



Hannee News

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**Calling all local businesses!
The Plough in West Hannee now offers you a weekday lunch for just £10...**

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VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!

...SEE PAGES 5 AND 6



New Bus Service for West Hannee, Lyford, Charney and Denchworth.

It will take you into Wantage on a Wednesday morning and bring you back a couple of hours later.

Full timetable on page 13!

Editorial

Did you spot last month's deliberate mistake? Of course Mrs Thatcher wasn't PM back in 1975 as I stated in the Editorial. T'was the little pipe-puffer himself Harry Wilson back then, with big Jimmy Callaghan also having a go afore Mrs T took over. Apols, and thanks to the several readers who pointed out the error.

One in particular rightly reprimanded me in no uncertain terms. You can read his letter, which I printed in full on page 18, cos he also says nice stuff about Hanney News!

Good news...East Hanney's Liz Kirk is the new 'Clerk' for the Hanney Parochial Charity (HPC). We thank her for stepping up, and look forward to working with her.

The role is far more than that of a 'Clerk'... no disrespect to clerks intended...and she will be crucial to helping our charity help those in our community going through a tough time.

If you are one such, please see the HPC's ad on page 9, and also check out page 8.

We welcome two new advertisers this month, Charlotte Steer, see her ad on page 9 and Griffin Interiors on page 11.

If you sometimes struggle with your hearing and are over 55, you can get an NHS funded hearing test without needing a GP referral! Page 4 has the details.

There are opportunities aplenty this month, including getting naked (!) in Wantage - yes, really - talking to strangers on a bench, and playing grown-up men's footie in Hanney.

To say that East Hanney Parish Council are keen for you to put a tick in their box is something of an understatement. We in

West certainly did our bit a while back, and I've see up close, the very hard work the Councillors, especially David Kirk, have put into producing a Neighbourhood Plan on which a referendum is being held this month....hence the need for your tick!

A quick trip to the Village Hall on Thurs 11th April is all that's needed. Full details are on pages 5 and 6.

Talking of ticks in boxes, the position of Thames Valley's Police and Crime Commissioner is also up for grabs soon.

Current incumbent, West Hanney's Matt Barber is up for re-election.

This is a political appointment, with Matt standing for the Conservatives, whilst a Mr Tim Starkey will represent Labour. Full details of all the candidates are apparently going to be available from April 10th.

Dr Ken Stallard has lived in Hanney for most of his life, and on 17th April he has invited us to an evening with him. Check out page 18...sounds interesting!

News just in! Apparently there is to be a new bus service that will, once a week, visit the previously 'busless' communities of West Hanney, Lyford, Charney and Denchworth. It starts on Weds 17th April. Whilst on transport, check out page 13 for info re a road closure - albeit brief on the A420 up at Kingston B.

Jaunty Jilly is back! Remember her? Well I've given her a big column...actually a full page... and I may give her one next month! She's on page 16.

That's about it for the month of fools so stay well and expect more of the same - some foolish, but some vaguely informative? - in the merry merry month of May!

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

Please submit items to the Editor, preferably by email, or use the Hanney News post box in the Community Shop. Contact me, the Editor, Jim Stagg, on 01235 867500, my mob: 07762 239681, or email: hanneynews@gmail.com

What's happening this month...

Friday 5th, Village Hall, **Film Night: 'Wonka'** Starring Rowan Atkinson, Olivia Colman, Timothee Chalamet & Hugh Grant. Doors and bar open 7.30, film starts 8pm. **Card only.**

Sat 6th - 'Riding for the Disabled' host a **Charity Race Night**, from 6pm. See page 10.

Sat 13th April, 10:30am. Dog Walk. Meet at The Plough at West Hanney...page 13.

Weds 17th, 7.30pm, The Beacon, Wantage, An Evening with Ken Stallard, see page 18 for more details.

Sat 20th, 5pm. Harmony InSpires' Spring Concert at St Michael and All Angels' Church Abingdon, 26 Park Rd, Abingdon.

Mon 22nd, 8pm, Hanney History Group - 1066: Oxfordshire and the Norman Conquest, a talk by Julie Ann Godson.

