



Hanney News

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**EDITOR CELEBRATES 10
YEARS OF EDITING
THE FINEST PARISH MAG
IN THE WHOLE OF HANNEY!
...AND HAVING A BIT OF FUN
IN THE PROCESS, WITHOUT
UPSETTING TOO MANY PEOPLE!**



**Update from GARD, including their view of
a 'smaller' reservoir , see page 15**

This is Ashfields Close, a charming little cul-de-sac
in East Hanney, just off Ashfields Lane
and very near the busy A338



Some folk see it as a car park, but it's not...it's narrow, with visibility issues, so may I please politely ask therefore that you don't use it to park your car. I know the residents would be very grateful.

Editorial

Yes readers, with this issue I complete ten years - 120 issues! - at the helm of the good ship Hanney News. If you feel I should step back and hand over the tiller let me know. (tiller...I think that's what you steer boats with? I'm not a fan of boats!) You'll need to come up with a replacement Editor of course, but in the meantime, I intend to carry on!

So...Spring's here, dafs are out and Summer approaches! I've already cut the grass at Global HQ with my new electric mower.

This month, I've tried to include info about a variety of stuff you can do should you feel so inclined! They include dancing in a Scottish manner, choral singing, weaving, jumping out of, or being strapped on top of, an aeroplane! - yes, really - joining in the fun at the Didcot Railway Centre, and having a go at making Indian Block Prints.

Serious stuff...Vale Community Impact - they do a fab job - seeks new volunteers for various roles including advisors, "good neighbours" and drivers. See contact details and more on page 20.

This month we welcome new advertiser Sally who runs Pilates classes locally - see her ad on page 11. I can personally recommend Sally, a lovely patient lady whose classes are fun and really beneficial. Give her a try.

Can I also draw your attention to a super piece from Lucy Ottoway, Head at our great school, St James on page 9. Not only does Lucy give us info about the school, but she also makes reference to the community and how the school is part of it.

We've also got stuff on the recent West Hanny power cut, see pages 5 and 17, Police and Crime Commissioner Matt Barber's usual column, this one on avoiding being scammed, is on page 8. There's good advice within ...let's not be complacent dear readers.

Now, Jaunty Jilly's on holiday, but don't worry fans, I'm intending to give her a column on her return,

There's been a bit of argy bargy recently regarding GARD....think they call that alliteration....and the signs / banner type things they've put up around the area. I think it's all calmed down a bit now and GARD have got a very informative piece on page 15.

I've tried to ensure that Hanney News remains fairly neutral on this very controversial and long running subject - at least from the early 1990's - and I also believe my readers don't want to always be reading about it. I would add that not everyone I've spoken to is 'anti' the big pond that Thames Water want to build.

Great film for Hanney Film Night this month, see page 16, and on the same page details of a very worthy effort to raise charity funds by West Hanney resident Jake Wilkinson.

Ok folks, think that's about it for now. As ever please contact me about anything you like or don't like in the mag, or stuff you want other people to know about. No porn or libellous stuff please, other than that feel free! Till next month....

We here at Hanney News Global International welcome articles, letters, photos, in fact anything you feel may be of interest to our readers.

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, my mob: 07762 239681, or email: hanneynews@gmail.com

What's happening this month....

Fri 3rd, 7.30pm, Village Hall, Hanney Film Nights, proudly presents 'We Live In Time'. Doors and Bar open 7.30pm, film starts 8pm. Contactless payment only...no cash. £8, £7 concessions. Full details page 16.

Sunday 6th, 3pm, Village Hall - Cream teas and Songs with the Wantage Male Voice Choir. Free entry. See page 19 for a pic of two cups of tea!

Monday 7th - Hanney Gardening Club. Village Hall 7.30 for 8pm. Nick Bailey - presenter on Gardeners World. Non-members welcome. £8 on the door.

Thurs 24th 2.30pm, Village Hall, Senior Citizens, 'Jim's Amazing Music Quiz'.

