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Number 600 November 2025

It's our 50th
Birthday,
and our
600th issue!

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extra pages

**OUR POST OFFICE
NEEDS HELP!!
SEE PAGE 4**



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dudes and
lovely 'WI
tea ladies
at the
Michael-
mas Fayre.
More pics,
pages 17,
18 & 19



NOVEMBER 9th 2025
St James Church, West Hanneys

REMEMBRANCE *Service*

10:15 - Meet @ East Hanneys RBL
10:30 - March led by Wantage Silver Band
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Editorial

Slight change of cover this month and the rest of the mag too, as we celebrate our 600th issue and 50th birthday!!

We've gone from a slim, trim 32 pages to a slightly porky 36....eating too much birthday cake!

More ads and so much going on in our great community necessitate this increase...so big thanks to our distributors who lug 'em round and pop 'em through your letter box every month, rain or shine. The cover? Well yes, certainly patriotic, but does not mean we here at Global HQ are far right fascists, Islamophobic, antisemitic or any of the other unpleasant accusations made by rather ignorant folk whenever a Union Jack is spotted.

This month we welcome new advertiser 'Decodrapes' see page 8. Check out their Instagram and see the lovely stuff they're producing.

The young smiling lady in the snap is pretty new to our community, but was already getting down in the dirt with the other volunteers tidying up - slight understatement! - the Village Hall. Trowels, brooms, brushes, spades, a big trailer and more were very much in evidence. More pics and full story page 21.

Thanks to all who volunteered!

The big news - see page 4 - is that we need a new postmistress/master...the consequences if we don't find one are not good!

Mich Fayre snaps on pages 17, 18 and 19. Big ups to the organisers and all who took part!

More good news...the Black Horse is in the Good Beer Guide 2026....page 5. Well done! But oh dear, a letter about a rather tiny but very naughty little doggie on page 20.

In contrast, a beautiful photo on page 16 of a playful hound enjoying our wonderful Community Woodland. Many thanks to Ali Rosum for allowing me to use her pic...she is indeed a very talented lady with a box brownie in her hand!

A sculpture has recently been installed in Meadow Way - see pic on page 7. It's a

splendid piece if you like that sort of thing - shame it can't be seen from the main road, but this, I'm assured, is due to the fact that it was funded by the developer of the Meadow Way estate hence its location. Please pop down to the Cancer Research sale on the 15th, see page 5.....bargains and great tea and cakes!

Jargon-filled road closure news on page 5, and more on page 7. Expect short term - I hope - delays.

Finally, I know we've got many keen cyclists in Hanney and beyond. I imagine one of their heroes is Chris Hoy.

Well, who knew?.... He has a younger sister called Landa, who's a navigator in the Royal Navy.

On that happy note, I'll shut up for now!



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....

Mon 3rd: Hanney Gardening Club Village Hall 7.30 for 8pm. Putting Plants to Bed For the Winter by Ray Broughton. Ray shares from his wealth of experience in teaching and lecturing in horticulture. In his talk he gives practical advice on making preparations for the colder months ahead to ensure a healthy garden come springtime. Non-members welcome.

Weds 5th, 1.30pm - 'Holmes of Hanney and Birth Control' A talk by Katherine and David Gahan at the Vale and Downland Museum. Book in advance.

Fri 7th, Village Hall, Hanney Film Nights, proudly presents The Amateur: 'When his supervisors at the CIA refuse to take action after his wife is killed in a London terrorist attack, a decoder takes matters into his own hands.' Doors and Bar open 7.30pm, film starts 8pm. Contactless payment only...no cash. £8, £7 concessions

Friday 7th, Celebrate Jacqui and Ian's first year of being at the Black Horse. Drinks, music and canapes. The bar will be open from 17.30pm, with music from 19.30pm. All are welcome

Sun 9th: Remembrance Day - Service at St James Church.

Sat 15th, Bazaar , Cancer Research UK 10am - 2pm, Village Hall - see page 5.

