



Hanney News

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Happy Hanney Heroes...our Flood Group!



These fine folk were already destined some time back, for the great honour of a pic and appropriate caption on the front page of the best parish mag in Hanney (!) but following the events of the last couple of days - as I write, it's Friday 5th Jan and many of our roads are flooded! - they surely deserve an even higher accolade ... if there is such a thing?! They certainly deserve our massive thanks! And we can help them ...see their plea page 5!

(More on the floods also on pages 10, 11, 15, 16 and 17.)



**Hanney Drama Group
PANTO**

Robinson Crusoe Pirates and the Caribbean Queen

By Cheryl Barrett

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Editorial

Flooding very much on the agenda as I write...even the ditch outside Global HQ here on Winter Lane was overflowingspooky coincidence, given the pic I published on page 4 of the Jan issue. I don't believe it's done that since 2007.

For stuff, including pics, on the floods, see pages 10, 11, 15, 16 and 17!

I recently received an email from a Hanney resident asking me if I would list their address *"as one who no longer wishes to be included in the delivery of the Hanney News"*.

Worried that I may have caused offence, I asked for feedback. Their response - *"When I first moved to Hanney I did look through it on occasion. And while I'm sure for some no doubt it is a very interesting and informative read I simply find it less so."* This resident assured me their copy goes straight in the recycling bin, and their comments got me thinking....

Should I ask be asking my readers more often for feedback on my humble little mag? What would you like to see more or less of? What do you always read, and what never!? Maybe your copy also goes straight in the recycling, in which case of course, you won't be reading this anyway!

If you have a moment, do drop me an email and don't pull your punches...no offence will be taken, even if that's your intent!

I've also received an email advising that my use of the term 'PC Plod' - see front cover of Jan issue - could be seen as me being rather mocking of our Police. Just to be clear, the opposite is true...I'm a huge fan and think that they have an enormously difficult job in this modern world we find

ourselves. We have several serving and retired police officers in our community, and my sincere thanks and respect goes to all of them.

A quick hello to a lovely lady from Denchworth, who I met the other day whilst waiting to collect some take-away Indian tucker at the fab Hanney Spice restaurant here in West Hanney. She too was waiting and very kindly offered me her seat. I hope she enjoyed her food as much as we did ours....superb as ever.

A new advertiser this month is our very own Hanney resident Dr Katie Barber, who, along with her team of excellent GP associates, offer a private GP service. See her ad on page 5.

It's Panto time once again here in Hanney, see front cover ...I would urge you to go! Always good fun, the performances are a great credit to everyone involved.

The Plough now offers its full range of delights every day of the week, including Monday. Little Bobby Gelding - see photo, page 7, and no, the years haven't been kind have they? - is absolutely delighted.

A quick but warm welcome to Jen Small who has just joined East Hanney Parish Council. We wish her all the best.

With much sadness we note the recent passing of two very special ladies of our community...Rosemary Hedderley, see page 8 and Katriona Karney, page 18.

We also send our sincerest condolences to the friends and family of Jean Houston, an East Hanney resident who died in a road traffic accident on Christmas morning, on the A338, near Venn Mill.

That's it till March dear friends.

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 2nd: Hanney Film Night - 'The Great Escaper'

Summer of 2014, a World War II veteran sneaks out of his care home to attend the 70th anniversary commemoration of the D-Day landings in Normandy. Heartwarming true story of a man's single-minded determination. Starring the legend Michael Caine and the late and much missed Glenda Jackson. Cert: 12a. 97 mins. Village hall, doors and bar open 7.30, start 8pm. £8 (£7 Cons) **Card payment only.**

Sat 3rd, Hanney Community Woodland Working Party, page 30 for contact details.

Monday 5th -7.30 for 8pm in the Village Hall, Hanney Gardening Club. Timothy Walker, ex director of Oxford Botanic Garden, will talk on 'Colour in a Small Garden'. Non-members welcome.

