



# Have a Happy Hanney News Year!

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Mrs Editor and Mrs Legge, two genteel ladies of the Parish, are shocked by what the Landlord showed them!

Full story on page 14

**Our multi-talented and much loved 'Luvvies' are at it again!** Expect a big Hanney Drama Group Production in February. Not to be missed! Details on page 8



Happy, smiley and busy people enjoy a well earned tea-break...see page 4.

### **My I start by wishing all our readers a very happy and peaceful New Year.**

We're assured by so-called experts, politicians and of course, the 'media', that there are troubled times ahead. So to anyone who does hit them, my message is simple.... 'Don't be afraid or embarrassed to reach out and ask for help...it is available.' See pages 6 and 15.

Our usual logo returns to pride of place on the front cover this month, after a poppy and Father Christmas took the space in November and December. In case you're unfamiliar with it, the 'Hanney brooch' as it is known, was found in a mid-7th century woman's grave in West Hanney. The brooch would have been pinned on the shoulder of the woman's clothing, and the ladies who wore these 'deluxe' brooches may well have belonged to the elite of the 'Gewisse' Anglo Saxon tribe. Historians suggest that back then women played a significant role as land-owners and senior figures in their society.

Due to a leaky washing machine, we here at Global HQ had to utilize the services of another local business, Wright's Domestic Appliance Repairs; see their ad on page 25. I'm pleased to say that Kieran did an excellent job, at a very reasonable price indeed, and I can highly recommend him.

A very talented artist - see pic - is starting



an art class here in Hanney in the New Year. Why not come along and be inspired by Sally Middleton, who has been teaching art to kids and grown-ups for many years. Let your creative juices flow, encouraged by Sally, who will inspire you to reveal previously unknown talents and produce your own great works of art! The classes are on Tuesdays, 10.30am - 12.30pm, starting on 10th Jan in the Village Hall. Sessions

cost just £15. See her ad on page 5.

I've heard good things about a Yoga class run by Helen Pull....see her class details on page 27.

Maintenance work on the St James forest school and the Xmas Holly Fair are two great community events from which we've got a couple of snaps, and the usual smorgasbord of 'stuff' ranging from sewage works, hitting dears, go-kart racing to flower arranging and nudie calendars, are to be found in the following pages. Bunnies feature on pages 5 and 8, and if you're into flower arranging, please check page 13. GARD feature on pages 6 and 15.

Hope you enjoy this month's issue... please tell me what you like and don't like in this 'ere little rag wot I've been putting together for nearly eight years now! Yikes...doesn't time fly when you're enjoying yourself!

All comments welcome.

Till next month 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

## What's happening this month?

**Fri 6th, Hanney Film Night**, Village Hall. 7pm doors & bar open and 7.30 start. Page 13

**Sun 15th, Deadline for receipt of completed school applications** for Reception entry to infant and primary schools for children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019. [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

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

**Thurs 26th, Village Hall, 2.30pm, Senior Citizens'** - a talk by Stewart Linford on 'The Wit of Winston Churchill'. Guests are welcome £3, includes tea and cake.

**Sat 28th, Hanney Community Woodland Volunteer Group working party**, weather and ground conditions permitting ...see page 26 for contact details. New volunteers always welcome.

## And further ahead...

**Monday 6th Feb, 7 for 7.30 Village Hall, Hanney Gardening Club.** A talk by award winning garden designer Chris Beardshaw on restoring Boveridge House Garden. Page 9

**Thurs 9th Feb, Fri 10th, Sat 11th - Hanney Drama Group presents....**see page 8.

**Mon 27th Feb 8pm, Village Hall - Hanney History Group.** Emily Grieg, local historian, 'Christian missions to Victorian Cowley'.

**Mon 6th March 7.30 for 8, Village Hall - Hanney Gardening Club.** A talk on Successful Seed Sowing (indoors and out) by George Lockwood

**Mon 27th March 8pm, Village Hall Hanney History Group.** David Peacock local historian. A talk on 'The History and Growth of the town of Newbury from its beginnings until the present day - a historical geography.'