Sat 22nd Nov - Tree planting on the rec, weather permitting. We (East Hanney Parish Council) have another 400 trees to plant. Your help with planting would be much appreciated. More details to follow on our Facebook and website.

Mon 24th Nov, Hanney History Group. A talk - 'Oxfordshire Place Names'. Full details, page 16

Thurs 27th, 2.30pm, Senior Citizens, 'Music of the 60's' Quiz. Jim Staggs

Sat 29th, Hanney Community Woodland Working Party - see page 34.



And further ahead

Mon 1st Dec - Hanney Gardening Club, Christmas Party, Village Hall.

December's Christmas Lunch, Senior Citizens, date, time and venue to be arranged

Fri 5th Dec, Dickensian Evening, Wantage. Icknield Way Morris Men will be dancing.

Mon 5th Jan 2026: Hanney Gardening Club - Village Hall. 7.30 for 8pm. 'Roses' by Kerry Austen. Non-members welcome. Kerry is a renowned expert in roses, having held roles at RHS Wisley and as the head gardener at The Royal National Rose Garden in St Albans. Her talk will cover planting, pruning, pest and disease control and the latest varieties. Great practical advice for both the novice and seasoned gardener. Non-members welcome.

One of the most familiar and much loved folk in our Community is Alisa, our 'Postmistress' She's always extremely helpful and charming, sat behind the glass screen - usually with her dogs as company.

Alisa knows everything about the machinations and requirements needed to offer the wide range of services available, and as well as her no fuss, speedy and efficient delivery - unlike Postman Pat these days! - she always manages a lovely smile as she does her stuff!

Alisa has been in post for 17 years - yes, where does the time go? - and she feels it's time to move on to pastures new. We of course wish her all the best for the future, but in the meantime a replacement must be found.

Having no Post Office would be a great loss to our shop and the whole community, so please, if you, or anyone you know, may be interested in finding out more about the role, please see the box below.

Meantime, keep visiting Alisa and spend a bit of dosh in the shop whilst you're there!

There is a vacancy in the Community Post Office, located in Hanney Community Shop, for a sub-postmistress / sub-postmaster. 19 hours per week

(weekday mornings) with full training provided. If you are interested in applying, please contact Clive Ward on 07885 819920 or email: thewardsrus@aol.com.

Brown bin permit holders in Vale of White Horse can have extra garden waste collected for free, on their normal scheduled collection day only, between 27 October and 7 November.

You can put out a maximum of four additional sacks of garden waste, per brown bin subscription, next to the bin.

To be eligible for a collection, the Vale have asked that....

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too heavy to lift and empty into the vehicle. Bags and containers must be left open so crews can easily empty them into the rear of the vehicle and be able to check there are not contaminants.

All the garden waste collected will be taken to a facility near Wallingford where it is composted. The compost is then sold on to local farmers for use on their farmland as a soil conditioner.



Hanney Youth U12's are looking for a few new players to join their team for this season.

Players need to be year 6 or 7 from Sept 2025

Playing in OYFL Division C South on Sunday mornings and training on Weds evenings.

Contact Chris Tysoe on 07891 851834



Road closure - Monday 10th November, 9am to 5pm. Yes folks, another one, and here's the official notice, fancy lingo and all!

'Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, that the Oxfordshire County Council TEMPORARILY PROHIBITS THE USE OF THE HIGHWAY BY ALL MOTOR VEHICLES. LOCATION: East Hanney, Brookside (outside Mill Cottage)

REASON: To facilitate bore hole for ground condition and soil sample.

DURATION: (Traffic Regulation Notices cover a maximum of 5 consecutive days.) ACCESS: Limited access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of road, subject to the progress of the works. Access will be maintained for cyclists and pedestrians.'

Not sure if that means the work could last five consecutive days! I certainly hope not!! How long does it take to dig a hole and obtain a soil sample? Similar digging going on in West...see page 7



Great news from the Black Horse... "We're thrilled to announce that we have made it into 'The Good Beer Guide 2026', featuring over 4,500 recommended pubs across the UK that serve real ale!" Well done Ian and Jacqui! Keep pulling those pints!

