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My dear friends

'But it can't be that early; we've just got over the January Sales!' What is that early? - Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent - February 6th and we begin in our parishes on that day: 10.0am - Hanney. Denchworth - 3.0pm. East Challow - 7.30pm for services of ashes and dedication to 'keep a good Lent'.

The forty days has been designated by the Church as a time of inward reflection, repentance and renewal as the days get longer in preparation for spring and the great events of Easter - the 'bursting from the tomb' to herald new life for us all. Lent can provide us too with the need for change and room for improvement. God knows we need to change. God calls us to change. God commands us to change. God empowers us to change.

We are often so busy 'that we do not have time to 'stop and stare'. I know on a Sunday morning how conscious I am of having to move at speed from one parish to the next and the same can be true during the week. Where? What time? What next? Who next? So crowded lives need some time to be less crowded and Lent can be an opportunity to cut a hole in our time and talents: to give more time to ourselves - so often neglected, and through that to God and hence to others.

LENT BIBLE STUDY- Wednesday February 13 - 7.30(for 5 sessions) - The Vicarage, we shall be looking at aspects of St Matthew's Gospel and in particular to the events of the trial, death and resurrection of Jesus. All are welcome whether on the journey of faith, or perhaps looking for some help with considering the joys of understanding the word of God.

Finally, an ancient and worthwhile part of Lent has been 'the giving up' aspect -e.g. the denial of a favourite chocolate or beverage! The denial is fine in the respect of a reminder of God's goodness to us in the first place, but it is even better if the money saved goes to some cause dear to your heart, which will indeed be dear to His.

In whatever way, love and prayers, that we may keep a Good Lent.

On behalf of us all thank you too to Cathy, Jenny and Geoff for coming to the aid of Hanney News. Much appreciated.

Fr Tony

Parish Registers - Christian burial -Denchworth -December 28 - Jack Franklin. Hanney - January 3 - John Akers, to whose families rejoice in the resurrection. Christian Marriage - December 28 - David Dubuisson with Karen Banwell, to whom we offer much joy.

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FLOOD UPDATES

EAST HANNEY PARISH COUNCIL

East Hanney Parish Council wish to invite all residents of East Hanney to an open meeting to discuss the flooding which took place in July, to report on actions taken to date and to consider the way forward.

The meeting will take place in the War Memorial Hall (Old Hanney Room) at 7:30pm on 27th February.

WEST HANNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting 17th March 7.45pm

We have arranged a meeting with the VWHDC during the first week of Feb regarding flooding.

The Parish Council is compiling a portfolio of photos and other information referring to the flooding of West Hanney past and present.

If you have any photos or information please ring 868146/868293 or drop them in at 4 Rectory Close / The Barn.

NOTE: Maintenance and clearing of ditches and culverts is generally the responsibility of the land owner who has a boundary against the ditch, even if they do not own the ditch.

Half-Price Season Tickets on Milton Park / Didcot Bus Link

The new No. 36, peak hours, bus service dramatically cuts the journey time from Hanney to Steventon, Milton Park and Didcot. The route stops outside the Black Horse in East Hanney and takes just 10 minutes to Milton Park and 20 minutes to Didcot Station.

Morning pick-up at: 06.31, 07.41, 08.53

Half price season tickets are available until 15th February.

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DIARY – FEBRUARY 2008

All diary events will be held in Hanney War Memorial Hall unless specified otherwise and all numbers are 01235.

Mon 4 HANNEY GARDENING CLUB 7.45pm Spring pruning - expert demonstration by Steve Relton. Joint mtg with Harwell G.C.

Wed 6 HANNEY SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH CLUB 12.30pm.

Wed 6 PLOUGH INN QUIZ NIGHT 8.45 pm

Thur 7 HANNEY BOOK CLUB 8.00pm at the Plough.

Tue 12 BLACKHORSE MUSIC QUIZ NIGHT 8.30pm

Tue 12 HANNEY WINE CIRCLE 8.00pm. Where did that come from?

Thur 14 HANNEY WI 7.30pm Sylvia Brown - 35 Years on a Milk Round.

Thur 14 WANTAGE & GROVE LIONS 8pm. Business mtg. RBL Hall

Wed 20 HANNEY SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH CLUB 12.30pm.

