



Hanneley News

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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 12th NOVEMBER

The march will leave the Hanney Royal British Legion in East Hanney at 10:30am, following the Wantage Silver Band to St James Church in West Hanney.

All are welcome to join the march. The Remembrance Service starts at 10:45am at St James Church, West Hanney.

Hey
Picasso!
...don't
give up
the day
job!

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BAZAAR



In aid of

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SAT Nov 18th

Hanneley WMH 10 till 2pm

RAFFLE

Xmas gifts and decorations,
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Hanneley Fundraisers for CRUK

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Editorial

It seems a long time back now, but this is my first opportunity to congratulate everyone - and there were quite a few - who

made our magnificent annual Michaelmas Fayre happen yet again, and so successfully too! Massive 'well dones' to all involved!

Photos on pages 14 and 15 and some pearls from organiser Hilary Cakebread on page 5.

To quote Hanney resident Andrew Wastie... *"A brilliant community event, so well organised and went like clockwork, great teamwork and community spirit."*

And to mention just one of the many treats available on the day, our fab and groovy WI offered over 25(!) different types of cake, and sold out! See the pic above...is it my imagination or does a sort of heavenly glow seem to emanate from these lovely ladies.

This month I name names....see pages 17 and 18... regarding some of the older photos I've published over the last few months. Talking of older, if you're older, well, over 60 at least, (so not really old old, says the 70 year old Editor) you may be interested in 'Teabooks', a book club for the over 60s based in Wantage...see page 8.

For some years now, Hanney News and Dave Bratley have produced a Calendar. This year, i.e. 2024, is no exception and details of how to get one are on page 4. If you have a brown bin, check out page 5. Sad news indeed on page 9 regarding one

of the jewels in our 'community' crown, Dews Meadow Farm shop. Let's hope for better news from them in the not too distant future.



Once again ponds feature this month...though we're talking just small ponds here, see pages 7 and 19. Talk of the big fella...the reservoir!... may be back on the

agenda soon. Thames Water have promised to send me something for Jan 2024 iss. One solitary letter - short, pithy and to the point - this month on page 16.

And a serious point from me....please consider Hanney News if you want to make your point, via letter or article, advertise a business, inform folk of news, upcoming events be they for charity or personal gain, in fact anything that's legal, and ideally decent!

I would say this wouldn't I, but please do not assume that everyone is on the community Facebook page, great as it is, if you want to get a message out in the big wide world, or at any rate the Hanneys, Lyford, Charney and Denchworth! There's many folk who have nothing to do with Facebook, for a variety of reasons.

Finally, some good news if your home is a bit draughty....see page 6.

That's enough waffle for now Mr Editortill next month dear readers.....stay safe and warm!

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

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

What's happening this month...

Fri 3rd: Hanney Film Night.

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

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

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

Sun 12th: Remembrance Day Parade ...expect temporary road closures from the RB Legion to St James Church. See front cover for full details. All are welcome to join in.

Sat 18th, 10am - 2pm Village Hall, Bazaar, Hanney Cancer Research Fundraisers. See front cover.

Thurs 23rd Kingston Bagpuss Drama Group present Cinderella, a panto at Southmoor Village Hall. Visit www.kbdramagroup.co.uk for more info. Poster below, tho' it's a bit tiny!

Sat 25th, Hanney Community Woodland Working Party, see page 30.

Mon 27th, Hanney History Group: Older Villager's Memories, 'Recollections of the Hanneys from the last 100 years', a live discussion.

And further ahead ...

Fri 1 Dec., 4pm - 9pm, Dickensian Evening, Vale & Downlands Museum, Wantage. If you would like a stall in the Vale & Downland Museum, contact hconder@valeanddownlandmuseum.org.uk. (Income from the hire of the stalls goes towards the ongoing upkeep and improvement of the museum.)

