



Hannee News

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IT'S A SUPER SOARAWAY 32 PAGER THIS MONTH. READ IT NOW FROM COVER TO COVER!

Many will recognise this learned gent, garden designer Chris Beardshaw, who will be giving a talk at the Hanney Gardening Club meeting on Monday 6th Feb.

It promises to be a most interesting evening. I hope you've already got your ticket? See page 3.

By the way, do you like his jumper? I certainly do, but hang on, is it a 'cardigan', not a jumper, or maybe a 'woolly'? That's what we called them when I was a kid.

Maybe he'll wear it on the night? I think it's rather smart in a kinda cool 'cas' way. I've got a few in my wardrobe thanks to Mrs Editor's impeccable fashion sense and generosity at Christmas and birthdays!



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Editorial

A 32 pager this month, so let me start by thanking our distribution team, including the new volunteers....all their efforts are of course much appreciated!

A change to our advertising policy...if you are - or know - a local business who would

like a full page ad, for one month only, please get in touch. Contact details below.

We welcome two new advertisers this month...

'CJ Flooring' on page 21, is one. Chris has recently worked his magic on the terracotta tile kitchen floor here at Global HQ, and I can highly recommend him!

We also welcome 'La Fontana', the fab Italian restaurant and hotel in East Hanney...see their ad page 18.

By coincidence my regular piece on the Hanney Calendar (still available in the shop or ring me...01235 867500) is about the East Hanney

Plough this month - page 20 - one of the traditional village pubs before it became La Fontana in about 1988.

Now, in a recent Facebook post on our 'Hanney Community' page, I suggested that the Hanney Drama Group had been charged an 'outrageous fee' to put their ad in the mag - see it on the front cover. This was me trying to raise a laugh, and just to put the record straight, we do not charge our local lovable 'Luvvies' a penny for their

publicity. By the way, do put a trip to the Panto on your 'to do' list.

Nor do we charge anyone else who appears in these pages, other than our commercial advertisers and our two Parish Councils, to whom we are of course very grateful. With-

out their financial input, Hanney News would cease. Hoping next month to have an article - with pics - of Aunt Sally a traditional game, not a relative of mine! See photo, and if you think this handsome bearded gent looks familiar, well, you may have seen him in the 2023 Plough calendar....the 'nudie' one. (Still available

at the pub.) In the snap here, he at least has some clothes on, albeit they are rather casual...though ideal if you're going to be chucking a few sticks in a pub garden!

Now, if you like your films a tad quirky, then I urge you to head on down to Hanney Film Night this month...Details on page 4.

Meet a very clever young lady on page 5, a very old lady on page 13, and a new-born baby on page 14!

Check page 16 if you're looking for a dentist, and we've stuff on Nottingham Knockers, potholes and shredded Christmas trees elsewhere.

As I advise on the front cover, this humble little mag needs to be read from front to back, or back to front if you prefer!

Till next month my friends.....



**My very obese pet parrot died this morning...
of course I'm sad, but it's a huge weight off my shoulders.**

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?

Monday 6th , 7pm for 7.30pm, Village Hall, Hanney Gardening Club. Talk by garden designer Chris Beardshaw. Free for members. Non-members - tickets are £10 each, still available as we go to press, contact Bill, Club Treasurer ASAP - billwatkin@hotmail.com

Thurs 9th , Fri 10th, Sat 11th - Hanney Drama Group presents 'Who framed the Easter Bunny'...see front page.

Sat 18th, Hanney Flood Group Working Party. See page 26 for details of who to contact if you want to get involved in this splendid and worthy group.

Thurs 23rd - Senior Citizens, a talk by Steve Bruce, an auctioneer - 'Identification and Values'. Guests £3, includes yummy tea!

Sat 25th, Hanney Community Woodland Volunteer Group, working party, weather and ground conditions permitting. Page 26 for contact details. New volunteers always welcome.