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Next meeting is on Weds 12th November , 7.30pm, Village Hall.

Allotments available - £10 for a half plot, £15 for a full plot. Contact Cllr Dennill

We welcome new Councillor Alexis Pratsides to the Council. This leaves one vacancy on the Parish Council. Once we have a full quote, we will be able to deliver so much more.

The cost of emptying the bins around the village has increased and we are reviewing the providers, with dog bins and waste bins together, we have fifteen to empty. Please report any overflowing bins so that we can assess suitability.

We welcome and support the Black Horse's proposal to host a defibrillator, a valuable asset to the community which would complement those already present at Sovereign Housing offices on the A338 and at the Village Hall. The critical time 'goal' is 3 minutes to have a defibrillator should an incident occur, and the council will determine how best to support this alongside the planned community fund raising.

The footpath from the Iron Bridge to the stile will be improved in the coming months - with more houses, there is more wear and tear and the path needs additional upkeep.

The outdoor gym is open to all and is already being used.

Tree planting - Saturday 22nd November is the planned date - weather permitting. We have another 400 trees which we hope will help fill in the gaps. Your help with planting would be much appreciated. More details to follow on our Facebook and Website.

Finally, thank you to Andrew Wastie and all the volunteers for helping to tidy up the outside of the hall - great work and it looks fantastic, thank you!

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**Our next meeting is on Weds 5th November at 7.30pm
in the Hanney War Memorial Hall**

The Parish Council has recently installed a wheat sculpture at Meadow Way, thanks to a grant from VWHDC.

Thanks to Paul Sayers who is organising the Woodland Working Parties and to everyone who helped - it's making a huge difference! They are held on the last Saturday of every month, do come and join in.

The carriageway repairs on the road to Denchworth are progressing well, one side of the road has been completed and the work is on schedule to finish on 7th November.

Thames Water are planning to install a new water main to Meadow Way. The initial work will involve putting boreholes down to check soil samples and ground conditions. A road closure is planned for 10th November.

Please remember to cut back any hedges or branches that are obstructing or overhanging footpaths or other public rights of way.

Likewise, if you have a ditch or watercourse running along your boundary, please remove any vegetation and other obstructions, before any rain arrives, to allow surface water to flow away from West Hanney.



Sculptor Tony Davis works on the installation of his creation in the Meadow Way development.

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November is the month for remembering some of the difficult things that have shaped our world: like the Gunpowder Plot on 5th November. Guy Fawkes and his friends failed to blow up Parliament, but the fear of this kind of treason haunted Britain for centuries. It made the lives of ordinary Catholics in England very difficult for years to come. Fanatical young men often make life miserable for the ordinary people they are trying to save!

On Remembrance Sunday we will be thinking of the millions of lives lost in two World Wars and so many other conflicts around the world. We will be reflecting on how these wars have affected our lives down the generations. My own Mum married the boy next door in 1939. He was in the Royal Navy and was killed when HMS Coventry was sunk in 1942. My Dad was captured by the Japanese in Hong Kong on Christmas Day 1941. After nearly 4 years as a Prisoner-of-War, he was released after the Atom Bombs forced Japan to surrender in August 1945. He met my Mum after he was demobbed in 1946, and they had 60 years of marriage together – a long period of healing after the traumas of war.

Making sense of our stories is the work of a lifetime. I have found this story from ancient China helpful: “There was a farmer in a poor country village. He was considered very well-to-do because he owned a horse

that he used for ploughing and transportation. One day his horse ran away. All his neighbours exclaimed how terrible this was, but the farmer simply replied, ‘Maybe.’ A few days later the horse returned and brought two wild horses with it. The neighbours all rejoiced at his good fortune, but the farmer simply replied, ‘Maybe.’ The next day the farmer’s son tried to ride one of the wild horses, but the horse threw him and broke the son’s leg. The neighbours all offered their sympathy for his misfortune, but the farmer again replied, ‘Maybe.’ The next week conscription officers came to the village to take young men for the army. They rejected the farmer’s son because of his broken leg. When the neighbours told him how lucky he was, the farmer replied, ‘Maybe.’”