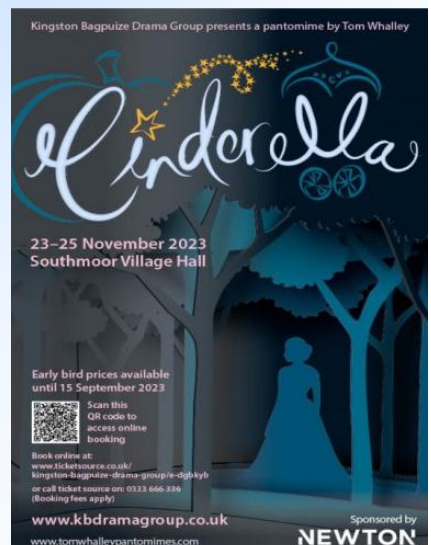
Mon 4th Dec - Village Hall. Hanney Gardening Club Xmas Party

Saturday 9th Dec. 10.30am - 1pm. Hanney Holly Fair - in the wonderful Barn at Philberds Manor, Hall Lane, EH. The perfect place to get unique and special gifts as well as stock on goodies for your Christmas festivities. A carefully curated selection of individual small businesses to purchase from - all with links to our community. Tempting range of refreshments available. Mobile phone signals aren't wonderful - do bring some cash as well to be sure you can secure your purchases. Free entry.

Mon 22nd Jan, 2024, Hanney History Group, 'Mary de Bohun of Hinton Waldrist and her royal family' a talk by Paul Whitton.

Mon 26th Feb, 2024, Hanney History Group, 'More than three men in a boat - trends in Thames travel' a talk by Simon Wenham.

Mon 25th March, Hanney History Group, 'Holmes of Hanney and Birth Control, 'The most useful man in England'. A talk by David and Kath Gahan



Had a chat the other day with a couple of gents from Oxfordshire County Council.

They were out on our streets in two big trucks...their mission to remedy Picasso's recent efforts on our 20mph signs that I mentioned - and pictured - on the front cover.

They told me little Pablo had also been busy in Abingdon, so maybe he's not a Hanney man? Hang on Mr Editor, what's happened to 'equal opportunities' and all that good stuff? Maybe Pablo was a Paloma? (The original Pablo did indeed name his daughter thus.)

Good point...but whatever gender we're dealing with here, the news is that the spray that was used doesn't clean off properly, so all the signs have had to be replaced with new ones. Yet more expense! My pic shows one of the gents wielding a



spanner to remove a defaced sign. Big ups to the Council for their prompt response to this stupid act of vandalism. At least that's how we - and I would guess, most folk - see it here at Global HQ, regardless of individual views on the need for the speed limit itself!

And if perchance you are Picasso, do let me know what you hoped to achieve with your actions, and I'll pass on your 'pearls' to my readers, who currently, I suspect, aren't terribly sympathetic.

We've some very talented folk in our community and I'm proud to present two young gents who certainly fit that description...Samarth in the blue and Srivats in the pink... who live in East Hanney. Along with their Dad Nitin, they play regularly for the Hanney Cricket Club, even tho' they are just 13 years old! Their Mum Vidya tells me she's a keen fan.

The boys also play for Oxfordshire County and Abingdon Vale under 13 teams, and of course they play for their school team. Hanney Cricket Club's main man Sir David Johns told me the boys are, I quote ... "incredibly good...a bit special!" He added that "Dad Nitin is pretty useful as well".

And in case you hadn't guessed, the boys are twin brothers!



It was a real pleasure to meet the family recently, who told me that though they've only been living in Hanney a few months, they've settled well, and love living here. That's great to know.

Meantime, if you want to get involved in cricket in any way here in Hanney, give David Johns a ring on 07770 456147.

The Hanneys 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 Calendars of this year, 2023, and last year's, 2022 are still available here at Hanney News Global HQ. Ring me if you want either, or both, or all 3! I can deliver. My contact details bottom of page 2.

I'm delighted to feature another recent Hanney matching... the happy couple are Dawn and Mark Whittington who live almost opposite Global HQ here in Winter Lane, West Hanney.

We of course wish them a long and joyous life together here in Hanney.

