

Hanney News Number 583 July 2024

Welcome to Donna and Gareth who've recently taken over at the Black **Horse in East Hanney.**

Their opening hours are...

Tues, Weds and Thurs - 3pm till 10pm. Fridays it's 3pm till 11pm, Saturdays noon till 11pm, and on Sundays, 12 noon till 7pm.

Bar snacks are available every day the pub is open, from 5.30pm - 8.30pm.

The locals assure me that it's great to have the pub open again, so let's use it! And of course we wish Donna and Gareth a very happy stay in our community!

Calling all Ouilters, Embroiderers and Crafters...see pages 18 and 19.









Editorial

I would like to thank everyone who has been so kind following the news last month of my epilepsy diagnosis. I now have a vast army of volunteer chauffeurs (!) and many folk sent good wishes and sympathy... all much appreciated. We truly do live in a wonderful community, as was pointed out on Facebook recently by East Hanney's Chris Osbourn who said...

'It was exactly 6 years ago today that the long suffering Mrs 0 and me moved from Oxford to Hanney. We didn't know anyone and in my case, having previously lived in London and Oxford, it was my first experience of village life. I was, and continue to be, amazed and very touched by how incredibly welcoming, warm and friendly the people are. It's a very special community, we are blessed. A big thank you to the people of Hanney.'

Couldn't agree more Chris...well said! I've included few snaps this month from recent community events, that only go to emphasise Chris' point.

I decided that this issue of Hanney News should be a politics-free zone, given the upcoming you-know-what on the 4th, but I should just mention that our current MP may have been handed his P45 following the event, so the usual 'Political Chums' contact details (page 16) are incomplete. If you hate footie, I strongly advise skipping page 5 and accepting my apologies! Aside from a rather witty little photographic riddle that made me smile, that's all there is on that page, including a man posing in his yellow pants! (Someone dared me to print it, so I have. Again, apols to

those of a delicate disposition!)
Last month's pic of the baby with his chubby hand in the big doggie's mouth drew little feedback, but I know we've got a very large number of dog owners and lovers in the community and I'd like to refer you all to this website -

cocopuplondon.com/ - It's a local company called Cocopup which is... 'all about matching accessories in the cutest patterns for you and your pooch! Cocopup is run by a small, close-knit team of women working hard to not get distracted by their office pooch Ralph.'

It's def worth checking out, doggie peeps! Thames Water return on page 14, this time with a list detailing the community events they're intending to hold this month to tell us about their reservoir proposals.

(See also Fast Hanney Parish Council's

(See also East Hanney Parish Council's piece on page 6)

Now, a simple question....top left, page 11, a small gap to fill, so I have, with a snap of the road surface on Winter Lane.

My question...is it art? (I think it might be.) Page 8 if you wanna learn to play bridge, and page 6 if you need to rest your weary bones in Ebbs Lane!

Read about a very talented young racing driver on page 8. and a very talented swimmer on page 16, whilst Kylie grins and hunches her lovely slim shoulders, page 18. Lastly and with much sadness I include on page 9 an obituary for Ron Walters - known by many - who very recently and suddenly died. Massive condolences. August next!...have fun till then dear readers[im

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....

Sun 30th June to Sun 7th July, Wantage Summer Arts Festival. See page 4

Sat 6th, 2.30pm-5pm - Summer Gardens Open Day in aid of CPRE Oxfordshire at Coopers & Woolstone Lodge, Woolstone. See last month for details.

Sat 6th, 1pm - 11.30pm, Childreyfest. Family friendly music festival. Info and tickets, visit childreyfest.co.uk

Sat, July 6th. 11am. Eynsham Carnival with Morris dancing in the square, the shirt race at 12.15 https://www.facebook.com/EynshamShirtRace, Parade at 12.30pm, Carnival at 1pm, with loads of stalls, a craft show, main arena acts (including majorettes, gundog display, marching band, acrobatic demo etc.), food, drink, music with live bands etc. Entry is £6 adults, £5 concessions, £4 children 5-18. Under 5s free. All tickets are £1 off if bought in advance. Parking is free in Siemens car park just after the toll bridge.

Sun 7th, 12 noon - 3pm, St Katherines Fete...see page 13.

