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WEST HANNEY

REMEMBRANCE *Service*

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PAGE 5 TO HAVE YOUR SAY
ON THE RESERVOIR



More Pics on pages 14 and 15

The 'White Horse Reservoir Parish Survey' has launched, All the info is on pages 4 and 5. You can fill it in online or get a paper copy. It's our opportunity to show if we're for or against that rather big pond that Thames Water(TW) want to build on our doorstep. After they had carried out a 'survey' of 2,000 people (!??) they claimed that 80% of us are for it.

I understand that they are not required to publish any details of it, and thus far they haven't....there's a surprise!

Meantime GARD continue the fight against TW and details of how you can contribute to their 'Crowdfunder' are on page 22

This month we remember all the past conflicts that have so blighted our world.

We can reflect on what our lives would be like had the many many thousands of brave young men and women not stepped up and answered the call to defend our country from enemies who have threatened us over many years.

Today's veterans who have fought in more recent conflicts also deserve our thanks and admiration. In addition, they deserve fair treatment that takes account of the hardships they've endured. I'm not sure that in this 'modern' world they always get that.

I am pleased to include a piece by West Hanney resident Bob Plumridge on pages 18 and 19. Bob has done much research on the four brave soldiers of Hanney who rest in our churchyard.

This month he looks at the two young men who died in WW1, and I hope to include more from him in future issues.

Sincere thanks to Bob for his contribution.

Our annual memorial service happens this year on Sunday, 8th November. Details on page 13.

On to brighter stuff....This year's Michaelmas Fayre is now just a memory, but certainly one worth hanging onto for a while because, for me anyway, it brought out the absolute best of living in a wonderful community like ours.

It was a truly special occasion, and massive thanks must go to the organisers, the stall holders and exhibitors, those who competed - including the dogs! - in the various competitions, and everyone who came and joined in the fun. Words from the organisers on page 12 and a few of my snaps on pages 14 and 15.

The keenly fought tug of war - pic on front cover - was won, over three legs, 2 - 1, by West Hanney, and it was quite a tussle, with tugging and tears much in evidence!

I'm saddened to report that we recently lost a true Hanney character, Tony Charles, and his obituary is on page 16. We of course send our sincere condolences to his family.

The proposed solar farm is, not surprisingly causing much consternation, and David Corp, West Hanney Parish Council Chair has provided an extremely informative piece on it on page 7. Worth reading!

Ok, think that's enough for this month, and please remember, your feed back - positive or negative - on any of the contents of Hanney News, or the magazine itself is always welcome. Till next month....

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

Constructive - or amusing! - criticism always welcome, and if you wanna have a go yourself, just let me know!! Contact me, Jim the Editor.... mob: 07762 239681, landline - 01235 867500, or email: hanneynews@gmail.com

What's happening this month....

Sat 31st October - Hanney Community Woodland Group working party - contact Paul Sayers by email pkayers@btinternet.com or 01235 868146. We meet at 9am, finishing by 12noon at the latest.

Mon 2nd Nov. Hanney Gardening Club.... 'Roses' Kerry French is the head gardener at the National Rose Society. A perfect chance to get to grips with the ins and outs of growing magnificent roses.

Weds 4th, West Hanney Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 8pm.

Fri 6th, 7.30pm, Village Hall, Hanney Film Nights, proudly presents.... Spielberg's 'Disclosure Day' Doors and Bar open 7.30pm, film starts 8pm. Contactless payment only...no cash. £8, £7 concessions

Fri 13th The Plough, West Hanney.....'Apres Ski' night, £50 per person

Sat 14th, Village Hall, Cancer Research Charity Sale. See page 8.

