# Hanney News Number 582 June 2024

Ofsted's verdict on our school, St James....

'Pupils thrive in this friendly and welcoming school." Read more on page 10

Matt Barber has been re-elected as the **Thames Valley Police and Crime** Commissioner.

We send our congrats and wish him luck. Jaunty Jilly has more on page 16, including the fate of his whiskers!



The Plough in **West Hanney** have, for the second year running, won CAMRA's 'White



Horse Pub of the Year' award!

Landlord Owain said "The Plough is thrilled to be named Country Pub of the Year! Thanks to our amazing team and loyal customers for making it happen! Cheers to another year of great times at The Plough!"



Digging the orange t-shirts!....see page 15

#### **Editorial**

Oh dear!...a huge blunder in last month's issue resulted in me receiving an email from Denchworth's Maggie Vaughan. I had suggested that she, along with Mike and Sue Brandon, put together the Denchworth weekly digital newsletter, but I was wrong! Here's what Maggie wrote.... 'I am afraid you have made a rather big error in the May issue for which I think you need to correct in June! I do NOT have anything to do with the Denchworth weekly newsletter other than putting in odd bits about Church and dog mess mainly! Sue and Mike Brandon are on their own as producers of it. Consider your self reprimanded.'

I do indeed consider myself reprimanded Maggie...am just thankful not to have also been handed my P45! Every cloud however ...it's another opportunity to thank Sue and Mike for all their efforts.

Telling people one's health problems is not something we're that we Brits are always that comfortable doing, and hearing about other folk's issues can be very dull indeed, so forgive me for the following....

At a recent visit to a neurologist I learnt that I am suffering with a condition called temporal lobe epilepsy. I don't think this means that I am liable at any moment to fall over, shake and bite my tongue, but it does mean that I have had to give up my driving licence...a bit of a nuisance to put it mildly! The condition also very adversely affects my memory.

My plea therefore is two fold...
Having a reasonable memory is pretty
useful generally, but especially in my role
as Editor, so please feel free to regularly
remind me of stuff you want me to remem-

ber, and forgive me if I do forget anything ...can be facts, dates, names, faces, recent events, anything in fact.

Secondly, if you see me wearily trudging the highways and byways of Hanney and surroundings, feel free to offer me a lift! I will gratefully accept.

Here at Global HQ we send our massive congrats to the Plough on their receiving the CAMRA award for the 2nd year running ...amazing, especially considering they've only been open 2 years!

Over many years Hanney News has regu-

larly included articles from the 'Group Against Reservoir Development', GARD....see page 13. The discussions and debates about a potential reservoir in our area started back over 30 years ago! This month, for the first time since I took over here at Global HQ - May 2015 - I've also included an ad from Thames Water.... see page 17. They are planning what they call 'Community events' this summer. You may wanna pop along and share your thoughts about their plans?

Just as I'm about to go to printers, comes word of a Classic Vehicle event at the RBL in East Hanney on 15th June...see page 3. No more details, but sounds fun...sadly I won't make it, but if you do and get a snap or two, please send them.

I've not just given Jaunty Jilly a column this month...she's got the whole of page 16! Finally, may I remind you that the panel below speaks the truth! Send me anything and so long as it's not libellous or pornographic, I'll print it!

Till July my friends.....

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....

Sat 1st, 1pm - late, D-Day celebration at RBL, East Hanney. See page 5 for full details.

**Sun 9th - Wantage Carnival,** 11am - 6pm, in the Market Place. See page 8.

**Thurs 13th, 7.15pm, Village Hall, Hanney W.I.** present a talk by Richard Cobourne, who has worked in the world of TV, media and with many celebrities including Joanna Lumley and Nigel Havers. He is now a renowned author. Open to visitors, £3 entry fee. (A lengthy description of his career on our WI Facebook page.)

**Sat 15th, from 1pm, Royal British Legion, East Hanney - Classic Vehicle Day** with Triumph motorcycles, steam engines, BBQ and bar.

Sat 15th - Wantage and Grove Extravaganza...page 8

**Mon 24th, 2.40pm, Hanney History Group Visit** to Oxford Castle and Prison. £13... contact History Group to book your place, page 30.

