



Hannee News

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The Hannee 'Spring Clean' Litter Pick is happening on Sat 25th March,

and as many will know, this is a fab annual community event when folk wander our local streets picking up litter, of which, sadly, there is always rather a lot!

Hi-Viz jackets, and litter-picker sticks are supplied, all you have to do is walk round - usually near where you live - and pick!

Massive thanks are due to His Bobliness, Sir Robert of Wilson, organiser of this event for many years, who has now stepped back, with Sir Paul of Aram and Footie taking over. Here's what Paul told me... *'Our Spring Clean event will take place on Saturday March 25th from 9am, meeting at the village hall. As usual, volunteers are welcomed and will be supplied with litter picking equipment as we tour the village hunting discarded litter. So if you have helped before or always wanted to get involved, please contact me on:*

pvaehpc@gmail.com to register your interest.

If you're a local business and would like to get involved (refreshments very welcome) then please get in touch. This is a fantastic community event which encourages all ages to get involved in caring for your community. See you there!



'Aunt Sally! ...see page 5

Hannee WI invite you to an informative talk...

'Everything you needed to know about the Menopause & More'

by Dr Katie Barber from The Oxford Menopause Clinic,
Thursday, 9th March 2023.

Please arrive at 7.15pm to allow time to be seated.

The talk will begin at 7.30pm.

Guests are very welcome £3.

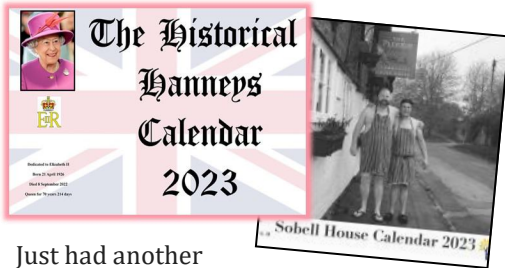
Please note that as we envisage many visitors, this event will take place in the larger hall at the

Hannee Royal British Legion and **NOT** at the Hannee Village Hall. (Katie's website is here: www.oxfordmenopause.com)



Editorial

Another 32 pager this month, so more thanks to our magnificent distribution team ably led by Sir Paul of Haines and Planes -he used to fly them for the RAF, and as 'planes' rhymes with 'Haines', I thought I'd title him thus...poetic eh? We're well into the year with the weather warming a tad(?) and all that, but it's still not too late to buy a calendar, either one of our History calendars, or one of the Plough Sobell House fund-raising ...well, erm... nudie calendars - all done in the best possible taste of course!!



Just had another haircut and beard trim at 'Rolys Revived' in Wantage, courtesy of a lovely lady called Helen this time...highly recommended.

The 20mph speed limit start date looms, and I heard the other day that once a road has a 20mph speed limit put on it, satnavs - especially ones designed for HGVs - try to avoid them. If that's true, could it mean less big lorries trundling through our villages? I do hope so!

Aunt Sally waits on page 5 to lure you with her charms, and if dancing or walking floats your canoe, check out page 16.

The Hanney Drama Group's recent fab and groovy panto is reviewed - page 17 - by Global HQ's very own theatre critic, and East Hanney's finest, 'Sir Clive of Fewins

and Grown-Up Writing', has sent us a letter also in praise of the panto - page 13.

Page 18 has an update on the sad monkey story, thanks to a phone call I received from a lovely lady in Canada (!) and page 19 has my usual piece on the Hanneys Historical calendar photo, along with a couple of other delightful old snaps.

Our Youth Football teams continue to win, see page 9, and a bonny baby on page 15. The latest on the serious issue regarding the anaerobic digester, which may be built south of West Hanney, is that it's now to be considered by the Vale planners after they received over 100 comments via their website. In theory, their deliberations reach a conclusion at the end of this month, but I gather that, given this is such a complex issue, it's likely to take a lot longer than that, with one suggestion being that we'll not hear till the end of the year!!

