

Loadsa stuff this month from **Thames Water** and GARD

Pages 18, 19 & 20. Pic of the Thames Water banner fluttering outside the Village Hall. Our photographer thought the letter box was a bit more photogenic.



New(s) Year!



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Our very own Luvvies are at it again! The Panto is next month. Details page 5.







Editorial

Christmas gone, so here's to a long and happy 2026. Actually, it'll be the same length as three quarters of the previous ones of course, (leap year and all that!) but if you don't like football this one might drag a bit from June for a month or so.. Expect an orgy of World Cup footie, done US style (oh dear). That'll mean pom-poms, ra-ra skirts, chanting, singing, with coy, over the shoulder glances to camera, and that's only the players! And of course it's called 'soccer' in the big 'ole US! Still on footie...how come FIFA (International Federation of Football Association') a 'sports governing body that organizes football events all over the world' can award a Peace Prize, never mind who they gave it to?!

Madness, but dear readers, I'm inspired....Hanney News will also be awarding a Peace Prize. I seek your suggestions as to who the recipient should be.

Matt Barber's pearls are on page 15, covering fly tipping, pubs and the ending -

though not for a while yet - of the role of Police and Crime Commissioner. Matt's pearls are always worth a read.

This month we welcome new advertisers 'Country Roofing'...see page 21, and 'Boston House' page 9.

On page 8 you'll find a wheelie

bin warning, a 'recycling' tip and some very good news for your hosepipe. I've kept mine tucked away for some time now, but Thames Water assure us that we can now get them out again without fear of a fine!

If you're fed up with all this Reservoir stuff, skip pages 18, 19 and 20. Actually don't please, this is important, and there's lots to read, especially from GARD.

You'll find more bad jokes...I make no apology...my excuses for their inclusion being that they make me smile or even laugh(!) as well as helping to fill small gaps on the pages that often appear. This is due to my rather severe lack of graphic design skills...sum total of my artistic achievements is a failed Art O/level in 1971! 'Apres Ski Night' at the Plough? Great grub, great fun, Steins, Snow and Schnapps. A selection of snaps - geddit? - on page 23. Now, we're a non-political publication, and I gave up watching Prime Minister's Question Time some years back.

The other day however, I thought I'd dip my toes back in the stormy waters of modern politics and watch it.

Well, what a bunch of numpties!! Some more numpty than others of course, but after 20 minutes I could take no more and

went seeking solace in an episode of Thomas the Tank Engine. Even here was bad news...'The Fat Controller' - see pic - is now known as 'Sir Topham Hat'! The latter is marginally less tubby, but it really has all gone a bit far hasn't it? Or am I just being a grumpy git?

That's about it for now...read on dear readers, but take care and be sure to mind the jokes, the potholes and the gap!

From all of us here at Global HQ we wish you a very happy 2026.

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....

Fri 2nd, 7.30pm, Village Hall, Hanney Film Nights, proudly presents The Roses. "Life seems easy for picture-perfect couple Ivy (Colman) and Theo (Cumberbatch): successful careers, great kids, an enviable sex life. But underneath the façade of the perfect family is a tinderbox of competition and resentments that's ignited when Theo's professional dreams come crashing down."

Doors and Bar open 7.30pm, film starts 8pm. Contactless payment only...no cash. £8, £7 concessions

Mon 5th: 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.

Weds 7th East Hanny Parish Council (EHPC) monthly meeting 7.30pm, Village Hall. Please note, a week earlier that the usual 2nd Weds in the month.

Thurs 22nd Jan, 2.30pm, Village Hall - Senior Citizens - 'Tales of a Pharmacist'. Speaker Christopher Jay

Sat 24th - Hanney Community Woodland Working Party. Contact Paul Sayers for more info. Page 34

Mon 26th, Hanney History Group. A talk by Sem Seabourne 'The Port of Wantage'. See page 8 for details...location, time etc..

