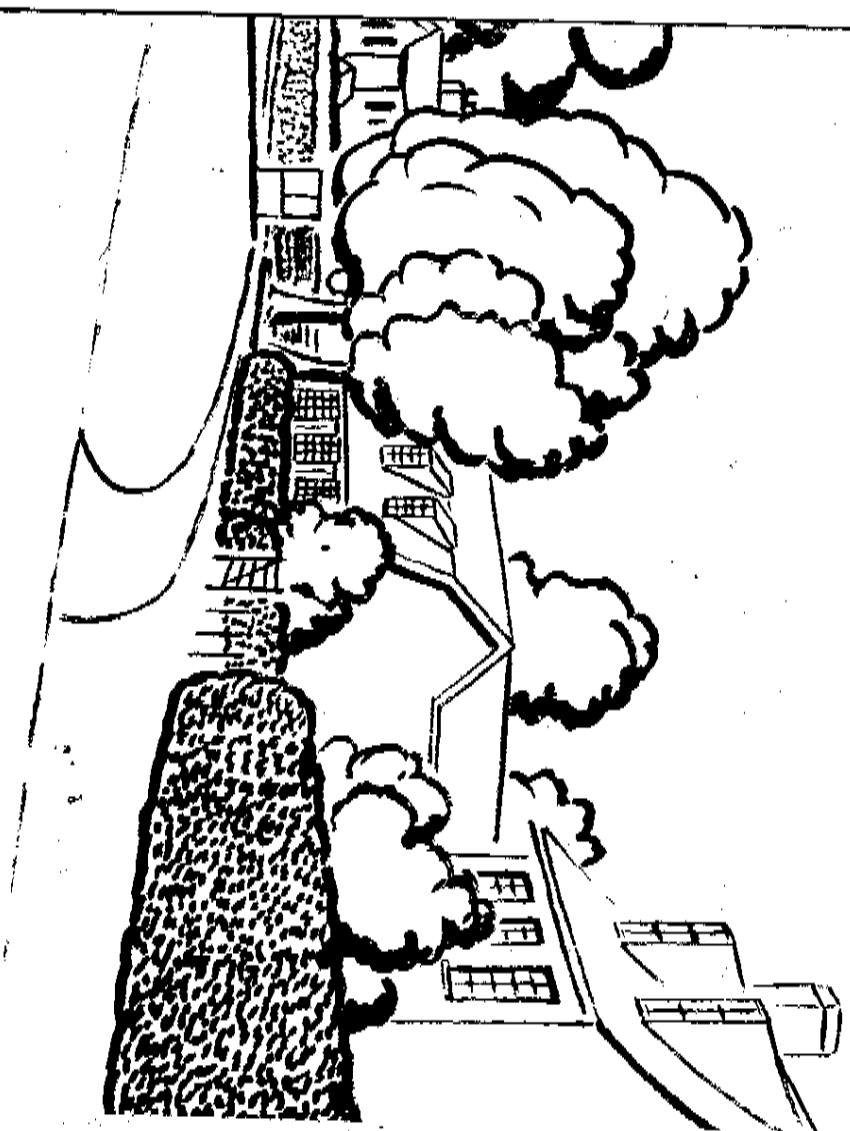


# East Hanningsfield News



No. 1

Summer 1974

This is the first of a series of Village Newsletters, to be published periodically, the purpose of which is to keep everyone in touch with events and provide, what we hope will be a useful information sheet. If you have any items of news or other information which you would like included in future editions, please contact Belinda Dixon at Rails Farmhouse, telephone 400684.

On the front of this Newsletter is a village scene. We need other similar black and white drawings of the village for use at a later date, so budding artists get to work - your efforts will be most welcome!

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Sixth Annual Country Show is being held on SATURDAY, 13th JULY. Included in this year's event is a Driving Display and Hovercraft takeoff, and of course, in the evening there is dancing in the Big Top. Unfortunately not to Tom Collins Jazzmen as advertised in the Country Show Programme, but to the Original Eastside Stompers, who are just as good. Tickets for the dance are obtainable from Alex Hendry at Thriftwood, The Tye, telephone 400611.

On SATURDAY, 10th AUGUST there is a Barbecue & Disco Dance organized by the Playgroup. This was a very successful event last year, so make a note in your diary now to come this time. Tickets are available from Sheila Evance at 3, Clinton Close, Ashley Green, telephone 400576.

Another Go Kart Grand Prix is being organized by the Community Centre Appeal Committee. This is to be held on SUNDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, and if you would like to try driving a Kart in one of the races, please contact Alan Dixon, tel 400684, as soon as possible.

#### VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

We already have a Football Team and Cricket Team in the village, but the most recent activity is a Ladies Netball Team. So if you feel like a little exercise ladies, contact Christine Harris at 46, Ashley Green, and she will have you playing in no time!

Sunday School is held regularly at the Bethel Mission Hut, Old Church Road. All children are welcome. For more information contact Mr. & Mrs. Smith at Sharon, Old Church Rd. If you like singing, now is your chance to join the Church Choir. Both young and old are needed.

A Playgroup, catering for children between the ages of 3-5 is held at the Rectory on four mornings a week. If you would like more information, please contact Belinda Dixon.

Cubs, Scouts and Brownies all exist in the village, but no Girl Guides. Is there anyone willing to help run the Guides? If so, please get in touch with Myrtle Ham at the Police House.

Womens Institute Meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday in the month. If you would like to join go along one evening.

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#### USEFUL INFORMATION

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From 1st August, special concessionary fares are to be available for pensioners and certain groups of disabled people. Details are not yet to hand, but Mrs. Farmer, Clerk of the Council, will have them very soon.

As you know there are seven Parish Councillors, and each has been given a job in the community. If you have any problems you would like to discuss with them, their respective jobs are:- Alex Hendry - Traffic and road safety; Brian Ruffell - Planning and development; Rev Ost - Education;

Alan Dixon - amenities: Mr. Mitchell - finance: Mr. Lovegrove  
village improvements: Stan Bird - highways and footways.

NEWS

The Boys Football Team have been accepted for the Chelmsford  
Mini League next season.

Your village has been entered for the Best Kept Village  
Competition again this year. Last year we did extremely  
well and received a Certificate of Merit in the Small  
Villages Section. Judging is now taking place, so let's try  
and see if we can do even better this year.

The Parish Council recently carried out a survey of traffic  
passing through the village during an 11 hour period commencing  
at 6.00 a.m., in the hope of banning heavy lorries from  
using our village roads. The results of the survey showed  
that out of a total of 2,898 traffic movements through the  
village, there was an average of 1 heavy lorry every 3 minutes.

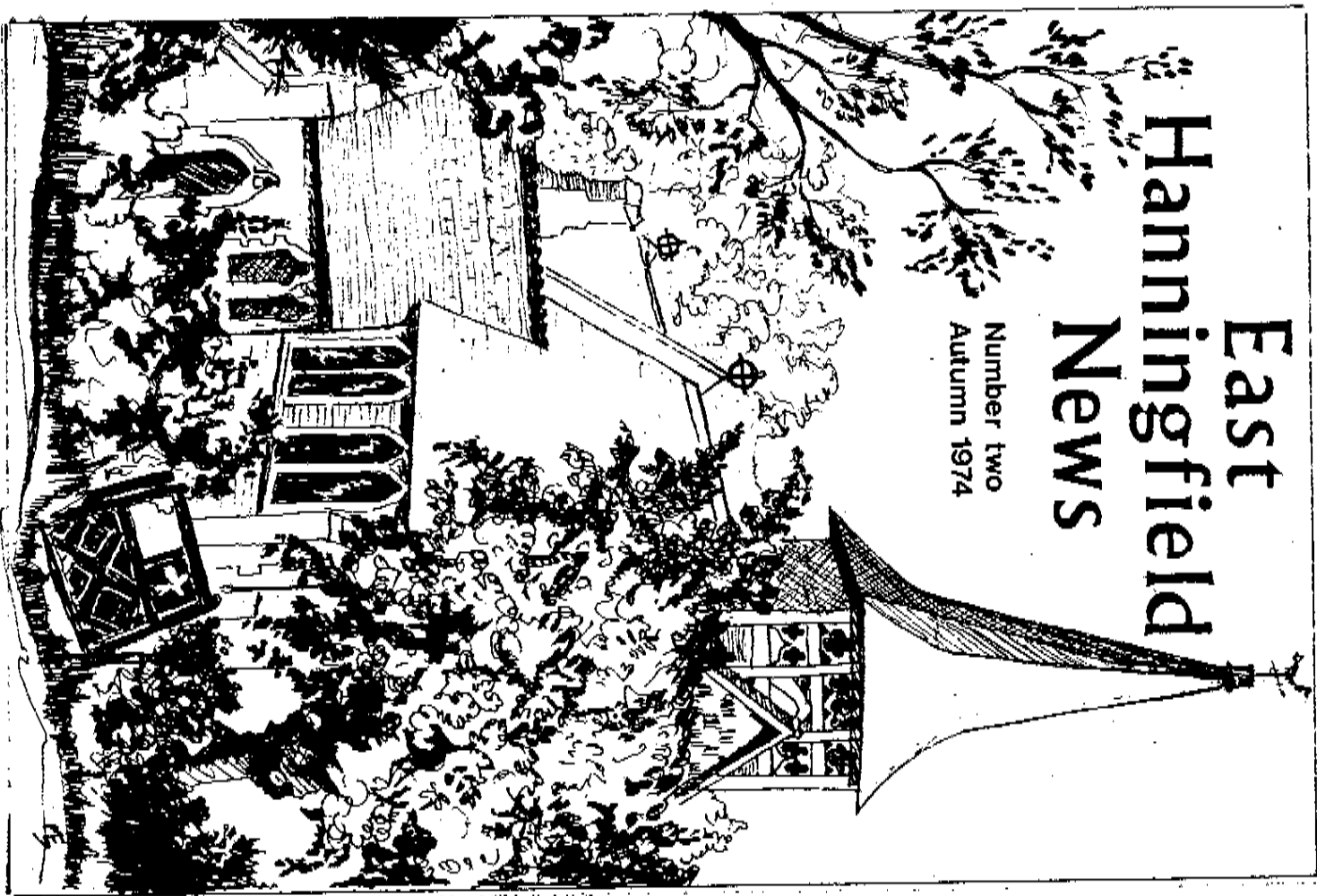
RATES

In view of the swingeing and unjustifiable increase in the  
recent general rate demand, which has effectively placed rate  
payers in the rural areas of the new Chelmsford District,  
including East Hanningfield, on a town rate basis, without  
all the amenities of a town, your Parish Council decided to  
protest but felt that East Hanningfield was too small to go  
it alone in any such protest. It was decided therefore, to  
request the assistance and support of the Essex Association  
of Parish Councils. The matter was accordingly raised by  
your Council at the Association's Chelmsford District meeting  
recently, which was attended by representatives of all the  
other parishes in the area. As a result of this general  
discussion, the Association is to ask for a meeting with the  
Treasurers of both the Chelmsford District and Essex County  
Councils, at which a full and detailed explanation of  
expenditure will be given, and you may be assured that your  
Parish Council will press for economies.

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# East Hanningfield News

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EAST HANNINGFIELD CHURCH

We are very sorry that so many readers did not receive the first Newsletter which was published early in July. Some of the information which was contained in the first edition is therefore included on the back page of this issue. Different distribution arrangements have been made this time, so we hope you all get a copy!

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On SATURDAY, 26th OCTOBER a Jumble Sale will be held in the W.I. Hall at 2.30 p.m. Your support is invited and all proceeds are for Church Funds.

The Womens' Institute invite you to a Beetle Drive at 7.00 p.m. on 31st OCTOBER. Adults 15p. Children 7½p.

On FRIDAY, 1st NOVEMBER the East Hanningfield Community Centre Appeal Committee have chosen Halloween as the theme for their Supper Dance at the School. Tickets, price £1.25, are obtainable from Alan Dixon at Ralls Farmhouse, or Ray Harvey at 5, Scarles Croft.

The Playgroup are holding a Christmas Bazaar at the W.I. Hall on SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER starting at 2.30 p.m. There will be toys, decorations, stocking fillers, in fact all things for Christmas.

A Remembrance Day Service is being held at the Church on SUNDAY, 10th NOVEMBER at 10.50 a.m.

The W.I. are holding a Bargain Party on 19th NOVEMBER at 8.00 p.m.

The Supporters Association of the Scout Group are holding a Disco Dance at the School on SATURDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER. Tickets are obtainable from Brian Reade at 14 Ashley Green.

On 30th NOVEMBER the W.I. are holding a Christmas Fair at 2.30 p.m. Have a go on the Tombola as well as buying your gifts, decorations, cakes etc.

On SUNDAY, 15th DECEMBER at 3.00 p.m. a Family Service is

being held, with children taking part, at the Bethel Mission, Old Church Road.

On SATURDAY, 21st DECEMBER the P.T.A. are holding a Barn Dance at the School. Tickets will be available from Brenda Ruffell at Lea Cottage, The Common, East Hanningfield

A service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held in Church on SUNDAY, 22nd DECEMBER at 3.00 p.m.

Also on SUNDAY, 22nd DECEMBER there will be a Carol Service at the Bethel Mission at 11.00 a.m.

TUESDAY, 24th DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS EVE at 3.00 p.m. at the Church. "The Christmas Story". A short service of story and music for younger children and their parents especially, although all will be welcome. There will also be Carols in Church followed by Midnight Holy Communion at 11.30 p.m.

On CHRISTMAS DAY Church Services will be as follows:- Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m. Shortened Morning Prayer at 11.00 a.m.

Sunday School at the Bethel Mission, Old Church Road is held at 11.00 a.m. for the 3-6 yrs: 7-8 yrs: 9 yrs and over. At 3.00 p.m. on Sundays Gospel Service (please note new winter time). On Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m. Women's Fellowship and 7.30 p.m. Prayer Meetings. An Adventurers Club, for 7 yrs and over, is held on Fridays at 6.00 p.m.

The Sunday School children hope to go Carol Singing again this year, and the proceeds will be sent to T.E.A.R. Fund (The Evangelical Alliance Relief) for TCHAD Project through Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade Missionary Society, as last year.

Parish Council Meetings are held in the School at 8.00 p.m. on the LAST THURSDAY of each month, and time is always allocated for questions from the parishioners.

#### NEWS

The Sewerage Scheme is well under way. The services of

an agent have been arranged to look after the village's interests regarding reinstatement of the village green. Re-seeding will not now take place before the spring.

The Parish Council is doing a survey of parishioners who would be interested in the tenancy of an allotment were there any available. There is a list in the Village Shop to which anyone may add their name, or if more convenient please contact the Clerk by 22nd November.

In the last few months the Councillors have walked the public footpaths in the village, some 13 in all. It has been suggested that next year they be advertized so that parishioners sound in wind and limb may enjoy these walks.

Perhaps some of the older parishioners might be able to help with regard to the bridleway which starts at South Gibbercks. For the past few years this has been known officially as a footpath, and stiles and other obstructions erected to prevent horse riding. However, those with long memories will remember that it was originally a bridleway. If anyone is prepared to make a statement that they have personally known the path to be used for horse riding for at least 20 years, please contact the Clerk.

Parishioners in Ashley Green and Clinton Close whose gardens adjoin the ditch adjacent to the school field, will be interested to learn that the Parish Council is trying to establish who owns the ditch, with a view to improving surface water drainage, and discussions are at present being held with the District and County Councils.

The Parish Council last month was in receipt of a petition from the children of the village critical of the two swings and climbing frame in the recreation area, and asking for additional play equipment. Approaches have been made to the District Council enquiring about aid for such a project. If this is not forthcoming the only other way would be to purchase equipment through the rates, and the Parish Council would be interested to know the feeling of parishioners on this. There are more than 250 children under the age of 18 in the village.

If anyone is interested in purchasing any of the bollards that edged the green at one time, at a cost of 55p each, please contact the Clerk.

Since the first of this year's rates demands was received in April, the Council has tried every way to arrange for the District Treasurer to attend a meeting of all Parish Councils in the Chelmsford area to give a detailed breakdown of the rates and answer questions. A resolution to this effect was passed at a Chelmsford District Meeting of Parish Councils in June, but to no avail. Although the Essex County Treasurer is prepared to attend a meeting, the District Treasurer is not being allowed to by the Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee. For the time being the Parish Council is not pursuing the matter in view of the fact that the rates problem has been taken up at national level.

The number of boys attending the Cubs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Scouts on Fridays has grown so great that more help in running the Group is urgently needed. If you have any interest ladies or gentlemen, please volunteer - don't worry if you have no experience you will soon learn. Talk to Group Scout Leader Brian Reade, telephone Chelmsford 400632 or Group Secretary Alex Hendry, telephone Chelmsford 400611.

If you have a love for small children aged between 3-5 years, then you would be very welcome at the Playgroup. An Assistant Supervisor is required from January on two mornings a week. If you are interested please ring Belinda Dixon, telephone Chelmsford 400684.

The Church Council wish to thank all those who have supported their appeal for bundles of newspaper during the past year - please continue to leave these bundles at the Rectory - the funds are greatly benefitting!

On 1st September, East Hanningfield's gremlin weather struck again, and it rained - hard! Nevertheless, the Community Centre Appeal Committee's Go Kart Grand Prix '74 was not washed out, and a profit of approximately

£430 was realised. This would have been impossible without, the help of a great many people who made things, gave things and did things. To everyone who helped in any way at all, before, during or after the event, the Committee would like to express a sincere "thank you".

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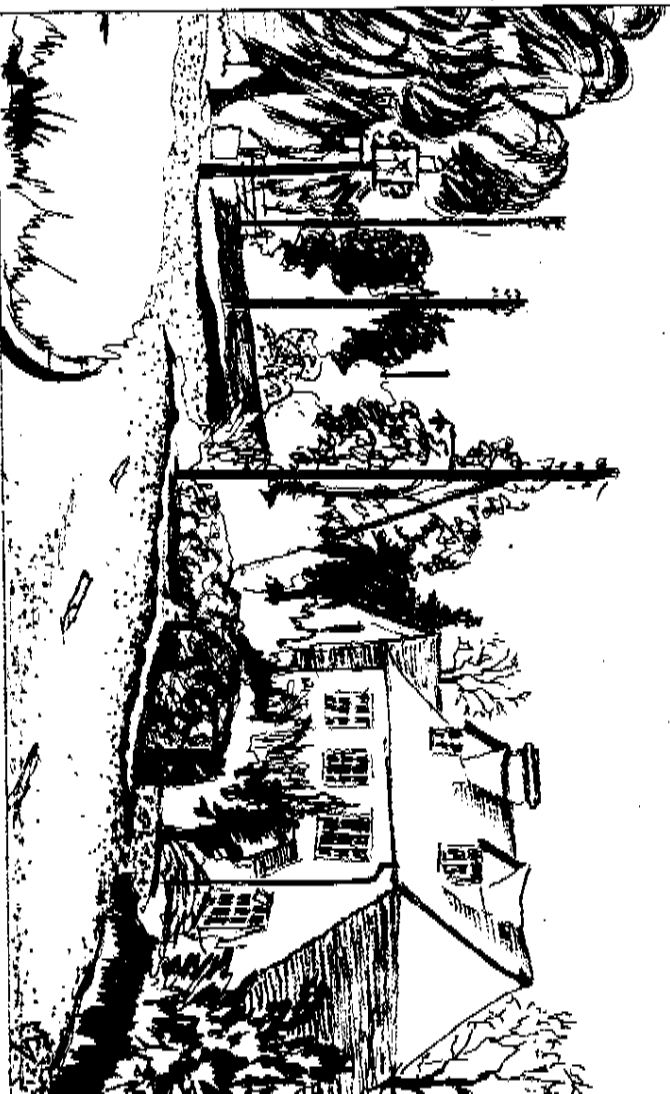
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'The Windmill' East Hanningfield

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

On FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 7th and 8th MARCH, the East Hammingfield Community Centre Appeal Committee have organized a MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION, which is to be held at the Odeon Cinema Ballroom, Chelmsford. Doors will open to the public at noon on Friday until 9.00 p.m., and from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on Saturday. There will be 10 working layouts of varying gauges, model engineering, railway preservation societies, model railway supplies, books, etc. Admission 20p: children and pensioners half price, and a special family ticket at 50p. Do go along, it will be well worth a visit.

The W.I. are holding a Jumble Sale at their Hall on SATURDAY, 22nd MARCH at 2.30 p.m. Any contributions can be taken to the Hall after 10.30 a.m. on the day.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on THURSDAY, 17th APRIL at 8.00 p.m. in the W.I. Hall.

