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HAPPY LANDLORDS!!

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Editorial

Welcome to July...the usual collection of stuff....some helpful I hope, some frankly, a bit silly.

Lots of 'Good Lucks, Goodbyes and Thank You's' on our front cover this month, and let me assure you, all are very well deserved.

A tribute to Lucy can be found on page 15.

There's 'Aunt Sally' news on page 14. Updating that prompts me to say that if you have anything - one-offs, regular events, clubs or any other info that you think Hanney News readers might be interested in, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Put rather bluntly, I simply don't have the time or the energy to go digging for stories, news etc. that are happening in our community. My hope is that you will let me know... by phone on either of the numbers below, email or Facebook Messenger.

Now, last month's quiz.....and the answer of course was option 'G' - none of the above'. See photo of what the gent was actually doing.

Sadly, I received no answers at all - right or wrong! - and thus the 1st prize - a magnificent and virtually brand new motorhome that I purchased from a baldish, chubby little gent in Scotland - will be sold on eBay. Likewise the 2nd prize of 47 coffee machines I bought from the same chap. He was keen that I kept quiet about where I got the prizes from....something about his wife had no



idea about his purchases. I don't recall her surname...Nicola someone or other.... but there was something a bit fishy about this whole business! No matter, all funds generated from the sale will go into the Hanney News piggy bank!

Nature lovers, do not miss page 4!

Footballers and cricketers are needed - see pages 3 and page 5 for details.

Sir Clive of Manvell receives his Community Award on page 6.

A serious request on page 7 from West Hanney Parish Council...the urgently need a Clerk. This is a good opportunity to hand out another 'thank you', this time to Barbara Martin, who has been Clerk now for some years.

A couple of letters on page 13, one following up last month's, when an acronym proved to be somewhat contentious.

A rather strict Headmaster puts in an appearance on page 14, and on page 17, a brief but sincere thank you to the Gardening Club and particularly Chris and Pat Jay who organised the Open Gardens afternoon recently. A very jolly community event it proved to be.

A minor Cow Lane controversy awaits on page 21...and there's more, including people partying at the Plough on page 22.

That's it friends, I wish us all for a safe and happy July!

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

If you have something you would like to be included, please 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....

Sun 28th June - Sat 11th July: Wantage Summer Arts Festival, 'Wantage past present and future. Local musicians, choirs art groups, book clubs and other community organisations are invited to take part in this celebration of creativity.

Contact: jamesmitchellonevoice@sky.com

Friday 3rd, 8pm, GARD Annual General Meeting, in the Millenium Room, Steventon Village Hall.

Sat 4th, 10am - 2pm, Table Top Sale, Wantage Scout Group,

Sun 5th, 11am - 3pm, Market Place, Wantage. 'International Food and Drink Festival.' Celebrate global flavours...a delicious day of food, culture and community.

Thurs 9th, 7.30pm, Village Hall. 11th AGM of the Hanney Community Pub Ltd. All shareholders are welcome. Registration will commence from 7pm.

Thurs 9th, 7pm Hanney FC, Men's. Players wanted.

Sun 12th, 3pm, Market Sq, Wantage Silver Band.

Weds 15th, Hanney History Group - Guided Tour of Marcham, meet at 2.15pm, Car Park, Marcham Village Hall. Walk led by Dr Eric Dunford, Marcham Society. The walk will be in 2 parts – each approximately 30 minutes with an 'interval' to visit the church where we will have a talk about the church and background of the village. Cost : £7 per person. Bookings and payments....Please book by emailing Jane on pjtaylor252@gmail.com detailing how many places you want.

Bookings are only confirmed on receipt of payment – by BACS. Hanney History Group 20-45-45 90541400. If a walk is cancelled full refunds will be issued.

And further ahead

Sat, 1st Aug, Blach Horse, East Hanney, HanneyFest. Details next month, I hope!!!

Sat, 1st Aug, 1 - 4pm, Letcombe Valley Wildlife discovery Day Letcombe Regis OX12 9JU

Hanney History Group - Museum of Rural Life – August date to be finalised. An introductory talk on the Museum and its collections, followed by the opportunity to walk around at your leisure. The Museum has a café open during visiting hours. Details to follow. Cost : £7 per person

Sat 26th Sept - Hanney Michaelmas Fayre. Put it in the diary now.

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Hanney Michaelmas Fayre is happening on Saturday 26th September, 2pm - 4.15pm. Put it in your diary NOW!