Sat 26th, Church Street and Newbury Street Patient Participation Groups present a 'Health and Wellbeing' event at the Beacon. Free entry. See page 14.

Mon 28th, 8pm, Hanney History Group - Angie Bolton - 'Rich Pickings in the Oxfordshire Museum, including the Hanney Brooch. . Visitors, £3.50. New members always welcome.

And further ahead ...

Sunday 11th May - Hanney Gardening Club's annual Big Plant Sale! Village Hall 2pm' All donations of plants etc. gratefully received between 10am and noon. Come early before we sell out!

Sunday 18th May, 10.30am - 12.45pm, or 1.45pm - 4pm, Village Hall, **Indian Block Printing Workshop**, £39.50p. Contact Marea Brown on 07583 206924, email: artofjai-pur@aol.com, website: artofjai-pur.com.

Mon 19th May - Hanney History Group, Francesca Giarelli, Site Director, 'The Archaeological Dig at Grove'. Visitors, £3.50. New members always welcome

Thurs 22nd May, 2.30pm, Senior Citizens, 'The Golden Age of Children's Television', a talk by Jeff Evans.

Thurs 26th June , 2.30pm, Senior Citizens, 'The Life and Music of Cole Porter', a talk by Nick Gill.

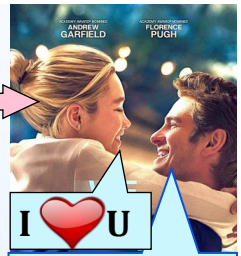
Thurs 24th July, 2.30pm Senior Citizens Summer Garden Party, Venue to be arranged.

Thurs 25th Sept, 2.30pm, Senior Citizens, 'Fun and Games, Your Choice'.

Thurs 23rd Oct, 2.30pm, Senior Citizens, 'The Nostril Series'. A chat with the author Jonathan Cox.

Thurs 27th Nov, 2.30pm, Senior Citizens, The Oxfordshire Museum Service, 'Fond Memories'.

December's Christmas Lunch, Senior Citizens, date, time and venue to be arranged. Watch this space.



Yes darling, and guess what? The latest Hanney News has just arrived!

Dave Stubbington is a fine member of our community whom I class as a mover and a shaker. He's also a wise and thoroughly agreeable fellow! He's been in touch....

I have noted in previous copies of our illustrious Hanney News that the Editor has often commented on the virtues of services received from local traders. I thought some might find the following noteworthy.

*I recently received a quote from a main BMW dealer that the suspension sound knocking I was experiencing whilst at slow speed on our lovely smooth Hanney roads, after two days of adjustments and diagnostic testing would require a new steering rack at circa £4000. Not convinced in any way I approached **Brad at 'Motovation'** who after 10 mins of inspection ordered the spare (anti roll bar link) which arrived one day later, and was*

subsequently fitted within 20 mins of receipt of the car, at a cost of... wait for it!... £77.40!!

I leave the rest for you to ponder but 'massive big ups' as our Editor would say, to Brad and his expertise. Needless to say no more main dealerships for me.... a most satisfied 'Motovation' customer .

Thank you Dave, great to hear. Motovation can be found on the east side of the A338, next to the Sovereign Housing building. Brad has been advertising in Hanney News for many years - see page 25 - and we at HQ thank him for his support as well as providing a great service to our community.

And while I'm dishing out the 'big ups' I want to mention Chris Parker, another loyal advertiser, who I can personally recommend. He worked wonders on our terracotta kitchen floor here at HQ. See his ad - 'CJ Floorcare' on page 21

All Aboard for an Unforgettable Easter Adventure!

This Easter, we're launching a brand-new Multi-Activity Camp at the iconic Didcot Railway Centre. Dates: **Monday 7th – Friday 11th April 2025**

Times: 8:30am – 6:00pm Ages: 6-13 years
What makes this camp so special?

Set within Didcot Railway Centre's 21-acre site, our base camp each day will be inside a vintage railway carriage. Each day will be packed with a variety of exciting, hands-on activities, including:

Arts & Crafts – Get creative with railway-themed projects

LEGO Challenges – Build and engineer with our epic iBrick kits

Cookery – Make delicious treats in our fun,



interactive sessions

Active Sessions – Outdoor games and adventures .