Thurs 8th, Fri 9th and Sat 10th - The Hanney Drama Group proudly present their latest PANTO! Details front cover

Sat 17th, Hanney Flood Group, page 30 for contact details.

Sat 24th, Hanney Community Woodland Working Party.

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

And further ahead ...

Mon 4th March -7.30 for 8pm in the Village Hall, Hanney Gardening Club - Geoff Hodge, garden writer and broadcaster, will talk about 'Pest and Disease Control in the Garden'.

Fri 15th March Flexicare charity fundraiser - 'Night in the Museum' classical concert. University of Oxford Museum of Natural History. Full details page 7.

Sat 23rd March (to avoid Easter Saturday) Hanney Community Woodland Working Party, see page 30.

Mon 25th March, Hanney History Group - 'Holmes of Hanney and Birth Control. A talk by David and Katherine Gahan. Full details and photo see page 7.

Mon 22nd April, Hanney History Group - 1066: Oxfordshire and the Norman Conquest, a talk by Julie Ann Godson

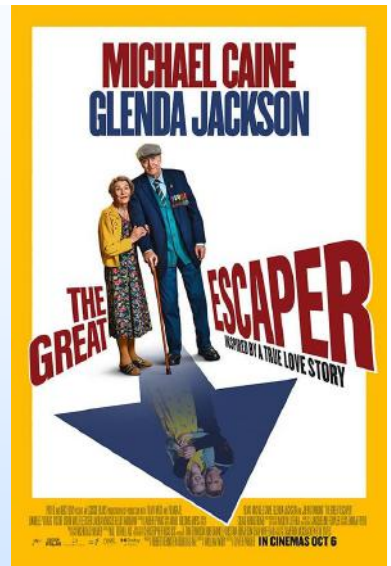
Sat 27th April, Hanney Cancer Research sale, details nearer the time.

Sun 5th May - Hanney Gardening Club BIG PLANT SALE.

Sat 18th May 2024 - Hanney WI Spring Craft Fair Lots of quality stalls with beautiful handmade items. And of course WI Teas!

Sun 19th May - Sun 2nd June, Funfair on the Rec

Grove Charity Car ,Truck and Bike Show 2024, on 12th & 13th July.



HELP! Hanney Flood Photos and Video/Drone Film - PLEASE!

After the recent floods at the start of January caused by Storm Henk The Hanney Flood Group are keen to gather and catalogue still photos, video and especially Drone film clips to help review of the flooding and damage caused in and around our villages. Please add precise location details where possible.

We want to use such material to help review our flood mitigation work - as well as plan for future more substantive prevention measures. We are interested in 'quality' coverage of flooded roads, fields adjacent to properties, rivers and ditches breached and similar.

Not too many. Only your best please. We would like also to invite anyone tech savvy to provide voluntary support to the Flood Group by keeping and cataloguing the material we receive.

Please send material, particularly from 31st March -1st April, 13th Oct, 1st Nov, 2023, and Thurs 4th - Fri 5 Jan 2024 (peak water levels) both to Clive Manvell at clivemanvell664@gmail.com and Tim Glass at glasstal@gmail.com.

Anyone interested in being "flood photo librarian" please tell us too. Finally, If you also have any exceptional photo material from the flood earlier in Autumn 2023 or the big flood of 2007 please send these too but clearly annotate all with dates. Many thanks.

We have a couple of active walking groups

here in Hanney, and the organiser of one of them, Sue Rogers, recently told me *'Our group is doing well - a few men have joined us too. Our walks happen on Thursdays at 12.30, weather dependent of course and numbers vary.'*

The pic shows them enjoying a meal at Hanney Spice - well, if you burn the calories the way they do, you can afford to indulge once in a while can't you?!

Sue assured me *'...the meal was very good and everyone enjoyed the evening. We are going to arrange a few more things in the new year and already have a couple of teams to participate in the pub quiz next month.'*

Sue regularly posts details on our Community Facebook page. The group meet here ...the junction of Meadow Way and School Rd., West Hanney.