Thurs 25th, 2.30pm Village Hall, Senior Citizens, an illustrated talk 'Machu Pichu' by Gloria Camino

Sat 27th, Hanney Cancer Research sale, see front page.

And further ahead ...

Sun 5th May - Hanney Gardening Club BIG PLANT SALE.

Sat 18th May 2024 - Hanney WI Spring Craft Fair Lots of quality stalls with beautiful handmade items. And of course WI Teas! See page 4.

Sat 18th May 2024 from 2-4 p.m. - 'Rummage Sale' with Afternoon Tea in aid of Cancer Research will be held in Southmoor Village Hall, OX13 5BY. If anyone has unwanted Xmas gifts or is Spring Cleaning and would like to donate items for this very worthy cause they would be very much appreciated. Our storage space is very limited and we cannot accept furniture or electrical items. For further information or collection please telephone Yvonne on 01235 868276 or Hazel on 01865 820817. Alternatively items can be delivered to the hall from 12 noon on the day.

Sat 18th May, Abingdon Air and Country Show: www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk

Sun 19th May - Flexicare Annual Fundraiser Walk - Jaunty Jilly has the story, page 16.

Sun 19th May - Sun 2nd June, Funfair on the Rec. here in Hanney.

Mon 20th May, 8pm, Hanney History Group, 'A Z-A of Oxford - More eccentric aspects of the city's past'. A talk by Richard. O. Smith.

Sun 9th June - Wantage Carnival, 11am to 6pm, in the Market Place. Details soon

Sat 15th June - Wantage and Grove Extravaganza. More details soon.

12th - 13th July: Grove Charity Car ,Truck and Bike Show 2024. Amazing local bands EPIC Ultrabeat and Flip & Fill. This is not to be missed ! Oh and did we mentionITS ALL FREE !!More details nearer the time.

Events being discussed for Wantage in 2024....July, An 'Enlarged Food Festival' in July (I think they mean the festival is enlarged, not the food!), two **'French Markets'** in July and August, an **'expanded AlfredFest'** in October, a large **'Christmas Market'** and **'Dickensian Evening'** in early December, and three possible **Fairs**, still to be confirmed.

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Great news!...The talking bench I mentioned last month has been installed by East Hanney Parish Council in the JR Holmes Memorial Garden...see photo.

And West Hanney Parish Council have announced that they will also be installing a talking bench, tho' it's officially a 'Coronation Bench' with a splendid Union Jack flag in the middle. Maybe one day King Charlie himself will visit and plant his right royal bum on it - for it's his coronation we are commemorating here! - and we can have a bit of a chin wag!



JR Holmes Memorial Garden

Hanney WI Spring Craft Fair

**18.5.24
12-4pm**

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Hanneyfc@gmail.com to register your interest

Update on the East Hanney Neighbourhood Plan - the Referendum

All East Hanney residents who are eligible to vote should have recently received notification of the above on the East Hanney Neighbourhood Plan and received a Polling card through their door.

The Referendum is the last stage in the Plan process having recently been recommended by the Independent Examiner, who commended the Plan and included in his Report supporting statements and recommendations, including that:

‘The Plan is a good example of a neighbourhood plan’ and that **‘The Plan has been underpinned by community support and engagement.’**

Support from members of the community throughout the process and Consultations have helped to determine the policies. There are a range of policies addressing matters from flooding to biodiversity, provision of facilities such as open spaces and facilities for the community, to housing and the Letcombe Brook. It also includes a Local Design Guide.

All those eligible to vote are encouraged to use their vote and help ensure that there is a Plan in place for the future of the village.

Provided there is a majority ‘Yes’ vote in favour of the Plan, it will be adopted by the District Council, and formally become part of the consideration of District Planning.

The Referendum is set for Thursday 11th April 2024, and will be held at the Village Hall with the poll being open between 7am and 10pm.

The Plan Documents and the Examiners Report can be viewed on the Vale of White Horse Neighbourhood Planning pages of the District Council’s web site:

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/planning-and-development/local-plan-and-planning-policies/neighbourhood-plans/emerging-neighbourhood-plans/east-hanney-neighbourhood-plan/>

It can also be accessed via the East Hanney Parish Council web site, and viewed at the following address: Reception, **Vale of White Horse District Council**, Abbey House, Abbey Close Abingdon OX14 3JE, at the following times: Mon to Thurs - 8.30am to 5.00pm, Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.



