



Hanney News

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see pages 16 & 17**



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29TH! (Page 6 tells you why, and yes, I know this is the July issue, but hopefully you've received this humble mag before the above dates.)

Man throwing wooden sticks in pub garden - see page 4.

**Shares in the Plough - available for sale to
Hanney and non-Hanney residents – page 4.**

Broken down bus, Black Horse pub, page 19.

**The Shop, Hanney News, a new projector for
the Hall, new door for the Shop - see page 8.**

Bags and a book, page 5.



Editorial

I'm very proud of this pic...Luke and I at the recent Plough party. I already had snaps of the big Welsh lad, but virtually none of Luke, who'd been slaving away all day in a hot kitchen, cooking up some top-notch grub including a delish chicken burger I had for my lunch. I spotted him having a well deserved break later on, so I asked him to find someone he'd like to have his pic taken with, and without hesitation, he chose me! I was mighty flattered and handed my camera - well actually my phone - to a gent who grabbed this shot. Front page pic is Owain with Ian and Jacqui from the Black Horse... also a great pub with great grub! A warm welcome is guaranteed should you venture east! Luke and the Welsh boy both deserve our huge gratitude....they are very special people! If it wasn't for the laws of libel, I'd print a few stories of their predecessors...what a bunch!! Only the invisible fellow in the firmament knows where they were found! I'll try and let you know of events etc. at our pubs, and if any of the good folk of the Legion, La Fontana and Spice wanna keep



me posted, please do! Not everyone is on Faceache! Showers and toilets next on the agenda...those at the Hall are now top notch thanks to the efforts of Graham Garner ...big ups to him on page 15. From racing drivers to authors to bag makers, we've many talented folk here amongst us...speedy Chris Aram is the former - page 9.

Chris French is the author...his novel 'National Endeavour' is just published, and Bernetta's lovely bags are on page 5. Check out our letters this month, page 18. Hanney's senior football team have done very well this season just gone... see page 5. Time to meet Aunt Sally... She's a game old girl, or rather an old game originating in Oxfordshire hundreds of years back. It's great fun and happens every other Wednesday at the Plough. Snaps on page 4. Without wishing to brag, we here at Global HQ are mighty proud of the contribution we were able to make towards the Village Hall's purchase of a new projector, page 8. That's enough from me...enjoy the summer, and see you in August.

This month we welcome three new advertisers, 'The Garden Man' 'Jenni Warrior Yoga' and 'Support from the Shires'. Their ads appear on page 10 and 11. Check them out! And thanks to them and all our advertisers

who, along with contributions from St James Church, our Parish Councils, and the Police and Crime Commissioner, allow us to pay our bills - mainly our printing costs - and make donations to Community- based good causes. See page 8.

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 my mob: 07762 239681, or landline - 01235 867500, or email: hanneynews@gmail.com

What's happening this month....

Tuesday 1st, 7.30pm. The Wilts and Berks Canal Trust offers a fascinating glimpse into Wantage pubs of yesteryear, led by Brian Stovold. Why not bring along your own memories of times gone by to share? Starting point: the Sack House, Wantage Wharf, Mill Street, OX12 9GF. Walks are free, but a donation of £2 per person to Wilts & Berks Canal Trust gratefully accepted. For more information, please contact Brian on 07946 524928. Places on the walks are limited

Tues 1st, Hanney Seniors Football Club are holding sessions on the Rec, every Tues, from 6.30pm - 8pm. See page 5.

Thurs 3rd, 8pm, Icknield Way Morris Men will be dancing at the Fox Denchworth.

Thurs 10th, 6.30pm, Fox Denchworth - Aunt Sally Inter Benefice Challenge, in aid of St James Church, Denchworth. Tickets include BBQ supper. £15 Admission by ticket only, available from the Churchwardens, or contact Maggie Vaughan at maggie-vaughan35@gmail.com



Sat 19th, Flood Group Working Party...see page 30 for contact details.

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

Sat 26th, Flood Group AGM.

And further ahead

Mon 18 August, 11am. Hanney History Group, a walk in Eynsham. Contact details , page 30, and in case you missed it, **David & Kath Gahan will be repeating their talk on Hanney's 'J.R. Holmes & History of Birth Control' at history groups in Grove (16th Sept, 2pm) and Harwell (17th Sept, 7.30pm).**

Sept 10th and 17th, 8pm, Denchworth Village Hall. Icknield Way Morris Men Taster sessions, all are welcome.