We also have some very active Nordic walkers in our midst...Mrs Editor is a very keen member... and their group, the 'Vale Nordic Walkers' is led by Louise...details on page 31.

Another group, the 'VOWH Ramblers' also arrange walks in this area. Full details here: ramblers-oxon.org.uk

So no excuse for not getting out and about and enjoying our lovely countryside, especially as the weather warms up as Spring approaches! Whoopee!



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For the first time in the history of mankind....

slight exaggeration, but certainly since I first donned the Editor's hat of this auspicious rag back in 2015, I have received no pearls, words of wisdom, or even salacious gossip from either of our Parish Councils. That said, I always go to their meetings - have been regularly since the above date - and can vouch for all the Councillors' conscientious dedication to duty .

So below, I just give contact details and dates of their next meetings. Meantime, the rest of their pages I fill with other 'stuff' - I always have more 'stuff' than room! - hope it will be of interest!



East Hanney Parish Council

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Website: www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk

The next East Hanney Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on Weds 7th Feb at the Village Hall. All are welcome.

West Hanney Parish Council

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

Email: parishclerkwesthanneypc@gmail.com

Website: www.westhanneypc.org.uk

Date of Next Meeting: Tues 5th March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room, Hanney War Memorial Hall, aka Village Hall.

Back in Sept last year, I told you about a **new Tai Chi class** that opened at the Beacon in Wantage. Well, the teacher Zita Vellinga of BLOSSOM TAI CHI tells me that she's starting a new evening class at Holy Trinity Church, Charlton, Wantage, every Thursday evening, 7 - 8 pm. Contact Zita for more details and to learn about these gentle exercises that relax, and improve your flexibility and balance. See www.blossomtaichi.com email at blossomtaichi@outlook.com mob: 07990 321914



I went to a French restaurant last night and ordered 'Napoleon chicken'. When it came, there was no meat, just the carcass. "What's this?!" I demanded of the waitress...."It's the boney part" she replied.

A 99 year old darts player is going to the Caribbean to celebrate his next birthday. He will be...wait for it...
....100 in Haiti!!

'Flexicare are delighted to host the Ivel Trio



once again for a magical 'Night in the Museum' classical concert. The trio, comprising of flute, cello and piano will perform amongst the dinosaurs in the stunning University of Oxford Museum of Natural History on Friday 15th March 2024. Doors open at 7:00pm for a prompt 7:30pm start. The performance is followed by a drinks and canapé reception, included in the ticket price of £35.00. Tickets are available from [Night at the Museum - Classical Concert in Aid of Flexicar \(ticketstripe.com\)](#) or by email: events@flexicare.org.

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The Local Government Boundary Commission

is reviewing the Vale of White Horse District Council and its boundaries, to make sure each Councillor represent about the same number of electors. It wants to be sure that its proposals reflect community ties and wants to hear what folk think about their area. Consultation runs until Monday 18 March. Check the Vale website: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/



You know I've never liked Mondays, but they just got a whole lot better! The Plough, in West Hanney now opens every Monday...as well as every other day of the week to be true, to be true!

On Mon 25th March, the Hanney History Group

will present - *'Holmes of Hanney and Birth Control: The Most Useful Man in England'*, a talk by Hanney residents David and Katherine Gahan. They will detail J.R. Holmes' heroic fight to help poor households with large families back in the last century. Expect spoken extracts from Holmes' book and maybe a slide showing the technology of the day.. Warning! The talk will include some frank discussion of contraceptive methods. They're hoping to have a very special guest



with us for the evening. And if you don't know who Holmes was, I can tell you he was an incredible Hanney man and I'm sure you will find David and Katherine's talk absolutely fascinating.

Meantime here's a snap of Holmes with the author HG

Wells...oh yes, he hobnobbed with the great and the good! The lady in the pic is Alice nee Vernon, JR's wife, and they're all enjoying the sun, and doubtless engaging in some very witty repartee, in the garden at the Mulberries, the beautiful house in East Hanney where he lived.

