



Hanney News

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Hanney Calendar 2025



AVAILABLE NOW

Yes folks, the fab and groovy Hanney Calendar 2025 is now available....

See page 5

Black Horse re-opening soon...

Some may not have heard that Ian and Jacqui who ran the Chequers, in Charney for some years, are heading down our way to take over the Black Horse, East Hanney's finest hostelry.

This is indeed great news...I know they will do their very best to bring it back to - and doubtless well beyond - what it was!

All we have to do is visit once in a while - or every day if you like! - to enjoy a thoroughly good meal and the odd libation.

Let's support Ian and Jacky, and wish them all the best in their new venture!

 *Sunday*
29 SEPTEMBER from 2pm
Church Green, West Hanney
www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk

Hanney organisations wishing to apply for a grant from the recent Michaelmas Fayre, see page 10

BAZAAR



SAT Nov 23rd
Hanney WMH 10 till 2pm

RAFFLE

**Xmas gifts and decorations,
Glassware, crafts, Tombolas,
Toiletries, Toys, games, jewellery**

Hot/cold Food

Hanney Fundraisers for CRUK

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Editorial

We've had a few rather watery local issues to deal with just lately haven't we, but there's still plenty of good news to report, so I'll try and stick with that if I can. Check page 15 for details of a rather unusual exercise class that started last month at the village hall.

Here at Global HQ we're delighted to welcome a new advertiser this month, 'Artisan' who are a printing company based in Kingston Bagpuize, see their ad on page 11.

And if you want to look at a sample of their high quality work....well you already are, since they are the fine folk who print Hanney News for us each month, including this one of course! To say I recommend them is something of an understatement.

A rather sorry tale on page 4 however, re our old chums at Thames Water.

Methinks they're not capable of building a sandcastle on the beach at

Frinton-on-Sea with a bucket and spade, never mind a reservoir the size of Australia - I exaggerate only slightly!!!

We recently held our Distributors lunch at the Legion who put on a superb spread for us...see page 7.

Pics from the Michaelmas Fayre on pages 8 and 9, and info on how to apply for a grant on page 10.

Two local Community events to remind you of....the Cancer Research Bazaar, happening on 23rd Nov, and the annual Holly Fair on 14th Dec.

Grab your purse and head on down to both... Xmas present problems solved and you haven't had to leave the village!!

Having said I'm looking for good news, I've two more pieces of sad news to report. The first is the recent passing of Ray Woodyear, known to many of us, he and his wife moved to Devon a couple of years ago.

His son Clive has sent me an obituary, and I've added a photo of Ray, that I found in my 'Hanney People' folder.

Certainly a few rogues in that gallery of course, but Ray wasn't one of them. In fact he was fine, community-minded gent, and we send our condolences to his family and friends....see page 14.

The second piece of news is the demise of our local Brownies and Guides group...page 18 for the story behind that. Hanney football club history from the 1930s on page 19, which I find very interesting indeed.

It also gives me an opportunity to moan about today's top pro players.

November is a time when we reflect and remember... see pages 16 and 17.

And as a nod to the USA Presidential election happening this month, a piece about two previous holders of this great office. Far be it from me to opine about another country's politics, but I can't help feeling that neither of the current candidates quite match the integrity of those I look at on page 18.

Ok folks, till next month, take care!



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....

Mon 28 Oct – 9 Nov: Wantage Literary Festival... www.wantageliteraryfestival.co.uk

Fri 1st, Hanney Film Night, Village Hall. Doors and Bar open 7.30, film start 8pm. Contactless payment only no cash. Tonight's film is **'Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice'**. PG 13.

Monday 4th, Village Hall, 7.30 for 8pm . Hanney Gardening Club, Harriet Rycroft gives a talk on Planting Pots for Winter Interest and Joy. Non-members welcome.

Tues 5th, 7.30pm, West Hanney Parish Council meeting, Village Hall. All welcome.

Weds 6th, 1.30pm, An introduction to the work of the Historic Ridgeway Project at the Vale Museum, Wantage. See page 5.

Sun 10th, Remembrance Sunday. March from Royal British Legion, East Hanney to St James Church, West Hanney. Service starts at 10.45am. See page 12 for details.

Weds 13th, 7.30pm, Village Hall, East Hanney Parish Council meeting, all welcome.

Fri 15th, Family Quiz Night, hosted by the Hanney Scout Group - see page 4.

Sat 23rd, 10am to 2pm, Cancer Research UK, Bazaar...at Village Hall. See front cover.