As we tell our stories, we set them in a frame that makes them sad or hopeful stories. Sometimes we can see that good things come out of suffering, and that God has been at work in our lives despite everything. As I look back, I see that my Dad had PTSD after the War, and I was afraid of his outbursts. I can see that God did not send the troubles we had, but that he has always been bringing good things out of the harm that others caused.

Geoff Maughan - Retired Minister living in West Hanney

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Hanney Lottery ... October Winners
1st - May Kent, 2nd - Stuart Cakebread, 3rd - Christine Grandison
Not got a number yet or want additional numbers?
Call Hilary on 868590.

I have received an update from Rev. Alec Gill on the Parochial Church Council's (PCC) discussion re the maintenance of the Churchyard. Here's what he told me...

"The PCC agreed with those who signed the petition that the maintenance of it is important. Doing so is both an act of preserving our history and providing a place of mourning and reflection for those in our community now and for generations to come.

As good stewards of God's creation, we will continue to develop and refine our maintenance plan of the churchyard, including renaturing and ecological restoration alongside ground maintenance and preserving access to the churchyard. We have taken on board people's comments and concerns. Going forward, we are looking to re-establish a rota for volunteers to help maintain specific areas of the churchyard, as has happened in the past."

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Planning for safer communities

My work as Police & Crime Commissioner is not just about working alongside the police. There is collaboration with other blue light emergency services; each county has a body called a Combating Drugs Partnership which is a collection

of police, NHS and public health and a huge overlap into the world of local councils, such as the work of Youth Offending Teams who will become involved when children are arrested by the police

Although not a statutory consultee, there is a particular involvement in the planning process that many people are not aware of. Thames Valley Police employ Crime Prevention Advisors who are consulted on planning applications and major developments. Small changes, such as making sure parking areas are overlooked by neighbouring properties or that alleyways are well lit can help to both reduce crime and make people feel safer.

Sometimes this involves commenting on major projects such as the safety plans at the long awaited new stadium for Oxford United, or seeking to secure funding for policing when significant new housing developments add to local infrastructure needs.

Most recently I have submitted comments to the Vale on the plans for a new traveller

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site at Challow station which has caused significant concerns for residents. The scale of the plans would mean a 50% increase to the tiny population already there and would be contrary to the Vale's own Local Plan on a variety of grounds, including road safety.

Ultimately these planning decisions are for local councils to make, but it is important that local people have their say and that safety concerns and issues raised by the police are taken into account. This is why I have recently raised the potential risks of turning off many of the county's street lights. In a large number of our smaller villages, including mine, we do not have street lights, and no-one is arguing to introduce them, but even those of us who are happy without lighting in more rural locations will want to see well lit streets in our more urban areas. It was a significant win to ensure that parish and town councils will now have to agree to any proposals to turn off street lights as a result of public pressure.

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We know it might feel a little early to mention the “C” word butChristmas will be here before you know it!

We know it's only September and most of us are still in our shorts (and clinging on to the sunshine).

But guess what? Christmas is already knocking at the door, and our festive menus are hot off the press!

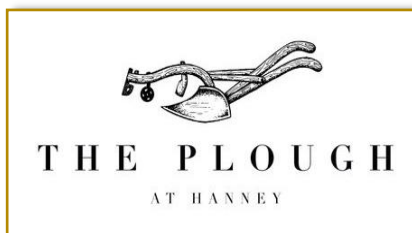
So if you're the group planner (nobody wants this job), or just fancy getting dibs on the best dates, now's your chance...

Not one, but three festive menus.....

Nice - Think Classic Christmas comforts: roast turkey with all the trimmings, indulgent deserts, and every thing you'd expect from a proper festive feast.

Naughty - A little less extravagant, but just as tasty. Perfect if you fancy celebrating with out rolling home after three courses.