Dear Editor,

Your disgruntled correspondent (Hanney News No 576) claims that 'environmental responsibility' is an 'excuse', and that the 'state' of the churchyard at St James Church has been "allowed to resemble a neglected wasteland".

This gentleman even tries to imply that the churchyard is not a place of respect and reverence and does not honour the memory of those buried there, because it lacks some extreme degree of 'mowing and strimming' which appears - to his mind - to trump all other considerations.

My wife and her entire family are interred in St James Church's churchyard, and I like the way the Church Wardens are managing it, thank you very much. Nature is a lot better at inventing wonders than we - Carl Sagan.

Weirdly, I actually prefer wild flowers and grasses to not continually have their inflorescences removed. Incredibly, so too do lepidoptera, hymenoptera, orthoptera, coleoptera, arachnida and annelida.

These, of course, not only perform heroic functions in our shared environment (several of which directly support human existence) but they also form part of the food chain for the higher orders in the animal kingdom, such as mammals and avifauna.

For most of history man has had to fight nature to survive; this century he is realising that, in order to survive, he must protect it - Jacques Cousteau.

So, thank you Church Wardens. I think you have your priorities correct.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Dancey,
West Hanney



Dear Editor

Can I use Hanney News to say thank you to the many people who sent cards (we received more than 80) following the death of Rosemary, and also to the large number who came to her funeral (I was overwhelmed when I looked out of the church door to see the stream of people walking up the church path).

The collection after the service amounted to £914 (this money has been forwarded to the Abingdon unit of the Salvation Army).

John Hedderley

Editor - Thank you John, and please accept our sincerest condolences on your loss. Rosemary was a very special lady indeed, always smiling, and she did a lot for the Hanney community over many years, including her time at St James School, and of course being very involved, as you are, with St James Church. She will be much missed by all who knew her.

Dear Editor,

I am sure I am amongst many who would agree that the anonymous correspondent who (rightly) complained that the person who wrote on his/her broken down car, was out of order. Not surprisingly, the graffiti was also anonymous....which says it all, but equally, might apply to its author... Best if the three of us remain anonymous.

Yours etc.

Editor's note - I am always prepared to consider publishing letters anonymously.

Dear Editor,

re the recent floods, worst since 2007, would villagers support new speed limit signs "20mph (5mph in flood)"? This would bring us into line with the Thames Navigation, non-tidal, when roads are 6" under. Some of the wash created by thoughtless drivers is very destructive (and destroyed one resident's car engine recently).

David Gahan - West Hanney



Back in 2019, pre-Covid, I produced an A4 30 page booklet - 'Hanney - A Guide for Newcomers'.

I have now just finished a brand new all-singing, all-dancing updated version ...slight exaggeration but you get my drift.... which is available in our Community Shop, and direct from me - my contact details on page 2.

Feel free to grab a free (!) copy.

The full cost of the reprint has been met by our Parish Councils, for which my sincere thanks.

I need your help...the 'Hanney Parochial Charity' (Charity Commission number: 205792) has been in existence for a very long time... it's an amalgamation of several small local charities, the first of which started in 1604, a mere 420 years ago!

Today, our charity is run by a board of Trustees - they currently include myself as Chair, both Chairs of our Parish Councils and our Vicar. We also have a so-called 'Clerk'.

That term doesn't really do justice to the role...it's more of a 'Treasurer / Administrator' function, producing accounts and completing the annual return to the Charity Commission, as well as helping and advising me.

Without it we could not continue, and our current Clerk is retiring so we need to find a replacement.

Could you take over the role? It's not onerous or time-consuming and if you might be interested please ring me, Jim, on 01235 867500 or speak directly to our current 'Clerk' John Gunn on 01235 868329 for more information.

It would be a great shame if we had to close the charity for lack of a volunteer.



This is Craig Leach with his wife

Janin and their two young boys, Luca aged four, and Rory, aged 1.

Craig currently lives in Witney but has many ties to Hanney.