Steam Day Special – Wednesday 9th April. This day will be extra magical. As part of Didcot Railway Centre's Steam Day, children will have the exclusive opportunity to ride a real working

steam train, see the mighty engines up close, and explore the historic signalling centre.

Discovery Day Special – Thursday 10th & Friday 11th April, when children will learn all about how the railways work. A true hands-on experience for curious minds. This camp is set to be one of our most exciting yet, but spaces are limited – book now to secure a place on this extraordinary railway adventure.

<https://bookings.house-of-fun.co.uk/project/64678>

Any idea who owns the piece of land within the white border? It's in front of 1, The Causeway, East Hanney, which was built in the 1930s. Before that it was farmland owned by a gent named 'Wink' Cottrell - don't think that was his real first name - and on that field he grew swedes. The occasional naughty villager would help themselves to a few!



Anyway, the gent who lives there now wants to add a dropped kerb and slope to allow him to park his car there. He often has to use the Village Hall car park when there is no space in the layby opposite his house. He's exhausted all other avenues in his attempts to establish ownership...

Councils, Land Registry etc.
If you've got any ideas please let us know.



Oops, who turned out the lights? Well, I don't know, but it was jolly inconvenient when many parts of West Hanney's electricity supply recently went down, causing lots of probs, not least for the Plough, who soldiered on manfully - can one use that term anymore? - under candle-light. Fortunately, here at Global HQ we weren't affected, so our night shift were able to continue their vital work.

The outage was only remedied by the arrival of this big beast of a generator which parked on the Village Green. Meantime, Sir David of Bratley has

written an excellent piece that appears on page 17 about the whole sorry business. On reading it, I don't mind admitting that a little tear or two trickled down my weary 'visage'. (See front cover, and Visage comes from Percy Bysshe Shelley's poem "Ozymandias", meaning 'face'. Who said culture's dead?) See also Letters on page 19.

Our fab 'Future Flood Resilience Group' now have a website, and if you're even remotely interested in the serious flooding issues that affect us here in Hanney and many other communities locally, I urge you to check it out here:

www.futurefloodresilience.co.uk

Loads of really interesting and useful stuff. Massive big ups to the Group.

On behalf of the Carter family could we please thank everyone who attended Richard's funeral, and also for the generous donations made to Churchill Partners CRUK of £1,125, which will be put to use straight away.
Thank you all once again.

East Hanney Parish Council

Thank you everyone who turned out at short notice and helped plant the trees on Kings Leases; an impressive 400 trees were planted in 2 hours.

In November we plan on having another 'Community tree planting day', and we are considering having tree dedications which will be free. Each tree will have a name plaque for the family that planted it. Even more ambitiously we are considering a tree for every home in East Hanney - it'll be your tree for generations and totally free.

Oxford County Council is being pushed yet again to get the new bus shelter installed on the A338, for those who need to get to Wantage.

We have ordered 30 oak posts; these will be installed to protect the grass verges from those who believe they are for parking cars and vans. If you can suggest any area that needs protecting, contact the Clerk as it may not be on our list.

Plans are being put in place to improve the footpath along the brook from the Iron Bridge to the first stile. "Why stop there?" you may ask when the full length of the path needs improving. Quite right it does but the Parish does not own that land.

Parish Council Vacancy

Want to make a difference? Do you have a skill or expertise we could utilise? Do you care about the village and its future? Then you might want to think about joining the Parish Council.

We look after the village in many different ways including the playground, recreation



fields, car parking, allotments, bus stops, benches, trees and open spaces.

If you have a passion for getting things done, improving the village for the long run and making

a difference - drop us a line to have a chat about what's involved. You could be holding the piece of the puzzle we need.

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Next Meeting Weds 9th April, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Friends, Jim the Editor here...

I just wanted to squeeze onto East Hanney Parish Council's page, if they will allow me, a short tribute to Rosie Reed, who has recently stepped back from her 'Councillor' duties.

