



# Hanneys News

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Jolly stuff!



**HANNEYFEST  
& PLOUGHFEST  
MORE PICS PAGES 8 AND 9**



Not so jolly stuff



## Thames Water proposes 150 billion litre reservoir – the largest possible!

They have finally published their Water Resource Management Plan. It is not good news. The saga of the Reservoir has been going on so long now that people may feel like giving up – PLEASE DON'T! It has never been more important to act.

Thames Water has decided to go ahead with the 'Abingdon Reservoir'. Lobby your MP: we have support of the Vale of White Horse and Oxford County Councils, and we lobby within the industry, but you can still help.

Our local MP is David Johnston, his contact details on page 7. It is important to ensure that he actively opposes the reservoir. Please copy [gard.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:gard.secretary@gmail.com) into any correspondence and see the website for developments <https://www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk/>

**Derek Stork - Chairman GARD**

## Editorial

Assuming you're reading this little mag front to back, you'll have already seen our front cover, on which I have included jolly and not such jolly 'stuff' - for most of us anyway. Lotsa festival fun and really nice vibes at both the local festivals that happened recently, wot I recently attended, hosted by our two splendid pubs ...the Plough in West and the Black Horse in East. More snaps on pages 8 and 9.

But the reservoir has hit the headlines again, and GARD have sent me their take on it all. Thus far anyway, I've heard little support for the very big pond currently proposed by the folk at Thames Water. Much smaller ponds, maybe as many as four of them, are being discussed by West Hanney Parish Council at a public meeting on 3rd Oct. Details on page 7.

Meantime, we welcome two new advertisers this month, Mr Jones, a decorator...his ad on page 16, and The Rivus on page 15. We also welcome back two East Hanney businesses who haven't graced our pages for a while! They are the Black Horse - page 17 - and Laura Lolly Bligdon, whose 'Pet Patrol' ad is on page 16.

Laura and hubby Guy do so much for the community...the bingo night coming up on 21st - see page 17 - has been put together by her. Please support it if bingo ticks your box. (Think that's kind of what you do in bingo isn't it?...not sure...whatever, pop down spend some dosh, help a worthy cause and have a bit of fun.)

Page 5 for more happy snaps, and if you enjoy a walk, check out page 7, smiley folk about to set off for one...and a bit of a chat! Only one letter this month, on page 14, and

it's not about bikes or speed limits, but green issues...very much in the headlines these days.

Please feel free to put pen to paper on any local issues...always happy to publish.

This month's calendar pic, page 19. is particularly frustrating...does the family name Teddington mean anything to you? If so, please get in touch.

An interesting little snippet on the 20mph limit on page 5, one I'd not heard before, far less thought of myself, as a reason why the new limit may have drawbacks that we hadn't previously considered.

There's more smiley people on page 6, brandishing lovely flowers.

The ladies who run our WI do a great job.

If you're not a member, read their piece on page 13 and then join...simples!

I'm pretty sure our WI don't run a rugby team, but Grove Rugby Club do - and yes, including a ladies team! - page 13 again.

Our magnificent Scouts need help...see page 16, and details of a first aid course at the Black Horse are on page 17. Great idea!

To finish, can I ask you to check out page 18 and a little piece about Riding for the Disabled, a local charity who also need our help. We get bombarded these days with requests for donations to a vast range of charities don't we, and we will all have our favourites if we're in the fortunate position of being able to spare some dosh.

Maybe you're not familiar with this particular charity...please read their brief story.

OK, November approaches for us here at Global HQ, so till then my przyjaciele (Polish for 'friends') all the best!

**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...

**Monday 2nd - Hanney Gardening Club. 7. 30 for 8pm** in the Village Hall. A talk on No-dig gardening by Russell Attwood - an expert on low maintenance and no dig vegetable gardening. Guests welcome, £2.

