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Claydons Manor was built approximately 1500. An unusual

feature is that it has 'tied' rafters which are dovetailed into the tap plates to hold the two sides of the house together. A cross wing was added in about 1600. It has two inglenook fireplaces and several mullion windows.

YOU LIVE HERECARE ABOUT IT

Many of us think that East Hanningfield is a great place to live-maybe you don't agree. Perhaps you have ideas of how the village could be a better place or you would just like to hear what others have to say about the place in which you live.

Either way, take the time to come to the Annual Village Meeting at the W.I.Hall on Thursday March 26th. at 8.15p.m. We cannot promise to change things overnight but we certainly want to know what you think.

We are about to start the next phase in the development of the village recreational facilities-plans and ideas will be discussed at this meeting.

Without you the Annual Village Meeting will not be complete, its your village...care.

Alex G. Hendry
Chairman, Parish Council.

PARISH COUNCIL

Several moves have been made towards applying for a visiting surgery in the village, possibly to be located in a vacant flat on the council estate. The Area Health Authority will have to finance the scheme and if they favour the service then parishioners views will be sought.

Eastern National Bus Company is reviewing the service it provides to all the Hanningfields. East Hanningfield, in fact, receives a better service than the other two villages, but he Bus Co. is interested in the completed questionnaires (circulated via the newsletter) which expressed an interest in a cross-country route. Following a parishioners enquiry the company investigated the possibility of providing a bus stop near the 'Common' but felt this would be dangerous near the 'S' bend.

The P.C. is pleased with the consequences of its complaints about the Sandon School bus failing to arrive on several occasions last year. Now, should a contract bus fail to turn up, the school will 'phone contacts in the village

who will advise the children when a relief bus will be arriving.

The Armitage Report has agreed to increase the maximum weight for heavy vehicles from 32 to 44 tonnes. Our P.C. has written to our M.P., The Secretary of State for the Environment, the Minister for Transport, the E.C.C. and the C.B.C. in opposition to this decision which would be disastrous for country roads.

POPPY APPEAL

The village raised over £33 for last years poppy appeal. Thanks go to Mrs. Lovegrove, Mrs Wilsden, Mrs Mitchell and the village stores who organised the collection.

SKIP

A skip is to be ordered for this Spring and its to be hoped that there won't be so many detrimental side effects this time. The green was damaged with tyre marks and there was a huge overflow of litter. Parking on the main road was also hazardous. An alternative site for the skip is to be investigated perhaps away from the main road so that it doesn't attract so many users from outside the parish.

PARKING NEAR THE P.O. STORES

With the increasing popularity of the village shop the P.O. Chase frequently becomes congested preventing access to the houses beyond. This can be avoided if in future cars are parked on the right hand (South) side only of the P.O. Chase.

MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The last seasons rain has turned our muddy fields into a green landscape ready for their future recreational uses. The mound is to remain as a feature of the ground and will be shaped so that it can be gang mowed. Three hundred pounds have been set aside for maintenance of the recreation ground in the next year. It will soon be protected by By Laws but in the meantime please will horse-riders not continue to damage the new growth, Another step forward has been the laying of a further section of the water duct. This will be linked

to the main supply near the main road soon and at the allotment end a bricked in stand-pipe or a tank with a locked ball valve will be installed. These matters are under discussion.

Meanwhile the planning application for the position of the car parks and the temporary village hall has been submitted and quotations for hard surfacing the access road are being sought.

MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Here we are again with great money earner of the fund-raising year..the Model Railway Exhibition and it promises to be better than ever.Nineteen exhibits will be set up in the Chancellor Hall from 12-9 p.m. on 6th.March and 9-6.30 p.m. on 7th.March.Nine of the layouts are completely new to the show and come from as far afield as Newmarket,Bunstable and Basingstoke. There's every size from N gauge through to 3 1/2" gauge trams and theres a chance to win one of two train sets or a £25 voucher in the raffle.Entrance fees are 50p for adults and 25p for children and 0.AP'S.The programme costs 25p and is fully illustrated.

Of course the success of such a huge venture depends a great deal on the preparation and support behind the scenes.Alan Dixon,The Chief Organiser would like help setting up from 6-11 p.m. on Thursday 5th.and for 'knocking down' on the evening of Saturday 7th.If you feel you'd like to join in give him a ring on 400684 or turn up at those times to lend.a willing hand. The money raised as usual is for our own village land and the expensive schemes ahead for a temporary village hall and recreational facilities.

P.T.A.

This year the P.T.A. got off to a good start with their jumble sale which was well supported and made over £150.The village responded well to our new idea of a film show.'The Incredible Journey' was so well supported that we have decided to show 'Watership Down'on March 20th.It starts at 7.15 p.m. and tickets cost 35p each or £1 for a family ticket.For other fund raising events see the Newsletter Diary.

YOUTH CLUB

The youth club overreached its target on its sponsored swim held in November for children with heart diseases,British Heart Foundation,£152.90 finally being collected.Many thanks to the swimmers,helpers and those who so kindly sponsored the appeal.We are hopeful of obtaining the pool at Witham for a friendly Gala evening in the not too distant future;please contact me if you are interested in joining us.

I am very pleased to inform you Mr. Chris Evans and Mr. Dave Young have joined me in helping to run the youth club, thus giving more energies and time to venture afield within the youth club.Why don't more of you join,ages 9 to 16 yrs,helpers any age,we shall make every effort to keep you keenly occupied!Club evenings alternate Fridays at the W.I.Hall.7.30-10p.m. Anne Walden.

MONDAY GIRLS CLUB

We meet at the school every Monday evening except during the school holidays and the odd occasion when Mrs Walden is unable to be in attendance.We are still a happy band but would be pleased to welcome more girls to participate in the evenings.Last year we held a 'Good as New' selling over £100 worth of goods for families and friends.We'd like to repeat this success,the Club taking 10% of the price.Toys,games,clothes handy items-Girls Club will do their very best to sell them for you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR MARCH,APRIL and MAY

- March 6th and 7th.Model Railway Exhibition,Chancellor Hall
- 7th.Bethel Church.Activity morning for children, 9.30-12.30 p.m.
- 7th.School Spring Dance to 'Spartan Showband'
Supper will be provided.
- 14th.W.I.Rummage Sale.2.30 p.m. in W.I.Hall.
- 18th.W.I. 'What the Judges Look For' W.I.Hall 7.30.
- 20th.Film Show 'Watership Down' School 7.15 p.m.
- 21st.Cricket Club Dance.W.I. Hall 7.30-Midnight.
- 26th.School Disco 6-8 p.m. School Hall.
- 26th.Annual Parish Meeting.8.15p.m.W.I.Hall.
- 29th.Mothering Sunday.Family Service,Bethel Ch. 11a.m.
- April 3rd.Youth Club Family Country & Western Evening.
- 8th.Playgroup Easter Bazaar W.I.Hall
- 11th.Toddler Group Easter Fayre.

April 15th. Demonstration of Floral Art. W.I. 7.30p.m.
 19th. Easter Sunday Family Service Bethel Church
 11a.m.

April, Cub and Scouts Bob A Job.
 May 2nd. Plant and Produce Sale W.I. Hall.
 2nd. Cricket Club Dance. George Moody and the Country
 Squires. Bicknacre C.C. 7-12 licenced.

9th. Activity Morning 9.30-12.30 p.m. for children
 Bethel Church.

20th. Resolutions. V.C.O. Mrs Wells W.I., 7.30p.m.
 27th. W.I. Trash and Treasure Sale. This is an auction
 of your unwanted items large and small, useless or
 valuable. W.I. members will collect nearer the date,
 and take only a small amount of the sale price.

EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

E, H, C. C. celebrates its 25th anniversary this season.
 Founded by Manny Harris, Vice Chairman, and Don Saffill
 (committee member) it was nomadic for the first season, but
 the late Mr. J. Oger then gave the club the use of an area
 of ground at Rough Hills, later to become Arbor Acres. The
 club owes a great debt of gratitude to long-standing
 members, particularly Mr. Phillip Mitchell, now life vice-
 president, and Pat Alchin, Chairman, 21 years membership
 this year.

In the last three years the club has been working
 very hard on its new ground-with grateful thanks to the
 President Mr. Michael Bates-and now has a very spacious
 club-house and grounds at Great Claydons. With these
 facilities the club greatly welcomes and needs many more
 members, playing and non-playing, so please contact the
 secretary: P.J. Rooney, 'Copperfield' Old Church Road, Tel.
 400745.

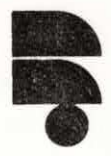
CHURCH SERVICES IN EAST HANNINGFIELD

All Saints Church. 8a.m. Holy Communion
 11a.m. Morning Prayer (except on the 4th.
 Sunday in the month when there is Holy Communion at 11a.m.)
 Bethel Evangelical Church 11a.m. Sunday School
 3p.m. Sunday Service

Tuesdays. 2.30p.m. Fellowship Hour
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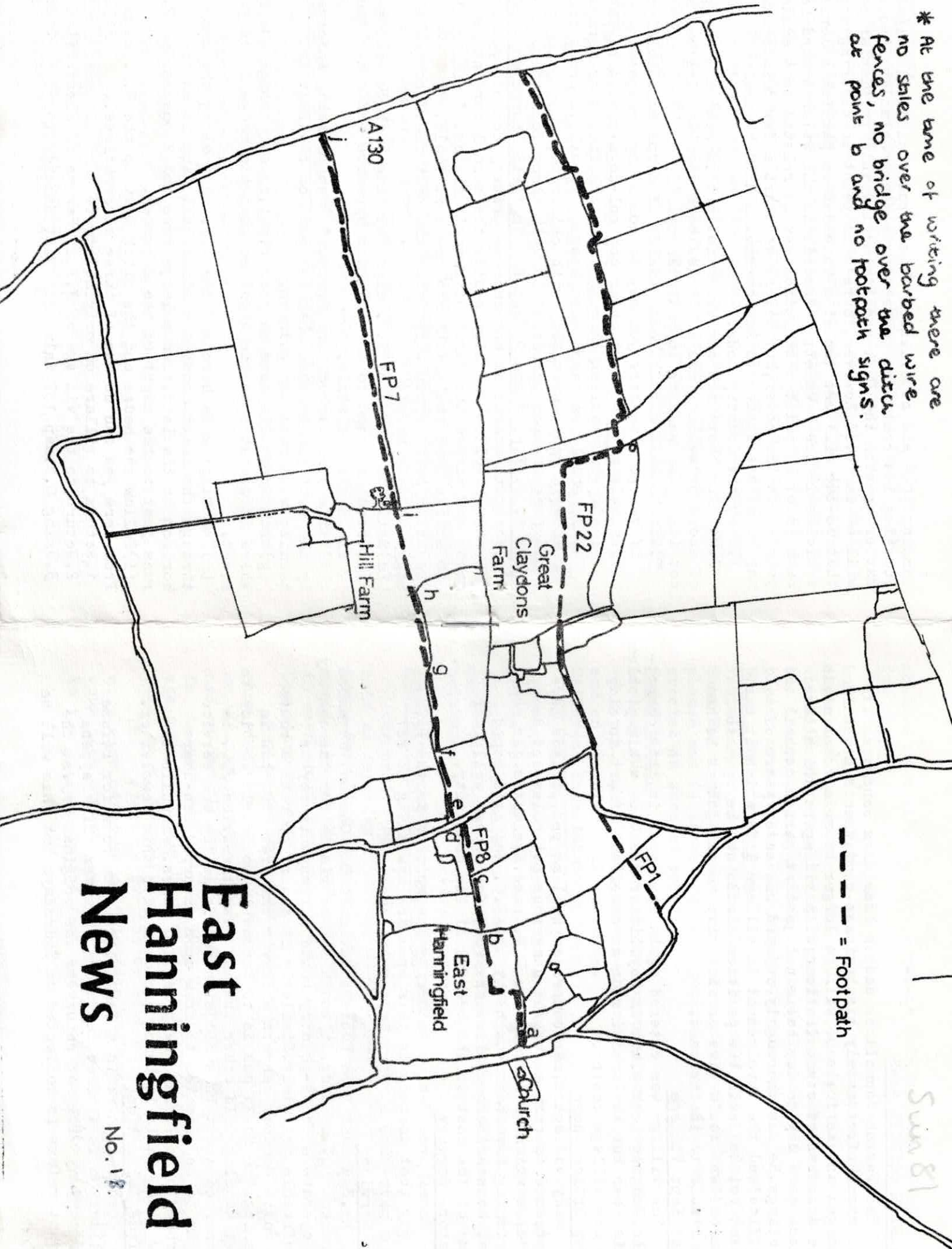
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51-100	£1.31p	651-700	£4.96p	51-100	£2.38p	651-700	£7.68p
101-150	£1.75p	701-750	£5.25p	101-150	£2.93p	701-750	£7.86p
151-200	£2.06p	751-800	£5.48p	151-200	£3.19p	751-800	£8.30p
201-250	£2.40p	801-850	£5.98p	201-250	£3.76p	801-850	£9.16p
251-300	£2.63p	851-900	£6.38p	251-300	£4.15p	851-900	£9.41p
301-350	£2.91p	901-950	£6.52p	301-350	£4.57p	901-950	£9.80p
351-400	£3.26p	951-1000	£6.73p	351-400	£5.10p	951-1000	£10.09p
401-450	£3.58p	Run on 50	£ .36p	401-450	£5.58p	Run on 50	£ .58p
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* At the time of writing there are no sales over the barbed wire fences, no bridge over the ditch at point b and no footpath signs.



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The Parish Council is sad to lose Alex Hendry as its Chairman. Unfortunately his business commitments have changed and he feels he will no longer be able to maintain the standard of communications with villagers which take place on a day to day basis not just at parish council meetings. He has thoroughly enjoyed his seven years of 'office' and the involvement in village life which it has meant but he feels the position should now be open to someone who could give as much time to the job as he had been able to in the past.

Best Kept Village

The village was entered again this year in this competition. Judging took place in May. Litter has been a big problem this year but the school made an excellent effort to tidy up the village centre.

Post Office Chase

Many villagers, car owners as well as pedestrians have expressed concern about the dangerous pot holes and deep puddles which collect on the P.O. Chase. Estimates for resurfacing have been sought by the P.C. and it's hoped that householders who use the road for access will bear some of the cost to the benefit of the community.

Doctors Surgery

Essex Area Health Authority has written to the P.C. to say that doctors in this area are unwilling to set up a part-time surgery in the village.

Bus Services

Mr. Beaumont from Eastern National Bus Company attended a recent P.C. meeting. It would not be viable for the company to operate a cross-country route although it may be profitable privately. Similarly it cannot operate a route to South Woodham Ferrers whilever the free ASDA bus is running. The No. 11 bus is to become a two hourly service to East Hanningfield other than at peak times. The P.C. is concerned about this decision and feels the bus service ought to be promoted to draw upon untapped non-users perhaps by offering cheap reduced fares. Meanwhile the new Time Table is being enclosed with this Newsletter.

Refuse Collection

Whenever there is a Bank Holiday the rota for refuse collection is altered. In future whenever this happens the company will not return to the original day. At the moment refuse is collected on Thursdays but this will be

changed next time we have a public holiday, July 29th.

School Pool

The pool is available for use during the summer holidays but as yet no-one has come forward willing to supervise the sessions. The P.C. will support any scheme which is self-supporting financially and complies with the insurance regulations. If you feel you could help please contact the P.C. via Mrs. Brooks, 400110.

Weight Restrictions

Vehicles over 3 tons will be restricted from using all East Hanningfield roads except for access. An order is to be placed and if there are no objections the signs will be erected as soon as possible.

Speed Limits

At last the signs showing the extended area covered by the 40 m.p.h. speed limit have been erected. Look out for them and enjoy safer village roads.

Childrens Entertainment

On Tuesday 11th. August in the W.I. Hall Alan Astra will entertain children with a Punch and Judy Show, magic tricks and audience participation games. The programme is aimed at children from 5-12 years so look out for more details on posters round the village in the school holidays.

COMMUNITY CENTRE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Our next event is a Country and Western Dance to be held on Saturday 25th July from 8p.m. - 1a.m. in a barn at Lodge Farm. This promises to be a really enjoyable evening so we hope everyone will come along. Tickets cost £3 each which includes a supper, and are available from Committee members.

Then on Saturday 5th. September will be the annual show which we are hoping to make bigger than ever. But we will need therefore a lot more help with the organisation and on the day. We will be calling on people who have helped in the past and will be very grateful for their help again but we badly need more assistance if we are to raise money quickly.

The project is for the benefit of the whole village so please offer your assistance and contact any of the committee members. Particularly if you have come to live in the village in the last couple of years or so you will

Find that helping in a project like this will quickly involve you in village life. But to everyone we would say that it is your help that is needed to build your Community Center and to provide the facilities on your fields. Without your help the project cannot succeed. Please contact any of the committee members...

- Elsie Bruce, Highcroft, The Common, 400076
- Terry Martin, 5, Clinton Close, 400674
- Mike Plumridge, 2, Clinton Close, 400628
- Pam Sharp, Highfields, 400549
- Alan Snow, 12, Pease Place, 400633
- John Trusler, 4, Clinton Close, 400817.

MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The recent rain and treatment by the contractor have done the fields a power of good. Grass is sprouting on the specially prepared tennis court area which must not be trodden on. Although the fields are not yet ready for intensive use by the football club, for instance, there is plenty of room for youngsters to play and in far more safety than on the Tye or the green by Bridon Close.

Quotations are still being sought for a stand pipe to supply water to the allotment site. Several plots are still vacant so please contact Mrs. Brooks 400110.

Litter is still an annoying problem especially near the entrance to the field. A litter bin has been provided at the Ashley Green entrance so would children please use it on their way to and from school.

The next stages in the development of the recreation ground will follow on the approval being granted for the siting of the village hall. The equipment for the toddlers play area will also be erected.

RIDERS NEEDED!

The annual show on September 5th. will be a Donkey Derby and the Appeal Committee is looking out for riders in the various races. You need not have any riding experience to qualify and there's no age limit but for the poor donkeys sakes riders must be under 8 stone in weight! Please give your names to any of the committee members (names above) within the next fortnight so that they can be printed in the programme.

ROYAL WEDDING STREET PARTY

The families of Ashley Green, Clinton Close and Bridon Close are busily planning a real fun day for the kiddies on July 29th. The party will take place in Clinton Close and the events begin at 2p.m. with a Fancy Dress parade and Judging. At 3p.m. there will be a childrens party followed by races for all members of the family. The Charles and Diana's stakes features a three-legged race for parents! To collect everyone together again there will be a sing-a-long, presentation of the prizes and a barbeque in the evening. The cost is £1 per child and hopefully there will be a gift for each one as a souvenir of the occasion. Parents will be called upon to provide items of food, prizes and paste tables. Help with all the festivities will also be welcome. Contact the organisers on 400730 and 400574.

EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

After two years of very hard work by a small group of highly enthusiastic cricketers, the club is very close to opening its clubhouse and bar. We are very keen, therefore, to recruit new members, both playing and social to make the club one of the main social venues for the village.

With the generosity of Mr. Michael Bates the club now occupies a marvellous site with a large clubhouse (most of which is occupied by the bar!) which will be stocked during July by Messrs. Greene, King Ltd. ready for our grand opening event. The club has a great deal of potential for everyone in the village and people of all ages will be made more than welcome, especially those who want to play some cricket. The village had a very good reputation in the past and it would be nice to re-establish our name.

If you are at all interested contact Adrian Cubitt (4, Bridon Close, 400375) or Peter Rooney (Copperfield, Old Church Road, 400745) to obtain a membership application form. Annual membership subscriptions are...

- Full playing £10 (inc. wife as social member)
- Junior playing (to 18) £2
- Social £2.50 Family Social £5

(All new memberships subject to a £2 joining fee) STOP PRESS.... For this year as a special offer we are halving all memberships (except the joining fee)

On 22nd August C & W dance with 'Shiloh' Tickets £2. from Dave Norman 10, Filling Close. Barrafle, Refreshments 8pm-12.

The new session of the East Hanningfield Youth Club begins on 4th. September following the summer break. All the children of the village are welcome in the W.I. Hall fortnightly, where they can participate in table tennis, billiards and other organised games under the watchful eyes of the five youth club organisers. Subscriptions of 20p are taken at the door and drinks and crisps are provided. Minimum age is nine. Nine to thirteen year olds will be taken home by the organisers at 9.30p.m. and the club closes its doors at 10. Many attractions are planned for the new year including discos, orienteering, music nights, outside visits and canoeing trips.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL YOUTH CLUB FORTNIGHTLY AT 7.30p.m.

P.T.A.
The Spring Dance and the childrens disco, both held last March were highly successful and the P.T.A. is busy planning its next fund-raising event, the Summer Fete. This will be on June 27th where apart from the usual side shows and stalls there will be a display from Sandon Wind Band, Country Dancing and a fancy Dress Parade.

NEWSLETTER
The next edition of the Newsletter will cover events during October, November and December. Casual and regular contributors are therefore asked to get their articles to Helen Cubitt, @, Bridon Close by 7th September at the latest to guarantee inclusion.

EVENTS AT THE BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH
July 4th. Sunday School outing to West Mersea
7th. Tuesday Fellowship Annual Rally 2.30p.m.
11th. 'Activity Morning' for children 9.30-12.30 inc. the film, 'Martin the Cobbler'
26th Family Service 11a.m.
Sept 5th. 'Activity Morning' for children inc. the film 'The whackey weirdos of Willoughby Castle'
6th. Sunday School Recommences at 11 a.m.
27th. Harvest Family Services at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

HANNINGFIELD WALKS by Colin Peck.
How often have you fancied a stroll in the country but had problems locating and following footpaths? I recently had occasion to walk the footpath from West to East

Hanningfield and experienced considerable difficulty in both locating its route and traversing various obstacles. I took the matter up with the F.C. and I'm hoping this particular path will be improved. However, there's no point in clearing a path that no-one will use, so it's intended to publish a series of articles in the Newsletter describing the walks around here. Each point by point description can be related to a scale map printed on the cover, but before we start a few points that may be of assistance to newcomers. . . .

1. Obey the Country Code.
2. Walking boots are not essential but do wear a stout pair of shoes or wellingtons if it has been damp-welingtons are not ideal for walking long distances.

3. If the walk cuts through fields of crops, so should you - if you go elsewhere you may be committing trespass.
4. Animals must be kept under control - dogs should be put on leads when passing through livestock fields or farmyards.
5. Care should be taken when leaving a path to cross or walk along a road especially with children.
6. Horses are not permitted to walk along footpaths.

ROUTE 1. (F.P. 8 and 7) East Hanningfield Church to A130.
(a) Footpath starts at entrance to primary school opposite the church. Follow the sign beside the school caretakers house and across the first of Hanna's fields. *

(b) Bridge over the ditch into the next field. *

(c) Stile over barbed wire fence (the next field can be a bit boggy so take care!) *

(d) Stile onto road by F.P. sign pointing back to village. *

(e) Cross the road to the F.P. sign opposite and enter the field via the stile. *

(f) Stile over barbed wire fence. *(I am reliably informed by the bent pin brigade that the pond on the left is teeming with rudd and gudgeon.)

(g) With Great Claydons on your right, cross through the hedge where it deviates to the right so that the hedge is on your right.

(h) The hedge ends here and the F.P. runs along the same line through the field. Cross the stile. Hill farm is on the horizon to the left, then a large tree and 2 bushes. The F.P. runs just to the right of the 2 bushes.

(i) Follow the hedge and the ditch down to the F.P. sign on From here you can do one of three alternatives. . . . A130.

1. Return to village on original route

2. Return to the village on F.P. 22 (Beware of electrified fences!)

3. Using O.S. map 137 walk onto West Hanningfield.

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PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has had a change of leadership recently. Since the resignation of Alex Hendry, Alan Dixon has taken over as Chairman and Chris Sharp is now Vice-Chairman. Other members of the Council are the Reverend St. Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Bird, Mr. Hendry and Mr. Lovegrove. Mrs. Brooks is Parish Council Clerk.

This has been a successful time for the P.C. Following cut-backs in the No. 11 bus service, letters were written to the Eastern National Bus Co. and the time-table was re-instated. The situation is to be reviewed in the near future to see if increased patronisation warrants the frequency of buses.

Representing the Parish Council, Mr. Dixon recently attended the appeal by Countryside Developments for a housing estate on Back Lane. The debate lasted a whole day and in it the views of many other villagers was heard. We are pleased to learn that the appeal has been dismissed.

The P.C. is very concerned about vehicles speeding along Old Church Road and Bicknacre Road; within the 40m.p.h. zone. It has asked the Police to set up speed traps especially during the morning and evening rush hours.

The cost of resurfacing the P.O. Chase will be in the region of £900. If this work is felt to be necessary then it will mean an increase in our rates for the next financial year.

New signs have been ordered to display the byelaws on the Tye. These will be placed at a lower level so that they can be easily seen by would-be offenders.

MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Probably the biggest decision the committee has been called upon to make so far has been made... to buy a temporary village hall for Hanna's Field. Mr. Andrews, who represents the tenants of the factories on the estate on Old Church Road drew the P.C. attention to the fact that one of the blue painted Nissen huts is shortly to be demolished. The demolition contractor will, for £450, carefully dismantle the framework and asbestos panels and transport them to the site. A Civil Engineer has examined the structure and reports that it is in good condition. The materials will have to be stored whilst a base is laid and services connected to the site. These matters, with costs are being currently discussed.

Water has been connected to the stand-pipe on the allotment site. Arrangements for members to unlock the padlock are being made. Members are also requested not to take their vehicles to the allotments unless they have received prior permission

from the Secretary of the M.A.C. This can only be granted on an occasional basis e.g. to deliver manure or heavy equipment.

APPEAL COMMITTEE

The Donkey Derby proved to be fairly unsuccessful financially due to the small number of people who attended. This was disappointing especially as those who did attend, particularly the children, all seemed to have a good time.

The Committee wish to thank all the willing helpers and those who did attend but feel it was a pity that the attendance from the village was not greater. Obviously some people due to holiday or work or prior engagements were not free but the Committee does feel that if we are going to try to get a temporary village hall which will be used, no doubt by very many villagers, then more support is needed.

Therefore we hope the village will make the next event a great success. This will be a sponsored bicycle ride in October on Hanna's Field which we hope will raise a lot of money. Leaflets will soon be sent out giving full details.

The Committee needs someone to help who is at home during the daytime to deal with some of the work which can crop up from time to time. We have asked before but if you can help please get in touch with one of our members.

TABLE TENNIS

The East Hammingfield Table Tennis Club is still going from strength to strength and this year they will be entering 13 teams in the local leagues, with standards varying from experienced players in Division 1 to beginners in Division 10. The club will be hoping to emulate their success of last season when they won four divisions and gained several individual honours. Once again they have been fortunate to secure a sponsorship deal with the local printing firm, C. Andrews who is supplying each player with a shirt and giving the club a cash donation. Anybody living in the village area who would like to play table-tennis of any standard or any age (ages in the club range from 10-50 yrs) please contact either Brian Reade, 14, Ashley Green (400632) or Chris Jacob, Police House (400222)

FOOTBALL

The village football club will again be running 2 teams this season in the Maldon Sunday League in Divisions 2and5. The 1st. team will be for the more experienced players and it is hoped that as many youngsters as possible will be given games in the 2nd. team. Once again home matches will be played at Stan Birds farm in Bicknacre Road as the new playing fields are not yet ready for a full playing season. Any spectators who want to watch an enjoyable game on a Sunday morning, just pop along to Salesfrith Farm at 10.30a.m. and the team will try and oblige! If you fancy agame of football contact Dave Norman (400134) Chris Jacob(400222) or Cliff Lyden(400731) *****

KARATE

The Kyokushinkai Karate Club which is held at the W.I.Hall Old Church Road has started very successfully. There are at present 25 students training under 3 black belt instructors. There are junior and senoir classes on Mondays and Thursdays: Juniors 6.45-7.45p.m. adults 8-9.30p.m. Everybody is welcome: so come along on the night or contact S.Wright 400201 for more details. *****

CRICKET CLUB

The club has seen great advances in the past 2 months in respect of the clubhouse and bar which is now running very successfully. We have seen many new members join recently and more would be very welcome, playing or social. For the playing members we hope to arrange indoor net practice during the winter. For those of you who haven't visited the club, everybody is welcome whenever you see the ground is open- usually Friday nights 7.30p.m. onwards and match days at lunch times and evenings....see you there! *****

W.I.

Monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday at 7.30p.m. Details of the topics are published in the Newsletter diary below. The Hall on Old Church Road is available for private and club hire. Ring 400130. *****

CAT SCANNER FUND

Mrs Mitchell would like to thank all those who came to the coffee morning held at her home, Kilchurn, Old Church Road. The event raised £270 for the fund which is an

excellent achievement. *****

ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

Plenty of fun was to be had in the village on the royal wedding day. All the parties on Highfields Mead, Clinton Close and Hanna's field went down very well thanks to lots of very willing helpers and of course participants. Janet Griggs and Pauline Reid would especially like to thank their happy team of volunteers. *****

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY OCTOBER NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

- Oct. 3rd. Bethel Church Anniversary 3p.m.
- 7th. Clinic W.I. Hall 2.4 p.m.
- 21st. W.I. DEM of Cake icing. Mrs Horobin 7.30p.m.
- 22nd. P.C. Meeting school Hall 8p.m.
- 25th Sunday School Prizegiving. Bethel Church 11 a.m.
- Nov. 4th. Clinic W.I. Hall 2.4 p.m.
- 7th. Childrens activity morning plus film. 'The Candlemaker' 10a.m. Bethel Church.
- 18th. W.I. A.G.M. The Consumer Council 7.30 p.m.
- 26th P.C. Meeting School Hall 8 p.m.
- 28th W.I. Christmas Fayre 2.30p.m.
- Dec. 2nd Clinic W.I. Hall 2-4p.m.
- 8th Copy date for the January, February, March edition of the Newsletter.
- 9th. Members Meeting W.I. 7.30 p.m.
- 12th Sunday School Party. Bethel Church.
- 13th Sunday School Carol Service 11a.m. Bethel Church.
- 17th P.C. Meeting 8p.m. School Hall.
- 20th Family Carol Service 11a.m. and 3p.m.. Bethel Church.

Following the success of the first of Colin Pecks walks along the public footpaths of East hanningfield, here he is again with route number 2.

This walk follows a footpath that appears to have been very little used in recent years, consequently it is fairly difficult to locate and various obstructions now exist. The Parish Council is aware of the obstructions and hopefully these will be cleared soon. However, be warned!

Following the correct line may be difficult in places, but for the trainee Commando or hardy walker, read on.....

Route 2 F.P. 1 and F.P. 22

k)Footpath starts at the footpath sign at the end of the 40 m.p.h. village speed limit. This is one of the few footpath signs in the Parish. Follow its direction across the field to the gap in the opposite hedge.

l)From the gap in the hedge walk toward the house directly in front. This will lead onto the road.

m)Follow the road for a few yards until the sharp bend to the left.

n)Unfortunately there is no footpath sign here to help you but follow the unmetalled road to Claydons Farm until you come to a gate.

o)Proceed through the gate (remember to close it after you) and directly in front of you there is another gate in not such good condition

p)Cross this obstacle as best you can and aim for the gap in the hedge opposite.

q)At this point there is a further rusty gate to negotiate. Once through proceed across this field walking parallel to the barbed wire fence on the right to the bottom of the field.

r)Turn right across the barbed wire fence and follow the field boundary.

s)Before you reach the pond in the corner of the field, the footpath goes over an electric fence, through a shallow ditch and over barbed wire which is unfortunate because 20 yards further on you would only have barbed wire to contend with.

t)If you have got past point 'S', don't feel too smug. This one is even more difficult. To follow the correct line of the footpath you must go through another hedge, a deeper ditch and barbed wire. Those of you who that have not ripped all your clothes to pieces and gone home in disgust should turn right into the corner of the field and then forward along the hedge.

u)At this point there is a barbed wire gate, not easy to cross, but if by now you have gritted your teeth and are determined to complete this little trek, negotiate it you must. Proceed half way across the next field until, for some strange reason, the footpath crosses the hedge by a tree.

v)This is most inconvenient as the simplest thing to do would be to walk straight forward and avoid a couple of nasty bits. (but that would be trespassing) So over the barbed wire, through the ditch and across the electric fence and turn left. Walk along, with the hedge on your left to the water tank.

w)Guess what! another barbed wire fence. If you survived the last you must be getting good at these.

x)And now an electric fence, but you've nearly made it, turn left through the gateway and past another water tank with the hedge now on your right

y)You can hear the roar of the traffic. Just one more barbed wire fence and you've made it! No footpath sign here to encourage the passing day tripper either. And unfortunately there are no convenient phone boxes to summon an ambulance so I suggest you return along walk No. 1 described in the last Hanningfield Newsletter.

CHURCH SERVICES IN EAST HANNINGFIELD

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

8 a.m. Holy Communion

11a.m. Morning Prayer (Except on the fourth Sunday in the month when there is Holy Communion at 11 a.m.)

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

11a.m. Sunday School

3p.m. Sunday Service

Tuesday 2.30p.m. Fellowship Hour

Thursday 7.30p.m. Bible study and Prayer meeting.

Are you new to East Hanningfield?

This Newsletter comes out four times a year and is the means by which the Parish Council contacts all the villagers in its fairly dispersed parish. If you have any items for inclusion in future editions please contact the editor on 400375. I also have several spare copies of a recent edition of the Newsletter which list all the clubs in the village.

East Hanningfield News

No. 20.

The village newsletter serves primarily to keep everyone in East Hanningfield in touch with the work of the Parish Council but also publicises the activities of our clubs and societies.

Our Parish Councillors are elected every four years as a local governing body to make decisions on behalf of their electorate. They are available to answer your questions and receive suggestions, give help and act on your behalf. Very often the P.C. can be an intermediary between the ordinary parishioner and higher echelons of local government departments and even central government. In fact Alan Dixon is also a District Councillor and can act efficiently and directly there. Furthermore each councillor has a specific area of responsibility in village affairs (see below). Two village committees meet separately and report to the P.C. The Management Advisory Committee is in charge of Hanna's field and the funds they require are provided via the Appeal Committee.

If you have any matter to raise the P.C.'s can be contacted at any time. Following your enquiry the item may be raised by the Councillor under 'Any Other Business' to be listed on the agenda of the next P.C. meeting. Alternatively, you may join the meetings which take place at 8p.m. in the school hall every fourth Thursday in the month. The agenda is posted in the Noticeboard outside the Post Office. The public can speak at 'Question Time' which is usually item 3 and comes up about 5 minutes after the meeting opens. This is the only time members of the public can join in but they are welcome to listen to the discussions on all the other items e.g. planning, finance etc.

So don't bottle up your queries, complaints or suggestions. Don't just voice them amongst your friends and neighbours - your Parish councillors are ready and willing to listen and help in their capacity as local governors of East Hanningfield.

QUESTIONNAIRE.

A DOCTORS SURGERY ?

Following an enquiry from a parishioner the parish council investigated the possibility of a part-time surgery in the village to be set up in a vacant flat on the Council estate. This enquiry was forwarded to the Family Practitioner Committee but none of the immediately local doctors were willing to provide the service. However the Borough Council has given the go-ahead for a flat to be used and the idea has been supported in principle by the Area Health Authority.

Now a senior doctor from a partnership in Wickford has shown an interest in setting up a part-time surgery in East Hanningfield if sufficient demand justifies his expense of equipping and staffing a flat.

If you would be willing to change your doctor and have your records transferred to a village practise, the Parish Council needs to know the numbers in each household.

Please complete and return the form below to Mrs. Brooks by 31st January or, if you would find it more convenient please sign the displayed notice in the P.O. Stores.

I am willing to change our doctor to one based in
East Hanningfield. Our Household consists of -----
persons. (number)

Parish Council Members

- Alan Dixon.....Chairman.District Council Liaison.
 - Chris Sharp.....Vice Chairman.Recreation Management
 - Alex Hendry.....Planning
 - Stan Bird.....Footpaths and ditches
 - Bill Lovegrove.....Village Maintenance
 - Phillip MitchellFinance
 - Rev.A.D. Ost.....Education
 - Libby Brooks.....Parishcouncil Clerk
- 9,Clinton Close.Ch.400110

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

This year the village received a certificate of merit in this competition.The P.C. has publically thanked Mr. Thomas,our groundsman,for the many hours of hard work he puts in each year.

FLUES AND VENTILATION SAFETY CAMPAIGN

The Department of Trade has recently published its findings that each year 100 people die and thousands more feel faint or lose consciousness because of obstructed flues or inadequate ventilation.

All fires and fuel burning appliances need fresh air.Like people they must be able to breathe in and out.Air comes in through the vent and if this is not big enough the fire uses up the air and people feel faint.Air bricks and vents should never be blocked.If the flue is blocked waste gases come back into the room and these may contain deadly poisons. All appliances should be checked regularly and flues swept once per year.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

There will be no collections on 25th and 28th December.On 29th December refuse missed on the 25th will be collected. There will be no collection on 1st January and from 18th

January there will be an alteration in normal collection days as follows...

PRESENT NORMAL DAY	NEW DAY
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday
Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday

YOUR VILLAGE HALL

Many people will have heard of this project and perhaps be questioning the wisdom of purchasing an industrial building(or indeed any building)These notes are intended to inform you,the village community,of the facts and to allay any doubts that may exist as to the viability of the scheme in which we are all involved.

To take the second question first,Why a village hall?Some years ago when the village set out on the path which lead to the purchase of Hanna's field,it was seen that a hall to serve the community was a logical development.The subsequent population growth simply reinforces the requirement for a focal point to provide facilities for all the varied interests within our village.

To answer the major question,Why the industrial building?We have to look at both costs and practicality.In simple terms,Can we afford it? and will it do the job? Q:What do we want?

Ans.A sound building flexible enough to cater for our interests covering say,dancing,badminton,netball,senior citizens,youth and toddler groups.

Qu.Why not a purpose designed building as some other communities have?

Ans.Even a modest size building would cost say £60,000!Our village can't afford this amount and,with inflation,will, like many first time house buyers,be unlikely to have the cash to even get started.

Qu.Aren't there other more suitable buildings available?

Ans.We have looked at other temporary buildings which are available second hand at prices up to £6,000.The problem here is that transportation and re-erection with all

the necessary services would more than double the cost and, since the buildings are usually low or even flat roofed with multiple internal partitions give us a limited use building not meeting the needs of a wide range of interests.

Qu. Why the industrial building?

Ans. Because this goes further towards meeting our needs than any other temporary building for only a quarter of the cost of a purpose design and, most importantly, its sectional construction allows us to build what we can afford, developing further as funds allow.

Qu. Won't it always look like an industrial building?

Ans. Not necessarily. There are several examples of identical buildings fitted out to a very high standard as sports halls and community centres etc.

Whilst the plans have yet to be finalised our building will in principle be similar to West Hanningfields village hall, being a domed building. We plan to have an area utilising the full height of the building for sports activities etc with a lower roofed area perhaps divided into rooms for other activities.

Qu. How much will this cost?

Ans. About £16,000. However, it is important to realise that the basic building shell we have bought only accounts for £700 of this. Apart from some necessary repairs the balance is for foundations and the services of water, electricity and drainage, all of which are necessary for any building and will serve a future permanent building.

Qu. How can we raise the sum?

Ans. The village has a good record of fund raising and the amount involved is similar to that raised for the Hanna's field development. Also, the project can be phased as funds allow e.g. we can lay the services first and the foundations later. This has the advantage of giving the fund raising activities something tangible to work for.

Qu. You have used the word 'temporary' several times. How long will the building last?

Ans. The short answer is indefinitely. 'Temporary' refers to our planning consent and there are two possible options. First, we use the cash from the extended fund raising activities that the building will allow to build a purpose designed hall. Or, we gradually improve the building and apply for our planning consent to be changed to 'permanent'

Qu. There still seem to be a lot of uncertainties-haven't you really bought a white elephant?

Ans. This, or any other scheme, will be a white elephant if the community doesn't give its active support. Assuming that we want a village hall then, for the reasons given, this is the only way of achieving our goal and we do need everyone's help and support.

Qu. Where do we go from here?

Ans. We need to draw up plans for our development and want active participation of the various interest groups in this. Your suggestions or questions should be directed to the Parish Council Clerk. (9, Clinton Close. Tel. Ch. 400110) *****

APPEAL COMMITTEE

The Community Centre Appeal Committee would like to thank all the riders, sponsors and those who helped on the day, for making the 'Sponsored Bike Ride' an overwhelming success. It raised £400 towards the development of the community area. This event has proved to be so popular and well supported that we intend to include a sponsored event with expensive prizes every year.

The winners were, Third prize, £5-Nicholas Parker. Second prize, £10 Mark Knight. First Prize, £80 Bike, Darren Martin (Darren has asked for the money to be donated to a childrens charity, where he hopes it will benefit those less fortunate a Christmas time.)

Our events in 1982 will include:-

Feb. 17th. A disco evening at Zhivago's in Southend. We hope to provide transport to this event for a moderate additional cost if enough people are interested.

March 5th and 6th. The eighth Chelmsford Model Railway Exhibition which will feature interesting layouts from many parts of the U.K.

April/May A Spring Country Dance in the village. Sept. 5th. Go-Kart Grand Prix. We are returning to this popular event for 1982 and it will be expanded to provide more attractions for all the family.

Our committee wish the village a Merry Xmas and look forward to your continued support in 1982.

ALLOTMENTS

There are four vacant allotments on Hanna's field. Now that

water has been layed on to the site(each allotment holder Has a key to the stand-pipe housing) these are quite an attractive proposition.Apply to the Parish Clerk.

ROAD SAFETY NOTES by Chris Jacob.

With the longer hours of darkness,it is essential that all vehicle lights are checked for efficiency and correct adjustment.Lights are to enable the driver to see and be seen and lamps should be switched on when visibility requires and NOT NECESSARILY AT LIGHTING UP TIME.

Use dipped headlights rather than side lights.They are obligatory during the hours of darkness when a vehicle is in motion on roads other than those where there are street lights which are lit and are not more than 200 yds apart(30m.p.h.) AND DURING POOR DAYLIGHT AND VISIBILITY such as fog,falling snow,heavy rain,spray or smoke.SEE AND BE SEEN.The use of lightd also applies to pedal cyclists and anyone riding a pedal cycle in East Hanningfield without lights during the hours of darkness,standa the chance of being prosecuted.This also applies to pedal cyclists riding on the public footpaths around the village.Many of the elderly are worried about being knocked down by cyclists using paths.YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

Finally as Christmas approaches,so does the office parties and other parties.So,if you are intending to go to them and intend to have a drink,get a friend who has not been drinking to drive you home or take a taxi.The vast majority of fatal road accidents are caused through drinking and driving.This Christmas Essex Police will be doing a thorough Drink and Drive Campaign.So,if you want to keep your driving licence,DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE.

P.T.A.

At the 1981 A.G.M. on October 21st.Mr.Thorpe thanked the previous committee for their hard work and Mrs Walden for the swimming instuction she had given to the school.He was sorry to hear the Monday Club was now closing but hoped that someone would come forward to run a Brownie Pack in the village.

Fund raising has been very successful thid year.A dance

had been held in October,Christmas parties and two film evenings had all been a great success.In the New Year a Jumble Sale,a Spring Dance and the childrens disco had all added to school funds,followed by a popular Summer Fayre and three stalls at the Horse Show.The monies raised enabled the school to purchase a new reading scheme,maths , science and art equipment,as well as reception class equipment and a new cover for the swimming pool.

TABLE TENNIS

As the table tennis season nears the half-way stage the village teams are doing very well.In the Burnham League the 'A' team is top of Division 1,'B' team top of Division 2 and the 'D' team is top of Division 4.The other foyr teams are all respectfully placed in the other divisions and in Chelmsford the A team is top of Division 2,the 'B' team holds second place in Division 3 and the 'D' team is top of division 8.The 'C' and 'E' teams are midway in their divisions but the 'F' team,which consists mainly of youngsters playing table tennis for the first time,is struggling a bit in Division 10.The experience should help them later.The club was fortunate to have Dave Goody elected onto the Chelmsford executive committee,so he should be able to look after the clubs interests.The club has also done well inhaving a number of its players selected to represent the Burnham League in the Essex Inter-League. These are Junior 1st.teamChris Horobin and Ian Summers. Junior 3rd team Peter Horobin,Nick and James Summers and Chris Reynolds.Senior 1st team Chris Jacob and Dave Birkett.Senior 2nd Team Bob Sladden and veterans John Barcham and Angela Martin.The club has also been elected by the English Table Tennis Association to act as a host club for an exchange visit with a West Berlin Table Tennis Club and at the moment plans are being made for the German team to visit East Hanningfield during the summer of 1982,with our club members visiting West Berlin in 1983.If anybody living in East Hanningfield would like to join the table tennis club please contact Brian Reade(Ch.400632)or Chris Jacob (Ch.400222)

NATIONAL CHILDRENS HOME AS A RESULT OF HOME door to door collection in the

village, £70.69 was raised for the National Childrens Home. Mrs. Mitchell would like to thank all those who helped.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY. JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1982.

- Jan. 6th. Clinic W.I. Hall 2-4p.m. DOCTOR IN ATTENDANCE.
- Jan 20th. Talk on 'India', Mrs. Conway Harris. W.I. Hall 7.30p.m.
- Jan 28th. Parish council Meeting School Hall 8p.m.
- Feb. 3rd. Clinic W.I. Hall 2-4p.m.
- Feb. 13th. Over 60's Tea. 3p.m. at the W.I. Hall. A warm welcome is extended.
- Feb 13th. Cricket Club Dance. Music by the Steve Clift Dance Band. 8-12p.m. £2 with licenced bar and raffle.
- School Hall. Tickets from Dave Norman, 10 Fillingol Close.
- Feb 17th. 'The Essex Coast' Slides by Mr Alpress. W.I. Hall 7.30p.m.
- Feb 24th. Parish Council Meeting School Hall 8p.m.
- Feb. 28th Rummage Sale W.I. Hall 2.30p.m.
- March 3rd. Clinic. W.I. Hall 2-4p.m. DOCTOR IN ATTENDANCE.
- March 17th. New Zealand-a world of its own. Talk by Mrs. Alpen W.I. Hall 7.30p.m.
- March 21st. Mothering Sunday Family Service. Bethel Church 11a.m.
- March 24th Parish Council Meeting School Hall 8p.m.
- March 27th Childrens Activity Morning Bethel Church 10-12 noon.

CHURCH SERVICES IN EAST HANNINGFIELD

- ALL SAINTS CHURCH
- 8a.m. Holy Communion.
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- BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH.
- 11a.m. Sunday School
- 3p.m. Service.

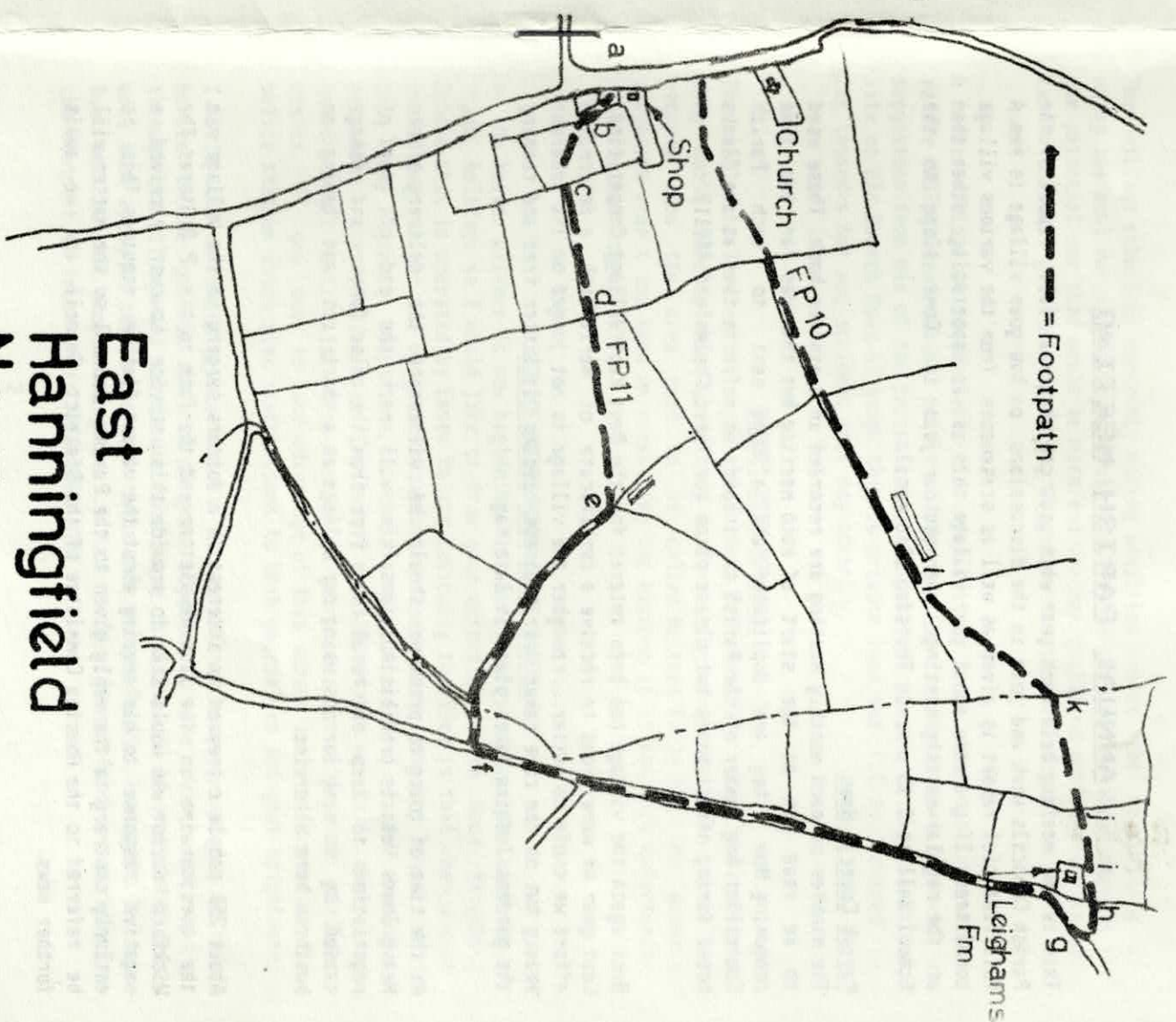
EAST HANNINGFIELD WALKS ... NUMBER 3

Well, you've had a nice long rest after the last Hanningfield walk and you probably needed it! but winter is nearly over now and it's about time you ventured out again.

This walk is a lot easier than the previous two (it must be - my wife accompanied me on this one!)

- (a) The walk starts at the footpath sign to the right of the village shop and proceeds behind Old Forge Cottage.
- (b) Climb over the fence. From here proceed diagonally across the field to about 25 yards to the left of the right hand corner.
- (c) Go through the hedge. Walk through the next field with the hedge on your right until you reach the far corner.
- (d) Cross the barbed wire (sorry no stile here) and through the wide hedge. At this point the path has been ploughed up and its route is difficult to distinguish. However, if you aim for the right hand end of the chicken shed on the opposite side of the field you won't go far wrong.
- (e) The next bit is easy. Just turn right onto the cart track and follow it through to the road.
- (f) Turn left and walk along the road for approximately one mile until you reach Leighams Farm on the left. On the left just past the farm are two footpath signs.
- (g) Follow the direction of the one pointing to alongside the farm across the rough ground to the bridge and rather high stile.
- (h) Cross the stile and walk beside the barn to the gate.
- (i) Cross the gate and aim for the stile.
- (j) Again from here it is difficult to determine the route of the footpath but on the opposite side of the field there is a small copse around a pond. Aim for the left of this copse.
- (k) Cross a shallow ditch just beyond the copse. The path runs to the far left hand corner of this field and the easiest way to find this is to aim for the left hand corner of the chicken shed.
- (l) The remaining 3/4 mile of this walk follows the cart track back into the village and ends up at the footpath sign.

Colin Peck.



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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This is the meeting held each year when you can hear a full report of the Parish Council's work and join in the discussions on how your village is run. A full financial report is given as well as statements from the various village committees. If you care about your village this is an opportunity, other than at the regular monthly meetings, when you can join in. Come along to the School Hall at 8.15 p.m. on Thursday 22nd April.

Parish Council News

The minutes of each monthly meeting are recorded in a minutes book. These used to be read out at the start of each meeting but this was far too time consuming. Now they are duplicated and a copy sent to each Parish Councillor. Any member of the Parish can inspect or refer to them at the Clerks house during office hours but please phone her first, Chelmsford 400110.

Once again the village has been entered for the Best Kept Village Competition. Last year we were proud to receive a certificate of merit. With a determined effort we could do better... remember the village is not judged on its inherent beauty but on the care taken over tidiness, keeping it litter free and tending the gardens. Judging takes place in late May.

At the time of going to press we should be witnessing the delivery of the Heavy Goods Vehicle prohibition signs. This will mark the end of years of negotiation to keep our rural roads free from the noise, danger and damage caused by so many lorries using our village as a short cut and having no business here otherwise.

About 250 people expressed an interest in a doctors surgery in the village via the questionnaire in the last Newsletter and the form in the P.O. Stores. The Wickford doctor who would like to provide this service however received a negative response to his enquiry about the vacant flat he requires. This is entirely contrary to the reply given to the Parish Council so the matter will be referred to the Housing Committee of the District Council and we await further news.

The village school is currently making enquiries about the feasibility of using its pool during the summer holidays. Whether this can go ahead depends on the potential use that would be made and whether qualified poolside assistants can be found. If you can help in any way please contact the school.

A rubbish skip will be available for depositing large items of household refuse (NOT garden rubbish) on 1st and 2nd May. For the first time following a suggestion from one of the parishioners this will be placed on the industrial site on Old Church Road. Although this is private land the P.C. is covered by its insurers for any accident that may occur.

STREET WITH NO NAME!

The people who live on the road behind the P.O. Stores have recently discovered they don't exactly know where they do live... their road has no name! Old records show the area used to be called Nutters Folly but the present occupants aren't too keen on preserving the history if it has such unfortunate connotations. Any ideas?

POLICE NOTES FROM CHRIS JACOB.

As the better weather is now beginning to arrive people start to think about their holidays so I would like to draw your attention to the Good Neighbour Scheme that is operated by Essex Police. Basically the idea is that when you go on holiday, you get one of your neighbours to keep an eye on your house, and if they see anything suspicious, to contact myself (or if I am not available telephone the Police at Chelmsford on 64041) and we will come out immediately. I will also keep an eye on your house as well with periodic visits. If you want to take advantage of this scheme I have forms at the police station which give instructions to both yourselves and your neighbours.

I would like to remind people that it is an offence to park vehicles or ride horses on the Tye. This the area of grass adjacent to the main road puning through the village and people who contravene this law will be prosecuted. This will also apply to people who park their cars on the Public Footpaths. It has been noticed that people using the W.I. Hall in Old Church Road are parking on the footpath in front of it. THIS MUST STOP.

MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION.

The 8th. Model Railway Exhibition, which is staged each year thanks to the tremendous hard work and organisation of Alan and Belinda Dixon was more popular and interesting than ever this year. Visitors to the Chancellor Hall were able to see a selection of the best model railway working layouts in the South East, many of which, including the Bedford groups EM gauge 'Uppingham' layout and the High Wycombe clubs 'Ogwyke' OO layout had never appeared East of London before. There were also model making demonstrations, static displays and a Grand raffle with fantastic prizes.

