

HANHAM HALL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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Hanham Hall Website - <http://hanhamhall.uk>

Do you know about the Hanham Hall website? It's been around for a while, but recently Helen Adams has kindly volunteered to regularly update it and it's hoped people will start to use this very useful resource more.

It has a lot of useful information, like technical advice on how your house works, understanding the mysteries of the VentAxia heat recovery system, the covenants we all should know about and even how to clean your washing machine filters. Thanks for all the detailed work Tom Howson put in to share all this knowledge and to the others who have added to and updated the site since.

Information on the Community Interest Company (CIC) can be found here, though this is in the process of being updated and on the Hanham Hall Residents' Group (HHRG). The Advice section deals with things such as recycling information and Neighbourhood watch with contact names.

There's also a really useful FAQ section which includes contact details for Pinnacle and Sovereign Homes.

Peter Smithers has just added a very comprehensive 'Guide to the Wildflower Meadows', compiled from his recent survey. A great help if you'd like to know what we have growing up there, with some stunning photos to raise your lockdown spirits.



Calendar of Meetings, Groups and Events

SEPTEMBER 20	OCTOBER 20	NOVEMBER 20	DECEMBER 20	JANUARY 21	FEBRUARY 21
HHRG Meeting Wed 2nd @ 7pm	HHRG Meeting Tues 6th @ 7pm	HHRG Meeting Wed 4th @ 7pm	HHRG Meeting Tues 1st @ 7pm	HHRG Meeting Wed 6th @ 7pm	HHRG Meeting AGM Tues 2nd @ 7pm
Quiz Night Friday 4th @ 7pm					
Book Club Monday 14th via Zoom or outdoors	Book Club Monday 12th via Zoom or outdoors	Book Club Monday 9th via Zoom or outdoors	Book Club Monday 14th via Zoom or outdoors	Book Club Monday 11th via Zoom or outdoors	Book Club Monday 8th via Zoom or outdoors
Picnic & Outdoor Cinema, weekend 18th—20th	Saturday Social 3rd—Hanham Hall Honey for Sale £6				

Hanham Hall Honey:

For Sale at the Saturday Social on 3rd October. Limited numbers available £6.00 per jar.



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Community Interest Company



Hanham Hall Residents Group

The HHRG has a new chairperson for the rest of this year (Yvonne Hopton) and other officer vacancies have been filled.

The meeting on 5th August was very positive with lots of ideas for future events and volunteers stepping forward to take the lead on them. Thank you very much everyone! All HHRG meetings will be by Zoom for the foreseeable future.

By the time this goes to press we will have had a coffee morning on Saturday 29th August. We will also have distributed a number of face coverings for people here.

There will be more events to come -

A Quiz Night on Friday
4th September 7pm in
the Cafe courtyard
(weather permitting)
with snacks provided by
the café.



A picnic and outdoor Cinema on the weekend of 18th, 19th and 20th September.

We are also hoping to run a pop up outdoor dance class for adults, a Halloween event and a Christmas event, all within social distancing rules.

For further news please look out for flyers in your post boxes. Also make sure that you have signed up to the Mailchimp mailing list (at hanhamhallresidentsgroup@gmail.com), and to the Hanham Hall Residents Group Notice Board on Facebook. Please also check the web site (hanhamhall.uk) as this is now being updated regularly.

Events have unfortunately had to be scaled back due to Coronavirus restrictions and may unfortunately have to be cancelled at short notice if regulations change. So fingers crossed that everything can go ahead!

When attending events please have fun but remember social distancing.

Take care and stay safe!

Yvonne

Petrifying Pumpkin Pie

Ingredients:

- 275g plain flour
- A pinch of salt
- 150g of butter
- Four medium eggs beaten
- 2 tablespoons caster sugar
- 675g of diced pumpkin
- 100g soft light Brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons Golden syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- Half teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Half teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 300 ml skimmed milk
- 300 ml whipping cream optional

Method

1. Pre heat oven to 190° centigrade
2. Put flour salt and butter into bowl and rub in to resemble bread crumbs.
3. Stir in 3 tablespoons of cold water and mix to form a smooth dough.
4. Lightly knead and roll out on a floured surface.
5. Line a 24 cm loose bottomed deep flan tin with pastry and trim top.
6. Put in fridge to chill.
7. Steam pumpkin for 20 minutes until soft.
8. Liquidise or process to a smooth puree and allow to cool.
9. Whisk eggs with all remaining ingredients except cream until smooth.
10. Whisk in pumpkin puree then pour into pastry case.
11. Bake for one and ¼ hours or until filling is set.
12. Decorate with whipped cream.



Hanham Hall- A Unique Place to Live

Hanham Hall closed as a hospital in 2000 and was transferred four years later to English Partnerships under the 'Hospital Sites Programme'. The purpose of this scheme was to bring a portfolio of 96 redundant hospital sites back into use and create up to 14,000 new homes.

In May 2007, the Gordon Brown government proposed the creation of five eco-towns providing up to 100,000 zero-carbon dwellings across the country. Hanham Hall was chosen as the site of a 150-home eco-village, the first of its kind in Britain, to serve as a prototype for the five larger developments.