From Sat 14th - 'Illuminate Oxfordshire'. Book at milletsfarm-centre.com/illuminate-light-trail

Weds 18th, East Hanney Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

Sat 21st, Flood Group working party...details from Clive: clivemanvell64@gmail.com

Sun 22nd, Milton Utd v Hanney FC Charity match. 1pm K.O at 'The Heights, Potash Lane, Milton, OX14 4XB'. Charities include 'SeeSaw', 'After the Attempt', 'Bloses, Brews and Biscuits' and 'Restore'.

Mon 23rd, Hanney History Group - The naming of Oxfordshire pubs. A talk by Andrew Long. Village Hall, 7.45pm

Sat 28th - Hanney Community Woodland Working party - see Sat 31st Oct.

Sun 29th, 11am - 3pm, Market Place. Wantage, Christmas Artisan Market - food, drinks, unique gifts, and handmade artisan treats.

And further ahead...

Fri 4th Dec, 4pm - 9pm, Wantage Market Place, Dickensian Evening,

Mon 7th Dec. Hanney Gardening Club... Christmas Party. Details soon.

Sat 19th Dec, Flood Group working party meet at 9.00, details nearer the time from Clive Manvell, clivemanvell664@gmail.com

Mon 25th Jan 2027 - Hanney History Group - 'A Tale of 3 Chaucers' Paul Whitton. Full details in January issue





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The official parish-wide survey on the proposed White Horse Reservoir is now open.

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TAKE THE SURVEY NOW

White Horse Reservoir Resident Questionnaire

The White Horse Reservoir is moving towards the next stage when the evidence is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

Thames Water held a survey regards customer feedback on the proposal - did you get one?

There was a very small response to it from customers across the Southeast England region – we don't think that it reasonably represented the local views.

So the Parishes that will be directly impacted thought we would produce our own statistically relevant survey – by asking 8000+ residents what they think.

This survey is available online by scanning the QR code with your phone camera, or in paper form available at the village shop, the Black Horse and British Legion.

Completed forms can be put into the East Hanney Parish Council post box, next to the village shop's entrance.

We will then represent your view going forward.

It takes 5 minutes, but the reservoir will last a lifetime,

So please have your say and make a difference.

Thank you.

East Hanney Parish Council
on behalf of all Parishes
represented.



**SCAN TO HAVE
YOUR SAY ON
THE RESERVOIR**

East Hanney Parish Council

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As you can imagine, and expect, it has been a very busy month.

Reservoir - to improve our understanding of the support or objection towards the reservoir the Parish has joined up with Marcham, Steventon, East Hendred, Ardington, Milton and others to publish a survey which will feed into the DCO process. The results will help the Parish determine our approach going forward.

Please see page 4 & 5 for the survey, paper copies are available in the Community shop.

Cearn - the Council attended an initial meeting with many other Parish Councils to learn more about what could be the largest solar farm in the UK. See page 7.

There is a very rapid timetable in which an application could be submitted under the DCO process by early 2027.

Councillor Vacancy - we have a vacancy on the Parish Council and welcome volunteers to join us to address topics such as those above. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to know more.

Finance Officer - we say thank you and good bye to Jayne Dennill as Finance Office, her help over the past 12 months has been much appreciated.

We say hello and welcome to Sarah Brown who will start in November. Sarah has a wealth of experience that we will need in the coming months.

Logs - available by the allotments - help yourself.

Allotments - we will be holding a clean-up day in November - if you have an allotment, please take this opportunity to clear it, using the skip that will be provided for allotment holders only.

Highways - we have asked for the lines to be repainted at the junction of Main Street and Mill Orchard. We have also asked for improvements to the kerbs to prevent buses and lorries cutting up the verges.

Community Sports Pavilion - we are looking for volunteers to join the team who will shape the future of this building. Please contact the Clerk to find out more, or see our website for details.

Next meeting Weds 18th November, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

CEARN SOLAR FARM PROPOSAL



Are you concerned about the CEARN solar farm plans?

A local action group has been set up to challenge and influence the CEARN proposal. This group emerged after the meetings held between the Parish Councils and Parish Meetings with representatives of CEARN. The group is connected to our local councils and will try to reflect the general views of people in them, but it is going to be and act independently.