The 20% increase in attendance (to 6,000 people) over 1981's figure helped, in spite of increasing costs, to swell the profits to around £1,700, which will be specifically allocated to East Hanningfield's Village Hall project. The Appeal Committee wish to thank those who helped and gave support to this very successful event. We are pleased to report that we can now make available up to £3,000 for use on the services necessary for the Community Centre.

ALLOTMENT RENTS

Rents for the allotments on Hanna's field are due each year by Lady Day (March 25th). The Management Advisory Committee wish to remind holders that if rents are not received by the end of April their plot will be presumed vacant and will be relet.

HANNINGFIELD SHOW

The show will take place at Claydon on 18th July. As usual there will be many side shows accompanying the main Horse Show and professional entertainers. If any village group, club or society wish to be considered in the allocation of these side shows they should contact Chris Jacob, the Police House (400222) by mid April when the distribution of the proceeds is decided.

P.O. STORES

Thanks to your generosity through your advertisements the following charities have benefited as follows:-

R.M.L.I. £19.22 Blind. £14.25 CAT Scanner £32.70 Disability
Mobility £3.87. (Dogs for the Blind has not yet been opened)

Shop opening hours are now as follows:

MONDAY to FRIDAY 7a.m. to 1p.m. 2p.m. to 5.30p.m. Wednesday closed
p.m. Saturday 7.30 a.m. to 1p.m. Sunday 8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Brian and Brenda would like to thank all of you for supporting the local shop and for making it a happy place to work in.

CAMPING SITES

The shop often receives enquiries from visitors for one night camping in the summer. If you have a small area suitable could you let them know?

VILLAGE EVENTS NOTICE BOARD

The shop is willing to erect a notice board which will itemise local events on an annual basis for all village groups so that clashing functions can be eliminated.

WINDMILL PUBLIC HOUSE

We offer a belated welcome to Steve and Beth and wish them well in their new venture.

SILVER PAPER COLLECTION

Please collect your milk bottle tops etc which can be sold to provide guide dogs for the blind. Sheila Evance, 3, Clinton Close will be pleased to receive your collections at any time.

VILLAGE GROUPS

TABLE TENNIS

As the season reaches its climax, the local table tennis club looks forward to receiving more trophies than ever before as reward for their efforts over the last few months, with awards for both team and individual performances. In the Chelmsford League the 'A' team has won Div. 2. The 'B' team looks as if they will get runners up in Div 3, the 'D' team have won Div. 8 and the Ladies and mixed teams are in their respective semi finals. In the Burnham League, the 'A' team is certain to either win or get runners up in Div. 1. The 'B' team have won Div. 2, the 'D' team have won Div. 4 and are also in the semi final of the handicap cup. On the individual side, at the recent Chelmsford tournament Ray Brown won the 7 downs, Steve Tilson won the under 15 singles and Yvette Brown reached the finals of the ladies singles. At the Burnham Championships, to be held after the deadline for this newsletter, the club look forward to winning even more honours as in the mens singles they have 4 in the top 8 in the ranking including the No. 1 seed. They also have the No 1 seeds in the ladies singles, ladies doubles, mixed doubles, restricted trophy, Fawbridge Trophy, junior boys and cadet boys. If anybody would like to join the club please contact either Brian Read (400632) or Chris Jacob (400222)

CRICKET CLUB

Fixtures will start again in May and once again we invite all budding

cricketers, of all ages, to join the club and represent the village against other local teams. If you don't have sufficient confidence in your cricketing ability then why not join us with your families on match days to support the team while sampling the quality of the clubs beverages(!). For membership forms please contact Peter Whetton (400857) or Adrian Cubitt (400575).

YOUTH CLUB

Regrettably, our youth club evenings had to stop at the W.I. Hall owing to there being no storage space for our large equipment and our inability to meet the costs of hiring the hall. However, if any of the old members, from ten years upwards, would like to meet at 10, Clinton Close on Friday evenings (7.30 to 9.30 p.m.) commencing 2nd April perhaps we can get our club going once more. Further information on 400517.

As I write this report, I am hopeful many families and friends will be joining us in a further sponsored swim at Witham Sports Centre - this time towards the utilities for our Community Centre. The swim will be held on 27th March from 6.30 to 8pm, followed by a social gathering with the kind invitation of the Cricket Club at their new premises. Anne Walden.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

Why not come along and join us? We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the W.I. Hall, Old Church Road at 7.30pm. If you are new to the village and would like to find out more about us please ring 400781. We are holding a Plant and Produce Sale at our hall on Saturday 22nd May from 10.30 to 12.30p.m. and future subjects at our meetings are, 'History beneath the Ground' (21st April), Resolutions (19th May), Collecting Antiques (16th June) and Bird Watching as a Hobby (21st July)

1st EAST HANNINGFIELD SCOUT GROUP

A Cub Leader (Akeia) is urgently required for pack meetings on Tuesday evenings 6.30 to 8p.m. Our present Akeia is assisted by several unqualified but very capable assistants but is shortly leaving the group. A new Akeia would be a qualified leader or someone willing to undertake basic training. The cub pack is very active with around 20 members at present. Please phone 320104 (evenings) for further information.

TODDLER GROUP

Due to lack of support we are having to end our meetings in their present form because the numbers attending do not cover the costs of hiring the W.I. Hall. If you are still interested in getting together with other Mums and their children watch out for news of coffee mornings in our own homes which will be advertised in the P.O. Stores.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY APRIL/MAY/JUNE/JULY.

10th April, Easter Barn Dance. Music by the Truss and Bucket Band. Appeal Committee.
22nd April, Wizard of Oz. Chelmsford Civic centre. Families in the village have the opportunity to join the Juniors from the Primary School. Adults £2.20, children £1.10 (transport 60p. extra) Please contact Anne Walden (400517) before the end of March.
22nd April, Annual Parish Meeting, 8.15p.m. School Hall.
27th April P. T. A. Nearly New Sale of Childrens Clothes. School 3.30p.m.
8th May, Craft Morning for children 10-12noon Bethel Church Old Church Road.
22nd May, P. T. A. Hawaiian Disco. Free glass of wine or beer included with a sumptuous buffet. You may bring your own drinks. Tickets £2.50 from Ann Burrell 400848
27th May, P. C. meeting 8. pm. in the school hall.
24th June, P. C. meeting 8. pm. in the school hall.
6th July, Craft Morning, Open to all over 60's, Bethel Church Old Church Road.
10th July, Craft morning for children 10-12noon Bethel church Old Church Road.
22nd July P. C. meeting 8pm. School Hall.

CHURCH SERVICES IN EAST HANNINGFIELD.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICE TIMES.

7am, Every Sunday Holy Communion (1662 book)
11am, on alternate Sundays Morning Prayer or Holy Communion (with hymns) 2nd series.

EASTER SERVICES

April 9th Good Friday. Service of Compline 7.30pm.
April 11th Easter Day, 8am. Holy Communion (1662 book) 11a.m. Holy Communion (Series 2) with Easter hymns and music.

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

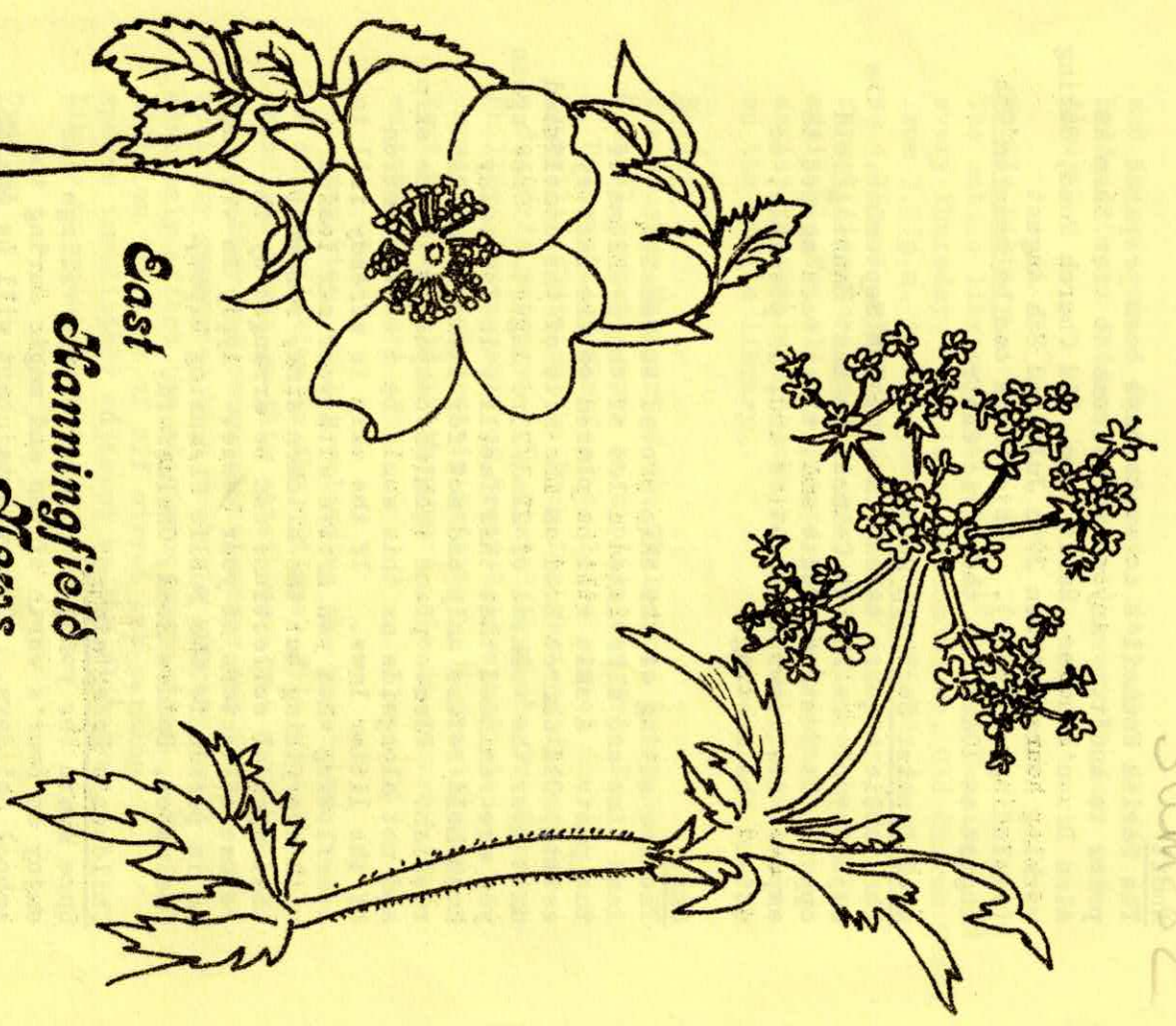
SERVICE TIMES Sunday School 9.45-10.45am.

Morning Worship 11am.

EASTER SERVICE

April 11th Sunday Family Service 11am.

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Flowers along Back Lane ...

Audit

The Parish Council's accounts have been prepared prior to audit. Anyone is welcome to view them at Alan Dixon's house, Rails Farm, Old Church Road, during working hours between 29th July and 8th August (excluding weekends). Objections can be made on 9th August at 10a.m. at the Civic Centre.

A.12 Bypass, Southern Route

The public enquiry takes place on 7th September. The majority of the Parish Council in East Hanningfield oppose the Southern route and it has been agreed to express its views in a letter and, if possible, to attend the meeting.

Skip

The new siting of the skip proved successful last time and alleviated a lot of the problems of the past. A skip will be placed on the factory estate, Old Church Road on the site of the demolished unit over the weekend of 22nd/23rd August. Once again you are reminded that this facility is for bulky household refuse only and not for items of garden rubbish. Please place rubbish compactly in the skip and not alongside as this would be a contravention of the litter laws. If the skip is already full to overflowing when you arrive with your car loaded with everything but the kitchen sink, remember that special collections can be arranged by the refuse collectors at your house. Apply in writing or in person to the Public Cleansing Depot, Chelwater, Baddow Road, Chelmsford.

Children's Entertainment

Once again the younger children of the village can enjoy an hour's worth of fun and magic during the school holidays. The entertainment will be on 5th August at 11a.m. in the W.I. Hall.

Clinic

New people to the village are reminded that a clinic is held in the village on the first Wednesday of each month in the W.I. Hall from 2-4p.m. A doctor attends every alternate month to give check-ups

and injections. The nearest alternative clinic is held in Great Baddow Parish Hall every Monday, same times.

Mobile Library

The mobile library service calls at East Hanningfield every Thursday. It is on Bridon Close, Old Church Road, from 3.05p.m. to 3.55p.m. and Abbeyfields from 4p.m. to 4.35p.m. The service is free and there are no formalities to join. A good selection of books is available for all age groups and the librarian can assist in obtaining books not immediately available on the mobile library.

Surgery

The Housing Manager of the Chelmsford Borough Council reported upon an application from Dr. P. Doloswala of Wickford to lease one of the Council's flats on the Beck Lane estate for use as a doctor's surgery. He stated that the Dr. Spencer-Phillips Partnership of Great Baddow had also expressed an interest in setting up a practice in East Hanningfield if they were able to secure suitable premises.

The committee, whilst welcoming the provision of such facilities in the village, felt that the Council's flats on this estate were not suitable because they had communal entrances and the activity generated by a doctor's surgery would adversely affect the adjoining properties. In addition the lack of off street car parking spaces immediately adjacent to the flats was likely to cause further problems.

Cycling

Can we once again remind you that cycling is not allowed on Hanna's field or on the Tye. Both of these areas are protected by byelaws and offenders could face a fine. Cycling on footpaths is against the law and many of the elderly in East Hanningfield have expressed concern for their own safety especially

as many of our village footpaths are so narrow. Small children on tricycles can obviously use the paths, but parents please be responsible for their conduct.

Inter-village Sports Competition

The Eastern Council for Sport and Recreation has been developing an idea for an annual inter-village sports competition leading to a regional final to decide the champion village for the region. There has been an experimental competition in Hertfordshire and it is hoped to extend the event throughout the region in 1983.

There will be three stages, a district competition, county competition and a regional final. There will be two sections to the competition and East Hanningfield will fall into the larger village (over 1,000 electors) category. The district competition will take place during April/May 1983 and will probably be held at Dovedale Sports Centre.

Each entering team must comprise a senior team (over 15 years) of 24 players and a junior team (15 years and under at 31st December 1983) of 20 players to participate in the following sports. No person may compete in more than one sport except the relay final.

SPORT	SENIOR	JUNIOR
BADMINTON (MIXED DOUBLES)	✓	✓
DARTS (TEAM OF 4)	✓	-
NETBALL (FEMALE TEAM OF 7)	✓	✓
SOCCER (5 MALES)	✓	✓
TABLE TENNIS (MIXED D&LS)	✓	✓
RELAY FINAL	✓	✓

The Parish Council need to know of anyone who would be willing to act as a team leader to gather together the necessary participants and with whom the organiser can deal direct. This person needs to be nominated by the 31st December deadline. Please contact the Clerk, Mrs. Brooks (CH. 400110).

Hanna's Field

The toddlers' play area is now well equipped - in fact a further swing is planned - and so well used the youngsters are learning the English habit of queuing very early in life! It's a pity therefore to see how the older children have damaged the baby swing. Within one month of it going up the top support is buckled and the rubber whittled away with a knife. A persistent group of older children gather there and are causing a great nuisance to the nearby householders, interrupting their privacy. The allotments have also suffered mindless damage. Please parents, visit the field and see how your fundraising efforts have been rewarded and at the same time encourage your children, especially during the school holidays, to do something more constructive and less anti-social in the village.

On a happier note the football club will soon be marking the field out for the '82 season and will be erecting their changing hut on the far field.

Primary School

On 29th June the Primary School swimming team took part in the Maldon and District Primary School Voluntary Swimming Association Gala at Bramston Sports centre in Witham. East Hanningfield team were most successful in obtaining 5 first places and 3 third places out of twenty-two events. The school sports day took place on 14th July with a delayed start due to inclement weather. The inter-house Challenge Shield was won by Gagarin House and was presented by Mrs. P. Sharp, Governor of the school. The Fathers' race was won by Mr. Wright and the Mothers' race by Mrs. Brooks.

Parents attended a delightful performance of 'Giant Finn', a dramatised folk tale with music at the school on 16th July. Children of classes 1 and 2 took part. The school choir attended the Junior Schools'

Music Festival at Sandon School on 16th July where they performed a selection of songs conducted by Mrs. June Watson. It was a most entertaining evening. The school attended the 48th Annual Championship meeting of the Maldon and District Primary Schools' Sports Association at Maldon Promenade on 7th July. The meeting was hosted by Maldon Court Preparatory School this year. Twenty two local primary schools took part in over eighty races. Mrs. P. Herman, Chairman of Maldon District Council presented the trophies. East Hanningfield School retained the Group 4 Schools Challenge Shield for the fourth successive year. The school also retained the relay cup. At the end of the afternoon Mr. J.D. Thorpe, Headmaster and Chairman of the Association thanked all the competing schools and the officials for their contributions to a most successful meeting.

W.I.

If you are new to the village and would like to meet some of us why not come along to our next meeting which is held at our hall in Old Church Road at 7.30p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month? Details are posted in the notice board outside the village shop. If you would like someone to collect you for your first visit, please call me on Chelmsford 400781 and I will arrange it.

Since our last report in this newsletter we have entered an exhibit in the Essex Show. On the theme of 'Summer Revelry' we chose to do a picnic exhibiting a rag doll by Mrs. Devall and so were the sausage-rolls, a child's dress by Mrs. Brown, lemon curd by Ms. Alison, flowers by Mrs. Wilsden and lettering by Mrs. Mitchell. The overall staging was done by Mrs. Hendry and Mrs. Morley. Our Plant and Produce stall in May boosted our funds by about £50. In the Autumn we are holding another Trash and Treasure auction (5th October). 75% of each sale is returned to the seller. The one we held in July turned out to be a splendid social occasion and great fun. All items to our hall on 4th Oct. 6-9p.m. (no clothes).

Youth Club

Unhappily this has now closed but may I ask the parents

of the village to encourage the youngsters to become actively involved in village activities and fund raising? On the sponsored swim this year they raised over £300. In the past they have collected for the Red Cross and sung carols for children less fortunate than themselves. At their Gymkhana last year they raised £35 for the Bransby Home of Rest for Horses as well as giving a very exciting day to young riders, their ponies and onlookers. They want your help. Please adults give them encouragement to carry on and children, keep up the good work for your village! Best wishes Anne Walden.

Playgroup

On a bitterly cold February morning the Playgroup Mums and children raised over £100 on their sponsored walk. At the Easter Bazaar held at Anne Walden's house everyone enjoyed 'Pub type Grub', a lovely hat parade and many side stalls. Our appreciation once again to Mrs. Mitchell for so warmly hosting the summer garden party and helping to boost our funds. The Playgroup was invited by the school to attend their end of term play and we thank Mr. Thorpe for initiating this happy liaison.

Appeal Committee

All the plans are well in hand for this year's Go Kart Grand Prix to be held this time on Stan Bird's field on Bicknacre Road on 5th September. The karts are being provided by the Chequered Flag Car team. There will be 6 heats and a final race. Each heat requires 6 drivers. Drivers must hold a driving licence and for a £6 sponsorship charge he or she can enter a race. Contact Mike Plumridge, 400628. Prices will be kept as low as possible to attract families. 25p programmes can be bought in advance. Also, if you would like to exhibit a craft stall for your own benefit (no % taken) contact Mike or if you have an old or interesting vintage car you would like to 'show off'. There will be lots of other side-shows as well. Do come! There will be a repeat of the highly successful sponsored bike ride this year. It will be held in the November half term.

Church Grounds

The grounds of the village church need a great deal of care and attention. In fact to keep them in good order would cost in the region of £400-£500 per year. This sum is far more than can possibly be afforded by our small village. The Parish Council has decided to increase its annual donation but if any parishioner feels he or she could lend a helping hand, especially with the hand work, they would be most welcome.

R.N.I.B.

Mrs. Harvey's recent collection round the village for the R.N.I.B. raised a sum of £41.70p. She would like to thank all those who donated and Mrs. Piper for her help.

School Governor

One of the school governors has left the village and therefore resigned. The Parish Council has two representatives on the school council and would like nominations to fill this vacancy. Please send details of nominees to Mrs. Brooks, 9, Clinton Close.

Church Services in East Hammingfield

All Saints Service Times

8a.m. Every Sunday Holy Communion (1662 book)
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Morning Worship 11a.m.

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You will not need to be reminded of the bad weather of late, but it does mean that our village Newsletter hasn't its usual feature of a country walk for you to enjoy. Perhaps it'll be drier in the Spring.....

Villagers will soon be seeing the work to remedy one of our perennial weather hazards beginning in the village centre -- resurfacing the Post Office Chase. Following complaints by parishioners and a foot injury caused by the pot-holes, the Parish Council looked into the costs of providing a good roadway especially with the increase in traffic when the new owners of the shop moved in.

Residents nearby felt this was something the village should provide and this view was reinforced at the Annual Parish Meeting this year when the matter was discussed. We hope the problem will finally be solved in the coming winter months.

Concern about the dangers to both pedestrians and drivers leaving the School Chase through poor visibility is another worry brought to the P.C.'s attention by several villagers. The matter has been discussed at this and higher levels. At the moment the density of traffic does not warrant the provision of a pedestrian crossing and a recent survey conducted by Essex Police revealed that the traffic flow and pedestrian numbers between

8.30 a.m. and 9.05 a.m. do not reach their criteria for a warden to be employed. A further census will be taken in six months' time.

The P.C. is also looking into the possible provision of another telephone kiosk in the village. British Telecom will be conducting a survey.

We were sorry to learn that the village did not receive a mention in the Best Kept Village Competition this year. We scored 75% which was the mark gained by judging the care taken not only of our village greens and gardens but also the churchyard, the allotments around public buildings and footpaths. Better luck next year, but thanks to all those including our groundsmen who made a special effort.

Working with the Management Advisory Committee, the P.C. has made rapid and very great steps towards granting charitable status to the group who will run the project in the future. This will be a tremendous benefit to the community. As a charitable trust it will be eligible for more grant money in the future. Certain people and companies will only give money to registered charities and it will be able to take advantage of tax concessions. At the moment the land is vested in the charge of the Parish Council. If, at some time in the future, the local authorities are reorganised the power of belongings could change. This could not happen to a charity so in this way we are protecting our hall and field. A deed has been drawn up and the members of the Trust will represent all our village groups as well as having nominated statutory members.

There is now some light at the end of the tunnel as far as a new village hall is concerned. With the help of a local team of architects the Management Advisory Committee is drawing up a programme to arrange the building work in the correct sequence. A further report will follow in the next Newsletter. The P.C. has also applied to Essex County Council for grant money to increase our available funds.

The football clubs of both East and West Hanningfield are now using the pitch at weekends and we will shortly have a smaller sized pitch for children and five-a-side.

Another swing will probably be installed in time for Spring 1983, hopefully to coincide with the building of a small adventure playground. Anyone with experience or material to donate to such project please contact Melanie Collins or Libby Brooks (400110).

Any suggestions for improving the field or its amenities would be welcomed by the committee. The field belongs to all of us so please take advantage of it.

Finally, would you remember that, particularly at the moment with the amount of rain we have had, cars, bikes and horses cause havoc on the field and should not be taken beyond the school chase.

Brian Collins

Emergency Planning Liaison Officer

Emergencies do occur and anything could befall our parish area from something as small as a traffic accident, a pollutant in our water supply or a fire to something as big and dangerous as a 'plane crash or nuclear bomb. All over the country there are plans and preparations being made in case of these emergencies and the upper echelons of government have schemes worked out. However, they need a person in each parish with whom they can liaise in these circumstances, someone who knows their parish and the facilities it can offer by way of succour and shelter for the homeless or injured, transport, water and power for instance. This person would have surveyed the area in preparation. If you feel you would like to help the parish in this way and can volunteer your assistance, please in the first instance contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs. Brooks - 400110.

National Children's Home Collection

A recent collection round the village raised £65 for this charity. Thank you to all who generously gave.

Appeal Committee

This Appeal Committee continues to work hard in raising urgently needed funds towards the proposed Community Centre on Hanna's Field. They have organised or helped with four events this year culminating in the Go-Kart Grand Prix in September. On the whole progress has been good despite the current hard times and very useful profits have been made.

The Go-Kart Grand Prix was held at Salesfrith Farm by kind permission of Stan Bird. Many people will remember the event originally started at Stan's and the committee were pleased to accept his kind invitation to stage the event there once again.

As the many village people who came know, the afternoon stayed fine, if a bit breezy, and the programme of eight races interspersed with various displays and demonstrations proved very successful.

The final race was won by Andrew Ruffle, sponsored by East Hanningfield Post Office Stores, and he collected the winner's trophy, a fine engraved pewter tankard. The Table Tennis team took the Tug-o-War challenge shield against stiff opposition from the football and kyokushinkai clubs and a late challenge from the ladies' team.

In something of a departure from previous years, many stalls and side shows were completely organised from scratch by the people volunteered for their particular stall. This appeared to work well and the committee are pleased and grateful for their help. In this context the committee would like to thank Martin Harcourt-Williams, Anne and Graham Parker, friends and family, Bob and Delia Brannon, Alan and Christine Holland, Ian and Jackie Sutton, Dave and Lynne James, Rene Wilsdon, Richard Range, John Bruce, Helen Cubitt, Pauline Read, Murray Woodward, Angela Wade, Libby Brooks, Diane Hanning, Jane Parker, Melanie Collins, Sylvia Hopkins, Nigel Horrobin, Bill Luddgrove, Jenny Applegate, Anne Burrell and Rosemary Trusler. Special thanks also go to the Motor Cycle Club for the use of their stakes and ropes.

The profit from the event was approximately £900

- well worth the efforts of all those involved. Final thanks also go to Stan Bird, Chris Jacob, Stuart Wright, John Trusler, E.B.W. Farms, Mike Callan, Elsie Bruce, John Hill, Diane and Terry Martin, Brian Reade and the Football, Table Tennis and Kyokushinkai clubs without whose combined help and support the event would not have been possible. A number of Barbeque stands (half 45-gallon drums on legs) were acquired for the Go-Kart event. These will be available for hire next summer (charities excepted). Contact Mike Plumridge - 400629.

Lastly, the committee would like to hear from newcomers to the village who may like to help with future events. Contact Pam Sharp - 400549.

Village School A.G.M.

The Chairman welcomed the committee and parents and reported that the past year had been both eventful and successful. He thanked all the fund raisers for their hard work whereby they have been able to purchase a new fish tank, sand pit, books and maths equipment. Donations were also given to the school fund and towards hall curtains and heating the swimming pool. He hoped future projects will enable lobbies to be built on to the infants' classrooms, the purchase of a micro-computer, stereo system and records. The new committee members are: Chairman - Mr. Thorpe, Vice-Chairman - Mrs. Molson, Secretary - Mrs. Burrell, Treasurer - Mrs. Larkman; members: Mr. Moore, Mrs. Goldsworthy, Mrs. Low, Mrs. Kendall, Mrs. French, Mrs. Wiggleworth, Mr. Holland and Mrs. Crofton.

Playgroup A.G.M.

The Chairwoman welcomed everyone and reported on a very healthy year for the playgroup with a steady demand for places. She thanked all the hard-working helpers.

The committee has been exploring alternative accommodation for the group. At present a playbus seems to be a very favourable scheme.

The Christmas party will be held on Friday, 10th December, and this year the outgoing committee will be providing the entertainment.

The Secretary, Mrs. Hine, reported that there are 19 children on the waiting list. The Bazaar will be on 1st December.

Fund raising had been very successful this year. The Christmas Bazaar raised £73, Easter Bazaar £77, Sponsored Walk £106 and Garden Party £63. Mr. Hine had also raffled a football autographed by the Spurs football team. The profits of £75 he most generously donated to the Playgroup.

The new committee is: Mrs. Brooks - Chairwoman, Mrs. Bowring - Secretary, Mrs. Jacob - Treasurer; members: Mrs. Read, Mrs. McCullagh, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Young.

