



Hanney News

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Here at Global HQ we are delighted to announce that we have recently made donations totalling £925 to worthy causes in our Community!

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Volunteers needed for our Community Shop...
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It's Litter Picking Time!...happening Sat 27th June, 10am, Village Hall! Can you help?
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Hanney Hidden Gardens Open Day, Sunday 7th June.

Programmes - which include a map and a wristband - are now on sale in the Community Village Shop, priced at £5.00 (children under 12 free) **Full details page 4.**

Hanney Michaelmas Fayre is happening on Sat 26th Septemberput it in your diary NOW!

 See page XXX



If you still listen to the Archers, check out page 24.

Editorial

You will notice that enclosed with your copy of Hanney News this month is a flyer from GARD. They have, for many years, been actively campaigning to prevent the construction of the massive reservoir that Thames Water want to build not a million miles, in fact only about one(!) from East Hanney.

Next month I will have brief details of their crowdfunding activity. May I mention that GARD have made a contribution to Porky the Hanney News piggy bank - many thanks GARD people - for our efforts with their flyer.

One of our letters on page 13 this month is anonymous. When I took over Hanney News back in 2015, I decided not to include letters from anyone who wished to remain anonymous, but I have softened in my old age, and the occasional unattributed contribution does find its way onto these hallowed pages!

This month's letter writer even goes so far as to give the reasons for their desire to remain unknown.

Hanney Film Night takes a break over the Summer and their next blockbuster will be shown in September. Meantime, thanks to Mark Weston for organising.

The annual litter pick usually happens around April time, but this year is a bit later, happening on 27th June. If you may be able to help, check out East Hanney Parish Council's page 6. They're the organiser of this great community event.

Do try and get along to the Open Garden Day on 7th. I'm sure it will be most

agreeable, especially if the sun shines!

You will see on pages 14 and 15 that we here at Global HQ have made more donations to good causes.

If we are 'in funds', we are happy to receive approaches from any community-based organisation for help with funding a project or whatever, but just to mention, that we are not able to consider requests from individuals for themselves.

Check the pretty pic on page 35 taken by our chief photographer for something you don't see many of here in Hanney!

There's a Chequers' update on page 16.



A couple of memory stirrers this month on pages 13, 23 and on page 24. I've finally managed to squeeze in the piece on the 1969 Hanney Carnival, along with a couple of snaps, kindly lent to me by Ann White of East Hanney. They may have been taken at that event, but if

not, certainly sometime in the mid to late sixties. A long time ago...things were very different back then!

Page 19 has a request for volunteers...very worthy and I bet it's very satisfying.

Also needing volunteers is our Community shop...feel free to ring me if you want my thoughts - for what they're worth - on why, if you have the time, this is rather jolly and agreeable way to fill part of your day.

Think that's about it for this month...do feel free to contact me, phone or email, to either discuss something I've included, or that you would like me to include. Here at Global HQ we welcome your feedback!

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

If you have something you would like to be included, please contact me, the Editor, Jim Stagg, on my mob: 07762 239681, or landline - 01235 867500, or email: hanneynews@gmail.com

What's happening this month....

Sun 7th, 1.00pm to 5.00pm Hanney Hidden Gardens, 17 gardens will be open for you to look around. Programmes and wrist band £5 per person, available from the Village Shop, children under 12 free. *'This is a community event with the money raised going to local good causes.'*

Sun 7th, 1pm -5pm:Garden Opening for Flexicare, 10 Eynsham Road, Botley, OX2 9BP. Entrance free but donations to Flexicare. Teas, cake & sale of plants. Beautiful organic garden, wildlife pond and bee habitat. Disabled access (with car)

Thurs 11th, Footie World Cup starts. The Plough is showing all the matches.

