

# Hanneley News

Number 569 May 2023

**Has your Coronation  
invite got lost in the  
post?**

**Never mind.....  
check out page 8  
and see all that's  
going on here in  
Hanney!**



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**Table Top Sale**  
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**We certainly like a party here  
in Hanney don't we?...already I  
know of three jolly events that are  
absolute musts for your summer diaries!**  
First up is the Friends of St James School  
**'Party in the Park'**, to be held on  
the Rec on Sat 15th July.

Next up is **'HanneyFest'** hosted by  
the Black Horse on the weekend of 8th -  
10th Sept, and finally our annual and  
always hugely popular

**Michaelmas Fayre**, happening on  
Sat 30th Sept. in West Hanney.

**Put these dates in your diary  
now!**



**I say, would you be frightfully  
kind and hold my hat whilst I  
get crowned?**

## Editorial

And suddenly, May is here! It's something of an anniversary for me...my first Hanney News was May 2015. So, after 96 issues (!) I'm still here...sincere thanks to everyone who has said nice things about Hanney News during this period.

Of course it's a much bigger month for our Charlie boy! Due to be crowned on the 6th, he's apparently demanding the full bells and whistles Coronation. Well, he's waited long enough hasn't he? - so let's do the same here in Hanney and have a high old time! Details of what's on offer on page 8.

As to the snap on the front cover of Charlie looking very smart in his uniform, albeit his tie needed a bit of adjustment?

Well, I took that - yes, really I did! - back in 1988 at the annual memorial dinner for the HMS Hood disaster of World War Two.

(Only three crew members survived, with 1,415 lost.)

Lord Louis Mountbatten used to be the guest of honour at the dinner each year, but after he was assassinated by the IRA in 1979, Charlie took over his role and I popped down with my box brownie.

Charlie made a bee-line for the young lady and, flash, bang, wallop, I had a snap that was never published until now!

I wonder if our new King ever rides a bike these days, but I do know that cycling is very popular round these parts, and more folk are riding e-bikes. Well, Hanney's finest bicycle repair man, Sir Steve of Fairclough and Pedal - see article on page 13 and his ad on page 21 - has been in touch to assure me that he can service and repair e-bikes to the same high standards he gives to ones that are only propelled by blood, sweat and tears! I can personally recom-

mend him!

I mentioned the 'talking bench' last month that hopefully will be sited in the JR Holmes Memorial Garden in East Hanney, I'm looking forward to spending some time there, basking in warm summer sun, resting my weary bones and engaging in witty repartee with any like-minded folk who happen to be around at the time!

Can I sing the praises of a fine young West Hanney resident by the name of Sam Morris? Sam is at school studying for his GCSEs and is also doing 'stuff' to gain his Duke of Edinburgh Award. To that end, he is now making a delicious cake each week for the Senior Citizens Coffee Morning. Big thanks go out to Sam, a very talented lad, and good luck with those pesky GCSEs! Back to the Coronation....our hostelrys are going to be busy this month as we toast Charlie Boy, so let's patronize our local establishments whenever we can.

The Royal British Legion have got a BBQ and Disco happening on the day itself - Sat 6th May - all kicking off at 2pm.

Meantime, I'm hoping to get regular updates from them in the future.

(Just to mention that the Plough will be hosting a private function on Sat 20th May and won't open until 4pm on that day.)

I notice with some alarm that this month's Lottery winners all have a surname ending in 'ell'. (See page 4.) Spooky eh?

Pleas for help on page 4 and page 9, a coach trip on offer on page 7, with a fascinating new activity - to most I would guess - on offer on page 13. Loads more of course in our 4th bumper 32 page issue this year...I'm going to demand a pay rise! Cheers Charlie...cheers to one and all!

**We here at Hanney News Global International welcome articles or letters.**

Please submit items to the Editor, preferably by email, or use the Hanney News post box in the Community Shop. Contact me, the Editor, Jim Stagg, on 01235 867500, or by email: [hanneynews@gmail.com](mailto:hanneynews@gmail.com)

## **What's happening this month Mr Editor?**

**Thurs 4th, Vale of White Horse District, and Oxfordshire County Council Elections.**

**Sat 6th Coronation celebrations at the Royal British Legion... page 8**

**Sun 7th, a Coronation 'Big Lunch' in and around Village Hall...page 8.**

**Mon 8th, Village Hall, Hanney Gardening Club. Annual Plant Sale.** Details page 8

**Mon 8th, The Big Help Out -** Details page 8

**Sat 13th, Hanney Garden Club coach trip** to RHS Malvern Spring Festival. See page 7.

**Sun 14th, Flexicare Charity Walk/Run/Wheel/Cycle!** See page 17.

**Sat 20th, The Plough will be hosting a private function** on Sat 20th May and won't open until 4pm.

**Sat 20th, Abingdon Air and Country Show.** [www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk/](http://www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk/)

**Mon 22nd, 8pm, Village Hall, Hanney History Group,** Christina Hardymant – local author, journalist and historian. 'Inventing Alyce Chaucer' ..see page 30.