Mon 25th, 8pm, Village Hall, History Group - Hanney Residents, Reminisces and Social Evening, see page 19.

Thurs 28th, 2.30pm Village Hall, Senior Cits Tea and talk.

And further ahead ...

Fri 6th Dec, Village Hall. Doors and Bar open 7.30, film start 8pm. Contactless payment only no cash. Tonight's film is **'Thelma'**.

Fri 6th Dec 4pm - 9pm Dickensian Evening in the Market Place, Wantage. The town's big Xmas event!

Sat 14 December - Hanney Holly Fair - 10.30am - 1pm. See page 5.

Thurs 19th Dec, 1pm, Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch, Village Hall.

Mon 27th Jan 2025, 8pm, Village Hall, History Group, Martin Trowell, 'The Road to Christmas Island, 1958. Memories of a nuclear veteran'.

Mon 24th Feb, Village Hall, 8pm, Hanney History Group, 'Eynsham Abbey' a talk by Steve Parrinder.

Mon 24th March, Village Hall, 8pm, Hanney History Group, 'Cemeteries of Oxford' Trevor Jackson.

A bit of room to stick in another snap - a really lovely pic of two bees having a quick nap whilst busy collecting nectar. Better not tell the Queen!



Family Quiz Night hosted by
the Hanney Scout Group
followed by AGM

Friday 15th November 2024
7:00pm start
Hanney Royal British Legion

Everyone welcome – please come and
join us for an evening of family fun!

Raffle prizes to be won!



A Hanney resident has been in touch to tell me about a very close shave recently at **St. James School** at drop-off time. Many cars apparently ignoring the double yellow lines, creating a potentially quite dangerous situation, especially when we factor in some very heavy rain that was falling at the time.

Please please take care, and if you normally use the hall car park but wanted to get closer to the school cos of the rain, well, I sort of get that, but would ask that you be extra vigilant and considerate if you do park near the school. And as my caller this morning rather succinctly put it... 'a wet child is better than a dead one!'

Meantime, here's a rather disappointing story about Thames Water.

(Warning...this is a 'head in hands' kind of tale.)



Yes, that's right, they're the folk who want to build a massive reservoir in our backyard!

One of their tankers is sent to empty a sewage pumping unit here in Hanney. These vehicles have a capacity of 15,000 litres and the nearest one available is in West London!

Driven here by an operative, who takes one load, but oh dear, the nearest treatment plants at Oxford and Cirencester are overloaded, so she had to drive her tanker full of our wee wee and poo - btw, should poo



have an 'h' at the end, or is that just Pooh Bear?' - to Basingstoke, a mere 44 miles away! She returned for a second run, but ran out of time to make a third. A rough calculation of her total mileage that day, assuming she took the tanker back to where she picked it up from, is almost

240 miles! And one of our specialist researchers here at Global HQ has dug out some bad news for all you green folk out there... these tankers do between 12 and 15 mpg, so at least 17 gallons/ 78 litres of diesel fuel burned in the process! Not very efficient with our effluent, TW! Let's hope they'll do better if they build the reservoir!

HOLLY FAIR - Saturday 14 December 10.30 - 1pm at Philberds Manor, East Hanney.

Wonderful range of locally produced gifts, edibles and decorations - a chance to buy unique and individual items and support artisans in our community. Refreshments served.

If you are interested in having a table, contact Hilary for more details, via her email... hilarycakebreadhall@gmail.com



A recent post on our jolly old Facebook Community page suggested that there is some seriously delicious food and drink to be had at **La Fontana** restaurant in East Hanney, which has recently re-opened. I look forward to visiting soon.

Meantime, I'm a regular down at Owain and Luke's fab and groovy **Plough**, here in West Hanney....great food, great atmosphere, just a great place all round.

The other day I tried a **Hanney Spice 'Feast'**...superb and great value for money. I recommend!

The **Black Horse** has been closed for some time, but we welcome Ian and Jacqui from

the Chequers at Charney who take over soon and I know will be offering some delicious fayre in the not too distant future. Last but not least we have the **Royal British Legion** - see page 7 - where Carl and Sue offer a warm welcome, food and drink and a wide variety of regular events, including quiz and bingo nights, car and tractor rallies, Aunt Sally, and much else.

I have concluded that we here in Hanney are blessed with a variety of establishments offering a wide range of food and drink to cater for every taste and every budget.