Sat, 13th - Grove and Wantage Extravaganza. Community celebration. email Volunteering@groverfc.co.uk or join the Facebook group. Full details page 5

Sat 13th, Abingdon Air and Country Show. This an annual event in its 26th Year! *"Comprises a mix of aviation and ground attractions."* Full details and how to buy tickets here: abingdonairandcountry.co.uk

Sun 14th, 2pm, Wantage Market Place, Wantage Silver Band

Sun 14th, 4pm, General Knowledge Quiz at the Black Horse East Hanney. No team number limit, £2 per person. All proceeds to charity.

Tues 16th - 20th, Ascot Races, The Plough showing all the races. **On 20th**, Tom Wells plays live.

Sun 21st, 'Father's Day' Sunday Lunch at the Black Horse, noon - 2.30pm, also at the Plough... 'Treat Dad to a perfect roast and a cracking beer!'

Sat 27th June, 7.30pm, Letcombe Regis Village Hall. Wantage Choral Society Summer Concert. See page 22.

Sun 28th, Quiz Night at the Plough, Quizmaster Matt Barber.

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

Contact: jamesmitchellonevoice@sky.com

Mon 29th. Wimbledon starts...watch it all at the Plough. Grab a Pimms and enjoy!



And further ahead

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

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

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

Sun 29th Nov 11am - 3pm, Market Place. Wantage, Christmas Artisan Market - 'tree-mendous' fun for all the family!

Hanney Hidden Gardens Open Day

Hanney Gardening Club welcomes you to an afternoon in our two beautiful villages.

‘East & West Hanney Hidden Gardens’ takes place on Sunday 7th June, from 13:00–17:00.

Explore gardens across both villages.

17 gardens plus several allotments are open - from cottage and mature gardens to newly created and professionally landscaped spaces.

Free parking at the Village Hall car parks.

Pubs and refreshments: East Hanney - Black Horse and British Legion; West Hanney - The Plough.

Some gardens will also serve tea/coffee, cakes, or Prosecco.



All proceeds (including garden refreshments) go to Cancer Research UK, Hanney Senior Citizen Club and Hanney Gardening Club. Entry: £5 each adult; children under 12 free.

Buy programmes (map + wristband) before 7 June from Hanney Community Shop, Brookside, East Han-

ney OX12 0JL (Mon–Sat 09:00–17:00), or on the day at selected gardens. Event info will also be in the shop window. For more information contact Christopher Jay: 07590 031152.

Children must be supervised at all times. Dogs, where permitted, on short leads only. Beware of streams, ponds, uneven surfaces and possible poisonous plants. All gardens are entered at your own risk.

One of the attractions of our Village Hall is the plentiful parking space, both around the Hall itself and in the extension car park.

So there really is no excuse for parking in any of the ‘Disabled’ bays that are located directly in front of the Hall, very near the main doors.

Some disabled folk have told me that on occasion they are unable to use those spaces because they are already full - there are only three of them! - with cars of non-disabled folk. My request is simple - please don't park in them.



Warning...bad jokes!

I met a Dutch girl with inflatable shoes last week. I phoned her to ask her for a date but very sadly, I was told she'd popped her clogs.

I add German white wine to my cooking on an add hock basis.

The first man to wrap a hard-boiled egg in sausage meat has died. RIP Scott Chegg.

My mate went to a concert during his holiday in the Far East. "Singapore?" I asked. "Yes," he said, "and the band were rubbish too!"

A jewel in Hanney's crown is most certainly our Community Shop. It offers a vast range of stuff, from greetings cards to grub - a wide range to tempt the taste buds and fill the belly!! - pills for our ills, cleaning products, batteries and of course ice creams and lollies...very popular as Summer approaches. And let's not forget the Post Office...petite and beautifully formed...and very very useful indeed!

'Yes Jim' I hear you say, What's your point? Well, it's quite simple really. The shop is run exclusively by volunteers, headed by the amazing Clive Ward, and new volunteers are always needed, especially as the holiday season approaches. I do a turn when I can and it really is fun...meeting new people and old friends...there's usually time for a chat.... and I urge you to give it a go. Ring Clive on 07885 819920 and he'll tell you what's involved.