Saw the sign below in a park in California ...clearly the problem with naughty dog owners is not just restricted to Hanney! Sorry to end on a rather unpleasant note!



Expect foolish stuff in the April issue! Till then, peace and love...Jimi Hendrix at Woodstock on the Dansette, full volume! Mrs Editor shuts office door.

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?

Sat 4th, 9pm, Live Music at the Royal British Legion, East Hanney, with 'Rush Hour'.

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

Sat 11th, 7.30 pm "Folksongs of Nations" fundraiser at Baulking church, with **Hanney's SJS** a cappella male-voice ensemble. Freewill offering. See SJS entry in clubs, page 31, for contact and to participate!

Thurs 23rd, 2.30pm, Senior Citizens - 'AGM followed by fun and games...and tea and cake!'. Village Hall. See page 30 for details.

Fri 24th, 7.30pm, a classical music concert - University of Oxford Natural History Museum, followed by a drinks and canapés reception. Doors open at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. Tickets are £25 each. See page 14.

Sat 25th, Hanney Litter Pick, see front cover for details.

Sun 26th, Please note change of date! Hanney Community Woodland Volunteer Group, working party, weather and ground conditions permitting, see page 26 for contact details. New volunteers always welcome.

Mon 27th, 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.'

And further ahead...

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

Thurs 27th April 2.30pm, Senior Citizens - 'Photography, a talk by David Bratley'. Village Hall. See page 30 for details.

Thurs 4th May, East and West Hanney Parish, Vale of White Horse District and Oxfordshire County Council Elections - pages 7 and 20.

Sat 6th May, King Charles Coronation. Please note the posh purple colour of the typeface as we pay our respects to **His Royal High Kingness Sir Charlie of Crown and Spare Son!**

Sunday 7th May a Coronation 'Big Lunch' in and around the Village Hall. See page 8.

Mon 8th May, Village Hall, Hanney Gardening Club. Annual Plant Sale

Sat 20th May, Abingdon Air and Country Show...details next month.

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

Thurs 25th May, 2.30pm, Senior Citizens. 'Visual Illusions...can you believe your eyes', a talk by John Ericson from 'The National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies'. Village Hall. See page 30 for details

Sat, 17th June, 1pm - 4pm, East Hanney Royal Legion, Family Fun Day - In Aid of The Brain Tumour Charity.



Hanney Lottery February Winners

1st - Tom & Polly Godfrey
2nd - Jenny Gascoyne
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Hanney Film Night

'The Lost King'

Friday 3rd March. Doors and bar open 7.30, film start 8pm. PG 13. Village Hall.

Tickets £7, Concessions, £6

The true story of an amateur historian guided by instinct, determination, and a strong hunch, defying the academic establishment to try and find the long lost remains of the much maligned King Richard III. Starring Sally Hawkins, Steve Coogan and James Fleet in a stellar cast. A British comedy-drama from the team who made 'Philomena'.



So, Malcolm, what's your throwing technique ?

Well, I just put on my warm winter anorak, close my eyes and chuck it!

Yup, that certainly works for me!

'Chuck it!' Of course we're talking here about **'Aunt Sally'** a traditional English game usually played in pub gardens. It involves throwing a stick or 'batten' at a 'dolly', a piece of wood perched on a short metal pole. I've sadly no room for its fascinating history, but I can tell you that the game is enjoying a surge in popularity, and Hanney currently has three teams regularly competing in the Abingdon District Association, and the season starts mid-May.

The Plough team is captained by Marie Haynes - she's the lady on the front cover - her throwing style as balletic as it is effective! (Great snap by Sir Peter of Packham and Box Brownie.) If you're interested, have a word with the Plough landlord Owain to find out when there's going to be some 'warm-up' sessions.