Inter-Village Sports Competition

Chris Jacob has kindly volunteered to co-ordinate the teams entering the sports events next year.

Please contact him if you would like to compete in the following events as soon as possible - 400222.

Badminton (mixed doubles)	Adult and Junior
Netball	Adult and Junior
Football	Adult and Junior
Table Tennis (mixed doubles)	Adult and Junior
Relay final	Adult and Junior
Darts	Adult

Junior players can be 15 years and under at 31.12.83.

Table Tennis

The village club did exceptionally well last season. On the team front four divisions were won with one runner-up in the Chelmsford and Burnham Leagues, and a cup final was won in both leagues.

At the Burnham individual championships, East Hammingfield players contested 10 out of the 13 finals, winning nine of them. This season the club has entered 13 teams in the local leagues and at the moment the 'A' team is unbeaten at the top of both leagues, which is a good performance when you consider that one of their main rivals, Maldon, have a current England player in their team. The rest of the club's teams are all in the top half of

their respective divisions. The club's proposed exchange visit with the West Berlin table tennis club has now materialised and a party of 22 Germans will be visiting the village between Thursday, 31st March, and Wednesday, 6th April, 1983 (Easter). Plans have been made for table tennis and football matches, coach outing to Woburn Abbey and Safari Park, discos and other activities to make this visit really enjoyable for them. If anybody in the village would like to be of assistance please contact Chris Jacob (400222).

Cricket Club

After quite a successful year both on and off the pitch we have seen several new and very welcome playing members together with the introduction of the evening six-a-side competition, which proved highly entertaining. As usual our plea goes out to everyone interested in playing, watching (and/or drinking) to contact our secretary, Pete Whetton (400857) who will supply all the details regarding membership. To help existing and prospective members keep in practice the club has booked a net at the Essex Indoor Cricket School on Mondays through the winter which we hope members of the village (young and not so young) will take advantage of. Details from Adrian Cubitt - 400375.

W.I.

Since the last Newsletter we have been happy to welcome several visitors to our institute and hope they found their visit friendly and interesting. We look forward to seeing many more of you.

Our Trash and Treasure Auction at the beginning of October went with a swing and we thank you for your support.

Our next fund raising event will be the Christmas Fayre which will be held on Saturday, 27th November, at 2.30 at the hall. We are now looking forward to our visit to the Barbican Arts Centre on 3rd November. We understand that if we manage not to get lost it will be a good day out.

If you feel you would like to join us, our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each

month and details are on the Parish notice board on the green.

Chelmsford Cathedral Appeal

In January this year the Appeal Committee set out to raise £400,000 required to pay for essential restoration work and to finance improvements inside the Cathedral. New floors and seating are needed to maintain its function as the Mother Church of one of the largest Dioceses in the Church of England. It plays an important part in the religious, cultural and civic life of the community, so the appeal is addressed to everyone who lives or works in the area. In this connection the organisers are looking for a representative in each of the parishes who would be prepared to form a small group and provide a strong lead for fund raising activities this Autumn. If you feel you are interested in the aims of the Appeal Committee, please, in the first instance, contact the Clerk - 400110.

Bethel Evangelical Church, Old Church Road

As part of the Church's celebrations of Christmas there will be a carol service on 19th December at 11 a.m. On Christmas Day the service will be held at 10.30 a.m.

To remind you well in advance the Senior Citizens' Tea will be held at 3 p.m. on 13th February.

Church Services in East Hanningfield

All Saints

8 a.m. every Sunday - Holy Communion (1662 book)
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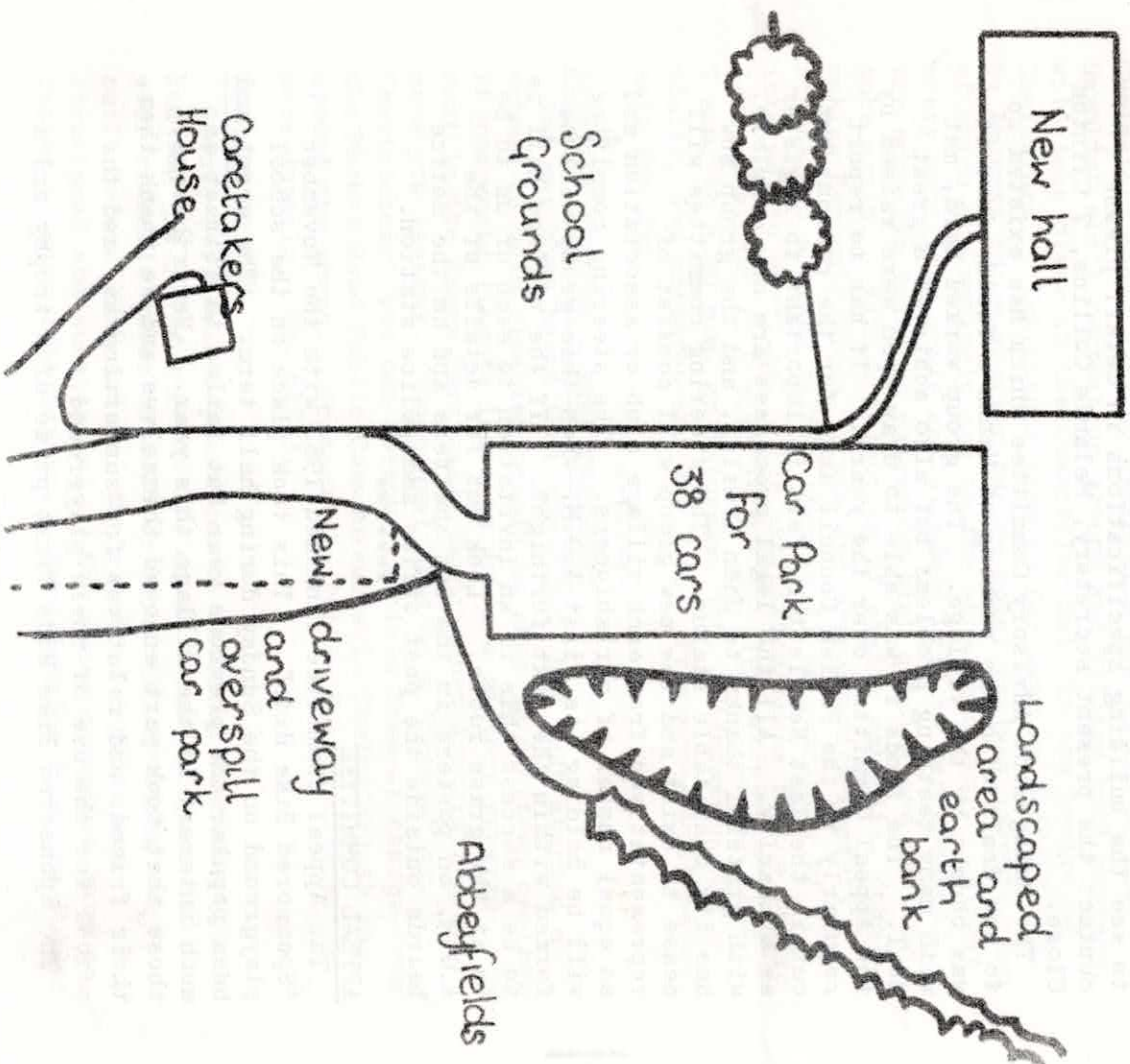
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The cover of our Newsletter should answer many of the questions being asked in anticipation of our new community hall. It's all coming along at a great pace. The grant will come in April and the whole building programme has been earmarked for 1983/4. Years of hard work, fund raising, discussing and planning will culminate in the physical appearance of a hall geared to meet the requirements of all our existing village groups and provide accommodation for many more in the future like badminton, music groups, whist drives, old people's clubs, etc. If you'd like to find out more about the plans or to see the building specifications in detail please contact the present secretary, Melanie Collins, 7 Clinton Close.

The Management Advisory Committee which has existed up to now dealt with the running of Hanna's field since it was bought by the village. The group worked hard, met with many teething problems but also achieved a great deal. The funds it was able to draw upon were raised by the Appeal Committee over the years. It has to report regularly to the Parish Council and, for the reasons set out in the last Newsletter, felt it important to register as a charity. All the legal processes are now complete, with grateful thanks to John Trusler, and the group now has its charitable status. The steering committee will cease to exist and the new group will consist of representatives from each village club or association and an equal number of parishioners. The steering committee will be holding its first A.G.M. when this group will be formed within the next fortnight. If the village hall is to be a success this is an invitation to each of us to be in at the grass roots. Look out for details of the A.G.M. on posters in the bus shelters and on the notice boards outside the post office and police station.

APPEAL COMMITTEE

The Appeal Committee finished 1982 with the November "Sponsored Bike Ride". This took place on the school playground on the Sunday during half term. The event had been popular the previous year but failed to attract as much interest in the village this year. Nevertheless, those that took part enjoyed themselves and we thank them, their friends and relatives for supporting us, and the school for the use of their playground.
The Sponsored Bike Ride first prize of a trophy and a

new BMX Black Lion bicycle was won by Nicholas Parker. Trophies and cash prizes were won by Daniel Martin, second and Daniel Trusler, third.
The start of 1983 has seen the Appeal Committee become part of the new village hall steering committee. Fund raising events will continue to be organised and we hope we may continue to call upon friends and supporters for help and ideas and thanks for all your help in 1982.

CHELMSFORD MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

On 4th and 5th March, Alan Dixon's ninth annual Chelmsford Model Railway Exhibition run in aid of East Hanningfield's recreation ground and village hall project, will take place at the Chancellor Hall in the centre of Chelmsford. Exhibitors from as far away as Bedford will be amongst those showing twelve model railway layouts, ten of which are entirely new to the show this year. Almost every modelling scale and standard will be represented, the emphasis being on extremely high quality and variety once again. With a selection of static exhibits, model-making demonstrations, trade and preservation society stands and a grand raffle there will be something of interest to everyone. The exhibition opens to the public from 12 midday to 9 p.m. on Friday, 4th March, and from 9 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, 5th. Admission 70p adults, 35p children and 0.A.P.s. Programmes will be on sale for 25p.

DISABLED PERSONS - FREE TRANSPORT

You may have heard that the C.B.C. has just started a scheme to help disabled people to shop in the town centre. If you would like to learn to drive a battery powered vehicle the Essex Physically Handicapped Association will give you lessons. Once qualified on a "Scoota" or "Battrichair" you can borrow a vehicle free of charge from the Market Road Public Conveniences in Chelmsford to use around the shops. Contact the Public Health Officer for more details - Ch. 617733.

REPAIRS GRANTS

Grants for house repairs can be obtained from the C.B.C. You can apply for a grant if, as an owner occupier (a) your rateable value is £225 or less, (b) dwelling was built before 1919 and (c) the required repairs are structural and substantial. Non owner occupiers have no rateable value restriction. More details from the Public

Health Officer - Ch. 61733.

BEAUTIFUL BRITAIN 1983

The Keep Britain Tidy group have initiated this special year and all community groups have been asked to take an active part. The C.B.C. will provide posters, plastic bags and physical collections but also hopes to encourage people in other ways to make our communities more beautiful. Any ideas?

EMERGENCY PLANNING LIAISON OFFICER

Following our request for someone to fill this position in our village, Mr. Watson who lives at The Brook, The Tye has very kindly come forward to help.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

The new day for refuse collections is Monday. This of course will alter after the next public holiday.

A refuse skip will be placed on the land adjacent to the factory estate, Old Church Road over the weekend of 12th/13th March. You are reminded this is for large items of household rubbish, not garden refuse and all items must be placed compactly inside so as not to contravene the litter laws.

A FEW NOTES FROM P.C. JACOB

On 31st January it became compulsory for all front seat occupants of cars and vans to wear seat belts in a positive attempt to reduce the 30,000 drivers and front seat passengers who have annually been killed or injured. I have noticed several people not wearing their seat belts, especially mothers taking and collecting children from the village school. It is an offence not to wear your seat belt which could result in a court appearance.

I have had several complaints about parking on the public footpaths particularly outside the village shop, in Old Church Road, Pease Place, Payne Place and Ashley Green. The drivers could face prosecution. It is also an offence to park vehicles during the hours of darkness on the wrong side of the road without displaying any lights.

P.T.A.

The P.T.A. recently organised the Annual Jumble Sale which was a great success. The sum of £185 was raised for the school funds.

Last term the school said goodbye to Mrs. Margaret Walker and welcomed Miss Teague.

The P.T.A. will be organising a disco on 26th March. We hope to see you all.

PLAYGROUP

With many more children, a new session has been arranged for Monday afternoons. There are still a few vacancies in both Monday sessions so please contact Marilyn Bowring, 400748.

Our Christmas Bazaar at Highfields was a great success. Stalls included local handicrafts and cakes made by the Playgroup Mums. The event fell only £5 short of the £56 needed for the children's party.

The Christmas party was enjoyed by all, particularly the committee, who, instead of hiring an entertainer, put on a play for the children which allowed them to participate wherever possible. Presents were given to all the children and the staff as thanks for all their hard work.

Our next fund raising event is the Easter Bazaar (the sponsored walk being postponed until it's warmer). This will be on Wednesday, 23rd March, straight after Playgroup in the W.I. Hall. Lunch will be provided for the Mums, a play area will be provided for the children and stalls will include bring and buy, cakes and handicrafts. There will be a parade of Easter Bonnets made by the children. We hope to see you all there.

Finally, thank you to the W.I. for inviting some of the playgroup Mums to their New Year Dinner and for the use of their hall during 1982.

W.I.

Once again we invite you to join us at our meetings which are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. at our hall in Old Church Road. If you would like someone to take you or tell you more ring 400781. Since the last Newsletter we have welcomed five new members to our group. It's a good place to make new friends, listen to interesting speakers and to try your hand at the many interesting crafts available to us, like patchwork or upholstery.

This January we entertained seventy five people to supper. Peggy Midwood, our County Chairman, was our guest of honour.

Our next fund raising event will be a jumble sale on 26th March in aid of the Chelmsford Hospice.

BROWNIES

The pack began in May this year with just twelve

members but now it is up to full strength with 24. The Brownies in the village are really enthusiastic and have already gained lots of interest badges. In October they held their coffee morning and sale of work. At Christmas the pack attended a carol service in Danbury in which four of them took part. On 20th February they will be having a Thinking Day and in May will be entering the Division Competition.

At the moment the pack has three full-time helpers but it needs someone to train as a Brownie leader. It's a twelve month training programme but it doesn't involve any exams or courses - just enthusiasm and dedication. If you feel you would like to help, then contact Heather Leigh, 400977. Girls can also contact her if they would like to join the waiting list. There's no lower age limit and girls usually move up to Guides at about 10 or 11. The pack meets every Thursday at the school, 5.30 - 7 p.m. (Subs 25p)

TABLE TENNIS

The village teams are not having such a successful season as they have had in the previous two seasons, but this is mainly because they are all in a lot higher division and most of them are in respectable mid table positions. The exception to this is the 1st Team who at the moment are top of the Burnham 1st Division, 2nd in the Chelmsford 1st Division and in the semi final of two cups. Four titles were won at the recent Chelmsford Championships.

All club members are now looking forward to the exchange visit over Easter with the West Berlin Table Tennis Club, who will be bringing 34 of their members to the village for 7 days. A full programme has been planned including a day trip to Woburn Abbey/Safari Park on Saturday, 2nd April. It may be that there are a few vacant seats on the coach available to villagers. Contact Chris Jacob about this (400222) or if you are interested in joining the table tennis club.

CRICKET

The indoor school at the Essex Ground is going very well each Monday 8 - 9 p.m. New members are always welcome otherwise it's a quiet time for the club until the new season begins in May. It's hoped to hold a social evening then too - watch out for details. Discussions are also going on about running a Colts League to take

place on a weekday evening or Saturday morning. Further details from the Secretary, Peter Whetton, 400857.

LONDON MARATHON

Andrew Ruffell from the Shop has been successful in his application for a place in the London Marathon. In order to both enjoy the run and benefit charities and village activities, he is prepared to make this a sponsored event for Cancer Research, the Village Hall and the football club. Please help Andrew make the event worthwhile.

FOOTBALL CLUB

Come along to the School on 19th February from 8 p.m. and enjoy a disco dance among friends. Tickets £2 including supper and licenced bar, from the shop and Carol Charles, 23 Ashley Green.

RED CROSS - VILLAGE COLLECTION

A collection will be made from door to door as usual this year in the week commencing 2nd May. Maggie Greaves, who has taken over the organisation of this collection from Anne Walden, is looking for helpers. Do ring her, 400811.

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

A Youth Club is now held in the W.I. Hall on the last Thursday of each month from 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. (25th March, 29th April, 27th May and 24th June). Children aged 13-16 years are welcome to come along.

Regular Services

Sunday School (3 years upwards)	9.45 - 10.45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11.15 a.m.
Juco Girls (10-12 years)	Wednesdays 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.
Adventurers' Boys	Thursdays 6.15 - 7.15 p.m.
FAMILY SERVICE at 11.15 a.m. on 13th March for Mothering Sunday, on 3rd April for Easter, and 22nd May, Whit Sunday.	

ADVERTISING IN THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER


Several people have asked me in the past whether it's possible to advertise material in the Newsletter. Of course we always pass on messages about club social events and meetings as part of their reports, but as a way of helping to offset the costs of printing the Parish Council is looking into offering a more formal service. This would be open to members of the general public wishing to advertise "For Sale" or "Wants", "Lost and Found", etc., much as is done in the P.O. stores. This would be

organised at a cost of 3p per word. Alternatively individuals who are advertising a service to the public, firms, industries, hotels, public houses, restaurants, shops, etc. may purchase blocks of space. Costs here would be 1/4 page - £2.50, 1/2 page - £5, full page - £10. The Newsletter is delivered free to over 400 homes in the parish and over 50 copies are taken by visitors to the P.O. who take them free from the counter. If you feel you would like to use this outlet for your interest contact Helen Cubitt, 400375, and we may be able to help.

A message from the editor - A big thank you to all the contributors this time and apologies for having to cut some of your copy and still we've had to run to an extra page! Deadline for the next edition which will cover June/September will be 1st May.

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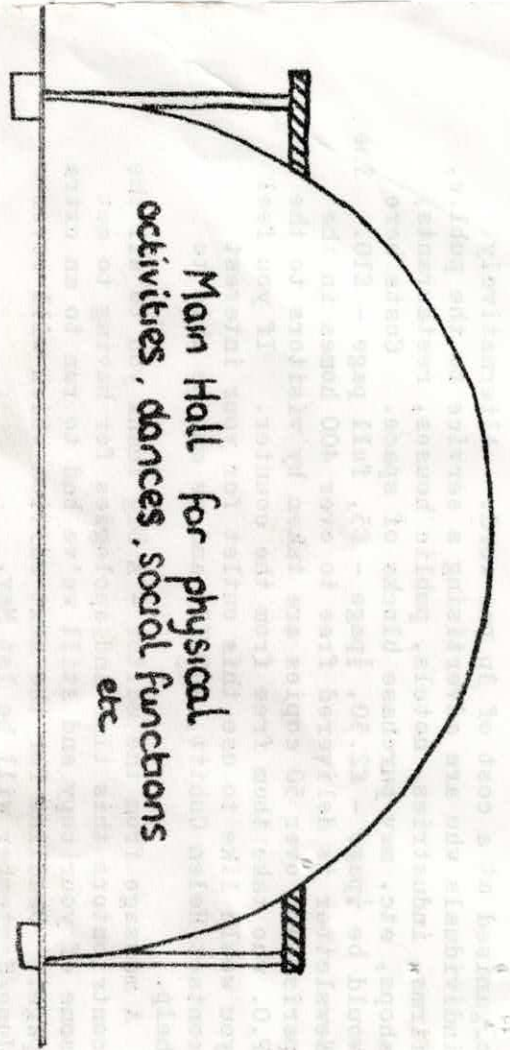
Contrary to rumours circulating the village, Brian and Brenda wish it to be known that they have no plans to leave the village in the foreseeable future. They have heard the rumour that the only place closing is ASDA, who can no longer stand the competition from the village stores.



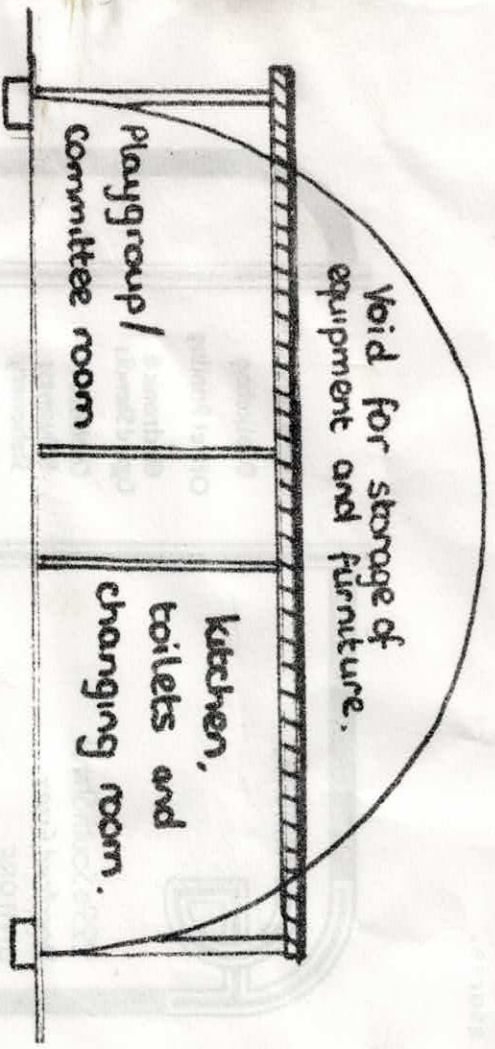
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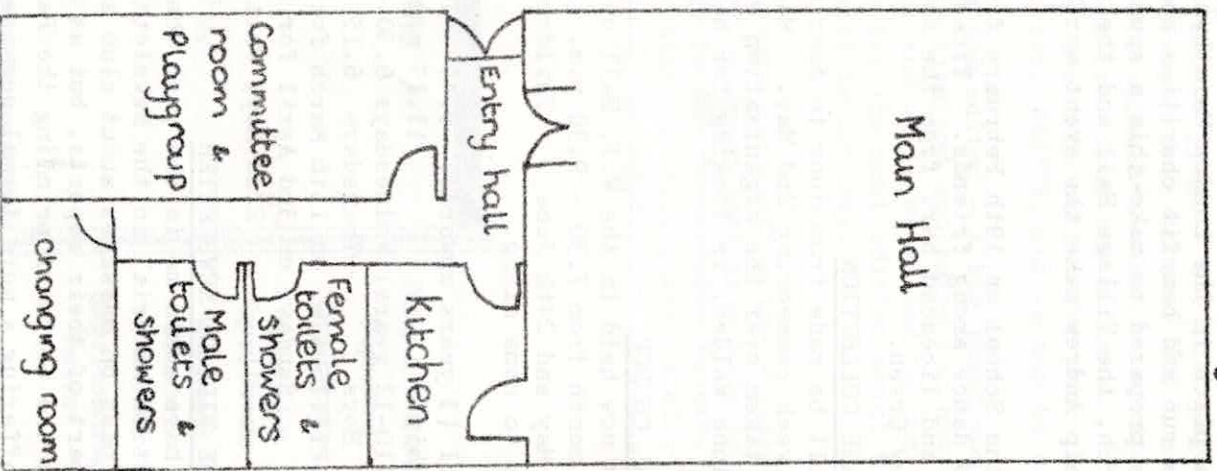
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Sections of Community Hall.



Floor Plan of Village Hall.



PARISH COUNCIL

The recent local elections marked the end of another term of office for the Parish Council but sadly it also saw the end of an era for six of its members who did not stand for re-election. It is with regret that we see them go after dedicating so much time to our village, taking with them a wealth of experience, local knowledge and expertise. We thank them sincerely, especially the Reverend Ost, who was first elected in 1946. His particular area of interest was education, liaising with the village school in caring for its children. He was also a District Councillor up to 1973. Mr. Mitchell was elected in 1964 and for the last 18 years he has made the financial arrangements for the village. The upkeep of the village has been efficiently and caringly done by Mr. Lovegrove since 1965. In 1973 Mr. Bird joined the P.C. with a particular interest in footpaths and ditches, in the same year as Mr Hendry who was Chairman until 1981. Mr Sharp joined the ranks in 1979 and has been Vice Chairman for the last two years with responsibility for recreation management.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. will take place in the School Hall on Thursday 19th. May. Everyone is very welcome to attend. The discussion will be on matters which will affect you as parishioners and there will be an opportunity at Question Time for you to voice your views or ask about something for which you have a particular concern. It is hoped there will be a better attendance than at the recent Parish Meeting. Also the newly elected Parish Councillors will be signing their forms of acceptance. They are Mr. Brown, Mr Carter, Mrs. Cubitt, Mr Dixon, Mr Holland, Mr. Martin and Mr. Parker. The meeting will start at 8 p.m. and for further details of the agenda watch the P.C. noticeboard outside the village shop.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

In the recent elections Mr. Dixon was re-elected as the District Councillor for the ward of East and West Hammingfield.

STREET LIGHTING

The P.C. has recently heard that the tungsten lights in the village are to be replaced by yellow sodium lights. This is something they had fought against in the past, feeling that they are more suitable in towns rather than villages but the new lights with their photo-electric cells will provide a far more efficient service as they do not require constant checks. We should see far fewer of our lights being out of order in future.

HOME GREEN JUNCTION

In response to a request from one of our Parishioners a letter was written to C.B.C. drawing attention to this very poor junction, especially at peak hours of traffic flow. A survey was conducted last year on visibility and traffic flow and as the accident rate is low it is not such a vital area as others in the district.

RUMBLE STRIPS

Again, following local concern, the provision of methods of slowing traffic down on its approach to the village was investigated. It would be too dangerous to install rumble strips on the southern approach to East Hanningfield.

Traffic is travelling far too fast along Old Church Road, especially during the morning and evening rush hours. The P.C. is take a formal request for Police Speed Checks to be made.

SLEEPING POLICEMEN

A sleeping policeman is to be installed on the Post Office Chase to slow down vehicles leaving the houses behind the P.O. and approaching the footpath. A similar one has already been re-instated by Cobbs near the middle of the Tye.

TYE FOOTPATHS

Our Groundsman, Mr Thomas has made a good job in re-defining the edges of the paths along the Tye and his work has revealed that they are in a very poor state, having sunk in several parts making them impassable in rainy weather. They are to be resurfaced.

To protect the green from vehicle damage, concrete cones

have been placed near the Three Horseshoes and more are available should the need arise elsewhere. Where the grass has been damaged during recent works, the green has been re-instated outside Rosemount and in front of Searlescroft.

ABBEYFIELDS

The P.C. has been in contact with Moody Homes regarding the ownership of the boundary between Hanna's Field and Abbeyfields. It appears that ownership is in the hands of the individual householders. The P.C.'s solicitors will establish this fact legally so that the ditch is maintained.

RUBBISH COLLECTIONS

A skip will be placed on the industrial estate in Old Church Road over the week-end of 16th/17th July. Once again our household collections have been disrupted by a recent Bank Holiday and whenever this happens the day for collection is put forward by one day.

HOME SAFETY

RoSPA has initiated a campaign the theme of which is "Protect Your Child-Use Safety Glass" More than 20,000 accidents every year involve architectural glass which injures someone. 70 per cent of all the victims were under 29. Safety glass (toughened or laminated) is very difficult to break but when it does, it breaks safely. It should be used in doors, screens and low-silled windows.

ANN JOHNSON'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

This foundation provides financial help towards clothing and education for any young person under 25 who lives in, or is being educated in or who has been educated in the new Borough of Chelmsford. Please contact the Grants Secretary, Mrs.M.J. Gillibrand, 4, Gordon Road, Chelmsford, for an application form.