Grove & Wantage Extravaganza - Saturday 13th June, 12noon - 10pm. Grove Rugby Club, Recreation Lane, Grove, OX12 0FL.

Free entry. This is an inclusive family event, featuring live music, arena displays, children's entertainment, community group showcases, fairground, inflatables, craft stalls, and a wide range of food and drink vendors. The event, run entirely by volunteers, is welcoming for all. Proceeds will support the Ray Collins Charitable Trust's work providing emergency food, essential household items, mobility equipment, wellbeing support, and community events for residents across the OX12 area.

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One of our oldest residents Sheila Hopkin -

she'll be 97 in Sept - was recently the recipient of a random act of kindness, and asked me to mention it. Sheila was shopping in Sainsburys when a complete stranger approached and gave her a bunch of 15 beautiful yellow roses. She gave no explanation for her kind gesture. Sheila certainly didn't know her and thought she might have been American. Little stories like this kinda warm the cockles don't they?



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Next meeting is on Weds , 10th June at 7.30pm, Village Hall.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council occurred in May and the current Chair and Vice-Chair were re-elected.

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on May 20th where the organisations and council summarise their year.

This year we also hosted the Annual Hanney Community Awards where two residents were recognised for their contribution in the community.

The PC have a number of pallets available for residents. These are currently on the allotments; in addition there is a large pile of wood chippings available to residents on the field next to the allotments - please help yourself to both.

The multi-play unit (wooden castle & slides) is reaching the end of its life with

repairs being quoted as £10k plus. Therefore, the council is considering replacing the equipment and welcomes residents thoughts regards the suitable replacement. Forms for feedback are available in the village shop or see the PC Facebook page.

The annual litter picking was delayed this year but will take place on June 27th at 10am - meet at the village hall. Your help in keeping our village looking fantastic is much appreciated and will only take an hour of your time.

The car park surface will receive additional gravel fill and the railing close to the allotments will be opened up to ease pedestrian access to the allotments.

Finally, a notification of the pavilion replacement has been placed on the tender portal, and companies are invited to express and interest in the project delivery.



I believe there are a few of these little spiky creatures around at present, and some cross our roads with complete disregard for the Highway Code. They're also fairly slow when they do cross, but please, let's be patient. They have only got little short legs after all. Keep a look out for them...maybe whilst you're also carefully studying the road ahead for potholes!!.... and try not to squish them!

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The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday ????? in Hanney War Memorial Hall.

Vacancy for Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Our Parish Clerk, Barbara Martin, will be retiring in September. The Parish Council is very grateful to her for her 8 years of service to our community. If you think you might be interested in applying for this important part-time role, please contact David Corps for further information.

After last month's Hanney News, the Parish Council welcomes three new allotment holders. With vacant plots still available, are you up for the challenge of cultivating an allotment?

It's quiz time! What is this gentleman doing?

- A) Working in the shop
- B) Attending a Parish Council meeting
- C) Litter picking
- D) Visiting beautiful gardens in Hanney
- E) Playing Aunt Sally
- F) Auditioning for the Hanney Drama Group's next Panto.
- G) None of the above. *(Answer next month)*



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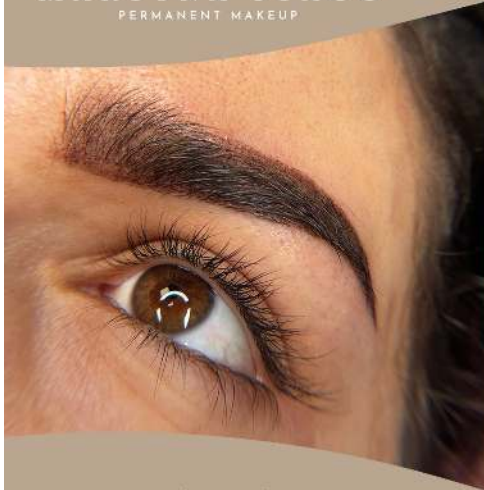
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Contact me, Jim Stagg, on 01235 867500 or 07762 239681.

