

Wednesday 12th February - Trowbridge.

The West Wiltshire Industrial Archaeological Society have invited us to join them to hear a talk about H.J. Knees, which is being held in Trowbridge. It would be hard to find somebody in this area who has not regularly used 'H.J. Knees' shop in Malmesbury. Few of us realise that this shop has been around for over 100 years. H.J. Knees of Trowbridge, sometime of Bradford on Avon and Malmesbury, commenced trading in 1879 in the tradition of pile it high and sell it cheap. The store has become an institution and is now managed by Mr Jonathan Knee (great, great, grand son of the founder) who will speak on the history of the family firm.

If you would like to join us for this evening of Wednesday 12th February please contact Bunny Lees-Smith on 01666 577275 or email bunnyleessmith@btinternet.com to make suitable travel arrangements and for further information. I have to emphasize that numbers are limited so first come first served.

2014 - a special commemorative year.

We plan to mark 2014 as the centenary of the start of the First World War by a series of talks culminating in an exhibition. Along with the men from Hankerton, we would like to honour those from our families who fought in this war. If you have a relative you would like to include in our exhibition please contact Susan to talk about the plans. We would welcome any information or artefacts anyone has to include in the exhibition planned for later in the year.

Wednesday March 12th 2014.

The first talk will be announced at a later date. This will be followed by a presentation by Sue and Dave Wood on the Tugwell memorial on Wednesday 16th April 2014.

All the meetings and outings are open to anyone who would like to attend.

Susan Mockler (contact: 577526)

Charlton Cricket Club is looking for players.

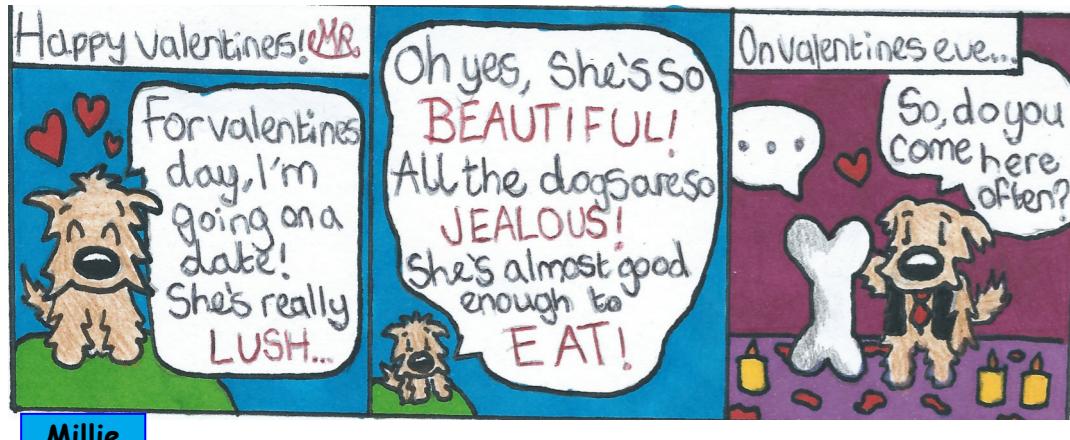
Charlton CC play in the lower reaches of the Cotswold league and wants to promote local cricket for people living in the area. We are looking for players to come down and enjoy their cricket. If you want a bowl you can have one and if you want to bat, well to be honest all the team end up batting. The ground is behind the Charlton and Hankerton village hall and is in a lovely quiet setting with good changing and toilet facilities in the hall itself. There is a vision for Charlton to become a family village cricket club feeding the larger Malmesbury cricket club who play at a higher level.

Operated on the basis of "pay as you play" the club have a simple code of conduct, gained assistance from the Malmesbury grounds man, and host one of their junior team's home games. We encourage all juniors to join, play and get qualified coaching at Malmesbury. We also have an arrangement that means we act as their third team, with juniors who are old enough and need game time coming to us on a Saturday for match experience.

The club hopes to develop a local group of players who simply want to enjoy their cricket in a relaxed atmosphere. We have a lovely ground, a reputation for great teas and the league award for fair play.

Interested and want to have an enjoyable Saturday afternoon?

Give Paul Chivers, Steve Roberts or Don Oakley a buzz or drop them an email.
Paul - paulschivers@aol.com Home 01666 823349 Mobile 07891310560 - Charlton
Steve - stephen.roberts07@btinternet.com Mobile 01666822112 Mobile 07742641066 - Charlton
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It's Back!