"These Carbon Challenge eco-villages are now leading the way, showing what can be done. This marks a revolution in the way we design and build homes," said housing and planning minister, Yvette Cooper.



The residential units were all designed to meet level six of English Partnerships' Code for Sustainable Homes, which forms part of the agency's "Carbon Challenge" initiative to speed up the house building industry's response to climate change.

The Code demands that new properties have a low or zero carbon footprint, along with built-in features that reduce water usage and energy consumption, and keep waste to a minimum. It also stipulates that properties be affordable and economically viable to build on a commercial scale. Not only that, they must look nice and fit in with the surrounding area. To this end Covenants to protect the structure, appearance and ethos of Hanham Hall were created by the Homes & Communities Agency (now Homes England) and written into the title deeds of each property, and so cannot be changed. A summary of the Covenants is available on the Hanham Hall Website (hanhamhall.uk).

184 homes were built by Barratt Homes, incorporating the proposed cutting edge construction systems. In order to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of these systems, each homes' fuel consumptions were monitored with individual meters for 3 years by UWE, the information fed back remotely, and residents were informed of their use in comparison to other homes. There has been a lot of interest in the development from architects, environmentalists, and planners and Hanham Hall has been nominated for and won several awards. It has also been a focus for several research projects.

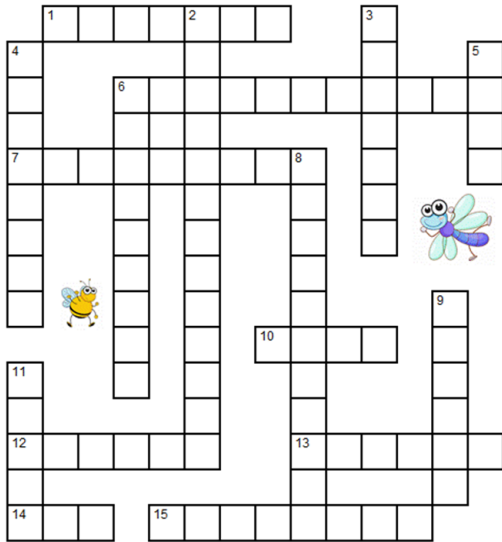
The Hanham District Green Belt Conservation Society (HDGBCS) stated "All this is to be welcomed, provided that the agency does not lose sight of the other prime objective of the development - to produce an attractive, high quality place to live, in keeping with its setting."

The HDGBCS, in particular its Chairman David Reade, was very active in lobbying for the site to be used for something special rather than just another run-of-the-mill suburban housing estate. I think we can all agree that they achieved that aim. The HDGBCS was asked to choose the names for the roads within the development and Reade Close is named after David, who sadly died earlier this year. There is a commemorative bench to David Reade by the upper play area.

Crossword



INSECTS



ACROSS

1. last of the three segments of an insect
6. baby butterfly
7. chemical odor used to communicate
10. first of the three segments of an insect
12. young insects that look almost identical to their parents
13. middle segment of an insect
14. number of legs on an insect
15. long sense organs covered with tiny hairs

DOWN

2. process of changing shape
3. process of shedding the exoskeleton
4. eye with many lenses
5. beetle larvae
6. protected place where metamorphosis takes place
8. hard external shell of an insect
9. young insects that look very different from their parents
11. many, but not all, adults insects have these



Sudoku

	5			3	7			
8	3	1	4	2	7			5
9	7	4		8	6	1	2	3
3	8	6	1	4		2	5	7
7		5						
	4	9	7		2	8	3	6
5				7	4		9	8
	9		3		1			2
2				9		3		1

Halloween Recipe - Chocolate Spider Cookies

Ingredients

- 200g dark or milk chocolate , broken into chunks
- 113g pack liquorice Catherine wheels (we used Barratts)
- 2 x 154g packs Oreo cookies
- white and black icing pens



Method

STEP 1

Melt the chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a pan of barely simmering water. Once melted, turn off the heat and leave the chocolate in the bowl to keep warm while you assemble the spiders.

STEP 2

Unroll some of the liquorice wheels and cut into 2-3cm lengths to use as the Chocolate spiders' legs.

STEP 3

Splodge a small tsp of chocolate onto half of the cookies. Arrange eight liquorice legs on top, then sandwich with another cookie. Spread some more chocolate on top of the second cookie to cover, then put somewhere cool to set.

STEP 4

Use the icing pens to add eyes, by first blobbing two big dots of white icing on each, topped with two smaller dots of black icing.

Colouring



Community Feed Back Form – Please complete and return to 105 Roman Way

1.	Have you ever been to an event at Hanham Hall?	
2.	Have you had a favourite event at Hanham Hall? If so what was it?	
3.	Do you prefer big, organised events or smaller, more casual events?	
4.	Do you have any ideas for future events?	
5.	What has stopped you going to events in the past?	
6.	Are you interested in getting involved in any way (big or small) in any events or community activities?	
7.	Is there anything that you would like to do at Hanham Hall that you feel would require funding but would improve the community as a whole?	
8.	Is there anything in particular that has stopped you from going to hanham Hall residents meetings?	
9.	Any further comments.	