

DIARY – MARCH 2008

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

- Mon 3 HANNEY GARDENING CLUB
7.45pm The Orchard Year - practical ideas for your fruit trees
Gill Franklin.
- Mon 3 CROWN SINGERS
8pm in the Church
- Wed 5 HANNEY SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH CLUB
12.30pm.
- Sat 8 CANCER RESEARCH
7.30pm Bingo
- Tue 11 HANNEY WINE CIRCLE 8.00pm.
A Variety of Varietals
- Fri 14 HANNEY WI
7.30pm AGM
- Fri 14 WANTAGE & GROVELIONS
8pm. Business mtg. RBL Hall
- Fri 14 RBL WOMEN S SECTION 8.00pm
Easter Bingo, RBL
- Mon 17 WH PARISH COUNCIL 7.45pm
Ring 868146 for details
- Mon 17 CROWN SINGERS
8pm in the Church
- Wed 19 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 3rd, 17th and 31st 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. Mums-to-be welcome. 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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St James CE Primary School Has Gone Green!

The village school is particularly busy at the moment as winter gives way to spring and the children tend their nature gardens and trail.

The school, for 4 to 11 year olds, has a very strong eco-culture and every pupil has the opportunity to participate in the many eco-friendly activities that St James organises for them.

The school utilises the large field behind the school building to encourage the pupils to play amongst the various projects underway. These include an award winning new pond which incorporates its own eco-system, a line of new saplings and several vegetable plots, the last of which provided ingredients for the children to make soup last term.

The pupils' efforts and record keeping around activities such as litter picking, recycling, composting and growing has been formally recognised by Encams (the UK environmental campaigns organisation) by the award of a second green flag which the school flew proudly in its main entrance until the pole was accidentally flattened by a reversing lorry last month! Mrs Pittard, the teacher who oversees the green project said that the children had really taken to the work and looked forward to their field activities with great enthusiasm.

The school which has stood on the East Hanney site for over 160 years has launched the education of hundreds of villagers and continues to serve the village now as a great (and now energy saving) resource.

March 7th Shopping & Pamper evening - see opposite

Hanney Community Shop & Sub Post Office -Review of rural sub post offices

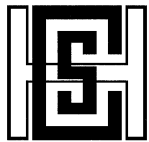
Frank, our Sub Postmaster, reports: "Post Office Limited has recently announced the results of its review of the network in Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire. It is very pleasing to learn that our post office is not on the initial list of proposed closures. At present, the Post Office is holding a period of public consultation which ends on 17th March. The final decision will be announced on May 6th, 2008. The main criterion for closure is geographic, based on distance to the next nearest post office. Thank you to everyone who supports the shop and post office - long may they both continue!"

Since December 1986, when the community shop and sub post office were established, the village has been extremely well served by its postmasters: Val Shadbolt, then Alice Routledge (from January 1991) and, since September 2003 by Frank Whiting.

The Shop Committee would like to record their appreciation of Frank's professionalism and unfailing courtesy in dealing with his customers. Moreover, he has provided the link between the large number of voluntary shop staff and has alerted the Committee when a problem has arisen. We feel that it is mainly due to Frank that the shop and post office have survived the latest review. If villagers wish to keep their post office and shop, we urge them to make more use of their services.

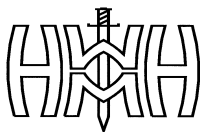
The Shop Committee wish to record their thanks to the Carol Singers who made a grant of £125 which will be put towards flood defence equipment.

Audrey Vickers



HANNEY COMMUNITY SHOP

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 Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri
 9 to 12.30, 2-5pm
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FURTHER REGULAR EVENTS

HANNEY GUIDES meets on Mondays 6.30-8pm during term time. All girls welcome aged 10+. contact Nicky Kavert 868431 or Sue Clark 765885 for details.

HANNEY BELLRINGERS meet every Wednesday St James' Church West Hanney from 7.30 pm until 9 pm. Beginners very welcome. Contact Richard Grecian for more details (868703).

THE VALE ISLANDERS HISTORICAL DANCE GROUP meet every Tuesday 8pm in Charney Bassett Village Hall. New dancers and musicians always welcome. Tel:- Ruth Gerring 01367 870245 or Sue Wales 01235 868182.

