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BBC'S GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME COMES TO HANNEY!

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**It'll soon be Panto time again
here in Hanney!!
Dates and times on page 3...
full details next month!**



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Go Slow in Hanney!

We understand from West Hanney Parish Council that both villages have been granted the 30 mph speed limit which many residents have sought in recent years.

Our information is that this limit will be imposed later on this year, i.e. in the new financial year.

Keep Hanney Tidy

On Saturday 4th April, 1st Hanney Scouts and Cubs will be cleaning up the village. If you know of any areas that need in particular need of a tidy up, please phone Pam Stuart, Ab 868018.

Given all the recent and on-going brouhaha - good word eh? - over the 20mph limit, this front cover of our humble mag back in 1992, caught my eye!



Editorial

Hello dear readers and welcome to 2025! A New Year?...Yes. Same old silly stuff in this mag?...Yes again... I know of no other way!

So it's the usual fun-packed issue this month, with a few serious bits!

Let's start with one of them...the jolly old, though yet to be built, reservoir.

On page 19, Thames Water tell us that it's essential, whilst on page 18, GARD, the Group against Reservoir Development, appear to disagree somewhat, as they have been doing since the 1990's I believe!

Still on such matters, page 17 reveals an opportunity to become a 'River Tester', a worthwhile calling, since you'll be helping to ensure that Thames Water don't dump too much of our wee and poo in our lovely natural streams and brooks!

And page 16 also has more water-related stuff.

Good news for green folk on page 4....ok, not going to change the world, but every little helps, as they say!

News on our great Community Shop on page 5...they need our help.

Matt Barber's pearls on page 9, including a well deserved pat on the back for our Speedwatch team.

I reckon that must be a pretty thankless task, and to the few who think it's acceptable to abuse them, I would point out that our team did not introduce the 20mph limit, which I believe is now on course to be - or may already be? - County wide. See page 6.

Details of the Black Horse's opening hours on page 10.

Something to look forward to in Febru-

ary is our annual panto! Full details next month...dates and times on page 3.

The anonymity I have given to the writer of our one solitary letter this month, may grate with a few of my readers...apols if you're one of them. Please don't let that prevent you from responding, though preferably not in the rather insulting tone some of our friends who post on Facebook have sometimes adopted on anything they disagree with!

Big changes at Film Night as Sir Nigel of Kilbey and Wayne steps down from his role as the gun - cocked of course - wielding Cowboy....check out page 10.

Big coincidence on page 14!

'Enough Mr Editor' I hear you cry!

So be it, dear reader, but allow me at least to wish one and all a great New Year!

There's an opportunity to burn off some of that Xmas pud by turning up at the iron bridge in East Hanney on Sunday 12th Jan at 10am with a wheelbarrow! Full details to be found amongst East Hanney Parish Council's pearls on page 6.



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....

Fri 3rd, Hanney Film Nights, proudly presents 'The Critic'. Village Hall. Doors and Bar open 7.30, film start 8pm. Contactless payment only no cash. . £8 (£7 concessions)

Monday 6th - Hanney Gardening Club - Village Hall. 7.30 for 8pm. Ashwood Nurseries are giving a topical talk on Hellebores. Non - members welcome.

Tues 21st, Hanney Gardening Club host BBC Gardeners' Question Time at the Village Hall ...see page 8.

Sat 25th, Community Woodland Volunteers working party. See page 30 for contact details.

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

30th at the Plough...Cheese & Wine Tasting £20 per person

And further ahead ...

Monday 3rd Feb - Hanney Gardening Club -Village Hall.7.30 for 8pm. A talk on Spring in the Garden by one of our favourite speakers Timothy Walker. Non -members welcome.

Every Tuesday at the Plough from 4 Feb: 'Fat Tuesdays' 3 small plates, chips and a wine, single mixer or pint £30 for 2 people

The Hanney Panto!...'Knight Fever' – An Arthurian Panto by TLC Creative 13th to 15th Feb 2025 Eve 7.30pm £10 Matinee 2pm £8. Tickets 01235 68780 or karongray99@yahoo.com or Hanney Shop

14 and 15 Feb - The Plough, Valentines Weekend - selection of events to enjoy For more information, please visit: WWW.THEPLOUGHATHANNEY.CO.UK | 01235 868987

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

27 Feb at the Plough... Cheese & Wine Tasting £20 per person

28th Feb - Hanney News Editor's birthday...cards and gifts welcome.