Sat 20th Sept, Family Fundraising Bingo Night, for the Abingdon Vale Swim Club.... details next month.

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

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 27 SEPTEMBER!!

Hanney Michaelmas Fayre

will happen but not in its usual way - keep a look out on Facebook and in Hanney News for more news!

As announced on page 12, we hope that the long-awaited LOO is about to be installed, along with some other improvements.

Do you enjoy nipping into The Plough for a glass of your favourite tippie?

Something to eat? The extra events like the Pub Quiz, Music Nights or just the great atmosphere?

Did you know that many of those doing just this might be one of the owners of the pub building?

After the threat raised by the previous pub chain to sell it off for a house or other purpose, many Hanney residents got together to buy it, restore much of the building from years of neglect and save it for us all to enjoy. Would you like to be a shareholder too?

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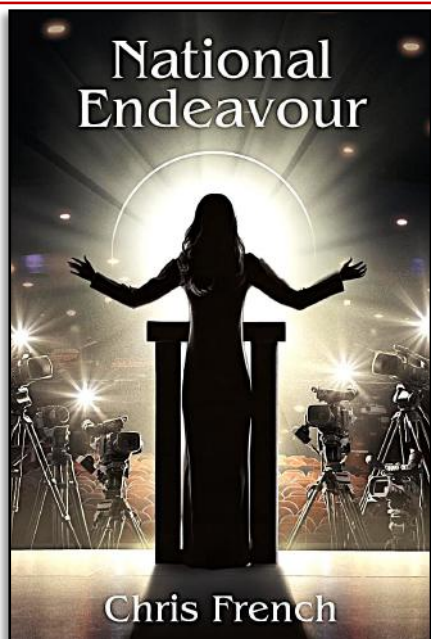
And still on the Plough, their Aunt Sally team are doing incredibly well, having won all five of their matches thus far in the 'Abingdon and District Aunt Sally Association'. The gent in the blue - bottom right - is Steve Dingle of West Hanney - think Harry Kane - who's scored the most 'dolls' so far this season. That's when you knock the little head off its perch. The top pics shows Roger Wilson... front and rear views of his throwing technique. Below left is team captain Kevin Sanders, and in the middle is Eddie Wilkinson. It actually requires a high level of skill and were I to have a go, the green backcloth, designed to protect whatever is behind it, would need to be approx. four times the size!

You can catch this great game every other Wednesday at the Plough in West Hanney.



We've got many talented folk in our community and I'm always happy to give them a mention in this mag. Latest is author Chris French...his new book is a great read.

"Chris French of East Hanney has his political novel published on August 8th. Pre-ordering of copies can be made now on the Amazon website. After August 8th a copy can be purchased from Amazon at £17.30 (Kindle £5.49), post free if you have Amazon Prime. He is offering a paperback copy (signed and dedicated if you want) to any Hanney or other local resident for £11.00. Unsigned copies will be available in the Hanney Community Shop for £11 from 1st July. If you want to buy direct from Chris (chrisfrench@hotmail.co.uk) send him an email and he will arrange to get one to you. 'Cash only' he says as he doesn't have a card machine. The novel is set in our part of the country in the future when, frustrated by continual failures and lack of progress by successive governments, a charismatic young woman is elected as an MP. She forms a new political party called National Endeavour and takes over the country as a benevolent dictator. She mends a broken society and solves all of the nation's problems before disaster strikes."



Another talented member of our community is West Hanney's Bernetta Haines, who offers a range of high quality bags at incredibly reasonable prices. They would make great presents for friends with good taste!

Lovely individual designs and beautifully hand made by Bernetta, she's recently had a display in our community shop window...a great place btw for showing your wares!...maybe you saw them? To contact Bernetta, ring 01235 868377 or email her here: bernepaul@btinternet.com



Hanney's very successful Hanney Football Club - this is the grown-up's team, who've just been promoted! Well done chaps! They're holding sessions on the Rec, every Tues, from 6.30pm - 8pm, and if you're interested in getting involved, pop down... you'll receive a warm welcome! Their main man Nik told me they're always on the lookout for players to strengthen their squad.