Sat 25th, 7pm, The South Wales Male Choir, Cor Meibion De Cymru, present a St David's Day Concert at Wantage Parish Church. Also featuring **Caritas Children's Choir** and soprano **Rhianna Owen**. Proceeds will be in aid of Choir Funds and The Ray Collins Charitable Trust, Wantage. Tickets, £12 each, will be available at Brett's Pharmacy, Grove and at Peter Ledbury Electricals, Wantage.

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

Tues 28th, Editor's 70th Birthday! Cards and gifts welcome! (Time for him to retire maybe? Wanna take over?)

And further ahead...

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

Sat 25th March, Hanney Community Woodland Volunteer Group, working party, weather and ground conditions permitting, see page 26 for contact details. New volunteers always welcome.

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.

Thurs 4th May, East and West Hanney Parish, and Vale of White Horse District Council Elections.



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abrupt end of a life long friendship and the cause.



This from our Scout leader Chris Hopkins....

"Throughout seven decades, the Queen encouraged Scouts to do their best and do their duty to help others. With her own shining example of selfless service, she was someone we could all aspire to.

She also encouraged Scouts to gain skills to succeed in life, so when she recently passed away, the Cubs thought it would be nice to send a letter of condolence and a thank you for her years of service.

Well, this week we got a reply from King Charles."



It was so very kind of you to send me such a wonderfully generous message following the death of my beloved mother. Your most thoughtful words are enormously comforting, and I cannot tell you how deeply they are appreciated at this time of immense sorrow.

Charles



We have many

clever folk in our community, and I'd like to give a shout out to one young lady who certainly fits that description! Tanmayee Deshprabhu has lived in East Hanney with her family for about five years, and she recently appeared on University Challenge, captaining the Oriel College, Oxford team who had been selected for the first time in many a year from colleges and universities across the UK, to compete in the show.

Oriel did well, but just missed out on a place in the semi-finals, and Tanmayee told me that it was a great experience and that everyone was so friendly.

Tanmayee herself is doing a PhD in 'cyber security engineering', and we here at Global HQ wish her the very best with that, along with our congrats of course on her University Challenge appearance.

You can watch the shows - Oriel appeared in two - on BBC iPlayer.

East Hanney Parish Council

**Next Meeting - Wednesday, 8th Feb, at 7:30pm, Old Hanney Room,
Hanney War Memorial Hall, aka Village Hall.**

Parish Councillors -

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The deadline approaches - 3rd Feb! - for giving your views on the 20 MPH speed limits that are being discussed for our villages. Chip in with your twopenny worth here....

https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/easthanney_20mph2022

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

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

Sally Povolotsky is our District Councillor. You can contact her on: Sally.Povolotsky@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

I watched quite a lot - too much may- *first four places.*

be? - of the recent World Cup, and often found myself staggered by the sheer stupidity of some of the remarks from the commentators and so-called 'experts'. That said, none can hold a candle to the late great Murray Walker, who commentated on Grand Prix motor racing over many years, as I'm sure many will remember. Here are a few of his classics....

It's raining and the track is wet!

There are four different cars filling the

This is lap 54. After that it's 55, 56, 57, 58.

The gap between the two cars is 0.9 of a second which is less than one second.

This is an interesting circuit because it has inclines, and not just up but down as well.

Look up there! That's the sky!

The faster he goes the quicker he'll get to the pits. The slower he goes the longer it will take.



West Hanney Parish Council

The consultation period for the Anaerobic Digestion Facility at Bradfield Grove with its digestate lagoons in the Parish of West Hanney closes on 1st February, so there is just time to comment on this application via the Vale of White Horse Planning Website [Planning Application P22/V2955/FUL \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](http://PlanningApplicationP22/V2955/FUL(whitehorsedc.gov.uk)) if you haven't already done so. This major development, with its industrial scale of operations, would undoubtedly have a major impact on those residents living on the access road and have a wider impact on traffic using the A338, our rural roads and public rights of way. It has the potential to adversely affect our rural environment that we all enjoy but it could be of benefit to our farmers, helping them to farm in a more sustainable way.

