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PARISH COUNCIL



Following well attended sessions during the Easter break, the popular Play in the Park will be back at the Village Hall for three consecutive Tuesday mornings beginning on 31st. July. Each session lasts from 10am until 12 noon. They are primarily aimed at 6-11 year olds but younger children are very welcome if accompanied by an adult carer. Please remember to come prepared for sunshine, so wear a sun hat, slap on the sun cream and bring a bottle of water (sugary drinks tend to attract wasps).

Following complaints about dog excrement in Old Church Road and requests for an additional bin to receive it, East Hanningfield's thirteenth dog bin was installed, beside the Back Lane junction opposite the pumping station. That made it necessary to produce a new map to show where they all are. The map can be found on the back cover of this News. I have been told that the new bin is being well used. Remember, free dogs bags are available in the shop and in the Village Hall lobby.



At the Annual Electors' Meeting in May, retiring Parish Council Chairman Jim Howe presented

the Council's Annual Report 2017-2018. You can see this under **Publications** on the Parish Council's website and paper copies are available in the Village Hall lobby. The Annual Report contains the receipts and payments account for the year, with what looks like a very healthy end of year balance, but what you do not see is all the capital spending that has happened after the year end, that is in this financial year. PC paid for the path beside the Village Hall Chase, £6,285, the path beside the Hall, £5,400, the wider path across the grass by the School gate, £300 and the repairs to the post and rails along the Tye, £710 in April and in May, £370 for

EAST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

Report from the Chairman Jim Howe



Another year has passed quickly and I find myself writing my final Chairman's report.

A new chairman will be appointed at the next Parish Council meeting in May.

We are fortunate to have had excellent backup from our Cheshamford Borough Councillors, Richard Poulter and Matthew Flack. The direct link to the city council has proved invaluable on many local matters.

Parish Council meetings continue to be held upstairs in the village hall on the fourth Thursday of each month. The full schedule is posted on the village noticeboards and the council website.

On 6th May, the City Council Planning Committee will preside over the planning application for land between Old Church Road and Back Lane. Over a year ago, we agreed a quantity of 20 dwellings for the site, however the developers have submitted an amendment to the plan which increases the quantity to 26 dwellings. The parish council will be represented by myself and will be making a case that the original quantity of 20 is adhered to.

Whilst I have been Chairman, there have been successes in improving the village infrastructure and also of course maintaining and improving the existing facilities. The Council continues to work alongside Hanna's Field Charity to complete outstanding and ongoing requirements.

The Financial Status of the Parish Council continues to remain stable. Further details and a statement of account for the financial year 2017/18 are included in this report. Thank you to the group of volunteers from all walks of life who have given their time to assist in various community events and projects this year. Close liaison between the Parish Council, Hanna's Field Charity and The East Hanningfield Action Group

the installation and one year's emptying of the new dog bin. The City Council will not finance the emptying of any further dog bins so installing one means a permanent addition to the Parish Council's annual expenditure.

You might wonder why the Chairman was retiring. PC has a standing order that a Chairman may hold office for a maximum of four consecutive years. Jim Howe has reached the end of his four year term and so could not stand for election as Chairman at this year's Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, when posts and appointments were agreed. As this News has to go to the printer before the Annual Meeting, I am unable to announce who the new Chairman is.

In May 2019, there will be Parish Council elections, so anyone who thinks they might be able to serve the community as a parish councillor might like to talk to one of the present councillors or to me about what it involves. I am not trying to supplant any existing councillors but have been told by some that they do not intend to stand again at the next election. Publicity about the election and how to stand will start appearing early in 2019. As our elections are run by the City Council, their website will carry all the necessary information, including the important dates for submitting nomination papers etc.

Minutes of PC Meetings are posted on PC's website once they have been signed as accurate at the following Meeting www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/publications/minutes-2013-14/. They go back as far as the year 2004-5. Copies are also available on paper at the Meeting at which they are due to be signed. The Agenda are also available on the website at www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/publications/agenda-2013-14/

But in line with the PC's document retention policy only go back seven years. The Agenda are also displayed on PC's noticeboards and on the lobby window at the Village Hall. Additional notices posted at the moment are those concerning the publication of the unaudited accounts. These are a summary of the receipts and payments account that is prepared for the external auditor on a special form, which can also be seen on the website at www.essexinfo.net/easthanningfieldparishcouncil/publications/accounts-2012-13/.

PC Meetings are public meetings so you are welcome to attend, and if you are thinking of standing for election it might be a good idea to come

along and find out how it all works beforehand. Generally, they are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 8pm, but the date and time is always posted on the noticeboards and website three clear days before, and the meeting schedule for the year is posted there as well.