If you are an eligible resident of East Hanney, please vote.

The Plan is intended to provide for the future of East Hanney, to protect the character of the village, the local environment, and seeks to ensure that any future housing is in keeping with the community led plan.

East Hanney Parish Council

We are pleased to advise that the East Hanney Neighbourhood Plan has passed its Examination by the Independent Examiner and is now to proceed to the Referendum stage.

All residents of East Hanney who are eligible to vote will be able to vote on the Plan at the Referendum, which is to be held on Thursday 11th April, in the Village Hall.

Please use your right to vote.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been commended by the Examiner and its policies are provided with the intent to benefit the village, community and local environment, and to ensure a plan for the future of East Hanney.

The Plan and its policies have been developed following consultation and input from the community.

We would like to thank all who have participated, from all who completed the original Community Questionnaire, to those who responded to the Consultations, and everyone who has helped provide input to the documents and policies throughout the

journey.

It is important that East Hanney has a Neighbourhood Plan to both plan for the future and to help protect the character and nature of the village.

We therefore encourage everyone eligible to vote in support of the Plan.

If there is a majority vote in favour, then the Plan will be adopted and used by the District to help make Planning decisions.

A supporting vote for the Plan will ensure that it is adopted, please use your vote on Thursday 11th April to vote 'Yes'.

How to vote... There are three ways of voting:

- **In person** on Thursday 11 April 2024 at your local polling station, The Village Hall from 7am to 10pm.

- **By post or proxy.** If you already have a postal or proxy vote, you will receive a poll card confirming this.

Further details about how to vote are on the East Hanney Parish Notice Board by the Village Shop.

The next East Hanney Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on Weds 10th April at the Village Hall. All are welcome.

The Annual Parish Meeting to be held jointly with West Hanney Parish Council will be held on Weds 17th April 2024, also at the Village Hall.

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West Hanney Parish Council

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Our Community Speedwatch Group continues to monitor the speeds of vehicles travelling through West Hanney and into East Hanney. The highest registered speed on the 8th March past St James Primary School in the early afternoon before school pick-up was a frightening **53mph**.

Please join our group of volunteers to help support our 20mph speed limit by contacting Cllr Ahmed Farrag. The more volunteers we have, the more times the speeds of vehicles can be monitored.

West Hanney is once again holding our **Annual Parish Meeting** jointly with East Hanney. It's on **Wednesday 17th April at 7.30pm** in the Olde Hanney Room, Hanney War Memorial Hall, aka Village Hall.

Please come along to meet your Parish Councillors and hear what both Parish Councils have been doing. Local Community Groups will be giving reports on their activities and there is an opportunity for you to share your views.

Our regular West Hanney Parish Council Meeting takes place in the same venue on **Tuesday 7th May at 7.30pm**.

The Plough in West Hanney is making a very tempting offer to all local businesses...a weekday lunch, so Mon - Fri, for just £10.

To delight the taste buds and ensure that energy level stay high through the day, there's a choice of burger, fish and chips, or pizza. I can recommend all three! Simply turn up, let the staff know where your business is based and place your order. (Don't think they'll be too strict if you're located a few miles away!)

And still on special offers, I know the **Black Horse in East Hanney** are continuing with their very popular Thursday night offer of two of their delicious burgers for the price of one!

Hanney Spice, the great Indian restaurant in West Hanney, also have some special offers 15% off your food bill for all NHS Registered Staff, 10% Discount for Registered Students [food only] and a £6.50 'Lunch Box' of Lamb, Chicken or Veg, with a can of Coke!

They also offer a 'Monday Night Banquet'.... choose from one Starter, one Main dish, One Side dish, and a Rice or Naan all for just £16.95

So if you don't feel like cooking, you're in the right place! For more details on all the above and more, check out their websites, and see their ads right here in Hanney News of course!