Even Naughtier - A part buffet designed for big groups, office parties, and those who really want to let their hair down and go all out.



So whether you're planning...

A cosy get together by the fire,

Organising a festive catch up with a friend,

Or in charge of the office Christmas do (no pressure)...

...we've got the perfect menu (and plenty of wine!) to make it one to remember.

And because Christmas is about giving, we're treating every guest who books early to a complimentary glass of fizz on arrival, the perfect way to start your celebration in style. The menus are now live on our website, so go on, take a peek and see which one tickles your festive fancy. Then get that date in the diary before the December rush begins, because we all know the best spots go

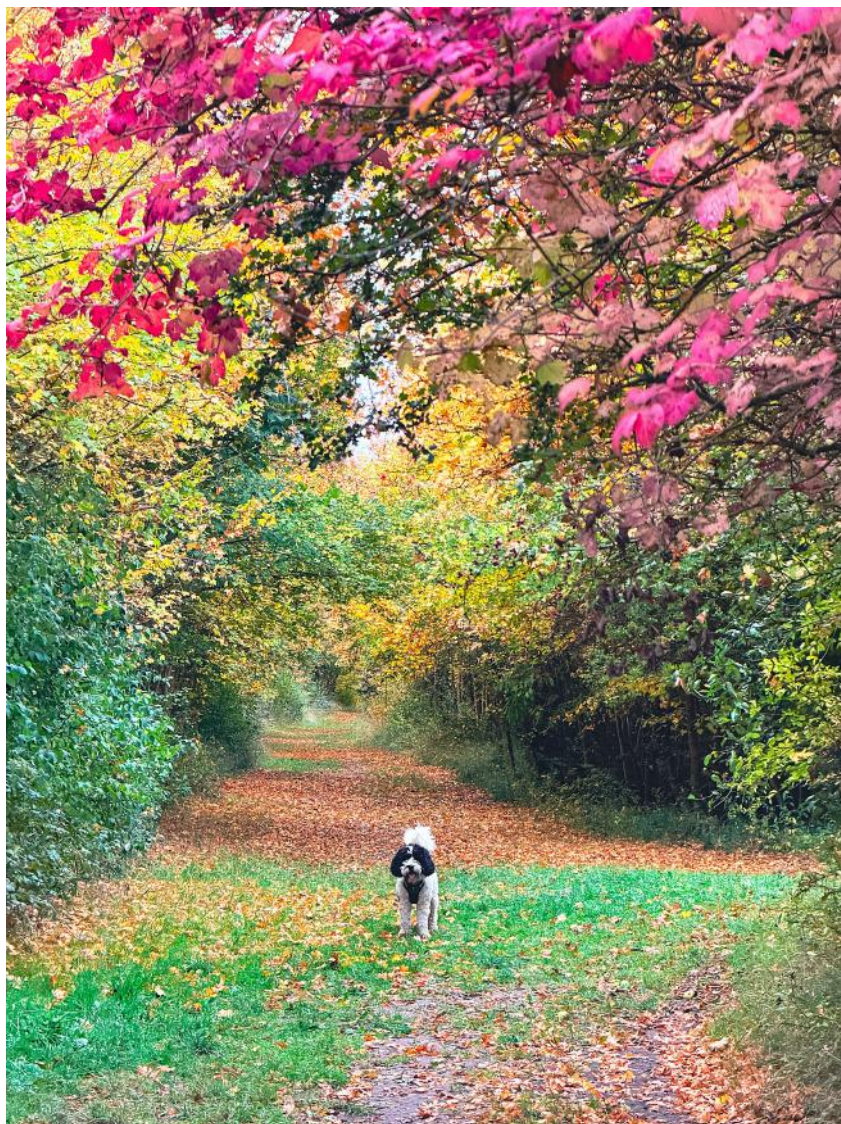
first.

Let's eat drink and be merry together this Christmas. We cant wait to welcome you, share a toast, and celebrate the season in true Plough style. Cheers and Christmas cheer.

Owain and Luke.