Email: jimstagg@btinternet.com.

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



Here's a snap of the recent road works outside St James Church, as pipes from the refurbishment work happening in it are connected to the mains. Much noise and commotion, but minimum disruption I believe...well, we could still walk to the Plough at least!...and of course it's another step on the way to completion of the massive project. St James itself looks rather lovely behind the digger, hi-viz jackets, skip and Portaloo, currently in place and not really enhancing the view. No matter, it'll be worth it.



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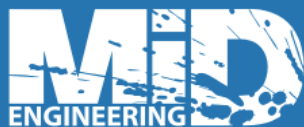
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Many years ago I was walking in the Lake District when a shepherd passed me walking down the valley. How did I know he was a shepherd? Because he was carrying a sheep on his shoulders, obviously lame or too tired to walk. In one hand he held its front two legs, in the other its back legs. I don't imagine the underbelly of a sheep is very clean! But it was a delightful picture that I have never forgotten.

It reminds me of a simple story Jesus once told about a shepherd. This shepherd loved his sheep so much, that when just one was missing, instead of staying safely in the fold with the sensible sheep, he went out into the dangerous night to find the single one that was missing.

It's about the value and the importance of the individual. Each and every individual matters.

Then comes my favourite bit of the story: "When he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and carries it home." just like that shepherd I saw in the lake District all those years ago.

This story has a resonance with many of us, because we all have times when we feel lost.

And right now it feels at times as if our

whole world has gone astray. And that can make us feel a bit lost too. As the foundations of our present world order are being shaken, it's natural to be a little anxious about where the world will go next.

Meanwhile, probably like many others, I have experienced a couple of bereavements over the last few months. That too can make you feel a bit lost, bewildered, disoriented.

So if there really is a good shepherd out there, who loves his sheep that much, who comes to find us when we are lost, and rejoices to carry us when we are emotionally vulnerable, then that is good news indeed, and is wonderfully reassuring.

And of course we can also be good shepherds for each other, looking out for those who may feel lost, whether in our families, among our friends, or wherever we may meet them. We may not feel we can do much to help, but just to come alongside can actually make all the difference.

Charles Draper

(retired vicar living in East Hanney)

Hanney Lottery - April Winners

1st - Penny McColl, 2nd - Judy Long, 3rd - Sheila Powell

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

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**The Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday
at 9.30am in St James - all are warmly welcome.
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Dear Editor,
I am becoming tired and indeed threatened and uncomfortable by the overpowering information published in our monthly village magazine regarding the long desired reservoir which will shortly be developed in our area of outstanding beauty.

I am somewhat reluctant to engage our stretched local police force to report my anxieties as they would be better employed defending our village shop from petty theft. We do not need any more unprofessional arguments dreamt up by the Alliance of Residents Safeguarding Environmental Habitats in Oxfordshire's Local Ecosystem Settings. I feel there must be an acronym there but for the life of me I cannot think of one.

Never mind 'Stop The Reservoir', how

about 'Stop polluting the pages of our delightful and insightful village mag.'

Sincerely,
Name withheld for reasons of personal privacy and security

Dear Editor,

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Table top sale for Cancer Research on Saturday 18th April. With donations and sales on the day, £940 will be sent to the Churchill.

Our Bazaar will take place as usual in November, but we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donates gifts and monies to us throughout the year in aid of our charity.

Many thanks

Hanney Fundraisers for Cancer Research



Hawaiin Islanders and 'Claws'.

Here's a snap from the archives of the Hanney Drama Group. Sorry but no idea of the date...does the wording below the pic... 'Hawaiin Islanders and Claws' maybe give a clue? I'm assuming Claws is that big white thing top right, that's scaring the girls and ladies in the photo!