East Hanney Parish Council

Vacancies: We have an open councilor vacancy as well as the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) role, which is a paid position. The RFO ensures the council complies with financial requirements and currently is 5 hours per week. We welcome your interest in these roles, please contact the Clerk if you would like to apply.

Car Park Closure: On June 30th, the Parish car park at the rear of the hall will be closed to allow bay marking. This will help organize parking spaces more efficiently. Please ensure you do not park overnight or on June 30th. Thank you for your cooperation.

Pavilion: Designs for the pavilion have progressed and we hope to share the design more widely soon. The sports facility should ensure that teams have a clubhouse and storage which is in keeping with the location.

Finally, it was a pleasure to see Ron Batstone, our County Councilor, at our recent meeting, we look forward to working together on village topics. The council has agreed to support ongoing efforts to object to the reservoir due to significant unanswered questions regarding the design and suitability.

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New Councillors - Laura Lolly Bligdon and James Newsome. Contact details soon

Website: easthanneyparish.gov.uk

Clerk: clerk@easthanneyparish.gov.uk

Next Meeting Weds 9th July 7.30pm, Village Hall

Allotments... both East and West Hanney Parish Councils have allotments available. There's a great community atmosphere in both, with allotment holders always happy to help and advise newcomers. If you might be interested, David Corps for West and Garth Dennill for East are the gentlemen to contact.... details on pages 6 and 7.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!!....well maybe not hot, but still warm - the owners of 'The Chequers' pub in Charney Bassett have announced that they plan to re-open this fine historic establishment in early 2026. I quote...
"Our vision is for it to be family friendly, country pub." Much work still needs to be done, but I'm sure the reopening is great news to the good burgers of Charney, and those of us who venture to Charney once in a while. Just a thought...I wonder if they'll serve good burgers with skinny fries to the good burgers

I'm super excited about the amateur autopsy club I just joined!
Tuesday is open Mike night!

West Hanney Parish Council

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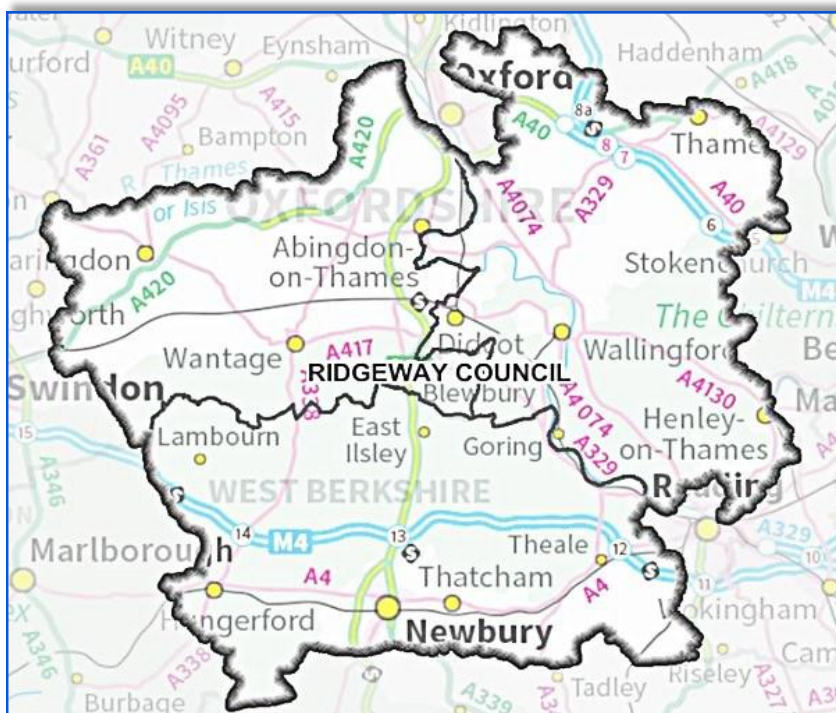
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As alluded to in last month's edition of the Hanney News, change is coming to local government. The national government will replace the current two-tier system of local government, which consists of district and county councils, with new unitary authorities.