**Thurs 25th, 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. Page 30 for details.

## **And further ahead pray tell?...**

**Thurs 1st June, 7.30pm, Wantage and Grove Campaign Group meeting** at Wantage Methodist Church 'Where has all the money gone'. See page 15.

**Sun 4th June, Wantage Carnival, Market Place.** Live local bands, Funfair, licensed Bar, Gin & Prosecco Bar, Fantastic food stalls, artisan arts & crafts and more. The Biggest Family Funday of the year!

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

**Sat 17th June, Cancer Research Table Top Sale...see front page.**

**Sat 17th & Sun 18th June, 11am - 5pm, Communita Flower Festival, St Peter's Church, Charney Bassett -** details next month.

**Sat 17th June, The Grove & Wantage Extravaganza,** Free entry. Live music, Dog and Duck Show, Funfair, Bars and more. Details next month. Grove Rugby Club.

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

**Sat 8th July, Car, Truck and Bike Show...details nearer the time.** Keep the day free!

**Sat 15th July, Party in the Park,** Friends of St James School, details next month.

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

**Sat 2nd Sept, Charney Bassett Village Fete...details nearer the time.**

**Fri 8th - Sun 10th Sept, Hanney Fest at the Black Horse,** East Hanney. A full weekend of live music, kicking off with Hanney Fest Unplugged indoor acoustic on Friday 8th.

**Sat 30th Sept, Hanney's very own Michaelmas Fayre. Keep it free!! See page 4**

**Copies of the Hanney Historical Calendar 2023** are still available, direct from me here at HQ, or via the shop, priced at just £5. We also have a few 2022 copies left. Ring me if you want a copy of either, or both...01235 867500.



The 2023 calendar produced by the Plough, with all monies going to the magnificent local Sobell House charity is also still available. Copies to be had direct from said fine hostelry! Talking of the Plough, it celebrates it's first birthday on 27th May...there'll be a bit of a party I expect. Also to mention they will be closed for a private function the week before on Sat 20th. They'll open that day from 4pm when normal service will be resumed!

We currently have space for local businesses to advertise here in the best parish mag in the whole of Hanney!

If you run a business based within the area in our delivery area - the Hanneys, Lyford, Denchworth and Charney Bassett - ring me, Jim the Editor, anytime, on 01235 867500 to discuss advertising with us.

Prices start at £27 for 12 issues.

## Hanney Lottery April Winners

1st - Sheila Powell  
2nd - Rachel Tredwell  
3rd - Trevor Brettell

Not got a number yet or want additional numbers?

Just call Hilary on 868590.

## The Hanney Michaelmas Fayre Saturday 30 September.

All your favourites will be there - music, Morris, WI Teas, competitions, things to do and things to buy! Competition categories available from St James Church and Hanney Community Shop from 1st May and on our website

[Hanney-events.co.uk](http://Hanney-events.co.uk) from 15 May.

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**Please read this** from fine, upstanding East Hanney resident Sir David of Stubbington. He needs our help...

*“Many of you may be aware of the national emergency alert test on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, sending a siren-like alert to all smart phones which will allow government, in future, to send urgent messages warning the public of life-threatening events such as flooding. (See website: <https://www.gov.uk/alerts>)*

*What you may not be aware of is that the Hanneys has its very own ‘**Community Emergency Plan**’ made up of volunteers which has been activated a number of times over the years, most recently for the flooding threat at the end of March and of course throughout the whole of the Covid epidemic when a small team coordinated the needs of residents with the fantastic volunteers who put themselves forward to help other residents.*

*There is a now a real need to increase our volunteer base with individuals who would be willing to give up time to meet up once a year for no more than a couple of hours for familiarisation with our emergency equipment, potential hazards*

*and vulnerable areas our villages. As a volunteer you could be asked during an emergency to undertake a role as a lifter and shifter, co-ordinator, administrator, minder of vulnerable people or refreshment provider etc.*

*There will be a role for everyone no matter your physical ability.*

*The Community Emergency Plan is supported by both Parish Councils and Oxfordshire County Council, and is not activated lightly. When it is activated, it will not at any time put volunteers at risk. If you are interested in volunteering your services to support our lovely villages in a time of need by being an active member of the Hanneys Community Emergency Plan, please contact me, David [djstubbington@icloud.com](mailto:djstubbington@icloud.com)”*

May I just add that this very worthy group of community-minded folk is different to the **Flood Group**, (see article on page 16 and their contact details on page 30) which is a working party that meets once a month, whereas the emergency group only comes together in time of dire need. That said, several folk are involved with both groups, and big ups to them all!