PILATES CLASSES, Hanney War Memorial Hall, Mondays during term-time: Improvers 12:30 to 1:25 and Beginners from 1:30 to 2:25. Contact Linda Riley on 01865 821273.

CROWN SINGERS of HANNEY meet on alternate Mondays in the Church at 8pm. March 3rd/17th/31st/14th Apr etc. Details 868109.

WHAT'S ON NEAR HANNEY

PLAYHOUSE THEATRE, March 3rd-8th The Clean House by Sarah Ruhl, 11th-15th Our Friends in the North by Peter Flannery, 18th-22nd Testing the Echo by David Elgar, 27th-30th War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy adapted by Helen Edmundson.

FARMERS' MARKETS will be held in March on the following dates: Newbury 2nd, 16th, Faringdon 4th, Thame 11th, Didcot 8th, Witney 19th, Abingdon 17th, Hungerford 23rd and Wantage 29th

WANTAGE GARDENERS ASSOCN, Shop open 9am until 12 noon, every Saturday from 2nd Feb to end Sept. The shop is non-profit making and run by volunteers. It is located in the Scout Nissen Hut, Springfield Road/Icknield Lane, Wantage. We hold a good stock of essential gardening supplies, organic fertilizers, bird netting, etc. For more details or a 2008 Newsletter, call 868073

FRIDAY-NITE STAGESCHOOL meets every Friday term time in Wantage Civic Hall from 5pm to 7pm. (Juniors 4pm). Dancing, singing and acting for children from 5 to 16. 767975 for details.

WANTAGE STAGE-MUSICAL COMPANY rehearses every Wednesday at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Newbury Street, Wantage. New voices are always welcome. Please ring 01235 770087 for more details or look us up on our website: <http://www.wantagestageamusal.co.uk/>.

WANTAGE MALE VOICE CHOIR rehearse at Hanney War Memorial Hall on Tuesdays, 7.30-9.30pm. The Choir is looking for more men who enjoy a good sing to join their existing number of 30 or so. If interested, call Geoff (868440) or Keith (766964.)

Website: www.communicate.co.uk/oxford/wantagemalevoicechoir.

WHITE HORSE HALF MARATHON 6th April. Route around Grove, Denchworth and Charney Bassett. In support of Helen & Douglas House. Entry forms at www.whitehorseharriers.org

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

We appreciate that in a large building of such an age, draughts will on occasions occur; nevertheless, the installation of the new heating system in St James The Great Church has made a considerable difference to the comfort of worshippers and visitors. The cost of £45,000 came from our savings from the Philberd Manor Fairs and by a grant of £2000 from Oxfordshire Historic Churches, and £5000 from WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd) under the Landfill Community Fund. We are most grateful for their contributions.

The Vicar and Churchwardens.

Dear Editor

Hanney Drama Group wish to thank all those members of our audiences who gave so generously to this years causes. The sums raised were:

Red Cross £181.45

NSPCC £181.45

profits from the sale of ice-cream were given to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

Thanks

Jean Sutherland

Dear Editor

Thank you to all those who purchased ice creams at the Panto. Together with your donations we made a profit of £258. This will be donated to Air Ambulance.

De Blomley

Dear Editor

A Big thank you to John and the British

Benjamin Pembroke

A well-known village resident; Benjamin Pembroke known to most as 'Benji' succumbed to a long illness and died in hospital in the early hours of Friday 8th February 2008. He is survived by his two sisters and brother.

Legion for hosting the Hanney Pre-School charity Bingo night on 14 December 2007. We raised a Whopping £850 which will be used to buy much needed outdoor play equipment. Also many thanks to all those who donated prizes -RP Cherry of Radley, Sheepdrove Organic Farm, The Plough, La Fontana, Dewes Meadow, Segais, Philip Day and Millbrook Opticians to name but a few...and last but not least The Punters!

Thanks again we are very grateful

Hayley Simmons

on behalf of Hanney Pre-School

Dear Editor

I would like to thank all the people who made the time to leave me stamps; for the good cause of horses who are in need - I have now sent of a huge envelope.

Please carry on saving and when you have the time please drop them off at 34 Brookside. It s all in a good cause and I will send them off when there is a fair amount.

Thank you

Pat Beach

Dear Editor

The Hall has received a cheque for £125 from the Carol Singers and wishes to thank the organisers, singers and contributors for their generosity.