Sun 7th, 10am - 3pm, Wantage Food Festival - see page 10

Thurs 11th, 7.30pm, Hanney Community Shop 2022/23 AGM will be held in the HWMH, aka Village Hall in the Olde Hanney Room. See page 10

Fri 12th - Sat 13th: Grove Charity Car ,Truck and Bike Show - Grove Recreation Ground, a completely FREE community family event ... the best cars, trucks, bikes, live music, food stalls and much, much more. 'Oxfordshire Mind' is the charity for whom they are raising funds, who will have their own stall at the event. For regular updates please do check out the Facebook page **Grove Charity Car Truck and Bike Show 2024**

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

Sat and Sun 18th/19th- The Yarn Fest Cometh! Enjoy fun for all the family when locals will decorate St Peter's Church, Charney Bassett (OX12 0EJ) with all manner of crafted items to amaze and delight. The church will be open to visitors all day. Refreshments and Cake served between $2-4\,\mathrm{pm}$. Entry free, with donations welcome. See page 11

And further ahead ...

Sat 7th Sept, 10am - 10pm, Fun and Music in the Park, Abingdon, details next month. **Mon 23rd Sept, 8pm, Village Hall, History Group,** talk by Alastair Lack 'CS Lewis and IR Tolkien'.

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

Thurs 24th Oct, 2.30pm Village Hall, Senior Citizens, Tea and Talk... 'The illustrators of Wind in the Willows' John Ericson.

Mon 28th Oct, 8pm, Village Hall, History Group talk by John Lowe 'Always ready, always willing, Fires and Firefighting in the County of Oxford.'

Mon 28 Oct – 9 Nov: Wantage Literary Festival... www.wantageliteraryfestival.co.uk/ Sat 23rd Nov, Cancer Research UK, Table top sale...at Village Hall.

Mon 25th Nov, 8pm, History Group, Village Hall, 'Reminisces Evening and Social'
Thurs 28th Nov, 2.30pm Village Hall, Senior Cits Tea and talk. Details nearer the time.

Massive big ups to East Hanney Parish Council and Sovereign Housing, who between them have installed a defibrillator on the metal railing fence between the entrances to Sovereign and Motovation on the east side of the A338, just south of the turning into Ashfields Lane and the bust stop. See pic.

This is the second one in East Hanney, the other being on the wall at the entrance to the Village Hall....let's hope they never have to be used, but it's great that they're available 24/7.





WANTAGE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL 2024 PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 29 JUNE TO SUNDAY 7 JULY

Saturday 29 June

MUSEUM FUNDRAISING SUMMER FÊTE

3pm free entry but donations

welcome. Join us for lots of stalls and games as we raise money for the Vale & Downland Museum. There will be crafts stalls, tombolas, bric-a-brac, antiques and collectables, a plant stall and lots more! Tel: 01235 771447 Email: info@ valeanddownlandmuseum.org.uk

ART IN THE CHURCH

Contemporary art in an ancient space. **Free exhibition** by local artists in the atmospheric surroundings of the Medieval Parish Church, Wantage.

Open Sat 29 June 10am-4pm (refreshments available) and

Mon 1 to Thurs 3 July 10am-12noon. Launch event Sun 30 June 3pm. www.wantageparish.com/community/art

WANTAGE LITERARY FESTIVAL

Graeme Hall Does My Dog Love Me?
7pm The Beacon, Wantage Tickets £12-£17.50 (Booking fee applies)
www.wantageliteraryfestival.co.uk

Sunday 30 June

MARKET PLACE BRASS

Wantage Silver Band. Market Place west end. **2pm free event**

FESTIVAL EVENSONG 4pm free entry but donations

welcome. Wantage Parish Church. Choral music from Wantage Parish Church Choir, preceded by an opportunity to view the exhibition with a glass of wine from 3pm. Delight your senses and your soul!

KENNET OPERA

Summer Opera Concert, Methodist Church, Wantage **2pm Tickets £15 to include a cream tea**. From Kennet Opera in Wantage jumblebee.co.uk

Tuesday 2 July

PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP

A day of lino printing with Lizzie Wheeler www.lizziewheeler.co.uk Parish Church, Church St, Wantage. £50 including materials. Email: administrator@ wantageparish.com to book.

FOLK AND FOOD SPECIAL

With Greengage playing 6.30pm-9pm. Down to Earth Café, Stirlings Close, Wantage OX12 7AU Tickets £18 including delicious buffet. From https://rb.gy/Oirzfl

Wednesday 3 July

WANTAGE TALES

1.30pm Gallery Talk by Trevor Hancock. Join our local historian as he tells stories from Wantage's past. Hear about Jim's Stores, a well known grocery business in Wantage, plus the tale of the mysterious Matron Elsie Gaudion of Wantage Hospital, and a possible World War Two spy! Tickets £7.50 and must be booked in advance.