His grandparents, David and Jean Orme lived here for over thirty years. Craig, his Mum Phillipa, and Fletch moved here when he was a small boy.

He went to school in Hanney, played football here, was part of our Christmas Panto and pulled many pints behind the bar of the Plough. He didn't leave our community until he went travelling in 2011.

Craig, now aged 36, needs our help. His story is on this website:

gofundme.com. Once you're on the website, simply type Craig's full name in the search box, and be prepared to read an incredibly moving story.

To put it bluntly, if Craig is to have any chance of living long enough to see his kids grow up - not an unreasonable expectation for a 36-year-old father - then he needs immunotherapy, a treatment only available in Germany, and very expensive indeed. That last bit is where we come in...

any donation you can make will help Craig and Janin reach their target.

Please please help if you can. Thank you.

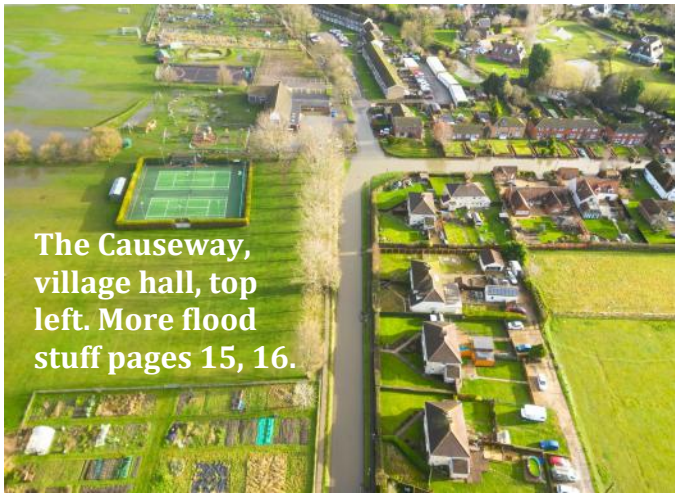
Some useful stuff re flooding here that's worth checking out...

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/

[weather-warning/local-flood-warnings-and-weather-alerts/](#)



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The Causeway, village hall, top left. More flood stuff pages 15, 16.

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I have always liked the new year, and enjoyed new beginnings - and especially so since we have moved to the Hanneys and are enjoying making new friends here.

But this new year feels a little different. I am aware of several recent bereavements in our village, and on a personal level conscious of the loss of friends both in the village and beyond. And then there are the continuing tragic bereavements in Israel, Gaza and Ukraine – we are very conscious of conflicts that still continue.

Our hearts go out to those suffering bereavements at this time. And I would have to add my admiration at the way those I know keep going through the hardest of times.

J K Rowling, in the Harry Potter stories, identifies grief as a sign of love – perhaps even as the cost of loving. So it is Harry's grief in losing his godfather that shows the strength of his love. I am sure she is right. Of course there are lesser bereavements we experience as well – not of the same order, but still enough to make us feel a little bleak during those long winter nights – for example losing a job, or losing your health or your independence.

In February, the season of Lent begins. Lent is not only a time when we are reminded of

Jesus fasting and praying for forty days in the wilderness – it is also the time when we remember his journey to the Cross - travelling to Jerusalem, undeterred by increasing hostility and suspicion from those in authority.

It must have been a difficult journey, knowing the suffering and death that would come at the end. To me this shows his solidarity with us in whatever hard times we may go through. He has been there. For me this means that whatever we go through, he goes through it with us.

His journey ends with Easter, just as our journey through winter ends in the joy of Spring. For me the resurrection message of Easter tells me that light will ultimately overcome all darkness, love will overcome hatred, and hope will overcome despair. Whatever times of darkness we may go through, I hope that we will find comfort, companionship and reassurance on the way. And I hope that you may also find that light, love and hope are undiminished, and are stronger than any darkness.

May we all experience something of that light, love and hope in our lives.

Charles Draper (retired church minister living in East Hanney)

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Hanney Lottery January 2024 Winners

1st - Mavis Herman, 2nd - Chris Surman, 3rd - Jane Taylor.