On SATURDAY, 10th MAY the Playgroup are holding a Jumble Sale in the W.I. Hall at 2.30 p.m.

The Annual Church & Sports Club Fete will be held on SATURDAY, 24th MAY in the Rectory garden.

CHURCH SERVICES:

The following services will be held at All Saints Church, East Hammingfield:-

9th MARCH - MOTHERING SUNDAY - at 11.00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and their Sunday School, will be joining the Church congregation for a service, when Mothers will receive the traditional flowers.

23rd MARCH - PALM SUNDAY - at 11.00 a.m. - a Family Service of Holy Communion will include hymns, prayers and blessing for the younger members of the Church.

28th MARCH - GOOD FRIDAY - at 7.30 p.m. Service of Compline.

30th MARCH - EASTER DAY - Holy Communion at 7.00 a.m. and 8.00 a.m. (1662 book), Holy Communion (Series 2) with hymns at 11.00 a.m.

18th MAY - WHIT SUNDAY - Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m. (1662). Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m. (Series 2). Music in Church at 3.00 p.m. with favourite hymns and soloists to be announced.

BETHEL MISSION (Old Church Road)

Easter Services will be as follows:-

THURSDAY, 27th MARCH - 7.00 p.m. Devotional Service, SUNDAY, 30th MARCH - 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Family Services - details later.

7th - 11th APRIL - Holiday Bible Club daily from 10.30 to 12 noon.

Ladies Meetings are held every Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. and an who would like to go would be warmly welcomed.

WANTED:

Unfortunately Mr. Scrivener, the village groundsman, is unable to continue due to ill health. He was doing a splendid job keeping our village neat and tidy. If anyone would be interested in taking over this part time job, please contact Bill Lovegrove, at the Old Post Office, The Tye, East Hammingfield. Tel: 400209.

A Caretaker and gardener is required for the W.I. Hall, Old Church Road. Please ring Danbury 3568 or write to Mrs. Booker at 12, Barbroke Way, Bicknacre, for details.

NEWS:

This year there is to be a Keep Britain Tidy Week starting on 28th April. In an effort to help this campaign, the Parish Council have arranged for a bulk litter container to be placed in the Shop Chase, during the weekend

commencing FRIDAY, 14th MARCH. Please make the most of this opportunity to get rid of all your unwanted rubbish that cannot go easily into the dustbin.

For some considerable time the Parish Council has been in constant touch with the Eastern Electricity Board to make good the street lighting. As all the lights are still not working properly, the Technical Controllers Department of the District Council is to be contacted in the hope of putting things right once and for all.

The sewerage system will be ready for connecting up and fully operational within three months.

The Parish Council has registered a formal objection to the proposed Southern Route Chelmsford By-pass (A.12), and will be giving evidence at the Public Inquiry which is to commence on 11th March.

#### HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS:

Highfields - The Parish Council has fought a lengthy battle over the proposed development of Highfields, and has been successful in reducing the density of houses from 50 originally applied for to 41 on a 6 acre site, which we understand is now going ahead.

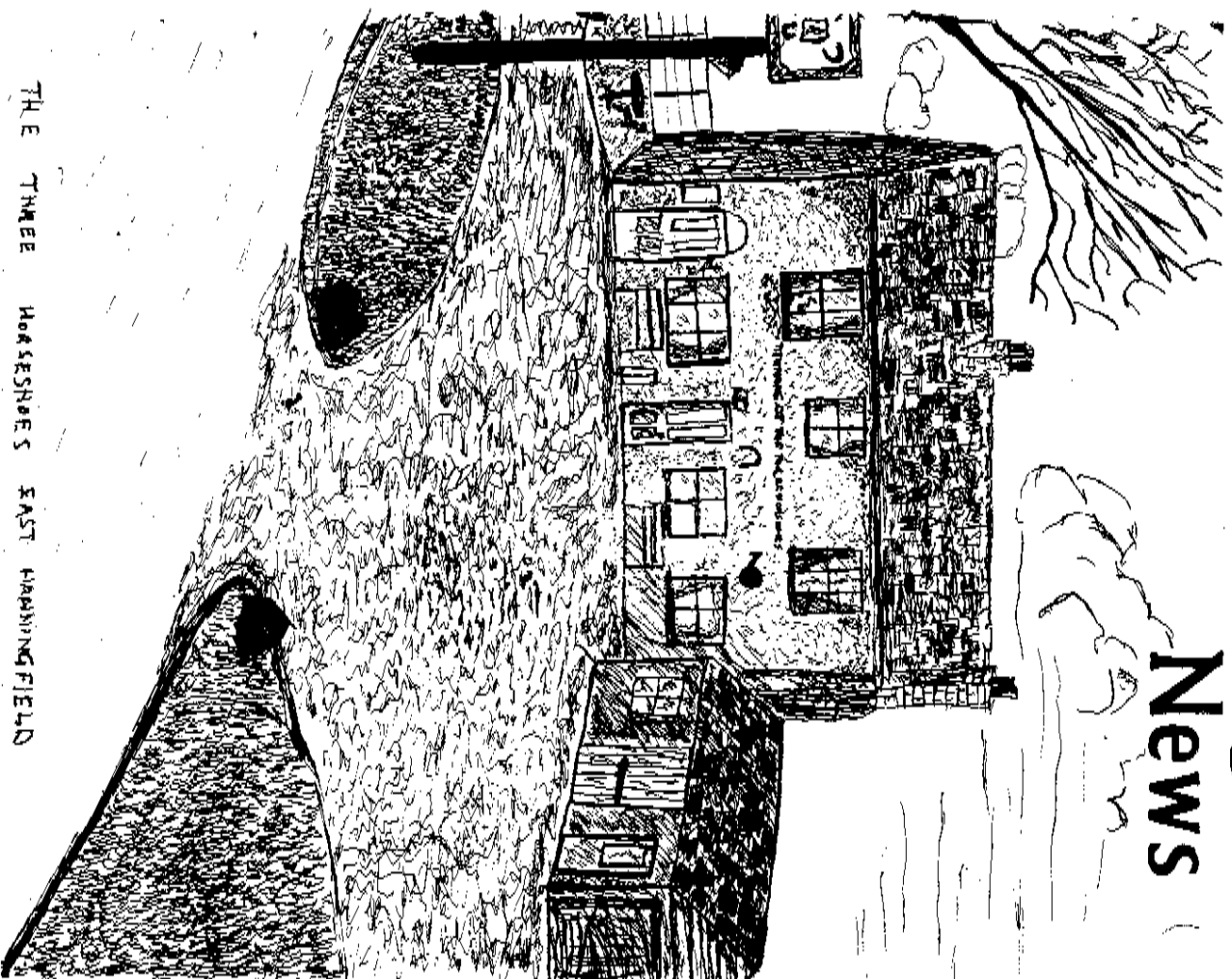
Playing Field - The District Council plan on building 98 dwellings on this 6 acre site, comprising of 44 old peoples Flats and 54 houses, with access from Ashley Green, at a cost of £1,300,000. If this plan were to proceed, not only would the village population be increased by almost half, but overnight we would lose the only area in which our children can play, since the District Council have announced their intention to deprive us of this land from July. As we go to press a Parish Council meeting is to be held at which this subject will be discussed in great detail.

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THE THREE HOUSES EAST HANNINGFIELD  
Mark Goldsworthy Aged 10 years East Hanningfield Primary School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

The East Hanningfield Community Centre Appeal Committee have organized another Wine Bottling Party again this year. It will take place at the Church of England Primary School, East Hanningfield on FRIDAY, 13th JUNE from 8.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. Tickets, price £1.75p (which includes a bottle of wine to take home) are obtainable from Alan Dixon, Rails Farmhouse.

The Church of England Primary School are holding a Sports Afternoon on THURSDAY, 19th JUNE commencing at 1.30 p.m.

On SATURDAY, 28th JUNE a School Fête is being held, commencing at 2.00 p.m. with a Barn Dance in the evening.

The Brownies and Guides in Essex are holding an "Old Time Fayre" Day which is to take place at the Essex Show Ground on SATURDAY, 12th JULY at 2.00 p.m. Many old fashioned side shows and displays, plus fun and games in the ring, will be going on during the afternoon, finishing with a large camp fire. Admission 10p by programme only, obtainable from Mrs. Ham at the Police House, East Hanningfield.

The Playgroup are holding their annual Barbecue & Disco Dance on SATURDAY, 23rd AUGUST. Tickets, price £1.20 will be available from Belinda Dixon, Rails Farmhouse.

Another Go Kart Grand Prix is being organized by the Community Centre Appeal Committee this year, and it will be held on SUNDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER. If you would like to enter a race, which is terrific fun, please contact Alan Dixon, tel 400684, as soon as possible.

The W.I. will be holding a Supper Dance on 3rd or 4th October - details are to be announced later.

Young Wives Meetings are held every other Tuesday. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 17th June, and if you

would like more information please contact Anita Curtis, tel. 400422.

It is possible to hire the Church of England Primary School accommodation for various activities, but applications must be made no later than 14 days for extraneous use of the premises.

CHURCH SERVICES

The following services will be held at All Saints Church, East Hanningfield:-

Every Sunday - Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m. and Morning Prayer at 11.00 a.m. On the 4th Sunday each month Holy Communion (Series 11) takes the place of Morning Prayer.

The Harvest Festival will be held on FRIDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER at 7.30 p.m.

BEVELL MISSION (Old Church Road)

Specials for June

Sunday, 22nd - Family Service at 11.00 a.m. with a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Jim Monk of Leicester.  
Tuesday, 24th - Ladies Rally at 2.15 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. L. Curtis (Belfast) Soloist: Mrs. C. Rodgers (Chelmsford). You will be very welcome at these services.

Regular Worship

Sundays - 11.00 a.m. Sunday School  
6.30 p.m. Gospel Service  
Tuesday - 2.30 p.m. Ladies Fellowship  
7.30 p.m. Prayer Fellowship  
Wednesday 4.15 p.m. Adventurers Club 7-10 yrs.  
7.30 p.m. Club for 11 yrs and over

Please note Sunday School and Clubs will be closed from 13th July to 31st August. Clubs re-open Wed. 3rd Sept.

NEWS:

With regard to the proposed development for council housing on the present playing field in Back Lane, by Chelmsford District Council, whilst recognizing the need for council housing in the village and in the immediate district, your Council nevertheless feels that the development plan as submitted, for 98 dwellings on a 6 acre site, constitutes an over-development far in excess of the known need for housing with density on a town scale. The character of building is also of town style which we feel is inappropriate in a rural district. We are therefore continuing to press for a revised plan of lower density with houses of a style and character better suited to our village than the "Bastidon" style suggested by the C.D.C. architect, and including better houses for pensioners than the small two storey flats proposed. In this view we have gained some support and sympathy already, and in response to our approaches our M.P., Mr. Norman St. John Stevas, has taken up our case with the C.D.C.

Your views on the proposed development can still be put to the District Council, and should be sent to the Planning Officer, Civic Centre, Chelmsford, right away.

Increasing use of Arbor Acres entrance by traffic has meant extra hazard to pedestrians along the Tye. Arbor Acres management has therefore agreed to construct a ramp at their entrance in order to slow traffic down, and your Council are providing the associated warning notices.

As the post of village groundsman remains vacant still, it has been decided to increase the wage offered for this work to 75p per hour. If you are interested, or you know of anyone who might be, will you please contact the Clerk of the Council at 38 Ashley Green.

In the meantime, it will be very evident to everyone how essential a job this is, in keeping the central

village neat and tidy. Although the main green is cut regularly with the gang mower, the contractors have insufficient staff to cope with the detail work of tidying up edges, around trees, roadside verges and the Bridon Close Green. We would greatly appreciate any assistance which parishioners with property adjoining any of our public green places, in trimming the adjacent areas. If everyone so placed were to manage his or her own little piece for the time being, the task would soon be accomplished, and our village would regain its former trim appearance for everyone's benefit.

East Hammingfield is entered for the Best Kept Village Competition once again this year in spite of the general disruption caused by the sewerage scheme. However, the judges will make allowances for this, since it is not only the best kept village that they are seeking, but the tidiest. The village has done well in the competition in previous years, but litter has been one of the factors which have let us down recently, particularly in the bus shelters and phone box. The problem of litter is something with which everyone can help, including the children, so please do your best to keep the village tidy.

On the subject of litter, since the bulk container which we obtained in March was over subscribed, arrangements have been made for the container to be placed in the village again over the weekend of 5th/6th JULY.

There are 12 footpaths within the parish boundary, which will be walked during the course of the next few weeks by individual parish councillors, to ensure that they are kept open. If anyone would like to explore the parish, by accompanying one or other of the Councillors, on any of these delightful walks, please contact the following:-

Mr. Bird - tel. 400254; Mr. Dixon - tel. 400684;

Mr. Hendry - tel. 400611: Mr. Lovegrove - tel. 400209  
Mr. Mitchell - tel. 400224: Mr. Ost - tel. 400217  
Mr. Ruffell - tel. 400338.

The Sewerage Scheme is now complete, and the first connection will be made to the existing Ashley Green estate sewerage system in order to provide the necessary flow. Once this has been done, individual householders will be at liberty to connect, once their plans have been passed by the District Council. This is just a formality, and the necessary forms can be obtained from the Clerk of the Parish Council at 38 Ashley Green, or the Planning Department of the District Council in Chelmsford.

#### EAST HANNINGFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE APPEAL COMMITTEE

The Model Railway Exhibition promoted by the Committee, at the Odeon Cinema Ballroom in Chelmsford at the beginning of March, proved to be the most successful event organized to date. During the two days it was open, over 5,000 people visited the show, and a profit of £567 was brought back to the village for this community project.

The fund in consequence has now passed the £2,000 mark, which has firmly established the viability of the project to provide the village with a permanent children's play ground, a playing field and a village hall. It has also helped to create a credibility for the Committee in the acquisition of land, which is being pursued actively both privately and through the District Council, whilst the Playing Fields Association have taken a positive interest in the village's lack of facilities.

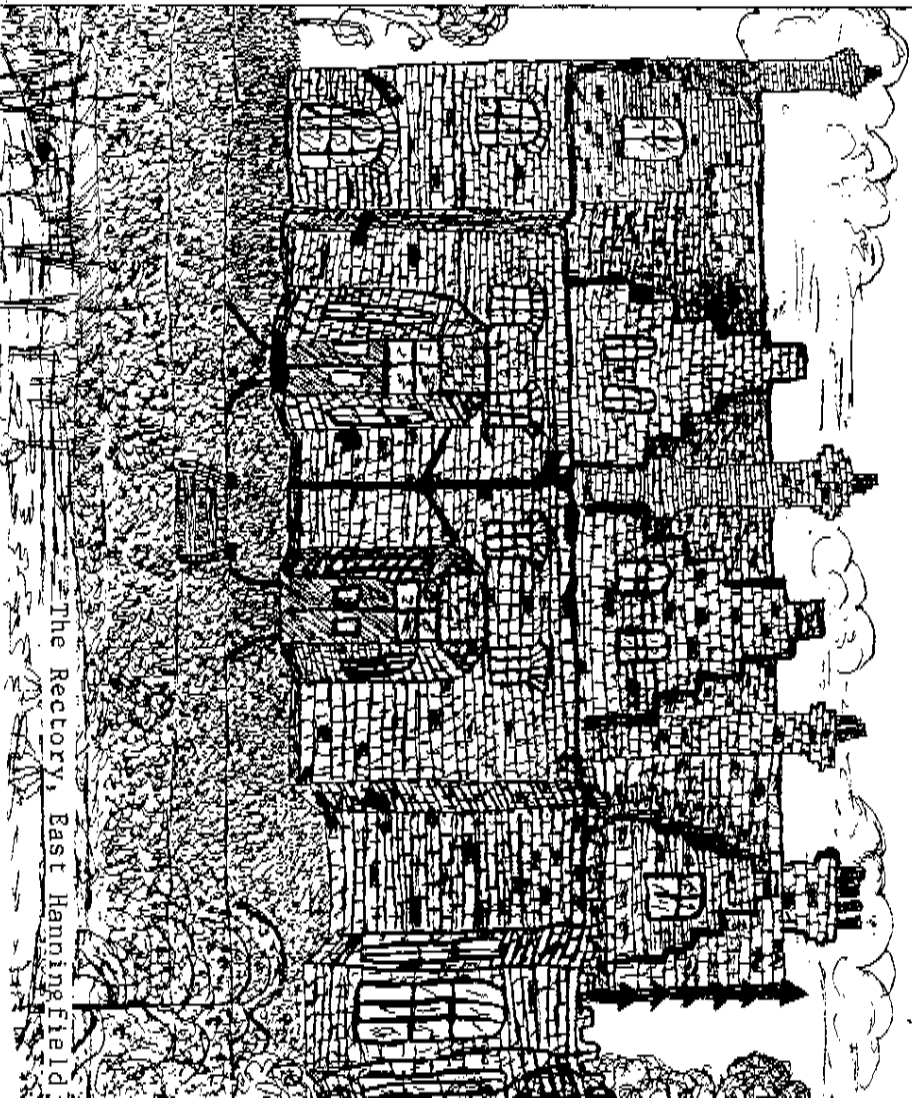
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# East Hanningfield News

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The Rectory, East Hanningfield

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Buy your Christmas gifts at the W.I. Christmas Fair on SATURDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER. Doors open at 2.30 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES:

The following services will be held at All Saints Church, East Hanningfield:-

SUNDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER - Patronal Festival Service at 11.00 a.m.

SUNDAY, 9th NOVEMBER - Remembrance Sunday. Assembly at the War Memorial at 10.50 a.m. followed by service in church.

SUNDAY, 21st DECEMBER - Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at 11.00 a.m. Service of Carols at 7.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 24th DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS EVE - Carols at the Crib - especially for children but all are welcome at 3.30 p.m. Midnight Communion preceded by carols at 11.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY - Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m. Shortened Morning Prayer with carols at 11.00a.m.

N.B - Extra singers are always welcome in the Church Choir (practice at 10.30 a.m. before Morning Service).

BETHEL MISSION (Old Church Road)

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are happy to say that they hope to have their new Church Hall completed and ready for use before the end of the year. This will be a great asset particularly with their work among the children. Services are held regularly and 'Specials' for December are as follows:-

Sunday, 14th - Children's Christmas Service at 11.00 Sunday, 21st - Christmas Carol Service at 3.00 p.m.

Please note the Sunday School and Club will be closed from 17th December and will re-open with Sunday School on 11th January, 1976

NEWS:

COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT, BACK LANE

It was with acute disappointment that your Council received the decision of Chelmsford District Council's Planning Committee to proceed with their original intention to construct 98 houses on this six acre site in Back Lane.

As reported in the last edition of East Hanningfield News, we have not at any time opposed the principle of development for council housing since there is patently a need for such housing. However, we have opposed the detailed proposals in every aspect. Since January of this year your Council has pursued every possible line of approach, and has put forward what was considered to be a suitable alternative plan for the site's development, which would have provided pensioners with bungalows as opposed to two-storey flats; provided a lower density of conventional housing; and included a large play area.

Every member of the full Chelmsford District Council, and both its Housing and its Planning Committees was lobbied during the ensuing months; our Member of Parliament's support was enlisted; and a great weight of opinion in our favour was generated, so much so, that twice the Architect's plan was returned to the Housing Committee for re-consideration. However, in a form hardly altered in any way from that which had earlier been rejected by them, the C.D.C. Planning Committee passed the plans at their meeting on

30th September, when the voting was nine for and nine against, with the Chairman casting her vote in favour of acceptance.

Your Council are still convinced that the plans are wrong for East Hanningfield, and this view is undoubtedly strongly held by those members of the Chelmsford District Council who voted against acceptance of the plans. We are therefore seeking whatever means are open to us, to continue the fight against their implementation.

Whilst a mutually agreeable plan is being sought for the Back Lane council development, your Council has sought and obtained, assurances from the Chelmsford District Council that first priority on the 1st for accommodation in the new estate when it is built, will be given to East Hanningfield families, and individuals particularly those who have been forced to move away to other parts of the district because of the non availability of housing in the village hitherto. Requests for accommodation in the new estate should be addressed to the Housing Manager, Chelmsford District Council, Civic Centre, Chelmsford, and we would be grateful if readers will pass this information on to anyone who may be interested.

The Parish Council are seeking a new Clerk. This entails attending Parish Council Meetings on the last Thursday in each month to take the minutes, various correspondence, telephone calls, liaison, etc, etc. The salary is £170 per annum, plus expenses, and if anyone would like more information, please contact the Chairman, Alex Hendry, at Thriftwood, East Hanningfield, telephone 400611.