Rosie covered many responsibilities in her time on the Council, including internal accounts checker, local group liaison and playgrounds within the Parish. Thank you Rosie for all your hard work for the PC and the Community.. You will be missed.

West Hanney Parish Council

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PC Website: www.westhanneypc.org.uk

Future Meetings - Tues 6th May, 7.30pm at the Village Hall

We met on 5th March to consider a number of planning applications; updates from the Community Speedwatch group; future flood resilience; maintenance and improvement of our open, green community spaces; the use of a grant for public art and the implications of the proposed ending of two-tier council arrangements in Oxfordshire. Proposals for replacement trees are still being developed following excellent suggestions from Hanney Gardening Club's GQT recording and the recent bee-friendly talk. As usual, papers can be found on the Parish Council web-site (details as above). On Tuesday 11th March the Planning Inspectorate heard the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for Manor Solar Farm in the Parish of West Hanney, close to Denchworth. Seven residents from Denchworth and West Hanney attended the hearing including the Chairman of Denchworth Meeting and the Chairman of WHPC.

The hearing lasted all day and considered the 4 main reasons for refusal of planning permission:
harm to the landscape character, historic features, and tranquility of the area, including the wider setting of the North Wessex Downs National Landscape.
effects to the setting of nearby listed buildings and the Denchworth Conservation Area.

The adequacy of information to ensure preservation and enhancement of the ecology and biodiversity of the site, especially

safeguarding the priority species of skylarks breeding and foraging there. Implications for traffic and road safety during the construction and operational phases of the farm.

WHPC was particularly concerned that shortly before the appeal hearing the Highway Authority had changed its view on the suitability of the route south of Lyford for construction traffic (including 16.5m articulated HGV lorries) and had agreed a route through West Hanney using Winter Lane and Main Street and crossing Botney Bridge. WHPC wrote to the Director of Highways and Operations strongly objecting to this route on the grounds that it was unsuitable for HGVs and posed a significant risk to highway safety for all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. At the hearing, the Highway Authority announced that they had decided the route through West Hanney was also unsuitable for construction traffic. Hasty discussions outside the appeal hearing ensued and the route via the Lyford Industrial Estate once again become the agreed route for all construction traffic, with revised mitigation measures.

A site visit was conducted by the Planning Inspector the following day, including walking the restricted byway from West Hanney and Denchworth. The outcome of this appeal hearing should be published in early April.

Could you be their next victim?

Whilst many crimes are falling, such as burglary - down by a third since before the pandemic - sadly we are all more at risk

online. We can all feel the benefits of living our lives in a more connected way, but with the convenience that technology brings, there are also risks, but a huge amount of cyber crime and fraud is preventable.

Scams can take place online, on the phone or in person. Here are some of the ways fraudsters may try and target you and the signs to spot to help you protect yourself:

MAIL SCAMS Common types of postal scams include fake lotteries and prize draws, offers of investments and inheritance windfalls. What to look out for: irresistible offers that are too good to be true; unfamiliar branding; not using your name; bad spelling and grammar.

TELEPHONE SCAMS Common telephone scams include investments, pension or computer support scams. The person calling often sounds professional and may pretend to be from a trusted organisation such as your bank, the police or a company you recognise. What to look out for: callers asking you to share personal or financial information or a passcode or pin; callers asking for remote access to your computer; callers trying to rush or pressure you into making decisions.

DOORSTEP SCAMS Criminals pose as le-



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EMAIL, TEXT AND WEBSITE SCAMS In what is known as Phishing, an email or text may appear to be from your bank or other company in order to trick you into revealing personal details. You may be asked to click on a link which takes you to a fake website where you will be prompted to enter your details. What to look out for: spelling or grammar mistakes in emails or texts; they may not use your name; an unusual email address which may be similar but doesn't match the company email; strong encouragement to click on a link.

Remember, anyone can be a scam victim.