Hankerton Sport Relief!

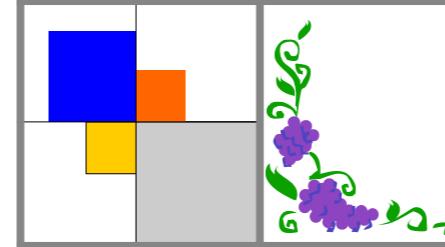
In 2012 Hankerton hosted its first Sport Relief event. 128 people ran, walked or wiggled around Hankerton, completing one, three or six miles. £2000 was raised including £200 through the sale of homemade cakes and refreshments. The next Hankerton Sport Relief event is on Sunday 23 March, 11am.

Please get involved. Either take part, and/or help with marshalling, information and general help, and making a cake. To take part go to www.sportrelief.com. To help contact John Thorne, Crossways, Church Lane; tel. 575498. There will be more information nearer to the event.

Village Litter Pick

The annual village litter pick is on Saturday 15 March, 10am. Help to make the village tidy and prepare for the Hankerton Sport Relief event on 23 March.

Meet at Crossways, Church Lane; John Thorne, tel. 575498.



The Grapevine

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19 Follyfield Hankerton SN16 9LA or email to

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by 10th March 2014 please.

All opinions expressed will be solely those of the correspondent and don't forget to visit the Hankerton Parish Website at

<http://www.hankertonvillage.com> for Parish Council and other useful local information

Editorial

The wet weather has brought more floods to many places in this country and to our village - we think of all those affected and especially our neighbours. Fortunately many helping hands have been extended, proving yet again, how fortunate we are to live in Hankerton which has a good community spirit.

We look forward to helping more people in the coming year in a variety of ways - everyone in the village is good at supporting charitable causes: the carol singers, coffee mornings, MacMillan, Red Cross, Poppy Appeal to name a few. Two more good causes are asking for support in this newsletter so we have further chances to support and participate - long may this tradition continue!

News and views: We welcome all contributions - factual, humorous, news, photographs and are looking to introduce a 'Wants and Haves' column - whether for sale or free, small ads for things such as holiday cottages and wondered if anyone would like to put in gardening tips, cooking tips, notes on wildlife etc. Time to get writing!

Craig McCallum, Mary O'Brien, Susan Mockler.

The Hankerton website has been rebuilt!

The new site can be found at <http://Hankertonvillage.com>. There will be news of upcoming events, the ability to comment on events and stories, links to local business, links to important information sites about bus timetables, bin collections, etc. and special areas for local groups, the church, and the Parish Council. We've rebuilt the site as a community resource and a number of people have volunteered to look after certain areas of the site - we believe that's key to success! So if you know of anything going on then please let me know and I'll update the site. My email address is simon.kearsley@symmetry.co.uk. Finally, I'd like to say a big thank you to Elizabeth Jones who has looked after the previous site for over two years. She did a great job and has been very generous with her time and help in setting up the new site - Thanks Elizabeth!

Carol Singing



On 18 December the usual miscreants, somewhat reduced in number due to the atrocious wet weather, gathered for our annual perambulation round the village. It took us rather longer than usual as we had to sing at each house, rather than our usual trick of combining some, because of the low numbers and the strong wind.

After two hours our numbers were down to 5 stalwarts who by this time were extremely wet even though all were dressed for the elements and we were only half way round! At this point we called it a night and are very sorry if you were one of the ones who were awaiting a visit and didn't get one. Due to everyone's generosity we raised the sum of £150 which has been forwarded to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Many thanks to everyone for their contributions to a successful evening whether it was in the form of cash, refreshments, voice or bonhomie.

Christine Betts & Claudine Pynn

The Road to Recovery

On 8 December 2011 I had a serious fall from my horse and spent 1 month in hospital with a further 3 months at The Brain Injury Rehab Unit in Bristol (BIRU) before coming home to Hankerton on 12 April 2012.

The support that my husband Toby and our two young boys received from the village while I was away was fantastic and will always be hugely appreciated. I am now planning to run (with a lot of walking) the Bath Half Marathon in aid of BIRU on the 2nd March. I'm hoping to raise money so that BIRU is able to continue their truly fantastic work and take on more patients who have survived a critical head injury.

So "Yes", I'm asking for sponsorship! If you can, please sponsor me, every penny does count.