Small but spooky coincidence....last month's bride Kathy lived for some time in the house where Mark and Dawn now live.

As from the beginning of 2024, Mark is taking over as Treasurer here at Hanney News Global International from the current incumbent Sir Christopher of French - more on that next month - and here's another little coincidence ...Chris' son Jamie got married the same day as Mark and Dawn!



Hanney did it!

The first 'full' Fayre since 2019 happened and it was great to see so many of our community enjoying a dry (if not overly warm) afternoon.

Charlbury Finstock Morris were on great form as were Wantage Silver Band, the Guides, Scouts and Friends of St James running lots of fun games and activities and as ever huge thanks to the WI for the essential tea tent (no community event would be complete without them).

Thank you too for all the donations of 'bric a brac', books, toys and more, sold in aid of the Fayre Grants programme and for the amazing team who sort, sell and store everything.

Thank you to the Competition Judges and everyone who helped in so many ways - especially Andrew for stewarding the af-

ternoon and of course Fraser and his team of bunting men! The event is only possible thanks to our generous sponsors - East & West Hanney Parish Councils, The Plough, the Community Shop, PeajayKay, Hanney News and Dippers and Divers Swim School. Applications for a Fayre Grant can be made via our website -

www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk/grants/

And last but not least....

“THANK YOU HANNEY FOR YOUR SUPPORT”.

Hilary Cakebread

Extra garden waste: The Vale of White Horse are allowing all 'brown bin subscribers' as they describe us, to put extra garden waste out on our garden waste collection day of **Tues 7th Nov**. Apparently we can leave out up to four standard sized (60L) sacks worth per brown bin subscription, or in boxes /containers equivalent to a binful. But please, they ask, no rubble or builders' waste bags! Don't know about you, but I reckon that's wheelie generous of 'em! (OK, sorry...couldn't resist that one.)

East Hanney Parish Council

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

Our next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on Weds 8th Nov at the Village Hall. All are welcome.

I haven't received any

pearls this month from East Hanney Parish Council, so I popped down to our playground at the village hall to grab a snap of its newest resident. Not sure if he's got a name, but he's a pretty impressive giant wooden fox who will provide many hours of fun to all the many visitors to the playground.

Talking of which, the other day I got chatting with a young family who were enjoying the playground ...Mum, Dad and three year old

identical twin girls. On asking where in Hanney they lived, Dad assured me they don't, but had come from Wantage, as they regularly do because they love our playground and are happy to drive here to use it in preference to any that are nearer to their home! Well done to everyone who's had any involvement with the playground, and I'm sure Mr Fox - he needs a name doesn't he? - will be a popular new addition.



This from Sustainable Wantage ...

"As the weather is set to turn colder you may begin to notice draughts in your home.

Our volunteers can assess and fix draughts so you should feel warmer and spend less money on your heating. Sealing up draughts also helps reduce our impact on the planet by decreasing the demand for fossil fuels.

This is a free service, thanks to Vale of



White Horse District Council Climate Action Funding. If you're able to make a donation this will help us buy more materials to 'draughtbust' more homes.

*For more information or to arrange a visit please contact wantagemix@gmail.com / 07768 767787 giving your name, address and phone number, and we'll arrange for our **Draughtbusters** team to contact you."*

West Hanney Parish Council

We have commissioned a study to look at the feasibility of restoring 2 historic ponds in West Hanney, at Headings (aka Eddins) Pond and North Green.

If either prove feasible, it will be wonderful to see nature returning to these habitats that have been lost.

In addition the study will look at the feasibility of creating a new pond in our community woodland and an area of wet woodland. If you have any recollections or photographs of the historic ponds in West Hanney we would be delighted to receive them.

Working parties in our 'green gym', our community woodland, have resumed. This work through the winter months is essential to keep our community woodland accessible for everyone to enjoy. If you visit

our community woodland to walk or exercise your dog, please come along to help. Working parties in the community woodland meet on the last Saturday of the month. Please email Paul Sayers - pksayers@btinternet.com - for further details. A big thank you to Paul for coordinating the working parties, Des Thomas for cutting the rides in the woodland, and Alan Cottrell for cutting and baling the hay in our community meadow, helping to create the conditions for wildflowers to become established.