Monday 3rd March - Hanney Gardening Club -Village Hall.7.30 for 8pm. A Buzz in the Garden - a talk about Gardening for Bees by Richard Rickitt - editor of Bee craft and bee-keeper at Westonbirt Arboretum. Non -members welcome.

Sat 29th March - Cancer Research Fundraiser, Village Hall



This from the very special folk

who run the regular Cancer Research Fundraiser events here in Hanney...



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Thank you to everyone who came to our recent annual Xmas Bazaar. It was great to see all the regular supporters of our events and also to welcome many new faces who came along despite the awful weather. Hope you all managed to warm up quickly with our hot food and drinks!

The total raised was £1612.00 so a big thank you to the stallholders who came to sell their crafts on the day and the donations given in our blue collections tins at the door.

As always our family and friends made it possible to continue for another year with our charity to the Churchill hospital for Cancer Research.

We couldn't carry on without you so a massive thank you to all.

We also want to say a big thank you to all the knitting ladies who keep busy during the year making lovely items to sell in aid of our charity, and to Masons of Abingdon who sell them in their shop.

This year you raised £1,100. We are so grateful for your continual support..

All our proceeds from Hanney fundraisers go to the Churchill Hospital for Research and we have been asked to pass on their thanks to everyone who have contributed and given their time to help us over the years to continue.

The total raised this year comes to £3,635 so when added to our running total, comes to £132,906 for Cancer Research.

Thank you again and best wishes to you all for the New Year.

*We look forward to seeing you all at **our next event which will be on March 29th.***

Hanney Fundraisers'



'Hello friends...Green Man here with some good news for all my friends of a similar hue!

The first electric food waste collection vehicle has now been delivered to our District Council.

The change from the old diesels to electric, means the Council expect to save more than 20 tonnes of carbon dioxide a year.

The new vehicles also have a compressor function which means that despite being the same overall size as the old food waste trucks, they can now take more waste before it fills up – meaning fewer trips to the reprocessing facility to empty. Like many other EVs it is also quieter. Good news eh, fellow greenies?

Following the recent Community Shop AGM, this fine luxury retail emporium has been given something of a racy and bold new look!



Joking of course!...this was a shop window display in Paris that rather caught my eye some years back!

Clearly a Parisienne window dresser with a slightly naughty sense of humour! (They're mannequins, not real people for any readers of a delicate constitution!)

And though I jest, our Community Shop really does need someone to take over the window display duties, following Helen Cavendish's 'retirement'.

The wonderful Lady Helen has produced some great displays over the years and massive thanks go to her. If you may be interested in taking over, contact the shop's Big Chief Ward aka Clive, via his email.....thewardsrus@aol.com

Helen has offered to give full support to the newbie.

And of course, Clive would be delighted to hear from you if you'd like info on volunteering behind the counter. I try and do one or two sessions a month, and it's always fun!

One of the items discussed at the recent AGM was of course the state of the Shop's finances, and I'm delighted to report that with the steadying hand of Sir Richard of Oxley - Treasurer! - on the till, it's in the rudest of health! No need for details, but a massive big ups to him for his efforts.

A valuable part of our Shop is the Post Office, a great asset with many much larger communities that ours no longer having that facility. It too is in good health, thanks to our lovely Postmistress Alicia.

So, bottom line....please use the shop and the Post Office whenever you can!

East Hanney Parish Council

If you're reading this before 12th January then please bring a spade, wheelbarrow and members of your family and meet beside the Iron Bridge at 10am on that day to fill sandbags with soil and help repair the banks of Letcombe Brook. This is essential work that will help reduce flooding within the village and there will be complimentary breakfast baps for those that need it.

If you're reading this after the 12th, then thanks to all who attended - it was a great job!

