the Risk Checker, the user will be offered information to support their bone health or a recommendation to talk to a healthcare professional, supported by a downloadable report detailing their results.



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The Risk Checker was launched on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, and you can find it here:

<https://theros.org.uk/risk-checker/>

I've just taken it... only took a few minutes and contains plenty of interesting info as well as asking questions.

It then points you in the right direction to useful relevant information at the end.



## Once again that old chest-

**nut** of low flying helicopters has come up.

Some folk see them as a gross invasion of their privacy, their right to peace and quiet, a good night's sleep and all that good stuff.

Others maintain that whilst we continue to ask our young servicemen and women to undertake extremely dangerous missions in various theatres of war, we must allow them to be properly trained, and if that means flying low over Hanney, then so be it. (One gent even went so far as to describe the noise of their engines as 'the sound of freedom'! ...a poetic turn of phrase indeed, and doubtless a view shared by a good many folk.)

However, if you hold the former view and wish to make a complaint, here's the contact details you need.... the Ministry of Defence Low Flying Complaints and Enquiries team: email: [SWK-lowflying@mod.gov.uk](mailto:SWK-lowflying@mod.gov.uk) or tel: 01780 417558 (available from Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm. Outside these hours there's an answerphone.)

The helicopters that fly over us are from Benson, an RAF base approx. 18 miles east of Hanney, and the aircraft that they fly are 'Pumas', the single rotor beastie in the pic above, and 'Chinooks', the big double rotor' jobbies, capable of carrying 55 troops or 22,000lbs of payload!

I once met and chatted with one of the young helicopter pilots who had served in Afghanistan, and his tales of flying into the battlefield to collect wounded soldiers were truly humbling and inspiring ...amazing bravery, skill and determination.

The RAF Benson website is full of interesting stuff. ...[www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/stations/raf-benson/](http://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/stations/raf-benson/)

PS: I read recently that the two parts of the word helicopter are not 'heli' and 'copter', but 'helico', meaning spiral and 'pter', meaning wings, as in Pterodactyl.

Well, well, well, you learn something every day!



## Ever heard of an anthropologist named Margaret Mead?

No, me neither, but I read this about her recently, and it does seem to have a certain relevance today, given the hard times some folk will be going through, and how they maybe could do with a hand.

When giving a lecture, Margaret was asked by a student what she considered to be the first sign of civilization in any culture. The student expected her to talk about fishhooks, clay pots or grinding stones.

But no. Margaret said that the first sign of civilization in an ancient culture was a femur (thighbone) that had broken but had then healed. She explained that in the animal kingdom, if you break your leg, you die. You cannot run from danger, get to the river for a drink or hunt for food. You are lunch for prowling beasts.

No animal survives a broken leg long enough for the bone to heal.

A broken femur that has healed is evidence that someone has taken time to stay with the one who fell, has maybe bound up the wound, carried the person to safety and has tended them through recovery. Helping someone else through difficulty is where civilization starts, Mead argued.... "*We are at our best when we serve others.*"

Can't argue with that and an interesting little story, I hope you agree.

If you've a spare few minutes, look up our Margaret on the jolly old Googly Woogly. She was quite a dame!



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### Answers to Andy's quiz on page 5 -

Q1: At the bottom of the page.

Q2: Lunch and dinner.

Q3: Wet.

Q4: He sleeps at night.

Q5: Very large hands.



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# THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



I remember reading a Superman graphic novel (comic) with a full-page back cover image of Superman in a fight, with these words above it:

‘Courage is not the absence of fear’.

That image and these words have stayed with me. But they feel like the first half of a sentence; if courage is not the absence of fear, what actually is it?

In search of answers, I googled it and found these quotes:

*“Courage is not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.”* - Nelson Mandela

*“Courage is not the absence of fear but rather the judgment that something else is more important.”* - Franklin D. Roosevelt

*“Courage is fear that has said its prayers.”* - Dorothy Bernard.

Our fears can be big; the national cost of living crisis, political uncertainty and instability, the global economic crisis and climate change. Or they can be smaller; can I afford this, will this go well, will they like me?

What ever the scale of our fears may be, fear is still fear and it can have a paralysing and destructive impact on our lives.

I regularly find myself anxious and worried about complex or significant things that I need to get sorted, but that I just don’t want to do. I get caught between my fears about it going badly and my fears around what happens if I don’t do it. Usually I just end up putting it off.