REGULAR EVENTS

HANNEY CHAPEL. Morning Service suitable for all ages every Sunday at 10:30am. evening Service monthly at 6pm, usually on 4th Sunday in the month. All welcome. Jumpstart club for 6-10 year olds, Thurs 6pm. Friday Club for 10-15 year olds at 7.30pm, both in term time. Mothers and Others first Thurs in month 10.30am. For more information contact Bob Pritchard on 751627.

HANNEY PRE-SCHOOL now meets in our new building in the grounds of St James School. Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri, 9am-12noon term-time, for over-3s. 2-3-yr session 9-11.30am Wed, over 3 s 12.45 -3.15pm Wed. Contact Angie Stockwell on 868236.

OLDE HANNEY ROOM COFFEE SHOP, Tuesdays, 10.30-11.30am. Everyone welcome for tea or coffee and a chat. Sales table.

MOBILE LIBRARY will visit Mondays 4th and 18th at West Hanney Bus Shelter (1.50-2.0) Village Hall (2.15-2.30) Medway (2.35-3.00) Nethercote (3.05-3.20).

DANCING CLASS, Tuesdays, 3.30-4.30pm during term-time. Children from 3 1/2. Ballet, tap, acrobatic dancing, deportment. New pupils welcome.

HANNEY S LITTLE RAINBOWS BABY & TODDLER GROUP Monday mornings 9.30 - 11.30 (term time only). Activities and fun for 0-3 yrs. Hanney Memorial Hall. Please phone Hayley on 07730 070302.

HANNEY BOWLS CLUB Wednesdays 7.30-10.00pm, and Thursdays 2.00-4.00pm.

RBL WOMEN S SECTION MEETINGS are held at 8.00pm on the second Monday of each month in the RBL 66 Club. New members very welcome.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 8.00pm in the Headquarters in East Hanney. Why not pay us a visit?

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH CLUB meets every second Wednesday for lunch and a chat. New members welcome. For further information ring 868356 or 868654.

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

HANNEY TENNIS CLUB Club sessions - Tuesday evenings, Sunday mornings and Ladies only Wednesday afternoons. Junior Club Thursdays 5-6 and 6-7pm. For Membership ring 765995 and for Coaching enquiries ring Dave Smith on 768204.

BINGO every Sunday, RBL Hall 8pm. Cash prizes. All over 18 welcome.

WANTAGE CHORAL SOCIETY rehearses every Tuesday at St Mary's School at 7.30pm. New voices always welcome. Please ring Judy Gibbons on 868516 for further details, look us up on our website www.wantagechoralsociety.co.uk or email wantagechoralsociety@yahoo.co.uk.

HANNEY HISTORY GROUP. Meets 8pm every 4th Tuesday. New members and visitors welcome. For further information ring Ann Fewins on 868378.

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THE BLACK HORSE - UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The Hanneys are pleased to extend a warm welcome to the village to Mark and Claire who moved into management of The Black Horse pub in Main Street on 22nd December last.

Although new to the hostelry business, Mark reports that the pub enjoyed a very successful Christmas period, including a party on New Year's Eve which was attended by villagers from both West and East Hanney.

Mark and Claire are working to build up the pub as an important community meeting and socialising place and, whilst they wait for their new pub kitchen to be installed, have introduced 'lite bites' (baguettes and jacket potatoes) to their menu.

The Black Horse has long been associated with Quiz Nights and Mark and Claire have promised to carry on with Music Quiz Nights on the second Tuesday of each month and also to introduce General Knowledge Quizzes every fourth Tuesday, starting February.

Both Trevor at The Plough and Sami at The Lamb have added their welcome to Mark and Claire and wished them every success in their new venture.

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To advertise in the HANNEY NEWS, email hanney.news@fsmail.net or put your advert in the box in the Hanney Shop. Organisations are charged £10 per year to guarantee an entry in the diary or regular events section each month. Four line adverts in the centre pages are charged at £2 per month or £20 per annum. Larger block adverts are available for £5, £10 or £15 per month or £50, £100 or £150 per annum. Cheques should be made payable to Hanney News Association.

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£100 Alice Routledge Grove
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There are still some numbers available, so if you would like to join please telephone 868256 for details.

TOP TIPS FOR KEEPING WARM AND WELL THIS WINTER

Most people know they are more likely to catch a cold or flu during the winter but did you know that as the weather gets colder a lower body temperature can lead to an increased risk of heart and respiratory problems, and cases of depression also increase?

