



# Hanney News

Number 594 May 2025

## Thanks Donald!

After careful negotiation, I'm delighted to announce that Hanney News remains 'Tarriff Free' and you won't pay a penny more for your copy!

I'm told the Orange President likes our humble mag very much, and reads it, cover to cover, every month, describing it as 'really beautiful'. He especially enjoys Jaunty Jilly, so he'll be delighted to see that this month she's urging us all to vote!!

...Democracy and all that good stuff! Page 4

**Paul Aram applauds us...  
we applaud him!**



**Liking the hat Dude!  
See page 9**

East Hanney Royal British Legion



## VE DAY - 80TH ANNIVERSARY



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**SMARTPHONE  
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Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement of parents who believe childhood's too short to be spent on a smartphone



**See page 5**

## Editorial

Hello readers, and welcome to May. On the front cover you'll see one rather silly item and two very serious ones.

Goes without saying that the VE Day celebrations are extremely special, as is the new movement to try and get kids off their smartphones - something I think we should all support. See page 5.

One way of doing that is to encourage them to do other stuff, and no folk in our community have done more in that regard than Paul and Lisa Aram...big chiefs of the fab and groovy Hanny Youth Football Club. That's Paul on the front cover with the snazzy hat, and I'm very happy to pay tribute to them on page 9.

Don't miss this month's Hanney History Group meeting....it will be fascinating. See page 13.

I promised to give her one when she returned from her holiday, so it's page 4 to read Jaunty Jilly's latest 'column' which encourages us all to vote for our County Council members. This is important stuff....they all have their own political agendas to push, some very different from others!

One of the County's responsibilities is our roads, so it's good news in that regard on page 15, though I'm sure it will mean many hold ups and those infuriating 'temporary' traffic lights.

More traffic related stuff on page 19.

We welcome a new advertiser this month, **SupplePups**, so if Rover's a bit under the weather, give them a try... page 11.

Talented Hanney artist Jill Smith is exhibiting some of her lovely paintings as part of the County-wide Arts Week...details page 4.

Our very own Police and Crime Commissioner's pearls are to be found on page 8, whilst GARD's update is on page 14, along with a 'big up' for a local company, and a lovely thank you from the great team who put on the regular Cancer Research sales.

Kids and litter picking on page 16, including a snap of the youngsters of 1985.

Word on the street is that Hanney's next film night is the Dylan Biopic '**A Complete Unknown**', but I've heard nothing officially from the organisers, so who knows? One might say that it's a complete unknown!

Ring them bells...see page 13, and on page 17, I'm back to the cup winning Hanney football team of yesteryear... a lovely team photo from the archives of some very hard men! Somehow a few of the great and the good managed to get into the pic too!

Meantime, congrats to the current Hanney Man's team, doing really well...great stuff lads, keep it up.

Our very own Hanney Drama group are having a big drive to recruit new members - see the article on page 18 - and next month I believe Jaunty Jilly will have more details of the party they're holding in June to which we're all invited.

Finally, Mrs E and I went to the circus recently. We saw a fabulous trampoline act, two brothers from Prague, who called themselves the 'Bouncing Czechs'!

Till next month dear readers....

**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](mailto:hanneynews@gmail.com)

## What's happening this month....

**Fri 2nd, 7.30pm, Village Hall, Hanney Film Nights, proudly presents....**

**well, I actually don't know. See editorial!** Doors and Bar open 7.30pm, film starts 8pm. Contactless payment only...no cash. £8, £7 concessions

**Mon 5th, 5 - 6pm Hanney will be amongst a large number of churches hosting an open hour for experienced Bellringers. See page 13**

**Tues 6th, 7.30pm, Village Hall, West Hanney Parish Council, Annual Meeting**

**Sun 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!

**Sun 11th, 11am - 6pm, VE Day Celebrations, Market Place Wantage.**

**Weds 14th, 7.30pm, Village Hall, East Hanney Parish Council Meeting**

**Sun 18th , 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.

**Sun 18th, 10am to 1pm** Fundraising for the charity Riding for the Disabled (Abingdon Group): Plant sale, table top sale, games and refreshments on at Lower Lodge Riding Centre, Charney Road, Southmoor OX13 5HW. Plant donations welcomed.  
Contact Sarah at [sarahwilkinson123@gmail.com](mailto:sarahwilkinson123@gmail.com).