Three proposals are being considered for Oxfordshire, one of which would see the council areas of Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire join West Berkshire to become a new unitary authority. There is more information at:

twocouncils.org [Home](#) - [Two Councils](#) and this is a link to the boundary map of the proposed 'Ridgeway Council':

<https://ridgewaycouncil.org/Boundaries>



**The next meeting of West Hanney Parish Council is on
Wednesday 3rd September at 7.30pm
in the Olde Hanney Room, Hanney War Memorial Hall.**



Darlings I'm back! Yes, for a few months now our dear little Editor has been giving me one, so with some pride I present my latest column.

A word of warning however... make the most of my pearls, cos coaxing a column out of him every month isn't that easy these days!

Now, I had a short holiday recently, and got some house sitters in to look after my cosy little nest.

Well, when I arrived home I found an empty food cupboard! I was not a happy girl. As Shakespeare would have put it...

"Verily I say unto thee, of house and home I was eaten out!"

There was only one thing for ita trip down to our fab and groovy Community Shop, to spend some serious dosh, and fill my

larder! Our Shop is a great place, and a real asset to our community!

And whilst we're on the Shop, have you noticed the brand spanking new front door? Very smart indeed, fitted by that rather gorgeous, hunk Jamie Roach, an East Hanney man, Jamie Roach and head hombre of 'Hanney Glazed'. See their ad on page 23. In order not to disrupt the running of the shop, Jamie and his team fitted the new door on a Sunday. Great stuff Jamie... much appreciated! Snaps show that manky old wooden one and the bright shiny newie! That's it from me darlings....till next time xxx



Thanks Jilly, meantime, there's more on the Shop and Hanney News!

Yes, being the generous folk we are here at Global HQ, and likewise Clive Ward and his great team at the Community Shop, our Village Hall has been able to buy a new projector after the old one broke.

We each contributed £500 towards the cost and at a recent Wine Circle evening, the use of the new projector showed it to be a great improvement on the old one, even before it broke.

Both the Shop and ourselves are always open to approaches for funds for genuine items, projects or whatever that will benefit our Hanney community.





I mentioned on page 5 some talented folk and here's another, young Chris Aram. Here's the story....

"After nearly 15 years being out of the seat competitively, Hanney resident Chris Aram is back behind the wheel in his Mini Cooper race car competing in the Mini Challenge Club Sport Championship. Having spent the winter building and testing the car, his first round was at Silverstone in April where despite various car setup issues he managed to qualify and hold 3rd in Class all weekend.

Chris says that following the first round they have been making further developments to the car in preparation for the next round at Thruxton on the 5/6th July where they are going all out for a top podium result.

The car is backed by local team 'AT Motorsport' based in Lyford.

Chris mentions that without their support and that of his other sponsors, his return to

racing would not have been possible.

"The team effort shown at the first round was amazing and I can't thank the whole team and sponsors enough for all their efforts.

We are still looking for local companies that want to get involved in the racing experience and sponsor the car. I will be happy to speak to anyone interested. If you would like to be involved in an exciting opportunity to help a local driver then please get in touch at:

chris.aram@hotmail.com

All our rounds are live streamed online with an extensive social media presence on and off the track. You can keep up to date with our progress via the Facebook page 'Chris Aram Racing' or for a more light hearted and more often than not a humorous take on events have a look at our TikTok page 'ChrisAramRacing1'

Our political chums - MP - Olly Glover. Email - olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk www.facebook.com/OllyGloverLD Bluesky: @ollyglover.bsky.social

Ron Batstone is our new County Councillor:

Phone: 01235 763564, Mobile: 07941 801479,

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Sally Povolotsky is our District Councillor:

Email: Sally.povolotsky@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.

Hanney Lottery ...

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NEWS FROM ST JAMES CHURCH.

Some say patience will always be rewarded. Maybe at long last that patience (and much fund-raising) is about to be rewarded – we are hopeful that a contract with our contractors, will be signed to start major works in St James Church – not only to provide a loo, but also better catering facilities, a new room available for both church use and other community activities plus other minor improvements.

We hope to start the works over the next few weeks and be finished before Christmas (2025 I hasten to add!).

It will mean some changes to access to the church and our services over the next few weeks, but we will do our best to make it work to the best of our abilities.