There are times, when I am able to remember what I have done before and what I am capable of doing. It can help, if I think about what it will be like after I get this sorted. Breaking things down into smaller chunks helps, as well as working out what are the things I am concerned about, but can’t change, and what are the things that I can influence and affect.

I am no Superman, but there have been times that I have managed to muster the courage and determination to get on and grapple with the things that cause me fear and worry.

For me, courage is not the absence of fear, it is the willingness to face your fear.

You can quote me on that.

God bless,

Alec

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## SERVICES in November 2022 at St James

Sunday morning Eucharist at 9.30am.

6<sup>th</sup> Revd Alec Gill, 13<sup>th</sup> – RBL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE will be on Sunday 13 November starting at 10.45 on Church Green, preceded by the march from the British Legion.

20<sup>th</sup> Revd Geoff Maughan, 27<sup>th</sup> Revd Velma Oxley

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**

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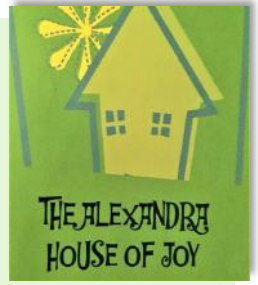
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**Just three days after** the magnificent funeral of the Queen, the Hanney Senior Citizens' guest speaker at their regular monthly gathering was none other than a gent named Ian Scott Hunter who had served as a footman of the late Queen.

He had some tales to tell, which were followed by tea and cakes supplied by Dot and her splendid team.

Speaker Ian, aside from his royal connections, runs a charity with his wife called the Alexandra House of Joy, which will be a 'long term palliative care unit to be built near Bicester. It's an ambitious project...full details are here: [www.alexandrahouseofjoy.co.uk](http://www.alexandrahouseofjoy.co.uk)



**Beneath the beautiful** autumnal colours of the trees here in West Hanney, run the lead athletes who were partaking in the recent annual Sunday morning event that is known as the Hanney Five, organised by Oxford City Athletic Club. It's a five mile run - clue's in the title! - that takes a circular route starting and finishing in Hanney.

Were I to run, it may well drag on into Monday, so big ups to everyone who competed.

I spotted three Hanney folk running, but such was their speed, I failed to get a snap of them. Nonetheless, well done to Richard and David Brooks and David Smiles.

## And if five miles sounds little more

than an after lunch stroll, then you could always follow Ria Lambert's example - she of the Parish of West Hanney - and run the London Marathon!

You might remember Ria from our September issue,

where she told us of her intention to run the race to raise money for the Downs Syndrome Association. Well, she did it and raised nearly £2,000 in the process, almost four times her target of £500. It's not too late to add to her total via her JustGiving website here:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ria-lambert1](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ria-lambert1).

Ria described the occasion as *"a really good day and the crowds were something else. I managed a time of 5h 59 minutes."*

Our snap shows Ria looking rightly proud and happy - and maybe a tad relieved? - clutching her well deserved medal.

Massive big-ups to Ria from all at Global HQ!



**Following last month's sad tale** of the monkey on the roof of the Plough, I present another, this one of the lion in West Hanney! Actually there were two, and they were lionesses...now read on.

Once upon a time there was a man called Tony Gutteridge, who was a teacher - actually the head of Sociology at Newbury Girls Grammar School, no less.

He was a decidedly eccentric gentleman with a background in the circus. (Not sure how that links with Sociology, but no matter.) Amongst his 'big top' skills were knife throwing, fire eating and lion taming! He was well known throughout the circus fraternity both here and abroad, and at one time he was the lion tamer for Chipperfield's Circus at the Hippodrome in Great Yarmouth! For a period he had his own circus under the name of Tony Luke. As well as lions, he worked with geese, bears, dogs, horses, llamas etc.

He also worked in the film industry looking after the animals that they used.

In his later years he lived in Southmoor and at some point he harboured an ambition to tour the Cotswolds with his own horse-drawn circus.

To that end, he asked Alan Whitbread, a friend and neighbour of his, to go to a zoo in North Wales to collect two three-month old lioness cubs and a bear. In case of disaster, Tony lent Alan a loaded pistol. The bear turned out to be huge and was wisely left behind in Wales, but the lion cubs - each about the size of a large dog - were duly brought back to Hanney, where Tony had prepared a cage made out of an old lorry trailer, in which to keep them. It was situated in what is now Rectory Farm Close, just off Winter Lane, this before the houses in the close were built.

