



Hanney News

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Pikachu opens our new Playscape!



More pics on page 8

Editorial

Welcome to December, Christmas and all that good stuff! This is my eighth Christmas issue, so forgive me if there's nothing very original here!

We welcome four new advertisers this month! 'SB Domestic Maintenance' and 'BPW Painting and Decorating', have ads on page 11. The latter - Ben Whitehead and his team - have recently done a fab job on our kitchen here at Global HQ.

On page 5 you'll see Claire's ad for her 'Fresh Fitness' personal training business. Why not get working on that post-Xmas tummy even before you've started filling it with turkey and all the trimmings? (That's an idea Jim!) Finally we welcome AT Automotive. Their ad is on page 10 and they're another company I can personally recommend... excellent 'service' from them when they recently 'serviced' (!) one of Global HQ's fleet of luxury limos.

I also want to give a shout out to Tom at Ovenu...see his ad on page 22. He's just cleaned our oven here at HQ and has done a magnificent job.

We don't currently have any ads from hairdressers, but if any gents in our community want to look as stylish and 'a la mode' as we do here at HQ, you'll need to head - geddit? - to Roly's Revived in Wantage. I've just been serviced there...is that the right word?...by a lovely smiley lady called Christine Smillie...pronounced smiley to rhyme with Miley, not smillie to rhyme with silly! Whenever you can, please give your business to local folk, especially those who advertise in Hanney News. We have some great tradespeople and a wide variety of businesses in our community, and as I've mentioned numerous times before, the fees

we charge our commercial advertisers are our only income. It allows us to pay our printing costs - our only expense - and keep producing this humble mag!

I hear that the Waggon and Horses in Southmoor is to close in January, though maybe only on a temporary basis. Sad news, but also a timely reminder if one was needed, that we must support our local hostelries and restaurants too, if we want to keep them.

You will have met, on our front cover - and maybe at the recent opening of the fantastic new playground behind the village hall - a strange little yellow Japanese creature known as 'Pikachu'. I'm not sure quite how to describe him/her/it, but Wikipedia tells me that it is a Pokémon character that has come to be regarded as an icon of Japanese pop culture! Oh err!

Whatever, massive big ups all round to those involved in the new playground, particularly East Hanney Parish Council.

I'm a big fan of theirs and, having attended most of their monthly meetings, I know just how much time and effort has been spent by them to complete this project.

I've received a most interesting letter on page 8, and check out page 14 where GARD have a poster detailing the public meetings they're going to be holding soon. Ours in Hanney is on Friday, 9th December.

There's snaps to look out for...a happy hooded man - it was raining at the time! - holding a road sign on page 7, military personnel perched precariously on top of our postbox on page 4, and the ladies of the W.I. - fully clothed of course! - on page 15. Till next year my friends, have a good one, and don't party too hard!

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?

Fri 2nd, 6pm - 9pm, Wantage Dickensian Evening, Market Sq.

Fri 2nd, Hanney Film Night, 7.30pm, 'The Wife'...see page 5

Tues 6th, 7.30pm, Hanney Community Shop AGM in the Olde Hanney Room, Village Hall. All are welcome.

Sat 10th - 10.00 - 12.30. Holly Fair - all details see front cover.

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

Sat 10th, 8.30pm, 'Shepherds Pie' at the Royal British Legion (RBL). Seriously good rock music! I've seen these 'boys' and they are class.

Sun 11th, 6.30pm for 7pm, Family Bingo at the RBL. Great prizes

Sat 17th Dec, 5pm - 7pm, 'Harmony Inspires' Christmas Concert, St Michael's Church, Abingdon OX14 1DS. Tickets £10, available from the Church, the Bookstore in Abingdon or on the night. Children under 16 free. Refreshments and raffle. Proceeds to Church and Harmony Inspires

Sat 17th, 8pm, RBL, Live music with 'Glam Resurrection'. An evening of 70s era Glam Rock hits...T.Rex, Bowie, Sweet, Slade, Mud, Quo and more!

Fri 23rd, 6.30pm, Family Christmas Disco at the Royal British Legion. All are welcome. Free entry.

And further ahead...

Mon 23rd Jan, 8pm, Village Hall Hanney History Group. A talk by Carl Champness, Oxford archeologist, 'The Lady in the Quad'.