ADVERTISEMENTS

REGISTERED CHILD MINDER welcomes enquiries for short period, part-time or full time minding. Mrs Evans. Chelmsford 400600.

Adverts may be placed in the above 'slot' at 3p per word. Ring the Editor, 400375 before the next copy date, 1st August, 1983.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

1983 is "Beautiful Britain" Year and once again we shall be entering the Best Kept Village Competition. Judging takes place towards the end of May so please be especially litter conscious at that time and keep your gardens tidy. The Judges will be looking for community spirit and not natural beauty.

A NOTE FROM P.C. JACOB

As the good weather is beginning to arrive, so do the holidays, so now is the time to remember that the police operate a good neighbour scheme. This is how it works... When you go away on holiday you ask your neighbour to keep an eye on your property. You also let me know at the Police Station and I have a form that I will fill in, which also gives your neighbour some advice whilst you are away. I will also keep an eye on your house.

In the last Newsletter I asked people not to park on the public footpaths in the village. I would like to thank you all for doing this. It is greatly appreciated by the elderly and mothers with prams. Well done and thank you.

INTER VILLAGE SPORTS

At the Chelmsford area inter village sports competition held recently, East Hanningfield emerged as winners on their first attempt by beating West Hanningfield by 90 to 75 points. The victorious players were Netball (adults) Brenda Ruffell, Jean Manley, Kath Hine, Carole Senogles, Libby Brooks, Leslie Lewis, Margaret Roberts and Heather McCulloch (Junior) Julia Wade, Toni Flowers, Yvonne Aberly, Debbie Howes, Emma Court, Nicki Piper, Caroline Wade and Nadine Matthews. Football (adults) Derek Sangster, Leo McCulloch, Tony Charles, Andrew Ruffell, Geoff Lowe and Steve Manley (Junior) Matthew Greaves, Mark Tankin, Steve Maunder, Laurie Harris, Bobby Harris, Simon Davies and Matthew Kenton. The entire Hopkins family provided us with badminton players. Table tennis players were Chris Jacob and Angela Martin and Gary Martin and Nicki Cain, and darts was played by Simon Kenton, Mick Myrard, Barry Saffill and Dave Roach. East Hanningfield will now represent Chelmsford Borough Council in the Essex finals to held at the Ongar Sports Hall in early June - make a date to go along and support them. The winning shields are on display in the village shop.

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

Village Hall Project - Although our application for grant this year was unsuccessful, things are by no means bleak, The committee is taking an optimistic view. The Charity is first reserve in the event that one of the other applicants does not meet the grant criteria. We have also found out that it may be possible for us to apply in June for grant approval for the financial year 1984/5 Although the money would not be available until April 1984 it would allow the committee to set the wheels in motion once grant approval is given. The P.C. is allowed to borrow up to £10,000 to be available for the project until 1st April 1985. This may be renewed.

We are continuing discussions with the Manpower Services Commission for the supply of labour and hope to hear more of this in June. The new system allows adults to take part in the Community Programme and we see this as being more beneficial to our project.

Hanna's Field Charity's first A.G.M. was held on 14th March 1983 in the school. The Committee now consists of

Elected Members

Mr. D. Bell	Representative Members
Mr. A. Bowring	Mrs. S. Hopkins/Mrs. E. Bruce (Scouts)
Mr. D. Brown (Chairman)	Mrs. D. Hendry (W.I.)
Mr. B. Collins	Mr. S. Wright (Kyokushinkai Karate)
Mrs. M. Collins (Secretary)	Mr. A. Coveny (Lisirikwai Judo)
Mr. Comrie (Vice Chairman)	Mrs. H. Leigh (Brownies)
Mr. P. Griggs	Mrs. E. Brooks (Playgroup)
Mr. M. Harcourt-Williams	Mrs. J. Crofton (Primary School P.T.A)
Mrs. L. James	Mr. S. Carter (Bethel Evangelical Church Sunday School)
Mr. M. Plumridge	Mr. D. Goody (Table Tennis)
Mrs. P. Sharp (Treasurer)	Mr. B. Ruffell (Football)
Mr. I. Sutton	Mrs. R. Harris (All Saints P.C.C.)
	Mr. A. Dixon (E.H. Parish Council)

Mr. J. Trusler has been co-opted onto the committee

The committee is naturally large to cover all the village interest groups but to aid effective day to day management there is, as provided by the trust deed, an Executive chaired by Mr. Brown, which has two sub-committees, Field Management, Chairman Mr. Bell and Fund-raising chaired by Mr. Sutton.

Fund-raising will continue as in the past and we look

forward to your support throughout the year. The following events are planned...

MAY ... Watch out for the date ...

BARBEQUE AT THE WINDMILL PUB

JUNE 18th

BARN DANCE AT CLAYDON'S FARM, BACK LANE.

AUGUST 13th

BARBEQUE AT THE WINDMILL WITH THE CHELMSFORD MORRISMEN.

There are now some allotments vacant, the rental is £5 per year Contact Melanie Collins, 400129. Allotment holders are reminded that cars and other vehicles are not be taken onto the land. This is stated also in their contracts. Again we are dismayed at the amount of dog fouling on the field rendering it almost useless to the children who may wish to play safely on the grass. Please keep you dogs under control in the interests of the whole community who have worked hard to provide an area they hoped could be used by everyone. You could also be liable to a hefty fine.

MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Alan Dixon staged another highly successful Model Railway exhibition at the Chancellor Hall in March - his ninth. Following the national trend, the number of attendances was down on last year which was a bit of a set back after last years achievements and consequently the profits will be lower. Nevertheless he hopes to announce a sum in excess of £700, once all the figures have been worked out, which is a valuable donation towards our village hall project. Thank you also to all those who gave their time and energy both before and during the event and who helped make it such an enjoyable event for both the spectators and exhibitors.

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Pastor Steven Carter would like you to make a note of the following dates in your diaries...

- June 19th. Family Service, 11.15a.m. 'Father's Day'
- June 24th. Youth Club 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. (13-16 year olds)
- July 5th (Tuesday) Fellowship Rally. 2.30 p.m. - Tea following.
- July 12th (Tuesday) Coach outing for the family - Priority given to Senior Citizens - Destination Clacton. Further details on enquiry.
- July 17th. Family Service.
- July 29th. Youth Club.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The above association is compiling a list of redundant buildings in the county. It would also like to hear from and make a list of craftsmen in the area. Initial contact should be made with Mrs. Brooks, 400110.

PLAYGROUP

Another term at Playgroup is now well under way, with four new members to welcome. Our numbers are now at capacity, except for Monday afternoons. Please ring Marilyn Bowring on 400748.

Our Easter Bazaar was a great success with over £50 made. May I thank all those who contributed and attended and the W.I. for the use of their hall.

The next event is the Childrens Sponsored Walk, which takes place on Friday 10th June at 10 a.m. After this we will be looking forward to Mrs. Mitchell's Garden Party and the Summer outing on Friday 8th July. May I also remind Mums that the school is very kindly letting us use their pool on Wednesday afternoons. I hope you will make use of this facility for the rest of the Summer term.

The Playgroup is hoping to try out a new idea. It would like Mums and Dads who have a particular skill or interest to come to talk to the children during Playgroup mornings. Perhaps a Milkman, postman or a Mum who plays the piano may be interested? If you think you can help, please contact the secretary, 400748.

W.I.

We are pleased to report that our membership is still on the increase. Please do come along and join us. We meet in our own hall in Old Church Road on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m.

The Jumble Sale which we held in March was very successful and we were able to send a cheque for £128 to the Chelmsford Hospice Appeal. Thank you for your support.

We are now busy preparing for the Essex Show which is held in June. The exhibit this year will represent "London Life" and several of the members will contribute pieces of craft and cookery.

A visit to the theatre and Frogmore Gardens were much enjoyed by members and at the end of May a party will visit Sandringham.

BROWNIES

The Brownies have been busy tidying up the village centre by collecting rubbish. This was a pack venture which will go towards the venture badge and is part of programme of doing things together and planning events. After collecting six bags full of litter the six Brownies who are representing the Pack in the Martin Shield Division Competition on 21st May, prepared refreshments.

The Pack would still welcome a helper, especially now as a Guide Unit is definitely planned and help will be needed with both groups. Please contact Heather Leigh, 400977.

SCOUTS

This has been a busy time for the group, working for badges, four boys working for their Gold Arrow, an outing to Southend and a sponsored football challenge in April. Their next fund-raising event is a market stall on 2nd July.

TABLE TENNIS

Our own club, only 5 years old, completed their biggest venture yet - an exchange visit with a club nearly 100 years old from West Berlin. East Hammingfield hosted 34 Germans over Easter who enjoyed a week packed with T.T. matches, visits to Southend and Woburn Safari Park, Disco's, a Barbeque and football games.

On the final evening the club sponsor, local business tycoon Colin Andrews from C.Andrews (Printers) Ltd presented each of the party with a framed commemorative certificate and Herr Christen presented us with a copper plaque of the Berlin Olympic Stadium and a cup. Our club is invited to Berlin for 1984.

On the local scene the club won 11 of the 15 titles in

the Burnham League and 5 titles at the Southend Championships, the ladies won the Chelmsford Knockout cup.

A LETTER FROM STEVE MANLEY, LANDLORD OF THE THREE HORSESHOES

I thought I would take this opportunity to answer a few questions about changes to this old village pub.

Having been here over six months, we are now just beginning to get straight. Having gradually mastered the rear garden we are set to decorate the outside of all the buildings. Our Beer Garden is now open for parents to bring their children with them, weather permitting. It is intended to enlarge the pub, push the bar back 12 feet, build a new toilet block and finally make it a picturesque feature of this lovely village.

LONDON MARATHON

Andrew Ruffell completed the Marathon absolutely shattered in 3 hrs. 27 mins. Due to this great effort it is expected he will raise about £360 to be divided between Cancer Research, Hanna's Field and East Hammingfield Football Club. Andrew would like to thank Rucanor Sports Ltd for donating to him a track suit, shorts, vest and sports bag. If you have sponsored Andrew and have still not paid up, please do so quickly.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Since the last edition of the Newsletter, the members of the Parish Council have taken up office and accepted various areas of responsibility. Mr Dixon will liaise with Chelmsford Borough Council, deal with insurance and be a representative on Hanna's Field Charity. Mr Holland is responsible for finance and education, Mr Parker for footpaths and ditches in the parish, Mr Martin for village maintenance, Mr Brown for recreation management and Mrs. Cubitt for the Newsletter. You are reminded that the Parish Council meet in the school hall on the fourth Thursday of each month. Everyone is very welcome to attend the meetings and ask questions at Question Time or to contact the councillors if the item falls into any of the above areas. Mrs Brooks, Clerk will also welcome your enquiries if you want to ring her on Chelmsford 4001110.

BENNETTS AVENUE

The above road, which is within our Parish appears on the 1922 O.S. as a cul-de-sac but neither the Essex County Council nor C.B.C. have any records proving it to be a highway. Have any parishioners enjoyed Bennetts Avenue as a right of way? If so, please contact Mrs Brooks, Ch. 4001110.

REVISED BUS AND TRAIN TIMETABLES

These are available for viewing at Mrs. Brooks Home, 9, Clinton Close.

INTER-VILLAGE SPORTS

East Hammingfield, as winners of the Chelmsford Inter-Village Sports Competition, went forward to represent Chelmsford in the Essex Finals on Sunday 3rd July. The Parish Council provided a bus and the team and supporters left the village for Ongar Sports Centre. In the football, where we hoped to do well, the juniors (who had two players

withdraw the previous night) did exceptionally well to come second, with a team whose average age was 14 compared with their opponents, 16, but unfortunately their result was added to the adults score who came last. This situation was reversed in the netball with the adults coming second and the juniors fifth. The darts team came fifth. Our two great successes were the badminton juniors who came first and the adults third and in the table tennis both adult and junior teams were streaks ahead of the rest. With these results we were in second place! Unfortunately the obstacle race lost us several points as penalties and when the final results were computed we had to settle for third place. Overall it was a very enjoyable and hot day. Everybody who took part in representing the village has been presented with a certificate inscribed by Mrs Mitchell. Everyone must join in congratulating the teams and Chris Jacob for all his hard work and may this be the first of many-perhaps even more successful events. Well done!

RETIREMENT OF THE RECTOR

The Rev. A.D. Ost, born just before World War I - son of Canon Audley Ost, Rector of All Saints, East Hanningfield 1921-1939 - came to East Hanningfield as a school boy, was ordained at Chelmsford Cathedral and inducted into the East Hanningfield Family Living in 1944.

The Rector, a scholar of Church History and Practice, a natural engineer, related to Dunlop the Irish Veterinary Surgeon who invented the pneumatic tyre, was the village representative on the Chelmsford District Council for many years, Chairman of the school Governors of the Church of England School, served on the East Hanningfield Parish Council and had an unsurpassed knowledge of local people, history and happenings. A notable bee-keeper and a fund of knowledge to all who asked on so many matters.

A collection was taken at the retirement service at All Saints on June 26th, when the church was full. To all who donated to our Retirement Fund our thanks - a sum of over £300 was handed to the Rector and Mrs Ost with our wishes for a peaceful retirement in Ingatestone.

RECORDER

For many years Reverend Ost held this post in our village,

reporting occurrences in its history such as archaeological 'finds', and keeping old documents on its people and buildings. Mr. Graham Plastone is to take up the post of Rector this Autumn and will be our local history recorder. We look forward to welcoming him to our community.

EAST HANNINGFIELD SCHOOL

At the end of the summer term, the children and staff said farewell to the Headmaster, Mr. John Thorpe.

Mr. Thorpe was appointed five years ago when he moved from Cambridge to live in Great Baddow. Throughout this time his interest in the arts and drama have been reflected in the schools activities. Under his direction, the school has been involved in a number of large scale productions including 'Oliver', 'Over the Rainbow' and, most recently, 'Sweeney Todd - the demon barber'

Since his arrival at the school he created an ethos of hard study and pride in the school. He was also keen that all pupils should learn to swim and improve their swimming skills in the school pool. As Chairman of the P.T.A. funds raised were used under his guidance to purchase books and other equipment. Presently the school awaits delivery of a B.B.C. micro computer.

Mr Thorpe takes up his new post as Headmaster at a much larger school, Kent's Hill Primary, in September. A wine and cheese party took place on 15th July at which parents and staff, past and present, attended. Mr Thorpe was presented with a Quartz wristwatch.

One of the other members of the staff of the school, Mr. Manny Harris, was presented with a wheelbarrow full of plants on the same occasion. Mr. Harris has retired this year after many years teaching in East Hanningfield, first at the old school in Old Church Road, where his wife Ruby also used to teach and lately at the new school building. The family ties of teaching in the school may have come to an end, but Mr. and Mrs. Harris have two grandchildren still attending here.

POLICE NOTES BY P.C. JACOB

Whilst it can be difficult to implement even the elementary precautions in the event of a sudden emergency, a greater safety factor is achieved when road users read into their driving a preconceived driving plan. The Essex Police

Force have for many years held Driver Advisory Courses through the good auspices of the local Essex County District Councils. Whilst they cannot in themselves guarantee immunity from becoming involved in a road accident, they provide an ideal opportunity for the motorists genuinely interested in acquiring an insight into basic and advanced driving techniques. Courses are normally held during the autumn and winter months and are strictly limited to numbers. Interested persons must enquire for details at their local District Council Road Safety offices.

BYELAWS

East Hanningfield has two areas, Hanna's Field and the Tye that are covered by local byelaws and these byelaws are often being contravened. You are not allowed to take any motor vehicle (car, motor bike, scooter etc) onto Hanna's field. You can push them. No vehicle is allowed to be parked anywhere on the grass area of the Tye, or any horse or pony allowed on the grass other than an unshod pony on a leading rein. If you continue to contravene these byelaws you will be taken to court.

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY, FUND-RAISING SUB-COMMITTEE

The committee has organised a programme of fund-raising events throughout 1983. Since the last edition of the Newsletter, there have been two well-supported barbeque evenings of the Windmill which together raised £135. The Barn dance at Claydons Farm in June raised £111 and the sub-committees involvement in the Hanningfield Show raised a further £107. To this must be added £23 from the Windmill, from a raffle and a sweepstake and a donation of £85 from Andrew Ruffie, the Post Office Stores, raised by sponsorship for his London Marathon. Altogether a total of £461. We are grateful to Andrew for his donation, to Mr and Mrs K. Benson for their help with the Barn Dance and thank-you to Mr and Mrs M. Hopwood for their co-operation at the Windmill.

Future events include a further barbeque evening at the Windmill on Saturday 13th August with entertainment by the men and ladies of Chelmsford Morris. The 10th Annual Go Kart Grand Prix on Sunday 4th September and an evening of Fire-works and entertainment at the Three Horesheoes on Saturday

November 5th.

This years Go Kart Grand Prix promises to be bigger and better than ever. Apart from 8 Go Kart Races there will be many other attractions including a display of Falconry, Radio-controlled model cars, arts and crafts, rug of war, fire engines, motor bikes, radio-controlled helicopters, steam engines and, the highlight of the show, a display of rally car driving. As always the event could not succeed without the free support of many people and groups in the village and any new people wishing to lend a hand should ring Mike Plumridge, Ch.400628. Lastly - there are a few go kart vacancies still available. The sponsorship fee is £8. Any-body interested in driving should contact Mike Plumridge immediately.

POST OFFICE STORES

From August 5th-20th a somewhat restricted service will be operated at the shop as Brian and Brenda will be away, along with Angela and Louise. Please be patient and understanding with Andrew and Dawn. Bread will be available. The post office will operate as normal with Joyce in sole charge.

ADVERTISEMENT

Registered childminder welcomes enquiries for short term, part time or full time minding. Mrs. Evans. 400600.

ALLOTMENTS ON HANNA'S FIELD

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PLAYGROUP

We are now at the end of another term at Playgroup, during which we have said goodbye to Mrs. Pam Sharp, who had been a supervisor for more than two years. We now welcome Mrs Sandra Kilburn, from Bicknacre, as supervisor from September.

During the term the children have raised £79.85 from their sponsored walk and £27.50 from swimming at the school (with a conation to the P.T.A.) £64.17 was raised at Mrs Mitchells garden party. The committee, staff and Mums would like to thank Mrs Mitchell for holding this event for us and all the W.I. members who so generously contributed to the bring and buy staff. The Playgroup children also enjoyed a day out at Clacton for their annual outing, spending time in the Pier Dolphinarium and on the beach.

Playgroups year is nearly up and nominations are needed for the new committee. The A.G.M. is on Wednesday 14th September at 8 p.m. in the W.I. Hall. Nomination forms will be posted to all members, or can be obtained from Marilyn Bowring (400748).

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank the present committee for all their hard work during the past year.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

The grass base for the proposed tennis court on Hanna's field has now been down for some two years or so. It will be close to the new village hall when built, where there will be showers and changing rooms for both sexes.

The committee of the Hanna's Field Trust are now anxious to find villagers and those from the surrounding area, who are keen to develop the sport in our village.

Unless demand for the facilities comes from enthusiastic tennis players and supporters who are willing to take the lead, however, the committee is apprehensive that the money already invested could go to waste.

Who, therefore, is there among us willing to band together to form the nucleus of a tennis club? Anyone interested should contact Melanie Collins, 7, Clinton Close.

FOOTBALL CLUB

The above club which runs two teams in the Maldon Sunday League, is, looking for new players, preferably over 18 yrs, but under 18's also considered. Training has started

at Hanna's Field on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. Please come along or contact Tony, 400757.

KARATE CLUB

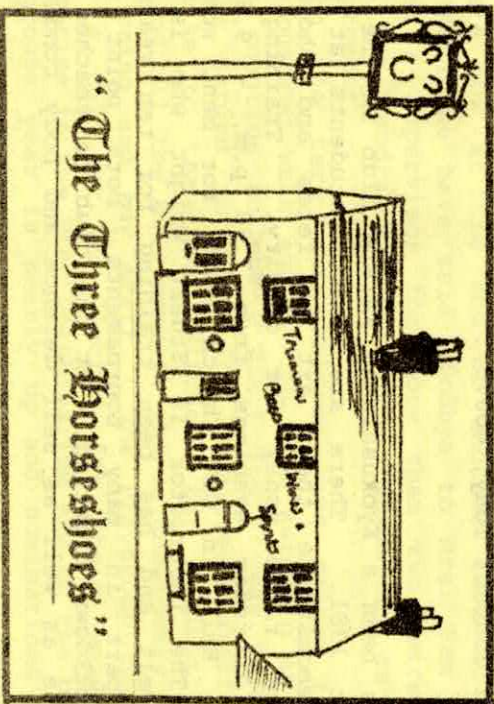
There has been a Kyokushinkai Karate club in the village since August 1981. There are thirty students at present and they demonstrate their art at fetes and shows, run marathons and raise money for charity. Training is on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. at the W.I. Hall in Old Church Road, for men, women and children. The instructor is Stuart Wright who is a 1st Dan Black Belt and has been training for ten years. He has taken part in many tournaments, both point scoring the full knockdown fighting. At the club he teaches strong combat karate as well as self defence and body conditioning techniques.

The word Kyokushinkai means in Japanese, Ultimate Truth and this relates to the style of karate taught at the club. Founded by a Korean, called Masutatsu Oyama in 1951 (whose greatest feat was to fight a bull in a ring and kill it with his bare hands) the art soon spread world-wide. Steve Arnell, a pupil of Oyama's, brought it to Britain. Punch and Kick Training is practised at the village club using punch bags and kick shields. Speed and timing can be learnt using the equipment at the club. If you are interested in joining the beginners class contact Stuart Wright at 2, Catherine Close or ring Ch.400201.

BROWNIES

Brownies has finished for the holidays and will start again in September. We have held our first birthday party and been presented with our registration certificate from London Headquarters. In June we joined in the District Brownie Revels where games were played and sausages and beans were cooked over camp fires in Riffham Woods at Danbury. An outing was also arranged to the Civic Theatre.

Mrs Lindsay Kendall has moved to Billericay and we have lost a very valuable helper. It is most urgent that we replace her. Mrs Angela Larkman is at present attending the Guide Company in Bicknacre in preparation to help with the starting of a Guide Company in East Hanningfield in January. Unless more help is forthcoming then this will have to be postponed. Please contact Heather Leigh, 400977 for more information.



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events.

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Steve and Jean Manley. Tel. 400204.

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TABLE TENNIS

As the new season approaches the village table tennis club will be entering nine teams in the Burnham League and four in the Chelmsford League, hoping to be as successful as in the previous two seasons when they won numerous leagues and cups. During the close season the members have been busy with fund raising activities and have managed to put a complete new floor in their premises. Once again we have been fortunate to secure a sponsorship deal with C. Andrews (Printers) Ltd. and we are grateful for the interest shown in the club by Janet and Colin Andrews. The club will be holding a Christmas Dance, but meanwhile if anyone is interested in joining ring Chris Jacob, 400222.

W.I.

We have been out and about since the last Newsletter reached you. In MAY WE TRAVELLED TO Windsor to spend the day wandering around the Queens garden at Frogmore. In June we were off again, this time to Oxfordshire to visit the W.I. College at Denman. Members attend week and weekend courses there at a beautiful house set in many acres of gardens. The variety of subjects covered is wide, from crafts to car maintenance and microchips.

The Essex Show, we felt, had been a great success, with our institute taking sixth place in its class out of an entry of sixty. Congratulations to all members who took part.

We are now looking forward to entertaining a party of housebound folk from Chelmsford and then it will be time to prepare for our Christmas Fayre.

Our 1983/4 programme is almost complete - we hope our members will find it interesting - and if you would like to join us you will be certain of a warm welcome.

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Items for your diary for the forthcoming season...

September 25th. Harvest Thanksgiving Family service 11.15a.m.

September 26th. Harvest Supper.

October 1st. 48th Church Anniversary. 3 p.m. Saturday

followed by tea.

October 30th. Family Service 11a.m. Sunday School Prizegiving.

The number of young people in East Hanningfield increases annually but of all the age groups we seem to be more aware of the teenagers this year. This is not only a case of noticing how many there are all of a sudden but more seriously, that there is nothing for them to do and nowhere suitable for them to meet. The whole problem was aired at a recent Parish Council meeting when the views of adults, teenagers and the councillors were heard. A large group of people have been gathering at the toddlers play area on Hanna's Field and causing a nuisance to the residents of the nearby houses on Ashley Green. Their solution suggested moving the equipment to the far side of the field but at the July meeting of the Charitable Trust this was felt not to be a good idea. Instead, the youngsters would be quite satisfied with some seats, if these could be provided and sited in the far field near to the central hedge boundary. Providing the youngsters are willing to raise some funds of their own, by a sponsored event for instance, the Parish Council has donated £100 to buy two benches and some sports equipment - a volley ball set has been suggested. A lot of the problem should be alleviated by the youth club which is now meeting each week, and we thank Mr. Carter for this help. Thought is also being given to constructing a scheme of activities and pursuits. This would take time to create, however so in the meantime it is hoped the interim measures for the summer holidays will at least ease the situation.



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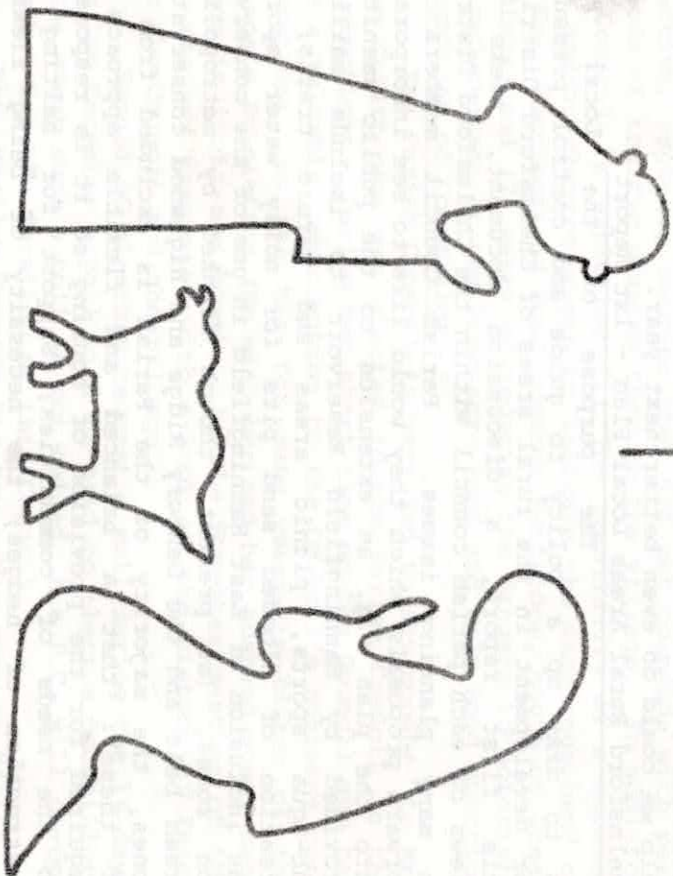
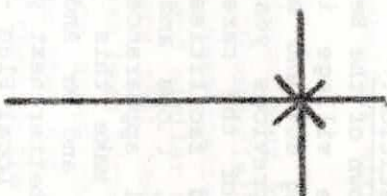
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The Cost of Vandalism; a Smashing State of Affairs

Do you like digging into your pocket?
Would you rather miss out on local news and activities?
Do you care if your children get hurt by damaged swings?
Do you think the village hasn't been decorated enough
yet with rubbish and litter?

What would you like your Parish Council to do if it had
a spare £200 to spend? This amount has had to be drawn
out of village funds, i.e. your rates, to repair village
property that has recently been vandalised.

What would you do if your child deliberately jumped on
a selection of your favourite records? Village property
is just as much yours as those treasured L.P.s are.
Are you sure it isn't your child damaging a village seat,
wrecking a bus sign, tearing down posters or scrawling
in the bus shelters? Is it fair that all our children
should be criticised for the few who don't care?

The Parish Council is working hard to ensure that your
village isn't spoiled, but it needs your help.