When they first arrived, the cubs were playful, and Alan was happy to let his small daughters play with them, but as they grew, they became more boisterous and

sharp of tooth and claw, and hence spent most of their time in the trailer. Tony would feed them large chunks of meat, and George Herman's little dog would try and get into the cage to steal some of it! Locals were unhappy about the two, now quite large, carnivorous creatures in their midst - this probably around 1973/4, when there were no rules apparently regarding the keeping of 'dangerous animals'.

Many folk complained about their roaring which happened every evening. One lady was particularly vocal...the rather aptly named Mrs Slocombe. If you remember the TV comedy, 'Are You Being Served' you'll recall the character Mrs Slocombe who was always discussing problems with her 'pussy' - meaning her pet cat of course, tho' always done with a rather unsubtle element of 'double-entendre'!

Here in West Hanney we had our own Mrs Slocombe having problems with a pussy...well, actually two rather big ones! After only a couple of years, one of the lionesses died. Poisoning by a disgruntled local was suspected, and soon after, the second one also died.

This must have been a huge blow to Tony, who never achieved his horse-drawn circus ambition. He died aged 68 in 2000 and was buried in Longworth Church. Apparently

the circus fraternity from far and wide, including Europe, came to his funeral to pay their last respects.





**The November calendar pic** - I'm guessing the photo was taken maybe in the 1920/30s? - is of the Crown pub in East Hanney on the main Oxford Rd. The building, dating back to 1831, became a private house in 1997, though still retains its rather attractive 'Morlands Brewery' ceramic plaque to the right of the front door. An incomplete list of the landlords mentions the following...in 1847 Richard Bettridge was the man. He was also a miller. Still in post in 1851, he had added 'baker' to his list of jobs....busy chap, tho' he was by then assisted by his 24 year old son John, and 20 year old Ann Skinner, a servant. By 1863, son John alone was listed, and he continued as landlord until at least 1877. In June of that year the Hanney Parochial Magazine records *"The Hanney Foresters Benefit Club held their annual feast at The Crown on Thursday in Whitsun week. Headed by the Wantage Band the members walked in procession to the Parish Church where prayers were read and a sermon preached"*.

Sometime before 1887 James Batten Monk had taken over, but by 1899, Archbold Butcher was in charge. ...see pic top right, showing him and his family in 1904.

John Inch was the landlord in 1907, with Clarence Vipond calling 'last orders please' in 1920. George Falkenstein was in charge from at least 1924 through to 1931, all these dates as per the 'Kelly's Directories' of the time.

There's a bizarre connection between the Crown and that long running radio show

'The Archers' which started in 1951.

My mum - a true Londoner, born and bred - loved the programme. (I never knew why, and my brother and I had to sit quietly whilst it was broadcast...no chance to listen to it again on iPlayfix Prime or whatever it's called if you missed an episode or had to deal with unruly children!)

The programme is still running apparently. Originally billed as 'An everyday story of country folk', someone, somewhere must have taken offence - happens a lot these days doesn't it? - so the good old Beeb have rebranded it as "a contemporary drama in a rural setting" - yes, really!

One of the main characters was Walter Gabriel, a tenant farmer, famous for his catchphrases such as "Oh dear, oh lor" and "Me old pal, me old beauty." all uttered with the most exaggerated of country yokel accents that only a true actor could muster, though rumour has it that he wasn't an actor at all, and somehow bluffed his way onto the show! The 'luvvie' in question was one Chris Gittins, and the story goes that he once visited the Crown here in Hanney to perform a slightly unusual task.

The regulars had collected - for charity - a massive pile of coins which sat on the bar, and Chris was invited to come and topple the pile into some kind of container so they could be handed over to the charity.

Given that this event must have happened sometime after he became a global superstar, I wonder if this exciting photo-op was ever captured for posterity, or if any of our more mature readers actually witnessed the event? Do let me know if you did!





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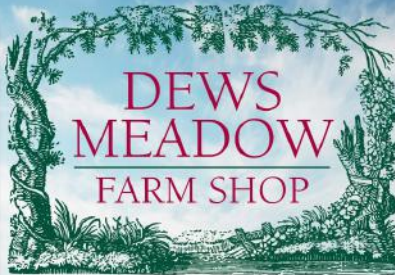
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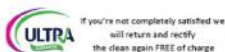


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**HANNEY BOOK CLUB** - 8pm, 1st Thurs of the Month, Plough, W. Hanney.  
[hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk)

**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 current activities - [www.u3asites.org.uk/wantage](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/wantage)

**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)

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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

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