And further ahead

Mon 2nd **Feb - Hanney Gardening Club** - Village Hall -7.30 for 8pm Herbs- culinary and medicinal use by David Hinkley. David is a seasoned herbalist and educator with a deep passion for integrating herbs into everyday life. he will explore the rich history and diverse application of herbs and give practical advice. Non-members welcome.

Thurs 12th, Fri 13th at 7.30pm and Sat 14th Feb, at 2pm and 7.30, Hanney Drama Group present "Puss in Boots". See page 5.

Mon 23rd Feb, Hanney History Group. A talk by Gillian Cane 'Coleshill - nerve centre of British Resistance'.

26th Feb, 2.30pm - Village Hall - Senior Citizens - 'An introduction to sign language'. Speaker Wendy Hunter.

Mon 2nd **March, Hanney Gardening Club** - Village Hall, 7.30 for 8pm. '52 Weeks of Shade Loving Plants' by Lynne Moore, a passionate horticulturist specialising in shade loving and woodland plants. In her talk she provides a comprehensive guide to cultivating a vibrant garden in shaded areas, .on-members welcome.

Sat 7th March, Night in the Museum, Classical Music Concert, the Ivel Flute Trio, at the Oxford Museum of Natural History. Details page 13.

Our community recently lost a much loved member, Richard Carter, son of Vic and Kath, elder brother to Dave and uncle to Fin aged 14 and Fred aged 9.

Richard used to organise and drive the Council gritter lorries.

His nephews were recently approached by Richard's work colleagues & asked if they would name the new gritter after him. They chose 'Monster Rich' because when Uncle Rich was out driving, he always had a can of 'Monster' with him!

The boys saw the truck for the first time the other day, and here they are with their Dad Dave on the right and Grampy Vic on the left. Mum Becci told me that seeing the gritter truck for the first time was an emotional moment. I'm sure it was.



"We are sad to hear of the death of our friend Hazel Abraham.

Hazel was the heart of the community shop for several years in her role of Chairman of the committee, and was enthusiastic in her support of the customers and volunteers.

She was always looking for ways to improve the service to the community via the shop -- keeping prices down and catering to requests for stock where possible.

One of her achievements was to obtain the extra space from the village hall to enlarge the shop and storage area, which made a tremendous difference.

Kind, caring to all, and having a hearty sense of humour, she will be sorely missed.

Her devoted husband, Frank was a great help to her and the shop. We send our love and deepest sympathies to him."

Ann & Sue (Ancientest volunteers)

Last month I wrote of the demise

of the Wantage and Grove Campaign Group, that was started many years ago by Julie Mabberley.

This month I'm deeply saddened to report that Julie has recently passed away.

She was a very active member of the bigger 'Vale' community and will be very sadly missed.

We send our deepest condolences to her partner Geoff and the members of her wider family.

Our MP is Olly Glover. <u>olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk</u> <u>www.facebook.com/</u> OllyGloverLD

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Next meeting is on Weds, 7th Jan, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

The council agreed to the proposed budget which will ensure the upkeep of the village is maintained, the parish council is responsible for grass cutting, verges and footpaths - as well as benches, bins and sports facilities and more.

Planning permission was granted for the sports pavilion - the council will now progress to inviting contractors to tender, complete the technical specification, raise funds towards the build and fit out and set up a working party to deliver this great resource. If you would be interested in joining the working party - please contact the clerk. This is a great opportunity to get involved in delivering this fantastic project. See drawings below. SESRO - the council agreed to object to the current reservoir proposal due to the size, cost, unproven build and subsequent safety.

Further quotes will be obtained for the footpath along the brook from the iron bridge to the first style - this is to build a 1.2m wide gravel footpath which will make passage along this section much easier and safer.

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North West Elevation - Pitch Side



South West Elevation - Muga Side

North East Elevation - Allotment Side

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Website: www.westhanneyparish.gov.uk Our next meeting is on Weds 7th Jan 2026, at 7.30pm in the Hanney War Memorial Hall

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The Parish Council has been busy dealing with surface water drainage issues and three replacement trees have been planted at Headings Pond.