**Weds 26th, 8pm, Icknield Way Morris Men** will be shaking what their mama's gave 'em and banging a few sticks at the **Plough, West Hanney.** One of their stars is West Hanney's finest, Sir Neil of Wilson!

**Thurs 27th, 2.30pm, Village Hall, Senior Citizens** - Tea and a talk... 'A day in the life of a magistrate' by Tony Hersh

**Saturday 29th , 7pm, Graeme Hall** will be in conversation with Lin Lawson talking about his new book 'Does my Dog Love Me?' See page 8.

Sat 29th, Public Open Day at Harwell Campus. If you're interested in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM), or simply want to see what happens here. You'll need a ticket. They are **free of charge**, and expected to 'sell' quickly! Visit <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/harwell-open-day-tickets-877333908337">www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/harwell-open-day-tickets-877333908337</a>

**Sun 30th to Sun 7th July, Wantage Summer Arts Festival.** Calling all local arts organisations. Would you like to participate in this year's. Sponsorship might be available. Please pm me if interested. Jim Mitchell, Festival Director.

#### And further ahead ...

**Sat 6 July, 2.30pm-5pm - Summer Gardens Open Day** in aid of CPRE Oxfordshire at Coopers & Woolstone Lodge, Woolstone,. Two wonderful gardens, within walking distance of each other, together offering topiary, herbaceous borders, wild garden, vegetable garden, rock garden, stream and open views across countryside and White Horse Hill. £10 per head, £5 for under 16s, under 10s free. Teas will be available – donations welcome. Places limited so please reserve in advance – see <a href="https://www.cpreoxon.org.uk">www.cpreoxon.org.uk</a>

Sun 7th July 12 noon - 3pm, St Katherines Fete...see page 18.

**12th - 13th July: Grove Charity Car , Truck and Bike Show** . Amazing local bands. FREE! Details next month.

**Thurs, 18th July, Senior Cits Summer Party.** Contact Marcia for full details, page 30.

**Thurs 26th Sept, 2.30pm, Village Hall, Senior Citizens,** Tea and Talk... 'The Wit and Satire of Gilbert and Sullivan' with music.

I know Facebook gets a lot of criticism, but some good stuff does appear on it, and this post from a bee-keeper recently caught my eye.....

I received a message from a home owner to say they had a swarm of bees in their hedge, but they were worried about them because children had been throwing water at them.

By the time my fellow beekeeper and I arrived, what had been a beautiful prime swarm was reduced to a few hundred drenched bees, huddling limply around their queen.

Many others lay dead and dying. We gently placed the bees that had survived into a collection box, and hopefully tomorrow, when they've had chance to dry out and settle, we'll check on them and if necessary feed them; they'll be exhausted and possibly (understandably) defensive. They've been through a lot.

Please, please, help me to educate your children, your grandchildren, your nieces and nephews, your neighbours, your colleagues and your friends that a swarm of bees isn't dangerous - they're amazing creatures that are just looking for a new home.

Please don't let anyone harm them. Just call a beekeeper who will gladly rehome them. Please help me to spread this message and hopefully save any more bees from being unnecessarily harmed.'

Our local man to contact if you come across a swarm is West Hanney's Allen Talmage, 01235 868364. He keeps bees and their honey - available in our Community shop - is superb!

Two websites worth visiting are.....
www.valeanddownlandbees.org.uk/ and
www.bbka.org.uk/find-a-local-swarmcollector



# GREENPEACE

Meantime, Greenpeace have started a petition to try to encourage the Govt not to allow the use of bee-killing neonicotinoids.

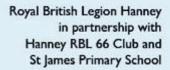
Here's what they say... 'Bees are essential for our survival. They pollinate much of what we eat and play a critical role in sustaining ecosystems around the world.

But the last decade has been devastating for insect populations, and bees have been hit hard - with populations shrinking by a third in the UK.
Bee-killing neonicotinoids have been banned across Europe since 2018, but the UK government approved these deadly chemicals for emergency use -posing a lethal threat to bee populations.'

You can sign the petition here... https://action.greenpeace.org.uk/

## **Hanney Lottery**

May2024 Winners: 1st - Colin Rice, 2nd - Soo Messer, 3rd - Miriam Emerson Not got a number yet or want additional numbers? Just call Hilary on 868590.