**Next meeting of WHPC on Tuesday
7th November at 7.30pm in the Olde
Hanney Room at the
Hanney War Memorial Hall**

**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 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 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.

We are now also working closely with '**Vale Community Impact**' (VCI) (previously the Wantage Advice Centre) so

feel free to approach them first if you'd rather. Their website is here: **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, the VCI has a wide variety of other ways to assist folk through difficult times. (I published an article about VCI in the June 2023 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.

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

The Hanney Parochial Charity Trust's Charity Commission number is 205792.

Helping Hands Indoor Community Day

St James Hanney Primary School

Saturday 4th November 2023, 10am – 3pm

Refreshments and food provided

Here at St James Hanney Primary, we're dedicating our next Community Day to make some big strides in reaching our goals for the School Hall to make it a more useable peaceful space for all our pupils. If you can spare some time – long or short – to make it possible, we would be very grateful.

We plan to paint the School Hall walls, build some wooden frames to help with storage, put some blinds up on the windows right at the top of the hall, and do some general sorting out across the school. The time of year means we will focus on activity inside the school, and stay warm and dry!

If you have any specialist skills, advice, or kit that you think would help us get the most out of the day (e.g., reaching above-height areas, making the most of nooks and crannies for storage frames), we'd love to hear from you via HelpingHandsHanney@gmail.com.

We are also accepting donations of **DULUX MATT PURE BRILLIANT WHITE EMULSION PAINT***, both before and on the day. If you're able to do so, please let us know via the email (via which you can also request collection if you can't bring it to the school). Anyone able to bring paint brushes and rollers with them would be great!

Many thanks, Mrs Ottaway, Headteacher

* all white paints are slightly different, so unfortunately we are unable to accept other types



And talking of paint...I've just had to sack my decorator because he used the wrong colour paint. I told him to leave and never darken my doors again!

Do you enjoy reading

and are over 60? If so, you might be interested in 'TeaBooks', a book group held in Wantage Library. It's a part of an Oxfordshire-wide project that organizes social book groups for the over 60s.

These groups enable people to share a love of books and reading while making new friends. Each group is run by a Volunteer Group Leader, who liaises with the local library to borrow the books, so there is no need for group members to buy them. Groups meet once a month, and there is a



nominal charge of £1 per meeting. They happen from 10.30am – 12.30pm every third Friday of the month in Wantage Library, Stirlings Road Wantage, OX12 7BB.

Phone 01235 849434 to find out more and to register in advance.
Dates: 17th November and 15th December.

Of course we also have our own fab and groovy Book Club - Mrs Editor is an enthusiastic member -right here in Hanney. Open to any age, they meet at the Plough in West Hanney on the first Thursday of the month. Contact details on page 30.

Many of us will remember with fondness long time West Hanney resident Sue Wright, whose son Tim has been in touch with the following... *“Sue, a resident of Rose Cottage, Church Street, West Hanney since 1959 and known by many through her watercolours and artwork, sadly but peacefully passed away at the age of 89 on the 7th October at the Rosebank care home in Bampton having battled dementia for the last few years.*

Sue had many exhibitions of her work locally, and was a regular participant in ‘Art Week’. She enjoyed welcoming villagers into her garden and studio, was involved in local art groups and had at one time helped at Hanney school with art lessons. Her son Tim and his family have lived themselves at Rose Cottage for the last year.”

We of course send our sincerest condolences to Tim and his family and hope their stay in Hanney is a long and happy one.

This from Dews Meadow Farm Shop ...

“It is with a heavy heart that we wish to inform our customers

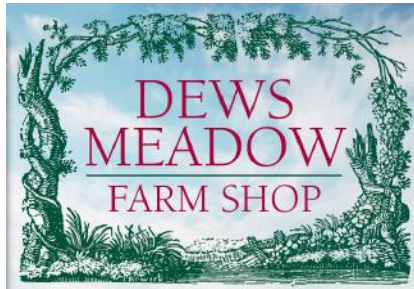
that Dews Meadow Farm Shop will not be taking any Christmas orders this year.