This year - back by POPULAR DEMAND -
The Hanney Scarecrow Trail.

Back for 2026 - the COMPETITIONS! Children's (by age group)
and Floral.

And all our usual favourites - food & drink, things to do, things to buy
and opportunities to find out more about life in The Hanneys.

Full details on all the above available from 1st July on our website....

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email...info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk

Return of Hanney Holy Mowers?

If you are interested in finding out more about possibly restarting a volunteer rota for mowing the section of the churchyard currently used for burials, please email vicaralec@valebenefice.org.uk using the subject title "Hanney Holy Mowers"

One of the jewels in our royal headgear is the Community Woodland.

Main man is Paul Sayers and here's what he recently told me....

'Now is a good time to visit the Woodland if you have not been recently.

West Hanney Parish Council's contractor has done a great job of mowing the rides and the orchids are coming out. The pyramidal orchids are starting to be as prolific as usual and there are a few common spotted and bee orchids. Follow the middle ride south from the Michaelmas Fayre seat. The ox-eye daisies are also starting to spread, particularly along under the powerline.

There are also plenty of butterflies. Just on my dog walk this morning I spotted, common blue, meadow brown, gatekeeper, speckled wood, peacock, comma and marbled white but I am sure that there are others about.

The meadow is also looking good with a profusion of rough hawksbeard (the tall yellow one), a few ox-eye daisies and also a few pyramidal orchids amongst much else.

A great time to be out and about, particularly early in the morning. Try the Merlin app on your phone to identify the bird song.'

I got chatting to this woman at the bus-stop this morning and she told me that friends call her Vivaldi. I asked her: "Is that because you're a brilliant violinist?" "No" she replied "it's because my name is Viv and I work at Aldi."

Great news from the Black Horse, East Hanney!

CAMRA, the 'Campaign for Real Ale', has given the Black Horse two awards for 2026....'Runner Up' in the 'Pub of the Year' and Winner (!) in 'Country Pub of the Year.'

We send massive congrats to the Landlords Ian and Jacqui....they're the happy smiling folk on the front cover, proudly clutching their certificates.



After 18 years as our friendly and always helpful Postmistress, Alisa Hughes handed over the reins for the Community Branch Post Office at the end of May.

Alisa's popularity was reflected in her leaving collection and many thanks to the villagers for your generous contributions.

Alisa now plans to concentrate on her Canine Massage Therapy business - for more information, please see her website @ <https://www.supplepups.com/> or her ad here in Hanney News, page 25.



Andrew Wastie, our new and incredibly enthusiastic Postmaster, has already started to make changes to improve the layout and appearance of the Post Office.

He has also developed a comprehensive business plan to promote the services that can be provided, so please give him your strong support and watch this space for more information!

Please join me in wishing both Alisa and Andrew every success in their new ventures.

Clive Ward

The Golden Sparrows are a cricket team based in Didcot.

They run two teams, and play here in East Hanney most weeks throughout the summer. I wandered over to them the other day and got chatting.

They are a great bunch, very friendly, and wanted to tell me that they are keen to recruit players, particularly youngsters, from here in Hanney.

So, if you're interested, pop down to the Rec and have a chat with them, or ring their Chairman Vam on 07827 830341



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Next meeting is on Weds 8th July, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

We have sadly lost two stalwarts of our community recently - I hope to have obits next month.

One of them was Bob Wilson, who was awarded the 'Lifetime Achievement' award from the recent Community Awards project, run by our Parish Councils.

The winner of the 'Community Award' was Clive Manvell, he the head hombre, over many years, of our amazing Flood Group. (See their contact details on page 34 if you may be able to help.)



Pic above shows Clive receiving his award from East Hanney PC's Chair Paul Aram, whilst the lower one shows him on the job in his rather attractive pink Marigolds, ably assisted by Sir David of Blomley who wields his long pink pole with a certain aplomb!

Aplom?...Blom?...Blomley?

Oh, never mind.



Are you starting Uni, or any other further or higher education this year?

If you live in Hanney, the 'Hanney Parochial Charity' may be able to help you with a grant towards purchasing of books, equipment and such like.

Contact me, Jim Stagg, on 01235 867500 or 07762 239681.

Email: jimstagg@btinternet.com.