# 80th Anniversary Celebrating D-Day 1st June 2024 1pm till late

Help us commemorate history by bringing copies of your family's artefacts to put on our

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- · Best 40's Fancy Dress
- · Best Decorated Bunting

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- Afternoon Tea Party
- Period Film Footage
- Bookstall
- 40's Music

Sing-Along with the

# Wantage Silver Band

8.00-9.30 pm



Royal British Legion - Hanney Mill Orchard, East Hanney OX12 0JH



## **East Hanney Parish Council**

Our next meeting is on Weds 12th June, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

Councillors - Chair: Stephen McKechnie - smehpc@gmail.com.

David Kirk - david.kirk@btinternet.com; Paul Aram pvaehpc@gmail.com;

Dickon Green - dgehpc@gmail.com; Rosie Reed - rrehpc@gmail.com;

Garth Dennill - gdehpc@gmail.com; Hamish Gowen - hgehpc@gmail.com;

Jen Small - jsehpc@gmail.com. Clerk - Wendy Bates, tel: 07859 924655. Email: clerk@easthanneyparish.gov.uk Website: www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk



I know many of us have mixed feelings about the 20mph speed limit in our villages, and some of the 'anti' crowd have suggested that whatever limit is imposed, you'll always get inconsiderate lunatics who drive through our community well in excess of our old speed limit, never mind the current one.

I'm sure they're right, but this surely, is where our **Speedwatch team** come into it. With their latest clever pieces of kit they can detect speeding motorists from quite a distance.

The vehicle's details are then passed onto the boys in blue - though I think the one in the snap above may have retired! - to give



them a well-deserved ticking off .

The Speedwatch team need more volunteers and if you may be able



to do the occasional session, please contact West Hanney Parish Councillor Ahmed Farrag on **07388 816079**, or **email him here: ahmed.farrag@icloud.com** 

Full training is given, and no, you won't be 'dobbing your mates in'. They'll only get a letter...no stocks, whipping posts or prison sentences are threatened!

What you will be doing is helping Ahmed and his team keep our streets safe and that's got to be a good thing.

A statement from South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils asserts that a new initiative will put 'Community' at the centre of decision-making when South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils buy goods and services.

"The councils have pledged their commitment to Oxfordshire Inclusive Economy Partnership's (OIEP) charter," the statement reads.

"It means when the councils agree contracts, they will assess what support the supplier can offer the local community, as well as the value for money of the contract. The council will look wherever possible to buy goods and services from local organisations, including SMEs, social enterprises, and cooperatives."

Councillor Neil Fawcett, Vale of White Horse District Council Cabinet Member for Economic Development, said:

"These pledges show we are committed to creating a more equal and sustainable community that benefits everyone. We hope being part of the charter will create more opportunities and benefit everyone."

#### **West Hanney Parish Council**

Councillors: Chair: David Corps - 867454. Graham Garner - 868684.

Peter Packham - 868038. Vicki Ruston, Ahmed Farrag - 07388 816079.

Barbara Martin (Clerk) - 412742

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As memories fade of an exceptionally wet winter which saw the road from West Hanney to Denchworth flood on numerous occasions and the surface water flooding of short sections of Church Street, West Hanney Parish Council have been liaising with interested parties to better understand the problem.

The profile of the road to Denchworth is such that it floods to a depth of over a foot when Childrey Brook floods. It would be a major engineering task and very expensive to raise the level of the road. Highways have no funds available for this work.

The parish council are very grateful to Chris Surman for monitoring the flooding situation and putting out the road closed signs when the road is deemed to be impassable and informing Oxfordshire County Council.

The parish council are participating with Future Flood Resilience Group taking a catchment wide approach to managing flood risk. Flood plain management of the Childrey Brook catchment upstream of West Hanney is the main hope to reduce the frequency and severity of this flooding.

The situation in Church Street is even more complicated, with surface water from properties along Church Street and the farmland to the south of West Hanney draining to Church Street. This surface water then passes in a culvert through the rear gardens of several properties to join the drainage ditch on Main Street. This flows to West Hanney Green and then north along Winter Lane before joining Childrey Brook near Gallows Bridge.

The land is very flat, so water flow is very dependent on watercourses being kept clear of obstructions.

The maintenance of these watercourses is the responsibility of the owners of property and landowners that have a watercourse running through or adjacent to their boundary, rather than the responsibility of Highways.