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The Hanney History Group talk this month sounds most interesting. Here's how the speaker Andrew Long, describes it...

"My talk, 'Oxfordshire Place Names', is in two parts. The first is a general outline of how places in Oxfordshire were named. The second involves using a local map of the Hanney area and then finding places that contain given place name elements. It is non-threatening and fun! It works best if people work in pairs or small groups. After a few minutes working on the maps, we all come together to share what we have found. I can supply maps, answer sheets and pencils. I have given the talk at other history groups, and it seemed to be well received." Well worth catching methinks! It happens at the Village Hall on Monday 24th November, 7.45pm

A while back, I was emailed by the 'Constituency Support Officer' for our local MP Olly Glover. He asked if Hanney News might be interested in receiving regular updates from Olly on his recent activities.

Now, I have always tried to keep the mag relatively 'politics free', but so long as his pearls didn't include too much overtly political stuff, I agreed, not least since Olly has been interested in helping to alleviate our flooding problems and has visited us a couple of times I believe, for which we are very grateful.

I was duly sent Olly's September missive. In turn, I asked that our printing costs be covered, just as our other regular contributors do - both Parish Councils (PCs), the Church, and Matt Barber, our Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).



The reply was disappointing, advising that there was no money in the budget to cover submissions to parish mags. In fairness to our regulars listed above, I replied that I was therefore unable to include Olly's pearls.

Then it struck me...maybe there is an individual or group who would be prepared to cover our

costs, maybe looking at it as a donation to the Lib Dems. We're talking £200 for 12 issues, which is what we pay in printing costs per page per year.

If you want to help Olly spread his pearls, email or phone me in strictest confidence. Meantime a quick big up to our Lib Dem County Councillor, Ron Batstone.... he has already attended two East Hanney Parish Council meetings, in sharp contrast to his predecessor.

Hanney Michaelmas Fayre - Hanney does it again!

"Despite a cool and cloudy day and a slightly different Fayre with no activities possible in Church (or the Tower) the Hanney community turned out in droves!

Well done to all those who won prizes in the various games on offer, donated books or bric-a-brac for us to sell.

A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way - on a stall, putting up and looking after our banners, setting up or clearing away, doing the bunting, making or serving cakes on the WI Stall, the Community Shop, St James School and Hanney Light Railway for their first visit to

the Fayre.

And a very special thank you to this year's Sponsors - St James Church, Hanney Community Shop, The Plough, the admin team of West and East Hanney Facebook, PeaJayKay and Hanney News."

Hilary Cakebread

Well done to all involved from here at Global HQ!...see pic below and many more overleaf.





HANNEY MICHAELMAS FAYRE



**AND
THERE'S
MORE!**



Not only does our Community Shop offer a wide range of 'stuff' at very reasonable prices, along with our fab Post Office, it also helps with recycling and donations to various charities.

East Hanney's Jane Taylor has found a company who recycles printer ink cartridges and makes



donations to a charity. A box in which to collect them is under the counter, in the Shop. The chosen charity is 'Hearing Dogs for Deaf People'. Also a quick reminder that the shop still collects corks - but not plastic ones - for 'Oxfordshire Wildlife', and milk bottle tops for 'Wheelchairs for the Handicapped.'

If you attended the recent fab and groovy Michaelmas Fayre

or have walked past our lovely church recently, you will see that the work Hilary described in last month's issue (page 12) is going well.

Here are a couple of snaps I took recently. The gents working on it were very keen to show me the amazing progress they have already made.

In my ignorance, I assumed that running the sewage pipe through the graveyard would be difficult...graves and all that,

often found in graveyards!... but the builders have done a fantastic job, and the gent who did all the work, gave me a guided tour of the pipework which will ensure the loo and kitchen will be fully 'functional' if you get my meaning! Keep up the good work chaps



Dear editor,

I start my frequent walks in Ashfields Lane. Espying what I thought was a Chihuahua in the distance, I resolved greet it with my usual bonhomie. Bidding 'Good afternoon' to its minders, I stretched out my hand to their dog, an alert, tiny black thing, who had pricked up its prominent ears upon my approach, wagging its tail... How wrong I was to have misinterpreted such manifestations of goodwill! Its response to my overtures was to bite my index finger... I resisted the temptation to respond in a similar manner. 'Are you OK?' asked its male minder. I responded, showing my bleeding finger. 'You naughty dog!' said



the minder, turning away, clearly disinterested.