Last month I published a letter

advising me that I should not be including 'political or religious comments' in the mag. A reader has since been in touch, offering a further comment from Christopher Hitchens. This one a little more direct maybe.....

"The urge to ban and censor is always the mark of a movement that is unsure of itself. Whether religious or fascist, the impulse to silence others betrays the fear of argument and exposure."

Great news from the Plough Aunt Sally

team who've won their first three matches of the season!

Way to go and all that good stuff, but t'is a mighty good start.

Remember that last season our boys - I use the term loosely - were in Section D. Now, they're top of Section B!

Their latest victory was in a cup match against 'Plum Pudding' a team from the pub of that name - yes, really! - in Milton. The Plough's captain Kevin Saunders assured me the 'fruity pudding' is a Premier League team! So big ups to the Plough...I'm sure their Auntie Sally - a game old girl I'm given to understand! - is well proud of them!



THE PLOUGH
AT HANNEY

Here at Hanney News - the best Parish mag in the whole of Hanney! - we have recently made donations totalling £925 to two worthy causes in the community.

(This brings the total of donations we have made since 2016 to over £8,000.)

Massive thanks go to our commercial advertisers and our Treasurer Phil Donovan...one very cool dude!... whose stewardship and care of 'Porky' our piggy bank, has allowed us to make these donations.

May neither Porky - nor Phil come to that - ever end up in a bacon sarnie!!

We have given £550 to the St James 'Forest School' part of the Early Years Foundation Stage at St James CE primary school here in Hanney, to allow them to purchase a complete set of waterproof clothing for use during their Forest School sessions.

Here's what School Governor Christine Grandison told me, prior to us making our donation.

"The Forest School is a vital part of the early curriculum. It provides children aged 2-5 with regular opportunities to explore, investigate and learn in our Forest School area.

Through these sessions, children develop resilience, independence, physical coordi-

nation, communication skills and a deep connection with the natural world. This is something that some of our children only experience whilst at school.

However, as our sessions take place throughout the year, weather conditions can significantly limit participation when children do not have suitable clothing.

We are seeking funding of £1,050 to purchase a set of waterproof overalls, suitable for our Nursery and Reception pupils. This money will ensure that all children, regardless of family circumstances, can access outdoor learning comfortably and safely in wet and cold conditions.

So far, we have secured £500 funding from the Michaelmas Fayre. A further donation would directly enhance the quality of outdoor education for our youngest pupils, and ensure that no child misses out on rich, hands-on experiences in nature because of unsuitable clothing.

Your contribution would have a long-term impact, enabling children to build confidence, curiosity and a lifelong appreciation of the natural environment."

Given the above, I'm sure you will realise why we are delighted to have helped the 'Early Years' team to reach their target. Congrats to her and all involved with this great initiative.

We also donated £375 to an initiative to improve Cow Lane where it runs south from School Rd and the Causeway, opposite the school. The short stretch is marked in red in the aerial photo. It is in a terrible condition, but is the only option for Causeway residents to access their garages. Owned by Oxfordshire County Council's Highways Dept., they have washed their hands of it...there's a surprise!



Andrew Wastie, a very community-minded and hard working resident of the Causeway, is determined to actually do something about it.

Here's what he told me....

"The section of road in question is marked in 'red' on the pic, and is a 'byway' leading to a restricted 'byway.'

This application for funding has not been made without exhausting all other avenues such as Highways, 'Fix my Street' and the Parish Councils. That said, I very much appreciate the time and guidance re the road surface that the PCs have given.

There is no legal obligation for Highways to maintain the byway beyond being fit for walkers / horses, despite its heavy use by cars, so it is up to the users to improve matters.

I have been working for many years to try and resolve the road surface with residents and the other organisations mentioned. Residents installed the private road seen in 'blue' on the map in 1975, and have maintained the surface of Cow Lane (in red) since then. Some key residents along the road are now too elderly to assist with the maintenance. We have a number of people who are suffering from serious ill health who use the byway. Some have for many years made significant contributions to our community, and now need our assistance to help them. Damage to cars and injury

due to tripping are now a reality on the road.