As some of you may already be aware, we have been struggling with staff shortages, and medical issues within the family, and we do not feel that we would be able to provide the level of service that is required to meet the standards we strive to give to each and every one of our customers.

This is not a decision that has been taken lightly. With so many unexpected changes happening in such quick succession over the past few weeks, we wanted to announce the news as soon as possible to give our customers enough notice to make alternative arrangements for their Christmas planning.

At a date yet to be confirmed this month, we will be closing the doors of Dews Meadow Farm Shop for all trade.

As sad as this day will be, it’s not all gloom



and doom. We will still be running our farm in Charney Bassett, raising and breeding our wonderful variety of livestock, and are in the very early stages of exploring many new innovative and exciting plans for the future.

We very much hope that for many this is only goodbye for now and that once we have had time to assess what is viable, we will be able keep everyone updated through the wonderful Hanney News and social media.

As you may or may not have seen in the media over the past few years, it hasn't been easy for small, independent farms and businesses to survive.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for supporting us.

Our customers have always been much more than just customers to us - they have always been made up from a community of friends and neighbours, old and new, and it has been a pleasure to work with all of you over the years.

We thank you all for your continued support at this time.”

Hanney News Global

International recently held our annual 'Distributors Lunch'...a modest gesture that does at least give us an opportunity to say thank you to our valued team of distributors who, each month, push copies of the mag through letterboxes in Hanney, both East and West, Charney, Lyford and Denchworth.

This year's lunch was held in the Plough in West Hanney, so big thanks to them, even bigger ones to our chief distributor Paul Haines for organising the event on top of his usual duties, and biggest thanks of all of course to our distributors. Thank you everyone!



Back in biblical times, a chap called Isiah advised that if anyone wanted Plough shares, they would need to beat their swords in order to create them! He added that they should also beat their spears into pruning hooks whilst they were about it! Good advice at the time I'm sure, but today the great news is that there's no need to beat your swords to get your Plough shares...you can simply contact the board



of Hanney Community Pub Ltd at Hanneypub@gmail.com Not only will you then have shares in the fab and groovy Plough, but you'll also be able to keep your swords! (I would like to claim to be the originator of this very clever wordplay, something I always enjoy, but I'm not...big ups to West Hanney word-smith extraordinaire David Gahan...future Hanney News Editor methinks?)

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, and his email is: david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk.
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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Dear Friends

The beginning of November is a time for **remembering** with All Saints Day, All Souls Day and Armistice Day.

On Armistice Day do you remember a specific person or people?

My twin brother (who was a submariner in the Falklands conflict) and I were named after our uncle, Squadron Leader Thomas Musgrove Nicholls. He was killed aged 22 on the 30th/31st March

1944 flying on a mission to Nuremberg. He was the pilot of a Lancaster III and with his crew - see photo - was shot down having previously completed nearly twenty successful missions.

Having been an army chaplain and with a son in The Kings Royal Hussars, there are several people I recall, both those currently serving as well as those who have sacrificed their lives and health.

But if you do not have someone personal you remember, the situation in Ukraine and what is happening in Israel and the Gaza strip must surely spur us on to reflect on the sacrifices people make when the terror and destruction of war devastates us.

It certainly makes me grateful for the relative safety, security and freedom we enjoy in our country and renews my determination to pray for peace and the end to conflict.



As a Christian I trust in God's ultimate good purposes where love, loyalty, justice and prosperity will be perfected causing war, hatred and evil to cease but I also believe his promise that this will be completed only when the Lord Jesus returns.

Which leads into the season of Advent at the end of this month and start of December, when the church begins to focus on what the bible teaches about the last days and Christ's return as King of Glory.

It is more than a preparation for Christmas; it specifically encourages us to hope in a good ending even when we experience the sad loss of loved ones and the sacrifices many of them made.