Meanwhile, you may see me training around the lanes of Hankerton with my rather wobbly run!

Thank you.
Polly Williamson

Donations can be made to:
Barclays Bank, Malmesbury
Account: Mrs P L Williamson.Marathon
A/C No: 7394244902
Sort Code: 20-84-58
Or do call, drop in at The Holt, Hankerton.

Hankerton Parish Council News

Highlights from the Hankerton Parish Council (HPC) January 2014 meeting are shown below.

The recent flood on Christmas Eve day caused Joan and Sidney Roxan to be flooded again at Chapel Lane.

Their neighbours, friends and the PC helped as much as they could by offering their support. Assistance consisted of arranging temporary accommodation at the Mayfield hotel, organising the Fire Service to pump out the water and informing the Insurance company as well as offering comforting help.

Flooding at Brookside Cottage was a close run thing with minor seepage in some walls. The road being flooded outside Brookside is also a concern as motorists driving at speed at this section of the road cause a bow wave which ends up crashing up against the property as well as causing car engines to flood.

The Hankerton PC is continuing hard to work with all Agencies and Riparian Landowners to try to reduce this problem of flooding that is causing so much hardship to villagers in flooded properties.

Chairman HPC.

The Hankerton Web site, <http://www.hankertonvillage.co.uk/> has been extensively updated and is well worth visiting. Information which can be accessed on the web site includes back issues of Grapevine, links of interest to Wiltshire Council, Malmesbury Council, the Primary Care Trust, previous minutes of Parish Council meetings, contact points for your parish and Wiltshire councillors and Hankerton events.

If you want to add information to the web site regarding local groups or events you can contact Simon at simon.kearsley@symmetry.co.uk



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flooding

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Hankerton Golf Club

It has been an excellent golfing year for the club and its golfers; particularly as a recent report from Sweden commented that golfers that who play at least once a week enjoy a minimum of an extra 5 years of active life! So new members are always welcome. Due in part no doubt to George Coombs' coaching behind The Charlton Village Hall, John Edwards has won the award, but no money, for the most improved Hankerton Golfer for 2013. Another Welsh golf tour has been organized for the early Spring with 14 brave souls signed and paid up. This tour promises to be a lot of fun, with a lot of laughter, wine and not a little beer.

Now for a slice of golf history which it is hoped will be enjoyed by our readers.

Why are there 18 holes on a full length golf course? Why not 20 or perhaps 10? How many of you know the answer?

At a discussion amongst the members of St Andrews in 1858 one of the members pointed out that it takes 18 shots to polish off a fifth of the finest scotch whisky, so it was decided there and then at St Andrews that a round of golf was to be 18 holes, and has been ever since.

May Hankerton golfers wish all our readers a most happy and peaceful 2014.

Peter Jefferis

Neighbourhood Watch.

Burglary

If anyone has any information regarding a vintage bridal head dress and veil, gentleman's gold cravat pin in original case (circa 1834), gold cigar cutters and silver match cases of the same era, plus a gold wedding ring, stolen from a house locally, please 'phone the police on 101 referring to case 54130022505.

A watch has been found in one of the fields near Cloatley Manor, Cloatley Road Hankerton. It is a rectangular faced silver framed Fossil man's watch, with a black/grey leather strap. Contact Persephone Brigstocke-Scurr, The Grange (next to Cloatley Manor)


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CHARLTON VILLAGE HALL MEETING 7th January

The Village Hall AGM took place on 26 November 2013. The meeting concluded that the improvements that the committee will progress in the coming year would be resurfacing the Car Park; refreshing the Interior Décor (including installation of a Perspex kick-board); treatment of the external wood and rejuvenation of the front garden. The AGM saw some changes to the membership of the committee. Pat Manning stepped down due to other commitments and Leanne Woodford volunteered to join. Pat was thanked for all the help and support she has given to the committee in recent years. At the January meeting the committee explored ways of funding the costs for resurfacing the car park with Newbury Flint. The aim is to have this work carried out in the Spring. The committee decided to hold a Quiz Night to raise funds for the resurfacing and the remainder of the meeting focussed on finalising plans for this event

Great British Fish and Chip Supper - Friday 16th May 2014

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 16th May 2014 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services. You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre. SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA. In 2014 SIA is celebrating its 40th anniversary and so we want to make the batter matter and raise £25,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,500 from the suppers. The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed. For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk


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