The work needed is simple and we have received a quote from a contractor for planing the surface, redistributing the material and using an 8 ton roller to flatten it. The quote is a very reasonable £750. Cow Lane is open to all in the village and all will benefit from its remedial works."

Andrew also told me that this section of Cow Lane is an old historic Roman road linking Abingdon to Grove....

"This feature in itself is a worthy cause for maintenance for historic Britain and for the bigger picture of assisting those in need today and beyond. In addition, may I make a plea to those parents and carers that if you have to park on Cow Lane on the red area please do not park on the junction, blocking the footpath all of which are a traffic offence and to please park considerately. There is however ample parking at the village hall, which those who drive their children to school do utilise - its a very short walk and is safer for all rather than pulling out from Cow Lane.'

Finally, Andrew asked me to add that he was overwhelmed to have received the Hanney News' donation.

Update...Andrew has now obtained the rest of the money needed to do the job from Causeway residents....great news, and well done Andrew!



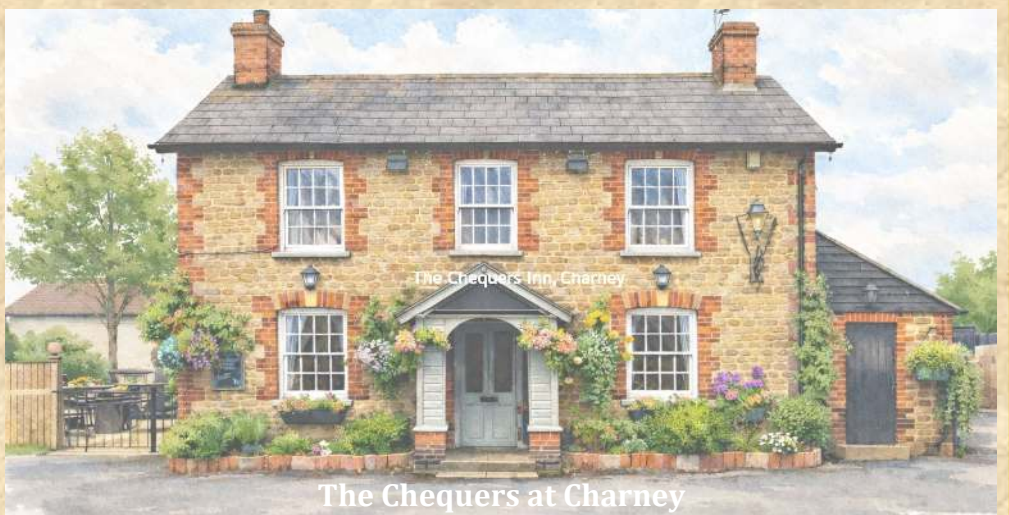
This is the grave of John Spindloe who we lost earlier this year. He was indeed a Daddy, as well as a grandfather and a great grandfather too! When I drive down to Senior Citizens Coffee Morning every Tuesday, I always start to turn right at the end of Winter Lane to go to John's to pick him up. Then I remember he's no longer with us...I miss that lovely man.

Our community has recently lost one of its most loved members, Vera Aspinnall.

She was a wonderful lady who lit up the lives of those she knew.

Many of us will have very fond memories of the numerous occasions spent with Vera and her husband Nick. They hosted a great number of regular social gatherings, much enjoyed by all those lucky enough to attend.

Vera will be very much missed by everyone who knew her and we send our deepest condolences to Nick, their son Ben and the family.



Many of us have been regular visitors over the years to this fine hostelry, but it has now been closed for some time.

However, the new owners have great plans, and there's much useful and interesting stuff on their website here: www.chequersinncharney.co.uk

Once it's up and running, I'm sure many of us will wish to pay a visit.