**Wed 4th, 2-5pm. A friendly session of duplicate bridge** in Hanney War Memorial Hall. A partnership host will be available. Tea and cakes provided. For further information contact [janice.spearing@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janice.spearing@hotmail.co.uk)

**Fri 6th: Hanney Film Night. Barbie, Barbie, Barbie!** See page 5.

**Sat 7th: 9am start. Community Woodland Volunteers Working Party**, contact Paul Sayers, page 30.

**Sat 7th, 2pm - 4pm, First Aid Course** at the Black Horse. Includes buffet. See details and their ad on page17.

**Sat 7th, 7pm: Wantage Sings in Harmony** -four local community choirs performing a wide range of music. Wantage Sings; Harmony Inspires; Wantage Glee Club and Wantage Male Voice Choir at St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Church St., Wantage. Tickets £10 for adults, £8 for concessions available from <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wantage-sings-in-harmony>

**Sunday 8th, 3pm, All Saints Church, Sutton Courtenay. A fundraising Concert** with Chart Topping classical soprano & star of Voice UK Nadia Eide. Tickets via Ticketsource.

**Thurs 13th, Village Hall, Hanney WI:** 'St Denys Handbells - musical soiree and demonstration

**Sat 21st, 7.30pm Bingo. Charity fundraiser** for Wantage White Horse Swimming Club at the Legion. Full details page 17.

**Sun 22nd, "KBS Community Mall** – hosted by Apple Blossoms WI". Full details page 4.

**Mon 23rd, 8pm, Village Hall, Hanney History Group.** Richard Dudding, a talk on Abingdon Deer Park and Radley North Wood - a history.

**Thurs 26th, 2.30pm, Village Hall, Hanney Senior Citizens**, a talk by the Oxfordshire Museum Service, followed by yummy tea and cake, and, if we're lucky, fruit bread!

**Sat 28th, Community Woodland...**see 7th Oct entry above.

## And further ahead ...

**Fri 3rd Nov: Hanney Film Night.**

**Sat 4th Nov, Wantage Literary Festival**, see their website.

**Monday 6th November - 7.30 for 8 in the Village Hall, Hanney Gardening Club.** Talk on Garden Design by Pip Smith. Non members welcome.

**Thurs 9th Nov - Hanney WI 'Paper crafts'** - Christine Green.

**Sun 12th Nov: Remembrance Day Parade ...**

expect temporary road closures from RB Legion to St James Church

**Sat 18th Nov, 10am - 2pm Village Hall, Bazaar** , Hanney Cancer Research Fundraisers. See page 18.

**Calling all local businesses!** The Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor based 'Apple Blossoms WI' are hosting an event on Sunday 22nd October in their village hall. It's an opportunity for local businesses to showcase their products or services.

The event will be called "**KBS Community Mall – hosted by Apple Blossoms WI**". Free entry and hot food (bacon/sausage baps) and refreshments provided throughout the day. It starts at 11am and finishes at 4pm.

I have spoken to the organiser Toni Briggs and she's very happy to have Hanney-based businesses involved. If you're interested in having a table (which is provided) you'll need to email: [appleblossomswi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:appleblossomswi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk) and mark it FAO Toni Briggs. The cost to businesses for a table is a very modest £10.

**One of the jewels in the crown that is Hanney** is our Community Woodland.

It is a very special place and is maintained by a dedicated team, ably led by Paul Sayers, who modestly call themselves the 'Woodland Volunteers'. Massive big ups to them!

They usually meet on the last Saturday of the month but this month, their first party will be on Sat 7th Oct, followed by another on Sat 28th. November's date is the 25th.

All parties start at 9am. When I say parties, I should add that discos, dancing and the demon drink are in short supply but a good time is to be had and if you may be interested in learning more, please contact Paul direct. His details on page 30.

**Congrats to David Blomley and Kathy Ethelston**, two much loved Hanney residents who recently got hitched.

Mrs Editor and I were honoured to be on the guest list, and a most agreeable and joyous occasion it proved to be!

Hanney's very own registrar, Sir Graham of Garner and 'Do you take this woman?' did the necessary.

Massive congrats to David and Kathy... we at Global HQ of course wish them a long and happy Hanney life together!