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

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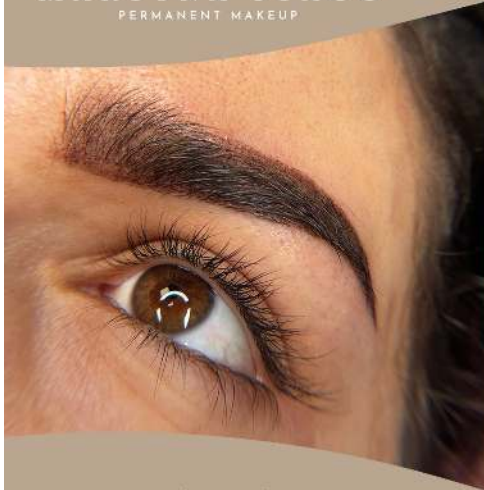
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A very quick plug if I may for a new business 'Welmore Spa' which is

being set up by a very good friend of Hanney's, Jade Hovell.



The Spa offers hair and beauty services, and are taking bookings now, currently by phone and email. QR codes and website are pending.

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See page 3 for events this month!



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Despite the potholes, the threatened reservoir, the 20 mph speed limit, and (of course) the neighbours, living in the Hanneys is a secret delight.

The Hanneys are confused with the Hendreds, thought of as the back-of-beyond, driven past by commuters, but for those who live here, we are a special community!

It is the best place for local walks and footpaths. The best children's playground. The best youth football. The best panto and local societies. The best horse riding. The best community shop.

Few want to move away once they have settled. Some move from East to West or West to East' but still want to find a way to go on being part of the life we share. I have now lived in West Hanney for ten years and hope eventually to retire a second time to East, next door to my daughter and her family. As a reader of Tolkien, I compare the Hanneys to Rivendell - 'the last happy home before the wilderness' - where Bilbo Baggins can grow ancient and more stretched, and remember the days of travel and adventure.

Putting down roots is a vital part of human

flourishing. We need to embed and belong and find our place. This helps us to know who we are, and to live a full life. I often think how much better a cul-de-sac is than a main road. But there are dangers in becoming too settled. We can fall asleep to ourselves and even to life itself (spiritual 'accidie'). There is a reason why we are alive. 'The glory of God is a human being fully alive' said Irenaeus. Plants need to be properly rooted in order to be fully alive. We are a bit different. We need roots, but we are also spiritual, and need to find a relationship with the God who made us.

How is that search going for you? 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you' said St Augustine. It may be tiresome to feel restless, but perhaps the Spirit is stirring us to seek for what we have not yet found - the 'one in whom we live and move and have our being'. He is not far away, even in Hanney.

Geoff Maughan
Retired minister

Hanney Lottery - May Winners

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**The Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday
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Dear Editor,

As an incurable computer monster - I blame my former PA - I stumbled on a computer geek (I think that's what they're called), who solved, in a trice, what had brought my work to an abrupt standstill by a paper jam, that shouting at my printer, couldn't fix. I looking up the 'instructions' was my mistake.

His name is Julian Taylor-Gadd (no relation to me...) and operates from Grove : julian@grovegeeks.co.uk

Very reasonable price in the circumstances; very conveniently located.

Yours,

Geoffrey Bourne-Taylor, East Hanney

Dear Editor

I was disappointed and dismayed to see the letter published in last month's Hanney News regarding information against the proposed mega reservoir.

I am hoping that the individual who sent the letter was attempting to be humourous? However, his offensive acronym for people like myself was, in my opinion, anything but funny.

I am aware the proposed reservoir is an extremely divisive topic but value GARD's (Group Against Reservoir Development) attempt to present alternative evidence-based information versus the millions of pounds Thames Water have spent on glossy brochures showing butterflies flying over flowers growing on gentle slopes in their AI generated fictional pictures.

Please continue to offer an unbiased magazine publishing all sides of every debate affecting our beautiful village.

Marion Mantle

Marion is not the only member of our community who was most unhappy with the letter. The acronym upset a few folk, but our anonymous letter writer is not the first to resort to the use of such mischief.

Much loved long term East Hanney resident Clive Fewins wrote to Hanney News back in September 1994, explaining that he was setting up a new 'organisation' - his word - called 'the Campaign for the Rehabilitation and Advancement of Pedestrians... 'CRAP' for short!

The following month a letter was published from Wenda Oberman.