Not got a number yet or want additional numbers? Just call Hilary on 868590.

SERVICES in February 2024 at St James
Eucharist is celebrated at 9.30am each Sunday.

4th - Revd Charles Draper, 11th - Revd Alec Gill,
18th - The Bishop of Dorchester, Bishop Gavin, 25th - tbc.

The Ash Wednesday Service on 14 th February for the Benefice will be at 7.30pm at
St Nicholas, East Challow.

Midweek Said Eucharist – Tuesday 20 th February at 10.00am in the Chancel

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: david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk.

Juliette Ash is our County Councillor...her contact details: c/o County Hall, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1ND. Email: juliette.ash@oxfordshire.gov.uk. www.julietteash.co.uk. I'm worried about Juliette....still nothing from her by way of response to attempts I and others have made to contact her, and a check on the Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) website reveals that of their last 5 OCC meetings, she has only attended 1. Since she was elected there had been 24 previous meetings, of which she had attended 18, so she's gone from attending 3 out of every 4 meetings to just 1 in 5!

Sally Povolotsky is our District Councillor, and you can reach her by email...
Sally.Povolotsky@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.

Julie Mabberley, Campaign Manager of the Wantage and Grove Campaign Group has been in touch, with more on the proposed reservoir... *"Even though Thames Water is likely to run out of money in months and the Government is wondering if they could take it into administration, the South East Strategic Reservoir Option is still being considered. If Thames Water could borrow the £ Millions it would take to build, they would have an increased income stream from the increase in all of our water bills so might be viable again (and the shareholders would get even more money). Thames are currently trying to get the Government to make a decision and avoid the need for a public enquiry. In case you've missed it, this is a 150 billion litre reservoir earmarked for an area of low-lying ground near Abingdon between the villages of East Hanney, Steven-ton, Didcot and East Marcham. It would be 25m high and two miles across, which is 50 per cent larger than the proposal the company consulted on earlier this year. It would also be 50 per cent larger than the planned reservoir that was rejected at public inquiry in 2010. Building work would begin in 2028 and would take at least 10 years. Nothing like this has been built before, the technology is untested and most of us are in the area at risk if anything goes wrong. Of course we all trust Thames Water to be able to manage a project like this don't we? After all, they have the worst record on leakage of any water company and have dumped at least 72 billion litres of sewage in the River Thames since 2020. And we know how good Government monitoring of major projects is - just look at HS2!"* Julie's pearls are always worth reading, website here: www.wantageandgrove.org

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Or, if you would like to discuss these volunteering roles, please email:

recruitment@osavcab.org.uk and one of our team will contact you.

Last month, on the front cover, I administered a modest ticking off via an 'open letter' - that makes it sound very important doesn't it? - to Sovereign Housing, regarding a little bit of naughty 'double yellow line' parking by one of the company's vans. I've had a response from Mr Paul Assirati, a locality manager for Sovereign. He offered sincere apologies, and assured me that *"We are implementing stricter monitoring of parking practices and reinforcing to our team the importance of respecting local traffic regulations."* Thank you to Paul for taking the trouble to respond...let's all respect those yellow lines!

Our magnificent 2024 Calendar, containing thirteen lovely local wildlife photos by East Hanney's seriously talented photographer Barry Wheat, is still available, but if you want one, you need to hurry.... As we go to print, there's only five available at the Community Shop, and once they're gone, that's it. There ain't no more!.



May I introduce Ernie... one of the newest arrivals in our community...just a few weeks old, with his Mum and Dad, Mark and Jena Brind, who live in West Hanney.

Born on 1st Nov, little Ernie turned up rather earlier than expected, and the gent in the very fetching bow tie, far right, is Dr. Kevin Ives, who made sure all went smoothly and that Ernie landed safe and sound on planet Hanney via the John Radcliffe Hospital! (JR) Massive big ups to the good doc who is the Consultant Neonatologist at the JR. Also big thanks to 'SSNAP' - Supporting Sick Newborn and their

Parents - a charity who Mum Jena told me were a great help over the two weeks Ernie had to stay in neonatal care immediately following his premature birth.