A CCTV survey of the culvert running from Church Street to Main Street has discovered a significant constriction in this watercourse, impeding the flow of surface water draining from Church Street to Main Street. The PC will be contacting the respective riparian owners to discuss ways to remedy this problem and thereby help to reduce the future risk of surface water flooding on Church Street.

The next meeting of WHPC will be on Monday 1st July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room at the Hanney War Memorial Hall.

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. Juliette Ash is our County Councillor...her contact details: c/o County Hall, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1ND. Email: juliette.ash@oxfordshire.gov.uk. www.julietteash.co.uk. Sally Povolotsky is our District Councillor: Sally.Povolotsky@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.

Doggie Stuff.....On Saturday 29th June 2024, at 7pm, as part of the Wantage Literary Festival, Graeme Hall will be at the Beacon, Wantage in conversation with Lin Lawson, talking about his new book 'Does my Dog Love Me?' Graeme, aka. 'The Dogfather' and presenter of Channel 5's smash hit show 'Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly', returns for a fundraising event.

Expect hilarious and heart-warming stories of training dogs all over the country.

The event will be followed by a Q&A session and book signing. For tickets go to

the Wantage Literary Festival website: https://wantageliteraryfestival.co.uk/ (No animals, furniture or babies were harmed during the taking of this photograph!)



These are difficult times for many folk, and here in Hanney we have a charity, 'The Hanney Parochial Trust' that may be able to

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. 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.

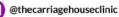


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volunteers to help their ambulance team with patient pick-ups. They are currently seeing a huge surge in demand for the service. Although they have an ambulance for emergency call outs, pick-ups usually require volunteers to use their own vehicles. Fuel costs are covered. Full training and uniform is provided. Message them on Facebook or visit their website here:

www.oxfordshirewildliferescue. com/ for more details.



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#### WANTAGE MARKET PLACE



#### Ofsted's quote on St James

School.....Pupils thrive in this friendly and welcoming school. It is a nurturing and inclusive place in which to learn. The school has high expectations of pupils' achievements, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). As a result, pupils achieve

Following Ofsted's visit in February, the school is now celebrating official confirmation of its continued status as a 'Good' school.

St James, part of the Vale Academy Trust, was last inspected in October 2018 when it was also found to be 'Good'.

well.'

Ofsted inspectors, as well as making the above comment, also noted the pupils' politeness and consideration of others. **Headteacher Lucy Ottaway** - on the right in the photo - said "Ofsted recognised that we have high expectations of our pupils' achievements, including those with special educational needs and disabilities, and that everyone is supported to achieve well. Our ambitious curriculum has reading at its heart and provides the stepping stones for building understanding and deep learning.

We are currently in the process of refining assessment in foundation subjects so that we can identify early knowledge gaps and to this end deepen children's knowledge. As a result of our staff developing caring relationships with our children, Ofsted reported that our pupils said they feel safe, happy and supported when they

might have any worries or concerns. It's very heartening to hear this from our pupils.

Ofsted commented that through a raft of opportunities both inside and outside of school St James pupils learn how

to be thoughtful, responsible members of the community, 'buddying up' with younger pupils, raising money for charity and proving themselves to be good role models."

Lucy Ottaway added "I am extremely proud of them all, as I am of my staff, governors, parents and the community that surrounds St James CE Primary.

We've all played our part in achieving our 'Good' grading."

We here at Hanney News Global HQ would like to offer massive congrats to the school. You can all be very proud!



Hanney Reds U13's 11-a-side football team are on the lookout for new players, girls and boys, to join for the new season starting in September. We are currently in the C League. We train on Wednesdays in Hanney, from 6-7pm when daylight allows and on Thursdays on 3G in Abingdon. We play matches on Sunday mornings. If there are any keen footballers out there looking to join a local grassroots team we would love to hear from you!

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# THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Early summer can be a lovely time of year, with long days and warm weather, but still something of the freshness of Spring.

Those of us fortunate enough to have a garden will appreciate how everything is green and growing at this time of year. While others of us, who walk dogs round the village footpaths, will have enjoyed the Spring

wild flowers and the blossom on the trees.

We are certainly fortunate to have so much natural beauty around us.