All of the representations made to this planning application will be considered by our local planning authority, so your views will count.

The next meeting of WHPC will be on Tuesday 7th March 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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More on the jolly old - maybe not so jolly?! - Abingdon Reservoir'.

I've received a most interesting and thought-provoking piece from East Hanney resident Ian Collard which I've included on page 9. I urge you to read it.

Meantime, Thames Water's latest plans, released on 13th December, will be on display at a couple of upcoming events.

The first, on 1st February, is at the Westgate in Oxford, and is described as a 'pop-up event'. On 18th Feb, from 2pm - 8pm at Steventon Village Hall, a 'Drop In' session is happening. For or against, you may want to pop up or drop in!

Regarding all this you might have come across the abbreviation WRSE. I found the following on it....**Water Resources South East (WRSE)** is the grouping of seven South-East Water Companies - including Thames Water and Affinity Water. They have published their draft Plan for



the South-East until 2075...a summary of the draft plans of each of the Water Companies and the consultation closes on 23 Feb 2023. Their 'Plan' of course includes the 'Abingdon' Reservoir'.

GARD (Group Against Reservoir Development) are urging us all to respond to the WRSE plan proposals online by the deadline of Monday 20th Feb. There is more guidance on GARD's website.

Please, please chuck in your twopenny worth! Everyone's input made a difference last time and can make a difference again. And go to one of GARD's meetings here...

Fri 27th Jan, 7.30pm, Old Mill Hall, Grove.

Tues 14 Feb, 7.30pm, Millenium Room, Steventon.

Thurs 16 Feb, Preston Rd Community Centre, Abingdon.

And whilst we're on controversial stuff, there has been some recent venting of spleens on our Community Facebook page, re last month's piece from West Hanney Parish Council - with full support from East Hanney PC - regarding rules for doggies and the playing fields! One gent, though he states that he hasn't lived in Hanney for over 30 years, opined that *"I'm so glad I don't live there anymore, it's beginning to look like the Gestapo are taking over, probably a lot to do with newbies and new builds, I read things on here that make me shudder, can't do this, can't do that, can't take your dog here, can't take kids there. Heil Hanney Comrade"*.

By 'newbies', I assume he means newcomers to the community. (My family and I were exactly that some 22 years ago.) I respectfully disagree... our view here at Global HQ is that all 'newbies' are very welcome indeed, and once they've settled in, we should all encourage them to get involved in any way they fancy in our very special community ...join a club, use our local businesses, volunteer for one of the wide range of opportunities, etc.! May I just add that I'm honoured to count as chums all the current East and West Parish Councillors, and I've never noticed any of them showing 'Gestapo'-like tendencies! I'll let you know if they do.



Christmas will now be a rapidly fading memory, but due to the limitations of the printed word, several events happened in our special community around the festive period that I wasn't able to report on in time for the Jan issue.

One was the annual 'Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch, which was free to all members, of which I'm one. It was a most jolly affair, turkey, Christmas pud, cake, Bucks Fizz, etc.! Big thanks to Marcia Graham and her team...they work very hard to keep the group going, and if you're of a certain age and not a member, I recommend you splash out the very modest £10 annual subscription, and come along to their weekly 'Tuesday Coffee Mornings' at the Village Hall, 10am start - and their monthly gatherings, always the 4th Thursday of the month where, as well as an interesting speaker, a delicious tea is on offer! Also happens at the Village Hall. Contact details on page 26.

Many readers will remember Mollie Day,

widow of West Hanney Parish Councillor Tony Day. They lived in 'The Barn' in Church St. West Hanney.

Mollie sadly died on 22nd December, 2022, aged 89, and we offer our sincerest condolences to friends and family.



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The Reservoir - Ian Collard, East Hanney Resident

Before the memory of the exceptional 2022 summer fades, there is one lesson that we should take to heart: how reliant we are on a constant supply of water - including the use of hosepipes!