Dr Kevin is a member of their Board of Trustees - check out the website here:

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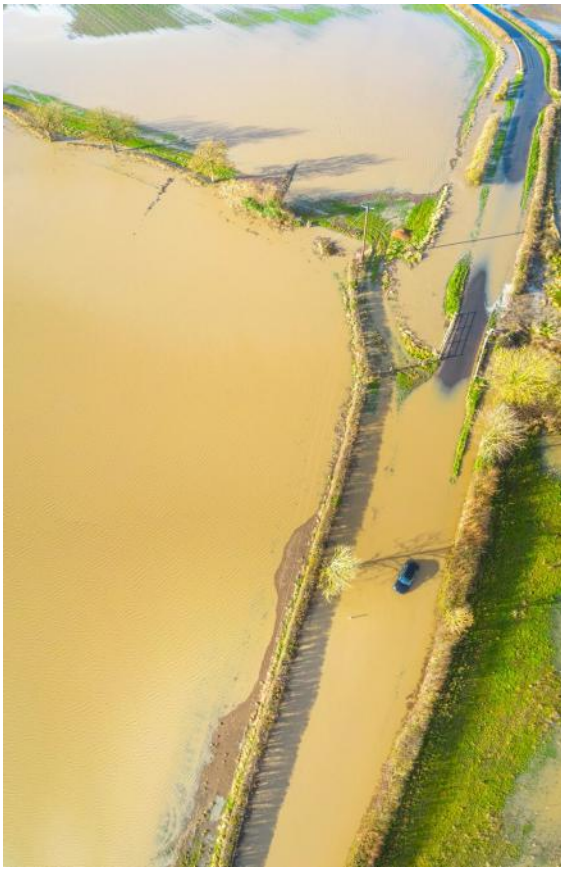
Meantime, baby Ernie has another claim to fame...he is the first great grandchild (!) of Alan - aka 'Wilky' - and Maureen Wilkinson, a very well known couple who've lived their whole lives in Hanney. (The lovely snap taken by our chief photographer Dave Bratley at Ernie's local, the Plough.)



Loadsa snaps and video of the recent floods on the jolly old Facebook thingie, and I've pinched a few...with the photographers' permissions of course!...to stick 'em in my little mag. Thanks Terry Bean, Andrew Wastie, Chris Aram and Heather Irving who obviously was sat astride her nag when she pressed the shutter. And in case you're wondering if the stranded car on page 16 is a BMW - us BMW owners always get accused of being this daft! - it's not, it's a Mercedes.

Any snaps or video of the floods? See page 4.







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Obituary - Katriona Karney

In December, we said farewell to a much loved member of the Hanney community. Catriona Karney died peacefully at home, surrounded by her family.

Catriona and Patrick moved to East Hanney in 1995, when they moved into Darden House (then home of Patrick's father, Peter Karney), to care for Peter. They built Midgy House in the garden of Darden House and named it after Midgy Ha', a farm in Northumberland where Patrick and Catriona got engaged.

Catriona immersed herself in Hanney, joining many clubs including the WI, Gardening Club and of course, the Hanney Wine Circle. In the early Michaelmas Fayres, she was involved in the planning and helped run the clothes stalls. Catriona and Alma Triffitt ran a very successful MacMillan coffee morning, raising over£4,000.

Catriona played an active part in the Church and was a member of the Church PCC. Her faith reinforced the compassionate, caring and generous person that she was.

Midgy House was always welcoming, a place where Catriona loved to entertain with fabulous cuisine and Patrick's wine. She was a superb cook and always made everybody feel welcome and special, resulting in many wonderful Hanney friendships.

Catriona was born in Jerusalem and lived in Bagdad as a baby. Aged one, they moved to the UK when Catriona's sister contracted polio. Catriona lived with her grandmother in St Andrews, who taught her to sew and introduced her to many crafting skills.

