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SUNDAYS

SERVICES

WEEKDAYS

HANNEY 9.45
Hanney - 9.45 - Parish Eucharist- (4th - Family Communion)
Denchworth 9.0- Parish Eucharist (2nd - said service)

Tuesday..... Eucharist at Hanney, 10am.
HOLY BAPTISM & WEDDINGS by arrangement.
Hanney:
COFFEE AT VICARAGE: Tuesday, 10.30-11
Bell ringing practice Wednesdays 7.30 to 9.30
beginners welcome

If lifts are required to any services please contact The Vicar - 868863

My dear friends

On Thursday January 24, there was a most moving and uplifting programme on TV- 'A Boy Called Alex.' The story of 16 year old Alex struggling with the crippling consequences of cystic fibrosis, but who despite the mountain of medicines and treatments, was determined to conduct a performance of Bach's Magnificat in Eton Chapel. He did, but in the making of the film his future was twice in doubt. On one occasion, his mother said of the possibility of his dying: 'In his new life he will be well, and go on composing his music.' What faith and what hope! Faith, hope, newness, are central themes of the great mystery of Easter, which has fallen this year earlier than it has been since 1913. Whatever day it falls on, those central truths remain. There can be no disguising the fact that those early disciples who had stayed and witnessed the crucifixion, must have left saddened, bewildered and even disappointed. Was this all there was to their having given up three years of their lives in following Jesus? Had they in the midst of their own personal sadness, forgotten that he had promised them 'that three days afterwards, he will rise again.'

However, often out of dark despair and a sense of aloneness, hope can dawn; hope for young Alex in his own determination; hope in the work from his parents, nurses and school friends. Hope too in the hearts of Peter, James, John and the devoted Mother Mary, and the disciple Mary Magdalen. Faith and hope that the divine and human man whom they saw as their Saviour, would by the power of that same Father who sent him to earth, also restore him to new life.

And so it was; on that first Easter Morn, the tomb is empty; death is no more; He is Risen! and those first to the tomb saw it was, and believed.

But for Christians the 'was' is not enough. What we celebrated at Easter and every day is the 'now' - we live NOW with Christ in His Risen Life,- a glimpse of the divine, but realised fully only in our own futures in 'the sure hope of the resurrection to eternal life.' What joy indeed that continues to give us in these post Easter weeks and forever.

With love and prayers

Fr Tony

Parish Registers - February 19 - funeral service for Benjamin (Benjy) to whose family we offer the joy of the resurrection.

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EAST HANNEY PARISH COUNCIL - FLOOD MEETING

Over 70 residents attended a meeting arranged by East Hanney Parish Council on 27th February, informing them of the work performed following last summer's floods and to gauge the level of interest in forming a community defence group.

It is pleasing to report that the presentations were well received and led to both healthy debate and around 20 people putting their names forward as being interested in forming a community defence group.

The Environment Agency's Flood Report on last summer's floods in our area has recently been published and copies are available from the Community shop or directly from the EA on 08708 506506.

There has been a noticeable and welcome increase in the number of residents clearing ditches throughout the village - Thank you and please keep up the good work.

The first meeting of the Community Defence Group is scheduled for April.

WEST HANNEY PARISH COUNCIL

West Hanney Parish Council are holding their Open Annual General Meeting in the Hanney War Memorial Hall on Monday 21st April 2008 commencing at 8.00pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

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DAMAGE TO HANNEY WAR MEMORIAL HALL

Unfortunately, the HWMH has suffered damage during a number of recent incidents

Our Police Community Support Officer Myra Stokes is asking people, especially walkers and dog walkers to go round the hall on their walks and check if any damage has been done to the hall and to observe people who are lingering and may be likely to cause damage.

If you see something and know the people involved then, if it's not an emergency situation, a call to PCSO Myra Stokes on 079 701 451 60 would be appreciated.

DIARY – APRIL 2008

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

Wed 2 HANNEY SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH

CLUB

12.30pm.

Mon 7 HANNEY

GARDENING CLUB

7.45pm Planting

Containers - expert

guidance from

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Horticultural

Advisor - Maurice

Rust, plus raffle

Tue 8 HANNEY WINE CIRCLE 8.00pm.