27th Feb 8pm, Village Hall Hanney History Group. Emily Grieg local historian 'The Christian mission to Victorian Cowley'.

27th March 8pm, Village Hall Hanney History Group. David Peacock local historian. The history and growth of Newbury.



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This from Oxfordshire County Council.... "If you're struggling with the increased cost of living, we've put together a handy leaflet that explains what support you can get from our councils and advice on other local and national organisations that may also be able to help. There's more information on our website....

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/help-rising-living-costs?



Here's another lovely knitted creation that appeared on our letter box by the village hall. I love these wonderful woolly works of art!

Hey, guess who I bumped into when I took my glasses to the opticians to be repaired?**Everyone!**

I have a pet termite called Clint...Clint Eatswood!

Here's a great Christmas pressie suggestion... a newly published book titled 'Fighting on Narrow Boats' by R.G.Bargee!

We have many vibrant and active groups, clubs and societies here in Hanney. They cater for a wide range of interests, and it may be helpful, especially to the newer members of our community, if I give them a space each month to tell us a little about themselves. First up is the **History Group**...here's their piece:

'We were founded over 30 years ago and welcome anyone with an interest in local history and archaeology. We have around 50 members from the Hanneys and the wider Vale. We meet at 8.00 p.m. in the War Memorial Hall on the 4th Monday of each month from September to May for a varied programme of talks. Most are focused on the Vale, Berkshire and Oxfordshire. Subjects include local history and archaeology, industrial archaeology, geology, town development, transport and military history. Speakers are topic specialists, often from the local area. Our subscription is £12, for which in 2021-2 we offered a programme of 8 talks, an exhibition and 5 walks/visits. During May to August, we organise 3-4 local visits to sites such as Buckland House, Radley's half-timbered houses, Avebury Stone Circle and Oxford's Jewish Quarter. Visits and walks can incur small extra costs for items such as entrance fees and guide charges. We hold exhibitions, including the 'Hanney at War 1939-45' and 'Jubilee' events. We research local topics and publish occasional papers in booklet form, such as the two recent Hanney Character Studies. See our website at hanneyhistory.org.uk for examples of talks and publications. Some members also research local genealogy and often help family historians. We occasionally hold social evenings, sometimes linked to a visit. We aim to make local history accessible and enjoyable.

To join, visit any meeting to try us out. Guests are charged £3, refundable from your subscription if you join. Queries? Mail our secretary at hhgsecretary@gmail.com'

If you would like to introduce your group via these pages, please contact me.... Jim the Editor: 01235 867500, or email: hanneynews@gmail.com

Hanney Film Night, Village Hall, Fri 2nd Dec.
Glen Close and Jonathan Pryce combine forces in this 2017 film

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Cards need to be dropped into one of the collection boxes by **Friday 16th December 2022**. Deliveries will be completed by Christmas Eve.

This is a major annual fundraising event, requiring hours of work by the Leaders and Parents of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts within each group, Plus, of course, a band of dedicated helpers so please support your local Community!

East Hanney Parish Council

The last few Parish Council meetings have been very well attended, and if this has sparked interest from anyone who would like to become more involved, then please contact Wendy, our Parish Clerk, as there are several projects about to be given the green light.

No doubt most of you would have noticed the rush of children to the new play area. I walked past and saw thirty children with their parents who were playing in virtual darkness, the zip wire proving an instant hit. We now move on to the MUGA (multi use games area) and car park extension and later in 2023 we start the process to build a sports pavilion.

There have been new benches and waste bins installed in the parish since the last Hanney News.

All the policies of our Neighbourhood Plan have been agreed by the District Council, which will benefit our village in the future. On the negative side we have seen offensive graffiti appearing. It can and will be erased, but at a cost to one and all of us, as the PC have resolved to employ a specialist contractor. If you do see any, please report it to Wendy so we can get it cleared. Wendy's contact details are clerk@easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk

Steve McKechnie - Chairman

Next Meeting - Wednesday, 14th December, at 7:30pm, Old Hanney Room, Hanney War Memorial Hall, aka Village Hall.

Parish Councillors -

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'The Historical Hanneys Calendar

2023' is available from the Community Shop or direct from me - 01235 867500.

I can deliver in the Hanneys, and will also be selling them - along with my wife's beautiful pottery - at the Holly Fair on 10th Dec...see front cover. This year's calendar features twelve more fascinating images from Hanney's past, and in last month's (November) Hanney News,



I detailed the locations of all the pics.