But that was not the end

of it: I rushed to the chemist in Grove, to be directed to the Health Centre in Wantage; then to Abingdon Hospital: I was anxious about the date of my last anti-tetanus - I am in my eighties. After a couple of hours in 'Minor Injuries', I was X-rayed and given some antibiotics with the injunction that I should await the next morning, a call from the J.R., which never materialised...

A salutary lesson in human/canine relationships, perhaps?

Geoffrey Bourne-Taylor



**Man v Mess,
and the
winner is...
Man!**



In fact several good men and women of our community.

Andrew Wastie's volunteer working party recently did a splendid job of tidying up the surrounds of the village hall, aka the Hanney War Memorial Hall.

As well as the weeds and shrubs receiving their attention, they also cleaned up the CCTV cameras, which, due to much dirt and cobwebs on the lenses, were completely useless! They also unblocked drains and generally smartened the place up.

The difference is amazing, so massive big ups to all involved, and particularly to Andrew - the cool dude in the shorts! - for instigating and organising the event.

This from Andrew ... *"May I add a very personal thanks to everyone that turned up and worked so hard. We filled two of the trainers seen in the image of which was kindly donated and take away by Les Oliver. It wasn't just on the day that work began... David Corps kindly began the day before, as he had a tennis match. On the day itself, work began well before 10:30am as some people came early to make a start. With this significant amount of work completed beforehand we were able to do as much as we did on the day. We are hoping to make this at least an annual, if not a twice a year event."* OK, the building in the pic may not be the prettiest, but a few trimmed bushes certainly improve it greatly!



As I mentioned last month, the Arthurs no longer supply our Community Shop with eggs, so it now buys them direct from 'Billy's Woodland Eggs'.

They come from free range, high welfare chickens at premises close to Millets Farm, so still very local.

If you buy eggs from Billys via the shop, please return the boxes to the shop for them to reuse..

However, please note that the shop can no longer collect other egg boxes for reuse as they have done before, so please put your



empty boxes in your recycling bin, or better still, leave them outside the front door of 5, Winter Lane, West Hanney, home to Stuart and Lynn who also keep chickens and always need egg boxes. Their home is

about 150 yards up Winter Lane, on the right side of the road if you're heading north towards Kingston Bagpuss, with the village green behind you. Thank you. (Given that there are only three halves of the two rather delicious looking eggs in the pic, I can only assume the photographer must have eaten the missing half!)

Quote of the month: When Dr Samuel Johnson finished his great Lexicography, the first real English dictionary, he was visited by various delegations of people to congratulate him, including a delegation of London's respectable womanhood who came to his parlour in Fleet St and said "*Doctor, we congratulate you on your decision to exclude all indecent words from*

your dictionary". Johnson replied "*Ladies, I congratulate you on your persistence in looking them up.*" This was often quoted by Christopher Hitchens, a truly amazing man who died in 2011. His message is clear... look for something to offend you, even here in lil' ole' Hanney - yes, and even in Hanney News!! - and you're bound to find it. Don't bother is my advise.

As you'll probably know, your copy of this humble mag wot you are reading, drops though your letter box each month, rain or shine, thanks to the efforts of our fab and groovy distribution team. By way of a modest thank you, we host an annual lunch for all our team, organised by our chief distributor Sir Paul of Haines, Planes and Liverpool FC. (Yes, he really does support them!)



This year's event, as last year, was held at the RBL in East Hanney. They did us proud...great grub and at a very reasonable price. Check 'em out if you're looking for a venue to host a 'bash'.

Meantime, a massive thanks from us here at Global HQ to all our distributors and head hombre Paul! Another great example of volunteering in our community!