Andrew Chapman
Fine Wines

Tue 8 BLACKHORSE QUIZ NIGHT

8.30pm Music quiz

Thur 10 WANTAGE & GROVELIONS

8pm. Business mtg.
RBL Hall

Thur 10 HANNEY WI

7.30pm Liz Harris

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very different

approach

Sun 13 HANNEY CRICKET CLUB

1st XI v Appleton
(friendly)

Mon 14 HANNEY DRAMA GROUP 7.30pm

AGM

Mon 14 CROWN SINGERS 8pm in the Church

Tue 15 BLACKHORSE Open mic night

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 14th and 28th 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 3¹/₂. 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 HMMH, 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 HISTORICAL GROUP. Meets 8pm every 4th Tuesday. New members and visitors welcome. For further information ring Ann Fewins on 868378.

CROWN SINGERS of HANNEY meet on alternate Mondays in the Church at 8pm. April 14th / 28th etc. Details 868109.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
On behalf of my wife Beverly and I, our two sons Ben and Tom, and close relatives Harold and Clare, I would like to say a big thank you to the very emotional and heart felt sending of off that you gave my father. It made us very proud. The sadness will remain for a very long time, but it is also very comforting to know that so many people thought so kindly of Ted as to attend his beautiful memorial service in the church and later the reception in the village hall. I so much enjoyed sharing stories of dad with people I knew in my childhood, and listening to your very kind words. The very best wishes to you all.

Peter Carter

[Mr Tony has asked me to mention that a donation of £555 was given to RBL in Ted's memory - Ed]

Dear Editor,
Oh what a night! The Hanney Hall was ablaze in red hearts and balloons and the Boys and their Valentine Beaus were a sight of beauty to behold. I am of course talking about the Hanney Pre-School's fundraising dinner and dance held on 16 February which was a fantastic success - we raised a massive £1,250 and everyone there enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to Joy Willis, the caterer and the band Basement 33 (would highly recommend both so please contact me if you want their details). The evening was the

first of many planned events to raise funds for a new pre-school building as our existing one is in decline! Many thanks to all of you who were there and those that supported the evening by buying raffles tickets for the 'Barrow Full of Booze' which was won by Christine Thomas.

Hayley Simmons
on behalf of Hanney Pre-School

Dear Editor,
Sainsbury's have recently restated the Active Kids Vouchers. I would be very grateful if villagers could collect these vouchers and donate them to Hanney Guides. Last year we were able to use them to buy some really useful cooking equipment. Please drop vouchers in to Eland House, Winter Lane, W.H. or use the Hanney News mailbox in the Village Shop. Many thanks

Sue Clark
Hanney Guides

Dear Editor,
Thank you to all who supported the Pamper Night at St James in March. It raised £482! If you use on-line shopping have a look at www.buy.at/StJamesCEto raise further money for the school.

Jo Connelly

SUBMISSIONS

To submit an item to the HANNEY NEWS, please either send it to the Editor, post it in the box in the Community Shop, fax it to 867408 or email hanney.news@fsmail.net by the 15th of the month at the latest for inclusion in the following issue.

ADVERTISING

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.

NEWCOMERS

Ring Jean Smith, 868661, for essential village and local information collected by the WI for people moving to Hanney.

Light, Land and Sea
Creative Photography Exhibition
by Nicholas Box

In a time when much of our natural landscape is under threat, this stunning exhibit shows the remarkable strength and dignity of earth and sea, divorced from recent human activity.

Nicholas Box has lived in West Hanney for the last 12 years and has a great love of the natural world.

The exhibition ranges from prehistoric stones at Wayland s Smithy to sunset over Odstone Coombes, ancient trees at Avebury, Black Nab near Whitby and the Isles of Orkney. The photographs show extensive detail of light, texture and colour, as well as a sense of remoteness and solitude.

The exhibition can be viewed at Geoffrey Bailey Shoe Shop, Wantage from 18th-26th April.

A percentage of proceeds will go to The Friends of the Ridgeway.