Another bulk litter container is to be placed on the village green over the weekend 25th/26th OCTOBER

This year Remembrance Sunday is on 9th November, and arrangements have been made for poppies to be on sale at the Post Office Stores.

EAST HANNINGFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE APPEAL COMMITTEE

The Committee has become philosophical about bad weather: it rained for last year's Go Kart Grand Prix and it rained for our Spring Model Railway Show. When the first heavy rain for several months started to fall on the eve of this year's Go Kart event it seemed almost inevitable therefore, and it was with some relief that a decision was taken to postpone to the following Sunday, 21st September.

The weather on that day fortunately turned out to be beautiful, and in spite of all the difficulties in re-promoting the event, Go Kart Grand Prix '75 was a great success attracting an estimated 2000 people who watched exciting racing, and enjoyed the supporting attractions.

With some accounting still to be completed, a profit in the region of £500 will have been made from the day, and this would have been utterly impossible but for all the help before and during the event, from a great many people, to whom the Committee would like to say a sincere thank you.

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The 1st East Hanningfield Brownies would like to thank all those who sponsored Brownies for their summer walk. You will be pleased to know that they raised nearly £100 towards funds - grateful thanks to everyone.

We are still desperately in need of someone to start a Guide Company in the village. If anyone is interested please contact Myrtle Ham at the Police House.

The Scouts and Cubs too, are always in need of extra leaders, so please contact Brian Reade at 14 Ashley Green, telephone 400632, if you would like to help.

There is a Babysitting Circle organized by the Pjygroup. If anyone would like to join, or obtain more information, please ring Anita Curtis, telephone 400422.

The Playgroup need some willing lady to keep the Playroom neat and tidy. It would only be necessary to spend an hour or so each week. Please contact Anita Curtis, Welland House, Bicknacre Road, East Hanningfield, tel. 400422, if you can help.

There are a few vacancies at the Playgroup this term, so if you would like your child to attend, please contact Anita, tel. 400422.

Why not use the modernized N.I. Hall for your parties. The charges are £1.20 per hour, + 15p per hour heating, or £7 for a day + £1 for heating in winter. Please contact Mrs. Mitchell, telephone Chelmsford 400224 if you would like to make a booking.

RESULTS FROM EVENTS:

Playgroup Barbecue Draw

1st prize: Mrs. Pat Harvey, 2nd: Paul Benson,  
3rd: Mrs. Hattrell, 4th: Mr. Brown.

Go Kart Grand Prix 175

Guess weight of marrow: Mrs. Peade  
Guess weight of pumpkin: Mr. Martin/Mrs. Fox c/o Mrs. Eng.  
Pick-a-peg: Adult - Clive Holland; Child - Stuart Palmer.  
Rifle Range: Three people tied - Mr. Izzard of Ct. Baddow,  
Mr. Taylor of Leigh and Mr. Hinton of Woodham Mortimer.

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# East Hanningfield News

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For the front cover of this edition we feature a reproduction of part of the Walker map of East Hanningfield which was drawn for Lord Abergavenny in 1614. The Walkers were map makers to the landed gentry in Essex at the turn of the 16th/17th centuries, their maps being both accurate, and containing a wealth of detail, as will be seen from the extract which shows East Hanningfield Tye. The original which is in colour, is preserved in Chelmsford at the Records Office of Essex County Council, by whose kind permission it has been reproduced.

NEWS:

A policy has been put forward by Essex County Council for the protection of certain rural lanes. The East Hanningfield Road from the "S" bend northwards to Daisys Hill has been designated a Grade II protected lane; that is, a lane of special interest and importance to the character of the County.

Many trees in the village have preservation orders. They include a substantial number of trees at the Rectory, chestnut trees along the Main Road, two at Windmill Farm, two oaks along Highfields Chase and seven trees along the side and at the back of The Limes.

Elections for District, Parish and Town Councils are being held on Wednesday, 6th MAY. Anybody wishing to stand for election can obtain nomination papers from the Returning Officer, Chelmsford District Council Offices, Civic Centre.

Jackie Saville of 12 Old Church Road, East Hanningfield, tel. 400568, has now taken over bookings of the W.I. Hall, so please contact her if you need to hire the hall.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TUESDAY, 2nd MARCH - Pancake Day - The W.I. are holding a Coffee Evening in their hall starting at 7.30 p.m.  
There will be a Bring & Buy Stall, raffle and refresh-

ments which will, of course, include pancakes. Adults and children welcome.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 5th and 6th MARCH - The East Hanningfield Community Centre Appeal Committee have organized the second annual Chelmsford Model Railway Exhibition, which is to be held in more spacious accommodation this year at the Y.M.C.A. Victoria Road, Chelmsford (near the Railway Station). Doors will open to the public at noon on Friday until 9.00 p.m. and from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on Saturday. There will be nine working layouts of varying gauges, most of them new to Chelmsford this year, including a model tramway. There will also be model engineering, railway preservative societies, model railway supplies, books etc. Admission 20p, children and pensioners half price, and a special family ticket of 50p. Do go along it will be well worth a visit.

SATURDAY, 20th MARCH - the W.I. are holding a Jumble Sale, commencing at 2.00 p.m. Admission 3p.

SATURDAY, 27th MARCH - The Sports Club are organizing a Disco Dance which is to be held at the School, starting at 8.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, 3rd APRIL - East Hanningfield Scouts are holding a dance, with live music by "Brandy", at North Woodham Ferrers Village Hall at 8.00 p.m. Tickets, price £1.30 are obtainable from Brian Reade, 14 Ashley Green, East Hanningfield, or J. A. Ashton, 37 Thriftwood, Bicknacre.

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on TUESDAY, 20th APRIL at 8.00 p.m. at the Rectory.

THURSDAY, 22nd APRIL there is to be a Coffee Morning in aid of the Church, at Kilburn, Bicknacre Road, by kind permission of Mrs. Mitchell.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on THURSDAY, 29th APRIL at 8.15 p.m. in the W.I. Hall, preceded by a council meeting at 7.30 p.m.

SAURDAY, 29th MAY - The Annual Church & Sports Club Fete will be held in the Rectory garden.

The Playgroup will be holding a Jumble Sale in May - details to be announced later.

#### CHURCH SERVICES:

The following services will be held at All Saints Church, East Hammingfield:-

28th MARCH - MOTHERING SUNDAY - 11.00 a.m. Family Communion - families with the youngest children especially welcome - bring them to the altar to be blessed.  
4th APRIL - PASSION SUNDAY - 11.00 a.m. Service of Hymns and Readings for Passiontide.  
16th APRIL - GOOD FRIDAY - Service of Compline at 7.00p.m.  
18th APRIL - EASTER DAY - Holy Communion at 7.00 a.m. and 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at 11.00 a.m. Evensong at 6.30p.m.  
9th MAY - Music in Church at 3.00p.m. The Church's Year.  
6th JUNE - WHITE SUNDAY - Special service for Essex Beekkeepers at 3.00 p.m. All welcome - followed by refreshments at the Rectory.

#### BETHEL MISSION, Old Church Road:

The following special services will be held:-

28th MARCH - MOTHERS DAY - 11.00 a.m. Family Service.  
12th/16th APRIL - Holiday Bible Club - Jim and Wilma Monk (Missionaries)  
18th APRIL - EASTER SUNDAY - Family Service  
29th/30th MAY - Church Anniversary - details later.

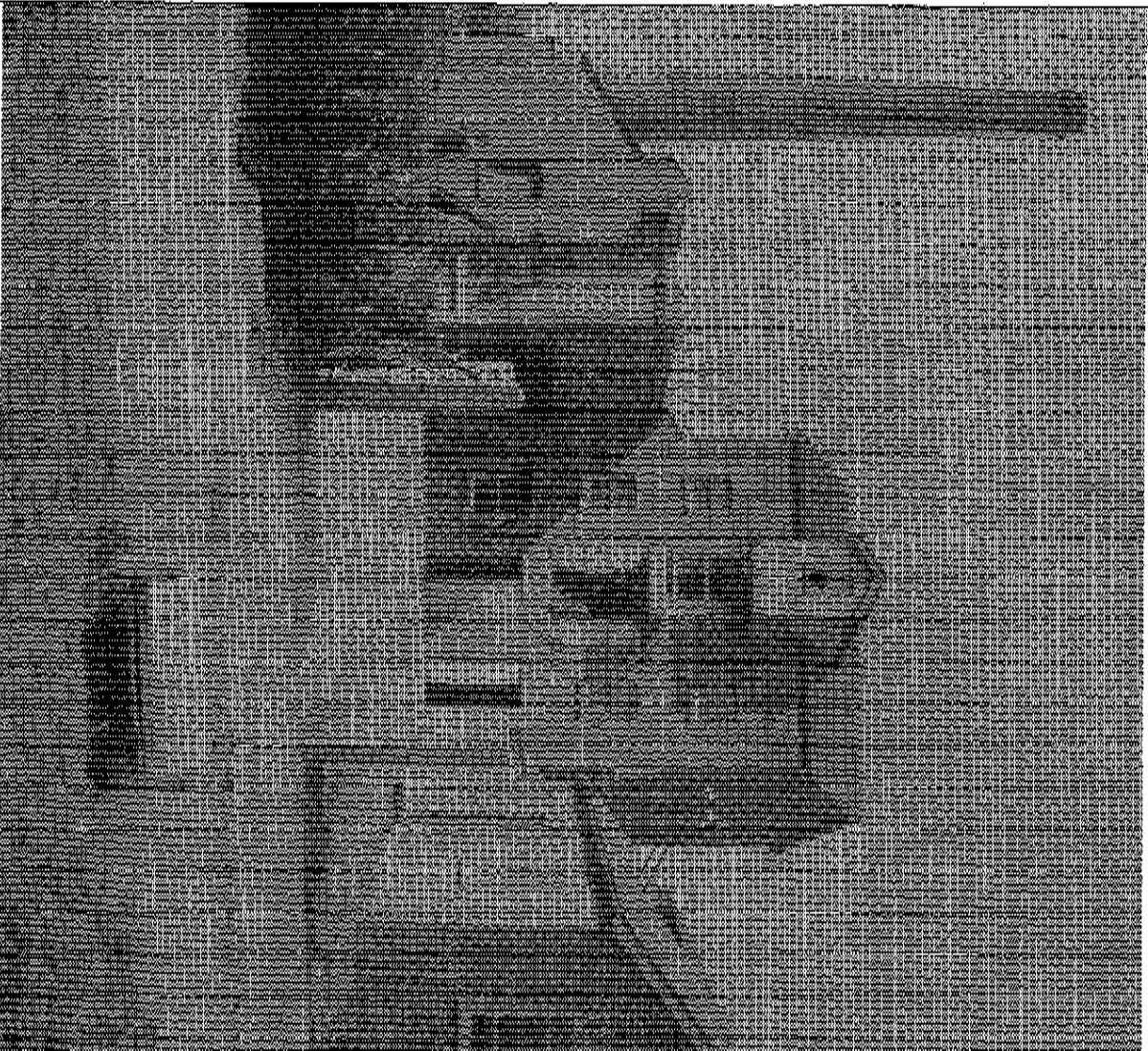
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#### FOR PENSIONERS

On FRIDAY, 26th MARCH between 9.30 - 10.30 a.m. at the W.I. Hall, Old Church Road, the District Council will be issuing concessionary BUS FARE PASSES for PENSIONERS. This has been arranged specially by the Parish Council, so please do go along and get your pass.

# East Hammingfield News

NO. 7 AUTUMN 1976





The front cover is a photograph of The Mill, East Hanningfield, taken around the turn of the century, and is reproduced by kind permission of Essex County Council Records Office.

NEWS:

This year we were the only village in the Chelmsford area to be awarded a Certificate of Merit in the Best Kept Village Competition.

Following constant pressure during the past few years from the Parish Council, a 40 m.p.h. speed limit has been approved for the village, and will come into force as soon as Essex County Council have sufficient funds for the signs.

There is a vacancy on the Chelmsford Road Safety Committee for a representative from East Hanningfield, and as this is not a parish council appointment, would anybody interested in filling it, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Council house development in Back Lane is due to commence on 20th September, and your council are taking urgent steps to ensure that the minimum of disruption is caused to the community by traffic to and from the site.

Following the Council elections in May, your new District Councillor is Alan Dixon of Rails Farmhouse, East Hanningfield, tel. 400684, who is most anxious that people should contact him if they have problems concerning the District Council.

The new Parish Council and their respective jobs in the community are:-

- Alex Hendry, Chairman - Traffic and road safety; Alan Dixon, Vice Chairman - amenities; John Evance - planning and development; Stan Bird - highways and footways; Bill Lovegrove - village improvements; Phillip Mitchell - finance; Rev. Ost - education.

The Parish Clerk is Mrs. Farmer, telephone Chelmsford 400530, and her address is 38 Ashley Green, E.Hanningfield.

Parish Council Meetings are held in the School at 8.00 p.m. on the LAST THURSDAY of each month, (except December when the meeting will take place on Thursday 16th), and time is always allocated for questions from parishioners.

Arrangements have been made for another bulk litter container to be placed on the green over the weekend 16th/17th October.

Remembrance Sunday is on 14th November this year, and arrangements have been made for poppies to be on sale at the Post Office Stores.

EAST HANNINGFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE APPEAL COMMITTEE

This fund raising committee of Parish Council, has continued its steady progress towards the first goal, that of raising sufficient capital to purchase a piece of land for the village. With Chelmsford District Council grants allocated to the project for the next four years, and with £3,300 raised by the Committee up to the Spring of this year, when the 2nd Chelmsford Model Railway Show yielded a profit of £560, negotiations are now well in hand for the purchase of 8 acres of land situated behind the new school, adjacent to the Ashley Green estate and to the new Council house estate.

Whilst this land will need work carried out on it in due course, its availability for purchase now, and its close proximity without the necessity of a main road crossing for the smallest children to play in safety, are two of the important factors behind the Parish Council's decision to proceed with this purchase. Longer term, the site is sufficiently large to offer scope for almost unlimited development for sports and leisure pursuits, for the benefit of our expanding community, which under existing plans will double in population within the next few years.

An imminent start to the new Council Estate in Back Lane, which will deprive the children of their present playing field, means that the purchase of the new land will not be a moment too soon. Fortunately the negotiations with the owners are proceeding with their goodwill, and were this

not to be the case, the proposed purchase would undoubtedly be delayed considerably beyond the Spring of 1977, which is the target for completion.

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The Brownies would like to thank all who sponsored their walk. \$115 was raised. A large donation was given to a School for handicapped children in Wickford, who were going to buy equipment for the Infant Class, and another donation was given to East Hanningfield School, where most of the Brownies attend.

We still need someone to start a Guide Company in the village. It seems a great shame that once the girls become too old for Brownies they cannot go on to Guiding, as all the Danbury Companies are now full. If you can help, please contact Myrtle Ham at the Police House, East Hanningfield.

Last season the Cubs Football team did extremely well in winning the Chelmsford League. There were 11 teams taking part. Let us hope that they will be successful this season, but they do need a new manager. If you can help, please contact Brian Reade at 14, Ashley Green, tel. 400532. Also the Scouts and Cubs are desperately needing help, and Brian Reade would like to hear from you.

If you have some time to spare, perhaps you could lend a hand to the Brownies. If so please contact Myrtle Ham at the Police House.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

SUNDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER - The fourth annual Go Kart Grand Prix is to be held this year at CLAYDONS FARM, Back Lane. The Kart Racing Team have purchased all new equipment for this year, which promises an exciting event with 42 drivers competing. There will be all the usual side shows, barbecue etc. but we do need gifts for the tombola and absolutely anything for the White Elephant stall. If you have any items, please can you deliver them to Rails

Farmhouse, or contact Belinda Dixon, tel. 400684. Gates open at 12 noon, and racing commences at 2.00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 2nd OCTOBER - The Community of the Sacred Passion are holding their annual Sale at The Convent, Moor Hall Lane. It will take place between 10 - 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, 16th OCTOBER - The Playgroup are holding a Good as New and Jumble Sale at the W.I. Hall. Doors open at 2.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, 30th OCTOBER - A Jumble Sale will be held at the W.I. Hall in aid of Church Funds. Doors open at 2.30 p.m. Please take any goods to the Rectory front hall at any time - or telephone 400217 for collection.

WEDNESDAY, 1st DECEMBER - The East Hanningfield Community Centre Appeal Committee are bringing The ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA to the Odeon Theatre, Chelmsford, for a really fine performance of music. Further details will be announced later, and tickets will be available from Belinda Dixon, Rails Farmhouse.

SAURDAY, 4th DECEMBER - The W.I. are holding a Christmas Fair in their hall, starting at 2.15 p.m. There will be a tombola, gifts and goodies for all ages, so go along and get your Christmas presents.

CHURCH SERVICES:

The following services will be held at All Saints Church, East Hanningfield:-

Every Sunday: 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (1662 Prayer Book) 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer (except on the 4th Sunday in the month when the service is 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Series 2)).

FRIDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER - Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, 3rd OCTOBER - Theme of 11.00 a.m. service.

"Identification of Man with the Animal Kingdom", (4th October is World Day for Animals).

SUNDAY, 31st OCTOBER - "Songs of Praise" for All Saints Eve, at 3.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 28th NOVEMBER - Advent Sunday - 11.00 a.m. "The Church's New Year - a time for re-dedication.

SUNDAY, 19th DECEMBER - Service of Lessons and Carols at 3.00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 24th DECEMBER Christmas Eve - Crib Service (especially for the very young children, but all welcome) at 3.00 p.m. Carols at 11.30 p.m. followed by Holy Communion 12 midnight.

SUNDAY, 25th DECEMBER - Christmas Day - Holy Communion 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at 11.00 a.m.

MONDAY, 26th DECEMBER - Holy Communion 8.00 a.m. (1662) Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. (Series 2).

BETHEL MISSION, Old Church Road:

3rd OCTOBER - Harvest Thanksgiving - 11.00 a.m. Open Sunday School. 6.30 p.m. Family Service - singing items. Speaker - David Arthur (Benfleet)

19th DECEMBER - Christmas Carol Service - 11.00 a.m. Family Service with children taking part. Evening service - time to be announced later.

25th DECEMBER - Christmas Day - 11.00 a.m. Family Service. Other regular services as on our Notice Board - You will be welcome to join us.

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# East Hanningfield News

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A view of the old East Hanningfield Church which was destroyed by fire on 31st December, 1883, from the South-East showing Chancel early 16th Century, and ruined Nave.

HER MAJESTY'S SILVER JUBILEE

The Parish Council invited a representative from each of the various organizations in the village to discuss celebrations for the Silver Jubilee. A committee was formed, and it was decided to hold a Dance on SATURDAY, 4th JUNE to raise funds for the celebrations which will take place in the village on TUESDAY, 7th JUNE - the National Celebration Day. If anybody has ideas of their own which they would like put forward at the next Jubilee Committee meeting, or would like to serve on the Committee, please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs. Farmer at 38 Ashley Green, E. Hammingfield, tel. 400530, before 15th March.

The Parish Council marked the event of the Coronation in 1953 with the wooden seat on the greensward outside Rosemount. It would be rather nice to commemorate the Jubilee in some permanent way, and the Parish Council wondered if parishioners had any suggestions. Ideas to the Clerk please.

There will be a special Service of Thanksgiving for Jubilee Year at the Church on SUNDAY, 5th JUNE, and Mrs. Ost would be pleased to hear from anyone with suggestions for this Service.

NEWS:

The village is still not represented on the Chelmsford Road Safety Committee. If there is any parishioner who would like to attend the occasional meetings held during the evening at the Civic Centre in Chelmsford, please contact the Clerk. Expenses incurred will be reimbursed.

The District Council agreed in principle some time ago that the village should have a weight restriction limit on through-traffic, but because of the economic climate, the County Council would not sanction this measure because of the expense involved. Your Council is so concerned about the damage being done by heavy lorries passing through this village, that it is

making enquiries about the possibility of bearing the cost of implementing the scheme.

In addition to the protected lane from the "S" bend to Days Hill, mentioned in the Spring 1976 Newsletter, the County Planner considers that Back Lane from East Hammingfield Road to Appletree Cottages is also worthy of inclusion in the "Protected Lanes" programme.

Council Development, Back Lane - The site agent, Mr. Perry, reports that due to the bad weather conditions, work is running well behind schedule. However, the roads are laid, main drainage is complete, and some foundations have been laid.

Dressing of the road surfaces was carried out in the summer, but on the side roads the result is very disappointing. Investigations are now under way by the County Council as to the reason. East Hammingfield is not the only village to be affected, and it is thought that possibly there was a fault in the complex procedure used.

Another chance to get rid of your unwanted bulky items. The bulk litter container will again be placed on the village green, during the weekend 2nd/3rd April. No garden refuse please.