Available from the Vale & Downland Museum or www.ticketsource.co.uk/vale-downland-museum

ART COMPETITION PRIZEWINNER'S EVENT

6.30pm Dolphin Gallery, 23-24 Market Place, Wantage OXI2 8AE **Free entry by invitation** Tel: 01235 763030

Thursday 4 July

FESTIVAL PIANO EVENT

7.30pm Wantage Parish Church. Think you can play piano as well as on the Channel 4 programme? Any style welcome. Tel: 01235 767975 or email: jamesmitchellonecvoice@sky.com

£5 audience on door, performers free.

Saturday 6 July

WRITERS OPEN MIC.

Love writing? Join us for a fun, relaxed event, to read poetry and prose with other like-minded people. **2-3.30pm** Wantage Library. **Free entry**. No need to book, just come along!

WANTAGE CHORAL SOCIETY

Music by Chilcott, Rutter, Shearing and Gershwin **7.30pm** Letcombe Regis Village Hall **Tickets £15 including wine** (under **16s free**) from https://www.wantagechoralsociety.co.uk, Wantage Bookshop, members of the choir or on the door.

Sunday 7 July

WANTAGE ORCHESTRA – SUMMER CONCERT

Tchaikovsky, Jacob, Mendelssohn
Soloist - Tabitha Appel
7pm Wantage Parish Church, Church
Street, Wantage OX12 8AQ Tickets £10,
seniors £8, under 18s free. At the door
£1 more. From www.wantageorchestra.
org.uk or Wantage Bookshop or
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TRAINING @ BROOKSIDE, EAST HANNEY, OX12 OJL TUESDAYS 7-8:30PM



As I mentioned last month, Hanney Reds U13's 11-a-side football team are also on the lookout for new players, girls and boys, matches on Sunday mornings. Contact Sarah Dempsey by email: sarahfootball4@gmail.com or mob: 07521 409 470



Last month I mentioned Oxford Utd's

splendid effort to reach the play-off final with the possibility of promotion to the Championship. I wasn't very optimistic about their chances, but they only went and won (!) spurred on by loval fans such as the gent in the snap...Sir Dave of Bratley and West Hanney, who



proudly brandishes the tickets he had for the game.

A few sore heads the next morning no doubt, and well done to Oxford Utd!

Btw, has anyone heard that their two goal hero Josh Murphy, lives in East Hanney?!



U9's Player's Wanted

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East Hanney Parish Council

This month we have installed a memorial bench known as the War Horse Bench

which gives memorial to those who have fallen. Thanks to Dickon Green for his help with the installation and procurement of this and the other benches which we have been able to provide within the village this year.

It can be found on the small area of green just off the southern part of Ebbs Lane;

it's a tranquil and quiet location which we believe serves well as a place for members of the community to reflect and enjoy.

As advertised by Thames Water (TW) in last month's Hanney News, they are holding a series of consultation events about their proposed reservoir. (See also page 14 of this issue.)

These are being held throughout June and July, with an event at the Royal British Legion in East Hanney on 29th June. The Parish Council object strongly to their proposals - known as SERSO - to cover the entire area between East Hanney and Steventon, extending north toward Abingdon. It will have a serious impact on all of our lives and the local area.

There will be years of disruption and loss of environment, as well as all the issues which continue to be identified.



The height of the wall of the reservoir as currently proposed is some 30 meters above ground level at its edge in East Hanney.

It also means the permanent loss of the Steventon Road the direct route for access to Steventon, Didcot and the Science Vale. In addition to the events, TW have also launched an online consultation. These are an opportunity to give your views and state your concerns.

Good reasons and arguments against the SERSO can be found on the GARD web site here:.

www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk/

Our next meeting is on Weds 10th July at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

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

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

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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

> Email: parishclerkwesthanneypc@gmail.com Website: www.westhanneypc.org.uk

Planning permission has been refused for the Manor Solar Farm on agricultural land to the east of Denchworth. Thank you to everyone who submitted comments on this planning application.

The feasibility study looking at creating aquatic habitats in West Hanney has been

completed and the Parish Council will be considering how to take this project forward at our next meeting which will be on Monday 1st July 2024 at 7.30pm in Olde Hanney Room at Hanney War Memorial Hall, aka the Village Hall.