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When?

LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
10:30am-12:30pm

Where? Church Street Practice Foyer, Mably Way Health Centre

Barber shops with no customers.

Car washes turning over hundreds of thousands of pounds. Nail bars that only take cash.

These can be signs of criminal businesses acting in plain sight.

I have long been working on a change in the law to increase police powers to issue closure notices. Closure notices are an important tool in disrupting criminal activity on our high streets, but current powers do not go far enough.

A closure notice is a legal instrument issued by the police or local authorities prohibiting access to premises for up to 48 hours to cease nuisance or illegal activity. It mandates immediate closure, the breaching of which is a criminal offence.

With the support of the Shadow Policing Minister and Members of the House of Lords, I drafted an amendment to the Crime and Policing Bill which would have strengthened the powers of the Police, local councils and the courts to shut down criminal businesses.

This would have seen the time limit attached to closure notices extended to 7 days and give the courts the power to shut businesses participating in criminal activity indefinitely.

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Disappointingly, this amendment was blocked by the Government despite cross-party support. The Crime and Policing Bill has now received Royal Assent and become law, but without this change it is a real missed opportunity.

There is a ray of hope however. Although not enough MPs backed my amendment, the Government has agreed to consult on implementing similar changes in the future.

I have written to the Policing Minister to urge her to act swiftly to put more power in the hands of the police to tackle illegal activity and stand up for law-abiding businesses.

This is about delivering more than temporary disruption. By increasing police powers, we can more effectively tackle criminality; clearing up our high streets and ensuring local communities are protected.

Our MP is Olly Glover. olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk www.facebook.com/

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The recent work on resurfacing the footpath twixt the school and Meadow Way was finished just before Easter.

It certainly prompted a reaction on the jolly old Facebook page, with some folk claiming that the path didn't actually need resurfacing. One post however suggested that tho' the pathway seemed ok, it was not going to last long in a good condition, having been poorly laid the first time, hence the need for the replacement.

That's a matter of opinion of course, but since the job was paid for by Lagan Homes, the company that built the Meadow Way development, there's no need to get too vexed over 'wasted' funds.....I'll certainly not be losing any sleep over it!

When I spoke to the gents actually doing the work, they were keen that I passed on their apologies for any inconvenience caused.

As to the suggestion that these gents would have been better employed filling potholes, that's obviously down to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Highways, and has no connection to the developers who arranged and paid for this work.

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On show recently at the Village Hall was 'The Red Dress'no dear

readers, not the 1937 film of that name starring Marlena Dietrich and John Wayne in his only 'trans' role. (You'll recall the scene where he demands that his co-star should "Get off your horse and drink your milk." as he struggled to get into the figure-hugging garment mentioned in the title!)

No..... this 'Red Dress' was the result of a magnificent project started in 2009, by British artist Kirstie Macleod, *"to provide an artistic platform for individuals, particularly women, and communities around the world, many of whom are vulnerable and/or live in poverty, to tell their stories through embroidery."*

My snap shows Kirstie and the dress.

She came to our Village Hall to display the dress and give a talk to a very large audience - the event having been organised by the 'Ridgeway Quilters'.

Sadly no spare ticket for Mrs Editor - she had accompanied me on the 'photoshoot' - to stay and hear Kirstie's pearls, but I'm sure it w fascinating, so a big up thank you to her for sparing the time...she a very busy lady. For more info on the project, check visit the website <https://reddressembroidery.com/>

Finally, why did the Ridgeway Quilters choose our Village Hall? Simply because it's the best around! One of the organisers told me exactly that!



I'm hoping this

photo may stir up a few dim and distant memories for some of my slightly more mature readers.

Taken some time in the early 1970s I would guess, it's obviously a float put together by the W.I. for a procession or similar. If you recognise anyone, do let me know...maybe you're one of the happy ladies? More memory stirring on the next page.