The Royal British Legion also has a thriving team, captained by Shaun Hamilton. He told me...*'We are a friendly team that enjoy a get together on a Wednesday night. We have a few drinks and enjoy a 'throw' as well as a sociable evening with the opposition whether we win, lose or draw (which is rare).*

New faces are welcome to come

along for a practice before the season starts. The season usually runs from mid-May to Mid-September. We try to play a couple of friendlies before the season gets underway.' Shaun is the best person to contact if you are interested in getting involved with the Legion team. Email: shaunhamilton78@gmail.com or phone - 07774 315147

The Black Horse team is captained by Ed Walker. They currently run one team, but may consider putting together a second. If you're interested, pop in to the pub on a Weds eve, or speak to the landlady Laura or Kiara, or email Ed at: edwalker30@hotmail.co.uk



Yes, it's great that we came second and got an award, but my glass is nearly empty!

East Hanney Parish Council

Firstly, we welcome Hamish Gowen as a new Councillor for East Hanney, and secondly to remind you that there is still one further seat available. If this is of interest, please contact Wendy Bates via email clerk@easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk even if you just want an informal chat about the role.

Holmes Garden is once again looking open and when the landscaping is finished and a bench installed, it will become a very relaxing place to ponder the world; thanks goes to Garth and Dickon.

The RAF have been in touch regarding a consultation on the rerouting of air traffic at Brize Norton. If this is of interest see either the Parish website or Facebook for

info.

At the time of writing you still have time to comment on the proposed reservoir. The time has passed for comments on the Anaerobic Digester and that's now with the planners.

The whole village thanks and appreciates the work done by Bob Wilson, who for so many years has organised the annual litter pick. It's now time for Bob to pass on the baton so the pick carries on and March 25th is the proposed in date. Please come along and help clear both villages, what you find will truly amaze you. See front cover re litter pick.

Steve McKechnie Chairman

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

Parish Councillors -

Chairman: Stephen McKechnie - smehpc@gmail.com.

Vice Chair: David Kirk - david.kirk@btinternet.com; Paul Aram - pvaehpc@gmail.com;

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Garth Dennill - gdehpc@gmail.com

Clerk: Wendy Bates, tel: 07859 924655,

email: clerk@easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk

Website: www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk

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.

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!

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 of course.

We also consider applications for grants to youngsters aged 18 - 25 who are starting full-time further education.

Tel: 01235 867500 - or email: jimstagg@btinternet.com.

The Trust's Charity Commission number is 205792.

West Hanney Parish Council

West Hanney Parish Council are working with East Hanney Parish Council and community groups to hold a **Coronation Big Lunch on Sunday 7th May** in and around the Hanney War Memorial Hall.

We are also planning a **Big Help Out event on Monday 8th May** in the Olde Hanney Room to promote opportunities for helping our local communities by volunteering in the Hanneys.

The planning application for the anaerobic digestion facility provoked a substantial number of objections. These can be viewed on the Vale of White Horse District Council planning website. The consultation phase has now closed, and the application and representations are being considered by the local planning authority.

We will have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor in May. If you are interested and would like to find out more please contact me.

David Corps - Chairman

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.

Councillors: Chairman: David Corps - 867454. Graham Garner - 868684.
Edward Wilkinson - 07771 705234. Trevor Brettell - 868459. Peter Packham - 868038.
Barbara Martin (Clerk) - 868806

Email: parishclerkwesthanneypc@gmail.com

Website: www.westhanneypc.org.uk

This caught my eye, from the Vale District Council...

'Play your part in the local elections -

Would you like to earn money, meet lots of people and play a key role in our local democracy?

We're looking for people to work as poll clerks across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse for the local elections on Thursday 4 May.

If you sign up, you'll receive £168 for the day, working from 6am until the finish around 10.30pm.

If you or someone you know is interested, please get in touch as soon as possible by emailing:

electionstaff@southandvale.gov.uk.