I've been alerted by a concerned and caring member of our community to the possible risk to pedestrians of the rather dodgy pavement in West Hanney on Main St, opposite the cottage named Bankside...the one with the lovely pebble statues outside it.

Extra care is need when negotiating this stretch, especially if you're pushing a wheelchair, pram or whatever!
Several of the stones are now loose, with only gravity holding them in place and the recent flooding has made the situation worse, so be warned! Ongoing reports to Fix my Street etc. sadly produce little or nothing by way of remedial action!

And still on that section of pavement, a little further along, I'm assured that a few folk - presumably not locals? - see that stretch as an ideal spot for parking their often quite large vehicles.

Well, it's not!

Apart from narrowing the road significantly already not that wide if you're driving one of these magnificent beasties - it also restricts pedestrians and threatens the stability of the pavement and the lovely old brick wall that is behind it.

Care - and common sense! - are needed!











Tell me about Ben From the outskirts of East Hanney and racing since the age of 9, Ben has an impressive record of wins to his name. During his five year karting career he achieved over 250 victories. In 2020 he finished 5th in the British Karting Championships. 2023 saw Ben selected to be one of only 18 students to join Motorsport UK's Academy studying Enhanced Diploma in Sporting Excellence at Loughborough. Now racing Minis, 2024 is a very exiting year. Ben is driving for Jam Sport Racing and is the youngest driver in the ITVX televised **JCW Sport Mini Challenge**, which is taking part alongside the British touring cars. As I write this he's already won seven podiums out of nine races.

Ironically, he's still not even old enough to drive on our roads!

How can we support him? Follow him on social media and if you have a business, why not become a partner and market your brand on his car. Be part of this young lad's future.





www.bencrossley.racing



Learn to play bridge or improve your bridge skills.

A course of 12 lessons on Wednesday afternoons, 2 - 4.30 pm in the Hanney War Memorial Hall, aka the Village Hall, starting on 18th September. For details contact Alan Grunwald at alan.m.grunwald@gmail.com

This from Oxford County Council...

'We'll be trialing a new way to reduce traffic congestion in Oxford.

From November 2024, camera-operated traffic filters will be placed on six roads in the city. Depending on how you travel into and around Oxford, traffic filters may impact on your journey in different ways.'

If you drive into Oxford it's well worth checking this out, and details are on their website here...

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roadsand-transport/connecting-oxfordshire/ oxford-traffic-filters

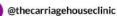


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Obituary - Ron Walters

With much sadness I must report that one of our loyalist advertisers, Ron Walters, has died. Ron was born on 21st July 1949 in the USA, Michigan I believe. Dubbed by some as 'the quiet American' - and you don't meet many of them! -Ron was a fine tradesman and a thoroughly decent chap. He lived in West Hanney, opposite us here at Global HQ for some years and though more recently he had moved to Stanford in the Vale, he still socialised here in Hanney, where his many friends, myself included, will miss him greatly. Ron was a real family man and we send our sincerest condolences to all his family.

A 'Muchloved' page has been set up in his memory

ronwalters.muchloved.com/ with some lovely photographs and memories.



Only last month Jaunty Jilly was singing the praises of our Community shop in her column - sorry, haven't been able to give her one this month! - and now the hard-working folk who run Hanney's very own retail emporium have announced that they are holding their AGM, on Thurs 11th July, at 7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room of the Village Hall.

All are welcome, and it's a great opportunity to not only ask questions and maybe make suggestions about this particular community jewel, but also to give a hearty pat on the back to Clive, Richard and the team who run it so efficiently! And once again, can I remind you that if you fancy helping out, a session serving in the shop is great fun....more from Clive on 07885 819920.





'Hanney Walkie Talkies'

is our local informal walking group.

Clue's in the title...they don't just walk, and anyone is welcome to join them. They meet at 12:30pm on Thursday lunchtimes at the corner of Meadow Way and School Rd in West Hanney. This from organiser Sue Rogers... 'Please come along and join our friendly group for our weekly 45 -50 minute walk. We walk at lunchtime so that those working from home have an opportunity to escape what can be a rather isolated working environment and they can also meet other local people. We meet at the junction of Meadow Way with School Road. New faces are alwavs welcome.'



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Music plays a most important part in our lives. Think back to your childhood.

Perhaps the songs you learned from your family, mostly forgotten but some remembered; and the music your parents listened to. Then the songs and hymns you learned at school, remembered as you reach significant milestones in your adult life such as weddings and family funerals.