**Mon 19th - Hanney History Group**, Francesca Giarelli, Site Director, 'The Archaeological Dig at Grove'. Visitors, £3.50. New members always welcome . See page 13 for full details and a few snaps of dedicated folk getting down in the dirt and finding amazing stuff!! See page 13.

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

**GARD AGM Fri 30th, 8pm** Millenium Room, Steventon Village Hall

## And further ahead ...

**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 Darlings, I'm back, urging you to put your little tick in your favourite's box!**

## Vote, Vote, Vote!

On Thursday 1 May 2025, residents across Oxfordshire will be able to vote in the County Council election. You will be voting to elect the individual to represent your area within Oxfordshire County Council, making decisions on many important issues - see list below!

<b>Name of Candidate (surname first)</b>	<b>Description (if any)</b>
Batstone Ron	Liberal Democrats
Cattell Andrew	Independent Oxford Alliance
Freeman Martin John	Reform UK
Jones Margaret	Labour Party
Patmore Tim	Local Conservatives
Swallow Adam Garth	The Green Party

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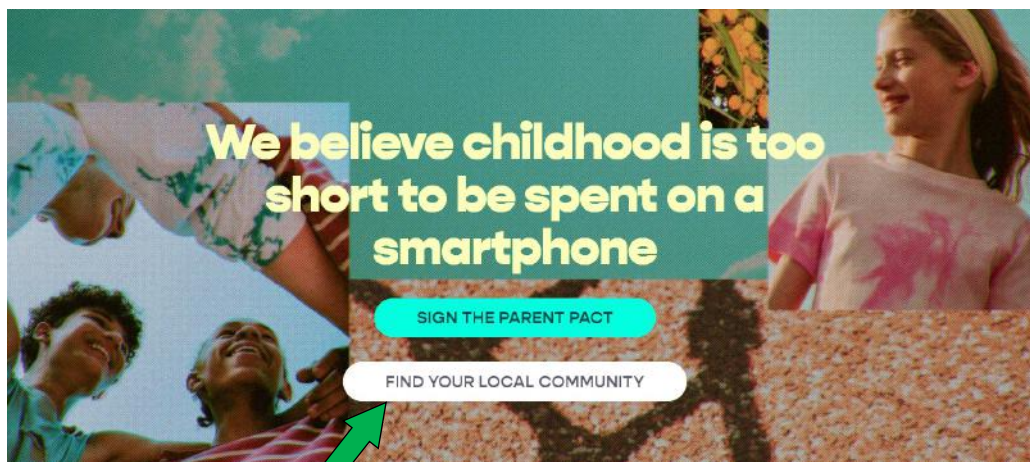
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## Smartphone Free Childhood

is a grassroots movement bringing parents together to stand up for healthier, happier childhoods...

"Founded in February 2024 after one WhatsApp group went viral, we're now a community of over 200,000 parents working together to change the culture around kids and smartphones.

We've made it our mission to provide solidarity, support and solutions to parents who are struggling with what's become one of the defining parenting challenges of our time.

And we're using the voice of our community to push for more support from the government in the battle to reclaim childhood from Big Tech's addictive algorithms and devices."

Their website is here:  
[smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk](http://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk)



## Flexicare Community Walk

Sunday 18th May 2025



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# East Hanney Parish Council

## Both East and West Hanney

**Parish Councils** hosted a flood summit at The Memorial Hall chaired by our MP Olly Glover on 10th April.

The idea for the meeting came from the Flood Resilience Group and the tireless Tim Glass.

Clive Manvell of The Hanney Flood Group put together an impressively detailed presentation that focussed the minds of Thames Water, The EA, and representatives of both the County and District Councils. Also in attendance, and making up the 37 participants were Parish Councillors from many neighbouring villages.

The issues that have plagued areas of both villages were discussed at length and through the guidance of Olly, a joined up action plan involving all agencies is being formulated to relieve all these areas.

For years there has been a disconnect between each body but now there is a far better understanding of difficulties that in turn will lead to a longer term solution.