In November the PC met to set the budget for 2024/25. This directly effects the Council Tax we all pay, and everyone is concerned as to what will happen within the economy as costs are increasing everywhere you look. East Hanney now has more facilities than ever, two new playgrounds, a MUGA, a car park extension, new dog walking areas, a newly planted community orchard, a new wildflower meadow, several new benches and more waste bins. In this year to April 2025 we will install an outside fitness area and a bus shelter on the Wantage bound side of the A338. With all these new facilities and bearing in mind the uncertainties within the economy, the PC wanted to work within a budget that meant there would be no additional cost to the residents of East Hanney; this was achieved and there will be no additional cost to the residents of East Hanney for the year 2024/25.

Steve McKechnie, EHPC Chair

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Next Meeting Weds 2025, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Hanney Lottery December Winners

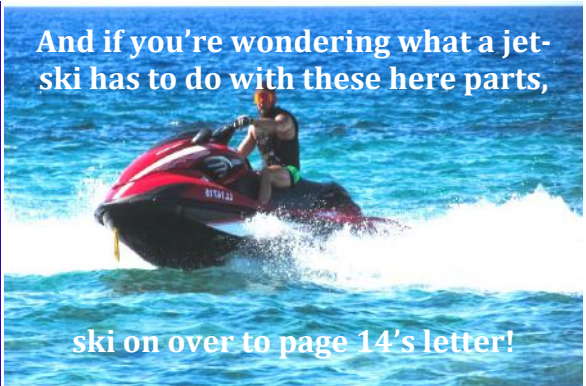
1st - Kathy Rolfe

2nd - Rachel Tredwell

3rd - Marion Carter

December Bonus - Laura Bligdon

**Not got a number yet or want
additional numbers?
Just call Hilary on 868590.**



And if you're wondering what a jet-ski has to do with these here parts,

ski on over to page 14's letter!

West Hanney Parish Council

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



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.

EXCITING NEWS!
BBC Radio 4's 'Gardeners' Question Time' is coming to the Hanneys!



HANNEY GARDENING CLUB (HGC) are thrilled to announce that they will be hosting this iconic Radio 4 Programme at the HWM Hall on

Tuesday 21st January 2025.

The programme was first broadcast on 9th April 1947 as 'How does your garden grow?' The name was changed to 'Gardeners' Question Time' in 1951, going nationwide in 1957. It's a testament to its popularity that it still attracts a weekly audience of about two million listeners!

The HGC was founded in 1975, and this event will be a significant celebration marking our **50th Anniversary.**

This active and popular Hanney Club, with a membership of around 100, has come a long way since those early days.

We expect high local demand to both experience and take part in the two live recordings.

It will be a ticketed event, available on a 'first-come-first-served' basis.

Tickets at £4 will include a glass of wine on arrival, and doors will be open to the audience from 5.00pm.

Producer announcements will be at 6.00pm, followed by two live recordings finishing at 8.00pm.



The first programme will be broadcast nationwide on Friday 31st Jan and Sunday 2nd Feb; the second recording on Friday 21st Feb and Sunday 23rd Feb...Friday's at 3pm, Sunday's at 2pm.

Each entry ticket will have space for attendees to write their question.

If selected, the ticket holder will be seated at the front to ask their question, which the panel never see in advance!

The panel have been guests at a diverse range of gardening clubs and other organisations, including recording at the top of Mount Snowdon, Buckingham Palace and Number 10 Downing Street!

You do not need to be a member of HGC to attend. All are very welcome, but places are limited, so do please apply for your tickets as soon as possible.

Email Bill Watkin, HGC Chair, stating the number of tickets you require.

billwatkin@hotmail.com

PS: The good old Beeb have requested that we use their 'twitter handle' **@BBCGQT** when publicizing the event. Now, I know what a door handle is, but not so sure about Twitter, so went for a wander round the wibbly wobbly web and found this...

<https://x.com/bbcgqt?lang=en>

Along with the above exciting event,

the HGC are also holding a meeting on 6th Jan. - see page 3 for details.

In the run up to Xmas they held a very jolly party where the current Chair, Sir Bill of Watkin and Xmas Jumper (check his out!) met founder member and the Chair back in 1975, Jim Lidbury. Jim has recently rejoined the Club....welcome back Sir Jim!