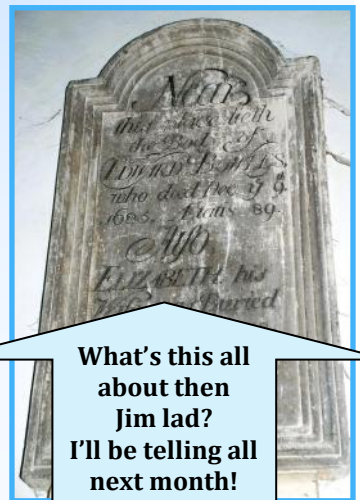
**Mon 3rd April 7.30 for 8 Village Hall Hanney Gardening Club.** A talk on growing and cooking vegetables by Alan Williams.

**Sun May 7th Village Hall Hanney Gardening Club. Annual Plant Sale** Come and Buy!

**Mon 22nd May, 8pm, Village Hall, Hanney History Group**, Christina Hardyment - local author, journalist and historian. 'Inventing Alyce Chaucer'

**Mon June 26th 2.30pm, Hanney History Group**, a tour of Hinton Waldrist village and 13th century church by Paul Whitton, Village Historian.

**Mon 24th July, 2.30pm, Hanney History Group**, a guided tour of the village, school and almshouses, + tea and cakes!



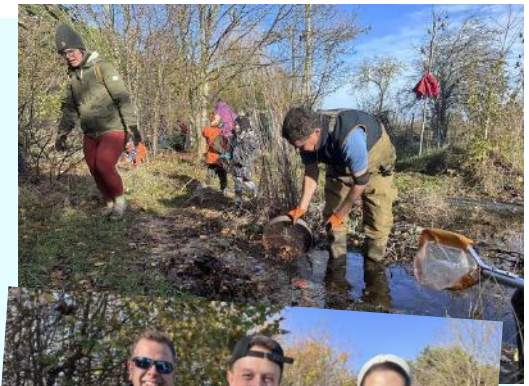


**I'm always pleased** to publish happy snaps from another 'Hanney community' event, and the recent splendid efforts of Jess Whiskin and her team surely count as one such. Along with many helpers, both young and slightly older(!), Jess' team made some great progress on tidying up the St James Forest school, including restoring the pond. As Jess said, huge thanks need to go to all those who gave up their time on a recent sunny Sunday morning.

She correctly described the event as 'true community spirit in action!'

The Plough supplied delicious bacon and egg rolls, whilst Headteacher Lucy Ottaway took care of the tea, coffee and hot chocolate. La Fontana loaned the tea-making urn. Hilary Cakebread-Hall supplied flapjacks and biscuits, Andrew and Louise Brown brought waders and a box full of litter pickers, and got down and dirty in the pond! Peta Hunter and Stephanie Kate helped with organising, Sue Winter-Basford brought waste bags, and many folk brought tools.

Tree expert Tim and Mark Bradfield of the Letcombe Brook Project offered expert advice. Clive Ward loaned his 'beast of a mower' - Jess' words! - and last but not least, many children and parents turned up to help! Big thanks to everyone!



## **Congrats to the Hanney Under 7 football team,**

who have recently won the 'Oxford Mail Trophy'. Their coach Graham Rolfe told me... "The rain was heavy all day but the game must go on, and after getting



through the group stage, the semi-final was hard fought, in the end going to the dreaded penalties. Thanks to a penalty save by our keeper, we were through to the final! All square at the final whistle so to extra

time, but still no result. Another penalty shoot out, and again we came through the winners! These children work so hard and are really coming together as a team. What's more, they're really having fun and that's what's

it's all about."

Well done to Graham and all involved in getting our youngsters of whatever age enjoying their football!



**Art classes for all.**  
**Beginners and those with experience welcome.**  
**Watercolour, pastels, acrylics, drawing and mixed media.**  
**Classes start Tuesday January 10th.**  
**10.30am - 12.30pm,**  
**at the Village Hall**  
**£15.00 a session.**  
**Just turn up!**

**What would you do** if you hit a deer or other relatively large animal? (Just to be clear, I mean when you're driving your car...not talking about if you just went and punched Bambi on his cute little nose whilst he was in a nearby field, minding his own business...unlikely I'm sure! Well, there's an **RSPCA Wildlife Centre** in Cricklade, that will respond promptly to any wildlife emergency, and their emergency number is: **0300 1234999**. There's an alternative number that can be reached during office hours: 01793 690136, and their website is here... [www.rspcaoandf.org.uk](http://www.rspcaoandf.org.uk).