After that, the music of your teenage years, your first vinyl or cassette tape, or your first download or stream.

Did anyone send you a cassette compilation of all their favourite songs, recorded off the radio that they wanted you to listen to? Then there is your first music festival; a coming of age experience.

In adult life, your own choice of music; the pieces you chose for your wedding or partnership and the first dance in the celebrations afterwards.

Perhaps you play in a group or orchestra, or sing in a choir. Listening to music and participating in a communal activity creates an enormous sense of wellbeing, creating endorphins in your brain and helps keep your mind active.



Even after a very difficult rehearsal I

always come away feeling better. It also affects you emotionally. There are four pieces of music that bring tears to my eyes, interestingly all of them within a religious context.

Music plays an important part in the life of our church. As Psalm 150 says; 'Praise him with the sound of the trumpet'.

It goes on to add lute, harp, timbrel, dance, cymbals and the loud clashing cymbals. I would love to have heard that!
Also on a very sad occasion, just before the disciples went out to the Mount of Olives before Jesus was arrested, Matthew tells us that they sung a hymn. In our Sunday services at St James the congregation join in by singing.

We use a variety of traditional and new hymns and songs accompanied by the organ or a small group of instruments. You are always welcome to come and join us. Keep listening to, and whenever possible, take part in making music.

Chris Reason Organist and Church Warden at St James Church.

SERVICES in July 2024 at St James

Our Sunday Eucharist is celebrated at 9.30am - all are very welcome.

Freshly brewed coffee or tea is served after the service.

7th – Revd. Charles Draper, 14th Revd. Velma Oxley, 21st Revd. Alec Gill, 28th Revd. Alec Gill. On Sunday 21st July, we celebrate the special day for St James the Great – the same as for St James Primary School. All very welcome – and join us for 'cake & amp; bubbles' after the Service.

Midweek Said Eucharist - 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 Church Wardens: Stuart Cakebread: tel - 868590 - stuartcakebread@mac.com Chris Reason: tel - 868375 - Chris Reason Hanney@hotmail.com

I often mention some of the talented folk we

have in our community, and East Hanney band the Faithhealers certainly fall into that category.

With Mark Miles on guitar and vocals, Anne Alix on bass and Martyn Jones on drums making up the trio, they have just recorded their first CD.

All three are clearly very competent instrumentalists and with six of the seven songs written by the band they can clearly pen a good tune as well.

The CD has a rocky feel to it with some great tone on Mark's lead guitar and a drummer who certainly doesn't



hold back. For me the really pleasant surprise were the three songs where Anne takes lead vocal. She has a most unusual and lovely voice that works very well with the songs she sings, and she also contributes some backing vocals when Mark takes the lead. Overall the Faithhealers are well worth checking out here on CD and also 'live'...they appear locally quite frequently.

CDs are £5 each and can be obtained by emailing Mark here: Mark@thefaithhealers.com, or by a call / text to WhatsApp at 07777680094; also via their Facebook page or the contact form on the website: www.thefaithhealers.com

The CD can be heard on Spotify for free (even if you don't have an account) though there is a small charge of £2.99 to download from Spotify or Apple Music. Links below...

https://open.spotify.com/album/2oGb1f9UHXoDfjYUodc6TK?

si=GoY6EX4 OaKGzb1cgtM4Ow

https://music.apple.com/gb/album/why-i-dont-believe/1746317824



June Winners:

1st - Martina Mayer 2nd - Rachel Tredwell 3rd - Andrew Robertson

Not got a number vet or want additional numbers?

Just call Hilary on 868590.



Have your say on our reservoir proposals

To keep everyone's taps running, we need to invest in new water resources for the South East.

We're holding a public consultation on our proposals to build a new reservoir in Oxfordshire. Your views matter to us, so please take a look online and have your say via: www.thames-sro.co.uk/sesro

You can also come along to one of our **community information events** to find out more about the proposed reservoir. To help us manage numbers, please register your attendance in advance by visiting our website at: www.thames-sro.co.uk/events

Events

- 27/06/24 Sutton Courtenay Village Hall 2pm-8pm
- 29/06/24 Royal British Legion, East Hanney 10am-4pm
- 01/07/24 Abingdon Guildhall 11am-5pm
- 05/07/24 Loyd Lindsay Rooms, Wantage 11am-5pm
- 09/07/24 Didcot Civic Hall 2pm-8pm
- 15/07/24 Milton Hill House, Steventon 2pm-8pm
- 18/07/24 Marcham Centre 2pm-8pm