Concerns about e-scooters and local neighbourhood policing teams

Undoubtedly an issue that divides opinion, and whether it's Christmas presents or the January sales, e-scooters can be on a lot of people's lists. Undoubtedly for many they are a convenient way to get around, but e-scooters

and illegal e-bikes generate a great deal of concern and it remains illegal to use privately owned e-scooters anywhere on public land. Whilst it is an issue that can be more prevalent in our towns, it is an issue that many residents have a view on.

I've called on both the previous and the current government to review the law around e-scooters, which are classed as motor vehicles and it is currently impossible to get insurance, meaning that currently only council-run schemes are legal and then only with a driving license.

Aside from the risk of injury and concerns about the fire risks from some batteries, the police are responding to an increased public concern. During November alone 80 e-scooters and e-bikes were seized. Sadly alongside those who want to use these vehicles to simply get around, criminals will also use them in an attempt to evade the police.

Efforts will continue to tackle this issue as we continue the focus on anti-social behaviour in the New Year.

There has also been more talk lately of having named local police officers across the country. Well I'm pleased to say that this has been the case for many years in Thames Valley. Every neighbourhood area in Thames Valley has a team of sergeants, police constables and police community support officers (PCSOs), and as we're dou-



Matthew Barber
Your voice in Thames Valley

Matthew Barber is Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, working with the police to help drive down crime locally.

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bling the number of neighbourhood officers those teams are growing in size. You can find out who is on your local team, and how to contact them at www.thamesvalley.police.uk/area/your-area

And a big well done to our local Community Speedwatch Volunteers in the Hanneys.

Road safety is one of the biggest concerns raised by residents, and whilst police enforcement of speeding, drink/drug driving and mobile phone use is on the up, volunteers help to reinforce the message about community concern locally.

Across the whole of Thames Valley there are more than 2,300 volunteers who give thousands of hours.

Community Speedwatch is about education not enforcement.

Almost 50,000 warning letters are sent each year, and whilst those who are caught three times or more will be getting a visit from the police, the good news is that the vast majority of people aren't found to be speeding again.

Almost 95% of drivers who receive a warning letter are not found to be speeding again in the next 12 months.



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6pm - 9pm

Bar 12pm - 2.30pm

5.30pm - 11pm

Sunday - food 12pm - 3pm

Bar 12pm - 7pm

Many of us, for many years, have enjoyed the most unusual community asset that is '**Hanney Film Night**', an opportunity to see a current film in our very own cinema, aka the Village Hall.

Not only is the latest blockbuster on offer but also a modest libation is available at the hall bar for those who need it!

The main man for several years has been a certain Mr Nigel Kilbey, he a shy retiring chap who seeks neither praise, favours nor recognition for his efforts.

I hope he'll forgive me therefore as I now do praise him to the rafters for his efforts that have brought much pleasure to folk from Hanney and beyond!

And it's not just pleasure that Hanney Film Night has brought! It has also raised funds that have gone direct to the Hall's coffers. A total of well over £20,000 has been raised, so thank you Sir Nigel!

Meantime the good news is that another fine member of our community has stepped into Sir Nigel's shoes. He is Mark Weston, and we wish him well in his new role.

Whenever possible I try to include info on the next film to be shown.

A quick mention for a couple of our fab and groovy clubs...

The Hanney Senior Citizens Club is open to all of our more mature residents!

Their monthly Thurs afternoon meetings, usually featuring a most interesting talk, which is followed by tea and cake. They also run coffee mornings every Tues throughout the year, starting at 10am. You can be sure of a warm welcome to any of the meetings, all held at the Village Hall.

Membership to the club is stupidly cheap, just £10 for a year!! Coffee morning entry is free for coffee, biscuits and a good chat, and, if you're a gambler, £1.50pm will buy you a raffle ticket! Contact details on page 30.

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. Again, contact details on page 30.



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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Having just celebrated the wonder of new life in the Nativity we now turn to face a year which promises to be challenging for us all.

2024 saw great changes - in government, in how our climate behaves, in the descent of much of the Middle East, including the Holy Land, into a quagmire of violence and suffering.

And something that can touch us all, of how our Parliament considers we should treat those who face death from terminal illness. It was a debate in which MPs on both sides spoke both with passion and reason. It crossed party, moral and religious lines.