**The 'Letcombe Brook Project'** - the fab and groovy folk who look after our precious Letcombe Brook, recently visited the Wantage Sewage Treatment Works. It was 'quite the eye opener'...their words. One clear message from it was **"please don't flush wet wipes and similar products down the loo, even if they say they are flushable on the packet!"** This is a real problem, cos though they flush ok, they don't actually break down, and hence cause big blockages in the sewage system. Not very nice! When the 'stuff' causing the blockage is removed

- not an easy job! - it goes to 'landfill' anyway, so probably best to just put it in your bin in the first place. At present, the sewage works releases untreated sewage into the Brook when they can't deal with the volume, after heavy rain etc. The good news is that they released less than half the 2020 total in 2021, but it's still way more than we want going into our beautiful chalkstream, so let's all try and do our bit!



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## East Hanney Parish Council

When a reservoir in our area was first put forward, opinions within the Council were divided. Individually, we had our own image of what a reservoir would look like and how it would protect our area from potential water shortages brought about by climate change.

Through GARD, however, we have been shown the reality... the huge environmental destruction, with many unanswered questions surrounding existing water courses and the increased flood risk. Unusually, there is now full agreement in opposition to this scheme, from every Parish Council through to District and County Council. This is without doubt thanks to GARD's relentless questioning, technical expertise and their continual holding of Thames Water to account.

The main beneficiaries of this scheme appear to be the shareholders of Thames Water. If it was their customers, then other schemes which are cheaper, less disruptive, less environmentally damaging and quicker to implement would have been preferred.

Regrettably, the selling of water to other areas seems to be the driver.

We as a Parish Council, however, are here to represent the views of all parishioners, and we understand there are those that support the reservoir proposal. GARD are our technical representatives, and it is their information that forms our current view, but that does not mean that we are a closed book, and we are always happy to hear the representations of parishioners.

*Steve McKechnie - Chairman*

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

### Parish Councillors -

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



## West Hanney Parish Council

We have resolved, together with East Hanney Parish Council, that dog owners are required to keep their dogs on a lead whilst on our playing fields. This is in addition to dog owners being responsible for not letting their dogs foul public open spaces, public rights of way and footpaths. To help prevent the spread of some nasty infections and diseases, and parasites that can harm farm animals, it is essential to clear up after your dog wherever you are. Please put the bag in a dog bin or take it home with you to dispose of it safely in your household grey bin. Please don't leave the bag beside the path or hang it on a tree or signpost!

[Advice for dog owners when walking in the countryside | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

**West Hanney Parish Council wish all our residents a safe and happy New Year.**

**The next meeting of WHPC will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.  
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**Website: [www.westhanneypc.org.uk](http://www.westhanneypc.org.uk)**

**Do you own a bike?** Two things...firstly, it's worth registering it here - [bikeregister.com](http://bikeregister.com). It's a database that every police force in the country uses to search for stolen and recovered bikes.

Secondly, when your bike needs a service or some repair work, ring this gent...**Sir Steve Fairclough of Pedal and Saddle**. He's your 'go to' local man - East Hanney based - and I can personally recommend him!

See his ad 'Steve's bike MOT' on page 17.



Dear Editor

Can you please ask the dog walkers to pick up their dogs mess on the footpath between The Croft and Winter Rise. My neighbour and I cut the footpath regularly behind our properties to keep it clean and tidy for the benefit of both walkers and dog walkers. However we have noticed recently that the dogs mess has not been picked up by their owners.

Along the School Road there is a bin to deposit the mess, or if the dog owners brought a plastic bag with them to pick it up and take it away, it would be much appreciated.

Regards

Laurence Ciupa

## LETTERS

Dear Editor - Hanney Fundraisers for CRUK want to say a big thank you to everyone who came and supported us at our Xmas Bazaar for CRUK. On the day we raised £1500 for Cancer Research. Thank you as well to all family and friends who are always there to support us at every event ... we couldn't manage without you. Thank you again.

Hanney Fundraisers for Cancer Research

*This is an amazing sum - massive congrats to all the CRUK team who work so hard for this magnificent good cause! Editor*

**14 year old Tobian Alvarez** and his family - that's him and his Dad in the pic - have lived in West Hanney for about 12 years, and young Tobian is proving a bit useful behind the wheel of a go-kart. Dad Benoit tells me that Tobian recently finished 3rd out of 25 in the 'Tyro' category of karting, with most of the other drivers in the top 10 having many years of experience. This year Tobian achieved 7 podium finishes and 1 win over the course of the 16 race weekend. They happen around the country, some in Oxfordshire, some further afield.

