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Upcoming Parish Council Events:

Parish Council Meetings (public welcome to attend and speak in public session at the start)

All held at The Cock Inn Function Room, Hanwood, at 7.30pm.

Next meetings: 22nd January 24th February 25th March

Hanwood WI

About Hanwood WI

Hanwood WI is an established group of like-minded women who meet once a month (the first Thursday of every month) in the function room of the Cock Inn, Hanwood. We aim to be a community group where women can come together to learn new skills, see and make new friends and be involved in local, national and international events.

We offer a warm welcome to new members and visitors – please give us a try!

For further information please contact:

Jacqui Olive (Secretary) 01743 860434

Sandra Lane (President) 241657

You can also look us up on Facebook



GREAT HANWOOD NEWS

The newsletter of Great Hanwood Parish Council

Issue 5 — Winter 2023

Welcome...

To the WINTER 2023 edition of the parish council newsletter! We hope you enjoyed the previous edition of the newsletter. We hope you will find the newsletter a useful source of information and would welcome contributions from any community groups/organisations. The newsletter is also available online via the parish council website.

We still have a vacancy for a parish councillor and would welcome applications. Please contact the Clerk, greathanwoodpc@gmail.com or 01743 741611 to apply.

Please contact the clerk if you'd like to forward an article for the next edition of this Parish newsletter, which will be published in early March. The deadline for articles is March 1st.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS



The **Cock Inn at Hanwood** has been run as a Community Interest Company since 2017 after it was purchased on behalf of the community by the late Bill Longmore and his wife Ursula. This purchase saved the village pub at the heart of Hanwood as without this most generous gesture the site would have been heading towards the hands of the house developers. The aim is for the Pub, the Function Room and the Bowling Club to be a Hub for the Community.

The company is managed by 10 local members of the village, who own the shares in the Community Interest Company, with no personal financial benefit.

The day-to-day operation is managed by Jackie Cooke, who oversees her Bar Team and a number of volunteers who help keep the Pub and the property

functioning. All profits are currently being re invested in the property which has experienced many years of under investment, and with the aim of providing other benefits and support for the wider community in Great Hanwood as the business progresses.

On the right is a list of the December Events. >>>

The kitchen is open offering an excellent range of freshly cooked food, serving food from its bar menu on Fridays and Saturday as well Sunday lunches and a takeaway offering is available on request.

In addition we are now open at 1.30pm on a Friday lunchtime with a view of attracting some of the older members of the community in what will be an informal social gathering. The food is excellent value and is worth a visit.

The company aims to be at the heart of the community and would welcome people to come forward to run projects, clubs etc that would be a benefit for the wider community. If we can help, we will but what we need are willing organisers.

If anyone is interested in booking the function room, reserving a table, ordering food, or helping organise community activities then please phone 01743 860811.

**COCK INN
HANWOOD**

DECEMBER EVENTS

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER
Children's Christmas Party (Under 12s only)
6-8pm with a Visit From Santa! Tickets £1
(Please drop off or bring with you, a small wrapped gift for your child for Santa to give out.)

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER
Darts Knockout 7.30pm
£5 Entry - 1st & 2nd Prize Money
(Please enter by 8th December - Over 18s only.)

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER
Live Music - Chester Riggon (The Drifters)
9-11pm Over 18s Only

SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER
Carol Service in the Pub
6.30pm Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
Everybody Welcome

Chairman's Report— Shropshire Council & Great Hanwood Parish Council

Report on current issues from Roger Evans, Shropshire Councillor, & Great Hanwood Parish Council chairman

PARISH COUNCIL ISSUES AND UPDATES - DECEMBER 2023



I and we hope everyone is keeping safe especially after the recent extremes in weather we have all suffered. The climate does seem to be changing.

Roads around the area have mostly not been overwhelmed at the time of writing but we have been asked to identify any roads that need extra attention. The main road between Hanwood Bank and Edgebold roundabout did partially start flooding again and Shropshire Council have raised an order to jet clean the drains.

Also, after requests SC have agreed to investigate drainage issues and the standing water on the road by the level crossing opposite the bus layby.