(Back copies of Hanney News are available if you've already recycled yours.)

I was however unsure of the location of the October pic,

so many thanks to Phil Manvell, Dickon and Ian Green who emailed to advise that it is of 'Hazlewood', on Main Street, East Hanney, more or less opposite the Black Horse pub.

West Hanney Parish Council

A huge thank you to Chris Kelland for all his help with the repair of the damaged fingerpost sign at the junction to The Meads. Chris very kindly arranged and paid for the specialist welding, then prepared and painted the blades himself and arranged for their re-lettering. The restored fingerpost sign is looking as good as new. (see below.)

We await the planning applications for the proposed anaerobic digestion facility at Bradfield Grove with its large digestate lagoon situated in our parish, likewise for the proposed Manor Solar Farm situated in the west of our parish, the detailed proposals will be published on the VWHDC planning website [Planning Application Register - Vale of White Horse District Council \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](#).

The reservoir (SESRO) features in the draft best value Regional Water Resources Plan for the South East of England and the public consultation on this draft plan runs until February 2023. There is a dedicated website where you can read about the plan and have your say at wrse.uk.engagementhq.com.

West Hanney Parish Council wish all our residents a safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

The next meeting of WHPC will be on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 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.

Edward Wilkinson - 07771 705234. Trevor Brettell - 868459. Peter Packham - 868038. Barbara Martin (Clerk) - 868806

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And here's the man himself... Sir Christopher of Kelland and Signage, and if you haven't got a star to guide you - topical eh? - you could do worse than use the super newly refurbished street sign, mentioned above, that sits on the corner of the Meads in West Hanney, assuming



of course, you want to know the way to Denchworth, Charney Bassett, East Hanney or Wantage! Massive big-ups to Chris who, as you'll have read in the WHPC piece above, sorted the whole project. Cheers Chris!

LETTER

The New Playground opens...

Dear Editor

I liked your article in the November issue about Margaret Mead for several reasons.

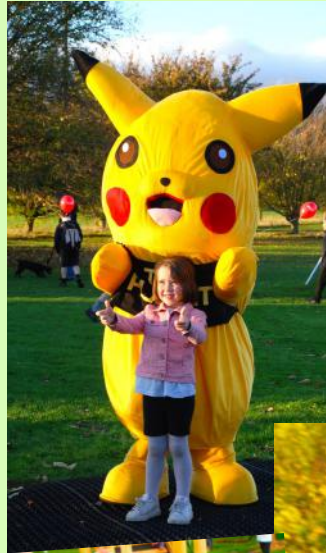
Not least because Anthropology was my subject at university and the subject doesn't get much coverage and is frequently misunderstood. I remember my Dad asking "Anthrowhat? Is that the study of insects?".

But what I also liked about the article was the suggestion that Anthropology and indeed education in general (another passion of mine) can illustrate and remind us about compassion and its role in a caring community particularly, as you say, during these difficult times.

It doesn't have to be Anthropology. HRH Prince Edward changed subjects from Archaeology & Anthropology to History reportedly because his professors at Cambridge felt he would be more likely to succeed if he was studying a subject that he could spell (OK that bit might not be completely true).

The point is education for the sake of education and all of us are educated whether we are aware of it or not. Education is what we are left with, once we have forgotten everything we have been taught.

Chris Osbourn,
East Hanney



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- providing advice and connections
- willingness to work with existing team

For an initial chat, please call: Mike Trippitt - 07718 588142 or Caroline Milne - 07973 215001

Sad news - Many of us will remember, with much affection, Mair Williams who has recently died. She lived for many years in West Hanney with her husband Roy, and was very involved with the Community in many ways over a long period, including the Senior Citizens Coffee morning, the Community Shop, and the delivery of this humble little mag. Mair had a delightful and very strong Welsh accent - even stronger than the current Landlord at the Plough! - and once complimented me on my pronunciation of her name, which she said most English folk got wrong! She moved out of Hanney a year or so back. We offer our sincerest condolences to all her family and friends.

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Dear Friends

Some of you may know that I have been using crutches to help me recuperate after a knee operation - I have, like the stationary bus says, been "out of service". I have been learning to walk with crutches and my family have taken to ducking because I use my crutch to enthusiastically point at things.