Concessionary Bus Fares for Pensioners - The District Council will be issuing Bus Fare Passes for Pensioners at the Civic Centre, Chelmsford from Monday, 14th March between 9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Unfortunately arrangements cannot be made this year for passes to be issued in East Hammingfield, so it will be necessary to go to the Civic Centre, and in order to avoid long waits whilst obtaining the passes, the District Council have divided up surnames accordingly:- A - H 14th-18th March; I - P 21st-25th March; Q - Z 28th-1st April. Please try to collect your pass during the specified dates, but if this is impossible you may go along after 14th March.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 4th/5th MARCH - The East Hanningfield Community Centre Appeal Committee have organized their third annual Chelmsford Model Railway Exhibition, which is to be held at the Y.M.C.A. Victoria Road, Chelmsford (near the main line station.) Doors open to the public on Friday at noon until 9.00 p.m. and from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on Saturday. There will be nine working layouts of varying gauges, most of which are new to Chelmsford. There will also be model railway supplies, railway preservation societies, books, etc. Admission 25p, children and O.A.P's 10p. Do go along it will be well worth a visit.

WEDNESDAY, 30th MARCH the Playgroup are holding an Easter Get-Together at 3 Bridon Close from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m

SATURDAY, 2nd APRIL the W.I. are holding a Jumble Sale. Doors open at 2.15 p.m.

FRIDAY, 22nd APRIL there will be a Fashion Show & Bargain Sale at the C. of E. Primary School.

SATURDAY, 7th MAY the Playgroup are holding a Rummage & Auction at the W.I. Hall. Doors open at 2.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, 21st MAY the East Hanningfield Scouts are holding a dance with live music by The Preston Guild at Bicknacre from 8.30 p.m. until midnight. Tickets, price £1.50 will be available from Brian Reade, 14 Ashley Green.

On 11th and 25th March there is a Childrens Disco for the 8-12 year olds at the C. of E. School, from 7.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Admission 20p, including refreshments.

On 4th March/18th March/1st April, Whist Drives will take place at the C. of E. Primary School, starting at 7.45 p.m The Whist Drive on 18th March is in aid of the National Institute for the Blind.

A Table Tennis Club has been started and new members are

welcome. This takes place every Friday evening from 7.30 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. at the W.I. Hall, Old Church Road. Adults 30p per night.

A reminder that the Travelling Library calls every Thursday, stopping at the Three Horseshoes at about 12.10 p.m. and Ashley Green at 12.20 p.m.

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The Brownies would like to thank all those who contributed to their Carol Singing at Christmas. Although they were only out singing for ¼ hour, £13 was raised, which was sent to the Blue Peter Lebanon Appeal.

The East Hanningfield Playgroup has some vacancies for children in the 3-5 age group. If you would like more information please contact Belinda Dixon, Ralls Farmhouse, East Hanningfield, tel. 400684.

All enquiries about hiring the W.I. Hall for meetings, parties etc., should now be made to Mrs. Latter, at 26 Ashley Green, East Hanningfield, tel. 400559.

Good Neighbour Scheme - Are you lonely or in need of help for shopping, prescriptions, etc? As part of the above scheme the members of the W.I. are pleased to provide a helping hand or a visit just to chat. Please contact any member of the W.I. or telephone Chelmsford 71691 or 400465 If you would like information on any services available please contact the Parish Clerk.

CHURCH SERVICES:

The following services will be held at All Saints Church, East Hanningfield:-

Regular Sunday Services

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (1662 Book)  
11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer (or Children's Service as announced) except on 4th Sunday when there is Holy Communion (Series 2).

20th MARCH - Mothering Sunday Service at 11.00 a.m.

3rd APRIL - "The Cross of Christ", 11.00 a.m. Music and Readings for Holy Week.

8th APRIL - Good Friday - Service of Compline at 7.30 p.m.

10th APRIL - Extra Holy Communion Service at 7.00 a.m.

Please look out for posters about special children's services, a Service of Thanksgiving for Jubilee Year, and a Jubilee "Music In Church" programme.

Bethel Mission, Old Church Road

The following special services will be held:-

20th March - Mothers Day - 11.00 a.m. Family Service Evening Service at 6.30 p.m.

4th-8th April - Holiday Bible Club - Mr. Colin Clark - 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

8th April - Good Friday - 6.00 p.m.

10th April - Easter Sunday - Family Service at 11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m. Mr. A. Bryers - Evening Praise.

29th May - Church Anniversary - 6.30 p.m. Mr. A. Bell.

The Parent Teachers Association are concerned with the effects that the education cuts will have on East Hanningfield School, in common with others, particularly a cut back in books, new equipment and swimming. The PTA are doing all they can to improve the situation, but if you feel you can help, please contact the Parent Teachers Association.

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SILVER JUBILEE 1952-1977.

# East Hanningfield News

No. 9 SUMMER 1977



HER MAJESTY'S SILVER JUBILEE

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, we are celebrating the Queen's Silver Jubilee on TUESDAY, 7th JUNE, which is the National Celebration Day, but on the FRIDAY before, 3rd JUNE, the Jubilee Committee have organized a Square Dance, which is to be held at the School. This is to raise funds for the purchase of Crowns which are to be given to every child in the village, up to the age of 16. It should be an enjoyable evening, so do come along and make this event successful - the more the merrier.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Church on SUNDAY, 5th at 11.00 a.m.

Judging of a competition to choose a Jubilee Queen and attendants will start the celebrations on the Tuesday. The competition is divided into two age groups - 8 yrs. and over for the Queen, and up to 7 yrs. for the two attendants. You may wear any clothes you like, it does not need to be a special outfit; just be on the Tye, opposite the Mill, for judging to start at 2.00 p.m.

As fun for all ages, be you 1 or 101, there is to be a competition for the best Jubilee Hat - so budding milliners get cracking and let us see what creations you can make. Judging will take place soon after the first competition.

During the afternoon there will be a FREE TEA for children of the village. A separate form has been enclosed for you to complete to give the organizers some idea of the numbers involved. If any one can provide food or help on the day it would be much appreciated, and you should contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs. Farmer at 38 Ashley Green, tel. 400530.

Other entertainments will include dancing round the maypole, side shows, races for all ages - flat racing, wheelbarrow, slow bicycle, egg and spoon to name but a few. Another form has been enclosed for you to complete. Later in the day the Crowns will be given to the children, and the festivities will end with a Bonfire in the evening, in keeping with other villages throughout the country. Do come along and join in the fun and make this a day to remember.

NEWS

Regrettably, the owners of the land we had hoped to purchase for recreation purposes have put more obstacles in our way, and we are now resorting to compulsory purchase. However, Mr. David Allen has kindly offered to make available some land for the children to use during the long summer vacation.

The Parish Council have been asked by the County Librarian for photographs of the village which will be deposited in the County Archives for historical purposes. If any parishioner is camera-happy and would be able to oblige, please contact the Clerk.

Once again our village has been entered for the Best Kept Village Competition. Last year we were the runners up. The judges look for a tidy and well-kept village centre, litter-free side roads, hedgerows, bus shelters and telephone kiosks. Because we are now in the "large" village section (our population is in excess of 700) we understand we have a good chance of winning the trophy this year, so please help to keep the village as neat and tidy as possible.

The Site Agent for the Council Development in Back Lane reports that work is now about 10 weeks behind schedule. The dwellings are to be released in five phases; the first tenants were supposed to be moved in in September, but this date will now not be met.

Following the poor results of the road surface dressing undertaken last year, the District Council are to re-surface the roads in August.

The 40 mph speed limit is to be introduced shortly along the Main Road.

As a direct result of pressure brought to bear by our District Councillor and the Parish Council, the District Council has again submitted to the County Council a scheme for a weight restriction limit on traffic passing through this village, arguing that it would be cheaper

in the long term to pay for the road signs for such a scheme, than it would be to maintain and repair the village roads which were not built to take heavy lorries.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 28th April. The Chairman reported on events in the village over the past 12 months. Attendance at the meeting was disappointing, and parishioners are reminded that their participation in meetings is welcomed.

East Hammingfield Community Centre Appeal Committee

Negotiations for the purchase of land for recreation, a children's playground and village hall having been passed over to Parish Council, East Hammingfield Community Centre Appeal Committee continues with its principle task of fund raising to complete the purchase and commence the necessary improvements.

In spite of a sizeable loss incurred on the Royal Philharmonic concert in December, the fund now stands at over £3,000 without which the project would not have been able to establish its viability, which has led to generous grant aid by District Council and the backing of compulsory purchase powers. The Committee's 3rd annual Chelmsford Model Railway Show in March was highly successful once again, and the next major event in the Committee's calendar is Go Kart Grand Prix '77 in September, whilst it is also hoped to re-introduce the popular mid summer wine bottling party, subject to financial viability

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**SATURDAY, 21st MAY** - A reminder that the East Hammingfield Scouts are holding a dance with music by the Preston Guild at Bicknacre Village Hall, commencing at 8.30. Tickets, price £1.50 are obtainable from Brian Reade, 14 Ashley Green.

**TUESDAY, 24th MAY** - The Annual General Meeting of the Scouts is to be held in the Pitman Room of Bicknacre Village Hall commencing at 8.30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, 28th MAY** - The Annual Church and Sports Club Fete

will be held at the Rectory, starting at 3.00 p.m. 50% of the proceeds will be given to the Church, and the remaining 50% will be divided equally between the Football Club and the Cricket Club.

**FRIDAY, 3rd JUNE** - The Jubilee Committee have arranged a dance to be held at the School. This will be square dancing with the Jannaways, commencing at 8.00 p.m. Tickets which will include supper, price £1.50 are obtainable from Ann Walden, at 10 Clinton Close, East Hammingfield. There will be a licensed bar.

**TUESDAY, 7th JUNE** - NATIONAL CELEBRATION DAY - Fun for all the family starting at 2.00 p.m. on The Tye and thereafter at the School. Programmes available from Belinda Dixon, Ralls Farmhouse, price 5p.

**WEDNESDAY, 29th JUNE** - The Womens Institute is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee with a special evening at their Hall. All old members are invited to the dinner and entertainment, so if you were once a member and have not received your personal invitation, please contact the Secretary, Mrs. Joslin, telephone Chelmsford 71691.

**SATURDAY, 2nd JULY** - The Church of England Primary School are holding their annual Fete.

**SATURDAY, 20th AUGUST** - the Playgroup are holding another Barbecue & Disco Dance at Claydons Farm, Back Lane. Tickets will be available from Ann Walden nearer the time.

**SUNDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER** - The East Hammingfield Community Centre Appeal Committee are staging Go Kart Grand Prix '77 at Claydons Farm, commencing at 12 noon. Last year the races were fully booked very quickly so if you would like to drive a Kart please contact Alan Dixon at Ralls Farmhouse as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Tel.400684.

Roller skating has started at the School on alternate Friday evenings between 6.00-7.30 p.m. If you are under 12 years of age and would like to have a go just turn up at the School. The next evening will be this Friday, 20th.

The Womens Institute meets every third Wednesday of the



month at 7.30 p.m. and new members are most welcome.

We are pleased that a Guide Company is to be started in the Autumn. If you are interested please contact Susan Baldry at 33 Ashley Green for more information.

Anything suitable for the White Elephant and Tombola Stalls at the Go Kart Grand Prix would be most welcome. Please contact Belinda Dixon at Ralls Farmhouse, tel. 400684.

Have you a piano you no longer need? If so the W.I. would love to hear from you as theirs is past repair. Please contact Mrs. Joslin, tel. Chelmsford 71691.

Mrs. Tydeman at Lawrenny, Back Lane, collects tin foil and silver paper for the National Blind Dogs Association, and she would be pleased if you can save your foil and silver paper for her too.

CHURCH SERVICES

The following services will be held at All Saints Church in addition to normal Sunday services:-

Sunday, 5th June - Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee United Service of Thanksgiving at 11.00 a.m.  
Sunday, 19th June - Jubilee Music and Verse at 3.00 p.m.  
Marion Cook - Soprano, Phyllis Harvey - Organ and augmented choir perform music by Handel, Mendelssohn, Britten, Tye. Hymns for audience to sing.

Bethel Mission, Old Church Road - Special Announcements

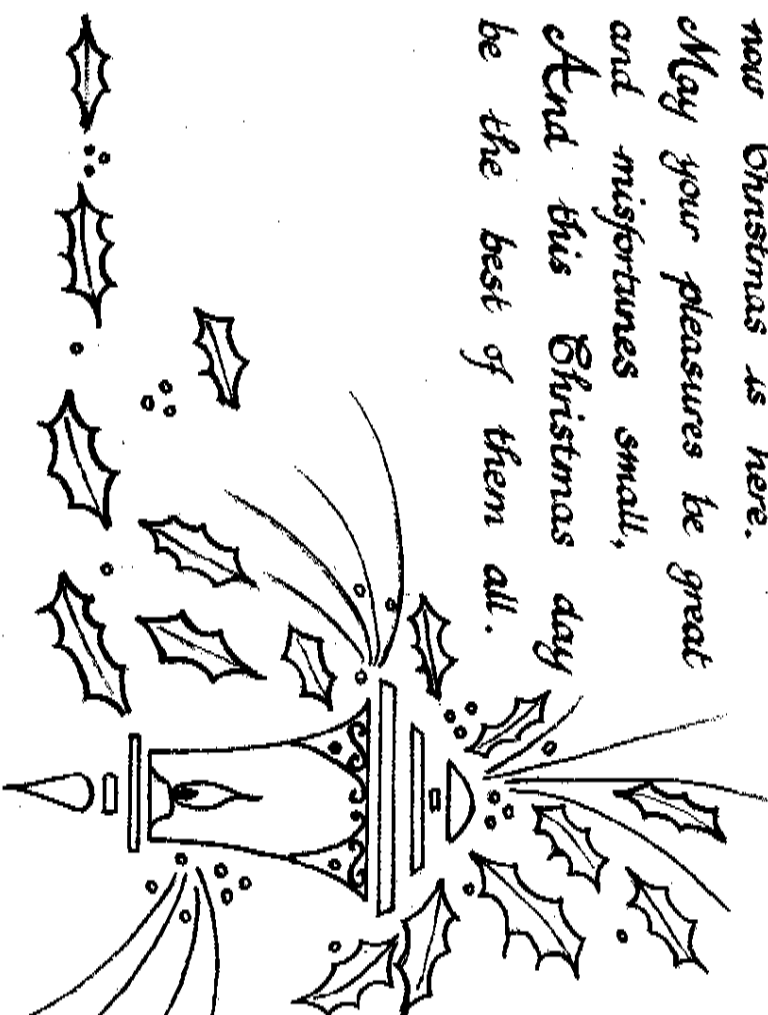
Sunday, 29th May - Church Anniversary Services. 11.00 Family Service, 6.30 p.m. Mr.A.Bell and team from Kent.  
Sunday, 12th June - Jubilee Thanksgiving at 6.30 p.m.  
Tuesday, 28th June at 2.15 Ladies Jubilee Rally. Speaker Mrs.Smith (Ashton-u-Lyne) Little Totham Ladies Choir.  
M.B. Sunday School and Junior Church will remain open during the Summer Holidays.

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*A message we send you  
to wish you Good Cheer,  
Of joy and great happiness  
now Christmas is here.  
May your pleasures be great  
and misfortunes small,  
And this Christmas day  
be the best of them all.*



Silver Jubilee - The Parish Council would like to thank all who contributed to the Silver Jubilee Celebrations. It was a most successful day, and although not planned to make a profit, £52.91 was left after all expenses had been paid. A decision was made to purchase another oak seat, to be placed on the Tye, as a memento of this special year.

We were very disappointed not to have won, or even gained a certificate of merit, in the Best Kept Village Competition this year. We must obviously put more effort into keeping our village tidy in the future.

Another bulk litter container will be placed on the village green during the weekend 17th/18th December.

A 40 mph speed limit will come into effect along the main road through the village shortly.

On 27th October a road traffic survey was carried out by volunteers at all road junctions on and outside the village perimeter. The census was of heavy goods vehicles, and we hope the results, when analysed by the District Council, will help our efforts to get the village closed to heavy through traffic.

Mr. Gerrard Western is representing the village on the Chelmsford District Road Safety Committee.

Progress on the Council Housing Development is very much behind schedule. The main estate road which continues from Ashley Green will be known as "Coude Dennis", and the five minor roads leading from it will be "Nicholson Place", "Payne Place", "Pease Place", "Fillioil Close" and Catherine Close". The names, chosen by the District Council, belong to owners of this piece of land in the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

The District Valuer has stated that he will not be re-valuing properties in Ashley Green or Back Lane for rating purposes as a matter of course. Any resident who feels his property has been affected by the development

should write immediately to the District Valuer asking for re-assessment if he has not already done so. Any difference in rateable value will be back-dated to receipt of this letter.

The Parish Clerk is representing the village on the Community Council of Essex and is/has a mine of information on how and where to obtain essential services in Essex. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with her if you need help in this way. (38 Ashley Green; tel. 400530).

Complaints have been made to the Parish Council of fouling of the recreation area by dogs. Faecal contamination of an area where children play does constitute a health hazard, and dog owners are requested not to permit their animals to so abuse the village's only recreation ground.

Would anyone wishing to use the recreation area for an organized event, please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance.

East Hanningfield Community Centre Appeal Committee

Negotiations for the purchase of the two fields immediately behind the new school are now almost complete, the price having been agreed with Trumans Ltd, and their willingness to sell having been established. Barring unforeseen snags, the two fields comprising in all 8 acres, with a safe access from the inner end of Ashley Green for even the youngest children, will be in our ownership early in 1978, providing an urgently needed place for all the children to play, before the influx of new inhabitants in the Spring. In the meantime, the present tenant Mr. Allen, has kindly sub-let 2 acres for use as a temporary play ground

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We were very sorry to say 'goodbye' to our policeman, Jim Ham and his wife Myrtle, who have been in the village for the past 10 years. We hope they will continue to keep in

touch with us. A collection was made by the villagers, and a set of whisky glasses was presented to them in appreciation of all they have done for the village. The following is an extract from Myrtle's letter of thanks. "Thank you so much for the kind gift of Whisky glasses (you know what we both like!) that you gave Jim and myself on leaving the village. Thank you also for being such good law abiding citizens. We thoroughly enjoyed our ten year stay with you, but it seemed time to move on. We are slowly settling in at Danbury, but it seems very strange. It is an entirely different way of life to that of Hanningfield. Your new Policeman is now with you, so we hope you will make him feel at home like you did us. Thank you again for the gift and all our happy memories.

Yes, as Myrtle says, our new policeman is with us, and we are very pleased to welcome P.C. Jacobs and his family, who moved into the police house in November. We hope they will soon settle down and enjoy living in East Hanningfield.

We are very lucky to have a Guide Company in the village at last. The meetings take place in the School on Wednesday evenings between 6.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. If you are 10+ and would like to join the Guides, please contact Sue Baldry at 33 Ashley Green, East Hanningfield, telephone 400712.

Unfortunately, due to Myrtle Ham's move, the 1st East Hanningfield Brownies had to close down as nobody was willing to takeover. All the girls were very unhappy about this, particularly as they won the Danbury District Shield for their Jubilee Scrap Book, and also won the Chelmsford Division runners up shield with 23 Brownie Packs taking part. Unfortunately when a pack closes down they cannot be taken in elsewhere, so PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, if you know of anyone willing to take over this job, contact the District Commissioner, Mrs. Cockerill at Daen Ingas, Danbury, tel. 3958, or Sue Baldry.

Both the Cubs and Scouts are needing help. If you

are prepared to spare some time for either of these worthwhile ventures, please contact Brian Reade at 14 Ashley Green, East Hanningfield, Tel. 400632.

Table tennis has become very popular, and the regulars are thinking of joining the adult league. If you feel like having a game, then go along to the W.I. Hall, Old Church Road, on Friday evenings between 8.00 - 10.00 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES

The following services will be held at All Saints Church, East Hanningfield:-

Sunday, 18th DECEMBER - A Carol Service will be held at 3.00 p.m.

Saturday, 24th DECEMBER - A Christmas Eve Crib Service will be held at 3.00 p.m. Carols at 11.00 p.m. followed by Holy Communion at 12 midnight.

Sunday, 25th DECEMBER - Christmas Day - Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m. Shortened Morning Prayer with Carols at 11.00 a.m.

Saturday, 31st DECEMBER - "Listen and Sing" to be held AT THE RECTORY at 7.30 p.m.