If you spot a scam, always report it. You can also look out for other people who may be vulnerable to scams by joining friend-sagainstscams.org.uk to help raise awareness throughout your community. For more information visit stopthink-fraud.campaign.gov.uk.



Our Amazing community!

I am repeatedly reminded of what an amazing community our wonderful school is part of and surrounded by!

From our incredible pupils who are so thoughtful and keen to support others, with our Year 6 Buddy system, child mental health ambassadors, volunteer litter pickers, Librarians and those who organise fundraising for charities, such as our recent event to support Helen & Douglas House. We have a wonderful parent community, with a very active 'Helping Hands' group, who are amazing and provide so much for the school, at a time when DfE funding is such a challenge for us. The new Library is enjoyed every day by the children and this is only possible because of our wonderful community.

Our current project is well on its way - providing an outside classroom for pupils to use both in lesson and free time. We

also now have parents giving their time as Parent Reps supporting communication between home & school. Added to this are parent volunteers who support in class, on trips or by using their talents, such as teaching our Year 6 catch up swimming.

Our staff care so deeply about the children and the relationships they develop with our pupils creates such a special place for the children to feel nurtured and supported so that they

can flourish in their learning to be the best they can be!

We have truly dedicated Governors, who devote so much of their time to ensure that our school is the best it can be for the good of all!

I feel incredibly lucky to have such brilliant support as well as constructive challenges that drives us to continue to develop and improve the school.

We are also incredibly lucky to be supported by the surrounding area. I was blown away recently by the generosity of the local community, including East Hanney Parish Council, West Hanney Parish Council, Hanney Community Shop & the Michaelmas Fayre grant, who funded some additional books for our children.

Not to mention the brilliant support we receive from this publication and the church. I can't tell you how lucky I feel to be part of such a wonderful community and

how incredibly grateful I am to have the support from so many - a massive thank you to you all!

If you'd like to get involved at St James CE Primary School and Nursery please don't hesitate to contact us by email -

office@sja.cambrianlt.org. Or visit our website to find out more!

Lucy Ottaway
Headteacher
St. James CE Primary School



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“You will hear of wars and rumours of wars”. Those words from St Matthew’s Gospel have resonated down the centuries. They echo so strongly today.

In our local community we have welcomed many who have fled the horrors of the conflict in Ukraine. It is a country I know as I visited Kyiv several times on business in the year before Covid. I found its people welcoming but it is a hard place. An ancient country with its capital a centre of culture and learning when Moscow was still a swamp.

It is predominately Orthodox but with strong communities of Catholics and Protestants. In the heart of Kyiv is the Great Choral Synagogue and Jewish people play an important part in business and politics e.g. the President himself, Volodymyr Zelensky.

I made many friends there. One was a lady whose late father was the Ukrainian commander of a Russian nuclear missile silo, and whose Russian mother had become a Ukrainian nationalist.

My friend spoke Russian and Ukrainian (as do most Ukrainians) and was married to a lawyer in Moscow to whom she flew back at weekends.

By 2019 Ukraine had been at war with Russia for 5 years but we in the West hardly noticed. I rarely if ever witnessed animosity between the Russian emigres or the native Ukrainians.

But it was not an harmonious society. There was corruption and, as one English expat high up in the state energy corporation said to me, it still worked on the Soviet model of inefficiency.

And now for 3 years it has suffered from the barbaric onslaught of its neighbour and most recently betrayal by its most important ally.

It is difficult sometimes to understand or discern God’s will amidst such suffering.

But that does not stop us praying daily for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters.

At every Eucharist at St James we have a candle lit on the altar to keep them in our minds.

Stuart Cakebread

SERVICES in April 2025 at St James

**Our Sunday Eucharist is celebrated at
9.30am - all are very welcome.**

**Freshly brewed coffee or tea is served
after the service**

2nd – Revd Velma Oxley, PALM SUNDAY - 13th
Revd Alec Gill (meeting on Buttercross Green
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20th - Revd Alec Gill, 27th – Revd Charles Draper.