## **Last year we offered a very warm**

**welcome** to Anastasia and her little boy Danil, refugees from war-torn Ukraine.

Well, now we can offer big congrats to Anastasia and a very warm welcome to her beautiful baby girl, born on 11th April at the JR.

We wish mum and baby every happiness here in Hanney.

## East Hanney Parish Council

Clive Manvell, Dave Stubbington and Paul Sayers were forefront in protecting the village from the recent flooding. Thankfully their efforts along with those of the rest

of the Flood Group ensured that property damage was kept to a minimum. It does drive home the point that the gullies and waterways that border our homes need to be clear of debris and especially garden waste.

Those of us that border a water course have a duty to keep it clear. If you are unsure if you are one of those, please contact either the Flood Group or the Parish Clerk and they'll let you know.

So the long awaited car park extension and MUGA, weather permitting, should be completed in early June. Once again apologies for the short term inconvenience especially to the allotment holders. By the way, there are few plots available, so if you want to eat healthy, cheaply, and rewardingly, apply now to Garth Dennill.

The 'litter-pick' was well supported - a thank you to Paul Aram for organising and all those who attended. The general consensus was that there was less litter within the villages this year (see photo on page 14) but it's still a disappointment that those who buy food and drink feel that the correct place for disposal is the road; just



take it home please. The 20mph zones were approved recently at a meeting held by the County Council, including a stretch of the A338 from

La Fontana north to the village boundary. Thanks go to Dickon Green and especially to Sally Povolotsky our District Councillor, for her representation and drum beating at that meeting.

The final layout of the parking restrictions outside the school has also been approved; all being well they should be in place for the September term.

The second cricket net was also given the go ahead so that will be in place for the summer.

The Neighbourhood Plan has now gone for a District Council-led consultation; this is a huge document headed by David Kirk that will play an important role in the future of the Parish. (See panel below)

Preparations for the Coronation celebrations are well under way. Rosie Reed's plans and those of her opposite number from West Hanney and the Church will be revealed soon.

*Steve McKechnie, Chair*

**Next Meeting - Weds 17th May, at 7:30pm, Old Hanney Room, Hanney War Memorial Hall, aka Village Hall.**

**The East Hanney Neighbourhood Plan** has progressed to its next stage of Consultation which is being launched by the Neighbourhood Planning team at the District Council. This is known as the Regulation 16 Consultation, which runs for 6 weeks till 31<sup>st</sup> May. The documents can be viewed on the East Hanney Neighbourhood Plan webpage: <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/EastHanney-NP> on the District Council web site. A copy of the Plan documents can be viewed in the Community shop. Details of how you may respond to the plan are also provided on the East Hanney Parish Council website. You are invited to submit your comments and have your say.

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## West Hanney Parish Council

### **Result of the Uncontested Parish Council Election – 4 May 2023**

Eddie Wilkinson and Trevor Brettell decided not to seek re-election as Parish Councillors (PCs), a huge thanks to Eddie and Trevor for their service on our Parish Council over many years.

The four residents who stood for election as have been elected uncontested; David Corps, Graham Garner, Peter Packham and Vicki Ruston.

We would like to welcome Vicki as a new PC.

We have a remaining vacancy and would like to receive expressions of interest from any resident who would like to be co-opted as a PC.

If you are interested in being co-opted and making a difference on our Parish Council, please contact our Parish Clerk.

**The Annual Meeting of WHPC will be held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.30pm at the Olde Hanney Room, Hanney War Memorial Hall followed by a Regular Meeting of WHPC**

**Councillors: Chair: David Corps - 867454. Graham Garner - 868684.  
Peter Packham - 868038. Vicki Ruston. Barbara Martin (Clerk) - 412742  
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**‘Hanney Gardening Club’** still have a few places available for their coach trip to the **RHS Malvern Spring Festival** on Saturday 13 May. If you wish to come along, please contact Bill Watkin, via his email - [billwatkin@hotmail.com](mailto:billwatkin@hotmail.com) - **as soon as possible.**

The coach will leave the Hanney War Memorial Hall - aka Village Hall - at 9.00am, with a return departure time of 4.30pm from Malvern. The cost is £43 per head which covers the coach and entrance fee to the Show.

Please don't miss the opportunity of what will be a glorious day out in such a lovely setting.