If you have a matter that you would like to bring to the attention of the PC you can talk about it during Public Question Time at one of the monthly Meetings, or put it in writing and send it to me. If you think it is a serious matter that needs to be an Agenda item please make sure it reaches me a week before the Meeting to ensure it gets included in the list of items for business.

Finally, thank you to everyone who participated in the Village Tidy on a sunny 5 May. All your work really made a difference.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council

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CITY COUNCILLOR

I am pleased to say that at its planning meeting on 8th May, Chelmsford City Council rejected the recommendation of planning officers and by a majority refused the application to build 26 new houses on land between Back Lane and Old Church Road. The representations and debate took over an hour with local residents, East Hanningfield Action Group and the Parish Council speaking strongly against. The only speech in favour came from the applicant's agent.




The final decision is now deferred to the next planning meeting on 10th June for officers to draft the full refusal reasons. The two reasons voted on by the committee were inadequate provision of affordable housing and overdevelopment of the site. The planning officers advised that despite the application being contrary to policy, there were overriding material considerations that carried greater weight and also that national planning policy was in favour of building where the site is likely to be included within the emerging development plan for housing.

There is currently permission from 2016 for 20 houses on this site equally split between open market housing and affordable housing. Residents should expect either an appeal against the committee decision or a further application following the adoption of the new development plan, which is expected next Spring. I opposed this application and will oppose any appeal or further application similar to this one.

I am very willing to call on residents and local businesses to discuss local issues and problems. Just send me an e-mail or give me a ring to make arrangements.

Richard Poulter

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ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR

We have just recently held our Annual Council and elected a new Chairman for the next two years, Cllr John Jowers has succeeded Cllr John Aldridge. The other change effecting myself, is I am no longer Cabinet Member for Highways but have taken over the Chair of the Place and Economic Scrutiny Committee. The Leader of the Council in his address reminded us all of a few successes from last year which I believe are interesting and if I may share with you. Namely.....

94% of our schools are judged good or outstanding and over 2500 additional spaces have been made available.

We have the lowest rate of children that have been subject to abuse in residential care.

We have helped over 1300 young people not in education or training into employment or further education.

We have resurfaced over 400 miles of roads and filled over 5000 pot-holes!

Unlike some councils around the country, Essex has a balanced budget and sound financial controls. We do nevertheless have very challenging times ahead when in 2020 all Government support ceases. Despite all this we are finding a further £4m to help the pothole campaign and also support new initiatives to encourage Parish Councils to accept responsibility for many of the smaller projects. It will be interesting to see how this works out and if there is an appetite to accept localism. I myself believe this to be a positive move on the grounds of knowledge, cost and using local contractors.

If anyone has a county problem please let me know.

Ian Grundy

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY Village Hall and Playing Fields

Summer has now arrived with good spells of dry weather and lovely longer daylight days!

During the Easter School break we were able to press on with the task of providing a solid pathway behind the rail along the school fence which was erected to keep the children safe from cars on their way into the school grounds and to improve on the muddy grass walkway, which will be a great boon in wet and wintery weather in the future. We were also able to proceed with the replacement of the uneven and cracked concrete slabs around the hall with new tarmac surfaces being laid. Both funded by the Parish Council. Due to the poor weather this was a rather messy muddy job but the contractors did a sterling job to keep the areas around as clear as possible.

On Saturday 12th May we were finally able to install the new storage container on the field and get the old one taken away. They were there very early in the morning and the task was soon completed, and within a few hours the heavens opened, so we got it done just right! Many thanks to Mike Plumridge and David Bell for all their efforts firstly clearing the old container on the Friday and then putting things back into the new on the Saturday plus a trip to the local recycling centre to get rid of all the 'no longer required' items.

The new all-weather 'green' overflow car park extension is scheduled to be undertaken during the Whitsun holiday week at the end of May beginning of June, so again we hope the weather is kind to us.

We have also now secured a contractor to undertake the external deco-



The old container being lifted on to the flat bed to be taken away.



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ration of the hall cladding and this work is planned to start on Monday 30th July, and will smarten up the peeling façade greatly.

I hope you all agree we will have achieved a number of great improvements to our facilities this year! This work all comes at a substantial cost and it is only through our fund raising efforts and being successful in grant applications that can make this all happen!

We held the Charity's AGM on 25th April, which was well attended and I am pleased to say we now have a full complement of Executive Committee Members, along with our Trustee Members. I was appointed to the Chairperson role and we persuaded David Bell to take on the Vice Chairperson role joining Mike Plumridge our Treasurer and Wendy Thomas our Secretary.