Tobian and Benoit are looking for sponsors...local businesses who are interested in getting involved. Benoit told me that... "There are two race weekends a month. We travel on Friday night, for practice on Saturday morning, with four races on Sunday, composed of 3 heats, and the final." All sounds rather jolly doesn't it, and if you want to know more, and maybe sponsor Tobian, contact Benoit by email ...[tobian.alvarez@gmail.com](mailto:tobian.alvarez@gmail.com)



**Talking of speed**, the residents of Charney Bassett recently had the chance to voice their opinions on their Parish Council's proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit in their village. Both Hanney PCs also intend to introduce the 20mph limit. 82.5% of the good burgers of Charney voted in favour, with 7% neutral and just



10.5% against. This policy is an Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) initiative, due to happen in the next couple of years. Although it is unlikely that the Police will be able to enforce the new limit (!), OCC claim that the restrictions that have already been introduced elsewhere have resulted in a 4mph reduction in average speeds.

Hanney Drama Group present

## WHO FRAMED THE EASTER BUNNY?

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## This from our green-fingered friends in the Gardening Club...

“On Monday 6th Feb, the Hanney Gardening Club will be welcoming the well-known garden designer and broadcaster Chris Beardshaw to our meeting in the Hanney War Memorial Hall.

Chris is coming to tell us all about a unique project to which he is committed - to restore and recreate 15 acres of garden at Boveridge House in Dorset to their former glory. This was originally a quintessentially English formal garden design inspired by two of the most eminent figures of Victorian/Edwardian garden design: Gertrude Jekyll and Thomas Mawson.



Chris's passionate and creative attitude to planting, garden design and landscape architecture are all inspired by his lifelong love of plants and make him an inspiring speaker as well as the winner of 13 RHS gold medals. The Hall doors will be open at 7.00pm and the talk will start at 7.30pm and the event will be

free for current members. If you are not a current member you will be very welcome to attend providing numbers allow - tickets are £10 each. Should you wish to attend please advise Bill Watkin, our Treasurer, as soon as possible at [billwatkin@hotmail.com](mailto:billwatkin@hotmail.com)”

**Our political chums... David Johnston is our MP.** Contact him here: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, or phone: 0207 219 3000, or email: [david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk). Website: [www.david-johnston.org.uk](http://www.david-johnston.org.uk)

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**Sally Povolotsky is our District Councillor.**

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# THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



“Can you be kind all of the time?”

The Year 2 class at St James School asked me this question, recently.

“No and yes”, I replied.

No one gets everything right all the time. We can let our own mental and emotional state negatively affect others through the way we talk with them and act around them.

It’s hard being kind all the time, we make mistakes and in some situations, we might not know how to do this.

So no, we aren’t kind all the time, but also yes we can be.

With God’s help.

Paul includes kindness in a list of characteristics that God wants to grow in us, the fruits of the Holy Spirit, and as part of a description of how we can practically show love to others.

Kindness is about the attitude that we take when interacting with others; when we treat others with respect, our awareness of their needs and situation, while not letting our own issues negatively seep into how we relate to those around us.

I am guessing that we can all think of a time when someone was kind to us; in how they acted towards us, how they spoke to us and how they were thoughtful of our situation.

Maybe this week, we can look out for opportunities to show kindness to others.

As we never know how this could help someone or potentially improve the situations we find ourselves in.

Being kind is like shooting an arrow. We don’t hit the bullseye all the time, but we can keep aiming for it every time. Kindness is about our intention and effort, not just our success and achievement.

God bless,

Alec

## **SERVICES in January 2023 at St James**

1<sup>st</sup> – JOINT SERVICE at St James, Denchworth at 10.00am, 8<sup>th</sup> – Revd John Durant,

15<sup>th</sup> - Revd Charles Draper, 22<sup>nd</sup> – Revd Alec Gill, 29<sup>th</sup> – Revd Charles Draper.

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**

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Church Warden: Stuart Cakebread: 868590 - [stuartcakebread@mac.com](mailto:stuartcakebread@mac.com)

## Calling all who enjoy arranging flowers....

Your village church – St James in West Hanney - is a beautiful and ancient building and a lovely place to spend a little time and many come in to do that as well as those who come to our services. We urgently need a few people

to help enhance the space by arranging a simple display of flowers. We encourage using garden flowers and greenery and have a range of suitable containers. This needn't be a big commitment – just a handful of times a year, or maybe for the great church festivals like Christmas, Easter and Harvest.