Hopefully by the time you read this I will not be needing the crutches so much.

The word crutch comes from the Latin "crux" meaning cross. Nowadays the device is made of light metal with plastic rings, a bit like my new knee, but it was originally a wooden cross shaped structure that supported the lame, injured or disabled.

By our garden gate we have a very impressive Holly tree luxuriant with red berries and climbing up around it clinging on for support is, of course, some ivy. It's almost as good as the holly you can get at our Holly Fair!

In the carol **the holly and the ivy** there is no other mention of the ivy; it is all about the holly the parts of which are to remind us of the saving and supportive power of the Lord Jesus which rescues us from our own failings and faults. From this picture we are the ivy and Jesus is the holly.

A lot of people feel that requiring something to support them through life is a weakness and you may not wish to think of yourself as ivy but as we go into the Advent season towards Christmas, Christians are reminded of the prophecies bringing hope, light and encouragement to people going through depressing and gloomy times. The supporting hope is that a Saviour would be born and that his eventual crucifixion would save us.

Whilst the media is constantly bombarding us with depressing opinions and predictions of disaster, I freely acknowledge that the cross of Jesus is my crutch. I need that hope to spur me on, support and strengthen me through the dismal information of rising prices and chaotic government.

The joy and peace of Christmas comes not so much from lovely presents and delicious food – delightful though they are – but from trusting what Jesus has done.

As you sing or listen to the Christmas carols consider how many refer to the Lord Jesus as our Saviour.

May I wish you a truly joyful and peaceful Christmas.

God bless

John

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SERVICES in December 2022 at St James

4th NO SERVICE at St James – a combined Benefice Service at St Nicholas, East Challow, 11th Revd Velma Oxley, 18th – CAROL SERVICE at 4pm rear of Hanney War Memorial Hall (Village Hall) , 25th CHRISTMAS MORNING Service – Revd Alec Gill

Eucharist is celebrated at 9.30am each Sunday.



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

St James Church Christmas cards

The local charity, 'Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust', who in recent years have given a number of Grants to our church for various restoration projects – most recently urgent work on the bells - have each year produced a Christmas card that features a stained glass window from an Oxfordshire church.

This year it is of a panel from a memorial window in our church. These beautiful cards are on sale in the Community Shop or from

stjameschurchwesthanney@gmail.com

They cost £5 per pack of 10 and 50% of this comes back to our community!



VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER 2022 at 4pm, at rear of Hanney War Memorial Hall (Village Hall).

A short torch-light Carol Service for all the Family. Wrap up warm and come and join in well-loved Carols, hear the Nativity Story and enjoy the start of Christmas week. Retiring collection in aid of Crisis at Christmas and Wantage & Grove Foodbank. ALL WELCOME!!

CAROLS ROUND THE CRIB

CHRISTMAS EVE – 5.30pm, at Philberd's Barn, Halls Lane, East Hanney, OX12 0HJ.

Come and celebrate the start of Christmas in an interactive Nativity. Join in singing your favourite carols, and the Nativity Story. And if you fancy dressing up – all donkeys, sheep, angels, cows, shepherds and wise men welcome. For all the family - the young and the young at heart.

Photo taken at our Nativity 2021 – hopefully masks won't be required this time!

Retiring collection in aid of Crisis at Christmas and Wantage & Grove Foodbank.



Once again I must fess up to 'fake news!' in this humble mag that you're reading now!

We'll start with last month's tale of the two lionesses cubs...you may remember the story. Well, it turns out that they were never resident here in Hanney, but a three year old male lion named Taffy certainly was, and sadly, he too headed up to pussy heaven after the RSPCA were called to check on him. They told his owner Tony Gutteridge that Taffy should be sold. At that time, no one wanted a full grown lion, so poor Taffy was put down.

In the same article, and now I'm being a bit pedantic, I should add that Tony, the big cats' owner, was not the head of Sociology as stated, but a maths teacher. During the 1970s he was employed at 'Shaw House', a girls school near Newbury. An 'old girl' of the school who's a good friend, has many tales of Mr Gutteridge!

Meantime I have an update on the story of the monkey in the October issue. Thanks to Mr Ian Vickers, a fine, long time resident of this parish, I now know the poor creature's name...it was 'Bunbury'.

The young member of the Wiles family that brought him to Hanney was indeed their son Tom, a sailor, who, after he married, Ian told me ... *"was a neighbour of ours on The Causeway when I was a kid. The family then emigrated to Australia"*.