**Still on the 'hatch and match' theme**, here's happy Rachel and Nik Shepherd at the Black Horse's recent Hanney Fest, introducing their newest arrival, Xanthe to the joys of festivals! Mum Rachel told me that Xanthe was born July 20th, weighing 7lb and 14oz., and that her big brother Alexander, aged 3 is being a superstar. He got his snap in Hanney News about 3 years back when he was a newborn!

If you know any Hanney folk who are hatching or matching, do let me know.





## The Hanney Film Night.

Are you up for some Comedy, Adventure and Fantasy in The Owen Wright Cinema in HWMH (aka village hall) on Friday, October 6th? Then join us as we visit Barbieland!



Yes, we're showing the award-winning "BARBIE"!

Welcome to Barbieland where all the Kens spend all their days at the beach and Barbies do all the important jobs, Doctors, Lawyers, Politicians, etc. All is perfect until...

Tickets £7, £6 conc.

114 mins, 12A...

Directed by Greta Gerwig, starring Margot Robbie, Ryan Gosling, Will Ferrell.

(Yes, we know it is still in cinemas but we do have a license.)

Doors and bar open, 7.30 for 8.00, Card payment only.

**From what I'm hearing** at Global HQ, our 20mph speed



limit is not universally popular!

On the grapevine the word is that the change in average speeds since its introduction is minimal. No matter, the policy continues to be rolled out across the county.... Marcham, Kennington and Standlake are just three of the latest bunch of thirteen areas to join the scheme.

Meantime, the Fire Brigade have chipped in with this observation on the limit being imposed in Wantage....

*"Wantage fire station is served by on-call staff that must live within 5 minutes. At 30mph, that's 2.5 miles away. Under a 20mph zone, this drops to 1.67 miles. The recruitment area would drop to 44.6% of its current size. This would, in all likelihood cause the Wantage fire station to close. Wantage, Grove and surrounding villages would then need to be served by crews from Abingdon and Didcot stations. The potential increase in deaths due to the increased response times would be a direct result of the implementation of the 20mph zones in Wantage."* I'd not heard this argument before...a bit of an over-reaction perhaps, but maybe not?

**The Plough at West Hanney - shares available for purchase.** This from board member Karen Bradshaw ...



*"As featured in July Hanney News, tenants Owain and Luke recently celebrated a magnificent first year at the helm of The Plough, collecting a haul of prestigious and well-deserved awards along the way.*

*If you would like to buy shares in this increasingly successful pub, which is without doubt an asset to our villages, please contact the board of Hanney Community Pub Ltd at :[Hanneypub@gmail.com](mailto:Hanneypub@gmail.com) with your enquiry. We look forward to hearing from you."*

## East Hanney Parish Council

You may well have noticed the mysterious mounds near the playground and the extension to the car park.

The editor was correct in assuming the one by the playground is a viewing area for both the playground and the cricket pitch. The second circular mound is to be a cycle track and this can be used now. The grass seeding of it will take place in the next few weeks.

Three new benches will also appear around the village, one being in Holmes' Garden. The railings around Holmes' Garden are receiving a fresh lick of paint to complete the renovation.

The installation of the climbing fox within

the playground should be completed this month.

A plan, with the help of the home owner, has been put forward to Highways to increase the width of the footpath as it approaches the school from the Memorial Hall, making it easier for those with push-chairs and especially double buggies.

*Remember, if you wish to be involved in your community there is a vacancy in your Parish Council, if interested please apply to Wendy whose details are below.*

**Our next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on Weds 11th Oct at the Village Hall. All are welcome**

**East Hanney Parish Councillors - Chair: Stephen McKechnie - [sme-hpc@gmail.com](mailto:sme-hpc@gmail.com). Vice Chairs: David Kirk - [david.kirk@btinternet.com](mailto:david.kirk@btinternet.com); Paul Aram [pvaehpc@gmail.com](mailto:pvaehpc@gmail.com); Councillors: Dickon Green - [dgehpc@gmail.com](mailto:dgehpc@gmail.com); Rosie Reed - [rrehpc@gmail.com](mailto:rrehpc@gmail.com); Garth Dennill - [gdehpc@gmail.com](mailto:gdehpc@gmail.com) ; Hamish Gowen - [hgehpc@gmail.com](mailto:hgehpc@gmail.com) Clerk: Wendy Bates, tel: 07859 924655, email: [clerk@easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk) Website: [www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk)**

**East Hanney resident** and allotment holder Patsy Smiles - the appropriately named lady in the purple top! - has been selling flowers she's grown to raise much needed funds for the charity MIND.