The group is called “**Protect the Vale**”. Its initial key messages are:

- We are **pro-solar and renewables**, but we think this large, US private-equity backed scheme as currently presented is not suitable for the Vale;
- **This is not a done deal**. There are unique circumstances and issues here that mean this may not be approved.

At the briefing for the Parish Councils affected, CEARN representatives revealed they have been working on the project for about 3 years and are now working to a tight timetable to get it progressed. The group have noted that there is a lack of information from the developer so far, but based on similar schemes nationally they think it would likely involve:

- over **1m solar panels** mounted on **250,000 piles** driven into the fields
- **3–4-year construction** period
- over **85 HGVs** and hundreds of other extra vehicle journeys every day
- an **enormous battery storage plant** of 125 shipping container sized batteries.

The CEARN proposal comes on top of the White Horse Reservoir plans as well as 3 smaller solar farms near the Hanneys and Denchworth. If both Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects go ahead the construction work would overlap. In its current form it would rank as the 2nd largest UK solar scheme by area, occupying roughly 40% more land than the area of the local settlements combined.

It is very early in the process so we need to find out more.

The local action group has set out more information at **www.protect-the-vale.org.uk**. Their website allows people to sign up for further updates and to get more involved.

Keith Ringsell is a member of our community who has always been involved in it, and of late he's become even more so!

Along with a couple of others, Keith donned his Marigolds, and arming himself with some AJAX, set about giving the interior of our church a long overdue scrub now that the refurb is almost finished.

Keith was also busy with the Village Hall working party - see page 23.

On top of that he has recently become a West Hanney Parish Councillor, so big ups to him.

I make no apologies for repeating once again that councillors and their 'Clerks' and 'Finance Officers' are truly unsung heroes, with tough, demanding and vital roles.

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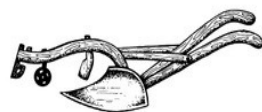
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Dear Parish!

It seems about time to give you an update on the works in St James – especially as many took the opportunity to have a look round at the Michaelmas Fayre.

Happily, most of the works are completed – the kitchenette is fully in use, the loo is working and the new cupboards are a fine addition to the south transept.

The oak vestry made nearly 40 years ago by the late villager Denis Parfoot has been modified by another talented carpenter to accommodate the toilet and the kitchenette and the new cupboards are also in oak as a reflection of Denis's work.

The new bell rope guide is installed and by the time you read this we hope the bells welcoming us to church will be a regular feature on a Sunday morning again!

The final parts of the project – new outer

glass doors at the front of the porch and screen between the Tower and church – with doors allowing easy access between them, was delayed as the chosen specialist supplier went into liquidation.

It has taken a considerable time to appoint a new supplier – glass and stone are not easy bedfellows so every detail and the highest level of craftsmanship is required – stone pillars are not like a wood frame when you can shave a little bit off if needed!!

We look forward to continuing to be a focal part of our community for another 1000 years and welcoming you, whether for a family occasion, one of the annual festivals, a place to come and sit quietly away from the hustle of daily life or to one of our regular services.

Hanney Parochial Church Council

Hanney Michaelmas Fayre

2Hanney did it! The sun shone (thank you God), the band played, the WI made the most wonderful cakes, the steam train ran, games were played, The Plough served beer and BBQ food, and so many more things that are part of the Fayre took place and most enjoyably we had time to talk to family and friends and raise some funds which in due course will be given as Grants to relevant Hanney organisations. A huge thank you to all who helped and all who supported the day. See you next year!2

Hilary Cakebread

Hanney Lottery - September Winners

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

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The Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday

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NOVEMBER 08th 2026
ST JAMES CHURCH,
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REMEMBRANCE *Service*

10:15 - MEET @ EAST HANNEY RBL

10:30 - MARCH LED BY WANTAGE
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10:45 - SERVICE BEGINS

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Everyone is welcome to join us
as we come together to honor
and remember the brave
soldiers who have sacrificed
for our freedom. This
ceremony is a time for
reflection and gratitude.