Sailor Tom's dad, also Tom, may have been a chauffeur at West Hanney House for Admiral William Bowden-Smith.

Young Tom left the UK in about 1964 to work on the ill-fated British 'Blue Streak' ballistic missile project, at the Woomera missile testing range in Oz.

So, why name your monkey Bunbury?

Well, it's a village in Cheshire, about the size of East Hanney. Maybe the Wiles family had a connection?

Also, it was used as a name by Oscar Wilde

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Marcham Thursday 1 December

Garford Tuesday 6 December

East Hendred Thursday 8 December

The Hanneys Friday 9 December

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in his comedy 'The Importance of Being Earnest' first performed in 1895.

In it, 'Bunbury' was a fictional invalid character that Algernon - one of the main characters - had created. Whenever Algernon was asked to do something he didn't want to do, he would claim that he was unavailable as he needed to look after Bunbury.

The word can be used as a verb apparently...to bunbury means to 'avoid one's duties and responsibilities by claiming to have appointments to see a fictitious person'.

And whilst we're on inaccuracies, I know the picture I used for that article was not actually a monkey, but an ape... King Kong,

the Hollywood film star gorilla no less, who appeared in the 1933 film of the same name. Why KK? Simple, I couldn't find a suitable snap of a real monkey.





Seems like a long time ago now, but here's a jolly snap of some of the lovely folk of the Hanney WI who organised a fab and groovy craft fair where a wide range of great stuff was on show, with some great ideas to start the Christmas shopping! Well done to all involved. I was there throughout, selling our History Calendar, and can confirm that it was indeed a splendid community event.



This superb photo - taken by their son Darren - is of John and Rosemary Cook, two lovely members of our community. They are more examples of those unsung folk who do their thing quietly and efficiently in our community without making a fuss. Amongst other stuff, John locks up the community shop at closing time, whilst Rosemary deals with the Dews Meadow order, making sure the shop has always got plenty of their yummy grub in stock. They also serve behind the counter. Big up thanks John and Rosemary.

Hanney Lottery

November Winners

1st - Ian Green

2nd - Eric Woodhouse

3rd - Richard Clayton

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

I've just popped into my local bookshop to ask if they had any books about tortoises. The assistant answered "Hardback?" "Yes, that's right," I replied, "and with little sticking-out heads and stumpy legs."

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The December photo in our 2022 calendar

is a view along Main St, East Hanney - see top photo. Below it is a snap I took from roughly the same place on 31st Oct 2022. Changes, yes - not least the loss of that magnificent tree - but still some similarities.

The calendar photo, taken I would guess at least 100 years ago, has been 'coloured', tho' not by me I hasten to add!

On the far left edge of the photo can be seen a small blue sign advertising 'Reckitts Blue'.

At the time of the pic, that end of Chapel Cottage nearer to the camera was a separate shop - it's now part of the cottage - which stocked the product I assume. I confess to not knowing what Reckitts Blue was, but thanks to the jolly old

"T"internet, I can reveal to any equally ignorant readers - surely there are none Mr Editor?

- that it was a small block of detergent that was added to the laundry wash in an attempt to get rid of yellow staining (!) and make the whites 'whiter than white!' Back in the day, and still today of course, a good way for a company to promote its products was to tell folk that the Royal Family were patrons.

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She stated, on April 12th, 1873, that... "I have been laundress to the Prince of Wales for several years, and I consider Reckitt's Paris blue is the best I ever used and is undoubtedly greatly superior to the old-fashioned thumb or dark blue." Good to



know, I'm sure you'll agree.

It wasn't all good news however! Another Victorian lady, one Mary Mason, who was described - not sure by whom - as 'The Young Housewife's Counsellor and Friend', had something else to say. Ok, she may not have had the punchiest of job titles, but no matter, she had a serious warning aimed at all those who employed staff.

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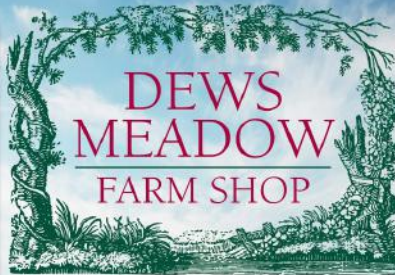
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9am to 5pm

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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

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