She told me.... *"Here's a few pics of residents choosing to buy my Jam Jar Posies in aid of Oxfordshire Mind. We had two boys buying for their mum's birthday, a lady who wanted to make her guest room pretty for her parents and another lady who just fancied them for herself.*

*Other allotment holders regularly put their excess produce on my charity table which has proved popular.*

*I've now raised a whopping £500 this year and last. So thank you to everyone who buys and I hope it brings a smile to people's faces as they walk by".*

Smiles indeed smiley Patsy Smiles...well done for your efforts!



## West Hanney Parish Council

Over the recent past West Hanney have seen a number of ponds filled in with the loss of this important habitat for aquatic life and the biodiversity that ponds support.

WHPC are considering a proposal to restore several of these ponds and create a new pond in our parish if feasible.

You are most welcome to attend an **Extraordinary Meeting of WHPC** to hear about these proposals to be held

on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room at the Hanney War Memorial Hall** (Photo shows 'Eddins', aka 'Headings' pond back in the day.)



**Councillors: Chair: David Corps - 867454. Graham Garner - 868684. Peter Packham - 868038. Vicki Ruston, Ahmed Farrag - 07388 816079. Barbara Martin (Clerk) - 412742**

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**These happy folk** are about to set off on a walk, described by organiser Sue Rogers - the lady far right, blue top - as "a steady walk and chat of around 45 minutes." She adds "Lunchtime suggested to try and attract those working from home who may like to get out in the fresh air and meet new people."

Subject to the weather, they meet at the junction of Meadow Way, on School Road, (between Hanney Spice and the school) every Thursday at 12.30pm.

If you'd like to join them, you can contact Sue via Facebook, or simply turn up.



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

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# THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



By October, we will be down to only four of us at home. Our two eldest children will at university, one starting and the other returning for their 2nd year. As we prepare to send them off, I have spoken to them about this being a particularly difficult period of emotional readjustment, for me let alone them!

Seeing my children heading off on their own journey into adult life, is making me nostalgic for their childhood, causing me to reflect on my relationship with them, as well as thinking over my own childhood/ adult relationship with my parents and my own experiences of university. Parenthood is about supporting children to grow from being dependent on their parents, to becoming increasing independent; I now no longer need to wash them, feed them or carry them around everywhere. Yet, this is not the end point in parenting or adult life. The goal is not to just be independent, as we all need the help and support others. What we should be aiming for is interdependence. As adults,

we can both support others, while they support us. This recognises the complex interactions between the different people in our lives.

In Ephesians Chapter 6 children are instructed to honour their parents; a great Bible verse!

But wait, then parents are told, not to frustrate or provoke their children. The parent-child relationship is meant to be a two-way supportive relationship. I won't always get this right, but hopefully I will find ways to help my children step out on their own, while also giving them appropriate help and guidance. I am going to miss them and worry a lot about how they are doing, but I am also focusing on looking forward to entering a new chapter of my relationship with them as independent and interdependent adults.

But I am not looking forward to all the dirty washing they will bring home at Christmas!

God bless,  
Alec

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## **SERVICES in Oct. 2023 at St James**

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

1st – Revd Alec Gill, 8th - HARVEST FESTIVAL - Revd John Durant, 15th - Revd Charles Draper, 22nd Revd Velma Oxley, 29th tbc.

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL – we will be collecting donations suitable for the Wantage & Grove Foodbank. Please ensure all goods have a minimum of six-months shelf-life date.

Thank you!

**The Hanney 2024 calendar is available!** It features some beautiful photographs by East Hanney resident and very talented photographer Barry Wheat. Copies are available in the shop, or direct from me, and cost just £10. Copies of the Hanney Historical Calendar 2023 are still available, from me here at Hanney News Global HQ. We also have a few 2022 copies left. Ring me if you want either, or both, or all 3! My contact details bottom of page 2.