Who will you remember with hope and love? *Who will you give thanks for?*

God bless

John

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SERVICES in Nov. 2023 at St James

Eucharist is celebrated at 9.30am each Sunday.

5th – Revd Velma Oxley, 12th RBL Act of Remembrance,

19th - Revd John Durant, 26th - Revd Alec Gill.

**SUNDAY 12th NOV – Royal British Legion ACT OF REMEMBRANCE –
10.45am. (See front page.)**

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

Last month I

mentioned how our hedgehogs are going through a tough time, and this month can I remind you that if you're having a bonfire...Guy Fawkes and all that good stuff... please check that none of these little prickly creatures have made it their home before you light it.



The wife and I recently went for a lazy stroll along the Letcombe Brook... just the two of us... meander.

Girls can do anything!

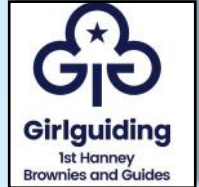
...and Brownies and Guides know it! Hanney is lucky to have Brownie and Guide groups, which are a girl-only space to make friends and have fun, learn skills and discover the world around us. We do a wide range of activities including fires, cooking, crafts, singing, hiking, first aid, treasure hunts, and lots of games.

Want to join? We are a fun, friendly group and would love to welcome more Brownies (aged 7-10) and Guides (10-14).

And if you're older but like the sound of it... we'd love to welcome you as a volunteer! Whether it's to boost your CV or connect with your community, every week or just occasionally, give it a try – you'll find we leaders enjoy it as much as the Brownies and Guides.

We meet on **Mondays in term time from 6:00-7:30pm**, usually in Hanney War Memorial Hall.

To register a child or as a volunteer, visit girlguiding.org.uk, or contact Clare Green for more info: 1sthanneyguides@oxfordshiregirlguiding.org.uk or 07845 047990.





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Hanney Lottery October Winners

- 1st - John Spindloe
- 2nd - Alison Trowell
- 3rd - May Pilcher

Not got a number yet or want additional numbers?

Just call Hilary on
868590.



Dear Editor,

Full marks to the roads department for the much-needed resurfacing in Ashfields Lane. And bonus points for managing to replicate all of the original puddles; and in the same places! It certainly retains the rural ambience as well as the important facility to wash the mud from our shoes.

Geoffrey Bourne-Taylor,
E Hanney

Mrs Meredith Wilson of West Hanney has allowed me to 'spill the beans' on her hubbie Neil, a shy and retiring member of our community, known to many of us.

He was recently honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Paediatric Interventional Cardiac Society held at The World Congress of Paediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery in Washington DC USA in August. This is a world recognised award, made annually to an individual who has contributed internationally with clinical innovation, research, scientific publication and an extensive reputation for teaching throughout the world.

Neil's comment rather sums up this humble and charming gent, who I'm honoured to count as a friend. ... *'The Award ceremony was very nice, but the beer is better in The Plough than anywhere in Washington DC.'* Massive congrats Neil, from all at Global HQ.



POINT TO POINT

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This pic appeared in our Sept. issue, and I've now printed the 'colourised' version. Not done by me I should add, and I'm not sure if I prefer it to the original, which of course was black and white. What do you reckon?

Whatever, I now have the names of the children in the pic, for which my thanks to Ann Fewins. They are, from left to right, Kate

Ferris, Alice Froud, Binkie Belcher, Freddie Carr - he's the small child at the front with white sun-hat, Beth Belcher - possibly Binkie's elder sister? - and an unknown boy at back in the shadow of the huge Elm tree that stood on the green at the time.

Finally, Annie Shepherd is the girl on the far right. She one of a very large family who lived in Ebbs Lane. Ann also told me that the swing itself was erected in 1901 and at the same time one was installed outside what is now Darden House in East Hanney, on the main road just before 'St James the Less' church which was still functioning back then of course.

Back to the kids...I wonder if Alice Froud had a brother called Charlie?

He was a survivor of the First World War and lived on East Hanney village green in the last house on the right, a thatched cottage that's still there.