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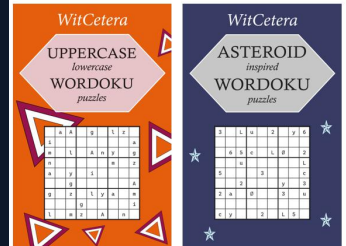
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These are difficult times for many folk, and here in Hanney we have a charity, 'The Hanney Parochial Trust' that may be able to help. It is an amalgamation of several local charities, the first set up back in 1604!

I am the Chair of the board of eight Trustees, which includes both current Parish Council Chairs and our Vicar.

If you know anyone who is in genuine financial need, please ask them to contact me directly, in strictest confidence.

We are now also working closely with 'Vale Community Impact' (VCI) so feel

free to approach them first if you'd rather. See their ad on page 8.

Their website is here: www.vci.org.uk,
tel: 01235 765348.

Our charity here in Hanney also considers applications for grants to anyone aged 18 - 25 who is starting full-time further education.

**Tel: 01235 867500 - or email:
jimstagg@btinternet.com.**

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

To complete our Wildlife Calendar story....all have now been sold, generating £500+ for good causes in the community

...details on that to follow. Massive thanks to the two main movers

on the Calendar
...Dave Bratley who put the whole thing

Together, and Barry Wheat who supplied the magnificent photographs! We intend to produce a 2025 calendar!



The young lady in the photo above loves swimming, and she's rather good at it! Her name is Miley Bligdon and she lives in East Hanney with mum Laura and dad Guy. 13 year old Miley will be in Loughborough this month, competing in the GB Deaf Swimmers Squad Annual Championships. All of us here at Global HQ, and I'm sure the whole of Hanney, wish her the very best of luck! She's certainly used to winning medals as you can see from our pic!

Meantime, here's another splendid local wildlife snap, taken by Mark Wheeler in his garden in West Hanney!

CHARITY RACE NIGHT



Raising funds for
'Riding for the Disabled Abingdon'
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Dear Friends

April may be a month for foolishness, but it is also a month for Adventure! Chaucer begins his Canterbury Tales with this thought: when April with its showers sweet has pierced the droughts of March, then it is time for folk to go on pilgrimage. The roads have dried out and the days are warmer; it's time to get out of the house and see the wider world. Covid kept us at home for so long that we are still unsure about venturing out, but there is a lot to be said for living a bit more adventurously and not sticking to our usual tram tracks.

One reason for adventure is that a routine life runs along more rapidly. The psychologists tell us that our brains are not making memories all the time, but only when life is stimulating. We remember things that are not routine or predictable. The more our lives are same old same old, the less stands out as memorable and the years slip by unnoticed. So let's 'seize the day' and make the most of the time that is left to us. What happened to your bucket list? Watching TV is great but it keeps us in our seats as spectators on the lives of others, instead of fully living our own.

There are of course many ways of living more adventurously – like catching the bus to Oxford; or walking the dog in a new place; or trying some new recipes; or joining a new club or activity. My daughter has

been reminding me that old people lose their balance and have accidents, so I should join the gym or find a Pilates group, so I am not so wobbly. That would be adventurous!

As we get older our horizons can shrink around us without our noticing. We had relatives in Leith on the edge of Edinburgh. They had stopped going up into the old city. They had stopped going down to see the sea. They did walk every day to their allotment where they spent the day growing veg and brewing tea with the other allotment holders. But their world had shrunk and their confidence had gone. In his younger days he sailed the world in an aircraft carrier, but those days were over. We can retain a sense of adventure in everyday life by planning a few surprises and new steps. What would make your week zing a bit?

One thing that helps me be more adventurous is the faith that God is good and I can trust him to look after me. The early explorers like Christopher Columbus and Henry the Navigator sailed out into unknown oceans partly because they believed that God had created a good and orderly world. As it says in Isaiah, 'Fear not, for I am with you, do not be afraid for I am your God.'

Geoff Maughan - retired church minister living in West Hanney

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SERVICES in April 2024 at St James

Our Sunday Eucharist is celebrated at 9.30am – all are very welcome.
Freshly brewed coffee or tea is served after the service.

7th - tbc, 14th – Revd Jane Haslam, Associate Archdeacon of Dorchester,
21st Revd Alec Gill, 28th Revd Alec Gill.

Midweek Said Eucharist – Tuesday 16th at 10.00am in the Chancel.