An update on the previously discussed drainage issues for Orchard Lane has also been requested.

A date for when the long-time requested 40 mph speed reduction between Hanwood Bank and the old dairy has also been asked for. It has been agreed by Shropshire Council that when this speed reduction is worked on the overgrown footpath along this section of road will be cleared and the width increased.

Several highway issues have been raised via what is called the Place Plan for Hanwood, these are.

- Re-surfacing of the Weir Road junction
- White lining— both along the centre line of the A488 and at the junction with Weir Road.
- Double yellow lines to restrict dangerous parking at the Weir Road junction.
- 30mph roundels on the main road
- 20mph limit either side of the traffic lights (this being a key crossing point for the school) and extending as far towards the school as is permissible
- Vehicle Actuated Speed signs between the railway bridge and shop

Also requested is.

- A 20-mph zone outside the school plus a pedestrian crossing is progressed by Shropshire Council.
- Community Sports Facility improvements in Hanwood.
- The footbridge is replaced across the Rea Brook

Other matters

The monitoring of speeding traffic has continued and the registration numbers of cars that exceed the speed limit have been forwarded to the police.

Work on the Oaklands View path has been completed.

Some vandalism at the Caradoc Play Area has occurred again and council taxpayers' money has had to be spent in paying for repairs.

The work providing extra facilities, and which were part funded by the Parish Council, at the Bowling Club has been completed.

Shropshire Council are undertaking a Community Governance Review. This includes some adjustments to Parish Boundaries. The Boundary Commission for England has requested that the part of the Parish adjacent to and north of Edgebold Roundabout is warded and so have its own distinct and separate Parish Councillor. The reason for this is not explained.

Hanwood Parish Council have requested that the southern boundary of the Parish is moved. This request is that the area including St Thomas & St Anne's School (Hanwood School), the adjacent housing development and other nearby houses be shifted and included in the revised boundary. This would recognise that these areas look towards Hanwood for most services. It is hoped a consultation on these proposals will be carried out.

DIRECTORY of local Community Organisations and Groups

St Thomas and St Anne's CE Primary School

Email: admin@hanwood.shropshire.sch.uk
Web: <https://hanwood.shropshire.sch.uk/>
Tel: 01743 860400

Mary Webb School & Science College (Secondary)

Email: admin@marywebbschool.com
Web: <https://marywebbschool.com/>
Tel: 01743 792100

Hanwood Youth Club

Meet every Thursday night during term time at Hanwood Village Hall from 6:15pm
Email: lee@sya.org.uk
Tel: 07741 885025

St Thomas Church, Hanwood

Contact: Revd. Graham Phillips
Web: <https://www.stthomashanwood.org.uk/>
Tel: 01743 861003

Hanwood Village Hall

Contact: Elaine Heighway
Web: <https://hanwoodvillagehall.godaddysites.com>
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Tel: 01743 860484

Hanwood Bowling Club Contact:

John Baxter
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Tel: 07948376035.

Pontesbury & District Gardeners Association

Contact: Rob Dixon
Email: robedixon@btopenworld.com
Tel: 01743 791901 / 07949 644177

Great Hanwood WI

Web: <https://www.facebook.com/HanwoodWI>
Meets at The Cock Inn, Hanwood on 1st Thursday of the month at 7.30pm

U3A Pontesbury & Rea Valley District

Web: <https://u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley/groups>

Pontesbury Thursday Night Badminton Club

Plays at Mary Webb School, Pontesbury on Thursdays between 7pm and 9pm
Email: naoakley01@gmail.com or call 07821643685

Shropshire Council

Web: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/>
Tel: 0345 678 9000 (General)

Pontesbury Thursday Night Badminton Club

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We are looking for new members to join our badminton club. We play at Mary Webb School, Pontesbury on Thursday nights between 7pm and 9pm. Nearly all the members come from either Hanwood, Pontesbury or Minsterley.

We accept anyone of 18 years old or older and any playing standard. The cost is currently £15 per month or £5 per week for a 3-week trial period.

If you are interested in playing, or have any questions, please email naoakley01@gmail.com or call 07821643685 for further information.