Along with many other survivors, Charlie is pictured in the Olde Hanney Room in the Village Hall...a very moving picture, well worth a look, especially given the time of year.



I often wonder why more folk don't come down to the village hall, aka Hanney War Memorial Hall, of a Tuesday morning, anytime between 10am to 11.30am for the regular 'Senior Citizens' Coffee Morning.

What's to like.....a warm, friendly atmosphere: laughs and jokes, tea and coffee, biscuits, home-made cakes, a raffle, a chance to meet new folk and make new friends, masses of reminiscing.... " Here, do you remember Fred, wonder what happened to him?"... type stuff, along with informal discussion on current local issues.

What's not to like.... Well. it costs a whole £1.50p - that covers everything. Outrageous!

So to all mature Hanney folk - actually any ages are welcome - I say come along and give it a try! If it's not for you then don't come again. It's as simple as that.

The Senior Citizens, wonderfully managed by a committee led by Marcia Graham, also hold a regular monthly afternoon gathering, always the 4th Thursday of the month. On these occasions, there is to be had more of most of the above, along with a talk or various activities, and a delicious tea with that yummy fruit bread! Remember it? I used to love it as a kid! Loads a butter, what a treat!

Senior Citizens contact details are on page 30.

You may remember the recent mention in these pages regarding 'Winter' v 'Winters' Lane in West Hanney. Well, East Hanney also have their own plural v singular spot of argy bargy with Ashfields Lane and Ashfields Close.

I'm reliably informed that in the fairly recent past they were singular...Ashfielduntil street signs were erected with an S where there previously was none! If you can shed any light, do get in touch. My contact details bottom of page 2.

In the Sept issue I printed this snap of our 'keep fit' ladies back in the day. I didn't have every name, but now I do thanks to responses from helpful village folk!

The unknown lady standing far left was Mavis Wiffen. She lived in The Croft, West Hanney, and her husband Gerald was based at MG Abingdon in the competitions dept., preparing BL works rally cars, including Minis for Paddy Hopkirk, top rally driver of the day. Many thanks to Ian Vickers for this info.



Third from the left was Joan Newman and second from right was Jean - sorry, no surname - from Grove. Next to her, far right, was Kay Philips, also from Grove. Kneeling far left was Glynis Bedwell, and I'm reliably informed that second from the right, the lady who I was told might have been Sandra Lay, indeed was her.

Meantime, back in the August issue I printed this rather strange little snap of our community shop before it was moved to its current location.

I can now reveal the names of the game folk who were up for a bit of silly posing as suggested, apparently, by the local newspaper photographer.

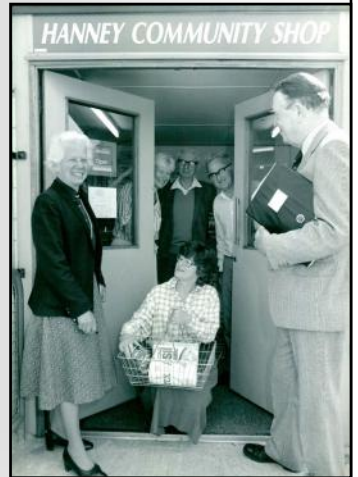
Standing rather shyly behind the doors are l - r: Pat Webb, Mr Shadbolt the Postmaster - maybe his first name was Val? - and Brian Longworth. Brian was a gent not known for his shyness...he must have struggled to remain in the background and do what the photographer told him!

Pat was a co-founder of the shop along with Audrey Vickers, and Brian and his wife Kay used to volunteer in the shop from when it first opened, until ill health prevented him from continuing, many years later.

Ann White is the lady kneeling with the basket... she's also in the 'keep fit' snap at the top of the page. This time she's been allowed to stand - she's 3rd from the right. Ann and her husband Ernie still live in East Hanney, and she told me at a recent coffee morning - see page 17 - that the contents of her basket were intended to show that for young mums - and dads and anyone else of course - with babies but no car, bulky goods such as toilet paper, washing powder etc. could be bought right here Hanney, as indeed they still can!