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Caribbean Channel Swim Race – Nevis to St Kitts

Another talented member of our community is West Hanney's Helen Cavendish, who told me that she had recently... 'peeled off my armbands and entered into an ocean swim race from Nevis across to St Kitts.' (Yes, friends, that is in the West Indies!) 4.5kms in seemingly glorious, clear blue water may sound idyllic, but sometimes the best made plans can take a challenging turn! Below are some of her memories'300 race entrants waited on Nevis beach, with coloured swim caps and fluorescent tow floats, feeling a degree of apprehension as we waited for the start bell. *In the distance, we could see the glorious* green mountains of St Kitts ... and they looked far away.

An early start helped ensure sea conditions were good with little wind. I noticed several swimmers wearing devices on their ankles and asked a fellow competitor why. She explained it was a shark repellent, not a GPS watch. I did not have a shark repellent, as I had clearly missed the memo about Caribbean sharks! Feeling a bit anxious, I readied myself. Eventually, the bell rang, and we ran into the water. The first few kilometers went smoothly. My training at the Wantage and TFD swimming pools was paying off. I felt relaxed, maintained a good rhythm, and made good progress. The water visibility was amazing, revealing stunning fish, corals and stingrays.

Then around 3km into the race, the wind and currents picked up, where the Atlantic



Ocean mixed with the Caribbean Sea midchannel, creating waves and drastically changing the swimming conditions. It became impossible to see other swimmers, and I felt vulnerable and alone in the middle of the ocean, with land at least 2km away in all directions.

Following a brief wobble, I gave myself a stern pep talk, put my head down, and kept swimming.

After 1 hour and 59 minutes (under the 3-hour cut-off), I felt the soft, warm sand of St Kitts beneath my feet. It was a wonderful feeling, and my two children were there to greet me at the finish. It was a tough yet amazing event that took me out of my comfort zone ... but was totally worth it.'

Massive big ups to Helen from us nonswimmers here at Global HQ!

Our political chums - Our MP...umm, not sure. Can I tell you next month?

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.

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A rather special guest joined fellow wine connoisseurs at the recent monthly 'Hanney Wine Circle' meeting where members learned not only about the plonk we were swigging enthusiastically, but also gossip and scurrilous tales of various celebs, including Kylie, Sting, Brad P and Angelina, and Snoopy Doggy Dog WoofWolf Whistle - not sure I've got that last

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one right? - who have associated themselves with the wine producing business and are making a few guid out of their endeavours...well, the use of their name at least! My pic shows the presenters of the most agreeable evening's entertainment, Phil and Barbara Donovan, Graham and Sue Garner, along with the little Aussie Miss. Not only was wine flowing, there was much delicious tucker also on offer, courtesy of Sue a delightful evening all round!

Not altogether surprisingly, the Wine Circle, due to its popularity, has had to suspend its waiting list, but I will advise as soon as it reopens.

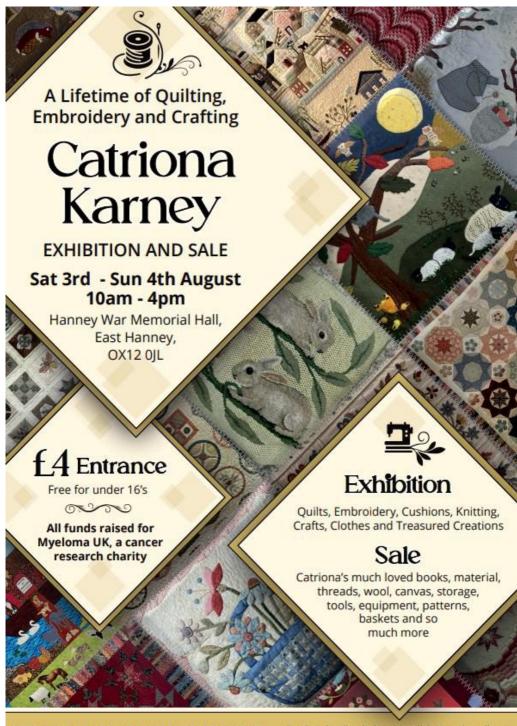
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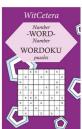
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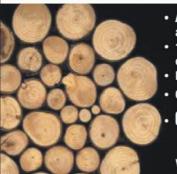
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