Poppy Appeal

Donation boxes are located at Hanney Village Shop & the British Legion.

Pin Badges can be reserved and ordered by messaging me Jamie Butcher, Poppy appeal organiser on **07342 812801** and collected from Longfields in Marcham.

Your support and generosity last year helped us raise nearly £5,500. This is a tremendous amount, and we thank you in advance for your donations for this year's Appeal. All your donations are invaluable in enabling the Royal British Legion to provide life-long support to serving and ex-serving members of the British Armed Forces and their





After some years without one, we now have a men's football team here in Hanney into their third or fourth season I believe, and they're really rather good!

The Plough, West Hanney is sponsoring them.....

Here's what the footie boys said... *"We are delighted to announce our new partnership with The Plough at West Hanney for home matches. We invite our opposition, ref and any spectators to join us and the locals in the pub after the game for incredible food and a few drinks."*

Sounds rather jolly, whether we're offering the team big up congrats or commiserations, depending on the result!

The Plough isn't the team's only sponsors.... TFD Gym, FFStars and Dave Carter Carpets also do. Big thanks to all for their generosity.

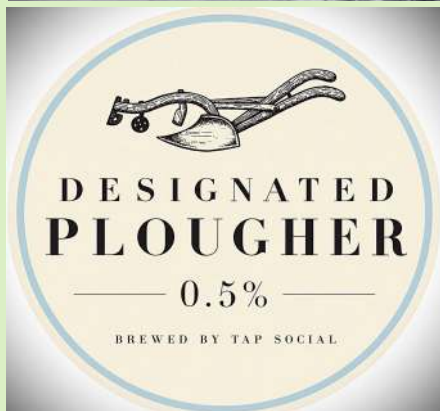
The pub has been involved with local football over many years, with the photo on the right showing the 1949/50 team posing proudly outside the pub with its landlord of the time, one Percy Simson. They had just won the 'North Berkshire Cup', the rather splendid shiny one on the ground in front of them. (Hanney was in the county of Berkshire until 1974).

Staying with the Plough...they are now brewing their own alcohol-free beer. Landlord Owain told me *"After years of fighting against it, I have finally succumbed to Zero alcohol beer, but having tried so many and been disappointed, we reached out to Tap Social to create our own! And even though it's 0.5% not the usual zero, (there is more alcohol in a banana) we've created something that tastes delicious and means you can jump in the car afterwards!"*

And if you're a rugby fan, the Plough will be showing every England game of the Autumn Rugby Internationals from 7th November to the 28th. This from Owain... *"We'll even show the Welsh ones if you want a laugh"*.



THE PLOUGH
AT HANNEY



New CCTV Hub for Oxfordshire and spiking sniffer dogs!

Early in October I officially launched a new countywide CCTV control room in Abingdon Police Station.

The new arrangements bring together public space CCTV from across Oxfordshire into one enhanced control room as part of my Thames Valley CCTV Partnership.

The benefits are clear. In addition to a modernised more effective system, we can expect closer links with frontline officers and police control rooms to help prevent crime, catch and convict criminals and ultimately increase people's feelings of safety in our public places.

Eight CCTV Operators and one Supervisor will be employed in the Abingdon Control Room, monitoring cameras across the whole of Oxfordshire from one location increasing opportunities to react to live incidents and stop crime as it is taking place.

Technological advances will also see CCTV integration with existing police systems to help support investigations, enable officers to access footage remotely, and share high-definition images across the force area more easily.

In a nationwide first, Thames Valley Police have launched a pioneering new police dog capability designed to help identify criminals carrying spiking drugs.

The team of 6 dogs; Maverick, Puma, Dusty, AJ, Reggie and Major, have been specially trained to detect drugs commonly linked to spiking offences, including substances that are often carried in small quantities or in liquid form.