The meeting culminated in a village walkabout highlighting the pinch points in the village.

So many villagers contributed behind the scenes with hospitality, directing traffic hosting the walk and answering questions, it's difficult to thank all in the piece.

Thank you to everyone who suggested areas where oak bollards could be placed to protect the verges, all will be considered at the next PC meeting.

After meetings with Thames Water, they advised they will soon begin the remedial works to the lane by the school and the verges that were damaged when their tankers took short-cuts to the pumping station.

## 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 14th May, 7.30pm, Village Hall**

# West Hanney Parish Council

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**PC Website: [www.westhanneypc.org.uk](http://www.westhanneypc.org.uk)**

**The planning appeal** into the construction and operation of a solar farm on farmland to the East of Denchworth was heard by Mr. S Rennie, Planning Inspector on 11<sup>th</sup> March, with a site visit on 12<sup>th</sup> March. After carefully considering the reasons for the refusal of planning permission, and the points put forward in opposition to this proposal, the Planning Inspector concluded the benefits would outweigh the harms. The appeal was allowed, and planning permission was granted.

Renewable Connections Developments Limited have confirmed that the solar farm as proposed could produce an annual power output of over 33,000 MWh, which could power over 11,000 homes, and the renewable energy generated could make a contri-

bution towards reducing net carbon dioxide emissions.

Detailed Planning Conditions have been agreed with Renewable Connections Developments Limited. West Hanney Parish Council and Denchworth Meeting will endeavour to ensure that these conditions are fully complied with.

Separate to the planning process and appeal, both parishes have agreed a Community Benefit Fund with Renewable Connections Development Limited to be paid over the operational life of the solar farm.

**The next meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room, HWMH.**

**Sky News - at least I think it was them?** - were down at the Plough the other day, and my snap captures two fine gents of the Parish...Matt Barber, our Police and Crime Commissioner, and Owain Jones, landlord of the aforementioned hostelry.....sat in the delightful cosy 'Community Corner' of the pub, as tough questions were fired in their direction. Meantime, two of the Plough's lovely staff looked on with some amusement.





## Making sure that crime doesn't pay

I recently spent some time sifting through grant applications for my Community Fund.

Each year we provide around half a million pounds to good causes in

Thames Valley by

taking money from criminals.

Some of the money comes through the courts, when judges can make orders under the Proceeds of Crime Act; and in cases where stolen goods are recovered but cannot be reunited with their rightful owner, they are sold and the money goes into this fund.

Any local group can apply, they don't need to be registered charities, but the money does need to go towards crime prevention in some way.

Amongst a wide range of applications received this year we've tried to focus on schemes to tackle anti-social behaviour and vehicle crime. This has included CCTV systems, knife crime prevention and support for victims of crime.

By law, we cannot put this money straight back into police budgets, so it is great to work with the community on crime reduction.

Preventing crime in the first place is, after all, better than catching criminals afterwards.

Locally some of the organisations that have benefitted included The Sinodun Players in Wallingford, with a project to reduce anti-social behaviour; Didcot Army Cadets; Be Free Young Carers; and Youth Challenge Oxfordshire. Sofea - the fantastic Didcot-based charity working with

**Matthew Barber**  
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**Matthew Barber is Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, working with the police to help drive down crime locally.**

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young people - also received funding for their work across Thames Valley to support young people transitioning between primary and secondary school.

As well as the regular funding available to local groups the cash taken from criminals is also used to support other organisations.

I have set up ongoing funding arrangements with Neighbourhood Watch across Thames Valley to help support their crime prevention work.

We support Street Pastors, volunteers from local churches who give up their time to make sure that people can get home safely after a night out.

Recently Business Crime Reduction Partnerships have started to benefit from this money to help them in the fight against shoplifting and retail crime.

As well as supporting our counties' High Sheriffs in their charitable work, one of the most important partnerships that this money enables is with our volunteer search and rescue teams who do so much to help those missing and in distress. The next round of funding will open in the summer.

If you'd like to be find out more and be notified when applications are open please visit [thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/community-fund](http://thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/community-fund)



**After an amazing 20 years, Lisa and Paul Aram** are stepping back from the Hanney Youth Football Club.

Paul has become President, and is handing over the day to day running to a new Chairman and Committee.