For some it was an issue of faith, of the sanctity of human life. For others how our human dignity should be respected and a person's freedom to choose acknowledged. And many balanced those issues but came to decide on the practical questions of how we can be certain of a sick person's real intention and whether there can be sufficient safeguards to prevent abuse.

Through the ages the church has had to grapple with how Christian love and compassion should inform how people behave. The treatment of the poor, the rich,

those considered insane, unmarried parents, capital punishment, pacifists and warriors, homosexuality, the divorced, those with gender dysphoria, even slavery, have all been the subject of debate within the church as well as without. Some remain so.

The decision of Parliament to legalise assisted dying has a long way to go before it is on the statute book. There will be much further debate both inside and outside Parliament on how to implement it to make it effective while minimising the risk of abuse.

It is right to have strongly held views and to articulate them. But in doing so we should all try to have compassion for, and understanding of, those who disagree with us whether because of their own experiences, faith, reason or moral judgment. This may be one of those rare occasions when we may do well to emulate the behaviour of our MPs rather than criticise them. And maybe find time to pray for them, and the members of the House of Lords, in their challenging task.

Stuart Cakebread - Church Warden

SERVICES in January 2025 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**

**5th – Revd Charles Draper, 12th – Revd Alec Gill,
19th - Revd Velma Oxley, 25th – tbc.**

Associate Vicar: Revd Alec Gill: 07739 563894 - vicaralec@valebenefice.org.uk

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Chris Reason: tel - 868375 - Chris_Reason_Hanney@hotmail.com

Here's a couple of snaps from the Plough's recent 'Après Ski' night...a great party with superb, Swiss-style grub, a fab and groovy little disco and a few silly games thrown in for good measure, including one where you had to drink a shot off a ski without using your hands! I managed to spill most of mine down my shirt!

Oh yes, and there was some real snow! See lovely Clare's -bottom right pic - attempts to prevent it getting into her glass and diluting her libation! Think lovely Lucy in the middle is trying to do the same!

Some idiot even danced on a table in spite of the heavy snow!

The place was rammed with happy, smiley, beautiful people, so massive big ups go to Owain, Luke and their very hard working team for a great night!

They certainly know how to throw a party!



Newbury Street Practice
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Church Street Practice
Patient Participation
Group



You may know that our local GP Practices, 'Church Street' and 'Newbury Street', produce a quarterly Joint Newsletter.

The 2024 number 4's QR code is here and you can also receive it via email here...

NSPG@Wantage.com or **churchstreetppg@gmail.com**.

Paper copies are also available in various outlets in Wantage.

The next issue is due out next month.

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

Parliamentary email for casework: olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk

Local party business email: olly.glover@oxonlibdems.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OllyGloverLD>

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.

Dear Editor,

I have been conscious for some time of the disproportionate undercurrent of negativity with respect to the excellent proposal to site a modest reservoir in our vicinity.

I know I am not a lone voice when I welcome such a positive development.

I am no hydrologist but I have some insight into how such a reservoir might enrich the lives of those in its vicinity.

We can all benefit from its presence in different ways. Most would benefit from the mere act of drinking the contents as it is.

Some may say better 'still', others 'carbonated'. Yet others will favour the brewing of beer and cider.

The financial advantages of village employment from a local bottling plant and brewery are obvious.

There are many in The Plough, The Black Horse and The British Legion who I vouch would be delighted to quaff copious quantities of 'Hanney Ale'. But I go further. 'Our' reservoir should bring with it recreational activities for local and travelling athletes. My personal ambition is to establish a

modest flotilla of 'Jet Ski' vehicles for hire on the reservoir. 'Too noisy' some say but I can immediately reassure such dissenters that the vehicles would be battery driven, minimising noise to a tuneful hum.

The charging would be predominantly via photovoltaic and wind turbine technology situated nearby.

In the context of the weather bringing neither sunlight nor wind, the Jet skis will be fitted with outriggers to enable manual propulsion with oars.

Should the weather be extremely inclement visitors will be able to take comfort in the onsite amenity centre offering refreshments and a water themed amusement arcade. I feel casino facilities are to be discouraged but we are a democracy and others may feel different.