This pioneering new capability demonstrates Thames Valley Police's commitment to tackling violence against women and girls and harmful offences within the night-time economy and builds upon the force's other work in the night-time economy including Project Vigilant.

While incidents of spiking in Thames Valley remain low, prevention tactics such as these help to stop harm before it occurs; ensuring less people become victims of crime. The dogs will support proactive police operations across both force areas, helping to identify, disrupt and pursue offenders.



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The First World War

Harry Edwardes, the Headmaster of St James, and too old to fight in the first World War, nonetheless did much for the war effort. Many of the young men who did go off to war had been his pupils, and Harry Edwardes organised much of the village support.

Already by Christmas 1914 he was co-ordinating the provision of parcels of warm clothing for the 78 men then in the forces. The provision of 'tuck boxes' continued throughout the war.

In 1913 he had formed the Hanney Magpies concert party. A Berkshire Herald report of April 1914 described them as "a troupe of ladies and gentlemen selected and trained by Mr and Mrs Edwardes".

During the War they performed in Military hospitals and other places for patriotic causes. They had a bumpy ride to venues in Wantage and Abingdon, transported in Barratt's the West Hanney builder's lorry with its solid tyres.

In 1917 and 18, as part of a national effort, Harry organised blackberry-picking to make jam for the troops. In October, three half-holidays a week were given to the children so that they could pick the fruit. In 1917 they managed to gather over 1½ hundredweight, about 76 kilos in today's money! Harry also co-ordinated the effort by other schools in the area. The Divisional Food Controller regarded the fruit picking as 'an urgent national necessity'.

The school log for 1915 records that "117 men out of a population of less than 700 have gone off to War". Records suggest that 59 returned - see page 20, whilst 29 did not. Some of the figures may have been approx., since 59 plus 29 don't make 117.

As a consequence of the resulting shortage of labour, many of the older school boys were granted Exemption Certificates to allow them absence from school to work on the farms, which in peacetime would have been done by the young men who by then were experiencing the horrors of the trenches.

World War One War Graves in St James the Great West Hanney

Being relatively new to West Hanney and interested in Family History, I was intrigued by a Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) plaque by the church gate. Their website shows two war graves for WW1 and two for WW2.

This is what I discovered about the men who died in WW1.

Frank Breakspear's birth was registered in 1895 at Wantage. The Census details show the following: 1901 - living West Hanney with parents, Thomas (44) born West Hanney & Mary (43) born Brize Norton, Breakspear nee Akers, with 2 sisters and 5 brothers.

1911 living West Hanney with his parents. By 1911 they have had 13 children with 9 still alive. Frank is working as a Horseman, also listed are 3 brothers.

Frank is called up for military service, enlisting at Reading Jan 11th, 1915; he joins Royal West Kent Regt. 8th Bn. with a service number of C/5424.

Shortly after joining he's in trouble for being late on parade April 19th, 1915. He's posted overseas May 30th, 1915, and reported missing Sept. 20th, 1915. He's listed on Red Cross documents as being wounded and a POW in Germany.

Due to his wound, a gunshot to left thigh, he was repatriated back to England and admitted to Queen Alexandra's Military Extension Hospital, Millbank, Oct. 8th, 1916.

On admission he was 5ft 9in tall and weighed 151lbs.

He's moved on March 3rd 1917 to Eastbourne Military Hospital, where he sadly died from his wounds on May 7th, and was buried on May 11th, here in West Hanney. He was awarded 3 medals, the 1914 -1915 the 'Star', 'British War' and 'Victory' medals. Sadly, Frank's brother, William, was also killed in WW1.

John Godfrey's birth was registered in 1887 at Wantage, with the Census details showing that in 1891 he was living in East Hanney with his parents, Charles (39) & Susan (37) both born in East Hanney. Susan Godfrey - nee Tombs - had 2 sisters and 2 brothers.