Our next big fundraiser is the **Village Fete**, a joint event with **All Saints Church**, on **Saturday 30th June 1.30pm to 5.00pm**. As stated in the Spring Newsletter we are **always looking for help, especially some strong young men to help us set up and clear away on the day (from 9.30am onwards) and for getting equipment down from our loft storage on the Friday afternoon**. Thank you to those who have already made contact to offer help with stalls on the day, this is greatly appreciated, but we would still welcome anyone who is willing to join us to lighten the load!

If you are unable to attend on the day you could still support our event by buying the raffle tickets included with the programme in this newsletter. The money and ticket stubs can be left at the Village Post Office/Shop before the event. **We have prizes to the value of over £850 to be won, all donated by local businesses**

Six small scale commercial stalls will be available to anyone who lives in the village. The cost of a stall will be £10 but you will need to be able to provide your own table. Please contact the Secretary Wendy Thomas on 400797 to discuss.

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The **Art Exhibition** will be our next major fundraiser as this will be **on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd September** with the Preview Evening, by invitation, on Friday 21st. Again we greatly appreciate all who can come along to help us set this event up, from Thursday 20th when art-work is delivered, hanging the work, manning the event and clearing away later on the Sunday afternoon. If you are able to help please contact either Wendy or myself!

If you want to hire any of the Hall facilities, including the Meeting Room, there are preferential rates for residents. Just get in touch with the booking secretary Jessica on 400965 or e-mail jessbell20@hotmail.com.

Jenny Mouser
Chairperson ☎ 400411



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Crime Update. I start usual summary of incidents since last News, not so much in hope that anyone can help police solve these, but to make residents aware that crime is about us and need for vigilance and precautions (these are just the incidents NhW are aware of):

- Lorry load of tyres tipped in Pan Lane (March).
- Garage entered on Highfields Mead, intruder alarm activated waking occupants but garage door damaged (March).
- Village shop burgled causing £1,750 of damage (March).
- Two residents' garages broken into same night (Lawns-March).
- About 10 tons of car-breaker's waste tipped in Back Lane (April).
- Garden shed broken into, heavy garden equipment taken (May).
- Garden shed broken into and ride-on-mower taken (May).
- Children's bikes stolen (Catherine Close-May).

In the case of one of the two garden shed break-ins, the criminals drove a four by four vehicle across a field and cut through a boundary hedge to enter the property. This isn't the first time we have seen criminals drive across fields and through hedges/fences to gain rear access to an outbuilding.

Going away for a holiday – Intruder Alarm fitted?

Last summer a number of residents complained about the house alarms of people on holiday continually sounding, causing huge annoyance. As well as usual precautions (leave some lights on timers, cancel milk/papers, close windows, don't draw curtains, lock garage door and side gates etc) please leave your neighbour with key / instructions on how to disable a faulty intruder alarm.

Scams and Fraud

☆ HRMRC payment due?

HMRC and Action Fraud have warned that this kind of "phishing" is expected to continue in the coming months as genuine tax refunds are issued at the end of the tax year and criminals take advantage by sending out phishing emails and text messages. The emails and texts with links which take victims to fake websites where their personal and financial information can be stolen. HMRC only informs you about tax refunds through the post or through your pay via your employer

☆ **Football fan?** Beware – Action Fraud say several rogue websites are offering 2018 FIFA World Cup tickets for sale at highly inflated prices.

☆ **TV service provider update?** The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) have noticed an increase in fraudsters cold-calling victims offering a discount on their tv service provider subscriptions, a service upgrade, or subscription renewal, in order to obtain personal and bank account details. Later, victims discover the fraudster has made transactions using the victim's bank account.

☆ **Just say No to cold callers!** Essex Police have noted an increase in Rogue Traders and offer the following advice: Rogue Traders will typically cold call and state you need Roof repairs, Lawn work; Driveways power washed / repaired; Fence repairs; Garden services, Tree lopping; and Waste clearance (we've even had rats infestation). They may claim to know your neighbours or to have done work for them. Often the work they offer didn't need doing or will poorly carried out or it will be vastly overpriced; and will have no guarantees. Too often they target vulnerable elderly people. If you think you've been taken in by a rogue trader call Essex Police on 101 (or use police web site reporting). You can use Trading Standards website via Citizens Advice and their Buy with Confidence number 08454 040506 or website URL: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/report-to-trading-standards/> to find approved bona fide traders.

NhW distributed "No-Cold-Caller" self-adhesive door labels with the Spring copy of the News – hopefully you have used them but let me know if more are required via NhW email below.