SO WHY DOES THE FRONT CHURCHYARD LOOK DIFFERENT NOW?

There are very few places that are unlikely to have been cultivated for 1000 years – but our churchyard (like others all over the country) is one of them. So what! you might say – but this means it is rich in wildflowers and

grasses which are the food for birds and insects which in turn attract for food as well as shelter many small mammals.

This year we believe there about twice the number of species growing, by July they will set their seeds ready to flower and multiply as the years go by. When that happens the 'wilded' areas will have their first mow of the year, leaving behind a few 'out of the way' areas where the mammals are making their homes.

Our practice of mowing access paths through the wilded area will continue throughout the year and as always, the 'new churchyard' is regularly maintained.

Some minor works will be taking place over the next few weeks to increase the burial area available for the coming years.

Our food and well-being are totally reliant on a balanced eco-system and the policy by the wider church is proud to support this.

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**The Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday
at 9.30am in St James – all are warmly welcome.
Freshly brewed coffee or tea is served after the service**

These are difficult times for many folk, doubtless made worse for some by the current lot in government who decided that cutting benefits was the way to go to patch up our faltering economy!

Here in Hanney we have a charity, **'The Hanney Parochial Trust'** that may be able to help. It is an amalgamation of several local charities, the first set up back in 1604!

I am the Chair of the board of Trustees, which includes both current Parish Council Chairs.

If you know anyone who lives in East or West Hanney and is in genuine financial need, please ask them to contact me directly, in strictest confidence.

We are now also working closely with **'Vale Community Impact' (VCI)** so feel free to approach them first if you'd rather. Their website is here: **www.vci.org.uk**, tel: **01235 765348**.

Our charity also considers applications for grants from anyone aged 18 - 25 who is starting full-time further education, and lives in Hanney.

Tel: 01235 867500 or 07762 239681 or email: jimstagg@btinternet.com.

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

On my travels down the delightful highways and byways of Hanney, I often hear comments regarding the current state of our churchyard.

Reader Sir Chris of Jay and Wisdom - has recently sent me an article that appeared in the Daily Telegraph, suggesting that an eco-friendly way of maintaining a churchyard was to use a herd of hungry goats who will chew their way through brambles, weeds, and excess foliage. This of course is claimed to be a natural and chemical-free way of clearing areas.

Locals have been asked not to approach the goats, to supervise children and keep dogs on leads. **'Biogoats 2 Rent'** are the company that hire out the goats and a spokesman said: "We are an eco-friendly weed and brush control company. We hire goats out to the private, business, and agricultural sectors. Once seeds have passed through a goat, they are generally non-viable.

The goats are very friendly and sociable animals, so you might also make yourself a friend or two." The company also claim that Jeremy Clarkson had stolen the idea for his 'Clarkson Farm' TV show.

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More than just fly-tipping

Fly-tipping is more than an unsightly mess, it can be big business for criminals.

From rogue traders claiming to be properly licensed, to large scale organised criminal gangs who will use threats and intimidation to illegally dump hundreds of tonnes of waste and the impact on victims and the environment can be huge.

In the last year alone there have been more than 100,000 incidents of fly-tipping across the South East and it is estimated that the cost to the economy in England is nearly a billion pounds.

Responsibility for waste dumping falls across several agencies. Local authorities are responsible for investigating, clearing and taking appropriate enforcement action in relation to small scale fly-tipping on public land. The Environment Agency is responsible for dealing with large-scale fly-tipping (more than a lorry load), hazardous waste and fly-tipping by organised gangs. Too often responsibility can be passed from one organisation to another.

So I have joined forces with Police & Crime Commissioners in Hampshire, Surrey, Sussex and Kent in an attempt to get police forces, specialist police units, the Environment Agency and councils to work together to tackle the problem. We held our first meeting in Kent in early June. Many people don't realise that often criminals who are involved in waste crime will also be responsible for vehicle thefts, money laundering, drug trafficking and a wide range of other offences.

Victims are often hit twice. Not only will rural and industrial businesses be impacted by having waste dumped illegally on their land or in their buildings, but they often have to pay for the cost of the clean up - or face stiff fines themselves! This needs to change, and I will be working to put pressure on the government to protect victims.