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REGULAR EVENTS

HANNEY CRICKET CLUB outdoor training Weds 6pm+. Friendly matches in April, league from May. Contact Secretary Richard Green 765737, Membership David Green 01367 718660. hanneycc.org.uk

HANNEY GUIDES meets on Mondays 6.30-8pm during term time. All girls welcome aged 10+. contact 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.

WHAT'S ON NEAR HANNEY

PLAYHOUSE THEATRE, April 9th-12th Thoroughly Modern Millie, 15th-19th Plaza Suite by Neil Simon, 22nd-26th Blackbird by David Harrower.

OXFORD LITERARY FESTIVAL 31st March - 6th April
THE DOMINO PLAYERS present Fly Me To The Moon by John Godber, Lains Barn, 23rd-25th April, Tickets from Vale and Downland Museum or book on line at www.dominoplayers.co.uk

FARMERS' MARKETS will be held in April on the following dates: Newbury 6th, 20th, Faringdon 1st, Thame 8th, Didcot 12th, Witney 16th, Abingdon 21st, Hungerford 27th and Wantage 26th
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.wantagestagecompany.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.

DIARY - APRIL 2008

Wed 16 HANNEY SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH C L U B 12.30pm.

Sat 19 CANCER RESEARCH 10-4 Car boot sale

Sun 20 HANNEY CRICKET CLUB

1st XI v Not The MCC (friendly)

Mon 21 WESTHANNEY PARISH COUNCIL

8pm Open AGM

Tue 22 HANNEY HISTORICAL GROUP

8pm. Glimmer in the Dark - Anglo-Saxon and viking art & crafts - Martin

Way

Tue 22 BLACKHORSE QUIZ NIGHT

8.30pm General knowledge quiz

Thur 24 HANNEY SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

2.30pm.

Sat 26 HANNEY CRICKET CLUB

1st XI v Elsevier (friendly)

Mon 28 CROWN SINGERS

8pm in the Church

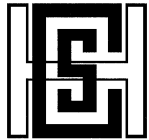
Wed 30 HANNEY SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH C L U B 12.30pm.

St James The Great Family Communion

Fourth Sunday

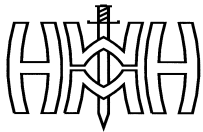
27th April 9.45am

All Ages Welcome



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WEST HANNEY PARISH COUNCIL

HANNEY FESTIVAL OF SPORT

Promoting Football 2008

W.H.P.C. and H.W.M.H. are proposing a Festival of Sport this year, promoting mainly football, but all other sporting activities are included. This should take place on 28th & 29th June if there is sufficient interest.

A form of football was played in the Hanneys during the 1600s!
 Any individual, club or organisation interested in helping make this Proposal an event, please ring 867146 or 868293. Thank you.

Reservoir Affected Parishes (R.A.P)
 Meeting at Steventon on 27th February.

With several groups, including Thames Water, providing the public with information, it was agreed R.A.P. should concentrate on establishing the facts and intentions to raise public awareness.

An area of current concern was the Stakeholder Panel. It was reported that fourteen people had been selected for the Panel, that they only represent themselves and not much progress was being made; also a report that a Thames Water employee was an "honorary member" and could influence the Panel.

A "Question Time" Panel meeting will be held in HWMH on a Friday evening, as soon as Thames Water release the dates of their next consultation exhibition, so that anyone can put questions to representatives of the major organisations involved, including Thames Water, Environment Agency, OFWAT and DEFRA etc.

CANCER RESEARCH

TABLE TOP and CAR BOOTSALE

Saturday 19th April
 10am-4pm
 Hanney Village Hall

Book a pitch or table
 £5 in advance - call 868527
 or £10 on the day

Refreshments all day/Raffle

CROSSING PATROL

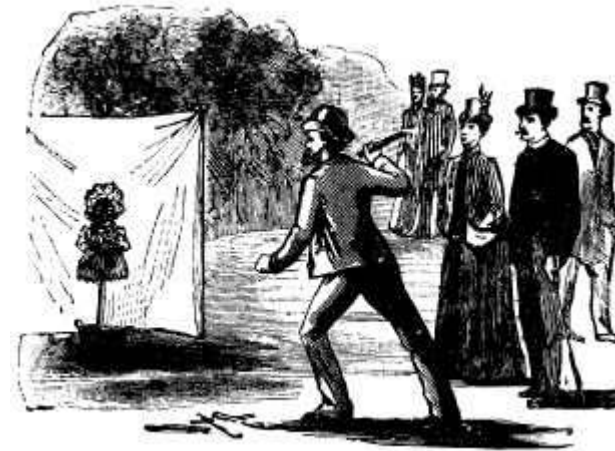
St. James Primary School urgently needs a Crossing Patrol person.