National Rural Crime Survey

East Hanningfield is classed as a rural area. The National Rural Crime Network (28 Police & Crime Commissioners with significantly rural constituencies) consider rural areas 'soft targets' for criminals and have launched national survey to gain greater recognition and understanding of impact of crime in rural communities. Questions cover a range of issues – Do you think crime has gone up or down? Do you feel safer? What's your view of the police in your community? The survey is open until Sunday 10 June website on this website URL: <http://www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net/research/internal/2018survey/>

Speeding: If you are a resident with an A3 size Slow "Down Through



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Village” signs on your black wheelie bin, you should also now have received a new “30mph” self-adhesive A3 sign for your brown wheelie bin – if you haven’t yet had one, contact me at NhW email address below.

NhW Team/Meetings: NhW are still looking for a point-of-contact to join us from Coude Dennis estate and Abbey Fields. Involvement just means receiving/passing local crime alerts (mainly email), and a quarterly meeting. Contact me (Clinton Close), David Rackham (Old Church Rd) or David Shrouder (Highfield Mead) if you are interested or would like more information - there should be one of us at Fete on 30th June. The next (quarterly) NhW team meeting is 20th June, 8pm in the Bethel Church meeting room. Contact me if you would like to come along.

Email Alerts & General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Lastly, about 110 residents receive NhW local email alerts. The number is creeping up but it would be great if we could increase this so contact me at NhW email address below if you would like to be included. A new data protection regulation came into force from 25 May 2018 and we would like to reassure those in receipt of our local NhW email crime alerts/information that we do not keep recipient’s details, other than a person’s email address, and our policy remains that we will never share this with any other organisation, including other NhW organisations.




Mike Plumridge
NhW Co-ordinator ☎ 400628
Email: NHWEastHanningfield@outlook.com.

VILLAGE DIARY

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JUNE

- Sun 3 **9am BCP COMMUNION** with Rev. Terry Brown at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 6 **BROWN BIN, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**
- Sat 9 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 10 10am **PET SERVICE** at All Saints' Church. Bring your pets in cages or on leads, horses on the green. 🐾
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tues 12 2.25-2.55 **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park.
- Wed 13 **BLACK BIN, Green Box & Card Sack**
- Sun 17 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** assisted by Rev. Sandy Southee at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 20 **BROWN BIN, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**
2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall. Natter Afternoon.
- Sun 24 10am **MORNING WORSHIP WITH BAPTISM** at All Saints' Church, assisted by Rev. Dan Pierce new priest for Beaulieu Park
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 27 **BLACK BIN, Green Box & Card Sack**
2 for 2.30pm **WI STRAWBERRY TEA** at the WI Hall
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- Return Fete Draw Ticket stubs to shop or 2 Clinton Close
- Thu 28 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Sat 30 1.30-5pm **VILLAGE FETE** at Hanna's Field



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JULY


- Sun 1 9am **BCP COMMUNION** with Rev. Terry Brown at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 3 2.25-2.55 **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park.
- Wed 4 **BROWN BIN, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**
- Sun 8 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 11 **BLACK BIN, Green Box & Card Sack**
- Sat 14 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 15 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Church assisted by Rev. Kate Moore.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 17 9.15am **LEAVERS ASSEMBLY**
for the School at All Saints' Church
- Wed 18 **BROWN BIN, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**
2pm **WI MEETING** at the WI Hall. Speaker: Capt. K. Lumbers on the Trinity House Story.
- Sun 22 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 24 2.25-2.55 **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park.
- Wed 25 **BLACK BIN, Green Box & Card Sack**
- Thu 26 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall.
- Sun 29 10am **MORNING WORSHIP WITH TEDDY BEARS** at All Saints' Church. Bring your favourite bear.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 31 10am-12 noon **PLAY IN THE PARK** for children aged 0-11 years. Under 6s must be accompanied by an adult carer.



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AUGUST

- Wed 1 **BROWN BIN, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**
- Sun 5 9am **BCP COMMUNION** with Rev. Terry Brown at All Saints' Church
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 7 10am-12 noon **PLAY IN THE PARK** for children aged 0-11 years. Under 6s must be accompanied by an adult carer.
- Wed 8 **BLACK BIN, Green Box & Card Sack**
- Sat 11 11am-1pm **CAFE BAR** at Bethel Church
- Sun 12 10am **MORNING WORSHIP** at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Tue 14 10am-12 noon **PLAY IN THE PARK** for children aged 0-11 years. Under 6s must be accompanied by an adult carer.
2.25-2.55 **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Village Hall car park.
- Wed 15 **BROWN BIN, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**
 2pm **WI GARDEN PARTY** at Dunnock Cottage.
- Sun 19 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** assisted by Rev. Tim Ball the new Area Dean for Chelmsford South. Come and meet him at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
1.30pm onwards **BETHEL PICNIC** at Hanna's Field
- Wed 22 **BLACK BIN, Green Box & Card Sack**
- Thu 23 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the 1st floor Meeting Room at the Village Hall. Please use side door.
- Sun 26 10am **SONGS OF PRAISE** at All Saints' Church. Bring a chair as it will be outside if weather is OK. Sing your favourite hymns. Ring 466534 for something special you would like.
10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE** at Bethel Church
- Wed 29 **BROWN BIN, Paper Sack, Plastics & Cartons Bag**