My plea therefore, is simple...please use them whenever you can

And talking of spending your money!...the 2025 Hanney Calendar is now available from all good booksellers - actually that's a slight exaggeration, you can only get your copy - for just £10! - either from our Community shop or direct from me, my contact details on page 2. A quick warning.... last year's sold out pretty quick and we've had the same number printed again this year, so don't hang about if you want one!

East Hanney Parish Council

It appears that the village suffers road closures and being cut-off due to flooding from seemingly less and less rainfall. From The Causeway to Ebbs Lane, the central core of the village, was a scene of abandoned cars, sandbags and bemused residents.

The volunteers of The Flood Group were out though, trying to protect, as best they could, homes and facilities within the village. Without their continual efforts things could have been a lot worse. We should all thank the Flood Group who week in, week out are clearing gullies and culverts and removing dead trees from the Brook to ensure the waters flow through the village.

We all can play our part; if your home borders a water course or gully, ensure it's clear... that's not just the responsible thing to do, you are legally obliged to do so

It cannot come as a surprise to anyone that the Parish Council have followed the likes of Henley on Thames and Oxfordshire County Council in passing a motion of No Confidence in Thames Water and their ability to provide safe water courses and sewerage facilities. Consistently, sewerage is discharged into Letcombe Brook and into our village.

Steve McKechnie, EHPC Chairman

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Next Meeting Weds 13th Nov, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

West Hanney Parish Council

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**Future Meetings, Tues, 5th Nov, 7th Jan 2025, 4th March, 6th May,
7.30pm at the Village Hall**

Our political chums - MP - Olly Glover. To contact him, use one of his emails:

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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.

And the very hard working **Sally Povolotsky remains our District Councillor:**
Sally.Povolotsky@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.



Hanney News has been delivered to every home

in Hanney, Lyford, Denchworth and Charney since its first issue back in Dec 1975! Here at Global HQ we have a team of distributors who ensure that you get your copy of the Hanney's best parish 'newsletter' through your letterbox* each month, come rain, shine, floods, pestilence, plague or whatever else.

Without these fine folk, there wouldn't be much point in producing the mag each month. Their role is just as crucial as mine, our chief distributor's Paul Haines, and our treasurer's Mark Whittington.

By way of a modest thank you to them, Paul organises an annual lunch at one of our local hostelries. This year we enjoyed the hospitality of the Royal British Legion, courtesy of Sue and Carl, and a most jolly affair it proved, with a magnificent amount of the most delicious tucker. Described as a 'finger buffet', it was much more than that... mini Yorkshire puddings with gravy, sausages or beef...superb, sandwiches,

quiche, cakes, fresh fruit etc. etc. The only aspect of our lunch that was modest was the bill...superb value for money. From all here at Global HQ, a big thank you to Carl and Sue.

*And once the mag does arrive - even if, like the young lady in the lovely pic, you haven't finished getting dressed - the fight begins to grab it first!





Hanney Michaelmas Fayre
Sunday
29 SEPTEMBER from 2pm
Church Green, West Hanney
www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk





Since the Michaelmas Fayre was started back in 2013 all the profits are given out in grants to Hanney organisations. Applications for consideration for the 2024 grants are invited - the information on how to apply and criteria are on the Grants page - <https://www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk/grants/> or for more information please email us on info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk

I've said it before ...

we've got some very talented folk in our community and I was fortunate enough to meet one at the recent fab and groovy Michaelmas Fayre. The young lady I speak of is Anna - see pic - who, along with Hubby Rob makes beautiful carved lino prints. One of Anna's pics was commissioned by the Plough, and is on display in there. If you don't do QR codes and all that stuff, you can contact Anna direct on 07521 487287.



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

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

If you know anyone who lives in East or West Hanney and 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 also considers applications for grants from anyone aged 18 - 25 who is starting full-time further education, and lives in Hanney.

Tel: 01235 867500 or 07762 239681 or email: jimstagg@btinternet.com.

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

We currently have space for local businesses to advertise with us. We deliver to every house in the Hanneys, Lyford, Denchworth and Charney, a total of nearly 1,300 copies

If you run a business based within or serving our distribution area, ring me, Jim the Editor, anytime, on 01235 867500 or 07762 239681 to discuss advertising with us. Prices start at just £30 for 12 issues.

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



November is the month of remembering - especially on Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday when we honour the memory of the many who sacrificed their lives for the sake of our freedom.

Earlier this year we celebrated the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, and next year we will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of V.E.Day.