Even if we set aside the vagaries of the British climate, the insistence by all governments that new building should continue unabated in the South East of England means that the pressure on the existing water infrastructure will only increase. How to address that is, once again, a subject of considerable debate amongst the residents in the Hanneys and surrounding areas.

The solution proposed by the water industry is simple to summarise - store more water. There are other parts to the plan that tinker at the edges but, at its core, is the building of a massive new reservoir on the outskirts of East Hanney. This will bring considerable change to the area and likely cause massive disruption during its protracted build-phase.

Countering these proposals is GARD.

Their proposals seem to me to be more 'cakeist'. Yes, there will be more demand but the good news is we can meet that demand without anyone being inconvenienced. According to the signs they have recently placed around the area, the entire shortfall can be met by moving water from the Severn-Trent area and fixing the leaks. At first sight, these are appealing, but closer inspection highlights some possible drawbacks:

The greatest need for additional water will

be in times of drought. I may be wrong, but am willing to stick my neck out and say that if a drought is affecting the South East, there is reasonable chance that it is also affecting the Midlands. As such, this idea works fine - until it is needed.

Fixing the leaks is essential. However, even this has its problems: much as we might like it, no one knows where the leaks will occur next and in many cases are not detectable.

Fixing one part of the system can then expose weaknesses elsewhere (just look at the efforts to protect areas from flooding by the Thames).

Finally, some leaks are just not worth fixing. Let's be honest, we've all had that dripping tap that doesn't warrant getting in a plumber - or sometimes even getting out the wrench!

Nobody wants to have large infrastructure projects in their backyard. But if we are to continue to enjoy the essential services that make up our modern world, then someone has to have them, whether they be power stations, motorways, airports - or reservoirs.

Don't get me wrong - I don't think the reservoir proposals are an ideal solution and water companies have a number of questions to answer. Not least amongst these is why a strategic reservoir for the South East of England is being built in the far North-West of the region, up to 100 miles away from where the water may be needed. However, that there will be a need for more water in the years to come is beyond doubt and - at the moment - the new reservoir seems to be the only viable solution on the table.

A priest, a vicar, a Muslim cleric and a rabbit got to a clinic to donate blood. "What's your blood group?" the nurse asks the rabbit. "I'm probably a Type O" he replies.

My neighbour and I compared energy bills, and though we live in very similar houses, his bill was half mine. He said he would pop round and give me some energy saving tips. I said come round anytime, my door is always open.....



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Dear Friends

My son gave me, as a Christmas present, the game LINKEE which we enjoyed playing as a family. If, like me, you have not come across it, essentially you have to answer 4 questions - the answers to which are linked or connected in some way.

Guessing the connection is the goal.

The first connection I eventually managed to guess had the 4 answers – crackers, nuts, bananas and loco. I said the link was “expressions of madness” and the question master allowed me the point though the answer was “crazy”.

One of David’s Psalms (34) praising God is set in the context of pretending to be mad. It can certainly seem crazy to trust and praise God in this year 2023 when so much is uncertain or confusing.

The climate, economy, international relationships, government leadership as well as personal tragedies and challenges are matters of serious concern.

Sadly I am sure you are well aware of this list of woes affecting us all.

Our Christian faith calls us to trust in the Lord at all times even if life seems mad.

You probably know Psalm 23 where David reminds us that the Lord is our Shepherd guiding, protecting, directing and providing for us as we journey through life even in the dark and difficult times as well as the comfortable and joyful occasions.

When Jesus claimed to be the Good Shepherd his listeners said he was raving mad (*John 10 : 19*).

I have knowingly trusted the Lord Jesus for nearly 60 years of my life, and in that time I have been through some horrible experiences, yet God has been totally faithful.

I am aware life is still very precarious yet I pray and urge you to rely on the Lord Jesus as your Good Shepherd through 2023.

My experience is that He has never let me down, God promises to hear and answer our prayers and if you will trust Him I know that you will find that to be true. Get Linked in to God; people may think you are crazy but I am confident you will find great benefit in your everyday life.

God bless

John

SERVICES in February 2023 at St James

Services in February - Eucharist is celebrated at 9.30am each Sunday.