For more information, visit:

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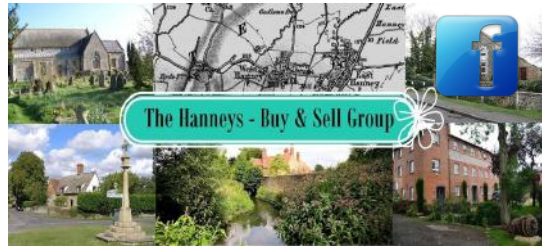
roles to people that work for or are connected with a political party.'

I thought the hours seemed rather long (!) and on the website they acknowledge this by stating *'Polling station staff and count staff must consent to working in excess of the normal working hours provided for by the Working Time Directive.'*

It also states that you are not allowed to leave the premises during that time, so no popping down the pub for a swift libation then?

I want to give a big shout out to a lady called Macy Jones....Macy lives in East Hanney and a while back she set up a Facebook group she calls 'The Hanneys - Buy and Sell Group'. Clue's in the title....you wanna buy or sell something locally, then post on this page.

Having it available means that our 'Community' Facebook group doesn't get clogged up with buy/sell posts. Great idea...massive thanks to Macy, and if you're on Facebook, I urge you to join both groups. If you've yet to embrace the unbounded 'joys' of Fb, consider climbing on board. Yes, I know, much of it is absolute garbage, as, in my humble, is a large



proportion of TV, films, newspapers, magazines - except for parish mags! - these days, but I manage to navigate my way through the junk and find many little oases 'hidden within.

Macy's and our community group certainly fall into that category, so on behalf of all who use them, thank you to all the administrators, and please keep up the good work!

Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to try something new?

Award winning female a cappella chorus *Harmony InSpires* invites you to visit a rehearsal. From 1st Feb, the first Wednesday of each month will be a "**Welcome Wednesday**", when we invite anyone interested in joining us to come along and watch us rehearse. You will be able to join in our warm-up session and our chorus members will be more than happy to tell

you about their experience of singing with *Harmony InSpires*.

We meet on Wednesday evenings, 7:15-10:00pm at the Marcham Centre, Barrow Close, Marcham OX13 6TY. If you're hooked by the end of the evening we can talk you through the joining process. Please drop us a note first so we know to expect you.

Email membership@harmonyinspires.org

HANNEY CELEBRATES THE CORONATION!

Saturday 6th May - CORONATION DAY - our great local hostellers are planning events for you to enjoy throughout the day - full details in next month's Hanney News, West and East Hanney Facebook and our special Hanney website - www.hanney-events.co.uk

Sunday 7th May (in and around Hanney War Memorial Hall)
The Big Coronation Lunch - from mid-



day. BYO picnic, rugs/ chairs. Fun for all ages, bouncy castle...availability subject to wind!
Hanney Coronation Duck Race Hanney playing fields at 2pm.

Monday 8th May, 2pm - 4pm. GRAND HANNEY GARDENING CLUB PLANT

SALE: In and around Hanney War Memorial Hall (Plant donations in advance welcome (deliver to HWMH 10am-12noon)

The Big Help Out - Olde Hanney Room. Come along to find out more about many volunteering opportunities in Hanney.



Big ups to the all-conquering U12's

Hanney Youth Black & Red footie teams, who both won their League, and were invited to Oxford City for presentations. Proud Mum Becci Lawson told me... *'These kids put their heart & soul into football, fully supported by their coaches.'*

I've said it before, and I'll say it again...great to see kids out and about in the fresh air rather than with noses pressed into mobile phones, and massive thanks to the coaches...truly dedicated folk!

Hanney Blacks in the top snap, Reds underneath.



Annual Egg Delivery



'To serve the King and my Community' is part of the Guiding promise and to fulfil this promise every year Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Grove and Hanney enjoy taking part in a community service by delivering Easter cards and fresh eggs to the Senior Citizens of **Grove** and **Hanney**.

This year they will be delivering from 27th March 2023.