Sincerely,

Association of Recreational Sports, Education, and Hydrologically Occupied Local Entrepreneurs. I feel an acronym would be useful but I cannot for the life of me think of one.

Coincidences: In the Nov issue I included a piece on the amazing coincidences surrounding the assassinations of US presidents Kennedy and Lincoln.

Well, tho' maybe not quite as amazing, I've recently heard of a 'local'

coincidence involving two lovely ladies of East Hanney, Helen Smith on the left and Geraldine Kent..

They did not know each other prior to meeting here at Global HQ. a while back, but on chatting over a modest libation, they discovered that they both grew up in Morpeth, a market town in Northumber-



land, about the size of Wantage, and a five hour drive from these 'ere parts!

They went to the same senior school, at slightly different times and their 'Mams' - that's what Morpeth folk call their mothers - knew each

other! Not only that, but remember Trevor Cooper, the ex-landlord of the Plough?

Well, he was a Morpeth lad and one of our ladies' 'Mams' used to babysit him! Small world eh? Well no, it's not of course... it's a very big one, full as a Catholic school and getting fuller every day, but hey, this little tale still raised a slight smile.



Hanney Boy Scouts in the Armistice Sunday parade; they carried their new colours, which had been dedicated the previous day.



Members of the Hanney British Legion in Sunday's procession to the Village Church.

Last month I printed a couple of snaps from the recent Remembrance Day Parade here in Hanney. Here are a couple more, but these from a while back, the November 1936 Parade to be precise, that appeared in the Didcot Advertiser. Scouts in the top pic and members of the Hanney British Legion in the lower pic.



As the Hanney Men's Football Club continue to thrive - well done to the players, organisers and supporters - I make no apologies for including another pic of one of their predecessors, the 'North Berks Cup' winning team of 1933/34 .

Some serious dudes here, they are... standing l - r: JC White the President, John Broughton Sec, Harry Nobes, Arthur Dunsdon, Sid Hutt, Frank Cottrell, Ben Nobes, Ernie Nobes, Bertram F Short (Village schoolmaster). Front. l - r, Ernie Beale, Arthur Booker, Tim Lamble, (Captain) Fred Harris, and Jimmie Beale.

Yes, I know there's only ten of them...they were that good, they didn't need a full team!....joking!.. I don't know where the 11th player was...I didn't take the photo!

I wondered why the schoolmaster was involved, so I rang my chum John Spindloe who told me that schoolmaster Bertie was very much a 'community man' and championed sport at the school. John thinks there may have been a trophy named after Bert? Sadly he died just three years after this photo was taken, and he doesn't look that old in the pic.

Can we talk Thames Water (TW) for a minute?

There's more on the following pages...but this below is from an article on the jolly old BBC News Website. TW certainly are a controversial bunch! Most of us will be aware of their money 'problems' ... they have debts of £16 billion!...but that clearly doesn't concern their current CEO, Chris Weston, who joined TW in January and for his first three months of service, he received a bonus of £195,000.....nice work if you can get it! Meantime TW recorded a 40% increase in what they call 'pollution incidents' in the six months to 30th Sept. Oh dear, that

doesn't sound very nice.

OFWAT the Office for Water Regulation responsible for economic regulation of the privatised water and sewerage industry in England ... are currently deciding whether to allow TW to increase consumer bills by 59% over the next five years. As for the debt, creditors have apparently been found prepared to lend them £3billion to 'tide' them over' ...'tide', water, geddit? ...otherwise, according to the Beeb, they would have gone belly-up...maybe that should be belly flop? (That's another rather subtle water-themed joke by the way...me trying to make light of this dire situation!)



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The 2025 Hanney Calendar is still available for just £10, either from our Community shop or direct from me ...my contact details on page 2.

GARD Update PLEASE JOIN GARD!

GARD is going from strength to strength. Membership is growing as people respond to our publicity. The GARD & CPRE petition now has over 4700 signatures.

Not yet a member? Please join GARD. We need support for GARD to be stated as clearly and publicly as possible. Please join and be counted with us. You do not have to find time to assist; we welcome offers of help but that is a bonus for us.