We have a pair of robins in our garden who love to come and join in when we are digging or weeding. They are not remotely shy and will come right up close looking for worms we have upturned. We enjoy their company – though I imagine the worms are not so pleased!

Which perhaps makes a point - it is easy to be sentimental about our gardens, and to forget that life and death and the struggle for survival go on in our gardens as much as anywhere else.

Real life is always a mixture of joy and sorrow, darkness and light, and death and life. For those of us who believe in a loving Creator, that doesn't mean that we live in a



fantasy world where nobody gets hurt.

A real world is a world of cause and effect, a rational world with scientific laws. And even God complies with his own scientific laws.

And human pride, greed and cruelty of course make things a hundred times worse.

That's why we all have a responsibility to choose light and choose life in the decisions we make. But equally we have to accept the mixture of light and dark that makes up life in our world.

This is surely one reason why at the centre of Christian faith is the Cross and the Resurrection - suffering and death closely followed by new life and hope. This speaks to me of a Creator who shares with us both in our sorrows and our joys. And similarly, through friends and family, we can share with each other in our joys, and support each other in our sorrows.

So there is death and life, darkness and light - even in our gardens. And yet our gardens remind us that life is still extraordinarily beautiful.

Charles Draper (retired minister living in East Hanney)

#### **SERVICES in June 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Revd. Canon Geoff Maughan, 9<sup>th</sup> Revd. Alec Gill, 16<sup>th</sup> Revd. Charles Draper, 23<sup>rd</sup> Revd. Alec Gill,

30<sup>th</sup> - St John's Grove Patronal Festival at 10.15am (no service in Hanney) Midweek Said Eucharist - Tuesday 18th at 10.00am in the Chancel. Associate Vicar: Revd Alec Gill: 07739 563894 - vicaralec@valebenefice.org.uk
Office: (10 – 12 Mon – Fri) 771479 - office@valebenefice.org.uk
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# This from Derek Stork, Chairman of GARD (Group Against Reservoir Development) ...

'When GARD issued its call for a Public Inquiry, we asked via a Freedom of Information request to see the Environment Agency's (EA) advice to the Secretary of State, Steve Barclay, on the Thames Water plans.

Finally last month, DEFRA agreed to our request and released the EA's advice, revealing that the EA have serious reservations about the plan, and quite a few of these echo GARD's criticisms about lack of substantiation that SESRO represents the best value plan, and our doubt on its resilience to droughts, amongst others.

However, the most important take-away from this advice is the EA recommendation on page 6-7 in the

Executive Summary:

"We recommend that Thames Water is not allowed to publish its plan. The company should make further changes as set out in .....

These changes will require regulators to review them before the company's plan is allowed to be published. We also advise that due to the public interest shown in the consultation that DEFRA considers whether further public scrutiny is required before the plan is published."

Not being allowed to "publish the plan" equates to the plan not being acceptable as it stands.

Clearly our call for a Public Inquiry has stayed the Secretary of State Steve

Barclay's hand, reinforced by the EA opinion.

There are many forms of further 'public scrutiny', e.g. a consultation of a "revised-revised-draft Plan"(!), but we believe the most efficient, in-depth and probably even the quickest, would be a Public Inquiry. Please write to DEFRA supporting our call for a Public Inquiry into this dangerous, damaging and unnecessary project, citing the Environment Agency opinion. Also, please, if you have not already done so, sign our petition at:

https://you.38degrees.org.uk/p/ stopTWreservoir

It's also available in paper form at the Hanney Community Shop.'

Below is the QR code that also takes you to the petition.



Meantime, see Thames Water's 'ad/info' piece, including a very pretty picture, on page 17.

#### This from our MP, David Johnston...

'I was pleased to meet with the Managing Director of GWR to talk to him again about my campaign to reopen Grove Station. Next up is meeting the Rail Min-

ister following my petition to Parliament that I presented earlier this year. We need Grove Station re-opened and I will keep fighting for this! '

'It was also good to meet with the Roads Minister to discuss my campaign to improve our roads and the results of my



Local Roads Survey. The Government has given Oxfordshire County Council millions of extra pounds (a 30% funding increase this year) to im-

prove our roads and fix our potholes. We discussed how they should use this money effectively, including filling potholes correctly and not in a way that means they reappear within weeks, as we all know often happens on our local roads.'