To keep our list up to date, we would really love to hear about anyone new to Grove or Hanney who is now over 65 and wishes to be included in our annual egg delivery. To be included, or if our service is no longer appropriate at your family or friend's home, please phone or message Jane on 07914539136 or email jane.syme59@gmail.com by Friday 17th March.

May the Guiding family take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Easter and if anyone would like to hear more about Guiding in Grove or Hanney and would be interested in helping in any of our units please visit - www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested.



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Dear Friends

Before becoming Vicar in the Vale Benefice, I was an army chaplain for twelve years.

The army has 6 core values which Chaplains were responsible for teaching – one of which was “discipline”.

Most soldiers understood this to mean either punishment or more positively the ability to control yourself.

I relished demolishing the first of those misconceptions and teaching the fact that discipline comes from the Latin word *disco* meaning *I learn- not I hasten to add, I dance!* In other words, true discipline is about learning and developing; and certainly, a soldier’s career is a constant round of training and getting prepared for their duties.

In this period of Lent many Christians would associate the 40 days approaching Easter as a time of discipline – developing our faith as we look forward to celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus. Our churches will be thinking about being a disciple of Jesus in our Lent Groups.

We are also encouraging folk to join in the

personal Discipleship plan which is a friendly and flexible way to encourage being a follower of Jesus.

I think there are 2 other reasons for studying discipleship - 1. It fits into the modern trend of personal development; 2. It is a positive gospel word.

There are only 6 of the 66 books of the bible that mention disciple: 2 in Isaiah; 23 in the Acts of the Apostles and the rest in the 4 gospels - over 450. Jesus has 2 requirements of being his disciple. He says, “hold onto my teaching” *John 8:31* and “love one another” *John 13:35* both of which take determination and trust to carry out.

So, as we enjoy the new growth of spring and journey through Lent may I encourage you to seek some activity or practice that helps you develop, especially in your knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus. God bless.

John



SERVICES in March 2023 at St James

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Vicar : Revd John Durant : 766484 - vicar@valebenefice.org.uk
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Why accept Thames Water's

assertation that the reservoir is a necessary evil? GARD's recommendations are backed by professionally assisted studies and show there are better alternatives. If you responded before, do you need to respond online again? Yes! A lack of response now will be interpreted as a softening of opinion locally. A loud and clear rejection is needed for the **Thames Water plan. The deadline is MARCH 21st**. This is **your chance** to tell Thames Water, the Regulator Ofwat, your MP, your Councillors, your Parish councillors. Please go online and object.

#transferwater. Modelling has shown water transfer is robust to climate change impact and can be implemented sooner, at less cost, protecting our chalk streams and providing drought resilience years earlier. Unlike the reservoir, prioritising water transfer can be part of a properly adaptive, minimally destructive solution.

#fixtheleaks. Thames Water lose a stag-



gering 138 million gallons of water a day, that's 200% more than proposed reservoir supplies, not just a dripping tap! Halving this by 2050 (the current target) is inadequate (TW will still have the worst leakage rate of all UK water companies) More can be done to at least meet the industry average, to provide proper stewardship of this valuable resource, and our rivers. Put money from water bills into overdue improvements, technology to detect leaks and into sewage management not an unnecessary reservoir.

For information and assistance look on the GARD web-site abingdonreservoir.org.uk or contact the GARD Secretary on gard.secretary@gmail.com

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

What an amazing show! I went to the Saturday evening performance of the revitalised Hanney Drama Group's *Who framed the Easter Bunny* and was utterly captivated from beginning to end.

Everything was great – from continuity to costumes to casting, And the music and chorus work were stunning.

There were eight new faces – half of them from Hanney – and at least six unforgettable performances.

Hanney Drama Group has been through hard times since Covid and – after nearly

50 years – closure was on the horizon last year. Not so now!

So thankyou to all the new faces – not least to the unsung heroes behind the scenes in every way – who have done such a great job for our community.