Parents are responsible for their children. At least
your Parish Council reckons so. It has decided enough
is enough. Anyone who does a good job of work expects
to get a fair reward and the Parish Council will make
every effort to see that those causing acts of vandalism
receive their just desserts.

Do you want 1983 to go down in history as

EAST HANNINGFIELD'S MAKE IT TOGETHER or
BREAK IT TOGETHER YEAR?

East Hanningfield Parish Council.

Parish Council News
Apologies for Absence

Many apologies to Mr. Steven Carter for leaving his name out of the list of new Parish Councillors in the last Newsletter. He is, of course, a valuable member and it was an inexplicable omission.

Best Kept Village Competition:

The results are now known of the Best Kept Village Competition. This year the village improved its performance from last year scoring 80% and was awarded a certificate of merit. As in previous years the judging of this event takes account of the care taken of many of the village amenities and facilities including the school, Church, Bus Shelters, Shops and Factories, as well as the village's general appearance. Our thanks to all those who worked to make this possible, especially our groundsmen, Mr Thomas and Mr Andrew Ruffell. With your help we could do even better next year.

Chelmsford Rural Areas Local Plan - 1st Report

The purpose of the Local Plan is to draw up a policy to guide and control pressures for development in the rural areas of Chelmsford District. This first report, a discussion document, seeks the views of each parish council within the Chelmsford District on many planning issues. Parish Council members put forward proposals which they would like to see incorporated into the Plan e.g. an extension to the public amenities provided by Hanningfield Reservoir to include sailing, sub-aqua sports, picnic areas and nature trails; the creation of flooded sand pits for noisy water sports; the inclusion of East Hanningfield in one of the conservation zones, (at present, though flanked by metropolitan green belt and the Danbury Ridge and Highwood conservation zones, the majority of the Parish is excluded from any of these): that a balanced and flexible approach is required for the provision of housing so it is responsive to the needs of communities; Support for halting the destruction of hedges; the necessity of being flexible with regard to the provision of public transport. The Parish Council will have another opportunity to express its views at the draft stage of the preparation of the plan. Perhaps you have other views; if so, let one of your Parish Councillors know or alternatively come along to a Parish Council meeting to express them.

Precept

The Parish Council has precepted £4622 for 1984/85. In addition to the Councils regular annual expenses, sums have been added to finance the Parish Council loan of £10,000 for the Hanna's field Charity village hall project, and to help defray the cost of maintenance on Hannas field and the cost of the May election. The effect of this precept is to impose a 2.9p rate on householders within the Parish.

Road Safety

This continues to be a concern of the community as a whole. The P.C. has explored many avenues with a view to making the roads in East Hanningfield safer for motorists and pedestrians. These investigations have included the possibility of road humps and similar means to slow traffic, and signs to warn motorists that they are approaching the village. Each of these has been turned down by the Borough Highways Dept., the police speed checks have not proved effective, probably because they did not coincide with peak periods of traffic passing through the village. In addition the Council is exploring (1) The possibility of a warning sign and/or chevron signs to indicate the dangerous bend on the East Hanningfield Road towards Rettendon, south of Great Reddings; and (2) means of reducing the dangers to motorists and pedestrians at the Bicknacre Road and Main Road junction and pedestrian of Councillor

The Parish Council is very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Helen Cubitt who was elected to the Parish Council in the May elections. During her short time on the Council she has made a valuable contribution to the Council's business considerations, as she has for many years as Editor of the village's Newsletter (We wish her and her husband every happiness in their new home). At the November meeting of the P.C. she was presented with a book on the history of Essex from the Council and the village.

Should 10 electors request a poll during the 14 days from 1st December a poll will be held to elect a Councillor. In the event such a poll is not called, the P.C. will co-opt a member for the duration of this Council.

Mrs. Marilyn Bowring has now taken over as Editor of the Newsletter, this being her 1st issue. Marilyn can be contacted at 30, Highfields Mead. Ch 400748 all contributions for the next issue, or adverts, welcome, due out the end of March.

Additional Telephone Kiosk

As a result of requests from villagers, the possibility of the provision of an additional Kiosk has been explored. Regrettably British Telecom considers our application unjustified on grounds of use and social need.

Bus Timetable

A new current bus timetable, covering Chelmsford South Woodham Ferrers, Maldon and Brentwood area is with the Clerk, should anyone wish to consult it please call at the Clerk's home 9, Clinton Close. Should anyone wish to purchase their own copy they can be obtained from local bus offices or E.C.C. for 35p. A copy of the free Asda bus timetable can be found in this Newsletter.

Refuse Collection

Where there is a bank holiday in the week the refuse collection moves forward a day. For example if normal collection is on a Friday, but there is a bank holiday that week, then collection is on the following Monday.

Tye Footpath

The resurfacing cost c. £1000. It is hoped it will provide a sound path for many years to come.

Pigs on Highfields

The Parish Council has received comments from the residents of Highfields Mead that the Pigs are often escaping from the farm and causing a nuisance. The owner of the farm says it is the youngsters who, visiting the farm, leave the pens open. So parents could you please tell your children about this?

Parish Council Meetings

Do you know that you can attend the Parish Council meetings? They are normally held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 8 pm in the school. Agenda's are posted on the P.C. notice board outside the P.O. stores. Each meeting has an item "Question Time" when the public may ask questions of their Councillors. Why don't you come along and hear the issues the P.C. are debating.

Poppy Appeal

Our thanks to Mrs Lovegrove, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Wilsdon and Mr Brace and also the village shop, who organised the collection.

Hanna's Field Charity

In 1973 a fund raising project was started from

scratch in the village, then with a population of 700, to locate and buy a piece of land for the village for recreation, and a site for a village hall. The project was then known as the East Hanningfield Community Centre Appeal and comprised of a committee of village people. A programme of fund raising events was commenced, including an annual Go-Kart Grand Prix the Chelmsford Model Railway Exhibition, Dances, Raffles etc. which have been continued throughout the ensuing 10 years.

In 1979, eight acres of rough, wet agricultural land adjacent to the village centre were secured, part financed from funds raised, and partly from a loan raised by East Hanningfield Parish Council, in order to conserve the available capital raised, for necessary land improvement. Sub soil drainage, levelling and seeding then followed during 1980/81 using balance of own funds, and some Chelmsford Borough Council Grant, to create a useable year round playing field. The field is now used by the whole community, with 18 allotments in one area, a full size football pitch, equipped toddlers "playground", adventure play area, and designated tennis court area seeded.

The whole project has cost some £16,000 to date, of which approximately £9,000 has come from own fund raising activity, whilst a further £7,000 of own funds raised has been retained for the village hall, which is now to be constructed on the village site.

In 1981, a large, second hand system industrial building became available in East Hanningfield, and it was purchased dismantled as a suitable basis for re-erection and conversion to a village hall. The cost was £700, and planning consent for its re-erection on the playing field was obtained. This building has been stored under cover, whilst financing has been considered, and architects have been commissioned to draw up plans for what is an affordable project, - just. On its completion, this small village community will have for its use, a multi-purpose building approximately 100 feet long by 38 feet wide, which will contain a hall large enough for badminton to be played and social functions to be held, a large committee/playgroup room, two changing rooms complete with showers, w.c., and kitchen.

The total project cost is approximately £57,000,

which will be funded partly from own funds and continued fund raising activity, partly from Essex County Council/Chelmsford Borough Council grants, partly from a small grant from East Hanningfield playgroup, partly from a loan raised by East Hanningfield Parish Council, and supported by community programme skilled labour arranged through Essex County Council and the Manpower Services Commission.

In order to take advantage of ECC/CBC grant aid, the project has been reformed as a charity, also in order to secure the land and hall to the village in perpetuity. Its new title is "Hanna's Field Charity".

The above is an extract from the entry made by Mr A. Dixon to the village Ventures competition. Many projects such as these were entered by villages from all over the county. And, due to the determination and hardwork of members of this village, past and present, we succeeded by coming third. Securing a prize of £75 and a plaque. Since the competition the grant from County and Borough Council has been granted and it is only a matter for the M.S.C. to allocate labour. Therefore the long awaited news has arrived, work on the village hall should start in the spring!

Allotments

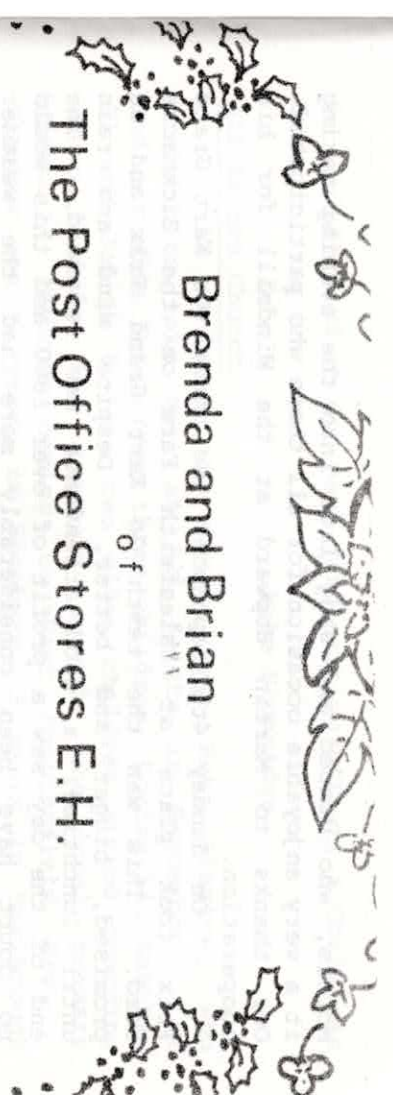
Mr Black, the allotments rep, has arranged with Mr Brown, Chairman of the H.F.C. Com. for manure to be taken to allotments providing permission is sought from Mr Brown or the Committee's secretary who will inform you of the approved route. Allotments are still available, please contact Mr B Collins the temporary secretary of the H.F.C.

REGISTERED CHILD-MINDER welcomes enquiries for full or part-time minding. So 'MUMS' why not give yourself a break and let me look after your children for a day. Phone Iris Evans 400600 for details.

Hanna's Field Charity, Fund-Raising Sub-Committee

The fund raising committee has organised three events since the last Newsletter report.

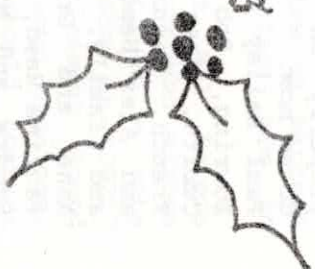
On Saturday 13th August a Barbeque evening on the forecourt of the Windmill raised over £52. Entertainment was provided by the men and ladies of Chelmsford



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Morris, who danced and sang late into the evening making it a very enjoyable occasion for all those who participated. Our thanks to Martin Hopward at the Windmill for his cooperation.

On Sunday 4th September the annual Go Kart Grand Prix took place at Salesfrith Farm on the Bicknacre road. This was the tenth Go Kart Grand Prix and as promised, bigger and better. Despite wind and rain until lunchtime, a good attendance was recorded. The end of the day saw a profit of over £800 and this would no doubt have been considerably more had the weather been kinder. As always this event only succeeds because of the free and enthusiastic help of many groups and individuals. It is not always possible to thank them properly on the day and we take this opportunity to do so now.

Paul Bailey and friends, Joe Banks, Terry Bonner, Marilyn Bowring, Bob Brannon, Libby Brooks, Ian Bruce, Helen Cubitt, Joan Goldsworthy, Peter Griggs, Pam and Derek French, Dianne Hanning, Martin Harcourt-Williams, Dawn and Alex Hendry, Alan Hopkins, Nigel Horobin, Dave James and family, Audrey and Bill Lovegrove, Terry Martin, Anne and Graham Parker, Richard Range, Brian Reade, Pauline Reed, Brian Ruffle, Sarah Sharp, Brian Reade, Sandra and Mike Robinson, Alan Snow, Vicky Taylor, John and Rosemary Trusler. The ladies of the W.I., the Table Tennis Club and the Kyokushinkai Karate Club, Martin Hopward for his kind help with Bar and Raffle donations and last, but of course not least, Stan Bird for the loan of Salesfrith Farm.

Our Thanks!

On Guy Fawkes night a Bonfire Party at the "Three Horse Shoes" raised £55. This was very well attended and enjoyed by all who came. Many pounds worth of fireworks were donated on the evening and as a result we were able to offer a very fine display in addition to the hot supper and huge bonfire.

Our thanks to Steve and Jean Manley at the "Three Horse Shoes" for all their cooperation and generous contribution of fireworks towards the display and prize for the best Guy competition.

With this last event funds raised by the committee since its formation in March now totals nearly £1300.

We look forward to our next fund raising effort, a Christmas Draw.

Mike Plumridge.

All Saints Church

We welcome in the village Rev. Plastow, who arrived to take over at All Saints in September. He and his wife Susan have three children, Louise 14, Matthew 11 and Judith 8, the two older children attend boarding school, while the youngest attends the local primary school. Before coming to East Hanningfield Rev.

Plastow was 6 years in Shoebury, 3 years in Marlborough Yorkshire, and firstly 3 years in Marylebone, London; where his wife Susan, was a nurse at St. Barts. and Great Ormond St. While in Shoebury she took an active interest in the local playgroup and was treasurer for two years. Anyone wishing to see Rev Plastow on matters such as weddings or christenings can contact him in his 'surgery' on Friday evenings.

Although changes will be made at All Saints they will be gradual, in the meantime anyone who wishes to offer their services, for example going on a rota for organ playing may contact the Rev Plastow on 400217 or at the Rectory, Abbeyfields. The pleasant sound of bells can once again be heard on Thursday evenings, anyone wishing to join the bell ringers should contact Mr Ray Harvey, 5, Searles Croft.

10th Dec 2pm Bring and Buy at the Rectory. A good selection of presents, plants and small items for the children to buy. Please come.

16th Dec 2pm Childrens Carol Service in the Church Although these are the school children all are welcome to attend.

18th Dec 3pm Carols in the Church

24th Dec 11pm Christmas Eve. Carol service in the Church followed by Holy Communion at 11.30.

25th Dec 8am Christmas Day. Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer.

The P.C.C. are arranging to sing carols in the village on the evening of Tuesday 20th, and Wednesday 21st December. Anyone who would like to join us would be very welcome. See times and meeting place on Church porch notice board.

East Hanningtonfield School P.T.A.

In October the School had its A.G.M. of the P.T.A. Mrs Molson the acting Chairman thanked the parents and teachers and members of the P.T.A. for all their efforts in raising money for the benefit of the school. Recently the P.T.A. had purchased a computer and monitor.

Four new members were elected to the committee

- Mrs Applegate
- Mrs Harris
- Mrs Lillis
- Mrs Symmonds

The position of Chairman is being held open until, Mrs Tavener, the new head teacher starts in the new year.

A Barn Dance was held at the school on Saturday 12th November which was a great success, a hot supper was provided of "Banger and Beans and Hot Potato" and was enjoyed by all.

Anne Burrell

Playgroup

The A.G.M. was held on Wednesday 14th September in the W.I. hall. A new Committee was elected, Chairman Mrs Brooks, Secretary Mrs Nazer, Treasurer Mrs Jacob, Fund Raising Mrs Reed, other members Mrs McCullough, Mrs Parker and Mrs Wright. Wine and cheese was served after the meeting.

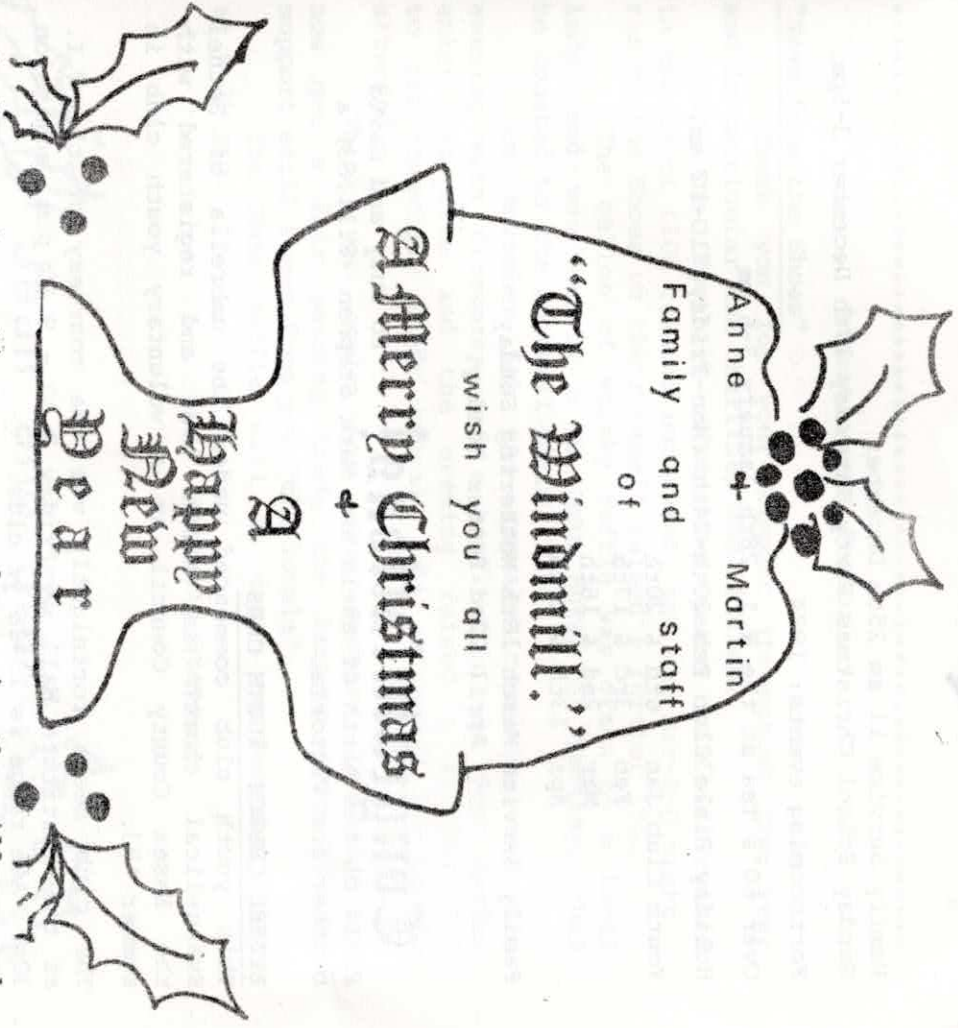
We welcome Mrs Kilburn as our new supervisor, she has some great new ideas and relates to the children very well. We hope she will have a long and happy stay at the playgroup.

Events happening this term:

The Christmas Bazaar is being held on 30th Nov. in the W.I. hall. We hope to have a good attendance as the proceeds go towards the childrens Christmas party. The childrens party is being held on 9th Dec. in the W.I. hall The Committee is putting on a Xmas play for the children, and Father Christmas will be attending.

Playgroup has some vacancies for children, anyone interested please contact, Mrs Nazer, 11, Payne Place. Phone Ch. 400900.

Kathy Nazer.



Thank you for making us so welcome in the village and for making our first year so enjoyable.

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH
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Regular services:
Sunday School 9.45 - 10.45 a.m.
Worship Service 11.15 a.m.
Tuesday 2.30 p.m.
Thursday 7.30 p.m.
Friday Youth Club (Fortnightly) 7.30 p.m.

Forthcoming events: 1983
Youth Club on 2nd & 16th December 1983.
Carol Service 11 am 18th December

Family Service 11 am 25th December
Sunday School Christmas Party Saturday 17th December 3-5pm.

Forthcoming events: 1984

Over 60's Tea at the W.I. 28th January 3-6 pm

Holiday Bible Club Feb 20th-24th (Mon-Friday) 10-12 am.

Youth Club Jan 6th & 20th

Feb 3rd & 17th

Mar 2nd & 16th

Apr 13th & 27th

Family Service March 18th Mothering Sunday
April 22nd Easter Sunday.

Congratulations!

to Judy and David
Field on the birth of their son Mark Stephen (8.11.83) a
brother for Victoria.

BETHEL CHURCH YOUTH CLUB

This youth club commenced under the umbrella of Bethel Evangelical church in March 1983 and registered with the Essex County Council as a voluntary youth club in summer '83.

The club meets fortnightly via the courtesy of the W.I. at the Institute Hall on Friday 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. admission 30p. Age range is 13-16 yr olds.

The facilities of the club at present consist of 2 snooker tables, 1 table tennis table, dart board, table football and other table games, chess, draughts, 'mastermind' etc. We would like to thank Mr. Court of Pease Place for the donation of a record/Cassette player plus speakers for the use of the club.

During the summer two events were planned to raise funds, one a 'sponsored work week', the other a sports afternoon for the children. Both were entered into enthusiastically and resulted in monies being raised as a contribution towards the equipment installed on Hanna's Field.

Other extra events have included a visit to the local cinema and a 'Saturday Scramble' i.e. semi-orienteeering competition which took place on a perfect autumn day

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Advertisement Feature

"News from the Shoes"

Thank you for your support throughout the year and in particular the charities and raffles.

For the Football Club the years raffles raised in excess of £100 towards equipment, and the Bar-B-Q night ran by the Shoes on their behalf raised a further £50.

The gallon of whisky raffle was drawn by a local lady, and was won by a Mr John Hurst of Hockley, this he donated to the Football Club.

On November 5th the appeals committee ran the evening with fireworks and a bonfire in the Beer garden entry was free and the evening raised a further £55 to the community funds appeal. An estimated 250 people attended.

Thank you again for your support, although we now get a fair passing trade the largest part of our support still comes from you "the locals".

The Xmas Raffle will be drawn on December 21st at 9.30 p.m.
Jean and Steve.

Jean and Steve

The Three Horseshoes

wish you all

A Very Merry Xmas

A Happy New Year

on October 30th. Over 15 teenagers took part, the eventual, exhausted winners were Nicky Rackham and Lisa Rose. Our thanks to Brian Hasler and Chris Evans in organising this venture. It is hoped to repeat a similar activity in the Spring. The winners received fl each and hold the award of a silver cup until the next event.

In the evening programme 10 minutes is allotted to relate the christian message to today.

The club is open to new members, suggestions from interested parents in the village, and welcomes any enquiries or assistance you feel able to give.

Steven Carter.

Diary

- 2nd Dec Youth Club in W.I. hall at 7.30 p.m.
- 9th Dec Playgroup childrens party
- 10th Dec Bring and Buy in the Rectory 2 p.m.
- 15th Dec Parish Council meeting in school hall 8 p.m.
- 16th Dec Childrens Carol Service In All Saints Church 2 p.m.
- 17th Dec Youth club in W.I. hall at 7.30
- 18th Dec Bethel Sunday school Christmas party 3-5 p.m.
- 18th Dec Table Tennis club Dance in the school hall
- 18th Dec Carol Service in Bethel Ewan. Ch. 11 a.m.
- 21st Dec Carols in All Saints Ch. 3 p.m.
- 24th Dec W.I. meeting at 7.30 p.m.
- 25th Dec Carols and Communion in All Saints at 11 p.m.
- 6th Jan Christmas Day
- 18th Jan Service's at All Saints 8 am and 11 am
- 18th Jan Family Service at Bethel Ewan Ch. at 11 am.
- 6th Jan Youth Club in W.I. hall 7.30
- 18th Jan Hanna's Field Charity Committee meeting in Bethel Evangelical Church at 8 pm.
- 20th Jan W.I. meeting at 7.30
- 26th Jan Youth Club in W.I. hall at 7.30
- 28th Jan Parish Council meeting in school hall 8 p.m.
- 15th Jan Over Sixties tea in the W.I. hall 3-6 pm
- 23rd Feb W.I. meeting at 7.30
- 20th - 24th Feb Parish Council Meeting in school hall 8 pm.
- 20th - 24th Feb Holiday Bible Club in Beth. Ev. Ch. from 10 to 12 am
- 2nd and 3rd Mar 10th Annual Model Railway Exhibition at the Chancellor hall Chelmsford

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- 16th Mar Youth Club in W.I. hall 7.30 pm
- 18th Mar Mothering Sunday
- 21st Mar Family Service at Bethel Eve. Ch.
- 22nd Mar W.I. meeting at 7.30
- 30th Mar Parish Council meeting in school hall 8 pm.
- 30th Mar Youth Club in W.I. hall at 7.30

STOP PRESS!

The Playgroup Christmas Bazaar on Wednesday 30th November made £80, which goes towards the Childrens Party. Thank you to those who contributed and attended.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE SUMMER OF 1984?

The purpose of this brief article is to inform you of plans that are underway in order to prepare recreation and community events for the period covering the school holidays next summer.

Such events could not only occupy the children but help to build up a good community spirit.

So a meeting has been planned with the following objectives in mind:

- a. To draw up a calendar of events already planned to take place next summer.
- b. To share and suggest new events. Ideas so far include a paid supervisor to organise games within the village, a sports day, a talent competition, and a best kept garden competition. Though children were particularly in mind at the beginning, the events need not be limited to them. The only limitation is that of manpower.

If you are concerned to provide events & recreation for next summer and have either the time or energy or both, then please plan to meet on TUESDAY 7th February at 8 pm at Bethel Evangelical Church or ring me on 400565.

What's happening in the summer of 1984? Rather than wait and see, let us meet and prepare!

Steven Carter.

East Hanningfield Womens Institute

1983 has been a very successful and happy year for East Hanningfield W.I. In spite of a general decrease in membership in many parts of the country, Essex is holding its own, in fact here in our village our membership has increased by 35%.

We recently held our A.G.M. and welcome two new members to our committee, Mrs Avril Lillis, our new secretary, and Miss Dora Mott. Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Mrs Drummond, who is leaving the village and to Mes Dames Williams, Jacob and Wilsdon, who for various reasons are retiring, we thank them for all their hard work done with such enthusiasm.

The National Federation of Womens Institutes are promoting a campaign "W.I. Women in the Community". We feel we are part of this by providing a home, in our hall, at present for Playgroup, Youth club, Karati and the Baby clinic, soon there will be an Aerobics class and possibly Yoga.

If you feel you would like to join us you will be most welcome. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month do come along we really are a friendly bunch.

Dwin Hendry

Brownies

Our meetings continue to flourish with great enthusiasm amongst the girls. Many badges have been gained others are being worked for, including, cook, safety in the home, collector, toymaker, craft, hostess, musician, swimmers, agility, dancer, animal lover, and others. We are very grateful for all the help and time our testers give to the girls.

At the end of last term we visited the Civic Theatre to see a dancing display where we watched one of our Brownies dancing. This term we have had a Halloween Party and we are now looking forward to Christmas and our district Carol Service at Danbury. The sixers and seconders are joining with other district guides and Brownies to visit the Royal Albert Hall where the Bach Choir are singing carols.

Plans are progressing well and we hope to start a Guide company in Feb/March 84. The Brownies and I wish to thank our excellent helpers but more help is needed for both Brownies and Guides, please help and phone Heather Leigh 400977.

Heather Leigh

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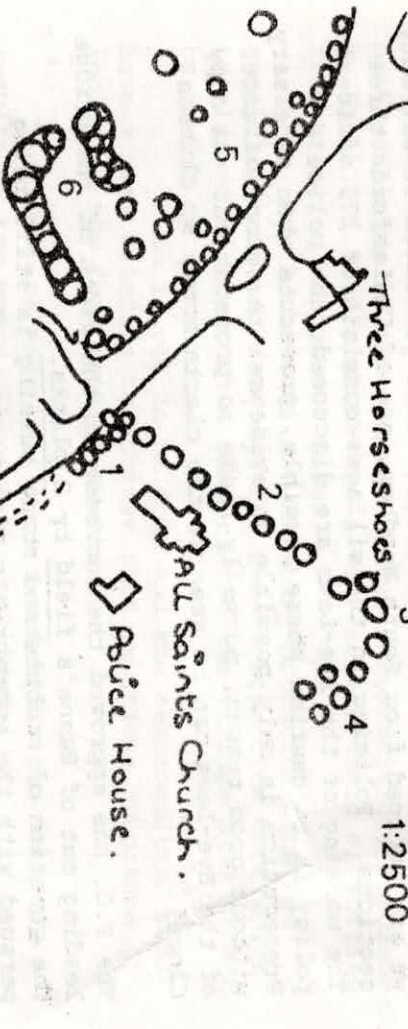
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- 4 3 Limes, 2 ash.
- 5 horse chestnut, oak
- 6 ash, walnut, limes.
- 6 chestnut, limes, oaks.
- 7 chestnut, limes.
- 8 willows, ash, chestnut, Windmill.
- 9 chestnut, limes.