In 1901 John was living in West Hanney with his parents, 2 sisters and 2 brothers, working as a Farm Labourer. In 1911 he was back in East Hanney as a boarder, and still a Farm Labourer.

He enlisted on Dec. 11th, 1915, and went into the Army Reserve, with a service number of 36181.

He was mobilised on Jan. 25th, 1917 and posted to 49th Company Royal Garrison Artillery on 5th Feb., then to the Depot at Woolwich on March 7th, and on to 46th Company at Liverpool on April 24th, 1917, and 33rd Company at Nottingham on 27th August.

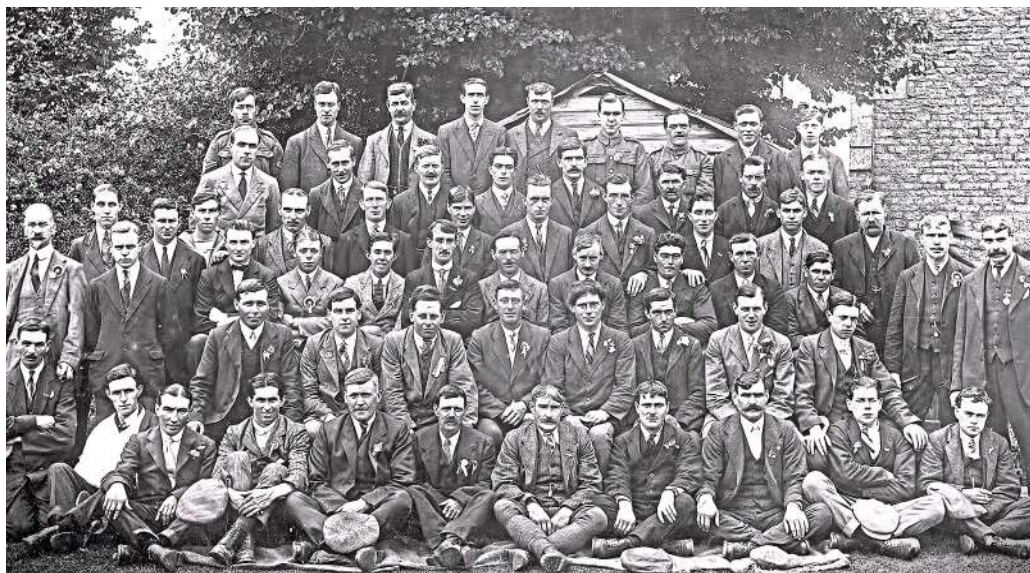
On Nov. 16th, 1918, John was admitted to Nottingham Military Hospital suffering from Pneumonia. He died on Dec. 1st, 1918, and was buried in West Hanney on Dec. 12th, 1918. Sadly, John's brother, William, was also killed in WW1.

Are there any descendants of these two brave men still in the area? If so, I would be very pleased to hear from them.

Bob Plumridge

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The photograph above taken in July 1919, is of the Hanney men who returned from the carnage of WW1.

One can only imagine what they saw and heard, the hardships they suffered and the condition they themselves were in, both physically and mentally, once they returned.

The gent stood far left was the Headmaster of St James School, Mr Harry Edwardes - he was too old to have seen active service, but many of the young men going off to war had been his pupils. He rests his left hand on the shoulder of the gent sat in front of him.

Only two other men do likewise ... resting their hands on both the shoulders of the man in front of them.

Above are most of the men who returned from the First World War.

To the left are the names of most of those that did not.



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**Tony Charles 28.12.1939 -
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He moved to 2 Acre cottage , East Hanney in 1971 with his wife Patricia and two daughters, flogging slightly cabinet damaged appliances to the unsuspecting customer of South West Oxfordshire from his shop in Wantage.

He was always helping out in the village. He would assist Bert in laying the hedge fences around the village.