Regular Sunday services - Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at 11.00 a.m. (1,2,3, and 5 Sundays) Holy Communion with Hymns (4th Sunday)

Bethel Evangelical Church, Old Church Road

18th DECEMBER - Carol Service - 11.00 a.m. Family Service with children taking part to be held in the W.I. Hall. 3.00 p.m. Evening Service.

25th DECEMBER - Christmas Day - 10.00 a.m. Family Service 1st JANUARY 1978 - 3.00 p.m. Evening Service. Please note, Sunday evening services will be at 3.00 p.m. until 19th March, 1978.

The Christmas poem on the front cover of this edition was kindly written by "Slim" Veal of 2 Old Church Road, East Hanningfield.

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#### FIRE PRECAUTIONS

With the Firemen's strike likely to continue for some time, or so it seems, it is as well to be prepared for the possibility of a fire in the home, and ensure that all members of the family know what to do, including the children. Some simple precautionary suggestions are to keep a bucket of water and/or sand in the house; a fire extinguisher in the kitchen (dry powder type for fat or electrical fires); an old blanket with which to smother a fire; the garden hose coiled up and ready for use (don't forget to ensure that all the water is out of it after use, otherwise it will freeze inside the pipe and cause a blockage in cold weather; a long ladder if you have one, plus an axe and a good length of stout rope. The old wartime stirrup pump that may be in the corner of the garage can be used from a bucket, as an alternative to a hose connected to the mains. If you have any of this equipment, or anything else which might be useful for fighting a fire or rescue, please put a notice in your window, so that your neighbours can see at a glance where help may be found. Remember, you can still dial 999, and you should do so, but local help quickly, may save a fire from becoming larger, save a life or prevent injury.

Remember also, simple fire precaution checks; ensure that all cigarettes/cigars etc. are stubbed out, and empty all ash trays before going to bed; un-plug electrical appliances, particularly the television set, when not in use, and especially at night; do not leave fat frying in the kitchen un-attended; ensure that open fires are properly guarded, and safe before going to bed; make sure that sparks do not carry from the garden bonfire; store any petrol and/or paraffin outside, in proper containers; do not let children play with matches.

Alan Dixon at Rails Farmhouse, has some Army experience in fire fighting, and is willing to form a small village fire fighting and rescue team. Please contact him on Chelmsford 400684 if you can help.

# East Hanningfield News

"THE FORGE" EAST HANNINGFIELD, EARLY THIS CENTURY.  
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WINTER 1978.



As there are many new residents in East Hanningfield, whom we would like to welcome to the village, we are taking this opportunity of repeating some useful information from past Newsletters. These Newsletters are published periodically by the Parish Council, the purpose of which is to keep everyone in touch with village affairs.

We were sorry to say goodbye to our Parish Clerk, Mrs. Farmer, who moved from East Hanningfield at the end of May. The five years in which Eille served as Clerk were particularly busy ones, with issues involving much detailed work ranging from the effects of Maplin Airport on East Hanningfield to detailing our successful claim to register the Tye as Village Green. We wish Eille and her family every good fortune in their new home at Ridgwell. We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Libby Brooks as our new Clerk. Her address is 9, Clinton Close, Ashley Green, tel. 400110, if you should need to contact her. We also wish her good luck during November when she is expecting her second child.

Parish Council Meetings are usually held in the School at 8.00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday in the month, but the dates are always published on the Parish Notice Board outside the shop. Time is always allocated for questions from parishioners and you are most welcome to attend.

There are 7 Parish Councillors, and each has a job in the community. They are as follows:-

- Alex Hendry, Chairman - Traffic and road safety: Alan Dixon, Vice Chairman - amenities: Stan Bird - highways and footways: John Evance - planning and development: Bill Lovegrove - village improvements: Phillip Mitchell - fiancée: Rev. Ost - education.

Your District Councillor is Alan Dixon, who is anxious that you should contact him if you have any problems concerning the District Council.

Work on the Highfields Development is well under way. This will result in 37 new private dwellings.

On a regular basis, a bulk litter container is placed on The Tye. This enables everyone to get rid of all their unwanted rubbish (except garden refuse). The next container will be placed on the Tye during the weekend of the 11/12th November.

It was decided at the May Parish Council meeting not to recommend any alteration to the existing parish boundaries of East Hanningfield.

The Parish Council was represented at a hearing before the Chief Commons Commissioner in January to determine the extent of Village Green. His decision confirmed that the Tye including the land up to the garage and the forecourt of The Three Horseshoes, with the exception of access to the public house as shown on the Ordnance Survey map 1922, was Village Green.

Concessionary Bus Fares for pensioners are available. If you do not have a pass, please obtain the necessary form up from the Finance Department at the Civic Centre, Chelmsford. Passes are only issued to applicants in person.

It is now possible to get a grant under the Government's Homes Insulation Scheme 1978. The scheme provides for a grant towards the cost of installing insulation in lofts where there is none already. It also covers the insulation of water tanks and pipes in lofts and uninsulated hot water tanks wherever they are located. You can get 66% of the cost of the materials and the work, or £50, whichever is the less. No work must be carried out before the local authority notifies you that a claim for grant may be made. The scheme is generally not applicable to flat roofs or to other areas of the roof where there is no space other than that contained by the depth of the joists or rafters. For more information regarding applying for this grant, please contact the District Council.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Mr. Crosher, who has been the Headmaster of East Hanningfield Primary School for many years, but we are pleased to welcome Mr. Thorpe who took up his position as Headmaster in September. The

School Managers are as follows:- Chairman - Rev. Ost; Vice Chairman - Mrs. Mitchell; Mrs. Curtis, John Evance, Mrs. Sharp, Mr. Wilsdon.

The East Hanningfield Playgroup now takes place at the W.I. Hall, Old Church Road, on Monday-Thursday mornings between 9.30 a.m.-12.00. This is for children from 3-5 years of age, and if you would like to have more information, please contact Anita Curtis, Welland House, Bicknacre Road, tel. 400422.

Both adults and children are needed for the Church Choir. If you are interested in joining, please contact Rev. or Mrs. Ost, at the Rectory.

Sadly Mr. and Mrs. Smith of the Bethel Mission, had to leave the village earlier in the summer, and the children of the Sunday School were very sorry that they had to go. Nevertheless, on Sunday, 10th September, Mr. and Mrs. Carter took over where Mr. and Mrs. Smith left off, and we hope they will be very happy here in East Hanningfield.

East Hanningfield Community Centre Appeal Committee

Continuing with its fund raising task in order to provide capital for the purchase of land for a childrens playground, recreation ground and village hall, the Committee has most recently organized the sixth East Hanningfield Go Kart Grand Prix at Claydons Farm. This popular annual event took place on 17th September, and yielded a profit of approximately £750. The Committee's thanks go to every-one who helped in any way, to make this event such a success once again. The next major event on which work is already well advanced, is the 5th annual Chelmsford Model Railway Exhibition, which will take place at the Chancellor Hall, Market Road, Chelmsford on Friday 2nd/Saturday 3rd March.

As a result of the Committee's activities over the past six years in the raising of capital from scratch, grant support has been attracted to the project and negotiations for the purchase by Parish Council of the 3 acres of land immediately

behind the school have proceeded to a point at which completion is due at almost any time now.

Thus, the end of the beginning of the project will have been achieved, with the land secured to the ownership of the village.

For the purpose of developing what are two wet and very bumpy meadows and their ultimate management as the village's recreation centre, a Management Advisory Committee was formed by Parish Council at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Committee are as follows:- Anita Curtis, Alan Dixon, John Evance, Chris Jacob, Stefan Lebedski, Richard Range, John Trustler, and representatives of the W.I. Cubs, Playgroup, Football Club, P.T.A. and the Allotments Association.

Major tasks facing this Committee initially, will be levelling, draining and re-seeding, laying in of main services to the site, and access road, plus parking.

By funding the land purchase partly from capital raised by E.H.C.C.A.C., partly from grant, and partly by a Public Works Loan Board mortgage, some of the capital fund remains to augment a separate grant for these improvement works, which should enable much of the listed work to be completed rapidly. Obviously, whilst much of the work must be carried out professionally, the more physical work we can complete with voluntary effort from our community, the better in terms of ultimate cost, and the Committee will be asking for your assistance very soon.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY, 13th NOVEMBER - The Girls Monday Club Party is to be held at the School at 6.15 p.m. More information is available from Ann Walden at 10, Clinton Close.

SATURDAY, 18th NOVEMBER at 2.30 p.m. the W.I. are holding a Christmas Bazaar at their hall in Old Church Road. There will be tombola, produce and gift stalls amongst others. Admission 5p children free.

MONDAY, 20th NOVEMBER - There is to be a "Good as New

Sale" of childrens' clothes and toys at the School from 6.30 p.m. For more information please contact Ann Walden. MONDAY, 4th DECEMBER - A Fashion Show and Berbrook Fashion Sale will be held at the school from 6.30 p.m. For more information please ask Ann Walden.

THURSDAY, 7th DECEMBER - The East Hanningfield Playgroup are holding a Christmas Bazaar and Craft Sale at the W.I. hall from 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, 22nd DECEMBER - The Football Club are holding a Disco Dance at Little Baddow from 8.00 p.m. - 1.00 a.m. Tickets are available from Lenny Hoskinson of 16 Ashley Green, East Hanningfield.

Regular Weekly Events

On MONDAYS - A club for girls of school age is held at the School during term time from 6.00 p.m. - 7.15 p.m. New members are most welcome. Please contact Ann Walden at 10 Clinton Close, East Hanningfield.

On TUESDAYS - the Cub Scouts meet at the School from 6.15 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. Boys from the age of 8 upwards are welcome to join. For more information please contact Mrs. Gould of Kinderscout, 21 Brent Avenue, South Woodham Ferrers.

Every third WEDNESDAY in the month the East Hanningfield W.I. meet at their hall at 7.30 p.m. New members will be very welcome.

On THURSDAYS - the Travelling Library calls, stopping first at The Three Horseshoes at about 12.10 p.m. and Ashley Green at approximately 12.30 p.m.

On the fourth Thursday in each month Parish Council Meetings are held - please see Parish Notice Board for definite dates.

On FRIDAYS - Table tennis is available for children in the W.I. Hall from 6.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. (with coaching). From 8.00 p.m. onwards adults may play. For more details contact John Bruce at Highcroft, The Common. Tel. 400076.

CHURCH SERVICES

The following services will be held at All Saints Church, East Hanningfield:-

Regular Sunday Services - Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer, on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays in the month at 11.00 a.m. On the 4th Sunday Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

Sunday, 12th NOVEMBER - Rememberance Sunday Service commences at the War Memorial at 10.50 a.m. Sunday, 26th NOVEMBER - "With Cheerful Voice" - A service of favourite hymns. Please let Mrs. Ost know your choice. This will be held at 3.00 p.m.

Christmas Services - Sunday, 17th DECEMBER - A Carol Service at 3.00 p.m. Sunday, 24th DECEMBER - Christmas Eve - Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m. and a Children's Crib Service at 3.00 p.m. A Carol Service at 11.30 p.m. Followed by Midnight Communion. Monday, 25th DECEMBER - Christmas Day - Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Shortened) with carols at 11.00.

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH, Old Church Road:

Regular Services - Sunday - 11.00 a.m. Sunday School for children from 5 years upwards. 3.00 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesdays - 2.30 Ladies Meeting. Prayer and Bible Study.

Special family services:- Sunday, 24th December - A Carol Service at 6.30 p.m. Monday, 25th December - A Christmas Morning Family Service from 11.00 a.m. - 12.00

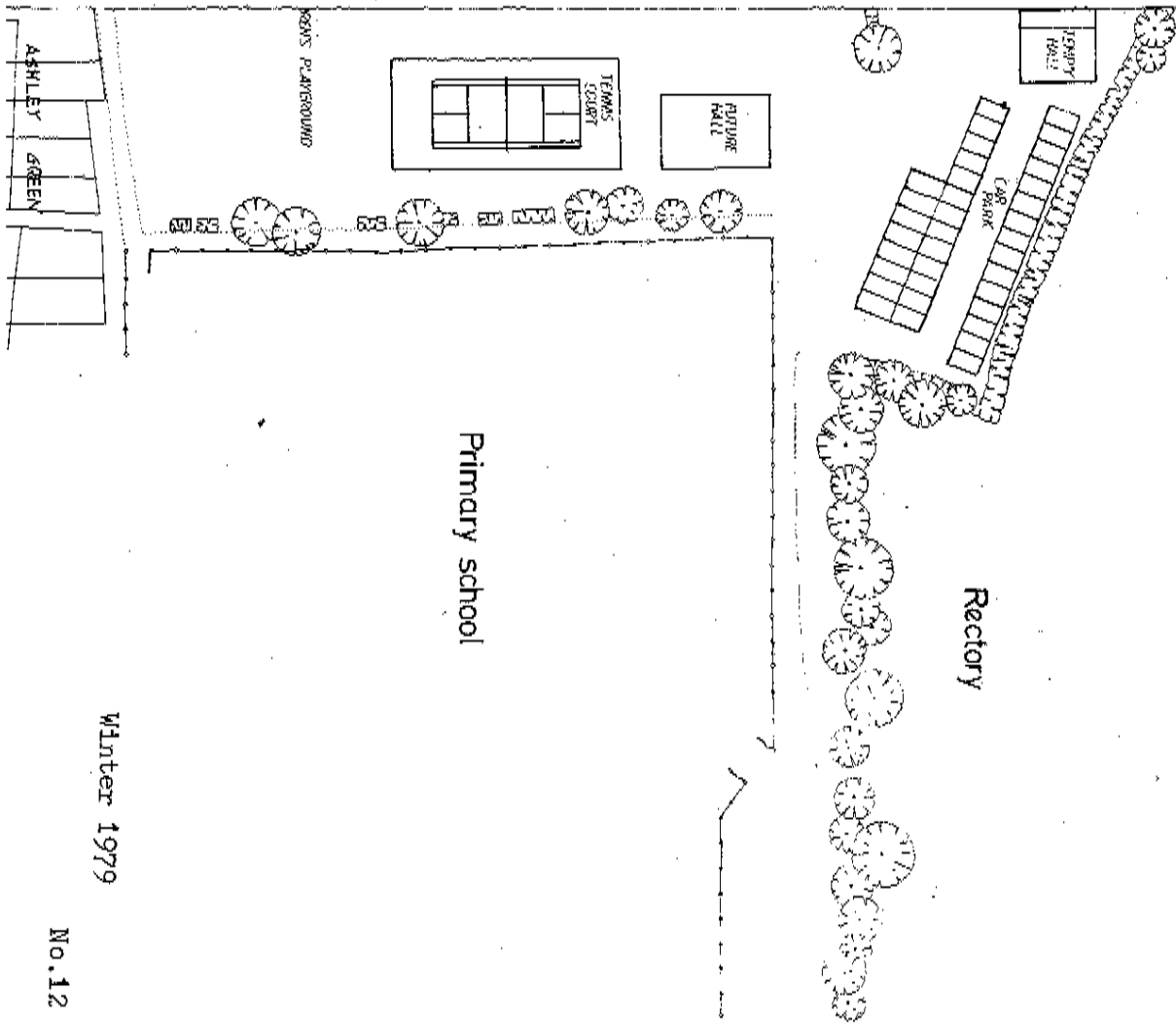
Parish Council are concerned over the increasingly large amount of unsightly litter which is distributed around the village, and two more litter bins are to be purchased. These are to be sited near the Three Horseshoes and the entrance to Back Lane. Please do use these and the other litter bins around to help keep the village tidy.

A free bus service has been instituted by Eastern National in conjunction with the new store in South Woodham Ferrers. This passes through East Hanningfield on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, stopping at the Windmill Pub at approximately 10.46 a.m. and departs from South Woodham at 12.40 p.m.

As part of our annual check on footpaths all 12 paths in the parish have been walked again during recent months.

Thanks to the support of a large number of villagers our Victorian Rectory has been saved from demolition and the purchaser's plans for development of the site now include conversion of the rectory into flats. There will be 13 new houses in the grounds.

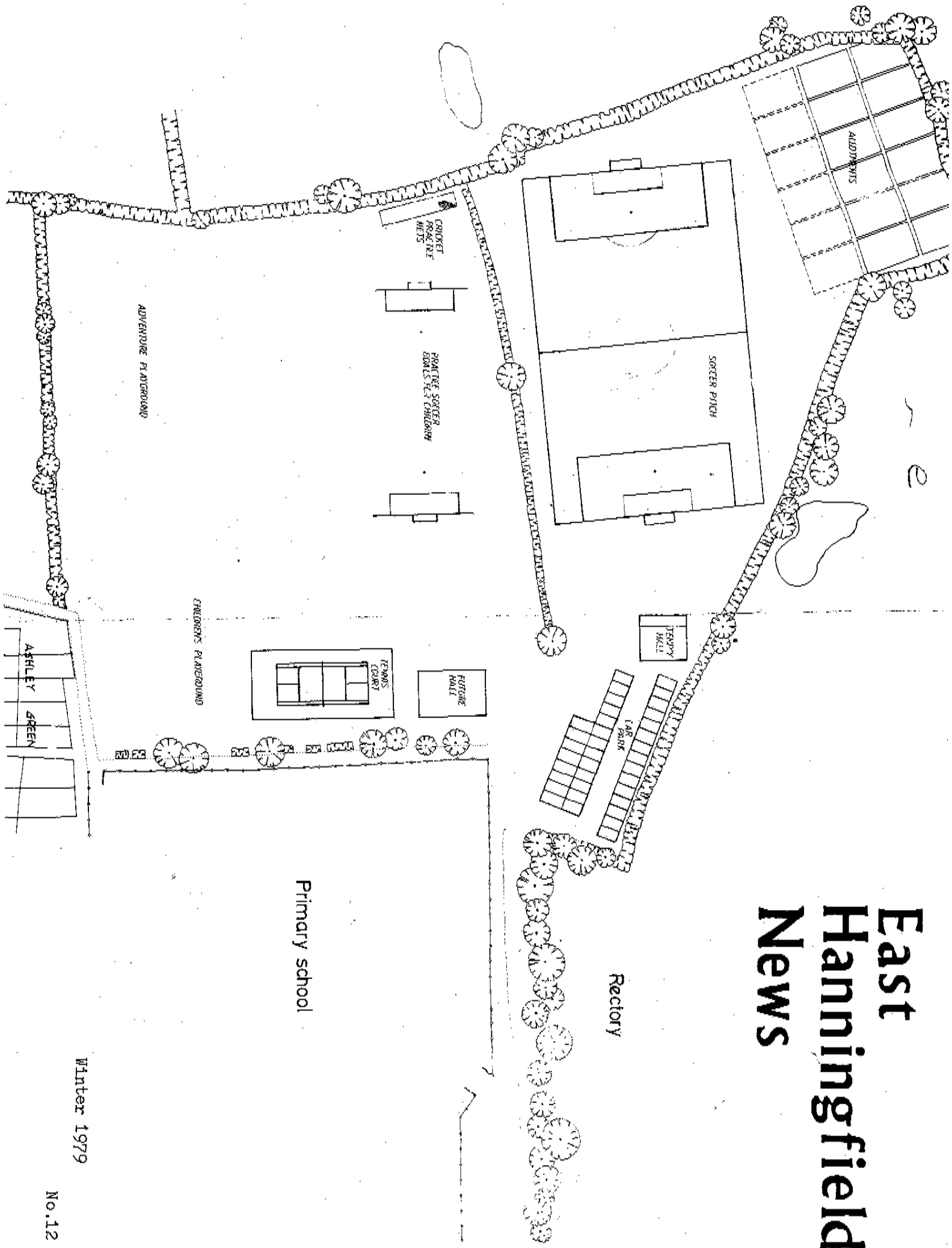
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The plan on the front of this Newsletter is of the newly acquired Village Recreation Land indicating future development.

East Hammingfield Community Centre Appeal Committee

After protracted legal negotiations, the completion of the purchase by Parish Council of the two fields adjoining the School in the Summer marked the culmination of six years of work by the Committee, and achievement of its first main objective. Thus a piece of land for the whole community to use for recreation is at last available, although with the installation of the sub-soil drainage scheme on the land in mid-summer, the Committee's capital fund was almost exhausted. However the year has been particularly successful, with over £2,000 raised from events to date. To bring the year to a close, the Grand Christmas Draw is under way now, whilst a Christmas Dance is being held at the School on SATURDAY, 15th DECEMBER. Tickets for this dance, price £2 including supper, are obtainable from Elsie Bruce, Hightcroft, The Common, East Hammingfield. Tel. 400076.

On Friday 29th February, Saturday 1st March, 1980, the Committee will be promoting the sixth annual Chelmsford Model Railway Show at the Chancellor Hall, Market Road, in Chelmsford Town Centre.