Thames Valley Police's Rural Crime Task Force have had some successes in tackling organised waste gangs by working with councils and the Environment Agency, but there is more to be



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If you pay someone who is unlicensed to take away your waste, you could be fined £600 if they dump your waste! So it's always worth checking the Environment Agency's website to see if someone is registered.

Editor here...a coincidence...See below

We live in a very picturesque part of the country, and I'm sure you'll agree with me that it's a great shame person or persons unknown thought that dumping a broken chest of

drawers on a verge in Halls Lane would somehow enhance it further.

I understand that locals are checking their doorbell footage in an attempt to find the culprit (s) and I sincerely hope they succeed. If you recognise the item as something you recently got rid off via a waste disposal company, then clearly they were not very good, to put it mildly! Meantime, I'm struggling to believe that it was a local resident who themselves dumped it



The Community at

work...a much loved

member of our community recently had to have a large dead conifer tree cut down, and in the base she found a bee's nest. Ooh err! Step up Sir Matt of Rosum and Bee...what he doesn't know about these buzzy little flying



creatures ain't worth knowing. He went round, worked his magic and hey presto, bees gone, Matt having moved them to a new location where they'll be much happier. Modest Matt told me..."I enjoyed seeing Helen's Red Tail bumblebees (*Bombus lapidarius*). As beekeepers, we consider it our duty to look after all types of bees, not just Honey Bees. The initial swarm season is over now but they may try again later in the season." Matt's honey is seriously delish...I can personally recommend it, and Matt added.. "We've had a good start to the season with over 100kg (220lbs) of honey harvested so far. 'Rosie Rosum Honey' is available in jars or larger quantities if required. Orders by email work best: Rosierosumhoney@gmail.com



**Matt does
his stuff**

Helen asked me to offer 'Big Ups' to Matt... I'm happy to Helen, and well done Matt!!

Graham Garner in

the newly refurbished showers in the Village Hall. You're relieved I'm sure that I managed to persuade him to keep his clothes on!!

At the last Hall Committee meeting Graham detailed some of the stuff that needs to be



done - often on a regular basis - to keep our Hall, one of the biggest jewels in our Hanney Crown, up and running, and available to all, including many folk from outside Hanney.

When I go to Senior Citizens coffee morning each week, Graham is always buzzing round, invariably clutching his tools and obviously on a mission to fix something! Here are just some of the things he's already done himself or had done by

specialists...a complete refurb of the changing rooms, including the shower drains...think he unblocked them himself (!)... the hot water system, including a new boiler, toilet floors, carpets cleaned, new table covers for the Hanney Room', grids

laid on the entrance to the field, a refurb of the veranda ramp, rewiring of main hall ceiling lights, bulbs in the wall lights, etc. Ongoing projects include the replacement of the doors and repair of the windows. Graham's work is not done...massive big ups to him, and his right hand man Sir Phil of Donovan, another true Sunshine Superman. (Only folk over 65 will get that last little attempt at a joke.) Thanks boys on behalf of all of us who use the Hall.





Dear Mr Editor

Later this year my husband and I will be acknowledging a significant date.

Our Hanniversary – five years since we moved to this great village!

Much has been published recently in this esteemed news bulletin encouraging individuals to consider offering support for various community groups needing more volunteers. The emphasis is sometimes put on the need of the group but may I suggest the benefits of volunteering is so much more than keeping these vital community groups viable.

Since living here we have joined various groups – including Woodlands, Flood group, WI, and the Community shop. As a result we have had the chance to keep physically active, make new friends, feel part of the community, and importantly keep our brains active (although trying to mentally add up customers shopping before resorting to using the calculator is sometimes a struggle!)

So if you want to improve your own well-being, physical and mental health do consider getting involved in village life. You won't regret it!

Kind regards

Marion & Mick Mantle

Dear Editor,

Before I begin, I must declare an interest: Graham Garner is a friend of mine, however, what I write below is an unbiased statement.

Users of the War Memorial Hall (Village Hall) may have had occasion to notice the splendid new showers which were recently installed. The facilities will add to the experience of sports clubs and others who may need them.

As with all projects, the end product does not instantly appear but is the fruition of



much planning and resourcefulness.

The main man in

this case is the ever present Graham Garner, custodian and devotee of the Hall.