He told me that he and Lisa are focusing on new ventures, modestly suggesting that "We think we've deserved a break and so with a little sadness but with the knowledge that the club is in an excellent position, we hand it over".

Too right you deserve a break Sir Paul and Lady Lisa!

Paul added .... "Hopefully in some small way we have kept some kids from going in the wrong direction, given hope to others and happiness to many."

Their efforts for the club are well known, and they deserve massive praise and thanks from the whole Community of Hanney and surrounding villages!

A couple of basic stats indicate just what they have achieved ... HYFC has grown from just 5 players in 2005 to over 320 today, with 17 teams and more than 40 coaching staff. Needless to say, it is the envy of many other clubs, offering as it does, some fantastic facilities and teams at every age group from 4 to seniors.

The youngsters who've played over the years, I'm sure will echo my thanks.... From being sat at home with their noses pressed into a mobile phone, they're out in the fresh air, learning a great sport, but much more importantly, learning how to be a team player, coping with the ups and downs, and of course, making new friends at the same time.

Final words go to Paul... "We would like to personally thank everyone who had helped us over the years. It wouldn't have been possible to succeed without the support you and others have given us - it is truly incredible how people have helped make such a tiny venture grow into the success we see today"

Below, a couple of snaps from the archives.  
Eat your hearts out Declan and Mo!



Hey Lisa, do you smoke it or eat it?



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# THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



May is my favourite month of the year - Spring turning into early summer - still cool and fresh, but everything around us bursting into new life. For those of us lucky enough to have gardens, it's a busy but rewarding time of year.

And it's a good time to realise how fortunate we are, living in a peaceful place. Now I am no killjoy - I believe we should appreciate and enjoy the good things around us, and be grateful. But that doesn't mean we should turn our backs on the needs of the rest of the world.

Traditionally in England, Christian Aid Week falls in May - a good time to show our gratitude for the good things we enjoy by giving a helping hand to others less fortunate.

There are misconceptions about Christian Aid. Emphatically it is not about aid for Christians. It is a charity set up by Churches Together in England to help the poorest and neediest people in the world, regardless of their faith, religion, nationality or culture.

As we have seen USAID closed down suddenly, without warning and with no transition arrangements, we are painfully aware that there are many people suffering and dying as a result.

And sadly our own government, hedged around with economic pressures and new threats in the world, has reluctantly, understandably but regrettably, made cuts to our British aid budget.

We can bewail all of this, but better, we can consider how far we can step up, and together as ordinary citizens, rally round where governments are no longer providing help.

Christian Aid helps in two ways. In disasters and emergencies they provide urgently needed relief, often as part of the Disasters Emergency Committee. But alongside this, most of their work is development, finding ways to help the poorest people to work themselves out of poverty, giving people the means to provide for their families by their own efforts.

Now it doesn't matter whether you support Christian Aid or Save the Children or Tear Fund or Comic Relief, or other similar charities doing similar work. And they all have websites which make it easy to make one off donations or set up standing orders. Christian Aid Week this year is 11th - 17th May. For me it's a trigger - a reminder to remember the poorest people in the world, whether we respond through Christian Aid or any other similar charity.

There are those in the world who think it's right to turn our backs on those in need. I believe we're better than that - and we can show that we still care.

And meanwhile, we can still enjoy the beauty of May!

*Charles Draper*

*Retired minister living in East Hanney.*

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## **SERVICES in May 2025 at St James**

**4 th - Canon Geoff Maughan, 11 th - Revd Velma Oxley, 18 th - Revd Alec Gill, 25 th – Revd Alec Gill.**

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

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

### **Hanney Lottery**

#### **April Winners:**

1st - Jacynth Bassett

2nd - Jane Taylor

3rd - Hazel Abrahams

**Not got a number yet  
or want additional  
numbers? Call Hilary  
on 868590.**

### **On Monday May 5th**

from 5 - 6pm, St James Church, West Hanney will be amongst a large number of churches hosting an open hour for experienced Bellringers from around the region.

Different groups will be on the ropes for 5-10 minutes at a time and there should be some quality ringing to hear.