Village Land Management Committee

The committee was formed to develop and manage the newly purchased recreation land. It is made up of the following people. Chairman - Stefan Labedzki, Vice Chairman - John Trusler, Secretary - Elsie Bruce, Alan Dixon, Lenny Hoskinson, Chris Jacob, Mrs. Moore, Brian Reade, Chris Sharp, Alan Snow, Eddie Taylor and Dick Taylor.

The Committee has successfully carried through its first major project in selecting and supervising the installation of the comprehensive sub-soil

drainage scheme which will make our recreation fields dry under foot year round. Additionally, the Committee has drawn up a development programme for the project, which includes the laying-in of main water, drainage and electricity to the site of a temporary village hall, acquisition of a temporary building for use as a village hall, construction of an access road from the School chase, and a car park. Agreements for the connection of all three main services have been the subject of extensive exploration and negotiation which has been successfully concluded by the Committee. On the fields themselves, an adventure play area is already taking shape under the Committee's supervision, and the first allotment holders are due to take possession of their plots on the northern side of the smaller of the two fields. The remainder of this field has been ploughed, prior to levelling and re-seeding in the Spring of 1980. Overhead, the electricity lines are to be removed shortly, and they will in fact, pass underground. Play equipment currently in store has been inspected, and additional equipment is soon to be purchased, prior to the establishment of a play ground for the smaller children, whilst a tree planting and landscaping scheme is currently being considered by the Committee. A concrete and matting cricket net wicket is to be installed, and a football pitch is to be laid out on the smaller field, whilst it is planned to attempt a basic grass tennis court at an early stage, as a temporary measure.

If anybody can give help in any way, be it labour or supplies, for this project, Elsie Bruce would be only too pleased to hear from you. After all, the little we can save here and there all helps towards the funds for the next stage. (Her address is on page 2).

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At the local Borough Council Elections in May, Alan Dixon was returned as your local Independent Borough Councillor. If you have any problems concerning the community please do not hesitate to contact him at Rails Farmhouse, East Hammingfield. Tel. 400684.

It was not necessary to have a Parish Council election as there were seven candidates for seven seats, but there was a change in membership. The Parish Council is now made up of the following members:- Chairman - Alex Hendry, Vice Chairman - Alan Dixon, Treasurer - Phillip Mitchell, Stan Bird, Bill Lovegrove, Rev. Ost and Chris Sharp. The Parish Clerk is Mrs. Libby Brooks of 9 Clinton Close, Ashley Green. Tel. 400110.

This year in the Best Kept Village Competition we managed to come third in the Large Villages section, and our thanks must go to Bill Thomas who works so hard to keep the village neat and tidy.

Village Green

Following the registration of the Tye as village green, which was an essential step taken by Parish Council in order to ensure the integrity of the village green in perpetuity, much time has been spent in consideration of Bye Laws which will safeguard the green and its use for future generations. These Bye Laws are now with the Home Office for final ratification, and they will be published in a future East Hanningfield Newsletter.

Heavy Goods Vehicles

Parish Council is acutely concerned at the rapid increase in the last two years of the number of heavy commercial vehicles using roads through East Hanningfield as a short cut, in view of the damage to our roads, plus the danger to pedestrians and other road users alike, which these lorries cause. Your Council is therefore pressing once again for a weight restriction to be applied to roads in the immediate vicinity of East Hanningfield and this has been endorsed by Chelmsford Borough Council, who have prepared a scheme for prohibition of all vehicles over 3 tons\* in weight except for access. This scheme also has the support of the Chief Constable and is being placed before Essex County Council for approval of the necessary finance upon which it is conditional.

Speed Limit

With completion of much of the new housing development in the village, Parish Council has decided to request an extension of the area currently controlled by the 40 m.p.h. speed limit through the village centre to include the whole of Old Church Road, Back Lane and the Blackacre Road as far as the Gables. This scheme is being put to Chelmsford Borough Council for consideration. In addition, if it is to be sanctioned, it requires the approval of the Chief Constable and County Council.

Tree Planting

A fresh scheme of tree planting is due to take place shortly in Bridon Close and Ashley Green areas, following the failure of many of those planted previously due to drought conditions. In order to ensure the success of these trees, we would ask parishioners in adjacent properties to help in watering the new, young saplings. Also may we please ask all parents for their help in persuading children not to damage the new trees by playing on, in or with them.

CHURCH SERVICES:

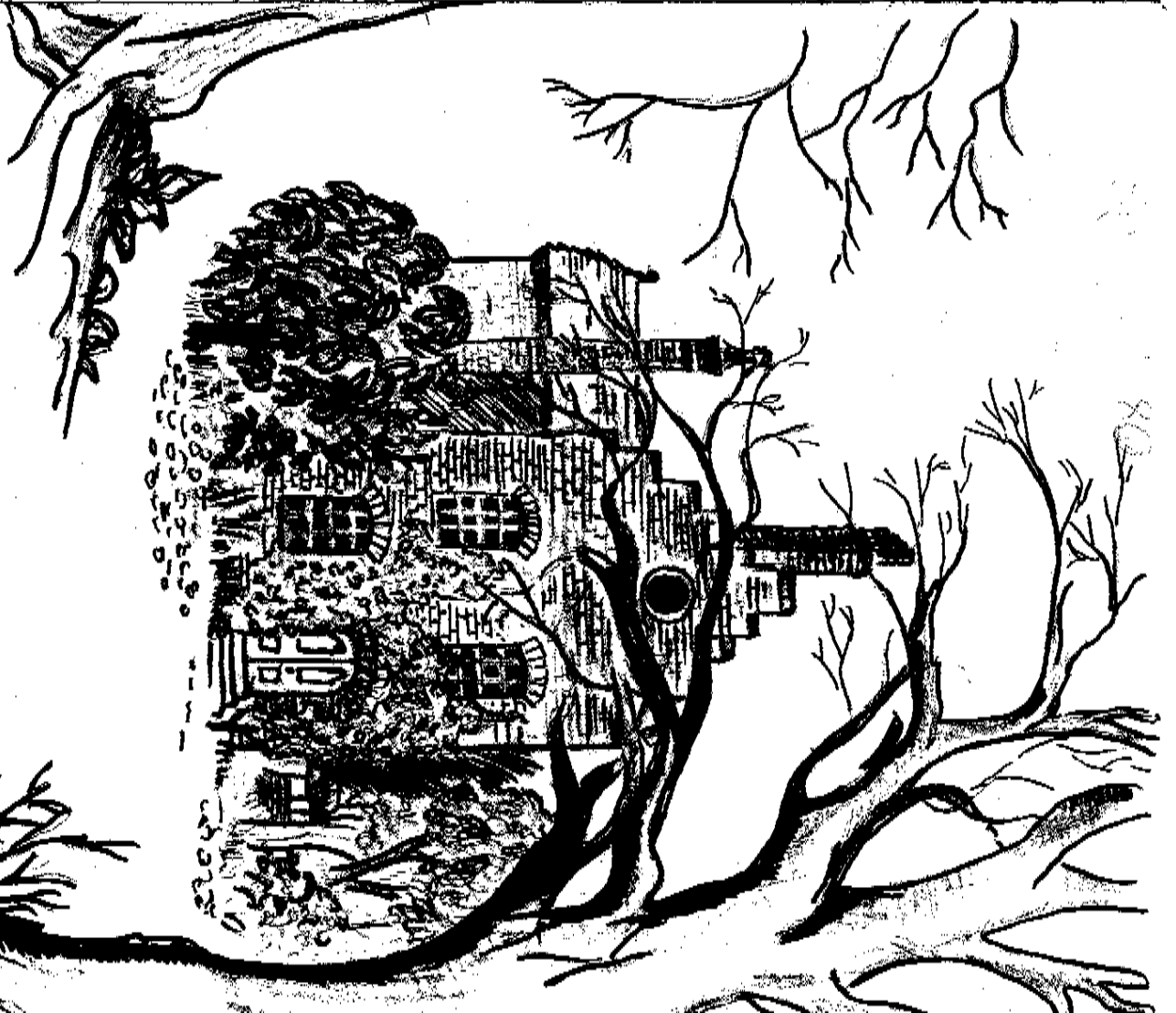
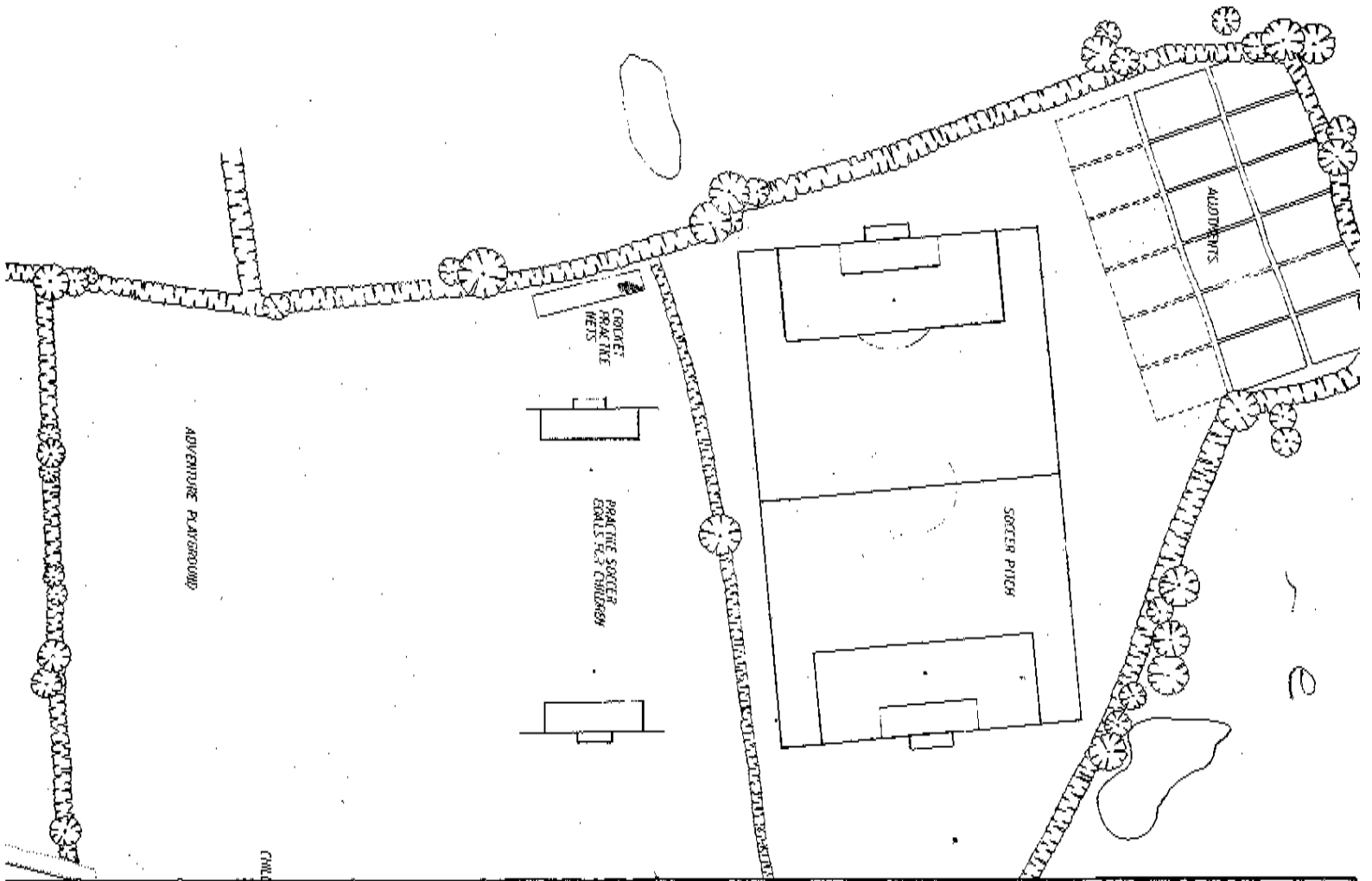
The following Christmas services will be held at All Saints Church, East Hanningfield:-

- Sunday, 23rd December - Carols at 3.00 p.m.
- Monday, 24th December - Christmas Eve Crib Service at 3.00p.m.
- Holy Communion 12 midnight preceded by Carols at 11.30 p.m.
- Christmas Day - Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer with Carols at 11.00 a.m.

Bethel Evangelical Church, Old Church Road:

- Saturday, 15th December - Sunday School Parties.
- Sunday, 23rd - Christmas Services at 11.00 a.m. and 6.30p.m.
- Christmas Day - Morning Service at 10.00 a.m.

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# East Hanningsfield News

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The front cover of this, the thirteenth edition of the village newsletter, shows a view of the Rectory everyone will recognise but it's going to change soon. The familiar cream door will be replaced by a window. Your Parish Council has fought hard to preserve this magnificent mid-Victorian building and although the Rectory will shortly be converted into flats the red-brick exterior with its Dutch gable ends will remain unchanged. The Rectory was built in 1864 by Samuel Buxton-Smythe. His father-in-law, the Reverend John Notridge, the last of the three Notridges who presided in East Hanningfield from 1790 to 1865, left £5,000 (a considerable sum in those days) in his will to build a new Rectory. Only the cellars of the old building remain although it's indicated on the Petre estate map of 1615 for anyone to see its original state.

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#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

As Chairman of the East Hanningfield Parish Council I would like to invite everyone living within the parish to come to the Annual Parish Meeting to be held in the school hall at 8 p.m. on Thursday 24th April.

The Parish Meeting is your chance to come along and hear what has been done in the village during the last year and what is planned for the next. It is also your opportunity to ask any questions regarding life in East Hanningfield. The accounts will be presented and rate increases will be discussed.

Don't stay at home on 24th April, be part of East Hanningfield at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Alex G. Hendry.

#### BYE LAWS

The Parish Council established Bye Laws for the Tye (Village Green) on January 1st, 1980. This was done to protect the Green from misuse and we would ask for your help. The full details of the Bye Laws are posted on the Parish Council notice board but we are sending a copy of them, via this newsletter, to every household in the parish. The main points are that cars must not be parked nor horses ridden on the Green. These offences

together with any damage to the Green, trees, fences, bus shelters etc carry a fine of £50. The Tye is for the enjoyment of all the village and the Bye Laws aim to protect this, please help by observing them.

#### SPEED LIMITS

Last year the Parish Council applied to move the 40m.p.h. signs further from the village centre down Back Lane, East Hanningfield Road and Bicknacre Road. It was disappointed to have this application rejected by District Council, but, not easily rebuffed, the Parish Council is now concentrating on just one route, Bicknacre Road. This is a potential danger spot with new families moving into the Highfields Mead development. In fact, 70% of the traffic using the village travels along Bicknacre road (much of it having gathered speed after the South Gibcracks bend). The arguments on our side are sound enough - a reply is eagerly awaited!

#### VILLAGE ROADS

Still on the topic of roads... the surfaces are not in the best of condition but when the winter weather hit us standing patches of water which froze over were extremely dangerous. The Parish Council has been constantly seeking attention from the Highways Committee. Repairs to both surfaces and drainage ditches have been made near the 'S' bend. But water still stands along Back Lane and Bicknacre Road. The Parish Council is still seeking a heavy vehicles restriction to protect the roads and environment from increased use by far too many vehicles which have no business in the village but merely use our roads as a by pass.

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#### VILLAGE LAND MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This committee meets each month to discuss just about everything, above and below ground level, to do with our new recreation ground. Following their full report last time, they are pleased to announce that the drainage scheme appears to be keeping the fields free of surface water without the same hazards of previous years. The smaller field has been ploughed and will be seeded in the spring. At the North end of this field are the allotments so we all look forward to seeing the first

'fruits of our labour'. The Electricity Board is presently laying underground cables across the fields. The overhead lines will be removed to avoid any possible danger to those using the area. Enquiries regarding the laying of a main sewerage outlet are now in hand. A duct has been placed on the Peerage development for water to which we may connect when the main services have been laid to the temporary building (still being sought). Some pieces of equipment for the Adventure Playground have already been imaginatively constructed but bad weather has 'stopped play' on this aspect at the moment. Volunteers to continue with this work in the Spring would be very welcome. Tree planting, landscaping and byelaws are all being investigated and a full report on these plus past, present and future work will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting.

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

The end of the Winter term saw a most professional entertainment given by the juniors to their parents and friends when they presented the musical play 'Oliver'. A musical play, 'Herbert Pringle and the Park Keeper' is planned for the Summer Term. One of the Junior classes has recently visited places of interest in the village as part of their project on the history of East Hanningfield. On the sports side of school life, a swimming Gala is being arranged at Bramston Sports Centre, Witham in which some of our children hope to participate. The Council has finally agreed to build wide concrete paths at the rear of the school after April. A muddy hilllock is also being removed. This and the lack of adequate footpaths is presently a constant source of embarrassment due to soiled clothes and carpets in the school. With good footpaths and grassy hilllocks for the children to play on, an improvement in the state of the childrens clothes and the school carpets should be appreciated next winter.

P.T.A.

Amongst recent events arranged by the P.T.A. was a Cheese and Wine party at which a most interesting talk on East Hanningfield was given by Mr. Stan Jarvis, local Historian and writer. A mini bazaar in February raised over £100 for the school fund.

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Some of the village ladies joined P.T.A. members on 14th February to take part in a sponsored 'Knit' at the school. Tickets are now available for the Spring Dance (see the Newsletter Diary) from Elsie Bruce, 400076. Hurry now.....

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NEW VENUES

The Table Tennis club now has its own premises and will welcome anyone who would like to join-theres no age limit! At the time of going to press, all of the six teams, which compete in both the Chelmsford and Burnham leagues, are doing very well. In fact, two teams are second and third in their divisions. Some members have been successful in gaining their bronze awards. If you'd like more details, contact David Goodey on Danbury 2887.

The Monday Club is meeting in the school again now. All girls, not just those from the village school are welcome to come along 6-7.15p.m.

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In the next issue of the Newsletter we will be publishing a complete list of all the services and clubs regularly provided in the village. Please send details of any such activities, for example, times and place plus a telephone number to find out more details, to Helen Cubitt, 4, Bridon Close (tel. 400375). The copy date for the next issue is 16th May. As you can see we are trying to make our newsletter as complete a record of village life as possible. This edition includes, for the first time, Christenings, Marriages and Deaths of people in the village. We'd be delighted to publish 'Births' too, so contact Helen Cubitt when your new baby arrives. She won't promise to help with bottles and nappies but she will get pen to paper for the press! This applies to all news- it must come from you. The Newsletter is paid for out of your rates- its your official grapevine, so give her a ring, 400375, anytime. She'll also welcome any suggestions about the form or content of the Newsletter- for instance would you like to use it to advertise articles for sale or wanted?

Silver Foil  
Mrs. Tydeman, who lives at Lawrence, Back Lane, has resumed her collection of silver foil (milk bottle tops etc) in aid of Guide Dogs For the Blind. Please save all your foil for this worthy cause and leave it outside her door if she's out.  
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BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES and DEATHS

Baptisms

October 28th. 1979  
Matthew James Graham SMITH  
February 17th. 1980  
Aaron John WRIGHT

Burial

October 22nd 1979  
Mary HARVEY  
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CHURCH SERVICES IN EAST HANNINGFIELD

ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
8 a.m. Holy Communion  
11 a.m. Morning Prayer (except on the fourth Sunday in the month when there is Holy Communion at 11 am.)

The church choir meets at 10.15a.m. every Sunday to prepare music for the 11a.m. service. If you like singing please come and join us then, even if you can offer only occasional help.

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sunday 11a.m. Sunday school  
3pm. Gospel Service (November to March)  
6.30pm. .. .. (April to October)  
Tuesday 2.30 pm. Fellowship Hour  
7.30 pm. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.  
Saturday (The last in the month) Young Peoples meeting  
7-9p.m.

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DANGER!