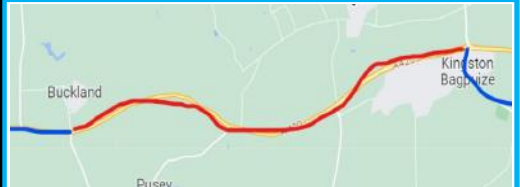
Hanney Lottery - March 2024 Winners

1st - Marie & Richard Haynes, 2nd - Jim & Anna Stagg, 3rd - Kathy Rolfe

Not got a number yet or want additional numbers? Just call Hilary on 868590.

Whoopee! A new bus service to West Hanney...ok, only once a week, on a Wednesday morning, but better than nothing. Timetable below.

WANTAGE, Market Place	10:00
East Challow, Green	10:04
Goosey, Telephone Box	10:10
Charney Bassett, Bus Shelter	10:18
Lyford	10:21
West Hanney, Bus Shelter	10:26
Denchworth, opp Bus Shelter	10:31
Grove, Millbrook Square	10:38
Wantage, Health Centre	10:41
WANTAGE, Market Place	10:46
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WANTAGE, Market Place	12:45
Wantage, Health Centre	12:50
Grove, Millbrook Square	12:53
Denchworth, Bus Shelter	13:00
West Hanney, Bus Shelter	13:05
Lyford	13:10
Charney Bassett, Bus Shelter	13:13
Goosey, Telephone Box	13:21
East Challow, Green	13:27
WANTAGE, Market Place	13:31



Heads up...the A420 from Kingston Bagpuize heading west towards Pusey and Buckland, will be closed between 5am and 6pm, from Sunday 28th to Tuesday 30th April.

This is for what they describe as ‘surfacing work’, but if I may split hairs for a moment here, they surely mean ‘resurfacing’ since there already is a surface on that stretch of road, at least there was when I last drove it, and if it didn’t have a surface then could it legitimately claim to be a road anyway? To be discussed.

Meantime, here’s a good way to check out local roadworks...go to the **one.network** website and simply type in the place you need to check. Hopefully it will tell you of planned road closures etc. in the area.

🐾 Dog Walk Alert in West Hanney 🐾

We’re organising a dog walk around West Hanney, finishing up with a warming plate of fish pie at The Plough. Everyone’s welcome.

When? Sat 13th April 10:30am. Where? Meet at The Plough at West Hanney.

Your chance to stretch those legs, meet other dog owners, and tuck into some fish pie.

Call us, 01235 868987 to book now!

Obituary

This is our Dad, Barry Herman, who sadly died unexpectedly on the 4th February 2024. He was a lifelong resident of East Hanney leaving only to do his national service in the RAF, stationed in Berlin. Both Mum and Dad enjoyed the village life. Dad was a keen gardener and a member of allotment society until his age caught up with him and a keen supporter of the local football and cricket teams. He was also an active participant in the Royal British Legion. Dad was buried on 13th March 2024 at West Hanney Church so he is now back together with Mum, Maureen Herman. RIP Dad, love and miss you always xxxxx

Elaine and Christopher Herman, daughter and son.



Editor's note: Thank you Elaine. We send our deepest condolences on your loss.

Many of us in our community

will remember with much fondness and affection this gent, Mark Smith. Mark lost his fight with MND - a disease for which there is currently no cure or hope of recovery - in August last year. His widow Helen has been in touch. She told me that Mark's symptoms started in 2021 with ...

'a weakening in his hands. As it became trickier to lift his grandson Archie and to use a corkscrew we knew something was wrong.

*After months of tests, we received the devastating news. Throughout Mark's illness he didn't once complain, get angry or tell the world to b*gger off. He took it in his stride with such inspiring dignity, acceptance and calmness. So typical of this lovely person'.*

Helen, her family and friends have now organised a very special fundraising event - 'Miles for Mark Smith' - in Mark's



memory, and you can read all about it here:

www.milesformarksmith.com.

It's a very long cycle ride (!) and with it, Helen hopes to raise vital funds to support research into finding a cure and to put a stop to this devastating illness once and for all.