I've been asked by Laura Lolly Bligdon to pass on her sincere thanks to everyone involved the recent Bingo Night fundraising evening at the Royal British Legion (RBL) here in East Hanney. This includes all those who provided a prize, the helpers and of course all who attended, totalling 100 folk. The event raised in excess of £1,300 for the Abingdon Vale Swimming Club - money that will go a long way to purchasing much needed equipment and provide opportunities for the swimmers. The club themselves made a donation to the RBL.



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“Dave & Fin Carter set their minds on doing a 10k walk to raise vital funds for CRUK Churchill Partners in memory of Richard, Dave’s brother. They completed it alongside a number of Richard’s work colleagues who were raising funds for Blood Cancer UK.

I am beyond proud of them both (apparently they could have done another 10k!) they raised a staggering £1,340.



This adds to our current total making £5,770.32. Thank you to each & every person that supported, donated & have been behind us every step of the way, fundraising for this incredible charity. If we can spend just a few hours of our time doing what we are doing, we can hopefully prevent another family going through the heartbreak that we have.” *Becci Marie*

These are difficult times for many folk, doubtless made worse for some by the current lot in government who decided that cutting benefits is 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, and a representative of the Church.

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**.

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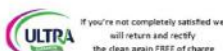
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HANNEY BOOK CLUB - 8pm, 1st Thurs of the month, Plough, W. Hanney.
hanneybookclub@yahoo.co.uk

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 pksayers@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 membership.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 Hanney Youth Football Club, all ages from 5 to seniors. For more details visit www.hanneyyouthfc.co.uk

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - All welcome to come and join us. Become a member. Pool Table & Darts. Bingo and Music quiz once a month. Please check out our Facebook Page for details. (Hanney RBL Sports & Social Club)

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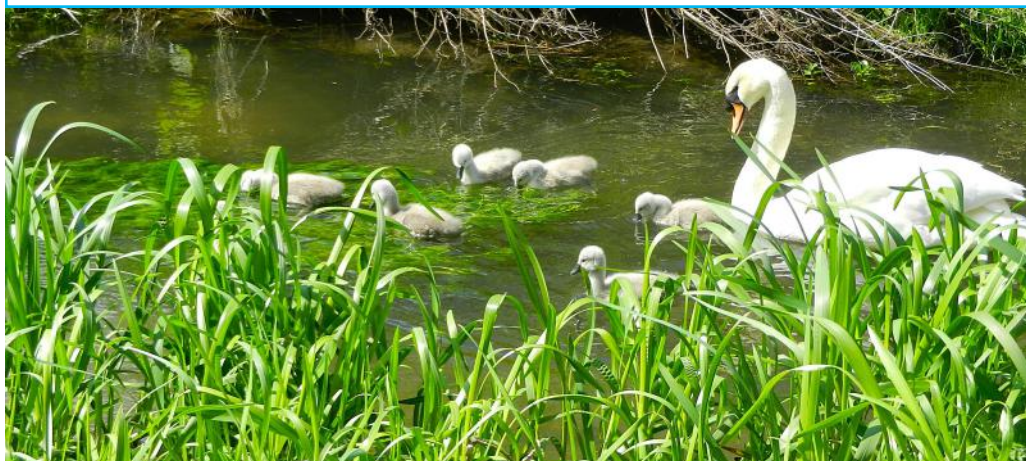
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WANTAGE CHORAL SOCIETY rehearses every Tuesday at C of E School, Newbury St. (next to Comrades Club) at 7.30pm. New voices always welcome. Contact Judy Gibbons 767408, www.wantagechoralsociety.co.uk, email wantagechoralsociety@yahoo.co.uk.

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.

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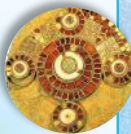
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The map is from the 1st Ordnance Survey 1" map dated 1832 - not laid for nearly 200 years ago!

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But if you had been there in the late 18th you wouldn't have seen it, as it had been demolished and the area distributed around the Hall.



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