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West Hanney Parish

Cllr Ahmed Farrag, the

organiser of our Speedwatch team, welcomes anyone able to help. He's aiming to start getting a team out again as soon as the weather warms up. Now I know many folk are not fans of the 20mph limit, but some of the speeds I witness as I sit in my office here at HQ looking out over Winter



Lane, are truly bewildering. If Speedwatch slows them down even a little, so much

the better.

Ahmed is looking at supplying body cams to the volunteers, so the abusive stuff and the intentional bad driving can be recorded and passed on to the police.

Ahmed's contact details are on page 7.

Also needing volunteers is our Community Shop.

They have a great crowd of loyal supporters, but sickness and hols can sometimes affect their Availability, and new volunteers are always welcome.

As I've said several times before on these hallowed pages, this really is a fun job, and



our shop is a real jewel in our proverbial spiky gold head gear wot Kings and Queens often wear when someone else posh visits them!! I've also said before that **...no shop defo means no Post Office!!**

Contact Clive Ward here - 07885 819920 if you'd like to know more.



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I charge £25 an hour (day time) plus travel time.

If I can help, please contact me: juliehalford160@gmail.com or Tel: 07831 166081. My phone is off when I am working, so it may be best to email me. I will then get back to you, come and visit you, & we can discuss your needs. Otherwise, please leave a message on my phone and I will ring you back as soon as I can.



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Patient Participation
Group

JOINT NEWSLETTER
Number 1 2025



Dear All,

As we move on into the new year, Church Street and Newbury Street PPGs are working together to present a **Health and Wellbeing event at the Beacon on Saturday 26th April 2025** (Free entry for visitors). It will be a showcase for clubs, charities and other groups involved in promoting health in mind and body for residents of the Wantage and Grove area. If your club or charity would like to take part, please contact wellbeing@Ox12.org for more details.

The above event looks as if it might be a bit of fun and worth a visit. It starts at 12noon - that's the kind of morning time I like... no need to set the alarm for stupid o'clock!

Apparently many local organisations will be there to tell us about what they have to offer that will benefit our physical and mental health. There will also be talks on back pain, help with the NHS app, and demonstrations on CPR and use of a defibrillator.

Active groups will also be demonstrating their dance, yoga etc.

So, if you wanna have a bop on a Saturday morning at the doctor's, why not head on down?!



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Tension released and tail wags increased!

You may not realise what canine massage is, the short answer is, it's like a service for your dog! I use a variety of manual techniques to release the tissues responsible for causing restriction and discomfort. Movement is particularly important to dogs, as it not only allows them to get about comfortably but is a huge part of how they communicate with their humans and one another.



It's not always obvious when your dog has restrictions, but most people see the difference after massage.

I have treated dogs who were looking old and got them back

to enjoying a comfortable, more active life (example video on my Facebook page). I have also treated dogs who look great for their age and afterwards are "absolutely flying" So especially if you have an older dog, book them a massage! 07421509852

GARD's view of a 'smaller' reservoir on the SESRO site

Introduction and Context

Some people ask: "*what is GARD's view of a smaller reservoir on the SESRO site, would GARD still oppose this?*"

We need to give the context:

Thames Water are not 'offering' a smaller reservoir, indeed, post-consultation, they even increased reservoir size, to 150 billion litres from the 100 billion-litre size rejected at the 2010 Public Inquiry; and there is no sense in which one can 'negotiate' with Thames Water about a smaller size reservoir. Unless there is a Public Inquiry, the Development Consent Order (DCO) hearings in 2027 will not consider any options other than the huge SESRO.

The only way to bring discussion of a smaller reservoir into play, is to strongly support GARD and CPRE's call for a Public Inquiry.

Is any size reservoir necessary?

GARD's analysis shows that, even on Thames Water's exaggerated population and housing growth figures, ***there is no water deficit*** before the mid-2050s. After that, a much smaller reservoir, or preferably, a water transfer from the River Severn, might be needed to supply London and Hertfordshire. GARD would prefer the more adaptable, cheaper, quicker delivered, more drought-resilient water transfer.