White Elephant Stall

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CHELMSFORD FESTIVAL

Chelmsford
Festival of Art
and Culture –
Saturday 23
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23rd June - 1st July 2018

Chelmsford Festival of Art and Culture is a new family festival full of music, art and dance. The festival will launch in the town centre on Saturday, 23 June with a host of entertaining activities, and will include after that, a week long, city-wide programme of art and cultural events.

The fun will consist of art exhibitions, music performances, a carnival parade, storytelling, circus performers, ghost walks, science, dance and art workshops, and much more. Other highlights include the Sound of Essex Festival (a youth music festival to celebrate music from schools across Essex) and the Chelmsford River Festival, including the dragon boat race. (River Chelmer where it runs through Backnang Square (Back of Meadows Shopping Centre) Sunday, 1st. July 10am to 4pm.

Chelmsford Festival is a community-led, charitable initiative run by local volunteers working collectively to bring the community of Chelmsford together.

For more information, find us on Facebook or visit our website at chelmsfordfestival.org



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CANON CHRISTINE –ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Dear Friends,

As some of you may know I was a teacher of Religious Education in secondary school, before I took up work as a minister in the Church of England. One of the things we had to look at as part of the curriculum, was what a priest did.



Generally the students thought this was about prayer and worship and being in the church and did not see much outside of a lot of praying and things like that. When questioned they began to see it involved a lot more, and since I have been here at East Hanningfield I have very much experienced that in practice.

Some of the questions I asked the students were about sick people, lonely people, people who cannot get out of the house much, children in school and what they can learn about RE from a priest. There was also the sort of places a priest might visit, hospitals, community organisations, work places, those with addictions, those with disabilities, local councils, pre- schools, nurseries etc., etc. It soon became obvious that if a priest was to practise what s/he preached, then to love and care for people meant seeing them and helping them. All this was on top of seeing the church building was OK and the church yard kept up. Of course there are some people to help, Gil our Warden for one, but the minister is the hub from which all of this must emanate if it is to happen. I am fortunate as there is a small though good team of people at All Saints, always room for more of course. The Parish Council is also very supportive to the church yard.

Sometimes I feel that the community at large fails to give the church (meaning national church), the credit it deserves. Most churches have members as well as the minister, visiting all sorts of people, and trying to run clubs or activities to support them. Society does seem to be encouraging volunteering but things like visiting the sick, and the lonely or

reading to someone who has poor sight or helping with a bit of gardening or cleaning, seem to get forgotten. At the time of writing the media has announced that humanoid robots are being experimented with in a care home to offer interaction with elderly people. My feeling on that is, it is very, very, sad. I know care is expensive, it certainly shows the great need, for caring volunteers.

So please remember we do things, we do not just talk about them, and it can be a great privilege. I have learned so much from the people I have visited over the years and enjoyed listening to them.

It is certainly good to talk and to listen. Around the world at the moment there are many problems and to keep a dialogue going is important. Occasionally the unexpected happens for the good, and it is my belief that God works through people at all levels to bring healing and help, dissipate anger and calm the trouble brow with tea, flowers a hug or whatever it might be.



As Christians we do need to meet together for strength to support the things that need doing in the world, and for a bit of divine inspiration, prayer is important. We also need to learn from Biblical scripture what others did in the past to help solve their problems, in the local community and further afield. You find in the Bible people do not change much down the years and the things they get up to are much the same! It is good to meet together in church and to know things that are important to pass on down the generations. Unless we tell the stories and pass on the values we believe in who will? Our Christian culture depends on people to live it and pass it on. We need to show that it is something worth doing – that is a great responsibility.