Nigel Oakley

Don't forget - PHOTO ID is now needed to vote.

Voters now need to have photo ID to vote. This means that for those without photo ID such as a driving licence, they will need to apply for a Voter ID card.

Voters also need to register to vote.

The Electoral Commission

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1- Register to vote
2- Check my photo ID
3- Vote at a polling station!

No ID? You can apply for free voter ID
Find out more at
electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID
or call 0800 328 0280

Shropshire Council News and Updates

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL November 2023 - Report on issues from Shropshire Councillor Roger Evans

Electoral Boundaries.

Shropshire Council are now in the process of revising the final recommendations of the Boundary Commission of England (LGBCE). For the Great Hanwood Parish Council (PC) area the only recommendation they have made is to, what is called ward Upper Edgebold.

Even though just 3 electors live there at present, it is proposed by the Commission that they should have their own individual Parish Councillor. The PC objected to this proposal when it was originally put forward, but this has been ignored. We now await to see what the SC Community Governance Revue will recommend for this area plus how it will address the request to alter boundaries to the south of the village.

Local Plan.

This is still not resolved and remains with the Planning Inspectors in Bristol. Shropshire Council planners continue to recommend that the land north of Edgebold roundabout and between the Hanwood Road and Mytton Oak Roads be identified as an area suitable for 1500 new houses plus some employment land. These developments would be built some time between now and 2038.

Shropshire Council Finances.

The financial position at the end of September has now been published. It is not good. These show the net budget has grown by around £20m due to the increased cost of delivering the care budget. This figure therefore needs to be added to the previously published figure of £51.4m as the total savings needing to be made this year.

By the end of September, of the £51.4m savings, the report states £20.6m has been delivered and they confidently expect that another £17.4m will be delivered by March 2024. How and where the remaining £13.4m of these needed savings can be made has not yet been identified.

Of the extra £20m increase in the net budget just identified, it estimates that just some of this extra cost will be delivered this year by using "demand management" and some by using money from the previously named long term Earmarked Reserves. How much of these reserves will need to be used has again not been stated. It has however been confirmed that the previously agreed budget will be overspent.

A group of councillors in the next few months will be looking at council budgets. The hope is that where and what these further cuts actually mean will finally be identified. The effect on and actual contributions made by the consultants recently engaged to help those at present running the council will also become known.

Smithfield Riverside Regeneration:

The consultation finished on November 15th, the results have not been published. The cost of this work will however be around £18m. Other consultations just finished or finishing includes a Youth Survey, Care at Home, and Parking Restrictions in Pontesbury. One that continues until the 21st December is concerning "Dog Fouling and Public Space Protection Order".

Shropshire Council Report contd

Planning News: Unpopular Travelodge gets planning permission

The application to build the 83 room **Travelodge next to Rowley's Mansion** was recently given planning permission. **As a member of that Planning Committee, I voted against it.**

To me the proposed building despite some design changes was totally out of character with the area and so impinges on an important asset of the medieval townscape.

£200 million ring road.

Another application recently discussed was of course the **North West Relief Road**. After a 4-hour debate the plan was partly agreed by one vote. It is still due to come back to that committee for a final decision and conditions, after discussions with the Environment Agency (EA) have concluded. The total cost has not yet been shared with councillors but estimates range from £150m to £180m. It was reported in the press that a government minister had said the cost would be 'fully funded' by Government, but no official communication has yet been received by officers of the council.

Marches Forward Partnership:

Shropshire Council have now joined three other Local Authorities in signing a document called a "Memorandum of Understanding" or MOU, to use an acronym we hopefully will see more of in future years. This is an agreement between Shropshire Council, Herefordshire Council and Monmouthshire and Powys County Councils for collaboration as a Marches Forward Partnership.

This idea is something I mooted to happen a few years ago and is a good way of working together, gaining both from the savings in economies of scale and jointly lobbying government to help all of us living and working in the Marches rural areas.

On Demand Bus Service

A new to Shropshire 'On Demand' bus service was due to start from the 4th of December serving what was the 544 and 546 area. This is the Longden/Pulverbatch and Lyth Hill areas. Shropshire Council will run it. It will not operate via a regular timetable. All potential users will need to state when they want to catch a bus and book a seat by phone, or via a mobile phone App.