Perhaps the most extraordinary thing about the Second World War is the way it led to lasting reconciliation in Western Europe.

The following story from the Second World War illustrates this perfectly on an individual, personal level.

The story goes that an English Fighter Pilot engaged a German Messerschmitt flying over England, and got a direct hit. The German plane was crippled, and the English pilot circled round and came back to finish him off. He was about to fire his guns, when he saw a pair of bootees hanging in the German pilot's cockpit.

And he thought - why should I kill this man - he has a wife and children. So he didn't fire again, and as he turned away, the German pilot waved - thank you. And the English pilot noticed something strange - the man had a finger missing.

Many years later, the Englishman was in Germany, at a Restaurant, and he saw a man at the next table with a finger missing. So he asked him - "Were you flying a Mes-

serschmitt over England on such and such a day?"

"Yes."

"Well I am the man who shot you down."

"More than that - you spared my life!"

"And do you know why?"

"Yes" he said with a broad smile, and took from his pocket a pair of bootees, which he had carried with him ever since.

The story doesn't end there. Apparently the two men and their families became friends, and one man's daughter married the other man's son, and they became grandparents of the same grandchildren.

It was surely the awareness of their shared humanity that made such a difference in this story. And perhaps this was what has helped to rebuild friendship between Germany and the rest of Europe since the Second World War.

Sadly in the Middle East today, deep hatred and fierce anger on both sides seem to be getting worse rather than better. We can only hope and keep praying that the day may come when the Middle East also can find reconciliation.

So we remember, and we pray, and however hard it seems at times - we hope.

Charles Draper

(Retired minister living in East Hanney)

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SERVICES in November 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**

3rd – Revd Charles Draper,

10th – Royal British Legion Service of

Remembrance, starting with a procession from the
Royal British Legion Hall in East Hanney, leaving at
10.15am - Wantage Silver Band etc.

All welcome. Drumhead Service at St James at 10.45

17th - Revd Velma Oxley,

24th - Revd Charles Draper

**Hanney Lottery -
October Winners**

1st - Mrs Pratt

2nd - Joy Wilson

3rd - Karon Gray

**Not got a number yet
or want additional
numbers?**

**Just call Hilary on
868590.**

This from Laura
Lolly Bligdon...
**‘The bingo fund-
raiser for the
Wantage White
Horses Swim
Club** held on Sept
28th at Hanney RBL,



was an absolute full house!! Sadly we had
to turn supporters away for health and
safety reasons. The club is a small competi-
tive swim club run solely by volunteers and
is Mileys ‘Home Pool’. With ever rising fees,
we as a club need to raise funds to support
our swimmers and provide them with what
the need to get to counties, regionals, na-
tionals and beyond. Our bingo night was a
huge hit with the residents of Hanney and I
really hope everyone enjoyed the evening.
Last years event raised just over £1600 and
this year we smashed that and raised well
over £2000!! This is a reflection of the sup-
port the villagers have shown to our club
So on behalf of the members of Wantage
White Horses Swim Club I’d like to say a
HUGE THANK YOU to everyone !! We would
also like to thank every person and
business that agreed to donate to our
hampers ... you really did us proud,

and the comments
on the quality of our
prizes was pleasing
to hear!
So a big thank you
to : Cotswold Wildlife
Park, Shaw Car-
pentry and Construc-
tion, Handy Guy, Pet

Patrol, The Bottle Top, Millets Farm, Toy
Planet, Decathlon, The Downs School,
Coleman and Coleman, Costa Wantage,
Sofia foods, MJM Electricals, Williams Rac-
ing, Adam Peaty, Josh Murphy, Sweet Peas,
Wantage TFD, Well preserved, Who gives a
Crap, Grant and Stone, Creations Wantage,
Perfect paws dog grooming, Screwfix Bot-
ley, The Red Lion Drayton, Yummy Thai
Wantage, Activity days, Tesco Abingdon,
Hanney community shop, Wantage motor-
ist centre, Regent furniture and gifts, AT
Automotives, Blenheim palace, Bicester
village, GLL leisure centre, Webb's taxi, Tri
beauty' VW beauty, Hanney Allen's swim-
wear, Ardington bakery, Richmond spa,
Hillsdon construction, Nando's Didcot. To
the residents of Hanney who contacted me
and donated...you are so amazing and we
hope that you feel you can help us out again
next year.'

Obituary

Ray Woodyear 1930-2024

Ray Woodyear died on the 20th September 2024 in Ivydene care home near Plymouth – he was 93.