Legal action is underway. **GARD** has now incorporated a separate not-for-profit company, SAFERWaterS (Sustainable Answers For Environmentally Resilient WATER Solutions), as agreed at October's EGM. This company will act for our communities where GARD, as an unincorporated pressure group, would face high risks or be legally unable to take part eg. Judicial Review or Development Consent Order (DCO).

GARD continues to lead the campaign and remains the membership base (only GARD members can become part of the new Company)

GARD continues to provide crucial scientific expertise and research into all matters relating to the proposed Mega Reservoir

Current legal actions: on 19th November CPRE and SAFERWaterS submitted a claim for a Judicial Review of the decision by Steve Reed (DEFRA Secretary of State) to allow the SESRO plans through to the next stage. **In January** we shall hear if the Judge agrees with the claim enough to hold a public hearing.

The final approval stage for a National Infrastructure project like SESRO is a **Development Consent Order**. If the Judicial Review fails, then SAFERWaterS would if necessary contest the DCO, representing the work of the un-incorporated GARD.

All GARD members may join the company SAFERWaterS. If you are interested email the secretary requesting an application form gard.secretary@gmail.com. There is no charge but there is some paperwork

Clear actions for us all now:

Join GARD if you are not yet a member. Email the secretary gard.secretary@gmail.com
Sign the petition if you have not yet done so here's the link [Stop Thames Water's costly mega-reservoir – fix the leaks! | 38 Degrees](#)

Email the secretary for a bright poster to display in a home or car window, or to give to friends. gard.secretary@gmail.com

Write to your MP: Olly Glover MP (Didcot and Wantage) olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk

Write to your Councillors (see GARD website for details) and Parish Council Chair.

Please copy GARD into your letters email: gard.secretary@gmail.com While we're waiting for the courts let's make a noise!

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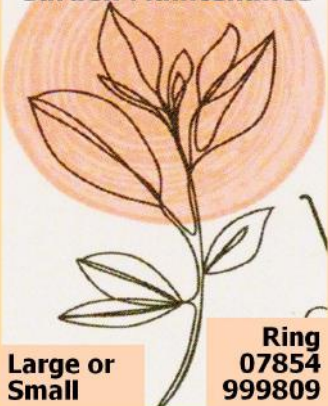
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HANNEY WHEELERS CYCLING Meets on 2nd and 4th Sats of each month, 10.00, at Hanney WMH. New cyclists warmly welcomed for recreational local cycling with essential coffee stop!! Call Adrian on 868340 or email adrianbodimeade@hotmail.com

HANNEY WINE CIRCLE meets on the 2nd Monday each month. www.hanneywinecircle.org.uk (Please note that at the Wine Circle meetings, they only drink the stuff, no treading takes place nor are any grapes harmed during their meetings)

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

HANNEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB trains at the rec. on Thursday night. We have teams from age 5 up. If you would like to join us please contact Paul on 07510 435 508, hyfcfooty@gmail.com or visit our website hanneyyouthfc.co.uk

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH meets bi-monthly on the 4th Wednesday of September, November, January, March, May and July in the RBL Club. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

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: helpinghandshanne@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 - www.u3asites.org.uk/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

VALE NORDIC WALKING - Nordic Walking is a form of full body exercise, suitable for everyone, irrespective of age, gender or fitness level. A range of group classes or 1:1 sessions available weekly. Telephone Louise on 07709 939997. More information at - www.valenordicwalking.com

ART CLASS FOR ALL - Be inspired by teacher Sally Middleton, every Tues at the Village Hall, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Beginners and those with experience welcome, all media. 07825 709686 or email: sallyannemiddleton@googlemail.com



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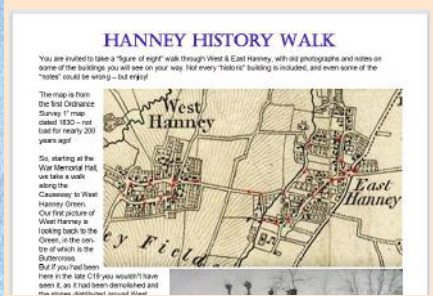
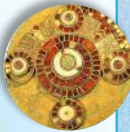
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