## Hanney Women's Institute "So Much More Than Jam & Jerusalem"

Hanney WI is a lively group of women of varying ages who meet once a month at the War Memorial Hall on the second Thursday of the month.

Meetings begin at 7.30pm

We have a varied range of speakers at our meetings – here's a few recent and some yet to come:

Handbells

Decluttering and Space Making in your home

Menopause and how to care for ourselves

Paper crafts

Cookery Demo

Colour Me Beautiful

We also have occasional outings and social events. The most recent being our fun



Walking Tour of Oxford with a knowledgeable tour guide. It's amazing how you can live in an area for so long and still learn new things. As the title of this article states – we are definitely so much more than jam and Jerusalem – although there are some special occasions

when we do sing Jerusalem but this isn't the norm at our regular meetings.

We are well known for supporting our village events with our teas – such as the Michaelmas Fayre and it's likely that you already know many of our lovely members who kindly volunteer and bake cakes for this event. Do pop over and say hi – our WI is all about our great members.

If you are interested in joining us and would like more information our Email address is [hanneywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:hanneywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk) Your WI Committee: Kate, Linda, Ann, Nicky, Sue, Anne, Martina and all our members will make you very welcome.

## The Rugby World Cup

**kicked off** last month, with the final happening on 28th of Oct. We don't have a club here in Hanney, but just down the road in Grove they do, with the logical name of Grove Rugby Club. (I find that oddly satisfying and reassuring...there is still some common sense in this mad, mad world of ours!)

They've recently been trying to raise awareness of it. I quote... "This is a quick



*shout out if you are new to the area, want to play/get involved in a thriving sports club, we have mini's, junior, men's and women's rugby and we also host, the newly*

*formed men's football club, AFC Grove.*

*We are the brick building on the recreation ground in Grove."*

If you're interested, contact either Phil Connolly of East Hanney, [philip\\_connolly@sky.com](mailto:philip_connolly@sky.com) 07887 557037. or the club Chairman Nigel Dixey: [ndixey@yahoo.com](mailto:ndixey@yahoo.com) 07825 525125



Dear Editor,

Anyone who has walked through St James churchyard this summer will have marvelled at the wonderful display of wild flowers – with mown paths making access around the front of the church, to the Ashes Memorial Area and across the old part of the rear churchyard, easy.

The area to the southeast where current graves are situated will continue to be mown more regularly.

To maintain the churchyard at its best the area will be managed to create a bee (and other insect) friendly area and be environmentally responsible.

Sadly, an unknown person has recently sprayed a heavy concentration of weedkiller along the front path, which does not accord with how we plan to manage the area.

Although parts of Hanney parish land were also sprayed we have checked with the Parish Council and this was not done either at their behest or with their permission. We would therefore politely request that this, however well intentioned, action, is not repeated in the churchyard.

Yours,  
Stuart Cakebread & Chris Reason,  
Church Wardens

**And still on a green theme...**

apparently our prickly little friend the hedgehog is in rapid decline across Europe, and especially here in the UK. Part of the problem is lack of holes or gaps in our garden fencing, meaning isolated hedgehog populations. In order to find food, water, mates and nesting sites,

hedgehogs need to be able to roam freely, so please think about making a little hole somewhere along the bottoms of your fences in order to allow the prickly little creatures to roam more freely and maybe to fix a date with the sow next door! And yes, that is what female hedgehogs are called...I just looked it up on the wibbly wobbly web.!

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In January 2019 scouting returned to Hanney when 13 beavers were

invested, creating a new Hanney Scout Group after the last one closed back in 2004 due to lack of adult support. Four years on, the group has grown to over 45 young people in beavers, cubs and scouts sections, supported by the leaders and an executive committee. But to continue to run and grow the group needs your help.

We need a Treasurer and at least one more adult volunteer for the beavers and cubs sections. If we are unable to fill these empty roles and get more volunteers in supporting roles there is a danger that we will have to consider closing the group.

Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training you can volunteer on a flexible basis and enjoy being involved in one of the largest volunteer-based movements in the world!

Scouting also gives you so many opportunities to grow personally, professionally, socially and have fun. Volunteering gives you a chance to empower young people and to create the kind of community and world you want to live in.

More information about each role is shown below. If you are interested or you know someone who might be, and want to know more, please contact either myself or Chris at [jointtheadventure@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:jointtheadventure@oxonscouting.org.uk) before 20th Oct.

Many thanks, Debbie Poole,  
Chair of Hanney Scouts Trustees

**The Treasurer duties** - make payments using online banking, approx. 2-3 months  
- check the monthly subs have been paid each month and chase any outstanding keep and file paperwork of payments made  
- process accounts on OSM accounts system (if you can navigate web pages then this will be very straightforward) and training will be given.

### Beaver/Cub volunteers Core Tasks/ Responsibilities

- Running games and activities as part of weekly section meetings and other events.
- Assisting young people to achieve badges and awards.
- Assisting with residential experiences for the section.
- Assisting the section with taking part in a varied, exciting and safe programme of activities.



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

**This month's photo from our calendar** is of the house in East Hanney named 'Hazelwood', more or less opposite the Black Horse pub on Main St. See current photo far right, which shows the same gable end of the property.



It has much history attached to it and I'm very grateful to the current owners John and Georgie Newman, who gave me much of the following info.

The original part of the house (two separate cottages to the rear) was built around 1700. The front of the house was built by JR Holmes, one of Hanney's more well known and quite controversial characters, who owned the property in addition to his main residence - The Mulberries - at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. He used the outbuildings at Hazelwood for his "mail order" business - selling condoms basically - regularly cycling from our house to the post office, which I think at the time would have been at Shepherds Cottage next door to St James the Less church further along Main St.

JR was, unlike his US counterpart from 'Dallas' - only more mature folk with a refined taste in TV drama will remember him - a generally rather philanthropic chap and he allowed the Dandridge family to reside at Hazelwood when they fell on hard times.

The property was originally named "Buddleias" up until the war years.

At the outbreak of the Second World War

the house was owned by a Mrs Flynn. She put up a number of London teachers - see photo - Mrs Walker, Christian Stone, Chrissie Atkinson, Mabel Masters and Doris Smith and their dogs - who came down from London along with a large number of evacuee



children.

At some point between then and now, the name of the house was changed to its current one... 'Hazelwood'.

Now the frustrating bit. The photo isn't very clear, but if you look closely in the bottom right hand corner - you may need to be looking at the full size calendar\* pic to see this - there are several children posing rather formally - I suspect as instructed by the photographer - in front of the fence and gate to the house.

They are all well dressed with the 3 boys wearing large caps, sat on the ground. Behind them and to their left are two small girls, then a smallish dog, then two bigger girls, a small girl and another bigger girl. The small one is holding hands with both the bigger ones standing either side of her. Standing on her own, and looking to be the youngest child of them all, stands another small girl. Who are these children? I would guess the photo was taken before the First World War, but after the turn of the century. At the time the house was used as good ole' JR's office, so the children almost certainly did not live there. Any ideas?

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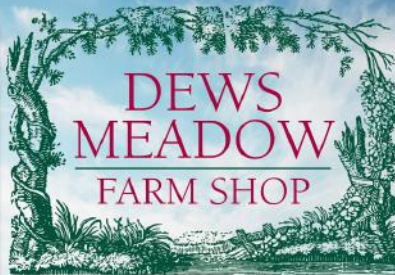


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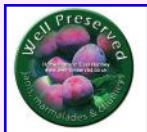
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[hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk)

**HANNEY BOWLS CLUB** - Thursdays 2.00-4.00pm. Contact 868145

**HANNEY BROWNIES AND GUIDES** (for all girls aged 7-14) meet on Mondays in HWMH 6:00-7:30pm during term time. **RAINBOWS** (aged 5-7) in Grove on Thursdays. Girls and volunteers always welcome. Contact Clare Green 07845 047990/ [districtcomgrove@gmail.com](mailto:districtcomgrove@gmail.com) / [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk)

**HANNEY COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING** in the Village Hall, Tuesdays, 10.00-11.30am. Everyone welcome for tea or coffee - a chat and a raffle. Just turn up!