Yes I do, but not so much that I am like the children thought at first. Be-



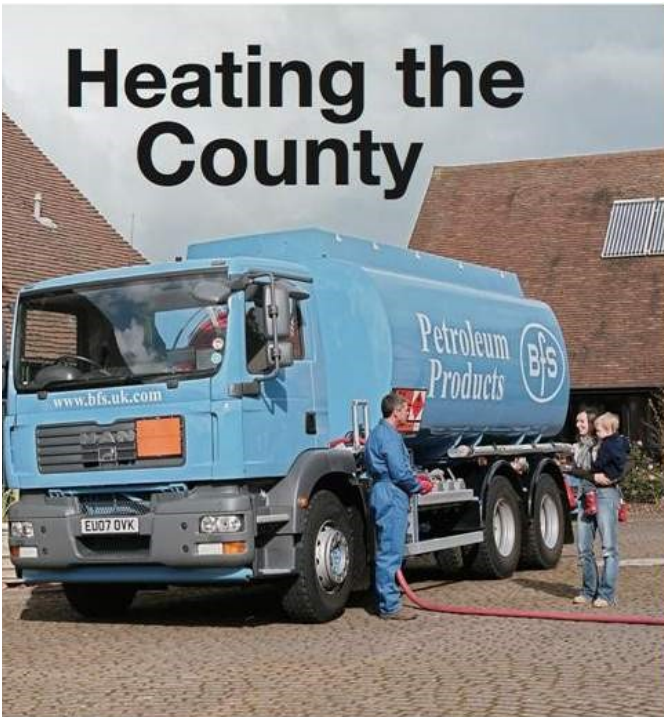
ing in the community and with the children is very important to me. I look forward to seeing you around and helping out where I can. See you at the fete on Saturday June 30th. Fundraising is important too!

My love to you all,
Canon Christine

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FROM THE CHURCHWARDEN

Church loo? An emotive subject but in recent years it appears to be considered a vital facility that many churches are being asked to provide for their visitors. We don't have a suitable place to site one inside, even if we wished to! Now we have an ideal place in our churchyard approved by the Diocese and have waited some months to get planning permission from Chelmsford City Council with the relevant mountain of paperwork.

Thanks to an award-winning innovative design by a Welsh company called Natsol, we are having an eco-composting toilet which is wheelchair and disabled friendly. Other clients include Royal Parks, National Trust, Forestry Commission, Environment Agency, allotment sites and remote churches. However we believe we are the first church in Essex to have one like this!

It is very environmentally friendly as it is chemical free, waterless, does not need power or connection to any mains services. No smells, no noise, no risk of blocked or freezing pipes. It is low maintenance and has virtually no running costs. I have spoken to people who have had one for some years and they sing its praises!

So once all the necessary paperwork has been dealt with, hopefully in the next few weeks rather than months, we look forward to providing church visitors with FACILITIES! I finish with a poem penned by a Norfolk churchgoer which seemed very apt for our church too.

“There comes a time in all our lives,
As everyone will know
When the call of nature beckons
You really have to go.
But tell me someone if you will,
Whatever do you do
When the call of nature beckons
And you cannot find a loo!
So dig deep into your pockets
And give a pound of two
For one day that desperate person
Could easily be you!

Gil Gordon

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COMMUNITY LIVING—BETHEL CHURCH

As the day of the Village Fete draws closer, I have been blown away by the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes in order for it to take place. I have attended some of the fete planning meetings and what has impacted me most is the community spirit. I won't embarrass individuals, but the dedication of some of our village folk is truly commendable.

The village life dynamic has changed over the years, as more and more people are wanting to move away from the hustle and bustle of town and city living. The thing that defines a village is not necessarily the leafy lanes and the local pub, but the community itself. East Hanningfield is blessed with such lovely people, people who care for others and look out for each other.

It is apparent that community is not some peripheral Christian teaching but is central to the outworking of God's purpose in the world. God is glorified when He is properly reflected; by dwelling in unity, we rightly image our communal Maker.

We read in the Gospels that among Jesus' final words before the cross was a prayer for the unity of His people, a unity expressive of the unity found within the godhead (John 17:21-22). We know from the testimony of the early church that community was the natural result of the Spirit's influence upon the Church (Acts 2:42-47).

In being obedient to this calling, we at Bethel Church urge each member to be deeply involved in the lives of others, to "do life together." Unfortunately, we have not always done a great job of explaining exactly what this phrase means. But our hope for us is not that we would simply hang out with each other, but rather, that we would engage in a battle for deep and abiding relationships.

We find the following characteristics to be particularly indicative of biblical community:

Love—Love can be a rather ambiguous term. We love our spouses, our children, our dogs, our fish and chips, and our favourite football team. Surely, we do not mean the same thing in each use of the term? Five times in letter of 1st John, the apostle writes that believers are to love one another. However, he does not leave the command in ambiguity. Rather, he qualifies the command by showing that love is best represented by the sending of the Son to die for our sins and thus is inherently sacrificial (1 John 3:16-18). Let us love in truth and deed and not

merely in word. Love which is not sacrificial is really not love.

Consistency—The early church pictured in the book of Acts met daily to encourage each other and worship together. Hebrews 10 tells us to not neglect meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, while chapter 4 tells us to exhort one another daily. A clear Scriptural admonition exists toward long lasting relationships and deeply consistent presence in the lives of others.