As more details have emerged, I have some concerns about the on demand model and am waiting to see it working in practice and listen to what passengers think of it. The vehicles which include electric low floor buses are good, but the on demand idea is not proven. If the service is considered a success it may well be extended to other parts of the county, so it is important that Shropshire Council makes truly informed decisions. Please let me know what you think.



The Quarry Swimming Pool's main pool is now expected to re-open on December 13th. At last!

If you need help in these or in any other area or service please contact me at
roger.evans@shropshire.gov.uk or Tel 07811 992349

Cllr. Roger Evans, Chairman of Great Hanwood Parish Council and Shropshire Councillor for Longden Division (incorporating Great Hanwood Parish)

Meet your safer neighbourhood team

We are a dedicated group of police officers and police community support officers (PCSOs) who work with local communities and partner organisations to keep our residents, businesses and visitors safe and to prevent crime and tackle anti-social behaviour in your locality.

Officers can be contacted on the below numbers concerning community issues. To report a crime in progress call 999 and for non emergencies, report online at www.westmercia.police.uk/report. If you are unable to report online, you can contact us via the 101 non-emergency number.



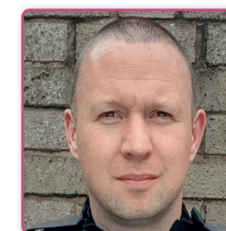
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Ben Tanfield



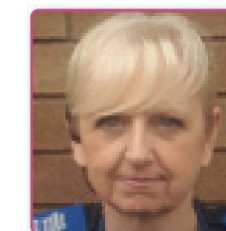
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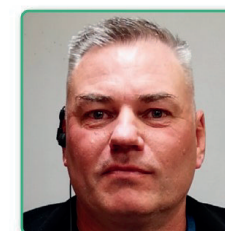
PCSO
Lyn Birch
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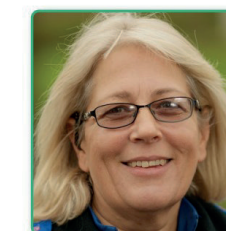
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St Thomas Church, Great Hanwood - #Join the Song

I wonder if a baby has recently been born into your family or a neighbour's family? There is something extraordinary about a new born baby. A new life, a whole person with their own character and charm all wrapped up in this tiny body. Everything about them is amazing from their tiny fingers that hold on tight to your thumb, to the eyes that are taking in everything around them, interpreting, learning, making sense of this suddenly expanded world. No longer cushioned inside the womb, now experiencing all that the world has to offer. With every new birth there comes a sense of hope - hope that their future will be good, hope that they will fulfill their potential.

Sunday 10th December 4.30pm

Christingle and Gift Service – a much loved Christmas Service of light. Bring a gift for a child in need.

Sunday 17th December 6.30pm Candlelit Carol Service. A beautiful way to engage with the greatest birth ever – followed by mince pies and mulled wine.



Wednesday 20th December – Nativity Trail goes live – see map on FaceBook.

Saturday 23rd December 7pm Carols in The Cock Inn – come and sing your heart out!

Sunday 24th December 11am Holy Communion - the final service before Christmas of "Watching and Waiting".

Sunday 24th December 4pm Crib Service – be part of the greatest story in the world, come dressed as your favourite nativity character.

Enter 2024 with God - daily reflections from Christmas Eve to 5 January at [Connect with this year's call to Join the Song | The Church of England](#)

The Revd Graham Phillips

Rector Great Hanwood, Longden and Annscroft with Puloverbatch

revgrahamphillips@gmail.com

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Hanwood Bowling Club

The bowling season has now ended, so the woods are away until next April. During the past season the club has enjoyed a few successes. The Monday night Wem League 'A' team won the Knockout cup, beating the favourites Castlefields by 2 chinks, they also finished second in the league. In the Shrewsbury Seniors League the 'A' team won division 3 and were also finalists in the Ron Smout cup. The 'B' team won the Sponsors Shield.