Please don't forget the Statutory Consultation into the White Horse Reservoir closes at midday on 13th January 2026.

There is more information online including a feedback form. Please take the opportunity to have your say on this project that will have a major impact on our community for many years to come.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th January at 7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room, HWMH

On my first skydive, I was strapped to another guy, and we jumped. After 10 seconds, falling at 100mph, he shouted "So, how long have you been an instructor?" Most people have heard of the guitarist Hank Marvin but not so many people are aware of Bruce Welch....understandable really. He spent much of his life living in the shadows.

(Last joke rather appropriate methinks...see ad below!)

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Hanney History Group

offers talks that mainly focus on the history of the Hanneys, the Vale of the White Horse and Oxfordshire.

We meet every 4th Monday of the month, from September 2025 to May 2026 at 8pm at the Hanney War Memorial Hall, OX12 oJL.

Visits are arranged in the Summer.

New members and visitors are always welcome. A £14 subscription covers eight evenings - £3.50 per talk for visitors.

Summer visits and walks at venue/guide cost price.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District

Councils are reminding us that crews can only empty wheelie bins if their lids are fully closed.

"Crew members check to make sure that the waste is fully contained within each bin. They need to do this because there is a real risk that an overfilled bin won't attach properly to the lifting equipment at the rear of the collection vehicle. In such cases, it's common for bins to become unattached and end up being thrown from the lift, causing a serious



danger to collection staff, the public and motorists who might be in the vicinity."

And still on reminders...

not sure this next news snippet will have you out in your garden busy watering, but I understand that Thames Water have lifted their hosepipe ban.

Quote of the Month

"Intelligent Design? So intelligent that there are over 4,000 genetic diseases!"

Richard Dawkins

Reluctantly, I am having to give up my weekly yoga class. I really enjoy them, and would bend over backwards to keep attending, but the price has just gone up from £15 per session to £30! I just can't stretch to that.

My wife says I'm mean, so to prove her wrong, I took her out for some tea and biscuits. It was quite excitingshe's never given blood hefore!



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Somehow January brings a mis-

cellany of thoughts to mind – as it did for Flanders & Swann – "January brings the snow, makes your feet and fingers glow" or Oprah Winfrey – "Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right". The light-hearted to a sentiment many of us would support, both personally and more importantly on both the national and world stage.

It is increasingly hard not to feel more oppressed and disheartened by the world around us and yet forget to be thankful for the good things in our lives – family, friends, acts of kindness, support and generosity.

Our January letter in 2021 (when we had hoped the lockdowns of 2020 were a thing of the past – but in fact were about to start a lengthy one lasting many weeks) reflected -

"At the heart of the Christian faith is a reminder that God is at work, even admits the chaos of life. Over this last year I have seen God working through the generosity, care

and compassion of others.

Even through difficult times, I have held on to the hope, that God goes through this with us, and He will get us to the other side. As I was reminded recently, God does not always deliver us from hardships, but he will deliver us through them.

As we look back over a year of loss, restrictions and limitations, I pray that you will still be able to reflect on good moments that happened, even if they were few and far

hetween.

For in amongst all the difficult times of the last year, there were acts of great kindness and compassion, thoughtfulness and creativity.

I don't know what the year 2021 will hold for all of us, I pray that it will be a lot better than the last one! And I hold on to the hope that God is willing and waiting to walk through the coming year with us all." Simply let us change the date to 2026 and share the same prayer.

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Two lovely old photographs of West Hanney, I'm guessing taken in the early 1950s. No idea the photographer or the make of the old car. If you know either or the year, please let me know.

Preventing fly tipping and keeping our pubs open.

I wrote about fly-tipping some months ago - so I will not reiterate everything here. Nevertheless the colossal waste dump at Kidlington has brought the issue to the fore again.