But this isn't just a lazy old pedal in the park...it starts in Morpeth, Northumberland, and heads south via Norfolk,

through Oxfordshire, and ending in Dorset, a total of over 600 miles!

The 10th day of the trip - Weds 8th May - will be a very special one, as several of the Neurology team at the JR who looked after Mark are joining the cyclists. The ride that day will end at TFD gym, next to Mark's office in Grove, before moving on to The Plough in West Hanney for Kendal Mint Cake etc.

Mmm...sounds like a good excuse, if one were needed, to pop down the local, raise a glass to a very special chap, and make a donation to such a worthy cause.

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Darlings!!....I'm back by popular demand! And I'm sure you'll agree it's about time we spiced up lil' ole Hanney News a tad, so here I am.

Newer readers won't have met me before, so let me introduce myself...I'm Jaunty Jilly, long time friend of our Editor...I call him 'Jimmy Darling' usually shortening it to 'JD'...and yes, I'm a real person, though I admit, the pic is from a while back, but hey!... cut me some slack please!

Now, I know we've got many



local folk who enjoy a good walk, so maybe this will appeal? **Flexicare** - a great local charity - are holding their annual community fund-raising walk from 9:00am on Sunday, 19th May 2024, from Snells Hall in East Hendred, OX12 8LA. Routes of varying lengths (including two wheelchair/buggy accessible options) are available to walk, run or cycle, some taking in the glorious views from the Ridgeway. Refreshments are available en route and at the Hall, and dogs on a lead are welcome. To register, or to find out more, visit www.flexicare.org/events or contact admin@flexicare.org. Donations can be made in advance via our website www.flexicare.org/donate or by cash or card at the event. This walk is an amazing event, bringing together people of all generations to raise much needed funds for the charity”.

And still on walking, a VIP guest recently joined our great Nordic Walking Group - their details on page 31. T'was none other than Sir Owain of Plough and Landlord! (Btw, I love the big O nearly as much as I do little JD!) Following a long and arduous walk, or so he assured me anyway, a well deserved coffee was on offer, courtesy of his magnificent establishment!

The Plough also hosts the monthly Hanney Book Club - contact details on page 30. I'm a great reader myself, and one of my fave books is Dicken's 'A Tale of Two Cities'.

Apparently it was originally serialised back in the day in two fairly local newspapers... it was The Bicester Times, it was the Worcester Times. Who knew?! That's all for now darlings... if JD invites me back I'll see you next month. Till then, big kisses XXX



Last month I asked if anyone had a copy of the Feb 1995 issue of Hanney News, since it was the only one missing from the otherwise complete archive of which I am the custodian.

Big ups to long time East Hanney residents Ann and Ernie White, who themselves have an archive, and have kindly donated a copy of the missing issue...my sincere thanks!

As with all the back issues in the archive, a quick look through it proves to be most interesting.

The headline reads 'Thames Water Opposes Airport Proposal'.

Yes, back then, as well as the threat of a reservoir, there hung over us one of an airport, and surprise surprise, Thames Water objected.

They rightly concluded that an airport and a reservoir - which had already been talked about for a few years even back then! - wouldn't fit in the same area!

Also on the front cover is an ad for the Hanney Drama Group's panto, 'Puss in Boots', their 15th traditional panto they boast. With their 2024 performance still fresh in my memory (!), it's good to know some things can be relied upon!

A letter to the Editor asked the '*normally shy and retiring Parish Council to emerge into daylight and take some positive action*'. The writer - one Mike O'Dougan - went on to urge the Parish and District Councils to join forces in order to get the airport scheme 'totally and permanently rejected.'

A rather unusual ad asked ...

'Just Looking? You are welcome to an in-

formal gathering of Christians' It apparently happened every Weds at the home of Phil and Sally Hillsdon in West Hanney.

I also last month inquired about the **Model Railway Club**. Many thanks to the several folk who got in touch with info on the club and Iain Hicks Mudd himself...quite a character by all accounts! Peter McConnell of Southmoor sent me the following... '*Yes indeed a group of half-a-dozen or so like minded customers of the Crown public house formed a model railway club.*

John and Doreen Sherwood, the landlords, kindly allowed us to use the attic over the annex. Iain Hicks Mudd of Ashfields Lane was the instigator, joined by Adrian Doore, Alex Humphries, Richard Cochran and myself among the regulars, and Bob Chalmers, then a partner in Howes Model Shop in Oxford's Broad Street among others. Your more senior readers may remember that model emporium. Dick Jegou, long time and well-known King Alfred's teacher was a member too.