Regarding the club premises, although the new toilet has been a great benefit, more urgent work is required to repair the damaged boarding and footpaths around the bowling green. This work will need to be carried out before next season.

The club's finances are much lower than last year because of building the new toilet, so if anyone feels they are able to help with any type of sponsorship, please make contact with John Baxter the club secretary, phone 07948376035.

Hanwood Youth Club - Autumn Term report

After the end of the busy Summer Term with trips to Bowling and the Circus and very varied sessions at the Village Hall, we had our summer break.

We came straight into the term with kite flying, with very little wind, taking on the challenges of the Cube with expert balance and played games of blind football. We have also been creative. We have designed our own mugs and bags, and baked flapjacks and the sweetest cookie dough in the world.

Next term we are going to meet in Shrewsbury town centre for a walking quiz, celebrate Scottish culture, search for the next big star with Hanwood does the X factor and celebrate Christmas. We also will be going on another trip but we will vote on where we go.

The Youth Club meets at Hanwood Village Hall every Thursday in term time, from 7:15pm until 8:45pm. Age range is from Year 5 up to Yr11. £1.50 subs each week to help us fund our activities.

If your child would like to join please message the Hanwood Facebook page, or contact Lee on lee@sya.org.uk or 07741 885025.

Please fill in the online registration via this QR code >>>:

Membership and Consent Form



St Thomas and St Anne's CE Primary School

Caring, Growing and Learning Together



Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

We celebrate our OPAL playtimes, here at Hanwood, with children showing kindness, teamwork, working independently, considering safety and resilience in play. Loose parts play has encouraged children to be more daring and innovative while the dressing up has required more imagination, creating actors, popstars, teachers and more. Lego encouraged many children to work together and proved quite popular. As we gain more resources, we are proud to be able to provide a variety of play opportunities for all the children.

This term we were lucky enough to have a visit from **Max Oakley**. **Max is an amazing young archer, he competes nationally and internationally. This year alone he has won 2 international medals in Switzerland and his first national competition competing as a senior!**

He came and spoke to the children about his amazing career so far and his ambition to compete with Team GB at the 2028 Olympics. He also gave a fantastic archery demonstration to the children.

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2024 or are you looking to move schools? We would be delighted to show you around our fantastic school so that you can see for yourselves why this is the right place for your child to shine.

We have a wonderful team who are passionate about supporting each and every child in our care, providing a rounded education and nurturing their talents, all rooted in Christian values.



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Hanwood Village Hall News

Report from Chairman, Will Hanmer

Recent Events from 2023

Vehicles of Interest Show & Fun Day 9th September.

At this year's Fun Day, we invited people to bring along interesting vehicles to show them off. We were amazed with the number of wonderful forms of transport that came to the day. Please check out our Facebook page to see pictures of them. We hope to make this a more regular attraction in the future.

Bonfire & Fireworks Night 4th November

This was our fourth Bonfire & Fireworks Night in recent years. With the weather this year making it a difficult decision on whether we should go ahead or not. But even though it was so wet, cold and muddy it was still amazing to see how many people braved the elements to support us. It was a shame that the damp conditions meant that some of the fireworks failed to go off, but at least the Bonfire was lovely and warm and there was plenty of hot food and drinks available.

We'd like to say a big thank you to all those who helped us in putting this wonderful event on, also with the team building that huge bonfire by hand in the days before! I'm always amazed by the wonderful community spirit we have around us. This event is a valuable fundraiser for the village hall, and we appreciate the support from all the community.

Defibrillator

You may have noticed we have installed a Defibrillator on the wall near the entrance to the hall. This has been kindly donated by the SAHA Football Club, who are regular users of our football field.

Our Committee

We are still looking for new committee members. It's important we try and gain new members to keep the village hall running. If you'd like to get involved, please feel free to get in touch and come along to one of our meetings. We generally hold a meeting once a month to discuss agenda items and fundraising, which is usually in the Cock Inn and have a lovely social feel about them.

Another great way to support the Village Hall, is by joining the Village Hall Lottery. This supports the village hall financially & you have a chance to win some money! Please get in touch for more information.

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