Ray and Pat moved to their house in North Green, West Hanney in 1994, and lived there until moving to Devon in 2022.

Many people will remember Ray for his shock of white hair and for his role as the local Neighbourhood Watch organiser. He enjoyed village life and he and Pat helped with the Community Shop. They had many good friends in the village.

Ray was born in Barnet, north London. As a child during the Second World War he would collect shrapnel and even unexploded German incendiary bombs after air raids, and would use these to make his own pyrotechnics – something that probably influenced his future choice of career!

After two years of National Service he decided to stay on in the army.

Following postings to Korea and to Japan, he completed training to become an Ammunition Technical Officer, a role better known as a bomb disposal officer.

After leaving the army Ray worked for the next twelve years for Digital, an international computer company. He organised customer events, conferences and exhibitions in the UK, Ireland and the Middle East.

He will be sadly missed by Pat, his son Clive and four grandchildren.



This is Daisy - horse or pony I know not...ok, give me a break, I'm a townie and wary of any creature larger than a duck! I digress...

Daisy needs folk to help look after her on a casual basis up at her stables, and Karen is the lady to contact if you may be able to help: karen_1_stubbs@yahoo.co.uk

And why is Daisy deserving of your 'attention' with a brush and a shovel perhaps?

Well, she's part of the team that provides riding opportunities for disabled folk which helps the latter in many ways...with physical balance and strength, stretching, emotional wellbeing, and sometimes just walking.

If you might be interested, Daisy's stables are near Southmoor and you'll be very welcome to visit and see what goes on there.

Keep up the good work Daisy!



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**NOVEMBER 10th 2024
ST JAMES CHURCH, WEST
HANNEY**

REMEMBRANCE *Service*

10:15 - MEET @ EAST HANNEY RBL
**10:30 - MARCH LED BY WANTAGE SILVER
BAND**
10:45 - SERVICE BEGINS

POST SERVICE REFRESHMENTS @ RBL

**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.**

'Known Unto God' – Finding Lieutenant Wordsworth.

On 14th Nov, the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum present the incredible story of how their volunteers worked with The Commonwealth War Graves Commission and others to identify the remains of an officer who fell in the Great War, missing since 1917.

Ingram Murray (father of historian and comedian Al Murray) will tell the story of the search for the identity of an unknown soldier killed in action during the First World War.

The unknown officer was later identified as Lieutenant Osmond Bartle Wordsworth, a descendant of the poet Wordsworth. The soldier - a survivor of the Lusitania disaster



of 1915 when 1,200 of the 1,960 passengers died - he fell in battle near Arras, France.

The story began in 2013 when a local farmer, digging in his garden in the village of Hénin-sur-Cojeul discovered human remains which local police determined dated from the Great War. The body was that of Osmond Wordsworth. The evening, which starts at 6pm, includes a tour of the venue, Buscot House, Faringdon, the talk itself, as

well as wine and nibbles. Tickets are £45 with proceeds from sales supporting the 'Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust' and are available now from the Museum in Woodstock, and from their website.

Ticket link: <https://www.sofo.org.uk/>

Here's a thought....

'The lady at the charity shop

told me that she wishes people would clear out their children's old toys in the lead up to Christmas rather than afterwards, because she always sees a number of parents - who might be strapped for cash - in the days before Christmas looking for toys for their little ones. She said there's very few around before Xmas, but that the charity shops get inundated with toys in the days following. If you know your child is going to get lots of presents this Xmas, maybe clear out the toy cupboard a few days early, and make another child's Christmas a lot more special too.



And talking of presents, this little fella obviously wants Grandad's Plough T shirt - you can just make out the Plough logo in the pic.

Time for Mum or Dad - or maybe Grandad? - to pop down to said hostelry and purchase one!!

Brownies and Guides say Goodbye for Now

Hanney Guides and Brownies have had a lot of fun over the years – making friends, learning new skills, enjoying activities around the village – but we have stopped meeting for the time being.

Since the two units started meeting together after lockdown, we have been a small but enthusiastic group, taking part in village activities such as Remembrance Sunday, Easter card deliveries, making posies for Mothering Sunday, and cooking in the Community Woodland.

Recently our numbers of children and

adults have reduced, so it's just not viable to run any more. Some of our Brownies, Guides and wonderful volunteers have moved to units in Grove. Luckily there are thriving groups there, as well as in Wantage, Stanford, Steventon and further afield!