Now she was a very interesting lady who was rather 'posh' as I recall, and amongst her talents was singing, playing the melodeon and bass drum in a band called 'Pandemonium'. I have a CD of theirs' and rather jolly it is too.

I digress.....The opening sentence of Wenda's letter was short and to the point... "I'm all for CRAP" she wrote!

Aunt Sally... the Plough team continue with their winning ways...mostly. T'is a mighty good start, and a recent victory was in a cup match against 'Plum Pudding' a team from the pub of that name - yes, really! - in Milton.

The Plough's captain Kevin Saunders assured me the 'Plum Pudding' is a Premier League team no less, so big ups to our boys.

Meantime, I have been reprimanded for not including details of the Royal British Legion's Aunt Sally team who are top of Section D. No one told me, hence the omission, and I only know the following info cos it was posted on Facebook.

RBL's team are sponsored by 434 Enterprises, and are apparently the longest running in the Hanneys.

Maybe pop in there if you fancy having a throw with them?

The Black Horse also runs two teamsgive landlord Ian a ring - see their ad on page 11 - if you might be interested.

Also to mention that Ian and Jacqui are very happy to welcome anyone who fancies having a go. They suggest making up a party and trucking on down to the pub for a swift libation - or several - some delish grub and a throw - or several!

All sounds rather jolly!

These days, grumpy old boys like me

can often be heard muttering about how... "Things were much better in my day." and yes, in many ways they were, but in one regard they most certainly were not.

A St James School Headmaster way back was a Mr Harry Edwardes, who, allegedly, had a fondness for using his cane far too regularly, on boys and girls alike, and for the most minor of misdemeanours. That's him in the pic.he looks a rather ferocious dude doesn't he?

One wonders if he was much of a teacher if the kids in his class sat there fearful that they may be beaten at any time.

He built and lived in what is now known as Gigha Cottage in Winter Lane, the last house on the right heading north, He called it simply 'The Cottage.' Later he probably moved to School House.

A quick aside....It took till 1986 for teachers to be banned from using the cane or any other form of corporal punishment in State Schools.



Private or Independent Schools were a good deal later in following suit: 1998 in England and Wales, 2000 in Scotland, and 2003 in Northern Ireland.)

Having said not very nice stuff about Harry, he can be credited for obtaining 'The Victory Hut' the building that was replaced in 1970 by the current 'Hanney War Memorial Hall, aka the Village Hall. It was used for a wide variety of events and activities, and Harry apparently got it from the YMCA in Wokingham!?

Now, I'm pleased to say that at the farthest point away from Mr Edwardes on the scale of good and bad Headteachers we find Lucy Ottoway, the most wonderful of Heads who has been at St James for some years.

Sadly we must say goodbye to Lucy as she moves on to pastures new at the end of this term.

See a tribute to her on page 15, and on page 16 are details of a 'Fond Farewell Disco', held in Lucy's honour, to which all are welcome!

Goodbye Lucy!

Below a tribute to Mrs Ottoway, outgoing Head of St James School from Alan McPherson, Chair of the St James School Board of Governors.....

'Headteacher Mrs Lucy Ottoway will be leaving St James CofE Primary School this summer.

Lucy joined in September 2022, having been promoted from another Cambrian Learning Trust school.

Chair of Governors, Alan McPherson, said "It has been a pleasure to work with Lucy and to watch her grow into the demanding Headteacher role. Lucy made it her priority to reconnect the school to the community to deliver the school vision that she championed: "Learning Together with Courage and Kindness, for the Good of All".

Within a year or so of her appointment, Lucy led the school successfully through statutory inspections by Ofsted and SIAMS (Church of England). Lucy knows every child and regularly meets them and their parents at the school gate in the morning. She is never too busy to support individual children when needed. Her door is always open to the wonderful school staff, who are a close-knit team, ambitious to improve outcomes for every child. Lucy has also enjoyed the support of Helping Hands, the parent support team, who have provided upgrades to the school library and outdoor equipment.



Looking forward, one of Lucy's legacies will be the upgrade to the nursery facility this year that will both meet a community need and help ensure future admissions at St James. Lucy has also contributed to leadership succession at St James with a strong leadership team and a solid handover to our new headteacher, Calum Jaques."

Alan is stepping down as governor and Chair this summer, leaving a full, active and effective governing committee at St James. It is expected that Matthew Barber will become Chair of Governors in September.'