#### **April** we had a hay bales fire just north of Global HQ here in Winter Lane, West Hanney, with the road being closed for a while. There's some learned folk

amongst us, and one of them, Sir Andrew of Wastie and Wisdom, helpfully posted on Facebook to allay folk's fears about the continuing burning with no apparent attempt



to put it out. Andrew advised that.... "the straw will be burning for weeks, which is the best plan to deal with it. It's not a threat of spreading, and the fire service did the right thing to not pour thousands of litres of 'drinking water' on it. The bales are no use once smoke and heat damaged so it's best to let them burn. During the day and with heat from the sun, it will heat up more and flame will be seen. It's best left alone and the fire appliances kept on their stations to save life and property." Wise words Sir Andrew...thank you.

Footie...even tho' the season's ended...we send big ups to Oxford United, our local League One team.

This issue of Hanney News will be at the printers by the time they meet Bolton - tough one boys!! - in the 'play-off final' which could see them competing in the Championship next season! Good luck lads. And a quick mention of our other local - ish team, Swindon, who I know also have a few supporters here in Hanney.





**I reckon this lot deserve a drink or several**...some of them have cycled from Morpeth, Northumberland! I told the story in the April issue....East Hanney man Mark Smith lost his fight with MND and his widow Helen and others organised this massive fundraising event. As I write...ok tap....they've raised an incredible £46,151 and it's still not too late to donate...simply go here on the old computer:

www.justgiving.com/page/miles-for-mark-smith.

A truly amazing effort...well done to all!!

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#### Darlings! It's me, Jaunty

Jilly.. and once again that little sweetie Editor-in-Chief Jim has given me another column. I want to start by telling you about my favourite Welshman Owain, Landlord of the best pub in the whole of West Hanney, if not the world.

Now, he's a very big sweetie, and as I write, is about half way through an amazing fundraising effort for a charity called Dravet Syndrome UK.

No, I hadn't heard of the syndrome either, but it's an absolutely horrid condition - read about it here - www.dravet.org.uk.
Owain's walking 5K every day for the whole of May, so by the time you read this he will have nearly completed his task.
All who know him will, I'm sure, agree that the Big O is built for rugby, cuddles and the occasional pint (!) so his endeavour is to be massively applauded and rewarded.

The wonderful little videos he posts on Facebook every day usually contain a close -up of his invariably happy, glowing - polite way of saying 'sweaty' - face, along with a lovely quote, which usually reduces our soft and soppy Editor to tears!

Now, such are the limitations of the printed word that as you read this, Owain will have almost completed his task.....the good news is that it is not too late to make a donation to help him reach his target, and hopefully exceed it. Either use this QR code or simply

pop in the pub and make your donation... every little helps as they say!





Staying up close and personal with another fine member of our community, I'm sure you've heard that West Hanney's Matt Barber has been re-elected as the **Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner,** and we send our congrats and wish him luck

The bad news is that Matt - rather rashly in my view - had promised to shave off his beard if he won.

Now, we know that not all political folk keep their promises, but Matt has and he's now clean shaven and smooth of chops! Our Editor - a long term beardy himself - is rather disappointed, and if I'm honest, I too am a teensy bit...I can be quite partial to the rugged look.

In Matt's case, it also pushes back any chance that he may have had of joining a ZZ Top tribute band in his spare time! See last month's issue.

On a more serious note, I do hope Matt still has time to present his fab and groovy monthly quizzes at the Plough. They are great fun!

And whilst dishing out praise, can I again mention our Community Shop... a real jewel in our crown and any time you can use it, even for the smallest of purchases, please do so.

It's staffed by a band of volunteers led by Clive Ward and Richard Oxley. Our Editor takes a turn once or twice a month and tells me they're invariably fun afternoons, and a great opportunity to meet Hanney folk and some from far distant lands such as Grove!

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That's it for this month...my birthday in July on the 9th...cards and gifts welcome!



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We look forward to seeing you soon.



#### STALLHOLDERS WANTED:

Good morning local community!!

St Katharines are holding their annual summer fete on Sunday 7th July this year and we are looking for local small businesses, organisations and crafters to join us. We had a fantastic day last year with lots of lovely stalls and music and dancing! We would love to have a wonderful day like that agin this year!