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 Jane Snewin
 (Headteacher):868232
 or of fice.3225@st-james-pri-oxon.sch.uk

Bob's your Uncle and Sally's your Aunt

Aunt Sally is played by players throwing batons at a wooden skittle known as a doll and goes back at least as far as the 17th Century. It may have been introduced by Royalist soldiers during the English Civil war when Charles set up court in Oxford. It is one of those pub games which is played only in a very confined locale and hardly at all outside of this area. In the case of Aunt Sally, the location is Oxfordshire and despite being restricted only to pubs in and around Oxford it is a very popular game indeed which is taken very seriously by regulars and for which there are numerous leagues of some longevity.



The game is in its third year at The Black Horse pub in East Hanney when the new season starts in May. The pub's 'A' and 'B' teams each enter a league of 10 teams to battle at home and away throughout the late spring to early autumn when the season comes to a close. Each team comprises 8 players and games are played over 3 or 4 rounds and the losers of the final round are obliged to buy the winners a drink.

The game is played between the two teams on a pitch called a 'throw'. Players throw their sticks from behind the 'oche' (a line on the ground) at the 'doll standing' at the far end of the throw.

The wooden sticks thrown at the 'doll' are 18 inches long and two inches in diameter - similar to a rounders bat. The doll is six inches tall and three and a half inches in diameter and painted white. It's placed on a metal 'stand' situated in the doll standing, the stand being two and a half feet tall and ten yards from the oche. A hit must be cleanly struck to count (hitting the 'stand' doesn't count and the winners are the team with the most hits.

On a sunny Oxfordshire evening it's a very pleasant and social way to spend a couple of hours and the Hanney teams will be in action from mid-May. Shaun Lambie and Andy Wilson are team captains; fixtures and dates will be on display at the pub and spectators, supporters and volunteer players are always welcome.

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NEWS FROM CLUB/SOCIETIES



HANNEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We have a special speaker at our
April meeting

Liz Harris will be talking on
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Before you plan your Spring wardrobe
we would like to invite you to join us
on Thursday 10th April at 7.30pm
in the Olde Hanney Room at the Village Hall

All ladies welcome

Want to know more?
Phone Jean Geary on 869070 or
Jean Hinckley on 867439



Women's
Institute

WANTAGE & GROVE LIONS

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

HANNEY GARDENING CLUB

Reminder: don't forget the Plant sale on Saturday
May 10th 10am-12 noon at HWMH. Bring your
family and friends.

If you wish to donate plants and are not a mem-
ber, contact De Blonley 868485

HANNEY DRAMA GROUP AGM

is on Monday 14th April
7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room
New members very welcome

HANNEY BOWLS CLUB

After last year's floods, the Bowls Club continued
to play in the HWMH until the floor was taken up.
Despite the difficulties, our players were still able
to finish a very creditable third in the First Division
of the Winter League.

All is now back to normal and the 2008 club com-
petitions will start soon.

The summer triples league will also start shortly
and we will be looking to register more players for
both this and the 2008/9 winter league.

So if you would like to have a go do come along
on either Wednesday evening or Thursday after-
noon - see Regular Events for times. If nothing
else you will get a cup of tea and a digestive so

what have you got to lose!

HANNEY CYCLE CLUB

The Club is born!

We had a good inaugural Bike Ride on
15th March, enjoying quiet lanes on a
beautiful early Spring day

Next meet: Saturday 12th April 9am at
the Village Hall.

(Regardless of weather conditions!)

Remember it's a Club without commit-
tees AGMs or Subs.