Catriona's nimble fingers and creative brilliance underpinned her life.

She entered beautiful quilts, needlework, knitting and scarecrows into the Michaelmas Fayre competitions. She created a seemingly unending flow of fancy dress, soft furnishings, toys, clothes and quilts.

Catriona and Patrick were tremendous travellers and she visited over 70 countries by the time of her death. She loved to explore new places, cultures and sample cuisines; and captured her travels in wonderful homemade albums.

During her ten-year battle with cancer, Catriona maintained her elegance and dignity.

She never complained and exuded positivity, gratitude and love at all times.

Patrick and the family would like to thank all the wonderful Hanney friends, who

showed Catriona such kindness, support and love, especially during her final months.

Catriona's funeral collection was for 'Myeloma UK', a charity that funds progressive and much needed research into Myeloma.

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Catriona will be dearly missed by her family and many Hanney folk.



Helen Cavendish

History Snippets...

One of the joys of printing old pics is someone often gets in touch with more info.

Last month's photo of the team at the East Hanney bakery is a case in point...it's been confirmed that the lady far left was indeed Rose - Rose Cross to give her full name and she lived in West Hanney. Of the two gents in the middle, Blowy Carr is the one wearing the chefs hat, and he lived next door to the 'Chapel', or 'Mission' as it then was in East Hanney, so he didn't have far to get to work every morning!

Gigha Cottage is the last house on the right in Winter Lane as you head north towards Kingston Bagpuss. An odd name I've often thought....Gigha I mean, not Bagpuss. Now at last, I've found out the origin thanks

to info from the current residents Chris and Angie Stockwell. Previously Angie's parents, Sidney and Susan Lane lived there. Back in 1958 a lady called Angela Wise was resident, but before her the owners were two lady teachers and they were the ones who gave it the unusual name.

Prior to this it was known as simply 'The Cottage' and was built by Mr Edwardes, the Headmaster at St James School, probably in the 1920s, for himself to live in.

So why Gigha? Well, it's the name of a remote island off the west coast of Scotland near Kintyre. It has a population of between 110 and 150, so less than a quarter of the number of folk who live in West Hanney. It does attract tourists and I wonder if the sisters were adventurous types and had visited it way back?

The story to this

rather odd pic, taken in 1969, is contained in the contemporary, if slightly yellowed, local newspaper article below. The Hall as we know it was opened on 24th January 1970 by Lady Page of Hinton Waldrist. I've searched the wibbly wobbly web but can find nothing on her.

Talking of wobbly, it replaced a structure known as the 'Victory Hut' referred to in the article, which was a timber building that, so I'm told, used to wobble and shake, especially when folk who were attending one of the regular dances in it, began wobbling and shaking what their mamas gave them! Any memories of the Victory Hut, this ceremony, Lady Page and any wobbling and shaking (!) would be most welcome.



Mr. Albert Tombs smooths the mortar of the foundation stone of the £14,000 Hanney War Memorial Hall on Saturday. He is one of the three trustees of the victory hall on an adjoining site and which will serve East and West Hanney until the new hall is built. The others, who are looking on, are Miss E. M. Andrewartha and Mr. Sidney Gale, all of whom have been concerned with the management of the victory hall for many years. Villagers have raised more than £6,000 towards the cost of the new hall, which should be completed this year, and about £7,000 is expected from grants.

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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 Meets on 2nd and 4th Sats of each month, 10.00, at 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.

HARMONY SINGING on Thursdays with SJS, one of Oxon's oldest male-voice a cappella groups (6 of us) Rich treasury of 4-part songs; learn from the inside and make a difference. East Hanney, 8-10pm; pint at the Black Horse later. David Gahan 868933

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BINGO every Sunday, R.B. Legion Hall 8pm. Cash prizes. 18+ welcome.

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 CLASSES: Wednesday mornings, 8.30am - 9.20am, followed by another from 9.30am - 10.30am, and an evening class from 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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