Worship—The early church spent its time in engaging in celebration of the Lord and the remembrance of the gospel through the means of grace which were provided. We therefore find it essential for biblical community to be about the pursuit of the Lord through the Lord's Supper, prayer, singing and the reading and teaching of the Scriptures.

Authenticity—Given the characteristics of community, what are the practical implications that makes it authentic? While the list could be quite extensive, a large number of the requirements could easily be seen by doing a thorough search of the dozens of "one another" passages especially within the New Testament. Such passages tell believers to:

- Love one another (John 13:34, 15:12)
- Outdo one another in showing honour (Romans 12:10)
- Live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16)
- Comfort and agree with one another (2 Corinthians 13:11) -
- Serve one another (John 13:1-20; Galatians 5:13)
- Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)
- Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32)
- Submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21)
- Be honest with one another (Colossians 3:9)
- Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Confess to one another (James 5:16)
- Pray for one another (James 5:16)

Bethel Church wants its members to live Christianly. We want to be distinct in the way in we work, speak, think, rest and play. We want to do those things which glorify our gracious Lord and Savior. To properly reflect His communal nature and to follow His communal commands, we must as a people engage in fellowship which is sacrificially loving, consistent, worshipful, and authentically transparent. In this way, we seek to "do life together."

Bethel Church will be flipping the burgers at the village fete this year. Come and say hello.

Roydon Hearne

EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The birds are singing, beautiful flowers are nodding their heads and at long last our lost sun has appeared. I have celebrated by casting off my wellies.

URGENT REQUEST

Your W.I. is going to run the cake stall this year at our Village Fete. The aim is to raise funds to support the many facilities our village offers its residents and other communities around us. I therefore ask politely and on bended knee (Zimmer frame is at hand to help me up again) if you will make cakes big and small (for little hands) that we can sell on the day of the fete. Although the W.I. will be contributing hopefully in numbers, we would like this to be a big success and therefore we need your help too. We will be most grateful.

I hope to bring our Memory Book to the fete this year. It gives a very full and detailed account of how we spent our 100th birthday year. Do come and take a look I think you will be pleasantly surprised how vibrant East Hanningfield W.I. is.

Our last meeting at the time of writing was our AGM. Our financial year has been changed by the Federation to cover the period from January to December rather than the financial year. Following a challenging year, apart from our major birthday, we showed a loss. I had to reassure members this was only 9 months and we were solvent, but at present the demands of the hall keep us treading deep waters.

The spirits were lifted when the whole committee of 5 members and their President agreed to stand for a further year. The only person the membership has to vote for on the day is their President. I have to stand down each year and wait for their decision. Of course I always nominate someone else (hope stands eternal – I jest). I am pleased to report I am the W.I. President for another year with only one vote



against me.

We will of course have a new President at some stage in the future. It is not good for any organisation to be lead by the same people all the time. It needs new approaches and innovations to survive and apart from that it is good fun. My committee involve our members at every opportunity. Our raffles have to be seen to be believed. There are great benefits by being involved you get to know the community you live in and are able to help keep it alive and well. Come and see us sometime you will be most welcome.

Last year while emptying my compost bin on the garden, I noticed that all the tea bags were still totally intact. A light bulb moment told me they had plastic in their production. Of course this is now well known as the major tea manufacturers are starting to look into the eradication of plastic in their product. Our little W.I. is going to become more proactive in the fight against plastic. It is this years Resolution adopted by the whole of the W.I. organisation. We are going to offer assistance in the development of one cup tea bags that do not use plastic. Yorkshire Tea in particular has been a big supporter of the W.I. and our W.I. still uses their tea, so these are the people we shall offer our assistance too. I will keep you informed of the progress of this project.

We meet every month our dates are in the dairy. We are ladies who have fun. We welcome any new member who can come as a guest initially to suss us out. Gentlemen you would be most welcome to attend our special events too. In the meantime take full advantage of this burst of summer and take care.

Flora Virgoe
W.I. President
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Christmas Cover Competition next term!

We don't have permission to give you the name of the artist of the winning Litter Poster, shown above, or of the winner of the Anti-smoking poster shown right.

Well done both of you and the other entrants to the competition.



This term pupils in Class 4 have been studying the Victorians and had the option to make a Victorian House for their homework. This one came complete with outside privy in the back yard.

Meanwhile Class 3 were studying the Stone Age and some constructed caves for their homework. This one seems to be inhabited by a fur wearing stone age man.



PRESCHOOL

We have been having a term of highs and lows. As I am sure many of you know, we sadly lost Moira Chaston, one of our staff members at the end of April. It came as a great shock to us all and she is sadly missed by all the staff and also all the children.