(My photo shows Bill in the white coat, organising a previous trip - Editor)



# HANNEY CELEBRATES THE CORONATION!

A great time to see friends and family, share in community activities and enjoy our local hostels!

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May - CORONATION DAY** – full details are on our special Hanney website - <https://www.hanney-events.co.uk>  
**'Ring for the King'** – from St James Church Tower.  
**The Plough, West Hanney** – Traditional British Coronation BBQ from 12noon (booking required)  
Big screen of the Day.  
BBQ and Disco at **Royal British Legion**...see panel below.



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May - The Big Coronation Lunch** – from midday – in and around Hanney War Memorial Hall (HWMH) - bring your own picnic, rugs/chairs. Fun for all ages, and a bouncy castle\*. (\*Weather dependent)

**Coronation Duck Race**, Hanney playing fields at 2pm  
**Coronation Celebration Service – 6pm - St James Church** – with 'bubbles & nibbles' reception to follow  
And from 3pm 'til late, **The Black Horse, East Hanney**, will be offering live music, a bouncy castle and great food.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Hanney Gardening Club' Plant Sale** – 2pm – 4pm, in and around HWMH. (Plant donations in advance welcome, please deliver to the hall 10am – 12noon.)  
**The Big Help Out** – 2.30pm - 4.30pm - Old Hanney Room (inside HWMH). Thriving communities need volunteers - come and find out about the many ways you could support your village. A great way to get involved and make new friends. (Hanney News Global will be there. Please come and say hello.)

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## Due to growing demand, we restarted Hanney Scout Group in February 2019;

Scouting has been active in the Hanneys almost since the beginning of the movement in 1907; we have records of Hanney Scouts attending events as far back as 1910. We look set to be active for many years to come.

Scouting aims to encourage the all-round development of young people so that they can grow up to become constructive and responsible members of society. It does this by offering a progressive programme using a wide variety of activities, all based around the age and stage of development of each child. Scouts have fun and make friends!

Each Scout Section is led by a team of uniformed Leaders and helpers; all our leaders and helpers are local people and are volunteers. The Group is led by the Group Scout Leader and supported by the Executive Committee, to ensure that the Group is securely funded, has the resources it needs and operates within the rules and policies of the Scout Association.

**Can you help us?** We need help to continue to create an exciting programme for all our young people and support with planning and fundraising activities throughout the year.

We are currently looking for: **A Group**



**Scout Leader** - To lead, manage and support the Scout Group and its Leaders to ensure the group runs effectively and that Scouting within the Group develops in accordance with the rules and policies of The Scout Association.

**Support for the Cub Section** – To help the uniformed Leaders with planning and help with sessions. The age range for the Cub sections is from the age of 8 to 10 and a half.

**Executive Committee Members** – To help support the running of the Scout Group. You don't need to have any experience for any of these roles as training will be provided where necessary.

If you can provide some support, no matter how little, but are not able to commit to one of these roles, we would still love to hear from you.

To find out more please get in touch with us by contacting Janet Green [Janetgreen@kascouts.org.uk](mailto:Janetgreen@kascouts.org.uk) or Debbie Poole [dho.jones@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dho.jones@yahoo.co.uk)

**Joan Doore...** I have recently been contacted by Adrian Doore with the very sad news that his Mum, Joan Doore, wife of the late Stan Doore, has recently passed away. Adrian told me that Joan had asked for her massive gratitude to be passed on to all her friends and neighbours for the help and support they have given her over the years. We offer our sincere condolences to Adrian and his family, and all who knew Joan.

I have also been informed of the very recent passing of Keith Francis who lived in Church St, West Hanney for many years. Again, we offer our deepest condolences to all who knew him.



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Dear Friends

I am looking forward to celebrating the Coronation and, though I am still getting used to praying for our sovereign lord King Charles rather than our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth, I do sincerely pray that God will endue him with wisdom and that his role may be a uniting focus for our countries of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. In these challenging times we do need to co-operate constructively together for everyone's good.

A crown is round to be able to be placed fittingly on the head, and not only does it symbolise leadership its circular base also illustrates unity.

The same weekend our parishes will be holding a Confirmation service led by Bishop Gavin Bishop of Dorchester, laying hands on the candidates' heads and praying that their faith may be made strong as they commit to following Jesus.

Looking back on a previous confirmation service I noticed that we sang the hymn ***Crown him with many crowns*** written originally by Matthew Bridges (d 1851). That phrase indicates Jesus claim to be King of all.

There are 70 references to a crown in the Bible (and over 2200 to king!) mainly pointing ultimately to Jesus Christ the King of kings but also encouraging Jesus followers that they will receive crowns which symbolise the positive qualities of joy, righteousness, glory and (*as James 1 : 12 says*) life.