Also we shall be joining in the celebration of the **80th Anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8th May.**

As you will probably know, many different events are planned and Cathedrals and Churches nationwide will be ringing out in celebration at 6.30pm.

St. James will be one of the many.

## **Hanney History Group**

**are proud to present a talk on**

**Monday 19th May**

**from**

**Francesca Giarelli,**

**Site Director of**

**'The Archaeological Dig at Grove',**

**8pm in the Village Hall,  
East Hanney.**

The presentation will be a summary of the archaeological discoveries made at Brookside Meadow, an ongoing excavation conducted by Red River Archaeology.

The preliminary results highlight the long occupation of the site from the late Bronze Age to the end of the Roman era, that culminated with the construction of the villa complex.

Visitors, £3.50. New members always welcome.



## GARD NEWS:

**March** GARD met with MP OLLY GLOVER to discuss opposition to SESRO. Our MP has a meeting scheduled with the Water Minister Emma Hardy, postponed from March date tbc. There are plans for activities at Westminster. All three local MPs are united in their opposition to SESRO – keep writing to them and your local councillors!

Local Elections – ask candidates what they will do about SESRO.

**May 1st, 7th, 8th Online Zoom information sessions 7pm see Facebook/ website for details.**

**May 24/25th** Balloon event, further local meetings with Cllr Povolotsky tbc

**May 30th AGM 8pm Millenium Room, Steventon Village Hall.**

**June 13th, 18th** Millets GARD/ CPRE anti-SESRO Petition Action Days come and join us.

**June 19th:** Petition to be presented to the Secretary of State

Please tell your friends to sign the petition before it goes to the government in June.

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/stop-thames-water-s-plans-for-a-devastating-mega-reservoir>

**June 25th/ 26th** Judicial Review

**July 5th:** SESRO Action Day. Cllr Povolotsky

**FUND RAISING:** GARD needs to raise funds for its ongoing Campaign. The legal costs for the Judicial Review are very high and have absorbed available resources. Please contact us with your ideas, expertise or donations. See [www. Abingdon Reservoir.org.uk](http://www.AbingtonReservoir.org.uk)

**Thames Water** will be pressing on with publicity and glossy pictures of sailing on imaginary lakes. Look out for their events tbc, go express your views.

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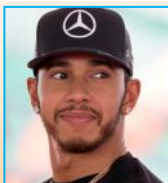
Derek Stork, Chairman GARD

## **This from the lovely folk who organise** the Cancer Research Table Top Sale....

*"A big thank you to everybody who came along and supported our table top sale on 29th March. With your help we raised £1,045 for the Churchill Hospital for Cancer research. Thank you to our family and friends who are always there to help support Hanney Fundraisers - we couldn't do it without you."*

## **If you read this humble**

**mag** on a reasonably regular basis, you'll know that I like to 'big up' local businesses from whom I've personally had a good service, product or whatever. My latest recommendation is for **Webbs of Wantage** taxi service. They recently took Mrs Editor and I to Heathrow and brought us back a



week later, bronzed and beautiful - well, Mrs E at least - from a little holiday in Tenerife.

No hassles... our driver Priyam was a very pleasant young man indeed, and most importantly, a very safe

driver, in stark contrast to a taxi ride we took whilst on holiday, with a driver who was Lewis Hamilton's elder brother! So, thanks Priyam and Webb's...great stuff.

## £7.4 million road resurfacing programme to begin next month

Nearly 100 roads across Oxfordshire will be improved as part of a £7.4 million highway maintenance programme beginning this spring.

Oxfordshire County Council and its contractor will be visiting 73 towns and villages between 22 April - 16 June to carry out surface dressing work.

Over one million square metres of carriageway will be treated.

**Councillor Andrew Gant, Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Transport Management, said:** "Prevention is better than cure, and this work builds on a similar programme of work, which we carried out last year.

"We realise how important the quality of our roads is to our residents and this work will help keep many miles of highways in a better condition for years to come. Surface dressing is one of the most cost effective methods of roads maintenance, with the spring and summer being the best time to complete the work.

"The council is urging motorists to watch out for notifications of the work taking place and to drive carefully after it has been carried out."