We know that in this case the Environment Agency has been far too slow to act. Only taking action months after it was reported to them and only really when there was national media interest. Although the Environment Agency is the body responsible, Thames Valley

Police has assisted with making one arrest (so far) in the case.

This is at the extreme end of the scale of course, but I have raised the concern that changes to our own local recycling centre by Oxfordshire County Council significantly increase the risk of fly-tipping. From January 2026 you will have to book in advance to use the tip, as well as new charges and restrictions being imposed. This is not just an inconvenience for residents but risks pushing people into the arms of illegal waste carriers. Remember fly-tipping is a crime and if you pay an unlicensed waste carrier who goes in to dump your waste, you could be held liable!

You can check at: https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers

On an entirely different subject,

many of our local pubs are really feeling the pressure right now. Behind the headlines of the budget there are real family businesses. Most acute at the moment is the change in business rates but this comes on top of the pressures of additional duty, National Insurance, minimum wage and VAT.

One publican I spoke to is seeing an in-



crease in their rateable value of £22,400. Another local business is seeing their rateable value nearly double! From £62,500 to £120,000 overnight!

Pubs are a vital part of our community. If they close, many may never reopen. Add your voice to our campaign at saveourpubs.org and make sure you get out and support your local pub!

I am, of course, disappointed with the Government's decision to abolish the PCC role.

However, my primary concern is that I continue to work with the police to further drive down crime while I remain in my role, and of course for the staff in my office who are affected and face a period of uncertainty.

Since being in office, I and my staff in the OPCC have achieved a great deal to improve the accountability and scrutiny of policing. We have worked with the force to deliver efficiencies and improvements in service for our local communities and engaged and led local partners across criminal justice to create safer communities and improve support for victims of crime. It's important to state that there is still over two years before the transition to the Government's new model takes place. I will continue to work constructively with the Chief Constable during this period, on issues such as knife crime, tackling shoplifting and reducing vehicle crime.

Making another appearance in

the best parish mag in the whole of Hanney, I'm proud to once again publish a jolly snap of Helen Cavendish with her chum Helen. The former - and maybe the latter? - pretty useful with a paintbrush check out the shop - and something of a traveller too. This from Helen C... "38 years ago, the two Helens ... Caven-



dish and Woodford... met while travelling on their gap year in Thailand. They shared many adventures accompanied with much laughter and a few hairy moments. Nearly four decades later, they are still friends - older, wiser (questionable), greyer (definitely)... and are off on their next adventure, with the aim of raising funds for the MND Association.

In February 2026, they are packing their rucksacks and heading to Vietnam. They will be navigating 25 (or more) modes of transport in just 18 days, travelling from the North to the South of Vietnam and with a budget of \$50 per day. They will also have challenges set by their teenage and 20 something year old children... and friends and family!!!

The Helens will cover all the costs... but they are also on a mission to raise money for the

MND Association - a charity close to their hearts, as the MND Association was very supportive when Helen Cavendish's husband, Adam, was ill with MND.

They will be posting regular blogs on Instagram #two-hels.breakloose, so people can follow their progress. Please do follow and share their posts. They have a Just Giving page and would welcome any donations.

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A bit of Modern History

Not that long ago we had a petrol station in East Hanney on the eastern side of the A338 where Alfred's Place now is, south of the three bungalows - Long Acre, Greenways and Sherwood, that still exist today. They were built, along with the garage itself by the then land owner 'General Booth'. General was a nickname I believe(!) A later owner was Dudley Gliddon, when it was known as Orbit Motors and was a SAAB dealership.

Dudley's number two was Bernard Harris, son of well known Hanney resident Fred Harris.