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Or you might like to help towards our costs with a donation in memory of a loved one – and specify the date you would like 'your' flowers done – or offer to do them yourself at that time. Thank you - Ann Fewins



## Hanney Lottery - December Winners

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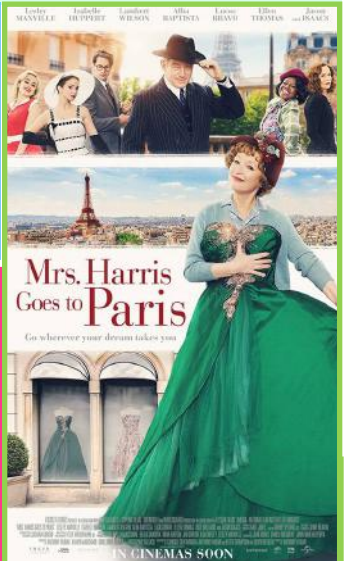
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**Hanney Film Night,  
Fri 6th January.  
7pm doors & bar  
open for a 7.30  
start.  
Village Hall**

**I blame the W.I !** You may have heard that the boys - I use the term loosely - down at the **Plough** in West Hanney, have produced their very own and rather 'personal'(!) 2023 calendar - shocking the ladies of the Parish in the process - with all profits going to that massively deserving local charity, **Sobell House**... check out their website here: [sobellhouse.org](http://sobellhouse.org). Copies of the calendar, at just £10 each, are available at the aforementioned hostelry, or online here -



[theploughathanney.co.uk/the-plough-shop/](http://theploughathanney.co.uk/the-plough-shop/)

They're guaranteed to raise a smile, and a trip to the Plough will almost certainly afford you an opportunity to meet one or more of the lovely models of the calendar, though hopefully more or less fully clothed!

Serious big-ups to the 'models' and all involved in this great and fun project. I'm already wondering what they have in mind for next year?

Meantime, if you're looking for a calendar for those of a more delicate sensitivity, please don't forget **'The Historical Hanneys Calendar 2023'**, which is still available from the Community Shop or direct from me - 01235 867500. I can deliver in the Hanneys.



**Father Christmas photobombs** another great festive event. Massive big ups to all involved with the fantastic Holly Fair, held recently in the fabulous barn at Philberd's Manor in East Hanney. A tad chilly, but no matter, hot coffee and mince pies were in plentiful supply, and a good time was had by all, as great bargains were snapped up. Talking of snaps, thanks to our photographer Clive Fewin for this lovely atmospheric pic.





**These are difficult times for many folk**, and here in Hanney we have a charity, **'The Hanney Parochial Trust'** that may be able to help. I am the Chairman of the Trustees, which include both Parish Council leaders and our Vicar John Durant. If you know anyone who is in genuine financial need, please ask them to contact me, in strictest confidence.

The charity is an amalgamation of several local charities that have been set up over the years, the first of which was back in 1604!

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

(It goes without saying that my role as Chair is nothing whatsoever to do with my being editor of Hanney News!)

**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....**

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### **This is the latest from GARD...**

"The next phase of the consultation on the mega-Reservoir is now open. This is the Water Resources South-East Regional draft plan, and we expect the Thames Water part of this plan to have opened on 14th December. From the WRSE plan we can see your response last time has had an impact and slightly changed the plan, but a 100 billion litre reservoir is still firmly proposed up front. This is still huge, and it is not the safest, cheapest, most drought resilient option to provide water (none of which is intended for Oxfordshire).

We are convinced that this proposal can be defeated, especially as we have the support of County and District, and many Parishes. It is however even more important that we have a large number of responses to this stage of the consultation.

**([wrse.uk/engagementhq.com/our-consultation](http://wrse.uk/engagementhq.com/our-consultation))** and please also write to our MP **([david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk))** as every voice really does count.