As far as I am aware audience numbers were well beyond expectations, and on Saturday night there was a long queue to get in. Thanks to all involved for providing the Hanneys with such a giant pick-me-up at this drab time of year.

Clive Fewins - East Hanney

See our review on page 17



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I saw my doctor the other day. "I have got a problem with the hearing in one of my ears." I told him "Are you sure?" he replied. "Yes, I'm definite" I said.

I visited an aquarium the other day, and heard a couple of fish singing 'River Deep, Mountain High'...yes, it was Pike and Tina Tuna!

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ticketstripe.com/Flexicare-Classical-Concert. Flexicare (Oxford and Abingdon) is a registered charity no. 1172635. For further information, please visit www.flexicare.org or email: admin@flexicare.org

My chum used to say that when one door closes another openshe really was a useless cabinet maker!

Ever since I drew a wrist-watch on my arm with a ball-point pen, I've been living on biroed time.



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It's great to have another happy hatching to announce...Jen Small and Alan Law have sent me this beautiful pic, along with these words - *'Alan and I are really very happy to welcome Arthur Arlo Law to our family. He arrived on 29th December 2022, a couple of hours before his due date, weighing 7lbs. Arthur joins his half-brothers Alasdair and Arun and our dog Flash at Rainsford Cottage. He's settling in well and is much loved! We're looking forward to getting out and about and acquainting him with the villages in the coming weeks and months.'*
Massive congrats to Jen and Alan, and welcome to little Arthur from all at Global HQ!

A very special member of our community is Dr Katie Barber, who is a leading expert on the menopause. Katie, a GP who lives in West Hanney, has a specialist clinic in Ardington....check out the website here: www.oxfordmenopause.com. She is giving a talk on Thurs 9th March, hosted by Hanney WI...full details on front cover, and please note the venue...the Royal British Legion, East Hanney. Non-members are welcome.

I received this recently from Paul Sayers, big chief of the Community Woodland Working Party - details on page 30 - *'Since our last working party I have built and installed 10 new nest-boxes, 4 of these were replacements for existing boxes which had rotted away and were beyond repair and 6 were in new locations. This brings the total to 45.'* On behalf of birdies everywhere, and all animal lovers amongst us - more or less everyone I assume? - a massive thank you!

And whilst on 'wildlife' stuff, this from the Campaign to Protect Rural England - Oxfordshire may be of interest...

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I'm sure we've all seen the groups of happy folk who regularly stride across our beautiful English countryside, down the highways and byways of Hanney and beyond, clasp what look like ski-poles.

No, they're not searching in vain for snow-covered mountains slopes, but rather, they're enjoying some 'Nordic Walking'

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All sounds rather jaunty doesn't it? Jaunty Jilly in the pic clearly having fun!



Hanney Drama Group's recent Panto production of 'Who Framed the Easter Bunny?'

Wow!...an amazing show by our very own drama group, that I was lucky enough to enjoy recently.

A most impressive production with incredible costumes, great musical numbers and individual performances. It would be wrong to highlight anyone in particular, cos they were all great, but I'm going to anyway.... the Tooth Fairy and the Easter Bunny deserve special mention - how did they remember all those lines? I particularly enjoyed the Tooth Fairy's ad lib responses to the naughty members of the audience who, when the Tooth Fairy asked us all if we wanted to see the Easter Bunny go to jail for a crime of which she was innocent, many in the audience shouted back that they did!

The part of Cupid, played by Sarah Strange, whose assertion that the

Bunny and the Tooth Fairy were 'an item' was delightfully done. Sarah was also part of a most entertaining dance routine put on to entertain the Pharaoh Rocher - the always superb Nigel Kilbey - on his birthday! East Hanney's Sandra Whittingham, new to the group, was superb as the Halloween Queen, the baddie of the story. Great stuff all round - thanks for the mention of Hanney News! - and massive congrats to all involved.