*The Environment Agency's figures, on the government website, show the need for water declining to 2050. Why? Well, the government has finally forced the water companies to commit to lower levels of leakage, and personal use (via efficiency measures and metering). **No reservoir of any size is needed.***

A smaller reservoir?

Thames could have promoted a smaller reservoir (up to 50 billion litres, one third of SESRO) after the 2010 Inquiry Inspector concluded that there *might be a case for one, but that Thames had not proved it.*

In pursuing higher profits from a larger reservoir (via higher customer bills) Thames Water ignored the Inspector's conclusion, promoting instead the huge SESRO. A reservoir much smaller than SESRO would be far preferable, because it would: not seal the flood plains, which are crucial to Hanney flood relief; be sited further from the villages, be largely contained below ground, with low bund walls (like Farmoor) which would not dominate the landscape, and be very much safer in the case of any Dam Breach; not have the very large effect on groundwater levels; lead to much less loss of good farmland and biodiversity/wildlife; cost much less on customer's bills; be much less disruptive and polluting in the construction phase.

If a Public Inquiry recommended a Reservoir smaller than 50 billion litres, GARD would accept the decision, but continue campaigning on issues of ensuring minimum impact and maximum safety of the design up to DCO approval.

Derek Stork, Chair of GARD, for the GARD Committee.



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Can we help Jake?

He's raising funds for a charity called SOFEA. You can read all about them here:

www.sofea.uk.com

Jake's lived his whole life in West Hanney, and here's what he told me....

"I'm excited to share that I'll be taking on a challenge that's very close to my heart— walking 15 miles to support SOFEA, the amazing organisation that has been there for me since my college days. They are dedicated to helping vulnerable young people like me by providing work placements, education, and even tackling food waste through community larders. They've not only helped me grow in confidence and independence but have also taught me valuable skills that are essential for my future.



Without their support, I honestly don't know where I would be right now. This walk is more than just a physical challenge for me; it's a chance to give back and show my gratitude for all that SOFEA has done. I can't wait to walk with purpose and direction, knowing that every step I take is helping others in our community. Thank you for your support, and let's make a positive impact together!"

Jake's got a JustGiving page. Go to their website here: www.justgiving.com and in the search box type 'Jake Wilkinson'. That will take you to his page.

From there making a contribution is easy.

Major Power Outage in West Hanney, 28 Feb to 1 March

Over the period from 6pm on 28th February until noon on the 1st March some 50% of West Hanney properties were without electricity due to a major outage.

The temperature was dropping quickly and unless the power was restored quickly, many people faced an evening and night in freezing conditions.

In addition to heating, cooking meals was out of the question for many, with the blackout having occurred prior to the evening meal. The first port of call would normally be The Plough pub, but it was also affected by the lack of power.

For many residents this could have been an unmitigated disaster. However, help was at hand via the public spirited people and organisations within the Hanneys who immediately sprang into action akin to a well oiled machine.

There were properties unaffected by the power cut and many of their occupiers sought out neighbours who required help, and generously provided it.

The power cut continued throughout the night and at 6.30 am the Emergency Team Leader invoked the village 'Emergency Plan'.

A 'rest centre' was set up in the Hanney War Memorial Hall which provided warmth and hot refreshments. Volunteers were mobilised and door to door checks were made in affected areas to ensure all residents were safe and sound, and to inform them that the village hall was open.

Power was eventually restored about noon and the volunteers were stood down.

During a large power cut, communication is very difficult and old fashioned 'face to face' by those walking the streets checking on residents and explaining what was

going on regarding the power outage proved very beneficial. Lesson to be learned - boots on the ground are essential.

There is much jovial rivalry between East and West Hanney but when it comes to the crunch, we are as one and all pull together.

We are most fortunate to live in the Hanneys, surrounded by people and organisations who strive to maintain the quality of life we all aspire to.