On a brighter note Gloria Martin, Deputy Supervisor, celebrated 20 years of dedicated service to the Pre-school and she was awarded a Long Service Award. In front of all the children and staff she was given a medal, present and certificate by Serene Brown, Supervisor and Michelle Patrick, Secretary of the Pre-school Committee.



We ended last term with our usual Easter Bonnet/Hat competition. There were so many brilliant entries that it was difficult to choose winners, but we managed and 1st prize went to Tom, 2nd prize to Summer and 3rd prize to Chloe, so well done to them and to all the other children too.

This term we have been learning all about growing and are currently in the process of hatching some butterflies from caterpillars. We will then be concentrating on mini beasts and then practising for our annual sports day later in June.

Our pre-school is proving very popular at the moment and we are currently taking names for our waiting list for September and 2019. If you would like to find out more about the Pre-school our website is www.easthanningfieldpreschool.org.uk, or if you would like to come for a visit please contact us on 07732951613, or email us at ehps1@live.co.uk

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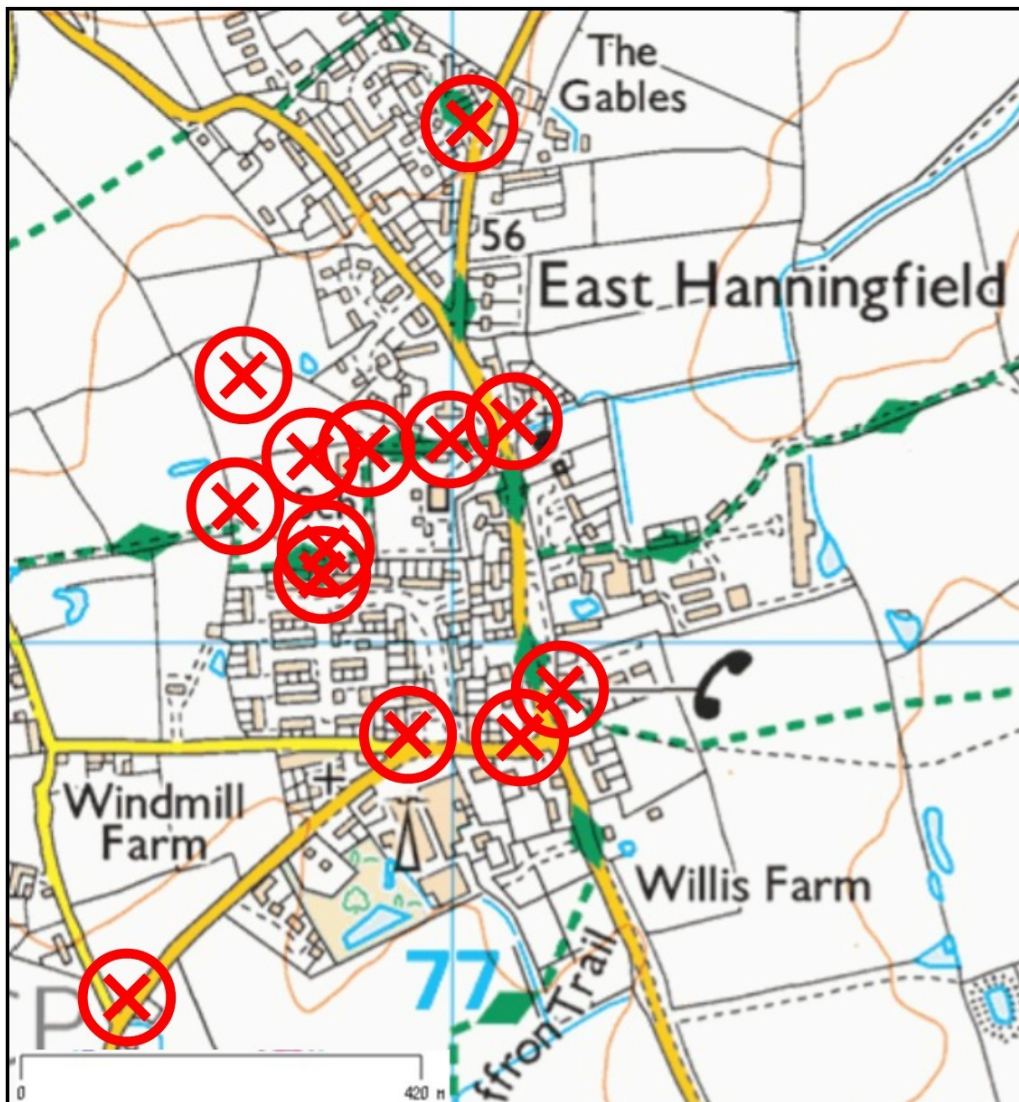
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