HANNEY CARNIVAL

7th - 14th June, 1969, inclusive.

As a result of the success of the previous two Carnivals, it was decided to continue this year, but to enable more people to take part and for as many as possible to be able to enjoy the events, there will be a "happening" each day during this period.

Printed programmes are being produced but for your advance information, below are listed the proposals for the Carnival Week: -

- Saturday, 7th June: Donkey Derby (with side shows) commencing 5.0 p.m. Dancing to the "Quiet Isis" from 8.30 p.m.
- Sunday, 8th June: Special Family Service for Carnival Week - Parish Church.
- Monday, 9th June: Entertainment by the children of East Hanney School.
- Tuesday, 10th June: Old Time Dancing to the "Stardusters" beginning 8.30 p.m.
- Wednesday, 11th June: Surprise evening by the Hanney Ladies Keep Fit Class.
- Thursday, 12th June: Country style supper, and country style entertainment, by the Womens' Institute.
- Friday, 13th June: Tug-o-War contest organised by the Hanney Football Club, together with a Barbecue organised by the Hanney Cricket Club.
- Saturday, 14th June: Grand Carnival procession and Fete: stalls and side shows; pram race. Carnival Dance with the Stan Goodman orchestra 8.30 p.m.

All events will take place in or around the Village Hall.

You will be receiving further information nearer the date but if in the meantime you will keep the Carnival in mind, those involved in its organisation would be extremely grateful.

Who remembers the Hanney Carnival of 1969?

Apparently this was the third one held, and featured a 'happening' every day of the week-long event.

Were mind-altering drugs involved I ask myself?

The programme on the right really does give a reminder of times gone by..... 'Donkey Derby'...a 'surprise evening by the Hanney Ladies Keep Fit Class ...a Tug-o-War and more!

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

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

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

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

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 hanneyhistory.org.uk/

HANNEY OCCASIONAL GOLFERS SOCIETY (HOGS) was formed in 1996, and meets four times a year plus Christmas. HOGS is very much about social golf with all standards welcome. Non golfers/spouses usually join for the evening session when prizes are awarded and 'fines' imposed! Contact 'Poppy' at andrew.fletcher@rer.co.uk for further details.

HANNEY SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB meets on the 4th Thursday of every month except August, at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Tea, cake, chats, talks and activities. For more details, ring Marcia on 01235 867461

HANNEY TABLE TENNIS in the Village Hall, every Friday at 10am. £2.50p a session. Also every Thurs eve, 6.30pm -7.30pm. Just turn up to either, or both!

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

HANNEY WALKIE TALKIES...organised by Cheryl and Sue, we meet at the junction of Meadow Way with School Road at 12:30 lunchtime every Thursday (weather permitting) for a walk in Hanney of approx. 50 minutes and chatting along the way. New faces are always welcome to our friendly group.

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

HANNEY WINE CIRCLE meets on the 2nd Monday each month and enjoy wine tasting evenings from a variety of presenters. We maintain a waiting list for potential new members. hanneywinecircle@gmail.com
Facebook: Search "Hanney Wine Circle"

HANNEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (W.I.) meet the second Thursday of the month (except in Aug) 7.30 - 9.30 in the Olde Hanney Room, Village Hall. New members are welcome. Contact Kate Tyler on 07446 364859

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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - All welcome to come and join us. Become a member. Pool Table & Darts. Bingo and Music quiz once a month. Please check out our Facebook Page for details. (Hanney RBL Sports & Social Club)

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

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

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

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

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



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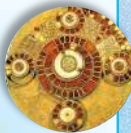
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The map is from the best Ordnance Survey 1" map dated 1828 - not used for nearly 200 years ago!

So, starting at the War Memorial Hall, we take a walk along the Causeway to West Hanney Green. On the picture of West Hanney to the Green, at the entrance of the church is the Butterhouse. But if you had been there in the late C19 you wouldn't have seen it, as it had been demolished and the ground identified around Street

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