God save the King!

John

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

**Eucharist is celebrated at 9.30am each Sunday.**

7<sup>th</sup> – No service in Hanney, Benefice Confirmation with Bishop Gavin at St Johns Grove at 10am. 14<sup>th</sup> – Revd John Durant, 21<sup>st</sup> – Revd Charles Draper, 28<sup>th</sup> – Revd Velma Oxley.

**Celebration of the King's Coronation Service – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm.**

Midweek Said Eucharist – every Tuesday at 10am in the Chancel.

Currently 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.

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

## Two enterprising and talented gents,

Adrian Bradshaw and Rob Ross, have been in touch to tell me about 'Oxford Darkrooms'

an initiative they have recently set up. Drawing on years of experience, they offer courses on darkroom printing and black and white photography. They share a passion for beautiful black and white darkroom prints, film cameras, enlargers, photography books and a desire to share the knowledge they've accumulated from a life-long interest in photography. They accept students on courses lasting from 1 to 4 days, covering everything from film exposure and shooting techniques to film development, basic and advanced printing techniques and finishing. Adrian told me...

*"There is a real resurgence of interest in analogue film photography. Film is definitely a challenging medium that requires a slower, more thoughtful*



*approach. If you are interested in starting, pursuing, or refreshing an interest in black and white photography and printing you now have access to two professional level darkrooms, fitted with a range of high quality equipment. We welcome everyone from absolute beginners to experienced photographers wanting to hone their skills. There is something to suit everyone. Cameras are available for those who just want to try shooting film and tuition is given on every aspect of photography and printing. Full details of courses and dates are available at [oxforddarkrooms.com](http://oxforddarkrooms.com) or email us at*

*[oxforddarkrooms@gmail.com](mailto:oxforddarkrooms@gmail.com) and we will be happy to discuss your requirements." In my time as a pro photographer - a good few years back! - I spent many happy hours in my darkroom, and this initiative sounds really interesting and great fun.*

## I mentioned Hanney's very own bicycle repair man

in my Editorial - what do you mean you never bother to read that bit! - and here are two more snippets that may be of interest to you pedalling people.

**Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)** are running 'Cycle Safety for Adults' sessions locally, and folk are being encouraged to sign-up for these - they're free! Designed to build confidence and improve safety awareness, they last two hours and can be booked by emailing: [roadsafety.education@Oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafety.education@Oxfordshire.gov.uk).

Read about it on the OCC website here: <https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

OK, so your bike is well maintained, and you know how to ride it safely. What next? Well, there are many formal and informal cycling groups around, and you could do worse than check the **Cycling UK Wantage** website here... [cyclingukwantage.org.uk](http://cyclingukwantage.org.uk). You'll find loadsa info about what they offer, with some snaps that show they have a jolly time as they pedal around the countryside! They welcome everyone, including e-bike riders!

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### More Fake News in Hanney News!

Last month I said that the new development in West Hanney that had been named by the developer Lagan Homes as 'Winters Rise' was in fact called 'Meadow View'....Wrong!! It's actually named 'Meadow Way'...close, but not close enough ...and there's a house in Winter Lane called 'Meadow View', so apols to them for any confusion.

### What a load of rubbish!

Well done Hanney Litter Pickers and its organising supremo, Sir Paul of Aram and Plastic Bags...great job at the recent litter pick!!



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I've received  
this  
from



**Julie Maberley,**  
Campaign Manager of  
the 'Wantage and Grove  
Campaign Group'.

Julie asked me to include it in Hanney News. Now, I usually try and avoid overtly political or controversial stuff... we're a warm, soft and fluffy bunch here at Global HQ ...and I certainly don't want to be opening any cans of wriggly little worms!

But maybe this isn't actually that political, and even if the meeting does offer an opportunity to let off some steam - politely I trust - at developers and councillors, you could equally go along and announce to the assembled good burghers that you think those developers and our local authorities are doing a grand job!

# WHERE HAS ALL THE MONEY GONE?

You may be wondering, where are all the promised schools, roads, hospitals, leisure facilities etc, collectively referred to by the snappy title of "infrastructure"?

Before any bricks are laid, local planning authorities and developers agree to millions of pounds worth of infrastructure, needed to serve the growing population, but that seems to be the point at which things get tricky...

You may be curious, or furious, or possibly both – if you would like to find out more, and maybe contribute to the debate, you will be welcome to come along to our meeting. We'd love to see you there.