Driving too fast on a recently treated road can result in broken windscreens or chipped paintwork, as the friction from the tyres can dislodge loose chips. There is also an increased risk of skidding while the new chip-pings 'bed in'.

For these reasons, an advisory speed limit of 20mph will be put in place. It is important to adhere to these low speeds until all warning signs have been removed.

Surface dressing - not to be confused dear readers with salad dressing! - involves applying bituminous emulsion onto the road as a binder. This is followed immediately by the application of chippings to dress the emulsion layer.'



**I want to introduce you** to a lovely Hanney lady called Flora Scobie.

Many of you will have already met her at local craft fairs and such where she sells her beautiful handmade baby & children's clothes.

**'Bumble Bots Clothing'** is the name of her business, and she has just launched a new website:

[www.BumbleBotsClothing.com](http://www.BumbleBotsClothing.com) - it's well worth checking out!

Flora also makes clothes for us grown-ups.





**Here's a couple of snaps** from two litter picks that happened recently.

Steve McKechnie, East Hanney PC Chair advised "A very keen turnout, with many arriving before the official start time and we're off picking!"

The purple bags and the tyre are from Hanney's splendid efforts, whilst the truckload waiting to go to the dump are the work of the Denchworth Dynamos

...clue's in the name as to where these cool dudes strut their stuff! And what a great name it is! Massive big ups to all involved in helping to make our communities nicer places to live. And if you're ever tempted to chuck litter of any sort out of your car as you drive down our highways and byways - at 20mph of course! - please don't!!



Here's Tommi...youngest member of our Community Woodland working party  
....details, page 30



## Scouts clean up

Cubs and Scouts descended on East and West Hanney for an annual litter blitz at the weekend.

The boys and leaders from the village troops fanned out from the village hall to spend a day collecting rubbish from the streets and surrounding countryside. Willing villagers joined the efforts as the boys collected around 100

sacks of litter, and cleared debris from streams and ditches.

The clean-up is normally plagued by bad weather, but this time the rain held off and organisers said it was a very successful day. Pictured are Jonathan, nine, and Ben Reason, 11, Simon Lancaster, 11, Gideon Cummings, nine, and Andrew Montgomery, ten.

The photo and article from the Wantage Herald, is of the village litter pick when the cubs and scouts used to do it. Angela Cousins was the scout leader and probably the driving force behind the whole thing. The photo shows from left to right, Jon and Ben Reason, Simon Lancaster, Andrew Montgomery and Gideon Cummings and as Simon according to the article is 11, it must have been the 1985 litter pick. Many thanks to Tim Lancaster for allowing me to use this great piece of modern history.



**Last month I enquired** as to who owned the land outside 1, The Causeway.

I've had a couple of responses for which my thanks, and one of those folk, Deb Brown, very kindly added the following about the farmer I mentioned 'Wink' Cottrell. She told me....

*"He was actually called Frank, was much loved and respected and had the kindest of hearts. He had the patience of a saint, he let all of the local kids help themselves to Mangels (Mangel-Wurzels - cow fodder) for Halloween .. not swedes .. and he also let them help milk cows, feed the calves, collect eggs. He allowed kids to take dead wood for bonfires from one of the copses on the farm. He also allowed them use the old disused pig stys to play in, and also take home lots of the apples and plums he grew behind Dandridge Mill and also on the farm.... oh not to mention the kittens, harvest time etc. etc.."*



*Frank did this for a few generations of children - not just mine - he really was a good egg and in his youth one of the footballers that won the cup for Hanney. He was a true gent and Hanney Legend - Frank's kindness made growing up here a gift and true blessing."*

Lovely words Debs, thank you, and as Debs mentions, Frank played in the 1946/47 Hanney Utd football team that won the North Berks Cup. See pic below. The team, with Frank, won it again the following year. They look a hard bunch don't they? None of this writhing around in fake agony like Liverpool and Arsenal players do these days! .....only joking all you Scousers and Gooners fans out there...I know every team does it, and it's pathetic and embarrassing to watch!!

I'm assured by a gent who witnessed their many successes, that before a game, the team would visit the Black Horse for a swift pint or two!