**HANNEY COMMUNITY WOODLAND WORKING PARTY**...contact Paul Sayers by email [pksayers@btinternet.com](mailto:pksayers@btinternet.com) or 01235 868146

**HANNEY CRICKET CLUB** Occasional Sunday friendly games. For details ring David Johns on 07770 456147 or 01235 868519, or email [hanneycricketteam@gmail.com](mailto:hanneycricketteam@gmail.com)

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB** meets every Wednesday in the Olde Hanney Room 2-5pm. New members welcome. Contact Lyn Morton [lynmorton89@gmail.com](mailto:lynmorton89@gmail.com)

**HANNEY FLOOD GROUP** hold a monthly working party. Contact Clive Manvell for details - [clivemanvell664@gmail.com](mailto:clivemanvell664@gmail.com), or 01235 868216. [www.thehanneysfloodgroup.org.uk/](http://www.thehanneysfloodgroup.org.uk/)

**HANNEY GARDENING CLUB** meets on the first Monday of each month, Sept to April, in the HWMH. 7:30 for 8.00pm. Tea and coffee followed by a talk. [www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk](http://www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk)

**HANNEY HISTORY GROUP.** Meets 8pm on the 4th Monday of every month in the main hall of the Village Hall. For further details and programme visit <http://hanneyhistory.org.uk/>

**HANNEY OCCASIONAL GOLFERS SOCIETY (HOGS)** was formed in 1996, and meets four times a year plus Christmas. HOGS is very much about social golf with all standards welcome. Non golfers/spouses usually join for the evening session when prizes are awarded and 'fines' imposed! Contact 'Poppy' at [andrew.fletcher@rer.co.uk](mailto:andrew.fletcher@rer.co.uk) for further details.

**HANNEY SCOUTS,CUBS and BEAVERS,** Contact Janet Green at [janet@thegreensonline.me.uk](mailto:janet@thegreensonline.me.uk)

**HANNEY SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB** meets on the 4th Thursday of every month except August, at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Tea, cake, chats, talks and activities. For more details, ring Marcia on 01235 867461

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**HANNEY TENNIS CLUB** is a very friendly village tennis club and always welcomes new members. For more info email Jenny at [membership.htc@gmail.com](mailto:membership.htc@gmail.com)

**HANNEY WHEELERS CYCLING** We meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 10.00 am prompt at the Hanney WMH. New cyclists, you will be warmly welcomed for recreational local cycling with essential coffee stop!! Call Bob Wilson 868389 or email: [bobwilson300@hotmail.com](mailto:bobwilson300@hotmail.com)

**HANNEY WINE CIRCLE** meets on the 2nd Monday each month: [www.hanneywinecircle.org.uk](http://www.hanneywinecircle.org.uk)

**HANNEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (W.I.)** meet the second Thursday of the month (except in Aug) 7.30 - 9.30 in the Olde Hanney Room, Village Hall. New members are welcome. Contact Kate Tyler on 07446 364859

**HANNEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB** trains at the rec. on Thursday night. We have teams from age 5 up. If you would like to join us please contact Paul on 07510 435 508, [hyfcooty@gmail.com](mailto:hyfcooty@gmail.com) or visit our website [hanneyyouthfc.co.uk](http://hanneyyouthfc.co.uk)

**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH** meets bi-monthly on the 4th Wednesday of September, November, January, March, May and July in the RBL Club. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.**

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**WANTAGE U3A:** Visit our website detailing current activities - [www.u3asites.org.uk/wantage](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/wantage)

**PILATES CLASS** Wednesdays 9.15am - 10.15am, and 6 -7pm (term time only) at the HWMH, aka Village Hall, in East Hanney. Novices and Improvers welcome. To book your place or for more details please contact Pippa Carey (STOTT Pilates teacher) on 07941 260427 or [pippa@thrive-nutrition.co.uk](mailto:pippa@thrive-nutrition.co.uk)

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