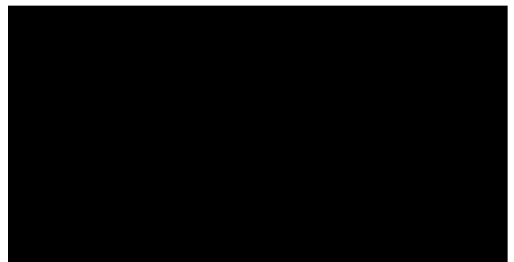
The unselfishness displayed by people who care about others was at polar opposites to the self-entitlement and 'me, me, me' attitudes, unfortunately, so often displayed in today's society.

I have not mentioned individuals who organised, nor the foot soldiers who gave their time for fear of missing someone out. However, most villagers know who they are and they may be rightly proud of their involvement and achievements in what could have developed into a serious situation

People of the Hanneys, relax in the knowledge that you are under the pastoral wing of some wonderful, caring people. We should all be truly grateful.

David Bratley

Many of you may will know Dave as the main man with our Hanney calendar. He's a keen and talented photographer, so when the power cut started, he was out and about with his box brownie. He's now sent me the photo below...apparently the best he got that night. Thanks Dave!



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www.maggies.org/get-involved/fundraise-with-us/challenge-events

And remember you'll be raising funds for a very worthy charity.





Many of us will have enjoyed the recent panto put on by our very own Haney Drama Group. Big ups to all involved, and thanks to Maya for allowing me to use this great pic she took of the luvvies in action!

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

The signs at the A338 blockage at Frilford says that Abusive Behaviour will not be tolerated. By whom? I have yet to see a human being on the site, despite a frustrated yearning to be just that.

Indignant of East Hanney'

Dear Editor

We would like to record our appreciation of the Hanney Emergency Group, set up during the Covid lockdown and thankfully still functioning.

The recent electricity failure over parts of West Hanney left us with no electricity for some 16 hours, and no means of communication since our mobile batteries were flat. On the Saturday morning we were visited by two concerned group members. One to check we 'old' folk were OK, and the other later bringing hot water. It is such actions which make the Hanney's a special place to live.

Thank you!

Michael and Sheila Hutchings



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HANNEY BADMINTON CLUB meets every Thursday in the Village Hall, 8-10pm. We welcome new members. 868256 for details.

HANNEY BELLRINGERS 'Learn the Ropes'. Wonderful mental and physical exercise with a friendly mixed group. Why not come along and watch a ringing session at St. James church. For more information contact Chris Surman 868749

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

HANNEY BOWLS CLUB - Thursdays 2.00-4.00pm. Contact Alan Savage on 07757 394776

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 pkayers@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

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB meets every Wednesday in the Olde Hanney Room 2-5pm. New members welcome. Contact Lyn Mortonlynmorton89@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 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 & BEAVERS, Contact Steve Houseman
.....stevehouseman@kascouts.org.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. £2.50p a session. Also every Thurs eve, 6.30pm -7.30pm. Just turn up to either, or both!

HANNEY TENNIS CLUB is a very friendly club and always welcomes new members. For more info email Jenny at member-ship.htc@gmail.com

HANNEY WALKIE TALKIES...organised by Cheryl and Sue, we meet at the junction of Meadow Way with School Road at 12:30 lunchtime every Thursday (weather permitting) for a walk in Hanney of approx. 50 minutes and chatting along the way. New faces are always welcome to our friendly group.

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
(Please note that at the Wine Circle meetings, they only drink the stuff, no treading takes place nor are any grapes harmed during their meetings)

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.

ST JAMES SCHOOL HELPING HANDS:

helpinghandshanneym@gmail.com

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-pilates.co.uk

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07825 709686 or email:

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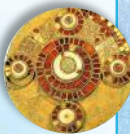
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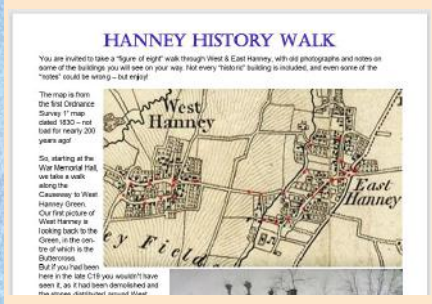


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