5th - Revd Alec Gill, , 12th - Revd Geoff Maughan, 19th - Revd Charles Draper,

26th - Revd Charles Draper.

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Last month I suggested that the

oft repeated claim about a West Hanney resident - Elizabeth Bowles - living to the grand old age of 124, was perhaps a little hard to believe.

The evidence for the claim is to be found on the wall of St James Church. If you enter through the main doors and turn to your right, you will see, mounted high on the wall, a rather picturesque plaque. See photo. It's not that easy to read, but this is - I think - what it says... *"Near this place lieth the Body of Edward Bowles who died Dec y 9th 1685. Aetatis 89. AYO, Elizabeth his Wife was Buried April y 7th 1718 Aged 124 Years"*



The single letter 'y' almost certainly simply means 'the', and 'Aetatis' is a Latin word meaning 'at the age of', which also makes sense, but Google advises that the Latin translation of AYO means 'let's go', which sounds a bit jaunty and upbeat for a memorial plaque! A quick search on t'internet regarding folk who lived for a very long time reveals a certain Jeanne Louise Calment, a lady born on 21 February 1875, in the town of Arles in France. She died there on 4th August 1997, aged 122 years and 164 days. Not surprisingly, her longevity attracted much media attention and medical studies. She is the only person verified to have lived to the age of 120 and beyond.

The oldest male was a Japanese gent named Jiroemon Kimura, born on April 19th, 1897. He died aged 116 years and 54 days on June 12, 2013.

So, how likely is it that our Lizzie lived two years longer than the French madame? Well, you decide dear reader. My view, for what it's worth, is that a simple clerical error back in the 17th or 18th century, almost certainly accounts for this hard to

believe story. We know Liz died in 1718, and 124 years earlier, in 1594, an Elizabeth Bowles probably was born, but they were almost certainly different women.

Back in those very far off days, gentlemen, especially wealthy ones like Liz's husband Edward Bowles - he inherited his fortune from his father, also Edward, who died in 1666 - usually married younger - sometimes much younger - wives, and the story of him bringing his bride home to Hanney in a cart pulled by 12 snow white oxen has a certain 'virginal' tone to it. (It too is a story I find hard to believe, romantic as it is!) However, our Liz would have been some 2 years older than her hubby ...possible certainly, but quite unlikely. Elizabeth Bowles was a very common

name back then and hence there could well have been a few of them over many generations.

Allow me to tell of another West Hanney resident named Elizabeth Bowles. She was maybe a descendant of one of the other Liz Bs, and in or around 1755, she gave birth to an illegitimate daughter she named...guess what?... Elizabeth!

The child's father was James Dunsdon. Her family bought the house, now known as 'Old Dunsdons', on the west side of North Green in West Hanney, for mother and child to live in. In 1766, Liz senior made a will in which she left the house to her daughter, writing *"My natural daughter Elizabeth commonly called or known by the name of Elizabeth Dunsdon whom I had begotten on my body by one James Dunsdon."* Perhaps not quite as romantic as the twelve white oxen?

If this kind of historical 'stuff' floats your canoe, join our fab History Group...page 26 for contact details.

Dear Editor

I recently lost all pressure in my gas boiler. I rang my maintenance firm with no response. I rang again the next day, still unsuccessfully.

With no heating or hot water, I rang various plumbers. Then I remembered Jim Stagg's recommendation in November's Hanney News, so found the ad and rang RW Plumbing. Within half an hour a young man was at the door. He went straight to work, and very shortly, all was well. What a polite and helpful young man Roger Wilson is.

I would certainly recommend him to anyone requiring a plumber. I was very grateful to him but also thanks to Jim and Hanney News.

Mary Courtney.

Many thanks Mary...Roger's ad is on page 22. Editor



Dear Editor

To all the 'Knitters', you helped raise £1,021.00 for 'Cancer Research UK' - thank you so much for making this possible, and wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

Dulcie Parfoot.