OFSTED had this to say of the school in 2024... "Pupils thrive in this friendly and welcoming school. It is a nurturing and inclusive place in which to learn."

Many great things have happened at St James during Lucy's tenure, and here are just a few..... a new trim trail for the children from the amazing Helping Hands team, new digital devices, some brilliant trips including to the Cotswold Wildlife Park and a residential for the Year 3s to Court Hill as well as celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday including a nature photo challenge! Forest School has been reinvigorated...see last month's Hanney News....

See page 16 for details of the 'Fond Farewell Family Disco' happening on 11th July. An opportunity for us to say goodbye and good luck to Lucy. All are welcome.





Mrs Ottaway's

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A shame the sun didn't shine, but it was a great opportunity to see so many beautiful gardens here in Hanney, open for lovers of Mother Nature's exquisite handiwork - aided by willing green fingers!

Photos in a humble A5 mag don't do justice to the displays on offer, but here's a snap of the organisers of this great community event, Chris and Pat Jay, aided by other members of Hanneys thriving Gardening Club.

Chris and Pat's unisex first names means I need to tell you that Pat is on the right. Chris sports a very smart apron, part of his role as 'Barman Extraordinaire'.

And talking of 'Barman', not only do they have a magnificent garden, but their Pimms was sufficiently delightful that I needed to have two!

Folks came from far and wide, and a splendid total of £1,652 was raised for the charities.....Cancer Research, Vale Community Impact, Hanney Senior Citizens and the Gardening Club.

Many thanks to all who displayed their bushes, trees, flowers, lawns, pergolas, fountains.....you get the idea I'm sure.



This is Robert Rose, a very talented fellow indeed with a paint brush in his hand, and he's painted many lovely pics of Hanney. Here's what his grand-daughter Jo told me....

"My Grandad is 92 and loves to paint local scenes and landscapes. Over the years, lots of people have asked whether he'd ever paint Hanney, as it's somewhere he'd never painted before. Then when I moved to the village myself last Summer, it gave him the perfect excuse to finally give it a go!

So, over the past few months, he's been exploring both East and West Hanney, choosing the corners, views and buildings that caught his eye most and turning them into this new collection of paintings."

These paintings show two things...firstly what a very talented gent he is, and secondly what lovely villages we live in!

If you'd like to see his work, check out his Etsy page here:

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Free tool marking as part of efforts to reduce vehicle crime

Last month, in collaboration with Thames Valley Police, I launched a new Vehicle Crime Strategy which aims to reduce and cut crime - particularly theft of, and theft from vehicles.

Having your vehicle stolen, or something stolen from it, isn't a trivial crime – it can result in substantial financial loss, emotional stress and, depending on where the theft took place, security and community safety concerns.

Whilst we have seen a reduction in vehicle crime across Thames Valley, with almost 2,000 less incidents of theft from or theft of a motor vehicle in 2025 compared with 2024, there is more to do.

We launched the plan at the latest of a series of free tool marking events.

Tradespeople are significantly more likely to experience vehicle crime because their tools are seen as high-reward, low-risk targets for thieves.

According to statistics from Wickes, 4 in 10

tradespeople have experienced tool theft across the UK.

Tool marking is one of the simplest ways tradespeople can protect themselves from tool theft.

Since March, my office has distributed over 500 SelectaDNA tool marking kits to electricians, plumbers, carpenters and other traders across the Thames Valley, increasing the number of tools marked, making them less desirable to thieves and protecting more tradespeople's tools and livelihoods.

There is more information about future vehicle marking sessions and how to get hold of a kit directly if you can't attend one of the sessions on my website:

thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/vehiclecrime.

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If you're into your local politics, you may be interested - or already know - that Olly and Ron are Lib Dems, whilst Sally is an Independent.

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This caught my eye the other day...

"The Cow Lane Connecting Communities.

The Cow Lane underpass in Didcot will get a makeover next month as part of the Cow Lane Connecting Communities Artworks Project. This means that from Sunday 7 to Wednesday 10 June, the underpass will be undergoing essential cleaning, maintenance, repairs and the installation of some new artwork.

These improvements will help to create a brighter, safer and more welcoming route for everyone."

The above appeared in the 'Vale News', and isn't it interesting that the Didcot section of Cow Lane is, apparently, worthy of investment...I suspect quite a tidy sum was needed... whilst our own sections of this ancient road - and I suspect other parts too - are deemed unworthy.

See page 15 of last month's issue!