Richard Cochran built an exhibition layout 'Linton' which featured an extensive military depot, while Iain's layout featured a stream with real running water. Sadly with the demise of the Sherwoods' tenure and the short-live successors' stewardship the pub closed and the Hanney Model Railway club folded. Iain died some years ago.'

Many thanks Peter, I'm sure several of our more senior readers will recall some of those names.

Our political chums... David Johnston is our MP. Contact him here: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, or phone: 0207 219 3000. His website is here: www.david-johnston.org.uk, and his email: david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk.

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Dear Hanney News,

I write to you today as a long time reader of your wonderful publication.

I had just sat down to read March's edition when I noticed a horrendous mistake!!

I should preface this by saying I am quite the politics nerd. I could not help but note that the Editorial claimed that Margaret Thatcher was Prime Minister in 1975!

The Iron Lady was PM from 1979 to 1990, Harold Wilson was our PM in 1975. I will allow you half a point as she did become leader of the Tories in 1975. My recently ascertained A Level in Politics and the fact I

am studying for a degree in the subject could not allow me to let this slide!! Outrageous!! All jokes aside, keep up the great work, it's always a great read.

All the best,

Josh Gale (A self proclaimed 19 year old politics nerd)

Editor's note: Many thanks for the compliment Josh...particularly heartening that younger members of our community - well you anyway! - enjoy the mag!

I recently received this from Mark Ritchings...

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them and analysing it to draw, not to judge and pick faults. Tempted to give it a go?

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Perhaps one or more of the fine male models who posed for last year's Plough calendar would be interested, and of course ladies too are welcome.



Long term West Hanney resident Dr Ken Stallard is giving a talk on 17th April, at 7.30pm, in the Hanney Room at the Beacon in Wantage. Sorry Ken, I've got no room for your poster, but here's the details....

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History Snippets....

Last month I printed a couple of pics that were labelled 'Teddington' and asked for info.

Sadly nothing was forthcoming save for a suggestion that maybe Teddington indicated the place rather than the family name.

Anyway, here are three more pics, also labelled Teddington, just to complicate things!

Perhaps someone will recognise the houses? If you can shed any light, I'd be most grateful. They are lovely pics anyway aren't they?

Now I may not know to whom or to what 'Teddington' refers, but I'm sure that the happy couple in the wedding photo below - looks a pretty grand affair! - went on to produce the five young ladies in the shot above, who also appeared in last month's pics.

As for the very senior soldier, can any uniform experts shed any light?



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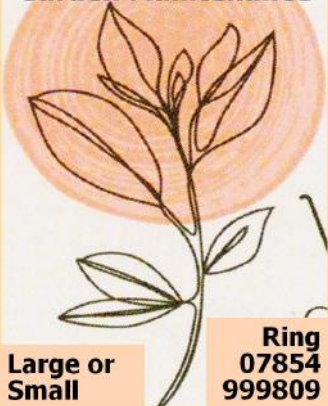
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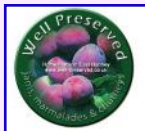
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HANNEY BROWNIES (girls aged 7-10) and GUIDES (aged 10-14) meet on Mondays 6:00-7:30pm in Hanney War Memorial Hall.
1sthaneyguides@oxfordshiregirlguiding.org.uk
Clare Green 07845 047990

RAINBOWS (girls aged 4-7) meet in Grove on Thursdays 6-7pm or alternate Saturdays 10-12. Register your daughter or join as a volunteer at girlguiding.org.uk

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 pksayers@btinternet.com or 01235 868146

HANNEY CRICKET CLUB Occasional Sunday friendly games. For details ring David Johns on 07770 456147 or 01235 868519, or email hanneycricketteam@gmail.com

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB meets every Wednesday in the Olde Hanney Room 2-5pm. New members welcome. Contact Lyn Morton lynmorton89@gmail.com

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 <http://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 SCOUTS,CUBS & BEAVERS, Contact Steve Houseman stevehouseman@kascouts.org.uk

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. Also every Thurs eve, 6.30pm -7.30pm. Just turn up to either, or both! £2 a session.