Dear Editor,

As ever the people of Hanney attending the village Carol Service and the Carols round the Crib service gave very generously to others in great need.

The collection at the Carol Service of £249. 93 was sent to the Wantage & Grove Food-bank and that from the Carols round the Crib service amounting to £346. 55 to St Martins-in-the- Fields. This is a charity that works to support vulnerable people across the UK throughout the year via trained frontline workers already in the field, thus making sure every penny is spent to the maximum effect. Their grants range from emergency grants saving people from eviction or into new accommodation, typically arranged within 3 -5 days, to longer term support for those suffering from all many other challenges including domestic abuse, inability to access other funding support, modern slavery and mental and physical health challenges.

Thank you and may you and your family have a blessed year.

John

John Durant, Vicar – the Vale Benefice



A while back I invited readers to send in their 'Hatch, Match and Dispatch (birth, marriage and death!) notices, and I've just received the first Hatch! The lovely little baby on the left is Matilda MacPherson! Proud Mum and Dad, Jono and Amy, told me "She was born on 30th December at 7:41, weighing 8lb 2oz. Matilda has spent her first few weeks enjoying lots of cuddles from her family, especially from her very proud big sister Erin! We look forward to Matilda and Erin growing up in such a lovely village and community."

Wonderful news! We at Global HQ offer our massive congrats to Mum and Dad, and welcome to Matilda!

Is it too early to talk about cricket?



I think not, so here's an update which hopefully will be of interest if you're partial to the sound of willow smacking leather on a lazy Sunday afternoon.

Under 11 to Under 15. In addition, we run All Stars and Dynamos Cricket sessions during the summer for 5 to 11-year-olds so there really is something for everyone! We are welcoming players in all sections and it really doesn't matter if you haven't played before as we

Here in Hanney the **Golden Sparrows**, a Didcot based team who have been playing here for the last two seasons, now have a second side, both of whom will play in the Cherwell League.

This means there will be a home fixture almost every Saturday afternoon on our 'rec'. I met these gents a couple of times last season and they are a great bunch who play some highly watchable cricket.

Our own Hanney side will once again be playing a few friendly games. The fixtures are yet to be confirmed and organiser David Johns assures me that they are always looking for players. The facilities are very good and available for all to use. All standards are welcome, and if you might be interested, send David an email here...djohnski@uwclub.net

Meantime, in not very far away Steventon, their cricket club is also thriving and I was asked to include this by their main man Mike Day....*"Steventon Cricket Club - Cricket for all. A New year and a new challenge? I know you have heard it before but this one comes with lots of new friends, a beautiful village green and a bar! Things have been changing at SCC and we have built on the well-established Senior Men's teams who play in the Cherwell League and we now have Ladies Softball and Hardball teams, Junior Mixed and Junior Girls teams from*

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And if cricket doesn't do it for you, but you like playing with wood, how about Morris Dancing? (You know those little sticks they hit together?) The Icknield Way Morris Men rehearse every week in the Village Hall in Denchworth. Potential new members always welcome, so if you fancy finding out more about what they do - I'm assured a drink or two at a local hostelry rounds off the evening - why not go along... 8 -10pm any Wednesday evening. Here in Hanney, **Aunt Sally** will reveal her charms next month! They may appeal, and, of course, more wood involved!



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East Hanney Parish Councillor, Dickon Green advises that we should keep reporting them to 101 and 0808 223 1133 and

tell them to leave the village as they are committing an offence. Dickon still has a supply of "No Cold Caller" door stickers from Trading Standards if anyone wants them. I should add that the term 'Nottingham Knocker' is not intended to be a sleight on folk from that city...it just happens to trip off the tongue rather nicely, and has been in use for several years I believe.

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Potholes continue to be a big problem here on the highways and byways of Hanney and surrounding area. There is an Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Highways emergency number for any potholes or other highways-related stuff that has potential to cause serious injury and needs inspecting within 2 -24hrs. During working hours, ring them on 0345 310 1111. It’s 01223 849 731 for their 24 hour emergency service.