The Oxfordshire County Council Highways team have washed their hands of it completely, and actually advised resident Andrew Wastie when he contacted them to see what could be done, that he could *"do what he liked with it"!!*

**The Plough's 4th
Birthday Party!**



Hanneys News

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Hall Damage Continues

Wanton damage to the War Memorial Hall continues. During the last three months £141 was spent to repair it. So this is an immediate deficit in what the Hall can offer those who use it.

The youths who continue to kick footballs at the Hall make out that they have been forbidden use of the cricket field. This is not so: what they must avoid is the cricket 'square' (the roped-off area where wickets are pitched).

D Hockaday, Hon. Sec.

Last month I mentioned our fab and groovy Community Shop needing more volunteers.

I've recently been going through back issues of Hanneys News and found this on the front cover of the August 1999 issue.

On a brighter note, at least the kind of stuff highlighted in the top article isn't happening these days!

and help organizations in the local community.

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Hanneys Community Shop is now in its 13th year of business and, thanks to many people, it continues to flourish.

Sadly, in the past few years through death, ill health or removal the number of people volunteering their help has diminished. The Shop has managed to keep going and so far has not had to close a session through lack of staff. In order to maintain its service to the village more help is desperately needed.

Anyone who could offer 2 or 3 hours on a regular basis (weekly, fortnightly or monthly) is urged to contact the Shop (867408) or Committee (868315).

Hanneys Community Shop is a non-profit-making concern committed to serve the village and suggestions for improvement are always welcome.

In addition to the photocopier (5p per sheet), a fax machine is about to be installed in the Shop for the use of customers at a reasonable cost.

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Another lovely event happened recently at our Village Hall, the W.I. Craft Fair, and indeed there were some lovely crafts on display and available to purchase!

A few snaps below hopefully give a flavour, and if it's flavour you're after, you need go no further than Jeanette Howse's 'Well Preserved'! Some beautiful hand-made kid's clothes from Flora Scobie...check out her website: www.bumblebotsclothing.com.

Some great paintings of Hanney by 92 year old Robert Rose. See page 17. Quick mention for the tea and cake ladies, the latter being the best I've tasted in may a year!



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Clubs and Societies

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

HANNEY BELLRINGERS 'Learn the Ropes'. Wonderful mental and physical exercise with a friendly mixed group. Why not come along and watch a ringing session at St. James church. For more information contact Nicky Kauert 07795 571558.

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

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

HANNEY COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING in the Village Hall, Tuesdays, 10.00-11.30am. Everyone welcome for tea or coffee - a chat and a raffle. Just turn up!

HANNEY COMMUNITY WOODLAND WORKING PARTY...contact Paul Sayers by email pkayers@btinternet.com or 01235 868146

HANNEY DRAMA GROUP We produce the village annual pantomime in February. If you are interested in being involved in any capacity please contact Clive Ward: 07885819920 or Charlie East: 07914 380636 www.hanneydramagroup.co.uk

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 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 and enjoy wine tasting evenings from a variety of presenters. We maintain a waiting list for potential new members. hanneywinecircle@gmail.com
Facebook: Search "Hanney Wine Circle"

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 - all ages from 5 to seniors. For more details visit www.hanneyyouthfc.co.uk

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB meets every Wednesday in the Olde Hanney Room 2-5pm. New members welcome. Contact Lyn Mortonlynmorton89@gmail.com

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)

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH meets monthly, NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

SJS - HARMONY SINGING on Thursdays with SJS, one of Oxon's oldest male-voice a cappella groups.(6 of us) Rich treasury of 4-part songs; learn from the inside and make a difference. East Hanney, 8-10pm; pint at the Black Horse later. David Gahan 868933

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BINGO every second Saturday, R.B. Legion Hall 8pm. Cash prizes. 18+ welcome.

ST JAMES SCHOOL HELPING HANDS:
helpinghandshanneys@gmail.com

GROVE MONDAY ART GROUP: We meet most Mondays throughout the year in Grove Village Hall, Main Street, Grove, OX127JY from 12.30pm to 3.15pm. All abilities welcome and advice given if required. Each session is £5 which includes refreshments. For more details contact Alan Winter 07591 228737 or alanwinter1@sky.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 email: wantagechoralsociety@gmail.com.
www.wantagechoralsociety.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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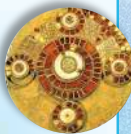
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