The management committee are seriously concerned about the amount of broken glass on the new recreation ground, so much so that they have spent a lot of their spare time picking it all up, only to see more appear! Loose stones also lead to games of stone throwing. PLEASE make this a safe area for your children to play in and help in any way you can to stop this being a dumping ground for rubbish.  
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CONCESSIONARY FARES SCHEME

The following provisional arrangements for issuing bus passes to the elderly have been made by the District Council prior to presenting their budget. The passes can be collected from the Civic Centre from Monday to Friday 9a.m.-4p.m. between 14th. and 28th March. For surnames beginning A-H... 14th-18th March  
I-P... 19th-21st March  
Q-Z... 24th-28th March

If you are unable to attend on those dates the passes will also be issued at Rettendon Memorial Hall on Wednesday 19th March from 1.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m. or at Danbury Church Meeting Hall 10a.m.-1pm. on Friday 21st. March.  
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY... MARCH, APRIL, MAY

- 5th March. Clinic W.I. Hall 2 pm. Doctor in attendance
- 6th March. Toddler Group. Talk by St Johns Ambulance on accidents in the home. All welcome. 10.30 a.m.
- 8th March. Bethel Church. Games morning for children. 10 a.m.
- 10th. March. Girls Club. 'Good as New' sale in the school hall. All items welcome; club retains 10% Ring 400517.
- 15th March. School. Spring Dance to the group 'Spartan'. Tickets at £2.50 inc. supper. Ring 4000076
- 16th March. Mothering Sunday. All Saints Church. 11 a.m. Bring your children to be blessed during the

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- Family Holy Communion Service,  
Bethel Church 11 a.m. Family Service during  
which the children distribute flowers.
- 19th March. W.I. Talk 'Going to Work on an Egg' Mrs. Need  
22nd March. Scouts. Market Charity Stall. Donations of books,  
home produce. good as new, please. Ring 400698
- 23rd March. Passion Sunday. Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and  
11 a.m. (with hymns) All Saints Church.
- 26th March. Playgroup. Easter Get together. 2 p.m. W.I. Hall  
Hat Competition, stalls craftwork and Tombola.
- 27th March. Parish Council Meeting. School Hall 8 p.m.
- 30th March. Palm Sunday. All Saints Church. Holy Communion  
8 a.m. Morning Prayer 11 a.m.
- EASTER Scouts. 'Bob a Job' week.  
Junior Table Tennis team. Sponsored matches to  
raise money for the hut roof.
- 2nd April. Climc W.I. Hall. 2 pm.
- 4th. April. Good Friday. All Saints Church. Compline 7.30p.m.
- 6th. April. Easter Sunday. All Saints Church. Holy Communion  
7 a.m. and 8a.m. Morning Prayer 11 a.m.  
Bethel Church. Family Service 11a.m. Evening  
Service 6.30 p.m.
- 16th. April W.I. Talk on Hairdressing by Leon Mash.
- 19th. April W.I. Rummage, Produce and Plant Sale. 2.30 p.m.  
in W.I. Hall Entrance 5p.
- 24th. April. Annual Parish Council Meeting School Hall 8p.m.
- 2nd-3rd May. Skip to be placed on the Tye near the P.O. to  
receive bulky items, not garden refuse, please.
- 7th May. Clinic W.I. Hall. 2 p.m. Doctor in attendance.
- 21st. May W.I. Resolutions Mrs. Wells V.C.O.
- 22nd May. Parish Council Meeting 8 p.m. School Hall.



# East Hanningfield News

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The front cover this time shows the Old Post Office, East Hanningfield. It was built in 1912 by Miss Cross who used to run the post office and shop in the premises they occupy today, but in 1912 she decided to run just the P.O. side from the front room of her new house. All the business was conducted from a large dining table, customers having entered through a doorway where there is only a window today. Miss Cross retired in the late twenties when the P.O. returned to its present home.

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#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on the 24th April. As Chairman, Mr. Hendry read his report on the theme, 'East Hanningfield as part of Mid-Essex'. He was pleased to confirm a recent decision to keep the village in Chelmsford constituency. The Parish Council continues in its fight against the southern route of the Chelmsford by-pass and against heavy goods vehicles using the roads through the village as a short cut. Shortly it will be joining in discussions with West and South Hanningfield on a community bus service.

Another duty of the P.C. is to consider planning applications. It has rejected any that are outside the planning envelope placed round the village or which lead to a population increase above that stated in the Structure Plan. It is constantly concerned about the appearance of our village. In fact, at the very time this Newsletter is coming out it is being judged in the Best Kept Village Competition. Mr. Hendry thanked Mr. Thomas, the Groundsman, for his care and hard work.

Next Mr. Hendry opened a discussion on the rates. The P.C. is considering doubling the Parish Rate which could perhaps help purchase a new village hall. All the points raised by parishioners were noted in preparation for the next airing of the subject.

Mr. Dixon read his report as Chairman of the Community Centre Appeal Committee. The recent Model Railway Exhibition had raised over £1,000 and since the inception of appeal it has raised over £10,000. He is sorry to be vacating the position as Chairman but has every confidence in the competence and enthusiasm of

the committee members. Mr. Hendry then thanked Mr. Dixon for all the hard work he had put into raising such a splendid amount and for his dedicated leadership.

#### LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A competition has been held recently amongst the school children to find a suitable name for our new recreation ground. The winning entry, 'Hanna's Field' was suggested by Issa Rose and Paul Whellan and they both received book tokens.

The committee is pleased to welcome Mr. Carter as its new Secretary and thanked Mrs. Bruce for all her hard work and personal expenditure of both time and money. It also welcomes Mrs. Walden and Mr. Brown. Anyone who would like to fill the one remaining vacancy on the committee should contact Mr. Labedzki, Chairman.

The Adventure Playground is still, with much welcome help, in course of construction. Volunteers are aware of the dangers while the equipment is being erected and have been taking great care to leave it in a safe state between each stage, but they are constantly threatened by vandalism. One day there will be a serious accident on the site. Broken glass and dog fouling present a dangerous health hazard and unless children act more responsibly and parents take it upon themselves to be more vigilant the hard work of fund raisers and working volunteers will sadly to no avail. PLEASE TAKE CARE!

Would you like an allotment?

There are four vacancies on the allotment site. One of them could be yours for £5 per year. Contact Mrs. Brooks on 400110.

#### CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT

During the summer holidays each year the Parish Council arranges for a childrens entertainer to provide a morning of fun for young children in the W.I. Hall. Last year we had a magician. A similar event is planned this year so watch the local papers for news of

#### W.I. HALL

If you're planning a large party or public or club function the W.I. Hall, Old Church Road may be ideal. Ring 400346 for more details.

PLAYGROUP SUPERVISOR

This July the Playgroup is sadly losing Christine Holland one of the Playgroup supervisors. In January 1978 Christine began by helping as an assistant. The group was held then in the Rectory. In September 1978 she became a supervisor and when Mrs. Bruce left in July 1979 she took over as the chief supervisor. Its a job she has thoroughly enjoyed, especially meeting people and being an important part of village life. However she would now like to devote more of her time to her own family and reluctantly leaves her job.

If you would be interested in leading the playgroup two mornings per week from September contact Linda James on 400823

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RUBBISH

Although it arrived late the skip on the village green was rapidly filled with rubbish again this time. Perhaps everyone was busy tidying their property in time for the Best Kept Village Competition! The next skip will be ordered for later in the summer but you are reminded that should you require the removal of any bulky household rubbish (not garden refuse) you can apply to the Chief Public Health Officer at the Civic Centre for a special collection.

Meanwhile we have received a complaint from one of the tenants on the factory estate that someone has been using the large bins behind his unit for their own refuse. You are reminded that these are private property, emptied at a cost to the owner. The police are aware of this trespassing.

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MOBILE LIBRARY VAN

Recently the library van has changed its route and now calls at Ashley Green 2.10 p.m. till 3 p.m.  
Three Horseshoes 3.20 p.m. till 4.15p.m.

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COMMUNITY TREES

As summer approaches, and, hopefully, dry weather, villagers are reminded that we have had many new trees planted recently. Even older trees can suffer in times of drought, so if you have a community tree near your house please pour a bucket of water over its roots regularly.

P.T.A.

As usual the school P.T.A. has had a busy time raising funds. Recent well attended events were the Spring Dance in March, the sponsored walk which raised money for the upkeep of the swimming pool and a childrens dance festival. The infant childrens outing to Colchester Zoo was most enjoyable and class 3 visited Salesfrith Farm and Mr. Bensons shire horses.

We shall be participating in the provision of side-show at the Hanningfield Horse Show on 29th June. Help from parents will be appreciated. Then on 5th July we shall be holding the School Summer Pete which will include a Fancy dress competition, gymnastic display, pet show and side show. The 100 Club is to run again this year and will raise funds for restocking the school library. New members (not only parents of school children) will be welcome. Contact the secretary of the P.T.A. on 400076.

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NEW BABIES.....Welcome to East Hanningfield!

- 18th March. Timothy, born to Graham and Anne Parker.
- 21st March. Natalie Anne, born to Tony and Carol Charles.
- 27th March. John Mark, born to David and Brenda Cottee.
- 15th April. Rebecca Stan, born to Steven and Linda Carter.

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ARE YOU NEW TO THE VILLAGE?

This month we are printing a list of all the clubs in the village to let you know what goes on here. We apologise to all the contributors to this section but there's only room to give details of each club and its secretary, so perhaps you can say more in answer to a call.

- Table Tennis.....David Goodey Danbury 2887
- Football.....Lenny Hoskinson Chelmsford 869486
- W.I.....Mrs. Williams' Crofters' E.H. Road, Sandon
- Playgroup....Mrs James 400828
- Toddler Group..Mrs Cubitt 400375
- Cub Pack..Mrs. Gould at the school, Tuesdays 6.15p.m.
- Monday Club for Girls..Mrs Walden 400517
- Sewing Circle (P.T.A.)..Mrs. Bruce 400076
- Youth Club .....Mrs Walden 400517
- Cricknet Club...Mr. Rooney 400745
- Womens League of Health & Beauty..Mrs Woodward Danbury 2996

Interested in Music? Why not join the Danbury Music Group? Contact Tim Osmaston on Danbury 4580.

Dates for your diary.....June, July and August.

4th June P.T.A. Rowdgers Match.

Toddler group outing to Colchester Zoo.

12th June Infant Children to take part in music festival

14th June Games Morning, Bethel Church 10-12 noon

15th June Sunday Sale, 2, Rough Hill Cottages, The Tye, 2.30p.m.

18th June W.I. Fainting on white porcelain.

19th June Parish Council 8 p.m. School Hall.

2nd July Maldon and District Sports Day.

Clinic W.I. Hall 2 p.m. Doctor in attendance.

5th July School Summer Fete.

13th July Chrysalis Concert. W.I. Hall. 2 p.m.

Family Service Bethel Church 11 a.m.

16th July W.I. Preserving flowers and foliage.

17th July Parish Council 8 p.m. School Hall.

Garden party in aid of Playgroup, 'Kilburn' 2 p.m.

2nd & 3rd Aug. Art Exhibition, 'Rowan Cottage' (Near 'S' bend)

20th Aug. W.I. Garden Meeting 2.30 p.m. 'Bridleways'

21st Aug Parish Council 8 p.m. School Hall.

CHURCH SERVICES IN EAST HANNINGFIELD

ALL SAINTS CHURCH 8 a.m. Holy Communion

11 a.m. Morning Prayer (except on the

fourth Sunday in the month when there is Holy Communion at

11a.m.

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH 11 a.m. Sunday School

3 p.m. Sunday Services.

Tuesday 2.30 p.m. Fellowship Hour

7.30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

June 27th and July 25th. Young Peoples Meeting 7-9 p.m.

Bible Club will be held on July 23rd, 30th, August 6th and 13th

from 6.45 - 7.45 p.m.

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

At All Saints Church

Burial of the cremated remains of Michael HILL

late of 16, Payne Place on 12th April 1980.

Baptism of Thomas Robert Lyden, 38 Highfields, on 27th

Baptism of Matthew Edward Griggs, 46 Ashley Green on

25th May.

At Bethel Evangelical Church

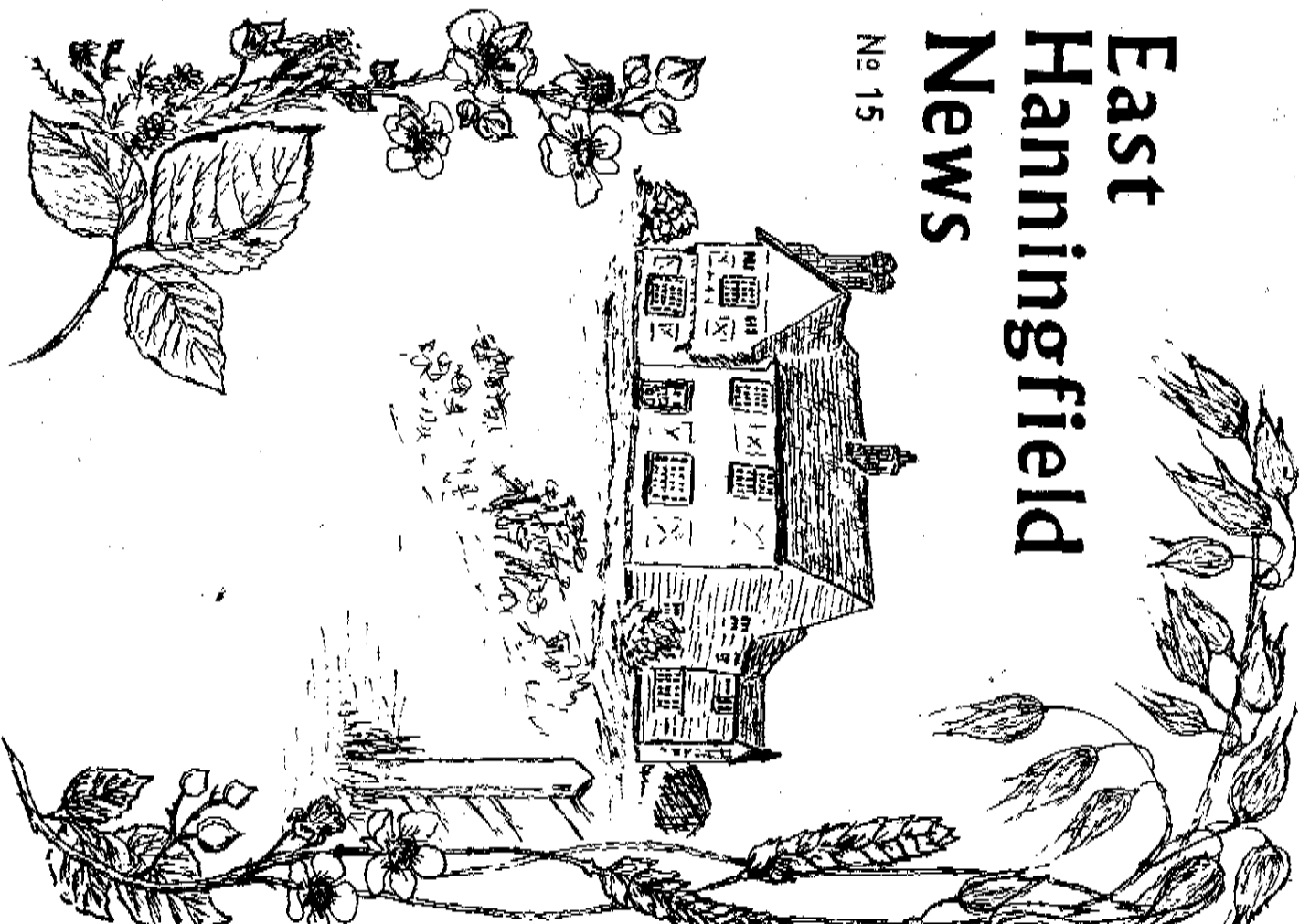
Thanksgiving for Kim Lisa-Marie Cross, 16th May.

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## Front Cover

Rails Farmhouse was probably built in the Mid Fifteenth century and along with Claydons Manor, Willis' Farm and possibly East Hanningfield Hall is one of the oldest houses in the village. They are all mediaeval 'hall' houses which means that one end of the dwelling would serve as a food store and the other would be a large hall in which the extended family lived around an open fire, smoke rising eventually to a hole in the roof. It's not like that now! Over the years the house has been modernised, fire-places and chimneys being added in late Elizabethan times and the larger windows in the Eighteenth century.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

At the Annual Parish Council meeting in May, Mr. Hendry was re-elected as Chairman.

Villagers will be aware of the signs displaying the Byelaws which have been erected on the Tye. This concludes the Councils efforts to protect the land and ensure its proper use without any damage.

The Parish Council is still concerned about safety along village highroads. We will very soon see the 40 mph signs moved further from the village centre following almost a years negotiation on the matter. Discussion still proceeds on improving visibility for people leaving the School Chase. The developers at the Abbey Fields site, Moody's, have been asked to trim the hedge and the possibility of placing a mirror opposite the exit is being investigated.

Security in rural areas has been discussed several times in the last quarter. The Parish Council feels that vandalism, petty crimes and burglaries may not be so frequent if policemen patrolled on foot or by bicycle whereby they might more readily communicate with the public.

Our village roads are becoming even busier as vehicles from other areas use East Hanningfield as a short cut. Creepledge Lane has been joined to a new roundabout in South Woodham Ferrers and it is used as a cross-country route to West Hanningfield and Chelmsford. The Parish Council feels that when the road linked to the B 1012 as a 'T' junction many motorists were not so aware of its direction. Now, with the rapidly increasing population in the new town its use is likely to escalate adding to the dangers on our roads.

Rural rate payments are to be discussed at Borough

Council level in the Autumn. The P.C. is concerned that rural areas pay for many town facilities such as street lighting, cemeteries, footpaths and bus services but do not receive these benefits themselves. In many cases their needs are greater than town dwellers who also enjoy far better recreational and leisure facilities. These views have been officially put forward prior to the meeting.

In this edition of the Newsletter we're reminding you of the members of the Parish Council and their fields of special interest and responsibility. Every villager is most welcome to contact them on any matter of concern at their home or by phone. Questions can also be asked at 'Question time' shortly after 8 p.m. at each Parish Council meeting.

- Alex Hendry.....Chairman, Planning.
  - Alan Dixon.....Vice Chairman, District Council Liaison.
  - Stan Bird.....Footpaths and ditches.
  - Bill Lovegrove... Village Maintenance
  - Phillip Mitchell... Finance
  - Rev A.D. Ost..... Education
  - Chris Sharp..... Recreation Management
  - Libby Brooks..... Clerk to the Parish Council.
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LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The committee is pleased to announce that work will shortly be starting on levelling and seeding Hanna's field. We would be most grateful if people could avoid using the land during this treatment, especially if the weather is wet.

A childrens slide and two seats have been delivered in preparation for the toddlers play area. These, and other items of equipment have cost the parish nearly £500 and again we are sad to see so much of it being thoughtlessly damaged. Much of the enthusiasm has been lost too as people who have kindly given help in setting it up, see their

efforts ruined. Please take care in these early stages in this important investment for the future and don't spoil the enjoyment for others.

The committee is to undertake the laying on of water to the site itself, thus making a considerable saving. It is planned in two stages; first to lay a pipe on our land between the allotments and the site of the temporary village hall. Second, from a 'T' joint on the aforementioned pipe through Peerage Properties to a duct where it will be linked up by the Essex Water Board.

There are still one or two allotments available. Anyone who is interested should contact Mr. Maynard on Ch. 400751. Work will begin again on rebuilding the adventure play area on 20th September. If you're interested in helping please ring Alan Snow on Ch. 400635 or turn up on the day.

The Committee would like to remind you of its members and again meetings are always open to the public.

- Stefan Jabecki, Chairman, Anne Walden, Vice-Chairman, Stephen Carter, Secretary, Alan Dixon and Chris Sharp from the P.C., Anne Moore, Playgroup, Dick Taylor, Cubs, Mick Maynard, allotments, Alan Snow, Adventure playground, Brian Scanes, P.T.A., Lenny Hoskinson, Football, David Brown.

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APPEAL COMMITTEE

On Sunday 14th September at 12 noon East Hanningfield Community Centre Appeal Committee will be opening the gates to the Eighth Annual Go Kart Grand Prix. Help of all kinds is needed, such as donations for the tombola and some produce stalls, assistance in setting up the event and in manning stalls. If you feel you can help even for just an hour, please contact any committee member,

- John Trusler, 4, Clinton Close 400817
- Elsie Bruce, Highcroft, The Common, 400076
- Alan Snow, 12 Pease Place, 400633
- Pam Sharp, Highfields Farm, 400549
- Terry Martin, 5, Clinton Close, 400674
- Brian Reade, 14, Ashley Green, 400632

This year it is hoped to have more side-shows than ever before and in particular lots of things for the children to do and prizes to win on their own tombola. The adults tombola will contain excellent items. Refreshments will be available and the bar is again provided by the Oddfellows Arms selling Greene King beer.

This project is run to raise money to develop the playing fields and community centre for the benefit of

every body in the village. Your donations of goods and of your time will be most welcome but most importantly please come along to help make the event a success and the committee is sure you'll have a most enjoyable time.

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P.T.A.

June and July proved to be a busy but very successful time for the school P.T.A. The rounders Evening held on the 12th June seems to have become a popular and established event. The three side-shows manned by the P.T.A. at the Horse Show and the school fete the following week were very successful and added considerably to school funds. Both the events were fortunate in having fine weather during a rather wet spell.