Potholes on rural ‘out of village’ roads need to be reported with a ‘What 3 Words’ location. Here’s their website <https://what3words.com>. This may sound a bit fussy, but imagine trying to find a pothole in the dark, along a country lane without a specific location. Not easy! Whilst fixmystreet.com sounds great, I’m assured that it’s 72 hours minimum before anyone reads a report you make on it, by which time of course, some poor soul may have fallen down the pothole, never to be seen again! See our pic above!



Hold on Jack... the Council are on their way!



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This month's photo in the Hanney Historical Calendar is of the Plough, but not the one in West Hanney. This one is now 'La Fontana' on the east side of the A338 in East Hanney, an Italian restaurant and hotel.

'The Plough' ceased to have that name in 1961. I'm guessing our photo was taken in the early part of the 20th century, before, during or very soon after the First World War. Back in the day it was one of three pubs in East Hanney, the others being the

Crown - see Oct 2022 Hanney News - now a private house on the other side of the main road, and the Black Horse - see Nov 2022 Hanney News - in the centre of the village. The latter still exists of course.

Back in 1904, the Plough started a 'Slate Club'. Each member contributed 6d (about 2 and a half pence in decimal dosh) a week, and sickness benefit was paid at 5 shillings a week (about 25p) which was about half the average weekly wage...no welfare state in those long gone days!

Local historian, the late Nigel Hammond, wrote that the Plough was renamed the Vintage Car, and that during the redecoration a vast fireplace was found in the building, above which was a metal 'Sun Fire Insurance' token, made of lead, taken out by Alexander Green of Long Hanney on 18th Jan 1743 for £200. (Long Hanney was another name for East Hanney.)

The building had burnt down in 1722.

I've heard tell that after another 'Vintage Car' pub opened in Oxford, ours simply

dropped the word 'Car' and became the 'Vintage'. It was run for a while by a fellow called Sonny, his wife and another gent. Rumours flourished - as they do - and at some point after that it was taken over by the Kilbey family, Jean, Graham, daughter Judy and son Nigel, who is a well known and much loved member of the Hanney community to this day. They ran it until the late 1980s, when it became La Fontana. It now offers the finest of Italian fayre, as well as very comfortable accommodation. (Their ad on page 18) An earlier landlord was 'Pop' Warcroft - anyone remember his first name? It wasn't Pop. He married a member of the Tombs family, and kept a few cows on some land off the A338 road heading up towards Venn Mill. Every morning he'd cycle up there to milk them, returning with a churn full of warm, fresh milk hanging off his handlebars! One imagines it was rather a wobbly return trip, but my pals assure me that there wasn't much traffic back then! There certainly was when Nigel's family ran it...their courtyard opening directly onto the A338, and accidents there were plenty!

The lower photo is of the building when it was the Vintage with the A338 clearly visible in the bottom of the pic.





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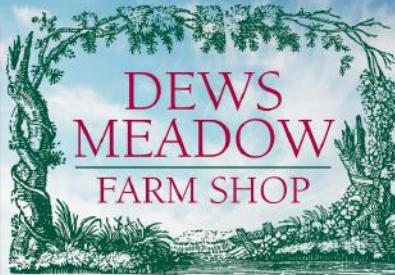
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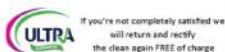


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HANNEY BOOK CLUB - 8pm, 1st Thurs of the Month, Plough, W. Hanney.
hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk

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 / 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 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

HANNEY FLOOD GROUP hold a monthly working party. Contact Clive Manvell for details - clive@manvell216.plus.com, or 01235 868216. 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

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 for further details.

HANNEY SCOUTS,CUBS and BEAVERS, Contact Janet Green at 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 1st April 2023 is now available – please email Jenny our membership secretary 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

HANNEY WINE CIRCLE meets on the 2nd Monday each month: 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, hyfcfooty@gmail.com or visit our website 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, email 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

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.

WANTAGE U3A: Visit our website detailing current activities - 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

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