All you need is your bicycle
All comers welcome including families.
More info. from Bob Wilson 868389



300 Club Winners March 2008

£100 K & J McNamara W.H.

£50 B Longworth W.H.

£25 M Allen W.H.

There are still some numbers available, so if you would like to
join please telephone 868256 for details

We continue our new, regular feature taking a look at the organisations that feature in the Diary and Regular Events sections of the Hanney News.

HANNEY TENNIS CLUB

Anyone for Tennis? If you are thinking of different ways to keep fit this year or a new way to socialise then Tennis should be top of your list. We have two fantastic courts in Hanney that can be played all year round.

The club will enjoy their 22nd season this year after being founded in 1985 by an enthusiastic group of villagers headed by Edith Craig who still plays regularly. Initial fund raising was a slow process but there was great support from the two villages and eventually a substantial grant was offered by the Vale of White Horse District Council. A year later the courts were built.

Over the years there has been a positive programme of maintenance and improvement to the facilities and thanks to The Lottery, The District Council and support from the two Parish Councils there is now a splendid clubhouse and Floodlights for those winter evenings.

The club has an amazing amount of regular weekly activities. If you are new to the sport there is coaching for beginners and also for regular members to brush up their game, club night every Tuesday and club Morning every Sunday. For the more competitive there are Mens and Ladies leagues and an annual members tournament in the summer. But don't be frightened by all this there is still plenty of time to come along and play undisturbed. For the budding champion in your family there is a weekly junior club during the Spring and Summer and additional coaching courses.

The new 2008 season starts on 1st April. Club subscriptions are as follows:
 Adult £55, Family £125 (Couple with children 16 or under),
 over 70 £30, Student £25, Junior £20, Mini Junior (10 and under)

There will be an open morning at the courts on Sunday 30th March between 10am and 12.30 when existing members can renew their membership or enquiries can be made by new members.

Alternatively please call Theresa Wright on 01235 765995 for membership information

Hope to see you there!

Hanney News has met with **PC Phil Redmond**; our community policeman, to discuss village policing issues that concern both villagers and the police themselves. PC Redmond has community responsibilities for 24 villages in our part of Oxfordshire as well as needing to be available for responses to events and crimes in the Abingdon area. He explained that, whilst 24 is a lot of villages to have community responsibility for, he allocates his time by size and, when considered together, The Hanneys are in his top three. Certainly his response to our request for a meeting was very quick with our meeting held within 24 hours of our first call.

PC Redmond agrees that the community policing model has changed since the county-wide sale of what were known as police houses - there is less police presence in villages and technology is used to spread police resource further across the county than was previously the case. He also agrees that the administration and recording of crime that we read about in the national press is burdensome and looks forward to the day when greater use of technology will speed up the process still further and free up police men and women to have more street presence.

Supporting PC Redmond, our village is fortunate to have been allocated two PCSO's (Police Community Support Officers) **Dave Clarke** and **Myra Stokes** who are able to spend more of their time actually on site in The Hanneys and are therefore more visible.

Prevention is better than cure

The Hanneys are a low crime area and we all want to keep it that way. As well as the speed and quality of response by the police team to the crimes that we do experience there is also the important aspect of prevention which is much more within our own control. As well as the successful Neighbourhood Watch schemes operating in many parts of The Hanneys, the police offer the expert support of a dedicated Crime Reduction Officer who for us is Sarah Merritt. Among her many duties, Sarah conducts free surveys of villager's homes to advise on security and safety issues and is contactable on 01235 776007 or sarah.merritt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Sarah also offers the usual advice that we all sometimes ignore to lock everything up when we leave home and to lock cars and hide valuables within them.

As far as the police response aspect of keeping our village the stable, low crime area that it currently is, PC Redmond gives the following advice;

- " Report crime - be it crime against property, person or anti-social behaviour, he assures us that it will be dealt with
- " Call the non-emergency number (08458 505505) for events that have passed and the national emergency number (999) for crimes in progress.
- " Join the neighbourhood watch scheme and watch out for others as well as ourselves

We are grateful to PC Redmond and Sarah Merritt for giving up their time to share their views on policing The Hanneys and will be back to speak with them again soon.

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