At some point it was taken over by
Segsbury Motors when the lower photo
was taken, probably in September 2000.
At that time it may have been a general
dealership, not specific to one make of car.
The free-standing sign - visible bottom left
- is covered because at that time, the
garage had no fuel to sell, there being a
national shortage, mainly due to protesting
lorry drivers and farmers blockading many
large fuel supply depots across the country.
They weren't happy at the way fuel prices
had gone up. Those in the UK had risen
from being amongst the cheapest
in Europe to the most expensive, in a

period of only about eight years. Segsbury Motors was a fully functioning garage selling petrol - when it had some to sell! - and opened on a Sunday. Not very common back then.

The snowy pic is of the A338 looking north, with the garage in the distance on the right. Almost certainly taken in Dec 1981 when the UK experienced some very harsh winter weather indeed.

The story goes that the

owner of Broadway Motors, who also owned other garages in the area, took over Segsbury Motors and before you could say 'Fill'er up!' it was gone.

Apparently an old b/w photo exists of the garage in its very early days.

If you have a copy, I'd love to see it, and any memories would be great to hear.





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Meantime, an article in the Oxford Mail contained some facts - I assume they're true - that may be of interest. Thames Water (TW) is still in talks with its creditors re its debt, currently standing at £17.6 billion!

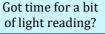
The good news for TW

couple, so please don't

snitch on me!











is that since their price hike in April, revenue has increased by 40%. Not bad eh? Figures for the six months to September were £1.2 billion. The previous year, earnings were £715 million. Their pre-tax profit stands at £414 million, compared with a loss of £149 million last year. TW said this had helped fund the £1.3 billion of capital investment to fix leaks, cut sewage spills and improve water quality.

That said, their customer complaints soared by three-quarters to 55,158 following the recent price increases.

GARD have lots to tell us this month It's important stuff! Read on...

"All Hanney residents please respond to the final public consultation on the reservoir by 13th Jan.

The last chance to tell Thames Water what you think of their reservoir plans The Statutory Consultation on the proposed Abingdon Reservoir is the last major opportunity for the public to comment before the project enters the formal Development Consent Order (DCO) planning process, where challenge becomes far harder.

Why your response matters

Every submission is formally recorded and summarised for the Planning Inspectorate. Issues raised by local people must be addressed in the project's Environmental Statement and included in the DCO application.

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More from GARD....

A large number of objections signals significant community concern — and silence is often interpreted as acceptance. Even a short or simple response is valuable.

Please encourage friends and family to reply.

How to respond

The most effective method: Official SESRO questionnaire, Questions 7–16, which deal with the core issues. Each answer is logged separately.

Or email a free form objection, (but may be grouped as a general response...

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GARD's support

The consultation booklet, written by Thames Water, presents the reservoir in a positive light and omits key uncertainties. GARD is preparing guidance on the issues behind each consultation question you may wish to consider.

Please do not cut and paste our wording. Thames Water's software identifies identical responses and discounts them. Personal wording, even brief, is given full value.

Key issues you may wish to raise

1. Quality and balance of the consultation

Residents have the right to clear, balanced and accessible information.

Have Thames Water fully explained risks and uncertainties?

Did they properly describe alternatives to the reservoir?

If the information felt incomplete or presented like a sales brochure, say so.

2. Impacts during and after construction

Construction would last 10–15 years or more, bringing heavy lorry traffic, noise, vibration, dust, and road closures. How would this affect your daily life, your family, your commute, your child's school run, or your wellbeing?

Post-construction, what would the loss of farmland, countryside and wildlife mean for you? Are you concerned about increased flood risk and reliability of mitigation modelling? What about visitor traffic, up to 8000 cars per day in peak of summer?

3. Can we give informed feedback when crucial details are missing and incomplete? You can state this clearly.

Examples include: Reservoir size increased from 100 to 150 billion litres with no consultation. This brings the embankments much closer to Hanney and increases the environmental damage and flood risk.

Land take has grown from 13 km² to 38 km². Biodiversity mitigation plans still immature.

No published flood-risk or dam-breach modelling.

No emergency draw-down assessment showing the impact on downstream communities.

Major cost escalation without explanation.

"Best value" comparison to the Severn–Thames Transfer will not be finished until after the consultation closes.