If you would like to join us and have a stall at our summer fete please either message me directly or comment below.

We would also like to find owners of classic/ vintage cars, motorbikes, super cars and tractors to create a display on our back lawn. Our residents loved to see the cars that attended last year!

We hope you can all join us to create a wonderful day for the community and our residents. Xx





#### Oxfordshire's household waste recycling centres

(HWRCs) will no longer stay open late nights on Thursdays. Our nearest ones, at Stanford in the Vale and Drayton, are operated by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC). (Previously they opened until 8pm every Thurs, April till Sept, but no longer. Councillor Pete Sudbury, Deputy Leader of Oxfordshire County Council with Responsibility for Climate Change, Environment and Future Generations, said: "We realise this decision will disappoint some people but unfortunately it is not financially viable to keep it going." The centres are now open from 8am - 5pm seven days a week, 362 days a year. More info on the OCC website:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/

#### **History Snippets:**

Last month I printed a pic of a team of Barretts builders from the 1920s. The info I received was from West Hanney's John Spindloe, 95 years young, sharp as a tack and about the nicest fellow I've ever had the honour to count as a chum! John told me that one of the Barretts team was his father - see pic on the right - William Eric Samuel Spindloe, who was born in 1906.

More snippets on page 19, but ..... if you hate football more than you love history, go straight to page 20 or look for something else to read...assuming you've already read and inwardly digested all the preceding pages!



I also mentioned the Barretts football team last month, and in particular a gent named Wilf Barrow - see pic - who lost his left arm in the Second World War. I attributed the loss to a sniper, but in the Sept 2021 issue, I wrote that his wound was the result of being blown out of the turret of a tank. I've no idea where I heard these differing versions, or which is correct, but it matters not, here was one very brave and amazing man. Wilf is also in the pic below.



**Meantime, here's a football team photo from way back...** of Hanney Utd, who won the North Berks Cup (Hanney was in Berkshire until 1974) in the 1938/39, 46/47, 47/48 and 49/50 seasons....and possibly more! The photo is of the 47/48 team. I believe the suited gents standing at the back may have been part of the Club's committee, as well as being members of the 'great and the good' of the Hanney community. (Next month I will list the current members of that group!)

What is certain is that the guys at the front were seriously good footballers. I wonder how they would have dealt with the players of the modern game who writhe around in agony if a butterfly happens across their path. (I exaggerate only slightly.)



I have the names of all in the pic above...standing, l - r...Cox, John Broughton, Harry Shorter, Arthur Walters - publican of the Black Horse which is where the team were based at the time, Len Barrett - joint owner of Barrett's the local builders, Ernie Norris, Arthur Watkins, Jimmy Alder.

Middle row - Harry Tollit, the bagman, Wilf Barrow, Bernard Nobes, Harry Nobes, Bob Hamilton, Frank Cottrell, Pete Johns, Wilf Shepherd. Front row, Sid Hutt, Ron Dandridge, Doug Nobes, Bob Nobes, Percy Belcher. Bernard, Bob and Doug Nobes were brothers, Bob and Bernard being twins. I'm sure Harry was related, but not how exactly. If you know anything about the Nobes boys, I'd love to hear from you.

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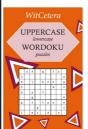
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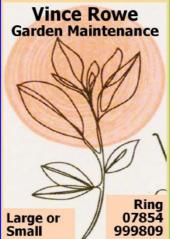
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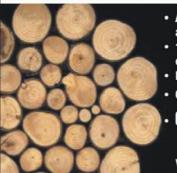
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HARMONY SINGING on Thursdays with SJS, one of Oxon's oldest male-voice a cappella groups (6 of us) Rich treasury of 4-part songs; learn from the inside and make a difference. East Hanney, 8-10pm; pint at the Black Horse later. David Gahan 868933

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BINGO** every Sunday, R.B. Legion Hall 8pm. Cash prizes. 18+ welcome.

#### ST JAMES SCHOOL HELPING HANDS:

helpinghandshanney@gmail.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 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 - <a href="www.u3asites.org.uk/">www.u3asites.org.uk/</a> 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

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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, visit our website <a href="https://www.hemorial.new.nd">https://www.hemorial.new.nd</a> and click on the Book Now! link.

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