David Evans
 Chairman, HWMH

Hanney Parochial Charities

Would the person who wrote to Father Tony, in December, please contact me in confidence?

Lionel Cousins (Tel 868274)
 Chairman, Hanney Parochial Charities

The selection of clubs and societies available in The Hanneys is truly astonishing, providing villagers with many opportunities for fun, socialising and community service. In this new, regular feature we take a look at the organisations that feature in the Diary and Regular Events sections of the Hanney News.

HANNEY GARDENING CLUB

Hanney Gardening club has been running for approx 25 years with the aim of sharing knowledge and enthusiasm for Plants and Gardens. With over 45 members enjoying the monthly get together and occasional excursions, it has a sociable side as well.

HGC meets in the Hanney War Memorial Hall on the first Monday of the month - look out for the dates in Hanney News! Membership is just £7 and that includes 8 monthly meetings with a Speaker offering practical help on chosen subjects

27th July 2008 - Hanney Gardening Club Open Gardens Day. For the small fee of £3 (children under 14 free) you can visit the Gardens within East and West Hanney that have volunteered to open their gates for the day. There will be plant sales, live music, teas, Raffle and pottery sale. Money raised from the event will go towards the Church heating and HGC speakers.

Top Tips for March:

- * Now is the time to get Roses under control either by pruning or renovating
- * March is a good time to move plants. Dig a big hole in the new location, fertilise the hole, fill with water and let it drain away. Dig up the plant taking as much of the root bulb as possible and place it in the drained hole. Water and then put more fertiliser on top.
- * Cut back winter flowering shrubs. Cut back to the framework height which allows for summer growth and gives you the height you need.
- * Don't forget the lawn! Start cutting and feeding. Ideally scarify.

If you would like more detailed information on Hanney Gardening club please visit the website at www.thehanneys.org.uk. Or just turn up for a £1 as a guest at a monthly meeting or keep an eye on the diary pages of The Hanney News!
Tel Gill Parry 01235 868490

From a first performance in 1971, the Hanney Drama Group has staged 25 pantomimes on the stage at the Hanney village hall. This year saw Cinderella climbing the beanstalk to meet Dick Whittington before packed stalls between February 7th and 9th. This was a special year for Angela Cousins and Jean Sutherland as it was their last as musical director and pantomime director respectively. Angela has directed the musical scores and performed as a musician for all 25 pantos and Jean has directed the last 11.

Both Jean and Angela recall the enjoyment they've had as directors and the many talented actors they've worked with to deliver their many triumphs. They explain how work on February panto often starts in May of the previous year when scripts are either written or purchased; (Jean was the sole author of this year's production). The vital role of casting takes place over September / October and the directors then work with producer, choreographer, stage manager, costumes and make-up to bring everything together for the production. The Drama Group's productions have won first prize awarded by the Oxford Drama Network three times over the years and been placed at 2nd or 3rd on other occasions.

In common with recent years' productions, this year's panto supported local charities such as NSPCC, Red Cross and the Thames Valley air ambulance.

As well as the 20 or more adult actors in the pantos and other plays, there is always room for children aged between 9 and 16 in the junior chorus and those that participate take the opportunity to learn and experience the theory and practice of drama as well as the social skills that young people can learn from working as part of a larger group.

These two ladies who have given so much of their time to keep Hanney Drama Group in the limelight of successful stage productions will step aside from their director roles at the next AGM of the Drama Group (HWMH on Monday April 14th).

Hanney News On-Line

Mark Sacco, designer, builder and maintainer of the Hanneys website has kindly agreed to begin archiving Hanney News on the The Hanneys' website. Due to earlier printing constraints, the archived copies have something of a 'back to front' look at present but we hope to put that right over the course of the next few issues and present the web copies in correct page order.

The site itself has been up and running for over three years and is widely used by both residents and also for those who have left the village but still want to stay in touch. You can visit Mark's village site, which also contains useful links to local clubs, associations and other items at <http://www.thehanneys.org.uk>

Mark maintains and funds the site on a voluntary basis and is keen to receive feedback from villagers as well as constructive criticism and requests for content inclusion. He can be contacted using the 'contacts' section of the site as: Webmaster@TheHanneys.org.uk

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