**Wantage Methodist Church**  
**1 June 2023 at 7.30pm**

***What are developer contributions  
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## I wrote the article below praising our Flood Group

around the end of March, including a snap from the floods of 2007, intending to highlight the seriousness of the floods on the rare occasions that we get them.

Then - depending on your beliefs - Mother Nature, fate, God, some version of a Rain God or whoever/whatever, intervened to serve up a much better reminder of flood problems than my photo ever could, by causing some actual flooding in our community. Broken down and abandoned cars, blocked roads, overflowing brooks, drainage ditches and the Fire Brigade carrying out what was probably one of their least

challenging rescues of a poor chap stuck in his van, was the result. He featured, along with the fireman and their boat in several snaps on our Facebook page, and elicited, in my view anyway, a few rather harsh comments. We all make mistakes after all! Fortunately the waters have subsided but the article is still relevant, especially the part about Riparian responsibilities. (See also EHPC piece on page 6.) And of course big thanks to members of the Flood Group and our 'Community Emergency Plan' group - see page 5 - for their prompt action.

## Our fab Flood Group

do a great job and they're a well-organised bunch of fine upstanding community-minded folk who don't mind getting down and dirty in our ditches - for all our mutual benefit! Many of us may not remember the floods of 2007, so here's a snap I took at the time from the bottom end of Winter Lane, looking over West Hanney village green and the Buttercross, just to jog a few memories. Perhaps the photo will also come as a bit of a shock to those who have decided to make Hanney their home since 2007....a very wise decision of course, but let's all be aware of the potential issues re flooding. And this isn't something new - it's always been thus! 'Hanney' means Hen Island...clue's in the word 'Island'! Back to the Flood Group...they have an excellent website here:

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

And they produce a useful and informative e-newsletter to which anyone can subscribe. This can be done from the Home page (left hand side pane) or on the Contact page of their website.

I really would urge folk to check out the



website and sign up to the e-newsletter. This is particularly the case if you are a Riparian owner.

We here at Global HQ fall into that category, though we were blissfully ignorant of the fact when we bought the property back in 2000. It was only when a neighbour gently informed us of the fact and our responsibilities as a result, that I'd even heard the word Riparian!

Put simply, it's our duty to keep our ditch adjacent to our property clear of debris and able to convey water away from where we don't want it, i.e. inside our house!!

If you are a Riparian owner and need help with this, contact the Flood Group. Also get in touch with them if you may be able to help with their endeavours.



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The poster features a circular logo on the left with a stylized figure of a person in a wheelchair and two other figures, with the word 'FLEXICARE' written around the bottom. The background is a blurred image of people walking on a path. The text is in various shades of blue and black.

# Flexicare Community Walk

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**On page 19 there's more** on JR Holmes lovely little 'Memorial Garden', and I understand East Hanney Parish Council intend to install a talking bench in it very soon. (see Editorial.) They also want to refurbish its lovely wrought iron railings. Do you know anyone who may be able to do that? If so, please contact the Parish Clerk, Wendy ...her contact detail on page 7. This would be a commercial job of course.

**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.

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

I am the Chairman of the of the board of eight Trustees, which includes both current Parish Council leaders and our Vicar John Durant.

If you know anyone who is in genuine financial need, please ask them to contact me directly, in strictest confidence of course.

We are now also working closely with '**Vale Community Impact**' (VCI) (previously the Wantage Advice Centre) so please feel free to approach them first if you'd rather.

Their website is here:

**[www.vci.org.uk](http://www.vci.org.uk)**

**tel: 01235 765348.**

As well as knowing broadly what we at the Hanney Parochial Charity may be able to help with, they have a wide variety of other ways to assist folk through difficult times.

(I will be publishing an article about VCI in a future issue of Hanney News.)

Our charity here in Hanney also considers applications for grants to anyone aged 18 - 25 who is starting full-time further education.

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

**This lovely smiling lady** in the very pink hat is East Hanney resident Mandy Brewerton.

Like many of us, she's scared of heights but on 20th May she is jumping out of a plane...yes really!!

You may be thinking - I certainly am - that these don't really go together, but there's a very good reason for her bravery.

Mandy is raising funds for two local charities - '**Maggie's Cancer Centre, Oxford**' and '**Breast Cancer Now**'.

Both have figured in her life over the last few years.

Here's what she told me...