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The cover locates some of the trees in E.H. subject to preservation orders. If you have one of these on your property please consult Mr C Couch, arboriculturist before doing any work on them. Further information from Mrs Brooks 400110.

Parish Council News

At the last P.C. meeting we were fortunate enough to have Superintendent Pirie from Chelmsford to talk to us, and Insp Mike Frost head of rural Police. When P.C. Jacob is off duty we are policed from South Woodham, one of Chelmsfords three sections. Policing in the villages consists of 175 officers. The working of the Bye-Laws are discussed, the police's policy is to caution where possible, prosecute when necessary. Prosecution is only possible on evidence. A second offence, without good reason, normally leads to prosecution. (A copy of the Bye-Laws can be seen at the clerks home, 9, Clinton Close).

The P.C. has approved the increase in the width of the bridge leading out of Hanna's field by 2 planks. The question of stubble and straw burning is still being pursued with the appropriate ministries and local councils. A Chevron sign has been erected to help warn motorists of the dangerous bend south of Gt. Reddings. A bollard at the Bicknacre road junction is still being discussed. At the May P.C. meeting it is hoped that Mr Ward (CBC) will attend to give a talk on emergency planning. May we welcome Mr Alan Snow as the new parish councillor.

Helen and Adrian Cubitt wish to thank their friends in the village and on the parish council for their kind gift of "The History of Essex". It will be a very pleasant and lasting memento to read in their Oxfordshire home.

The village has been entered for the Best Kept Village Comp. This year for the first time in its 30 year history the Comp. is being sponsored by the soft drinks firm Britvic.

Last year we achieved a scoring of 80%, along with a certificate of merit. With your help we can do even better this year.

TAKE A PRIDE IN YOUR VILLAGE

Hanna's Field Charity Committee
Within a few days of your reading this article the second A.G.M. is to be held, and a new committee elected for the year 84/85.

Progress in our first year has been good, we have planning permission for the village hall and grants towards its construction from the County and Borough Authorities, and as the year closed came the news that the buildings regulations approval has been obtained. An additional high spot during the year was winning third prize, a £150 cheque and a commemorative plaque in the village ventures competition, (sponsored by Shell U.K. Ltd), which had a very strong field of entries from villages throughout Essex.

Our Architects are now busy producing detailed specifications and drawings for the construction work which is planned to start this summer, and the village hall should be in use by the autumn.

Much is yet to be done and the new committee will have a busy schedule to achieve this ambitious programme, including new fund raising events.

Help us make this year a memorable one when the results of ten years planning are realised.

DON'T STAND ON THE SIDE LINES!

REMEMBER

IT'S YOUR VILLAGE!

YOUR CHARITY!

YOUR VILLAGE HALL!

BE INVOLVED !!!

David Brown.

Apologies to all who turned up at the Bethel Evangelical Church on Monday 20th February, but due to unforeseen circumstances the A.G.M. of the Hanna's Field Charity had to be cancelled. Watch the notice boards in the village for the date and venue of the A.G.M.

Nominations are needed for the new committee.
WE NEED YOU

Hannas Field Charity Fund Raising Sub Committee

The sub committee ended their fund raising efforts for 1983 with Christmas raffles at the Post office stores, The three Horseshoes and The Windmill.

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POLICE NOTES by PC C. JACOB.

During the last two years East Hanningfield has started to get several isolated offences of criminal damage, and these are now beginning to get more prevalent. Two years ago we did not get any damage within the village, but since the local youths male and female have taken to congregating around the village bus shelters and street corners, they are becoming bored and causing damage within the village. Local youths have been responsible for :

1. Causing damage to elderly peoples cars.
2. Causing damage to seats that have been placed around the village.
3. Causing damage to bus shelters.
4. Causing damage to the Bar B Que built for them on the playing fields.
5. Graffiti all over the Bus Shelters.

and these are just a few of the instances. Are you the parents of these children who are causing this damage aware of where your children are during the evenings, and would you like your son or daughter to cause this sort of damage in your home? May I also remind all parents that although you may allow your children to smoke at home, it is a police offence for any person under the age of 16 years to smoke in any public place, and the necessary action will be taken against any offenders. Let us try and make East Hanningfield a decent place in live in again before we get completely taken over by vandals. If you see anybody causing any damage do not hesitate to inform me at once. If the damage does not cease, I will name the people responsible in the next issue of this magazine so that the rest of the village can see who is responsible.

Intervillage Sports Competition

After the success in the first year of this annual event, we hope to enter Senior and Junior mixed teams this year. Let us try to hold onto the trophy and perhaps go even further. Events to be entered are Senior and Junior Badminton (M.D.) Netball (7 females) Football (5 males), Table Tennis (M.D.) and Senior Darts, with a relay final. The Senior team must comprise of 24 players and the Junior team of 20, no person may compete in more than one sport except the relay. If you wish to be included in the teams or would just like more information. Please contact Anne Walden 400517 or Alan Snow 400633.

East Hanningfield Womens Institute

On Saturday March 24th at 2 pm we are holding a jumble sale in our hall. Proceeds will go to our charity of the year N.S.P.C.C. do support us.

A craft day will also be held at the hall on Sat May 19th 10 to 4pm here you will be able to see demonstrations of many different crafts. Spinning and weaving pottery canework basketry soft toys and patchwork and many others. There will also be a special display of period dolls depicting Royal families through the ages.

Our numbers continue to increase and with spring just around the corner we will soon be out and about. If you would like to visit us you will be most welcome we meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

Brownies

The annual District Guide and Brownie carol service was held in Danbury Parish Church and was, both, enjoyed and well attended.

The following week the District took a double decker bus of guides, Brownies and helpers to the Bach Choir Family carol concert at the Royal Albert Hall. A few of our girls were able to attend and we had a lovely day out with the Brownies going onto the stage to sing carols for part of the programme.

We started the New Year by holding a sponsored "Keep Fit", but as yet I do not have the final amount raised. However, we have achieved our objective - money to buy a Brownie flag. Some money will be given to the new guide co. which has its first meeting on Monday 27th February. Mrs Mandy Langsford is the guider with Mrs Angela Larkman assisting seven Brownies will be moving onto guides, and now there are vacancies in both guides and Brownies. Please contact Mandy (guides) on 400510, or Heather (Brownies) on 400977.

East Hanningfield Playgroup Association

We had a very successful Xmas Bazaar last term, the money raised went towards the childrens Xmas party which was enjoyed by all. We thank-you for your support.

We will be holding our Easter Bazaar on April 11th (Wednesday) in the W.I. hall, from 12 to 2 pm. Lunch will be served. Every-one is welcome, so please come along and support us. The children benefit from all our Fund Raising events. If anyone would like their child to attend playgroup, please contact, Mrs Nazer on 400990.

East Hanningfield Primary School

We welcome to the village Mrs Elizabeth Tavener as Headmistress of the primary school. Mrs Tavener lives in Gt. Baddow with her husband and 12 year old daughter Samantha. Before coming to E.H. she was, for three years the deputy head of a C of E primary school in Stock.

Having trained at Brentwood, she has spent her teaching career in primary schools in Devon, Buckinghamshire and Essex, her experience spanning all primary school age groups.

P.T.A. News

The P.T.A. had its annual jumble sale in January and made a good profit of £140. Mrs Tavener, thanks all who helped and supported us on the day.

Soon the project of building porches onto classes 1 and 2 will soon be under way. When the porches are built they will give extra room for the infant classes to hang their coats leaving more space in the actual classroom. Also a great saving in heat loss will be made.

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Table Tennis

The village club are continuing to have an excellent season.

We still have teams left at the closing stages of all the cups in Burnham and Chelmsford. At the recent Chelmsford Championships our players won several events and in the Burnham Championships to be held soon we could in fact win nearly every event (there are 14), this has never been achieved before, although our club hold the record for the number of events won during the last 2 years. (12 last year and 11 the year before). The Christmas dance held at the school, which was a sell out approx 2 weeks before the event, was very successful and over £170 was raised for club funds and the Jumble sale they have just held raised over £120. These two items and the club sponsorship from the C. ANDREWS printers group and the recent one from T. DALLAS Koi Importers (who has supplied £300 worth of equipment for the Chelmsford teams and a cash donation to the club funds) means that the club is in quite a healthy financial state. During the summer months the club may be holding coaching sessions for any people in the village who would like to join the club, and these will be taken by players who are top county players and coaches. Anybody interested please phone Chris Jacob on 400222. The club are also busy preparing for their return part of the exchange visit to Berlin when approx 30 members will be making the trip at Easter. The Germans have made a very interesting programme including a formal dinner at the Berlin Parliament as guests of the Mayor of Berlin.

East Hanningfield Cricket Club

The Cricket Club is gathering momentum again in preparation for the new season which begins with our first game on Saturday 28th April, against Langford CC.

A great deal of useful repair work has been carried out to the ground and pavillion during the winter months, which should assist us in starting the home games a little earlier in 1984.

Net practice will begin at the ground as soon as the evenings lengthen and the weather becomes milder. On these evenings the pavillion and bar will also be open.

Anyone who is interested in joining the club should contact the Secretary Bernard Lillis on 400426.

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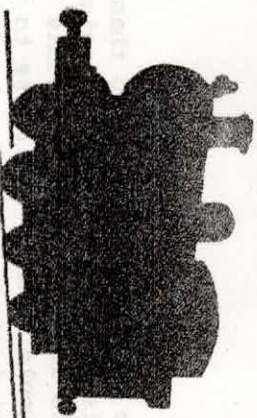
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CHELMSFORD MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION



On 2nd and 3rd March, Alan Dixons 10th annual Model Railway Exhibition will be on at the Chancellor Hall, Market Road Chelmsford. Run in aid of the East Hanningfield Village Hall project. The Exhibition has something of interest to everyone from 2mm gauge trains to 3½ ins gauge trams. Nine out of the twelve working layouts are absolutely new. Admission is 80p Children and cap's 40p opening times are 12 noon to 9pm Friday and 9am to 6.30pm Saturday.

Congratulations

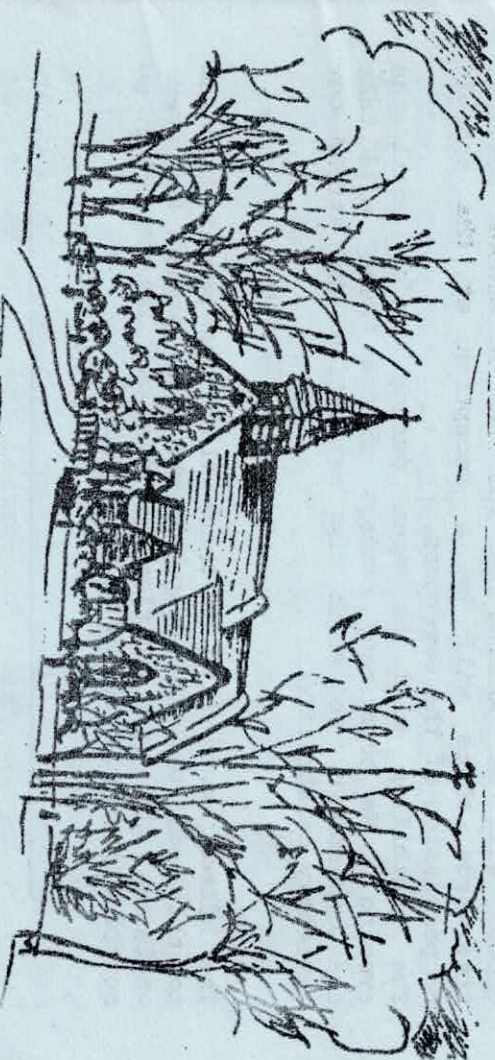
to Julia and Ian Young on the birth of their son David James (24.1.84) a brother for Richard, Gillian and Peter.

Diary

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	29th	P.C. meeting at the School Hall 7.30 pm.
April	1st	Mothering Sunday
	11th	Playgroup Bazaar 12 noon
	22nd	Easter Sunday
May	19th	W.I. Craft Day 10 am.
	23rd	P.C. A.G.M. 7.30pm at the School Hall.
	31st	P.C. meeting 8 pm. at the School Hall.
June	23rd	School Bazaar.
	28th	P.C. Meeting 8 pm at the School Hall.
July	1st	All Saints Centenary.

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All Saints Church Centenary

By a happy coincidence the 70th anniversary of the Diocese of Chelmsford falls in the same year as our centenary celebrations. In July 1884 the foundation stone was laid marking the erection of the "new parish church which was completed by the following June 1885.

The former medieval church was accidentally destroyed by fire after the morning service on 30th December 1883. As a contemporary report tells us "falling timbers ignited the open pitch pine benches with which the church was seated, and before any considerable time had elapsed the whole building was one vast sheet of flame from the floor to far above the roof...."

However, the then rector, J.T. Fowler, launched an appeal to rebuild the parish church. A landowner called Elifjar Slater of Stanningley, near Leeds, gave half-an-acre of ground in the centre of the village following a recommendation of the building committee to site the new church closer to residents than hitherto. The total cost was estimated at £3,300.

A small exhibition of archive material will be on display at the church during Saturday, 30th June, with the kind assistance of the Essex Record Office. Then on Sunday, 1st July a service will be held at 3.00 pm presided over by the Bishop of Bradwell, the Rt Revd Derek Bond, in addition to the normal Sunday services. A number of representatives from the parish school and village groups will be joining us for the afternoon service. Afterwards there will be a reception at the school, by permission of the Governors.

The exhibition will be open during Sunday until the evening. We hope many readers of the "News" will take the opportunity to visit the exhibition and attend our centenary celebration.

G. Plastow.

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Marilyn Bowring.

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Prayer and Bible Study 7.45pm
- Phone Chelmsford 400565

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in May. This is the opportunity villagers have to hear a review of the Parish Council's activities over the year. However, more importantly, this meeting, held specially for the village, is designed to enable villagers to raise any subject which they are concerned about or interested in. It was regrettable therefore that it was so poorly attended.

Mr. Thomas, our Groundsman for so many years, retired on account of ill health. We thank him for all his efforts to make the village more attractive over many years. Andrew Ruffell is ably filling his place.

The Best Kept Village Competition is currently being judged. Your continued help is needed in making the village look cared for. Please remember to put your litter in the bins provided or take it home. Thank you.

Emergency Planning: Mr Ward, Chelmsford Borough Emergency Planning Officer presented the case for Emergency Planning at the March meeting, he discussed the reasons for Civil Defence, the effects of a Nuclear Attack, and methods of protection in the event of a Nuclear Attack, and the organisation and contact of local communities will rest with each community. Therefore to plan an effective programme of protection it is necessary to know all resources available within the community including manpower. See the report by Mr Watson, the village's Emergency Planning Liaison Representative, about a forthcoming meeting on this subject.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting Mr Dixon was re-elected as Chairman and Mr Holland as Vice Chairman. A skip will be in the village the weekend 28th/29th July.

The Mobile Library now visits the village at the following places and times on Thursday afternoons:

- Old Church Road 2.50 - 3.20
- Abbeyfields 3.40 - 4.05

The Parish Council wishes to form an Emergency Planning team for East Hanningfield and is seeking volunteers. Would anyone interested please telephone Bill Watson on 400913 for further information.

It is intended to hold a meeting on Thurs. 2nd August at The School, when the District Emergency Planning Officer will be present to give an introductory talk.

Best Kept Garden Competition. East Hammingfield.

(Sponsored by Parish Council)
To be held on Saturday afternoon July 7th. To be judged by Mr. E. Robinson MBE (Southend) Sec of the Gladiolus Breeders Assoc. Two categories i.e. Flower garden and Kitchen garden. No charge for entry but a rosette to the winner of each category.

Entry forms available from the village shop, Mrs Brooks Parish Clerk. Forms to be returned no later than Wednesday 4th July. to Mr Steven Carter, 'Sharon', Old Church Road. Please take advantage of this opportunity so that it can be repeated in future years.

Steven Carter.

East Hammingfield Holiday Play Scheme

Mrs Anne Walden has been appointed by the Parish Council to organise a playscheme for children and teenagers during the first week of the summer holidays i.e. 23rd-27th July. It is envisaged that from 10 to 12 each morning, the children aged from 5 to 10 yrs will be catered for and from 2-4pm older children will be catered for, plus some evening events. The scheme is being funded by the Parish Council and now looks to the wider community to staff the programme. At least 4 adult volunteers are needed for each session so if you can help please contact Mrs Walden on 400517. If on reading this you are able to contribute any ideas or put any of your interests or equipment at our disposal then again do not hesitate to get in touch.

The programme at this stage consists of the following possibilities; craft, drama, treasure hunt, pony riding, sports afternoon and swimming. Can you add more?

A meeting of those who volunteer is planned for Tuesday 10th July at 8 pm Anne Waldens, 11, Clinton Close.

It is hoped to produce a diary of events over the summer of activities in the area. If you can contribute to this please forward details to Mrs Brooks, Parish Clerk. The above scheme has great potential for good to the youngsters of the village, will you please consider what contribution you can make towards it being a success.
Steven Carter.

P.T.A. News

The sponsored fun run at the School raised approx. £80.
Thank you to all concerned.

Hanna's Field Charity Committee

The tender for construction of the village hall has now gone out, closing date is midday 2nd July.

Hanna's Field Charity Fund Raising Sub Committee

Since the last Newsletter the fund raising committee has held a Car Boot Sale, an Easter Raffle and a Sponsored Swim. All were well supported - THANK YOU - and the money raised so far this year amounts to £280.

Forthcoming events include a Barn Dance with the OLD FROG BAND at Claydons Farm Back Lane on Saturday, 7th July. The tickets are £3 and include a country supper. Available from 2, Clinton Close. (400628). There will be two Bar-B-Q evenings at the Windmill. The first, on Saturday, 21st July, will be attended by the THAMESIDE MUMMERS, and the second on Saturday 18th Aug. will be attended by the CHELMSFORD MORRIS MEN and LADIES. Look out for the posters.

The Go-Kart Grand Prix will be on Sunday 9th September at Salesfrith Farm. As well as the Go Karts there will be displays by the Essex Falconry and the Essex Schoolboys Motor Cycle Trials Team.

Anyone wanting to drive a Go Kart this year should ring Mike Plumridge on 400628. The sponsor fee is £10.
Mike Plumridge.

If anyone is interested in voluntary distribution of this Newsletter please can you contact Marilyn Bowring 400748 or at 30, Highfields Mead.

If you would like to advertise or make an announcement, the rates are 3p per word, £2.50 per grt. page, £5 per half page and £10 per full page. Contact the Editor before next publication.

Registered Childminder has vacancies for full or part-time minding. Contact Mrs. Evans - CH. 400600.

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East Hanningfield W.I.

Since our last news we have had several successful ventures the main one we feel being our first attempt at staging a craft day. Here we wanted non W.I. members to see just what we did get up to at our meetings and I hope that those of you who did get along can now see that there is much more to us than Jam and Jerusalem. This year we are again entering the Essex show and our main fund raising event will be our Trash and Treasure Auction to be held in October. We are still growing in numbers so if you are lonely or bored why not pay us a visit you will be most welcome. We thank you all for your support at our fund raising and look forward to seeing you at many more.
Dwin Hendry.

Diary

- June 23rd Primary School Summer Fair.
28th P.C. meeting. 8 pm. School Hall.
July 1st All Saints Centenary celebrations at 3 pm.
We wish our teams well in the Inter-Village Sports semi-finals today.
3rd Annual Rally. 2.30 pm at the Bethel Evan. Church.
7th Best Kept Garden Competition.
Barn Dance. 8 pm. Claydons Farm.
10th Play School meeting. 8 pm. 11, Clinton Close.
21st Bar-B-Q at the Windmill
23rd - 27th Play Week.
26th P.C. meeting. 8 pm. School Hall.
28th/29th Skip on Ind. Estate.
Aug. 2nd Emergency Planning public meeting. 8 pm. School Hall.
23rd P.C. meeting. 8 pm. School Hall.
Sept. 9th Go-Kart Grand Prix.
27th P.C. meeting 8 pm School Hall.

Carol Medon School of Dance ~
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Classes from September.
Phone: Ch. 71425.

Inter Village Sports Competition

May 31st was a good day for all our teams namely netball, football, badminton and tabletennis senior and junior and senior darts. Thirty members from the village gave us very good representation and now we are through to the semi-finals to be played off at Tiptree on 1st July, when the teams meet six others to compete for the final. It will be a good day, worthy of support for our teams who have been working hard to reach a good standard of sportsmanship. Please join them on the day and make it a good day out for all the family. For further information contact Anne Walden and Alan Snow on 400517 and 400633.

Football Club

The football club held their A.G.M. recently at the W.I. Hall. It was reported that both teams after a poor start to the season managed to improve to gain respectable positions in Divisions 2 and 4 of the Maldon Sunday League. It was also reported that although the club did not gain honours on the field, it gained 2 awards for the most sporting teams in the league. The following officers were elected: President Stan Bird, Chairman: Martin Wade, Vice Chairman: Chris Jacob, Secretary: Ian Kempell, Treasurer: Tony Charles, Social Secretary: Steve Manley, 1st Team Manager: Jimmy Beaver, 2nd Team Manager: Leo McCulloch, Vice Presidents: Brian Ruffell and Alan Perry. Training has already started and is being taken by a female aerobic instructor every Wednesday evening at Hanna's Field. All new members welcome.
Chris Jacob.

East Hanningfield Junior Football Team

The team got off to a fine start in a friendly match against West Hanningfield winning 9-3 after good performances by both teams, ages ranging from ten to fifteen years. There was good sportsmanship shown throughout the match in spite of the age range, our players being: Andrew Caine, Mark Charles, Simon Davis, Oliver Goldsworthy, John Hall, John Haughey, Laurie Harris, Bobbie Harris, Matthew Kenton, Nicholas Potts and Andrew Walden. A big thanks goes to Laurie Harris Snr. for bringing the teams together for their first match and training for the inter village sports competition. He would like to hear from any lads under sixteen interested in playing

- don't forget he wants this match to be the first of many. Parents and friends, the boys will need your support both on the field and financially. Please contact Laurie if you can help in any way on 400695. Anne Walden.

Guides

The Guides have been very busy since their first meeting at the end of February and have so far joined in the District Gang show in Danbury, a Divisional competition and, most recently, a camp in Hatfield Forest with the Bicknacre Guides. All the girls are working hard for the various interest badges and have already obtained four. Plans have been made to help clear the litter in the village in preparation for the "Best Kept Village" competition and it is hoped that we should be able to organise an evening of firelighting and camp fire cooking before the end of term. All in all it has been a very active and promising beginning for the company.

Mandy Langsford.

Brownies

In February we held our Thinking day celebrations in our unit when we had an international evening and had food from other countries. We also said goodbye to the Brownies going up to the new Guide company. This was followed on the Sunday by a Chelmsford South Division Service at Christchurch when many Guides and Brownies joined together in worship. March 17th was the day of our district show in Danbury when 200 Guides and Brownies joined in a day of fun and entertainment. Our contribution was an Indian routine with the Brownies in colourful Indian dresses and headaddresses and carrying tomahawks, quite a lot of these were made in our meetings. We gave two performances and the show was a great success. While preparing for these functions we managed to gain many badges and made progress with our routine work. At Easter all the Brownies made Easter Bunny egg cosies.

Heather Leigh.

East Hanningfield Playgroup Association

The number of children continue to rise at playgroup. We had a very successful Easter Bazaar £58.74 profit was made. We thank everyone for their support.

The Playgroup hope to hold a Rag Week in September. All the money raised will go towards the new village hall. We hope the whole village will support us in our efforts. Mums and Dads with children at playgroup

we will need your help. Please do come forward and volunteer yourselves.

Any enquiries re:- Playgroup or Rag Week, phone Mrs Nazer on Chelmsford 400990.

P.S. Mums please remember we do need your help on Mothers Rota. Kathy Nazer.

Table Tennis Club

The local Table Tennis Club held their A.G.M. recently. It was reported by the Chairman John Barcham that the club had a very good season with 14 teams in the local leagues and several of them winning their divisions, including the 1st team winning the Burnham 1st division, which has been won by Maldon 13 times in the last 14 years. The highlight for the club was the return part of the exchange visit with the Berlin Table Tennis Club, when 30 members of the club went to Berlin for a week at Easter. A very enjoyable time was had by all and the Berlin club have been invited back to Hanningfield for Easter 1986. It has been decided to enter 16 teams in the local leagues next season and because of the applications from new members wishing to join the club, a waiting list has had to be made. All the officers of the club were re-elected and two new members were elected for the committee: Gwll Lewis and Steve Cardy. Mr Colin Andrews stated that his company C. Andrews Printers Ltd. would like to continue to sponsor the club. Additional sponsorship has also been offered from Mr Gerard Western on behalf of Westrans Haulage Company and Mr Tony Dallas for Koi Carp Importers. Chris Jacob.

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A Family Swimming Club for East Hanningfield

On Saturday 7th July the swimming pools at Bramston Sports Centre, Witham have been booked exclusively for East Hanningfielders and their friends. With the help of pool side life-savers from the village, we want to form a monthly swimming club for all the family, especially to encourage the young ones and to their parents, to further their swimming abilities, with coaching where needed. Our time for taking over the three pools will be 7 to 8pm thus leaving East Hanningfield at 6.30pm and returning, if need be, by 8.30 pm. If you are interested in joining and taking advantage of the facility - costs will be 50p each or £2 per family per session - please contact Anne Walden on 400517. Lets take swimming - right through the winter months and keep healthy and safe where water is concerned. Special Note We will be having the main pool on Tuesday evenings from 6 - 7 pm through the summer holidays starting July 24th, primarily for the children's benefit but parents and friends will be very welcome. Anne Walden.

"The Windmill"

Annie & Martin would like to give you some dates for your diary:

- 7th July ~ Bar-a-Dance at ~ Claydotts Farm, 8-12 midday.
 - 21st July ~ Bar-B-Q with music from the Thameside Mimmers.
 - 18th Aug ~ Bar-B-Q with enter-tainment from the Chelmsford Morris Dancers at the Pub.
- Come and enjoy yourself!

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Parish Council News

The Tye

The tye Byelaws are still being broken, particularly by cyclists. Cycling is not permitted on the Tye or footpaths, offenders may be prosecuted. The corner of the Tye by 'Smiths Garden' is being ruined by persistent cycling across it. It is planned to plant shrubs to prevent this. Dog fouling continues to be a problem in the village, owners please show consideration to others.

School Crossing

Following a request from the Parish Council in response to concern shown by parents, the police carried out a further traffic survey in July, but again found we did not qualify for a patrol. Alternatives are being investigated, including mothers providing a patrol on a rota basis. The path at the rear entrance of the school is being resurfaced during half-term, we hope parents and children will appreciate the improvement.

Best Kept Village Competition

Although there were many areas commended by the judges, the village failed to gain sufficient marks to gain a certificate of merit. We were let down, in particular, by the dirty state of the telephone box and the childrens play area. Please, lets try harder next year.

Best Kept Garden

This competition was cancelled due to lack of support.

Footpaths

Over the Autumn months, councillors will be walking the footpaths erecting new markers and carrying out repairs. Please use these walks, maps are available - they are such a good way of getting to know the area in which you live.

Planning Matters

The Industrial Estate - Parish Council has recently considered an application to develop the Industrial Estate by the addition of many small units, plus two houses and a shop/maisonette. The residential element, including the shop, was opposed by the councillors, therefore the plans have gone back to the planning dept. and Parish Council are awaiting a revised set.