HANNEY TENNIS CLUB is a very friendly village tennis club and always welcomes new members. For more info email Jenny at membership.htc@gmail.com

HANNEY WHEELERS CYCLING Meets on 2nd and 4th Sats of each month, 10.00, at Hanney WMH. New cyclists warmly welcomed for recreational local cycling with essential coffee stop!! Call Adrian on 868340 or email adrianbodimeade@hotmail.com

HANNEY WINE CIRCLE meets on the 2nd Monday each month:
www.hanneywinecircle.org.uk

...and there's
more!!

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 trains at the rec. on Thursday night. We have teams from age 5 up. If you would like to join us please contact Paul on 07510 435 508, hyfcfooty@gmail.com or visit our website hanneyyouthfc.co.uk

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH meets bi-monthly on the 4th Wednesday of September, November, January, March, May and July in the RBL Club. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.**

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 Sunday, R.B. Legion Hall 8pm. Cash prizes. 18+ welcome.

WANTAGE CHORAL SOCIETY rehearses every Tuesday at C of E School, Newbury St. (next to Comrades Club) at 7.30pm. New voices always welcome. Contact Judy Gibbons 767408, www.wantagechoralsociety.co.uk, email wantagechoralsociety@yahoo.co.uk.

WANTAGE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION : 10am - 12noon every Saturday Feb-Sept. See website for details of all they offer. www.wantagegardeners.org.uk

WANTAGE MALE VOICE CHOIR rehearses at HWMH on Tuesdays, 7.30-9.30pm. The Choir is looking for more men who enjoy a good sing to join their existing number of a dozen or so. Call Geoff (868440) or Nick (768249), www.wantagemalevoicechoir.org.uk.

WANTAGE U3A: Visit our website detailing current activities - www.u3asites.org.uk/wantage

PILATES CLASSES: Wednesday mornings,

8.30am - 9.20am, followed by another from 9.30am - 10.30am, and an evening

class from 6 -7pm (term time only) at the HWMH, aka Village Hall, in East Hanney. Novices and Improvers welcome. To book your place or for more details please contact Pippa Carey (STOTT Pilates teacher) on 07941 260427 or pippa@thrive-pilates.co.uk

VALE NORDIC WALKING - Nordic Walking is a form of full body exercise, suitable for everyone, irrespective of age, gender or fitness level. A range of group classes or 1:1 sessions available weekly. Telephone Louise on 07709 939997. More information at - www.valenordicwalking.com

FITSTEPS - The 'Strictly Come Dancing' Workout with Debs, every Tuesday 2-3pm at the Village Hall. Suitable for all ages and abilities, this fun and friendly class teaches you ballroom and Latin dance steps while enjoying a full body workout. Dances include the Jive, Cha Cha, Rhumba, Paso, Quickstep, Charleston, Tango, Waltz and Salsa. For more info contact Debs: 07968 948007 or email info@workoutwonderful.com

PURE STRETCH - Every Tuesday 3pm at the Village hall with Debs (after the FITSTEPS class). Easy and relaxing stretch class to music, combining elements of Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Props and cushions provided, please bring your own mat. Please contact Debs: 07968 948007 or email info@workoutwonderful.com

ART CLASS FOR ALL - Be inspired by teacher Sally Middleton, every Tues at the Village Hall, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Beginners and those with experience welcome, all media. 07825 709686 Email: sallyannemiddleton@googlemail.com

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Where are our Defibrillators?

In East Hanney, it's on the left wall of the open porch in the Village Hall.

In West Hanney it's on the wall of the brick garage opposite the Plough in Church St. Both are accessible 24/7. Hopefully we'll have a third one soon!

Hanney War Memorial Hall

To book the Hall, the Committee Room, or the Olde Hanney Room, contact Graham Garner on 01235 868684, email hwmh.hanney@gmail.com

Join the 'West Hanney and East Hanney Community', 'The Hanneys Buy and Sell Group', and the 'East Hanney Parish Council' Facebook groups.