(With thanks to Laura Lolly Bligdon and the other photographers for the snaps.)



Yet more on the poor monkey...

remember my story back last year in the October issue about the monkey? (I updated it in the Dec 22 issue.)

Well, the tale has reached Alberta, Canada no less, and I got a phone call the other day from a lovely lady called Cecilia nee Simson Delaney who lives there. As a small girl, she grew up in the Plough with her parents Percy and Phylis Simson, who ran the pub.

Originally her grandparents Rose and Reg had been the tenants but Reg died in 1937. Their son Percy and Phylis ran it until the 1950s, when Percy got fed up with the brewery, Halls, who would not grant him a liquor licence...all he was allowed to sell was beer!

The sad demise of the monkey happened in 1946/7. He was a spider monkey named, not Bunbury, according to Cecilia, but 'Bumstead'. Now, Bumstead was an American cartoon character - Dagwood Bumstead to give him his full name - and he featured in the long running comic strip 'Blondie' which first appeared in 1930. Dagwood looks quite tall and skinny in the cartoon doesn't he?...quite spider monkey-like with long skinny legs.

Bumstead had indeed been bought to England by Mr Wild's son Tom in 1943, when he was tiny, with a body the size of a kitten. He lived in the house, but as he grew



bigger, Mr Wild made a huge cage for him in the garden, from which he often escaped. As a little girl Cecilia would run round when this happened, warning the locals!

As to his final demise, Cecilia told me he was actually on the back section of the roof, not the thatched part, when he was shot, and that he fell into the neighbour's garden. She thinks he may well have been buried there, more or less where he fell, since by then he was quite big and heavy, and also a bit of a mess, having been shot by a 12-bore! Given she was only a small

girl at the time, Cecilia was made to go indoors when Bumstead met his maker, thanks to farmer Wally Smart's shotgun. Though Bumstead was an aggressive chap when older, as a youngster he would perch on Mr Wild's shoulder and accompany him into the Plough for a pint.

Whilst I'm on updates, I've had a bit of info on the building that is now La Fontana ...page 20 of the Feb issue. Sonny's real name was Harry Small and with his wife Ada, they ran the pub from 1969. Prior to that it was a tea room for a while, only open at weekends, and run by a couple from Windsor. They left it in a real state, meaning that Harry and Ada, helped by family and friends, had a lot of cleaning and tidying to do before they could open. They employed a chef named Clifford Gray.

If you have any info/updates on any of this historical stuff I publish, please let me know.

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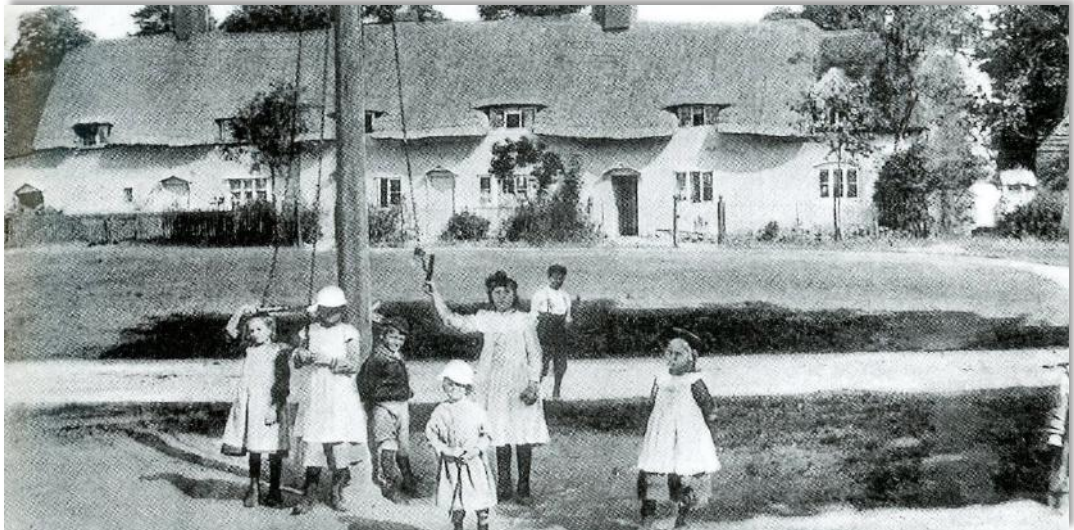
More history, and my usual look at this month's Hanneys Historical Calendar photo. It's of the Green at East Hanney, one of the most picturesque parts of the village and these cottages are seriously old. For a time they were owned by James Holmes and housed five families.