Derys Pragnell, a Health Improvement Practitioner at Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust has the following top tips for coping with the cold and staying healthy this winter:

* **keep active during the day** - Try and move around at least once an hour and if you can, don't sit for long periods of time
* **When you are outside don't take risks** - If it is wet or icy be careful not to fall, wear plenty of layers, gloves and a hat
* **when you are at home wear several thin layers** of clothing and a hat or headscarf if you feel cold
* to **keep your feet warm and prevent you falling** wear flat, dry, non-slip shoes or boots inside and outside of your home
* remember **'food is fuel'** so eat regular hot meals and have a **hot drink** before bed
* **set your thermostat** to around 21c (70f) for rooms you use during the daytime and heat your bedroom to least 18°C overnight (consider using a hot water bottle or electric blanket if your bedroom is cold)
* **stop smoking** as this will improve your circulation
* **get a flu jab** - If you are aged 65 or more, have a serious respiratory condition, heart, kidney or liver disease, diabetes, lowered immunity, multiple sclerosis or other nerve affecting disorder or if you have had a stroke, you are entitled to a free flu jab from your family doctor
* **prepare your home for the winter months** - find out if you are entitled to financial support by contacting The Warm Front Scheme - telephone 0800 072 0151. If you are over 60 there is money available towards winter fuel bills - telephone 08459 151515. Your energy supplier may also be able to offer financial support to improve heating at home.

As well as contacting your family doctor, health advice and information is available from NHS Direct on 08454647 (or text phone 0845 606 4647) and local pharmacies. Advice to give up smoking is available from 01865 226663

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No- this isn't another commercial for our new bus routes and timetables, although several people have told me that since my last piece on the changes, they have tried the buses - especially the X30 'whiz' into Oxford and enjoyed the experience.

Well, 'enjoyed' until a couple of times people have seen the bus sail past them without stopping ... especially in central Oxford at the X30 Castle Street stop (outside County Hall).

As usual, I've been quick to report the shortcomings to Stagecoach and their reply is awaited. HOWEVER, I seem to have been too quick this time, as I've now heard from someone who used to drive buses in the area that few stops are obligatory, at most you need to hail the bus.

Thames Travel - the new operators of route 32 - make this clear in their leaflet so perhaps I should have guessed what was happening!

SO, altogether now - ALL HAIL THE BUSES!

Pam Blustin
Public Transport Representative
West Hanney

WANTAGE & GROVE LIONS

will be holding their business meeting on 14th February at 8pm in the Royal British Legion Hall, E Hanney. Anyone interested in our work is welcome to attend. Please contact Lion Secretary Sylvia on 765267.

Entries will be going out shortly for our annual Brains of Wantage quiz which, was unavoidably postponed from Nov and will now be held on March 15th.

Home-Start Antique Roadshow!

Didcot Civic Hall 19th March
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E T R ('Ted') Carter, 1925-2008

To those who have lived in the Hanneys for many years he was simply 'Ted'. To newer villagers who hadn't got to know him he was the stooped old former East Hanney baker with the constant smile whose house in Ashfields Lane was so severely flooded last July. Until that point, Ted, who was chairman of East Hanney Parish Council for almost 30 years until the year 2000, had carried on in his inimitable way clearing out ditches, emptying litter bins, tidying round the village hall, hedge trimming, and doing all manner of other odd jobs round the village.

I shall remember him for the annual knock on my door asking for my £1 allotment rent. It hasn't increased in 30 years. Twenty and thirty-somethings, when they return to East Hanney, reflect on how, as children, they would engineer trips to Ted's bakery with their parents because they would usually return with one of the small odd-size bread rolls he gave to the children.

Ted, whose wife Mary died in 1993, was born at the bakery, and took over the business from his father in 1960. Older residents remember him delivering bread round the villages on his bike, with its strengthened small front wheel, and later in a small van.

Ted loved Hanney, and this was manifested in the way he gave of his time selflessly.As another former chairman of East Hanney Parish Council said: "He would always lend a hand when needed."

With his parochial outlook and strong sense of place it would be easy to label Ted as one of a 'dying breed'. I prefer to say that his simple, but totally sound, vision meant that he realised to the full the value of living in a vibrant village community, and lived out this belief to the end.

The memorial service for Ted, who died peacefully at his son's house on Boxing Day 2007, will be at St James, West Hanney on Sat 16th Feb at 12.00, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall. The service to celebrate Ted s life is expected to be well-attended and all are welcome.

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