I have witnessed Graham spending endless hours, often on his hands and knees, nurturing the renovation. Many problems were calmly and patiently solved by Graham who got stuck in and as a result the Hall now boasts a superb facility.

It is beyond doubt that the improvements would not have been completed within the tight budget without Graham's vision, tenacity and sheer hard graft.

The Hall is a well used facility in the Hanneys and it is down to the dedication and professionalism of Graham Garner, supported by a small group of other volunteers, who make the smart facility available to all.

The next time you have occasion to use the Hall, spare a thought for the unsung heroes who make your enjoyment possible.

David Bratley

Many thanks Dave and Marian for your lovely comments... I always enjoy my all too rare sessions in the shop, and I big up big Graham on page 15!!

At a recent National Community Speed Watch



meeting it was decided that July 11th will be a national day of Community Speed Watch (CSW) action. The hope is to get as many CSW teams out as possible.

So, please don't exceed the limit that day or any other (!) and please don't abuse any the community-minded folk who make up our local team.

If you do - they are all friends of mine! - I will come after you with a rolled up copy of Hanney News! You've been warned!

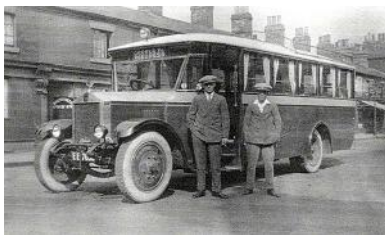
Last month I told you about the success of the Black Horse,

and a very close neighbour of theirs, Georgia Newman, has been in touch to tell me a story of something that happened awhile ago....

'It was lovely to see the Black Horse has been recognised, and as neighbours, we are so pleased Jackie and Ian are at the helm.

They thoroughly deserve to have praise heaped on them, which made me think back a few months to when they took in kids from a school bus that had broken down....

My kids were on the bus and Phoebe rang to tell me that smoke was billowing from the engine and that some of her friends were stranded and couldn't get home. I popped over to the bus stop and offered to



take her pals home. All the kids were stood on the patch of grass adjacent to the BH in the cold and dark. I went into the pub and asked Jackie whether it might be okay if the kids waited inside.

Not only did she say yes, but she provided jugs of squash and bowls of chips. She looked after them until they had all been picked up, even telling them they weren't leaving until all the chips had been eaten! They were so kind and went the extra mile even though they didn't know any of the kids. Needless to say, when I saw a parent of one the children the following weekend, they were raving about the BH, Jackie and Ian. Good sorts to have in the village!

Well said Georgia...great people, great establishment, jewel in the crown and all that good stuff!

I urge you all to visit soon and often!!!

Who remembers this dude?

And maybe you recognises a few of the spec-tators?

The gent was from the 'White Horse Modelling Club? I think he lived in Hanney and his name was Sid.

I believe the White Horse Model Club may still exists.



The Flat Earth Society have just announced that they have members all around the globe!





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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

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

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 or email: sallyannemiddleton@googlemail.com

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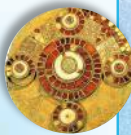
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In East Hanney, on the left wall of the porch in the Village Hall and on the fence between the Sovereign building and Motovation entrance on the A338. In West Hanney it's on the wall of the brick garage opposite the Plough in Church St. All are accessible 24/7

Hanney War Memorial Hall - To book the Hall, visit our website hwmh.thehanneys.uk and click on the 'Book Now!' link.

Email: hwmh.hanney@gmail.com



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HANNEY HISTORY WALK

You are invited to take a "Stair of sight" walk through West & East Hanney, with old photographs and notes on some of the buildings you will see on your way. Not every "historic" building is included, and even some of the "happier" could be wrong - but enjoy!

The map is from the 1st Ordnance Survey 1" map dated 1832 - not laid for nearly 200 years ago!

So, starting at the War Memorial Hall, we take a walk along the Greenway to West Hanney Green. Our first picture of West Hanney is looking back to the Green, in the corner of which is the Suburban.

But if you had been there in the late 17th you wouldn't have seen it, as it had been demolished and the area distributed around West



This 8 page A4 brochure...clue's in the title....is available free from the Community Shop, the Hall foyer, the Plough and me!

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