The cottages overlooked a sawpit (a pit over which timber is laid to be sawed with a long two-handed saw operated by two people of whom one stands above the timber and the other below it) and a village swing erected by the Parish Council. There was also an enormous spreading elm tree, so big it had a seat within it. Every year a fair came and Hanney Feast was a special day which re-united families from near and far.

Many characters have lived in the cottages over the years, and singling out one for no particular reason other than there are pals and long term residents of Hanney with whom I

have coffee every Tuesday morning, who remember him. He was a gent named Charlie Froude, who lived in the far left hand end cottage with his wife. Charlie was a carpenter, able to turn his hand to most things. He had been gassed in World War One and suffered with bronchial problems. Next door to his cottage was his workshop. He's buried in the St James graveyard.

The photos of the children were taken in about 1908.



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is Sally Povolosky. 'District Councillor' is also a political position, and Sally is a Lib Dem. They are now very much in the majority at the Vale, having 31 of the 38 seats, with just 6 Tories and 1 Green. Last, but by no means least, we get to the most local tier of government, the **Parish Councils**.

East Hanney and West Hanney are two separate Parishes, hence two Parish Councils, often abbreviated to 'PCs', each with some Councillors and a Clerk. West Hanney has 5 Councillors and East Hanney currently has 8. Note that parish councillors are non-political appointments. That's not to say they don't hold political views of course, but they do not represent any particular political party on the PC. There will only be elections for parish councillors if there are more candidates than positions.

Currently West Hanney PC have their full complement, and East have 7 of their 8. (I do not yet know which councillors intend to continue, or if there will be a need to hold an election.)

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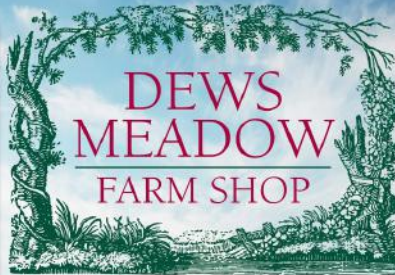
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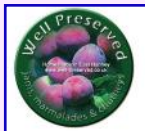
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HANNEY BOOK CLUB - 8pm, 1st Thurs of the Month, Plough, W. Hanney.
hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk

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 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.

SJS THURSDAY SINGING, East Hanney, a cappella male-voice group, 8-10pm. Join us for our new season of 4-part Folksongs from the 'Home Nations', Australia, Finland, Slovakia, Peru & more! And a pint at the Black Horse later? David Gahan 868933

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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FITSTEPS - The 'Strictly Come Dancing' Workout with Debs, every Tuesday 2-3pm at the Village Hall. Suitable for all ages and abilities, this fun and friendly class teaches you ballroom and Latin dance steps while enjoying a full body workout. Dances include the Jive, Cha Cha, Rhumba, Paso, Quickstep, Charleston, Tango, Waltz and Salsa. For more info contact Debs:07968 948007 or email info@workoutwonderful.com

PURE STRETCH - Every Tuesday 3pm at the Village hall with Debs (after the FITSTEPS class). Easy and relaxing stretch class to music, combining elements of Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Props and cushions provided, please bring your own mat. Please contact Debs: 07968 948007 or email info@workoutwonderful.com

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