For more information, a breakdown of their questions and links to the consultation response see https://groupagainstreservoirdevelopment.org

See article overleaf re Paul Aram's videos.

Paul's Vids!

Still on the reservoir- apols if you're bored with it - check this out from **Paul Aram**, **Chair of East Hanney Parish Council....** "We are currently in the midst of a consultation by **Thames Water** - where you can have your say with regards to the proposed reservoir.

The decision is not yet made by the Secretary of State for the Environment.

There is a lot of information from Thames Water - some may say it is too much and overwhelming.

To try to digest some of this information, I created a series of videos which I hope helps to explain some of the content and raise questions.

The main question is around the proposed size of the reservoir that far exceeds the original and therefore the justification against alternatives and the massively increased cost - but decide for yourself.

The consultation closes on Jan 13 - so time is ticking... Hope this helps in some way.

Part 1: https://youtu.be/wD6KY8goOU Part 2: https://youtu.be/I8ws5WDU2gA

Part 3: https://youtu.be/y6jTzbtPi40
Part 4: https://youtu.be/R0blUhlpZaU

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Paul's vids are also on the East Hanney Parish Council Facebook page. Have a look, they're very informative, some great 'cinéma-vérité' at its finest!

(Cinéma vérité - It's French I think, and here's what the

wibbly wobbly web told me...."a style of documentary filmmaking that captures reality spontaneously and intimately, using lightweight cameras, natural light, and unscripted action to reveal deeper truths."

Having seen his vids, I reckon a career as a TV presenter beckons Sir Paul!

Or maybe a film director?



"If you suck at playing the trumpet, that's probably why."

Turns out that the bloke in the park was just tying his shoelaces, and didn't want to play leap frog..

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And still on our Cancer **Research team**, they asked me to include the following regarding their recent table top sale at the village hall...

"Thank you to everyone

grateful. Many thanks.

who came along to our annual Bazaar. With your support we were able to send £1195.00 to the Churchill partners for Cancer Research. Also a big thank you to our family and friends who always come along and help us throughout the year, raising money for this charity. We couldn't manage

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Our fantastic Church

Frank Ernest Howard was born 1888 in Headington, Oxfordshire, and died in 1934.

He was an English architect who worked exclusively in the area of ecclesiastical furnishings and fittings. He wrote a small booklet 'The Parish Church, West Hanney', probably around 1925.

The Parish Church, West Hanney.



A short description of its features by F. E. Howard.

It's full of amazingly

detailed info...he was clearly a pretty cool and clever dude!

One thing I never realised is just how old our church is...parts are Norman, built approx. 1160. The tower was built at the beginning of the 13th century and the south aisle in the 14th. Some of the glazing in the aisle dates from around 1500.

Some rebuilding and restoration took place in the 19th century, and of course there's more going on now!

FE's booklet tells us that... "The Church retains an unusually fine series of brasses." One is of Oliver Ashcombe in 1611. He was obviously a decent chap, since it was he who set up a charity in 1604, which over the years has amalgamated with many others, and now exists as the 'Hanney Parochial Charity', of which I'm honoured to be the Chair.

Oliver was also a busy chap...he had ten sons and four daughters!

Also often discussed is the commemorative tablet to Elizabeth Bowles on the north wall. She allegedly lived to be 124, dying in 1718, so would have been born in 1594.

Now, I don't know what record keeping was like 431 years ago, but call me a cynic, I take Lizzie's age with a hefty pinch of salt.

(The oldest woman in the modern era, when records were probably much more accurate, was an English lady who was visited by King Charles III on her 116th birthday.

There are also records of a French lady who was 122 when she died in 1997, though this is apparently 'unverified', i.e. almost certainly not true.

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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 <u>member-</u> <u>ship.htc@gmail.com</u>

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

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 <u>www.hanneyyouthfc.co.uk</u>

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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ST JAMES SCHOOL HELPING HANDS: helpinghandshanney@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



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