He'd also train the youth football team (I have never seen dad kick a football in my life.)

He cut the grass in the churchyard. He helped out at the newly founded tennis club. I think it is safe to divulge that it was him that corrected the

grammar on the announcements put up on the noticeboard and an irate response from the club president that 'whoever was doing it was to stop' .

Dad responded by writing over it - 'don't you mean whomever!'

That was dad all over! Never one to bow to authority.

He was a regular at the British Legion and the Plough listening to people's life stories.

In his latter days he would sit on the driveway waiting for people to pass by and chat to them - he loved finding out about peoples life stories.

I received lots of lovely messages & my favourite is that his lectures live on, his god-daughter wrote to say she had delivered a 'TC lecture on how car doors do not slam' to her children. We have all been touched by one of his lectures- some of it stuck!

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Dear Editor

I am writing regarding the recent piece about children fishing on the Letcombe Brook, in particular the statement that “fishing isn’t allowed in Letcombe Brook”.

Would it be possible to provide the legal basis for this statement? I have tried to find the relevant ruling, bylaw or other regulation but have been unable to find anything. I have also contacted the Environment Agency, who were not aware of any such rule, although of course fishing remains subject to the permission of the relevant landowner.

I completely appreciate the importance of protecting the Brook and its wildlife. However, the presence of protected species and the need to respect landowners’ rights do not, as far as I can establish, appear to create a blanket prohibition on fishing itself.

I have fished and worked in the angling industry for nearly 40 years, and have seen first-hand the positive impact fishing can have on young people. It gets them outdoors, gives them a focus and encourages an understanding and appreciation of the natural environment. At a time when children are increasingly spending their free time on phones, consoles and social media, I believe that should be encouraged where they are behaving responsibly.

If children are fishing without trespassing, causing damage or disturbing wildlife, and have the appropriate rod licence, I would hope that this could be viewed positively. I have spoken to local residents who fished the Brook 40 years ago, and it is still here and supporting an abundance of wildlife today.

I would therefore be grateful if you could point me towards the specific legislation, bylaw or other legal basis for the statement that fishing on the Letcombe Brook is not allowed.

Kind regards, Garth Ethelston



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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. Mary Hoyle on 07476599975 or Joy Wilson on 07811927803

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 Saturdays of each month, 10.00am, 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

HANNEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB - all ages from 5 to seniors. For more details visit www.hanneyyouthfc.co.uk

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB meets every Wednesday at the War Memorial Hall 2-5pm. New members and beginners welcome. Lessons available. Contact the club at wantagebridgeclubinfo@gmail.com

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)

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH meets monthly, NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

SJS - 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 second Saturday, R.B. Legion Hall 8pm. Cash prizes. 18+ welcome.

ST JAMES SCHOOL HELPING HANDS:
helpinghandshanne@gmail.com

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

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 advice 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 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 -
<https://wantage.u3asite.uk/>

Hanney History Group

offers talks that mainly focus on the history of the Hanneys, the Vale of the White Horse and Oxfordshire.

We meet every 4th Monday of the Month, from September 2026 to May 2027 at 8pm at the Hanney War Memorial Hall OX12 0JL

Visits are arranged in the Summer.

New members and visitors are always welcome. A £16 subscription covers eight evenings - £4:00 per talk for visitors

Summer visits and walks at venue/guide cost price.

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Mon to Sat
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Post Office hours:
Mon - Fri
9am to 1pm

Tel: Shop - 867408
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Our Defibrillators?

In East Hanney, on the left wall of the porch in the Village Hall and on the fence between the Sovereign building and Motovation entrance on the A338.

In West Hanney it's on the wall of the brick garage opposite the Plough in Church St. All are accessible 24/7

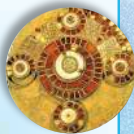
Hanney War Memorial Hall - To book the Hall, visit our website hwmh.thehanneys.uk and click on the 'Book Now!' link.

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