**See our website ([www.gard-oxon.org.uk](http://www.gard-oxon.org.uk)) for further guidance."**

*As Editor of Hanney News, I would like to advise that we will continue to publish contributions from GARD as and when they supply info to us.*

*We are also prepared to publish articles, letters, etc., from anyone who is 'pro-reservoir' and wishes to put forward their case through these pages.*

*None have appeared - thus far anyway - in Hanney News, as far as I can remember, simply because I have not been sent any!*

*Please see East Hanney Parish Council's contribution on page 6.*

## Here's the Jan 2023

**photo** from our History calendar...if you haven't got yours yet, see page 14. It's of the magnificent Grade II listed 'West Hanney House' that many of us will be familiar with, though maybe not this view, since it was taken from the garden on the south side.

John Betjamin described it as 'A Vanbrugh influenced, symmetrical Georgian house of remarkable distinction'. John Vanbrugh was a British architect, born in 1664, who designed Blenheim Palace amongst many other buildings. (He was also a controversial playwright who got into trouble because of his very risqué dramas!)

The original building that stood on the site of Hanney House was owned by the Diocese of Salisbury and was so dilapidated at the time of the death, in 1718, of its tenant Elizabeth Bowles, that the house had to be rebuilt. Now our Liz was herself a bit of a local celeb... allegedly aged 124 when she died (!) – there's a plaque to her on the wall in St James Church – she was said to be the oldest woman who ever lived in the UK. (I'll explain why I take that claim with a massive pinch of salt next month.)

When she got married, her husband brought her to Hanney in a cart pulled by a team of 12 snow-white oxen....pass the salt pot again please! (I brought my bride home in our Austin Allegro. Still got the bride - 40 years later! - but the Allegro - an ex-police car that had been well 'used' by our boys in blue before I bought it - went for scrap!) Back to the house ...its rebuild happened in the early 1720s, and it became part of a select group of local grand houses, including Kingston Bagpuize House and Ardington House that had been built by a local school of Vanbrugh-influenced masons. Experts claim that the curves of West Hanney House are reminiscent of Italian



Baroque precedents, where 'curve and counter curve create a sense of frozen drama' as in the undulating, restless walls of San Carlo, a church and monastery built in Rome by Francesco Borromini, an Italian architect, who died in 1667.

I wonder if the estate agents mentioned that in their sales material when West Hanney House recently came on the market? It's set in the centre of a walled 2.87 acre garden, with high gates and an imposing facade. If you look carefully at the side of the building that's in shadow in our photo - the elevation that faces West Hanney Village Green - you can see that some of the windows are in fact false.

On all the real windows in the photo you will see some large crisscross white material...tape perhaps?...its purpose unknown, though some have suggested it was maybe to prevent the shattering of the glass - which would have been very thin - were bombs to have fallen nearby during World War Two. None did fall on Hanney, though it was a potential target area, as by 1943 it was surrounded by four airfields within a 5 mile radius. Our fab History Group have produced some great info on Hanney in WW2...really interesting stuff, and well worth checking out on their website: [hanneyhistory.org.uk](http://hanneyhistory.org.uk)

The house, along with approx. 92 acres of agricultural land, was sold by the Diocese on 4th Aug 1887 to a man named John Thomas Jackson. During the First World War it was owned by a Mr Craddock who sold off the farmland, some to the well-known local builder JP Barrett. The most recent owners, the Tyser family, have only recently sold, and we at Global HQ wish the new residents a long and happy stay in what is surely one of the finest properties in Hanney.



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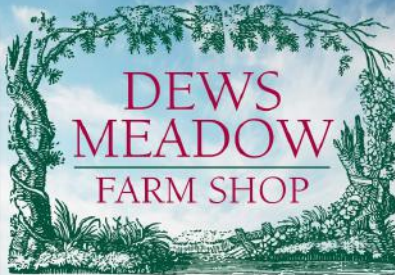
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**HANNEY BELLRINGERS 'Learn the Ropes'**. Wonderful mental and physical exercise with a friendly mixed group. Why not come along and watch a ringing session at St. James church. For more information contact Chris Surman 868749

**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 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)

**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)

**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)

**YOGA CLASSES - Relaxing and welcoming Classes** at East Hanney War Memorial Hall every Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm. Gentle movement, calming breathwork and guided meditation to encourage deep relaxation of body and mind, beginners more than welcome! Any questions please email: [Helen@yogatransforms.co.uk](mailto:Helen@yogatransforms.co.uk) Please book your place through the payment page on my website: [www.yogatransforms.co.uk/payment](http://www.yogatransforms.co.uk/payment)

## Hanney



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Post Office - 868320

## 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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