During the summer holidays swimming for all age groups was again organised by Mrs. Walden and her helpers.

Unfortunately the P.T.A. lost the services of its secretary in June when Mrs. Bruce was unable to continue. The committee was very grateful to her for her hard work during her term of office.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.

- 5th. Sept. Youth Club starts. W.I. Hall
- 8th. Sept. Girls Club starts. School Hall
- 11th. Sept. Toddler Group starts. Bethel Church. 2 p.m.
- 13th. Sept. Bethel Church Anniversary 3 p.m.
- 14th. Sept. Go Kart Grand Prix. 12 noon Claydons Farm
- Bethel Church Sunday School recommences 11 a.m.
- 15th. Sept. Playgroup photographer 11a.m. W.I. Hall
- 17th. Sept. W.I. Annual Produce Show.
- 25th. Sept. Toddler Group talk, 'The terrible 'two's' Parish Council 8 p.m. School Hall
- 28th Sept. Harvest Family Service. Bethel Church. 11 a.m.
- 8th Oct. A.G.M. of P.T.A. in School Hall
- 11th Oct. Autumn Barn Dance. 'Flying Serpent Ceilidh Band' School Hall
- 15th Oct. W.I. Toy Making. Mrs. Ives. 7.30p.m. W.I. Hall
- 23rd. Oct. Parish Council 8 p.m. School Hall
- 26th. Oct. Sunday School Prizegiving Bethel Church.

- 5th Nov. Clinic. 2 p.m. W.I. Hall. Doctor in attendance
- 16th. Nov. Family Service Bethel Church 11 a.m.
- 19th. Nov. W.I. talk by Mr. Nolan on the N.S.P.C.C.
- 27th Nov. Parish Council 8 p.m. School Hall.

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CHURCH SERVICES IN EAST HANNINGFIELD

All Saints Church

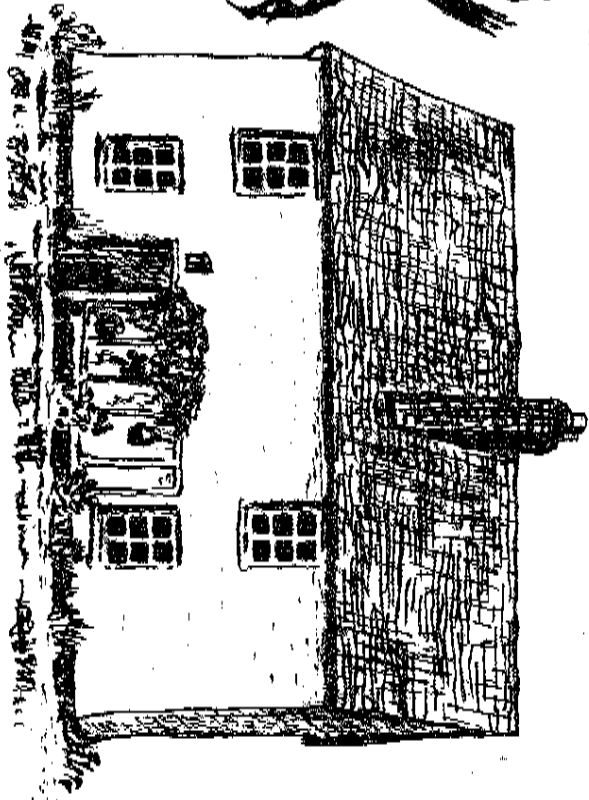
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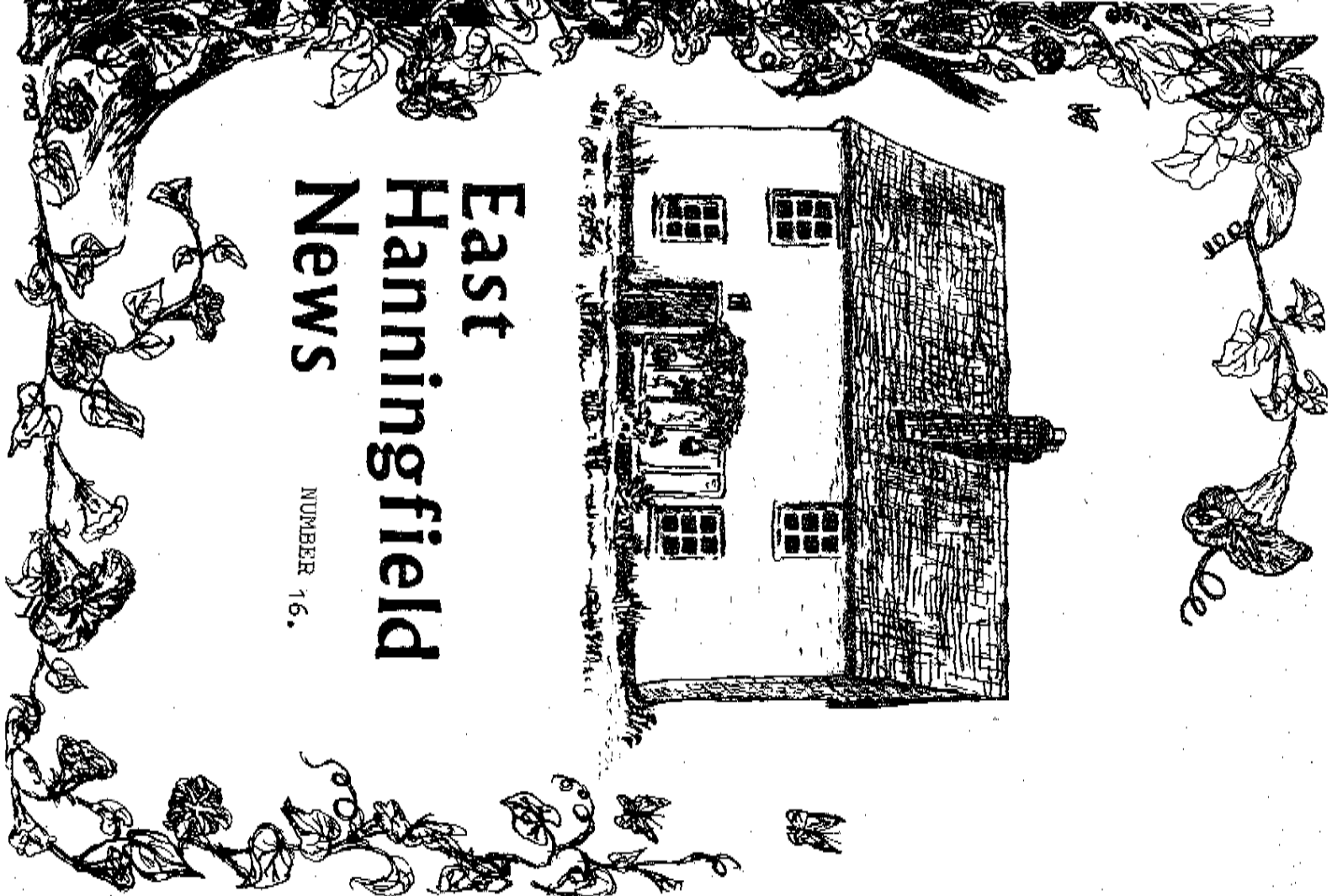
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If you have any items of news for the newsletter contact Helen Cubitt, 400375. The publication comes out quarterly with the next copy date being the 15th November for the December, January, February edition. This time we have 'nt had any birth announcements so if you have a baby due soon let us know!



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Huntingdon's Farm, Back Lane, our front cover illustration this time, is another of our oldest village buildings. It dates from the 14th. century and was probably more like Ralls Farm originally, being built in an H or L shape and featuring a large communal hall. It's interesting to see the smaller windows, those of Ralls having been enlarged over the years.

PARISH COUNCIL

The last quarter proved to be one of effective action by members of the Parish Council.

Firstly, the problem of visibility from the School Chase has finally been solved. A meeting was held on site with a representative from Eastern Electricity who explained how it would be difficult to remove the pole as it is one of the main supports in that area. However, the pole stands behind the shrubbery and once the hawthorn bushes had been removed and the whole area grubbed out visibility was improved considerably.

At last the grass area of the Tye beside Smiths Garden is no longer ponding over in times of heavy rain. The district Council has obviously found the fault in the drainage.

In response to correspondence from a parishioner, the P.C. has written to the Executive Health Council to enquire whether it would be possible to convert one of the flats on the new Council estate into a doctors surgery for use once or twice per week.

The contract for preparing the new Recreation ground was awarded to A and P Landscapes of Saffron Walden who promised to begin work in September. There was a considerable delay however which understandably caused much disappointment and anxiety. The firm was difficult to contact but finally, on behalf of the Council, Mr. Hendry threatened to remove the contract from them. Suddenly things began to happen! The vegetation was burnt after being killed with herbicides. The ground was then levelled and harrowed prior to seeding. As a safeguard however, 6% of the cost has been withheld from A and P Landscapes in case the land needs to be reseeded next year. We'll then be able to see the full potential use of Hanna's Field.

On the centre pages of this edition of the Newsletter is a diagram which explains just where all the money for the

project has come from and what it has been spent on. As you can appreciate it's been a long, complex operation and all that's been achieved so far is only the foundation work for many more years of fund-raising! Still, as from next year we can at least begin to enjoy the facilities on our own village land.

Another planning application for the site of a temporary village hall has been submitted following an on site meeting with a representative from the Planning Department. The original plans showed the hall and car park to be too near the residential development at Abbey Fields.

The footpaths in the parish have recently been walked. Some have deteriorated and access to the one at Highfields farm is restricted. A map showing the footpaths has been displayed in the Parish Council noticeboard outside the Post Office and in the next Newsletter there will be a reminder of the Country Code.

Many of the trees recently planted on Ashley Green and Bridon Close verges have not survived. They are soon to be replaced at a nominal charge of £1 each to cover labour costs

A new litter bin has been purchased and will be sited on the path leading to Hanna's Field from Coude Dennis. The refuse collectors have been notified so it should be emptied regularly. It's hoped that it will be used so that the path becomes an attractive, litter-free approach to the recreation ground.

This year the village gained no recognition in the Best Kept Village Competition and was unplaced.  
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REFUSE

Once again the skip placed for our use on the Tye proved to be too small for all the bulky items that the weekly refuse collectors would not take. A large amount of rubbish built up outside the container and villagers are reminded that dumping it there is a contravention of the litter laws. People are still turning up with garden rubbish which must not be deposited in the skip, please.

The next skip will be delivered in the Spring and meanwhile the P.C. will be trying to find an alternative position for it. Any ideas? If you need to dispose of bulky items before then you can apply for a special collection by contacting the Chief Public Health Officer at the Civic Centre (see Home Insulation article)

# Hanna's Field - the facts and figures

## INCOME

GRANT FROM CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL £7,350

PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD £3,750

ALLOTMENTS  
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PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

EAST HAMMINGFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE APPEALS COMMITTEE £6,265

VILLAGE PLAYGROUP

## EXPENSES

PURCHASE OF LAND £9,100  
LEGAL COSTS £395

PREPARATION OF LAND £3,022  
This cost covers herbicide treatment, ploughing the large field, preparation of the ground and fencing for a tennis court, and mowing & seeding the football pitches. £181 has been withheld in case the land needs reseeding in 1981

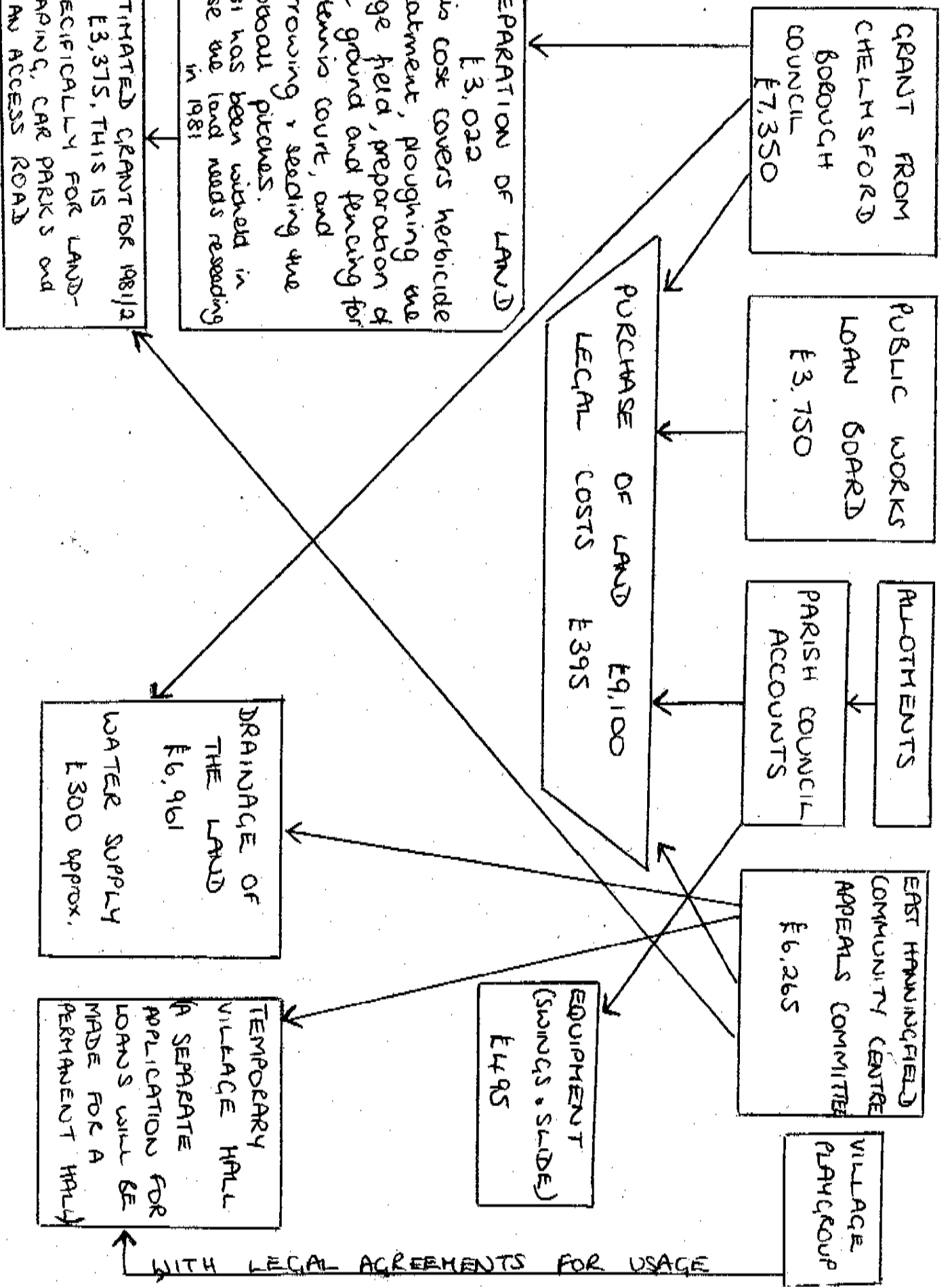
ESTIMATED GRANT FOR 1981/2 IS £3,375. THIS IS SPECIFICALLY FOR LAND-SCAPING, CAR PARKS AND AN ACCESS ROAD

DRAINAGE OF THE LAND £6,961  
WATER SUPPLY £300 approx.

EQUIPMENT (BENCHES & SLIDES) £495

TEMPORARY VILLAGE HALL  
A SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR LANDS WILL BE MADE FOR A PERMANENT HALL

WITH LEGAL AGREEMENTS FOR USAGE



Dust bins have recently been collected on Tuesdays. This is to be a permanent change.  
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SCHOOL FIELD

The school field can be hired to any responsible body by application to Essex County Council Education Committee. This facility may be especially useful while our own land is being prepared for recreation.  
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JOINT MEETING

A joint meeting was held in October between two members of the P.C., Mr. Hendry and Mr. Dixon and representatives from the Appeal and Land Committees. The two latter groups would like more effective involvement in planning and a statement will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in 1981.  
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HOME INSULATION GRANTS

The Home Insulation Scheme, 1980, provides for a grant towards the cost of insulating lofts where there is none already. It also covers the insulation of water tanks and pipes in lofts and the cost of cutting an access to roof areas.

To obtain a grant you must be able to produce receipts for all the materials and services you have paid for. The Department of the Environment produces a detailed informative booklet on how to insulate your home to save heat and money but your first local enquiry should be to Mr. N. F. Hudson, The Public Health Officer at the Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, Tel. 61733.  
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BUS SERVICES

Enclosed in the last Newsletter was a questionnaire concerning a possible community bus service. The completed forms and correspondence have been sent to Mr. Fish of South Hanningfield P.C. who initiated the enquiry. Three quarters of the respondents expressed an interest in a cross-country bus service especially a link with Maldon. This information has been sent to Eastern National Bus Company along with an application to place another bus stop at the Common end of the village.

The free bus service to Asda store at South Woodham Ferrers has recently changed. It now only operates on Thursdays and Fridays leaving the Windmill at 10:46 a.m. and returning there at 1:04 p.m.  
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APPEAL COMMITTEE

The Go-kart Grand Prix was held on 14th. September. Disappointingly attendance was well down on last year and this adversely affected profits. It had been hoped to make about \$950 profit but now that all the bills have been paid the total will fall short of this figure. On the bright side however those who did attend enjoyed themselves and the committee do feel that the event was a success.

Many people put a lot of hard work into the event and the committee would like to thank everybody who helped. Fund raising is more important than ever if we are ever to get a Community Centre and the Committee welcome as much assistance as possible whether in the form of help at events or in ideas for new fund-raising schemes.

Please don't wait until the P.C. A.G.M. in April when a discussion of fund-raising ideas will take place - the Committee would like to hear now from anyone who can contribute in any way whatsoever. Our next events are the Christmas Draw (see Diary) and the Model Railway Exhibition in Chelmsfords Chancellor Hall on 6th. and 7th. March.  
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LAND COMMITTEE

The main achievement of the group has been laying a pipe within our boundary between the allotments and the site of the temporary village hall.

A decision was reached regarding the rental for the Cub Hut of a peppercorn rent of £1 per annum. The Committee regrets to announce the resignations of Mr. Alan Snow and Mr. Mick Mynard from the committee. We appreciate the hard work they have put in especially in supervising the pipe laying within the boundary.  
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P.T.A.

The A.G.M. was held on October 8th. when a mainly new committee of parents and teachers was elected.

This years Autumn dance was held on October 14th. Dancing was to the 'Old Frog Band' and a supper of bar-be- qued meats, jacket potatoes and salad was served.

The school Christmas parties will be held on 9th and 10th of December. The Infants will be inviting the Playgroup to their party and we are hopeful that Father Christmas may make a visit.  
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THE VILLAGE STORE

Brenda and Brian Ruffell have returned to the village after a four year absence to rejuvenate the P.O. Stores.

It is their intention to operate the premises as a VILLAGE store and they will be pleased to receive any reasonable suggestions for offering a more complete service to the community.

They are already selling bread, fresh vegetables, frozen foods and milk apart from the normal range of provisions.

For people not able to visit the shop deliveries can be made. Just one request, please do not ask them for newspapers until after Christmas.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY. . . DECEMBER, JANUARY and FEBRUARY

1st. Dec. Draw ticket counterfoils to A. Snow, 12, Pease Place

4th. Dec. Playgroup Christmas Bazaar

10th. Dec. Christmas Draw. 9 p.m. Windmill Public Bar.

12th. Playgroup Christmas Party.

13th Dec. Sunday School Party. Primaries, 2-4p.m. Juniors, 4-6 p.m.

21st. Dec. Carol Service All Saints Church 3p.m.

Family Carol Service 11 a.m. Bethel Church.

24th. Dec. Childrens Service 3p.m. All Saints Church

Carols and Midnight Communion 11:30 p.m.

25th, Dec. Holy Communion 8 a.m. All Saints Church

Morning Prayer shortened with carols. All Saints

Morning Service 10:30 a.m. Bethel Church.

1st. Jan. Girls Club outing to see Huckleberry Finn. (Ring 400517)

31st. Jan. Jumble Sale at the School.

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BAPTISTS, MARRIAGES and DEATHS

16th Aug. Wedding of Mr. Kirkham, 4, Ashley Green to Miss Willis.

13th Sept. Thanksgiving for Rebecca Stan Carter

28th Sept. Thanksgiving for John Mark Cotter

19th Oct. Christening of Mark Anthony Rhys & Matilde Anne Charles

22nd Oct. Funeral of Clara Shead, 9, Pease Place. Aged 86 years.

9th Nov. Christening of Clare Diane Stephens.

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