*"Maggie's have been a big part of my life since I was diagnosed with Breast Cancer in 2019, having to undergo an operation, followed by chemotherapy, radiotherapy and I still have to have ongoing infusions. Maggie's are absolutely amazing, you can visit them and rant, cry, laugh as much as you like and the staff are so very kind, understanding and so very supportive. They help us in every aspect of our lives. I want to give something back to Maggie's as a big thank you for helping me through my cancer journey. So, I thought I would face another challenge and throw myself out of plane skydiving. It will take place on the 20 May 2023 at Salisbury.*

*Maggie's Oxford signposted me to 'Breast Cancer Now' who were there for me when I went through a very low spell in my life at the beginning of 2022. I am forever grateful to them for the support they gave me. I am now a Volunteer for 'Someone Like Me', part of Breast Cancer Now, where I talk to people going through the traumas of breast cancer. 'Breast Cancer Now' are an amazing team and help anyone who is going through, or has gone through the traumas that you face with breast cancer."*



Helping Mandy raise some serious dosh for these incredibly worthy causes would be great, and it's very easy to donate as she has set up two '**JustGiving**' pages. These are the links...

[www.justgiving.com/Amanda-Brewerton%C2%A0](http://www.justgiving.com/Amanda-Brewerton%C2%A0) and  
[www.justgiving.com/AmandaGoskydiving%C2%A0](http://www.justgiving.com/AmandaGoskydiving%C2%A0)

Probably easiest to go to the JustGiving website here: **justgiving.com** and type in Mandy's name.

And here are the website addresses of the two charities... 'Maggie's Centre': **https://www.maggies.org/our-centres/maggies-oxford/**

'Breast Cancer Now' is here:

**https://breastcancer.org/**

For those who don't have access to a computer you can still donate by sending a cheque, payable to **Maggie's Oxford** to: *Maggie's Oxford, The Patricia Thompson Building, Old Road, Oxford, OX3 7LE*

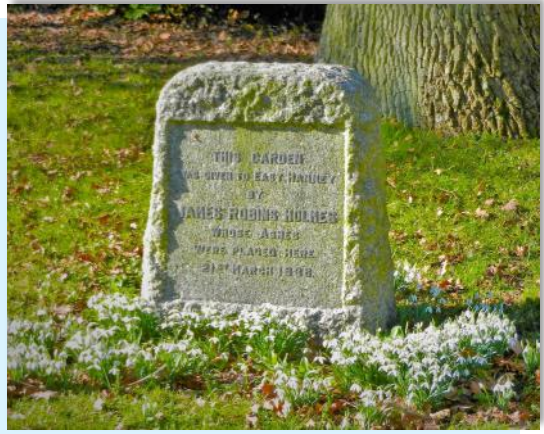
Please include a letter telling them your donation is towards Mandy's skydive. To donate to '**Breast Cancer Now**', please make cheques payable to 'Breast Cancer Now' and post to *Breast Cancer Now, Ibx House, 42-47 Minories, London, EC3N 1DY*. Include your contact info and quote **810633968 and Mandy's skydive**.

Or ring **0333 20 70 300** to donate by credit/debit card or to request details to pay directly into their bank account.

**More on JR Holmes...** in the last couple of issues we've looked at this fascinating local gent from the past, and here's a brief version of the story of how we come to have the charming 'Holmes Memorial Garden' in our midst.

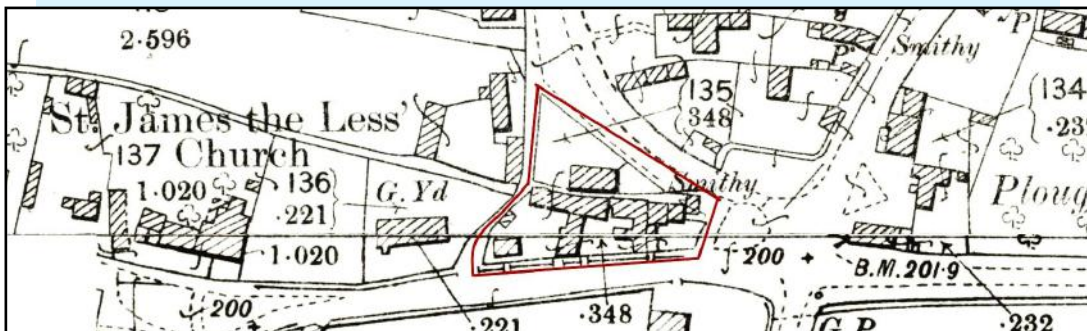
In his fascinating book about Holmes, entitled 'Holmes of Hanney', local historian Frank Poller refers to it as the 'Shrubbery Garden', and tells how, shortly after JR's death in 1938, his widow Alice wrote to the Parish Council stating her late husband's wish was that it should be left to the village in perpetuity, recalling that he had loved and cared for this garden. The clause in the will reads *'I Give and Devise All that piece of land or shrubbery near the Post Office East Hanney aforesaid unto the East Hanney Parish Council to be used or preserved by them as a beauty spot for the benefit and enjoyment of the inhabitants of the Parish of East Hanney aforesaid in perpetuity'*.