We would like to thank the Hanney community for all your support over the years. We hope that we may be able to reopen in future, if there are enough girls interested and adult volunteers.

To join Girlguiding as a young member (aged 4-18) or volunteer (13+), register at girlguiding.org.uk

Clare Green

I rather like

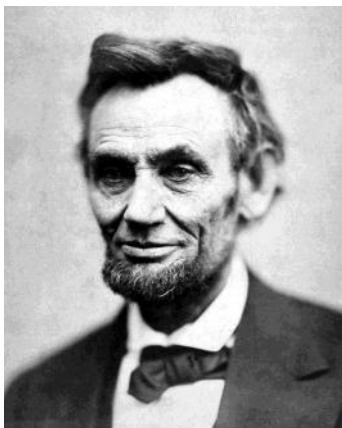
coincidences, and as the US Presidential election happens this month on the 5th, I found these ones that involve past Presidents rather interesting but also very sad indeed....

President Lincoln was elected in 1860, John Kennedy in 1960.

Both had children die whilst they were in office. They themselves were both killed on a Friday, both shot in the back of the head and in the presence of their wives.

Their successors were both named Johnson. Lincoln's was Andrew Johnson, born in 1808, whilst Kennedy's was Lyndon Johnson, born in 1908.

Lincoln's killer John Wilkes Booth was born in 1839, whilst Kennedy's was Lee Harvey Oswald, born 1939.



Both men were assassinated before their trials took place.

Booth shot Lincoln in a theatre and ran to a warehouse. Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse and ran to a theatre.

Lincoln met his death in the Ford Theatre, Kennedy met his in a limo, a Ford Lincoln. Lincoln's secretary, whose name was Kennedy, advised him not to go to the theatre, whilst Kennedy's secretary, named Lincoln, advised him not to go to Dallas.

Let's hope no further violence mars the next few days leading up to the election itself.



Now the football season is well under way, with today's players often to be seen writhing around on the pitch, faking life-threatening injuries, after receiving the lightest of taps - or sometimes no tap at all - from an opposition player! And once the ref ignores their cries, they're instantly up and running around as if nothing had happened. I think it's time to print a pic of one of the very successful Hanney football teams from way back, when I wouldn't mind betting their diving and writhing skills weren't up to modern standards! I never saw them play of course, but I'm sure they were simply 'tough but fair' players who were obviously very successful locally. The reference to North Berkshire is because Hanney was in the county of Berkshire until some clever dick decided we should be moved to Oxfordshire in 1974. I know not why.



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The Hanney History Group meets on the 4th Monday of every month, Sept to May incl., in the Village Hall, starting at 8pm. New members - it's just £14 to join! - and visitors are always welcome, with entry for the latter just £3.50p.

On **25th November** we are holding the second of our '**Hanney Residents: Reminisces and Social Evening**'. Last year's was a great success.

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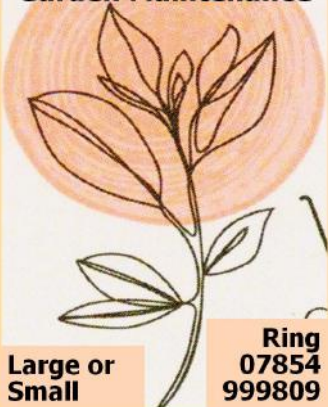
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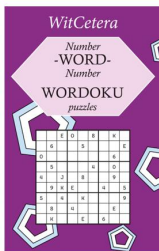
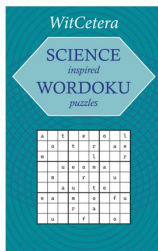
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PILATES CLASSES: Wednesday mornings, 8.30am - 9.20am, followed by another from 9.30am - 10.30am, and an evening class from 6 -7pm (term time only) at the HWMH, aka Village Hall, in East Hanney. Novices and Improvers welcome. To book your place or for more details please contact Pippa Carey (STOTT Pilates teacher) on 07941 260427 or pippa@thrive-pilates.co.uk

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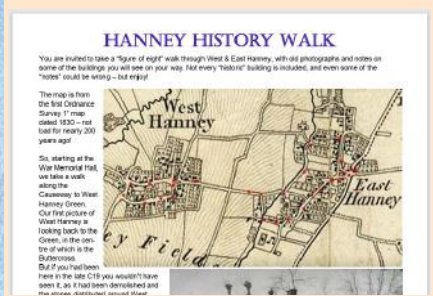
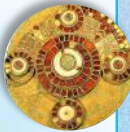
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