Is now a good time to give our lovely little shop, all staffed and run by volunteers, a plug, and urge you to use it? And if you fancy helping out yourself any time behind the counter, pop in and leave your contact details.

I do a couple of afternoons a month...always great fun and I've not yet been asked to pose for any daft photographs, squatting down on the floor or peering out from behind a half closed door!



This month's calendar pic is of Eddins Pond, aka Headings, which was at the western end of Church St., West Hanney, as the road swings to the right and joins Main St. (I'm assuming you've turned right as you left the Plough?) It's now a patch of grass with trees...see bottom pic.

I have found two other images of it from back in the day. It was probably the 1970s when it was filled in, but if you have a more specific year than that I'd love to hear from you. Also anything else you know about how it came to be filled in, and with what?

In a somewhat spooky coincidence, a recent meeting of West Hanney Parish Council discussed the possibility of re-establishing it, and have arranged for a formal study - which may have already happened as you read this - of the implications, cost etc. of reinstating it and a couple of others in the West Hanney parish.

(See the WHPC's article on page 7.)

John Spindloe is one of the gents I have coffee with every Tuesday morning - see page 17 - and he tells of how he fell into Eddins Pond in 1933! He was a four year old at the time, reaching down over the fence with a jam jar on a piece of string and a stick trying to catch newts! His Dad took him home and stood him in front of the fire to dry out!

Back in the day, Wally Smart the farmer - or one of his farmhands - would bring his horses at the end of a day's ploughing up to the pond, lead them into it and wash them down as they stood there. Now that would have made a fantastic pic!

Another photo-op would have been the aforementioned John and his pals, as young boys, skating on the pond in the winter!

The thatched cottage in the background is Rose Cottage, and that gets a mention on page nine this month regarding the recent passing of its long time resident Sue Wright, who I'm sure would have had more tales to tell of Eddins Pond.



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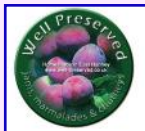
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HANNEY CRICKET CLUB Occasional Sunday friendly games. For details ring David Johns on 07770 456147 or 01235 868519, or email hanneycricketteam@gmail.com

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB meets every Wednesday in the Olde Hanney Room 2-5pm. New members welcome. Contact Lyn Morton lynmorton89@gmail.com

HANNEY FLOOD GROUP hold a monthly working party. Contact Clive Manvell for details - clivemanvell664@gmail.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. For more info email Jenny at 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 warmly welcomed for recreational local cycling with essential coffee stop!! Call Adrian on 868340 or email adrianbodimeade@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 : 10am - 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 a dozen 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) 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

VALE NORDIC WALKING - Nordic Walking is a form of full body exercise, suitable for everyone, irrespective of age, gender or fitness level. A range of group classes or 1:1 sessions available weekly. Telephone Louise on 07709 939997. More information at www.valenordicwalking.com

YOGA CLASSES -Uplifting yoga flow classes at East Hanney War Memorial Hall every Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm. Improve strength, flexibility and balance whilst releasing mental and physical tension. Breathwork, slow flows and optional challenges, always ending in deep relaxation to leave you feeling rejuvenated. Beginners are more than welcome! Any questions please email: Helen@yogatransforms.co.uk Please book your place through the payment page on my website: www.yogatransforms.co.uk/payment

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

ART CLASS FOR ALL - Be inspired by teacher Sally Middleton, every Tues at the Village Hall, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Beginners and those with experience welcome, all media. 07825 709686
Email: sallyannemiddleton@googlemail.com

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Where are our Defibrillators?

In East Hanney, it's on the left wall of the open porch in the Village Hall.

In West Hanney it's on the wall of the brick garage opposite the Plough in Church St. Both are accessible 24/7. Hopefully we'll have a third one soon!

Hanney War Memorial Hall

To book the Hall, the Committee Room, or the Olde Hanney Room, contact Graham Garner on 01235 868684, email hwmh.hanney@gmail.com

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