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The Hanney Drama Group actually dates back over 50 years and is as much about camaraderie and creativity as it is about performing. Whether your enthusiasm lies in acting, singing, dancing, costumes, stage and set design, lighting, or behind-the-scenes magic, there's a place for you with us.

We're actively seeking new members from the village and surrounding areas to join our spirited team. You're warmly invited to join us for our Summer Social and Recruitment Evening on Friday, June 13th, at 7:30 PM in The Olde Hanney Room at the Hanney War Memorial Hall, Brookside, East Hanney. Come along for an informal chat and meet some of our members. Enjoy refreshing drinks and tasty nibbles. We may even entertain you with a few songs from our recent shows and try out some new popular favourites.

Whether you're curious about our productions, interested in joining, or simply want a night of informal entertainment, come along and mingle with our friendly and enthusiastic members. We can't wait to show you the fun and fulfilment of being a part of the Hanney Drama Group!



## CHARNEY BASSETT MILL OPEN TO PUBLIC 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> MAY

As in previous years, Charney Bassett's very own Water Mill will be open to the public on National Mills Opening Weekend (10/11 May).

Its workings have been lovingly restored by the former Vale of White Horse Industrial Archaeology Group and if you haven't seen inside the building, it is well worth a visit.

The building will be open from 2.00 – 4.00 pm on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. It is located on the opposite side of Lyford Road to St Peter's Church and directly opposite the entrance to Charney Manor. For Sat Nav users the postcode is OX12 0EN (the Mill building is attached to Mill Cottage).

The building (Grade 2 listed) is owned by Oxfordshire County Council and leased to the Parish Council on a 99-year repair and maintenance lease. Since the Industrial Archaeology Group was wound up, the Par-



ish Council has been looking for ways to make the building more available to the public and for anyone with an interest in the longer term future of the building who cannot get to view it on the opening weekend please contact the Parish Clerk (Trevor Brown) at [parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk) for more information.

**Traffic-related stuff** seems to be very much in the local news just lately.

We've got potholes aplenty, of course, roads flooding, 'temporary' - I use the term loosely - 4 way (!) traffic lights, diversions and accidents to deal with far too frequently of late. (Re those lights, my advice is take a packed lunch, a good book or maybe a duvet and pillow!)

The 20mph speed limit is here to stay, and there's an organisation called '**20's Plenty for Us**'. Their website here -

[www.20splenty.org](http://www.20splenty.org) and on it you can



read all sorts of stuff promoting the limit, including a claim that lower speeds have led to 678 (28%) fewer casualties in the twelve months after the national speed limit change.

And here's another plus that's news to me... ....**Rob Clarke** from **esure insurers** explained how lower speeds lead to 'reduced collision risks, translating into lower insurance premiums for drivers'. This financial benefit - estimated by **esure** to be currently £45 per driver per year - is a strong incentive for the wider public to embrace 20mph limits.

**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:

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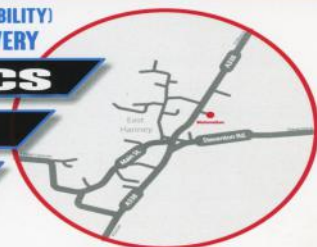
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**HANNEY BOOK CLUB** - 8pm, 1st Thurs of the month, Plough, W. Hanney.  
[hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk)

**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 [psayers@btinternet.com](mailto:psayers@btinternet.com) or 01235 868146

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

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

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

**HANNEY GARDENING CLUB** meets on the

first Monday of each month, Sept to April, in the HWMH. 7:30 for 8.00pm. Tea and coffee followed by a talk.

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

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

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

**HANNEY SCOUTS,CUBS & BEAVERS,** Contact Steve Houseman  
.....[stevehouseman@kascouts.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.



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**HANNEY WINE CIRCLE** meets on the 2nd Monday each month.

[www.hanneynwinecircle.org.uk](http://www.hanneynwinecircle.org.uk)  
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**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](mailto:hyfcfooty@gmail.com) or visit our website [hanneyyouthfc.co.uk](http://hanneyyouthfc.co.uk)

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

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**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](mailto:pippa@thrive-pilates.co.uk)

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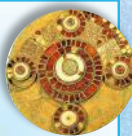
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