The inscription on the memorial plaque reads - *"This garden was given to East Hanney by James Robins Holmes whose ashes were placed here 21st March 1938"* Going back before JR's time, I'm reliably informed that the garden had always been just that, i.e. a garden that has never had any structures built upon it. I've also learned that the whole island site - marked with a red outline in the 1899 map below - that contains Cross Tree House, the Old Bakery and Dorley House as well as



Holmes' Memorial Garden was originally one plot until the late Victorian times. Cross Tree House was the original property with a farmyard, brewhouse and a smithy. Holmes' garden was the original garden to the house. The blacksmith's shop comprised of a number of small sheds that would have been the buildings referred to by Frank Poller in his book as being pulled down in about 1901. They were located on Cross Tree House's current driveway and explains why the fence is stepped in that corner.

Various deeds and mortgages dating from 1850 to 1901 all handwritten on vellum parchment exist, and the oldest is an affidavit by Mr Charles Cox dated 1850 explaining that he inherited the land from his father, William Cox, who had bought the land some 45 years earlier from James Breakspear. Following Charles' death in 1901, his widow, sold the land to JR Holmes for £105



**This month's calendar photo**, taken in the early 1930s probably, is a view along Church St, West Hanney, looking eastwards, with the castellated tower of St James Church just visible on the right, the Plough on the left. This side of the pub is the thatched 'West Cottage' which no longer exists. It featured in the Feb 2022 issue of Hanney News and the 2022 calendar. (Copies of both still available.) The lower photo shows the front of it with a gent stood proudly in the garden. He is Percy Belcher, born on 28th April 1920. or it maybe his younger brother Alfie. They, along with sister Rita, had grown up in the cottage. Rita was the young lady at the gate in the Feb 2022 photo, with a dog, which may have been Alfie's, named Sheila. Unusual name for a dog? Their dad, born on 31st Dec 1887, also a Percy, lived there with his wife, their mum Alice. Percy Junior married Betty in St James Church in 1950, and after his parents, Percy Senior and Alice, had moved to Grove, Percy and wife



Betty moved in to the cottage. They had two daughters, Janet and Ann. The latter still lives in West Hanney and has been very helpful with my amateur research efforts, for which my grateful thanks.

The four houses on the right of the calendar pic, were built by local builders J.P. Barretts, and 'pebble dashed' - a highly skilled job - by a travelling Gypsy gentleman.

One of my Tuesday coffee morning chums lived in the first one, i.e. the one nearest the church, furthest from camera.

Another coffee drinking pal, Frank Bunce was actually born in the second one in 1937, and lived there until he got married in about 1960 and moved to East Hanney, where he still lives! A Mrs Booker lived in the third, and a Ted Booth in the fourth. The impressive tree in the middle of the pic, still exists in the front garden of Priors Court.

The Plough has a very interesting history...even relatively recent times offer up some fascinating tales. What are now the toilets used to be a small barn and in it were hung the recently slaughtered pigs that villagers owned.

A very large gent called Mr Haines - maybe Jack? - would come over from Denchworth with his bolt gun and a large sharp knife. Duly despatched, the piggies were then taken over the road to what is now the car park where they were placed above a roaring bonfire that would burn off the bristles. The entrails would be removed, with nothing wasted...the intestines were cleaned up to be cooked and eaten. Occasionally the local lads would take the bladder, inflate it and voila!...a football! The pigs carcasses would be rubbed with salt, to act as a preservative, and hung in the barn. No need to pop down to Sainsburys for your bacon! Good job really, since it didn't exist back then, and you probably wouldn't have had a car either.

Simpler times no doubt, but I'll tell you what...I bet the meat tasted good!



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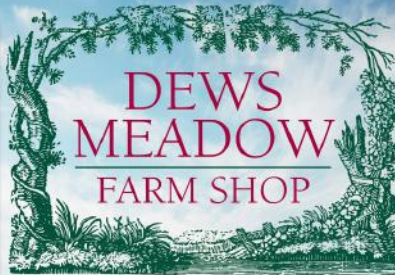
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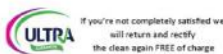


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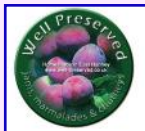
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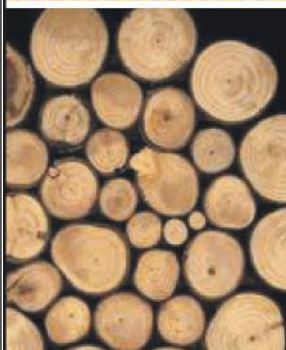
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