Tile Works - These lie west of the A130. Concern has been expressed by parishioners at the proposed new fence and gate, and the erection of toilets. This has been taken up by the Parish Council.

Dont forget anyone can attend Parish Council meetings!

Intervillage Sports Finals

Congratulations to the team for reaching the Eastern Region finals, unhappily though having got this far, they had to take 6th place. However the team agreed the hard work had been worth it but felt that next year to obtain the high standard needed it is essential to have training facilities all year. Perhaps with the hall this may be possible in the future. Thanks to Anne Walden and Alan Snow for co-ordinating the whole venture.

Village Play Week

Thanks to all the helpers who made this a success, particularly Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Walden and Mrs. Basil. Thirty plus children used the sessions culminating in over 80 attending the event on Hanna's field at the end of the week. An average of 70 children using the Swimming facilities provided at Bramston over a four week period.

Police Note by PC Jacob

Recently an elderly person was knocked down and killed by a child riding a cycle on a public footpath. It is an offence to ride on a public footpath and any person doing so is liable to be prosecuted. As the evenings draw in you are reminded to keep your cycle lights in working order.

It is an offence to park your vehicle on the public footpath. Offenders will be prosecuted. The grass along the Tye is covered by local bye-laws that prohibit the parking of vehicles. Recently several offenders have been taken to court. However most of these did not live in the village. Make sure your visitors are aware of the Bye-laws.

All Saints Church - Christmas Services

The end of November marks the beginning of the Christian year for the Church. The Sundays in Advent reflect the theme of the Lords coming. The word 'Advent' derives from the latin word meaning 'arrival' or 'approach' not only the past event of Jesus birth in Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago, but certainty of his second coming in judgement at the end of the age. We at All Saints Church will be observing the festival with a number of services, and we hope that many folk from the village may be able to join us on these occasions.

During Advent as a sign of preparation and penitence no flowers decorate the church, but we should be grateful for any donations of money to provide them for the parish carol service on Sunday, 23rd December at 3pm. On Monday, 24th December at 11.00pm we shall sing carols for half an hour as a prelude to the Christmas Eucharist at 11.30pm when we again rejoice in the birth of Jesus Christ 'the word made flesh'.

On Christmas Day there will be the 8.00am celebration of Holy communion (said) and a family service with carols at 11.00am to which children with parents are warmly invited. This service will be for some 40 mins in length, allowing many hard pressed mothers to get back to put the finishing touches to Christmas dinner!

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Next year there will be four editions of the Newsletter: 1st Feb, 1st May, 1st Aug, 1st Nov. Contributions must be in at least two weeks before this date. I am looking for more distributors, particularly at the Ashley Green end of the village, if you can spare the time to help, please contact me on Ch. 400748. Thanks to all those who have contributed to this edition.

Marilyn Bowring.

If you are holding an event or just wish to publish news about your organisation, dont forget your 'Chronicle village correspondent Kath Jacob Ch. 400222.

Bethel Evangelical Church

Please note the new times for worship on a Sunday i.e.

10.30am. This allows for adult worship alongside the Sunday School, which is held elsewhere on the premises. Also Evening Worship at 6pm. This arrangement is already proving of great value. Why not join us?

For young people we hold fortnightly discussion groups commencing at 7.30pm on Sunday. The format for the first few months involves a short filmstrip, discussion, coffee etc. We look forward to seeing you. (Filmstrips - Nov 11th 'The Stranger' Nov 25th 'The Champion' Dec 9th 'Survival')

Youth Club - Attendance at the fortnightly Friday Youth Club has declined recently. We wonder if the club has served its purpose over the last 18 months and whether the rising generation needs these facilities? The cost of hire etc. limits staying open indefinitely. We will be forced to close down at the end of Jan 1985 if the situation does not improve. Let me remind you that the club meets at 7.30pm, the entrance fee is 30p and the facilities include 2 snooker tables, darts, table tennis, table football etc. so don't stay indoors this autumn or hang about the streets, come and enjoy the warmth and facilities, at the Youth Club. Steven Carter.

Mother and Toddler Group

Starts 1st November. Every Thursday 1.45 - 3 pm. For Mothers and pre-school children to meet in a social atmosphere, 45p per session (including refreshments), in the W.I. Hall, Old Church Road. Ann Nelson.

We welcome to the village Jeanne and Tony Davies who have recently taken over the Post Office Stores, having moved from Loughton. Jeanne was a secretary at a special school in Loughton and over a number of years has belonged to several operatic and dramatic societies in different parts of Essex. Tony's great interest is playing golf, although he is interested in most other sports.

For some time they have both wanted to live in a more rural area, to become part of a community and to have a go at running their own business. The Post Office Stores in F.H. seemed to cover all criteria.

Hanna's Field Charity have 13 allotments to let on Hanna's Field ready for cultivation. Rental for one year is £5. Water is supplied to the allotments. Further details can be obtained from the following address, please apply in writing to: Mrs. Sonia Brown, 10, Ashley Green.

Hanna's Field Charity Fund Raising

A number of events to report since the last Newsletter:- The Barn Dance raised £100, this good profit was due to the many people who donated items towards the excellent supper. Three Barbeque evenings at the 'Windmill' in July and August raised altogether £220. All were popular and well supported, particularly the Chelmsford Morris Evening.

The East Hanningfield Show (Go-kart Grand Prix) raised £300. Attendance was well down again despite a well organised event with plenty of entertainment. The change of name didn't seem to have the wider appeal hoped for. The weather that morning, always a deciding factor, was ideal for testing umbrellas and wellies, but otherwise not much help. Still whatever the reason for the poor turnout, the result was disappointing in view of all the planning and hard work. Space prevents me from thanking by name all those people who helped setting up the show but I'm sure you know who you are and so please accept the committee's thanks for your help and support. Future events for the end of '84 and the new year are being considered so if you have any good ideas please let us know. Lastly, fund raising this year would not have been so successful without a great deal of help from Stan Bird at Salesfrith Farm, Ken Benson at 'Claydons Farm' and Ann and Martin Hopwood at 'The Windmill'. Our special thanks to these people. To date fund raising total for '84 stands at around £900. Mike Plumridge.

P.S. To waylay any gossip about the village hall, the tenders that came in just after the last Newsletter were exceedingly high and have therefore gone out again, this time including alternative constructions. It is hoped by the new year to have some plan of action.

The P.T.A. recently held its A.G.M., parents and teachers were invited. Mrs. Teverer thanked parents and committee members for their help and support in the last year.

The P.T.A. has been able to provide many new items for the School such as: new t/shirts and shorts for the Area sports meetings, new gym mat and springboard, extra equipment for the computer and made a contribution to the cost to refurbish the library. Two new parent members were elected to the committee Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Bonner, and Mr. Crisp is the new teacher representative. The evening ended with cheese and wine which was enjoyed by all.

November 10th is the date of our next Barn Dance. The tickets are £3.50 each which includes a hot supper, please bring your own drink and glasses. The tickets are available from the school or phone Ch. 400848. There will also be a Childrens Disco at the school on Friday December 7th, children ages 7 to 12 are invited, 50p per ticket.

Anne Burrell.

East Hanningfield Playgroup Association

The A.G.M. of the playgroup was held on Friday 5th October in the W.I. Hall starting at 8pm.

A new committee was elected these being;

Chairman Mrs. L. Brooks, Secretary Mrs. W. Thomas,

Treasurer Mrs. K. Jacob, others Mrs. A. Nelson, Mrs. R. Sach, Mrs. R. Godfrey and Mrs. J. Baker. Wine and

cheese was enjoyed by all afterwards. We only wish more mums could have attended, please remember we need your

support so that playgroup can continue to run smoothly. The Christmas Bazaar will be held on Wednesday December

5th from 12 to 2pm. Lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome, do come along and spend some time with us.

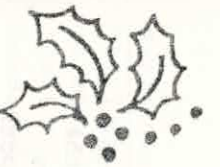
The childrens party is on Friday December 14th from 12 to 2pm. A note from Mrs. Nazer, thanks to Mrs. Brooks

and Mrs. Reed for their help during Rag Week. Special thanks to Mrs. Parker and Mrs. McCullough for their very

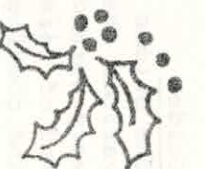
hard work and support towards Rag Week. Extra special thanks to Mrs. Brodie for her great ideas and hard work.

If anyone need any information about playgroup please contact Mrs. Wendy Thomas on Ch. 400797.

Kathy Nazer.



Jeanne and Tony
of
The Post Office Stores



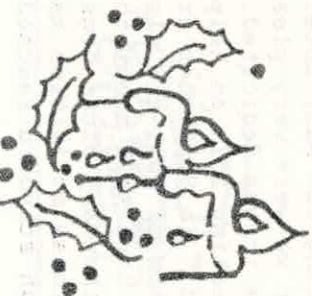
would like to thank all their customers for the warm welcome and understanding they have received since arriving in East Hanningfield, and wish them.....

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Christmas And New Year Opening Times

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Dec 24th	9am-12noon	7am-4.30pm
Dec 25/26th	-	CLOSED
Dec 27-30th	NORMAL OPENING TIMES	
Dec 31st	9am-4pm	7am-4.30pm
Jan 1st '85	CLOSED	



Guides

The Guides worked hard throughout the summer to meet various challenges set by the Guides and achieved some very worthwhile results. We were able to celebrate the end of term in true Guides style by having camp fires and cooking our own suppers on them. This was made possible by Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell's kind offer of the use of their land and the whole evening made a lovely setting for three new girls to make their promise.

This term most of the girls have been preparing to take their 'First Aid' badge Mrs. Plastow's help. As an antidote to all the serious business covered recently more practical and lighthearted subjects appropriate to the season are planned to lead up to Christmas.

Anyone wishing to join us either as a guide or as a helper would be most welcome - please contact Mandy Langsford on Ch. 400510 or Angela Larkman on Ch. 400877.

Mandy Langsford.

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Brownies

Brownies continue to flourish and we have had a full programme. In June we attended Brownie Revels held in Riffam Woods, Danbury when about 150 Brownies played games and cooked sausages and beans over camp fires. We had our own evening of games followed by hamburgers and hot dogs in July and also attended a Birthday party held at Writtle to celebrate 70 years of Brownies when about 500 Brownies played games - got wet when the heavens opened - dried off in the hall where they continued with their picnic.

The Rev. Plastow very kindly gave the Brownies a tour round the Church telling them about its history and pointing out many interesting features. A few weeks later we were very pleased to take our new flag to Church where it was dedicated. For many months we have been collecting foil to help in training Guide Dogs for the Blind. In September Mr. Trevor Stephens came to collect our box of foil and also brought Mr. Mike Pinder who gave us a talk about the training of his dog 'Jaunty' and the many other dogs needed by the blind. In between all these activities many badges have been gained and a high standard reached. Well Done, Brownies.

Table Tennis

The local Table Tennis Club have just moved into new premises and most of the 15 teams are enjoying a good start to the season. Table Tennis is a sport for all ages and the youngest member of the club is 8 years old and the eldest 60 years. It is therefore well within the capabilities of most people. Our club caters for various standards of players from the expert to the beginners. The club have just held a very successful jumble sale which raised over £112 towards club funds, their next fund raising activity is the Christmas Dance on Sat 1st December. Tickets priced £2.50 (including hot meal) are available from either Gwill Lewis (Ch. 400167) or Chris Jacob (Ch. 400222). The club also run a 100 club and there are several tickets still available, contact either Gwill or Chris. Finally, for the last three years the club has been doing an exchange visit with the Berlin Table Tennis club, and next year between 4th and 9th April (Easter) the Berlin club will once again be visiting the village. If you would like to be involved in the programme for this visit contact either Gwill or Chris.

Chris Jacob.

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- Nov 9th Youth Club Barbeque 7.30pm.
 - 10th P.T.A. Barn Dance 8pm School Hall.
 - 17/18th Skip in village (watch notice board for location)
 - 23rd Youth Club 7.30pm.
 - Parish Council 8pm School.
 - 25th Sunday School prizegiving 10.30am Bethel Church
 - 1st Table Tennis Dance 8pm West Hanningfield Hall
 - 4th 'The Meaning of Christmas' Coffee evening at Bethel Church.
 - 5th Playgroup Bazaar 12-2pm W.I. Hall.
 - 7th Youth Club 7.30pm. School Disco (ages 7-12) 50p
 - 14th Playgroup Childrens Party 12-2pm W.I. Hall.
 - 21st Youth Club 7.30pm.
 - 23rd Carol Service 10.30am Bethel Church.
 - Parish Carol Service 3pm All Saints Church.
 - 24th Carol Service Bethel Church.
 - Carol Service and Communion 11-11.30pm All Saints Church.
 - 25th Communion 8am All Saints Church.
 - Morning Carols and Worship 10.30am Bethel Church
 - Family Service 11am All Saints Church.
 - 27th Parish Council meeting 8pm School.
- 1985 is the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Bethel Chapel in the village.
- Jan 11th Youth Club 7.30pm.
 - 12/13th Anniversary weekend at Bethel Church.
 - 24th Parish Council meeting 8pm School.
 - 25th Youth Club 7.30pm.
 - 26th Childrens film at Bethel Church 'Treasures in the Snow' 10-12am.

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Parish Council News

The Tye

Parking - The motorists mentioned in November newsletter have now been taken to court and 14 of them have been fined £10 plus £5 costs for parking on the Tye in contravention of the Byelaws.

Dog fouling - Borough footways are covered by Byelaws requiring people to prevent their dogs fouling the paths. Parish Council are trying to amend the Tye Byelaws to include a clause on the control of dogs.

Poppy Appeal

This raised £50.59, thanks to all those who organised and helped in the collections.

Best Kept Village Competition

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Essex competition. Judging takes place during June and July. Please take a pride in your village!

Pavements

Prior to Christmas the paths along Old Church Road (Old School to Blackthorns), Bridon Close and Clinton Close have been resurfaced. Further resurfacing work will take place at the entrance to Abbeyfields and the boundary around the Three Horseshoes.

Footpaths

Over the past months the Councillors have been walking the many public footpaths round the parish. Councillors experienced many obstacles on these walks across farmland. It is hoped, with the cooperation of farmers, many of these can be removed. Please help to maintain these paths by walking them. A map of local footpaths is available from the Parish Clerk.

Willis Farm

This has been listed as a grade II Building and restoration plans are in hand.

Hotline

With all this bad weather and perhaps more to follow, do you find yourself housebound? Do you need help in any way, whatever the weather? Don't hesitate to ring Alan Dixon on 400684, or Libby Brooks on 400110, (9 Clinton Close). Please watch out for neighbours, particularly the elderly, over this cold period!

Resignation of Councillor

Mr Terry Martin has resigned from Parish Council, due to his forthcoming move to Sudbury, Suffolk. Councillors joined Mr Dixon in thanking him for his work over the years and wished him success. This means there is now a vacancy on the council. An election is not automatic, 10 parishoners need to request one, otherwise the post will be filled by co-option. Watch the notice board.

Precept

The P.C. has agreed the precept for the financial year 85/86. The figure will be 3.5p, an increase of 0.6p on this years figure. The reason for the increase is to fund the extra monies required for the village hall project.

Intervillage Sports

The village is entering a team this year for the first heat at South Woodham in May. For further information contact Alan Snow 400633.

Awards

The Mayor and Mayoress are giving awards in Industry and Commerce, and Youth. Watch for notices.

Annual Parish Meeting

Remember this your village please attend on Thursday 25th April, in School Hall.

Congratulations to Ann and Jim Osborne who celebrate 25 years of marriage on 20th February.

Belated Birthday Greetings to Anne Walden who celebrated her 50th Birthday and to Libby Brooks who celebrated her 40th Birthday, both in January.

Brownies

We have had a busy term doing badge work and learning new skills. To commemorate 70 years of Brownies our pack are making a Tapestry and we hope that each Brownie will learn one or two different stitches.

Each six has made a scrap book and together with a few useful items they will be going to a new Brownie pack in Tanzania. The Guides gave the Brownies a Christmas party which was very successful and enjoyed by all.

Some Brownies attended the district carol service in Danbury and for the first time our flag went out of the village, we were very proud of our colour party.

This year the Guide movement is celebrating its 75th Birthday and we began the year by sending out anniversary cards which we had made before Christmas. The year continues with many planned activities.

We continue to attend church on the first Sunday in the month at the Family/Parade service when the Brownies are encouraged to take part.

I have very good support from my three young helpers, but I would very much like to have some permanent adult help. Please could you help ?? contact Heather Ch 400977.

Heather Leigh

East Hanningfield Playgroup Association

The Christmas Bazaar was a great success and helped swell the playgroup funds. The childrens Christmas party was enjoyed by all, Uncle Keno and Father Christmas both received a warm welcome. Thanks to all those who helped playgroup throughout the year.

Playgroup is down in numbers this term due to a large school admittance. This means there are vacancies on all days, should there be any new children in the area, contact Wendy Thomas Ch 400797 for any information. Keep your eyes skinned for details of our Easter Bazaar to be held in the W.I. hall at a date not yet fixed, your support will be much appreciated.

Wendy Thomas.

Hanna's Field Charity

After many years of fundraising and much hard work by the villagers, the Management Committee now feel they are very close to making an announcement about the Village Hall.

Over the past six months tenders have been received on the construction of the original building, which is now being stored at Cobb's. These were much higher than anticipated, as was reported in last Newsletter, it was therefore decided to look for an alternative type of construction. Emsons of Saffron Walden, were approached to provide plans using the same specifications, but to provide a different structure, as those proposed for the original building by Jenvey and Clark. The new building is purpose built and will be erected on site.

At this stage our funds, including grants, fall short of the figure quoted by Emsons. At this moment the committee are negotiating with the M.D. to find out if non-essentials can be left out, thus reducing the price, meanwhile Alan Dixon is trying to obtain additional grants from new sources.

However, a final decision is imminent and, if you attend the A.G.M. on the 25th. March, hopefully we will have more news. There will also be vacancies on the committee, so why not come along and get involved, it's your village! The plans will be on view at the meeting, but the layout is the same as before: toilets and changing facilities (including showers), kitchen, a small hall (suitable for playgroup), and a large hall. The main hall will have room to house badminton, netball, volleyball and table-tennis. Storage space will be provided in the entrance hall roof and in cupboards built into the hall.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to express thanks to Mike Plumridge, for his work over the years as fundraising secretary and wish him well in Glasgow.

Thankyou to all who contributed to this edition of E.H. News. The next edition will be out beginning of May, all news items to be in by middle of April.
Thankyou, Marilyn Bowring. 30, Highfields Mead. Ch. 400748

Hanna's Field Charity Fund Raising

Two events to report on since the November Newsletter and both of these were held in December.

The first was an Antique Fair held in the Memorial Hall, Bicknacre. Around 500 people came to browse and buy from 13 stalls covering a wide range of items. The day was very successful and raised around £100.

In conjunction with The Windmill and The Post Office Stores we ran our second event, two Christmas raffles. We should start by saying how grateful we are to Martin and Ann at 'The Windmill' and Jeanne and Tony at 'The Stores' for all their help and support. Jointly they raised around £75. First prize at 'The Stores' was a bottle of Bells whiskey donated by Jeanne and Tony and the draw took place on the afternoon of Christmas Eve. First prize at 'The Windmill' was a steak dinner for two, donated by Martin and Ann, and the draw took place during the Fancy Dress Party at 'The Windmill' on Christmas Eve, which was a great success!

These events brought the sum raised to around £1000 for 1984. The new fund raising sub-committee will form at the charities A.G.M. in March and so anybody interested in this particular brand of madness should look out for the date on the village notice boards.

Mike Plumridge

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The fund raising sub-committee are hoping to hold a Medieval May Fayre on the Tye on 26th May, with the intention of involving all the village organisations to participate in the running of stalls for their own benefit with a small fee going towards the Hall. If you wish to be part of this event or feel you can contribute in any way please contact Marilyn Ch. 400748.

All Saints East Hanningfield Church News

1985 marks the centenary of the completion of the parish church. In the past year much hard work has been done to make the church a more prominent feature of village activity. Many people have contributed time and effort in giving the church interior a much needed 'spring clean' last year. The church yard has been greatly improved by reclaiming the lawn at the front of the church and providing a splendid notice board.

The present varied pattern of services continues. A new feature is the monthly Parade/Family service (on the first Sunday) to which we hope to attract families. It is by worshipping as the family of God that we learn to become the family of God.

Last November the former Rector, the Revd Desmond Ost died, and many past and present parishioners attended the memorial service held at Ingatestone church in December.

The Bishop of Bradwell gave the address and the Rural Dean of Chelmsford, Canon Allen Willett, also attended.

Everyone felt this was a fitting tribute to Desmond after forty years as incumbent as well as growing up in the village, which must be some sort of record. Our thoughts and prayers have been with Dora and the family. During Lent - the forty days of reflection and self denial Holy week and Easter, a number of services will be marking this season of the church's year.

Wed 20th Feb at 7.30pm - a celebration of Holy Communion to mark Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

Thurs 4th April at 7.30pm - Maundy Thursday. 'On the night he was betrayed'. A celebration recalling the institution of Holy Communion by Our Lord.

Friday 5th April at 2pm 'The last hour' - a devotional service for Good Friday. At 7.30pm there is the late evening service of Compline.

Easter Saturday will be devoted to decorating the church for Easter.

Sunday 7th April 'Easter Day' there will be Holy Communion at 8.00am, a family service at 11.00am and festal Evensong at 6.30pm.

During the week after Easter the Annual Church Meeting will be held in the church and this is an important occasion for all those on the church Electoral Roll.

Graham Plastow.

Bethel Evangelical Church

1. Services continue at regular times.
2. Family Service MOTHERING SUNDAY MARCH 17th 10.30 am.
3. Family Service EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 7th 10.30 & 6 pm

East Hanningfield Cricket Club

The 1984 season was most encouraging with a number of new regular members joining the club. This influx was sadly countered by some of the existing members choosing to 'hang up their boots'.

The club held several social functions and barbecues during the season which were well attended and very successful. We rounded the year off with a most enjoyable Dinner Dance at Runwell Hall with an attendance of 62 members and guests. A similar event will be organised for the end of 1985. A notable milestone in the clubs history was the election at the A.G.M. of the two founder members, Manny Harris and Dan Saffill, as life vice presidents.

The new season will begin in only 12 weeks time and the club would very much like to hear from anyone of any age, cricketers or otherwise, who would like to join. Dont delay its an excellent club. Contact the secretary Bernard Lillis on 400426.

Bernard Lillis

Chelmsford Karate Kyokushinkai

The club meets every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the W.I. hall, in Old Church Road. The junior class meets on Tuesdays and there are 30 boys and girls aged 4 to 11 training at the moment.

The senior students meet twice a week on Monday and Thursday. 1984 proved to be an immensely successful year for the club with men and women competing in several competitions and Championships. There are now regular beginner classes every eight weeks. For more details contact instructor Stuart Wright 2nd Dan on Ch 400201.

Stuart Wright

Feb 20th	Ash Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30pm All Saints Church. Parish Council Meeting 8pm School Hall.
28th	W.I. Jumble Sale 2pm W.I. Hall
Mar 16th	Mothering Sunday.
17th	Family Service 10.30am Bethal Evan. Church.
25th	Hanna's Field Charity A.G.M. 8pm Bethal Evangelical Church.
28th	Parish Council Meeting 8pm School Hall.
Apr 4th	Maudy Thursday. Holy Com. 7.30pm All Saints.
5th	Good Friday. 2pm and 7.30pm services
7th	All Saints Church. Easter Sunday. Holy Com. 8am, family service 11am and Even Song 6.30pm at All Saints Church
25th	Family services 10.30am and 6pm at Bethal Evangelical Church. Parish Council Meeting 8pm School Hall. Annual Parish Meeting 8.15pm School Hall.

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Parish Council News

Best Kept Village Comp: Judging takes place during May/June/July. Please take a pride in your village! The award has come to E.H. twice before; lets make 1985 a winning year. Pay particular attention to litter!

New Parish Councillor: We welcome Mr Dennis Jacklin as a new councillor, co-opted at the March meeting. Mr Jacklin has lived in the village for 13 years, he has taken on the duty of village maintenance and can be found at 'whitewebbs Old Church Road.

History Recorder: Mrs Christine Holland will be our village recorder from June. Thanks to Rev. Plastow who is retiring from this post in May.

Chelmsford Sub-Divisional Commander: Mr J Brewer is the new Superintendent of the Chelmsford Sub-Division.

Drainage on The Tye: Despite recent work on the drainage of the Post Office Chase, there is still a problem causing the Tye to saturate. The P.C. is taking this up with the Technical Services Dept.

Traffic Census: For one week in February an automatic traffic monitoring device on the road near the centre of the Tye checked vehicle speeds and the volume of traffic passing through the village. The results of the check are not available, but it is hoped that they will serve as a yard-stick against which to measure any future increase in traffic.

A New District Council: P.C. has been approached regarding the possibility of the setting up of a Wickford District Council. As there is already a natural link with Chelmsford and there are no apparent advantages in joining Wickford E.H. expressed views to remain as it was.

Chairman's Report to the Annual Parish Meeting

Mr Dixon, Parish Council Chairman, reviewed the year's work in the village. He paid tribute to his colleagues, (one of whom, Mr Martin, on moving out of East Hanningfield had been succeeded by Mr Jacklin) and thanked the Parish Clerk for her hard work. He also recorded the sad death of Rev. Ost, for many years a chairman and member of the Parish Council and chairman of the School Governors; the Rev. Ost had been Local History Recorder which, after being undertaken by the Rev. Plastow, had now passed to Mrs Holland. Mrs Bowring had capably edited the East Hanningfield News, an important means of communication for the village.

Question time at council meetings had been well used. He urged villagers to contact members of the council at all times on matters of concern, which, if not within the competence of the council, could be passed to the relevant body.

The work of the Parish Council had largely concerned Highways, Planning and Recreation. Under Highways, improvements could be noted at the Bicknacre and Highfields Mead junctions. Increasing through traffic had prompted the Council to ask the Police to monitor the volume of flow, and the data obtained could be matched against future changes due to e.g. the new A12 bypass. Improvements to road drainage near the Post Office had been carried out, but the Highway Authority would be asked to undertake more work as this has not been wholly satisfactory. The path from Ashley Green to the school's rear entrance had been reconstructed. Because of new H.G.V. Operators Licensing Regulations the Parish Council had started to monitor applications affecting the parish.

All Planning Applications in the parish were given careful attention by the Parish Council and additional information had been sought where necessary. The most important had been for redeveloping part of the Industrial Estate, in part for retail and residential use, and this had been agreed to by the Planning Authority only after modifications. The Parish Council was also investigating the possibility of having listed the old mill on the Tye. As for Recreation, the Parish Council had supported the holiday play scheme ably led by Mr Carter and Mrs Walden, and its grant was later partially reimbursed by the Borough Council. The Parish Council had also assisted the Inter-Village Sports Team which because of its dedication had achieved great success in reaching the East Anglian Region finals. As part of its long term strategy, the Parish Council had continued positively to support the playing field and village hall project, which was now under the control of Hanna's Field Charity.

Maintenance of the Tye is a major item of annual expenditure, and to check erosion at the Old Church Road corner, a break of Pyracanthus bushes has been planted. It was hoped to tackle dog fouling on the Tye by an amendment in the byelaws. Cycling and parking on the Tye were both contrary to the byelaws, and in the latter case a court conviction had been achieved.

The Parish Council had considered a suggestion that the parish might become part of a new Wickford District, but it felt East Hanningfield naturally looked towards Chelmsford. In accordance with government policy it had tried to set up an emergency planning unit but lack of public response had made progress difficult so far.

Litter remained a major problem. Villagers of all ages should care for and take pride in their surroundings and not create eyesores, particularly when the village was being assessed for the Best Kept Village Competition; East Hanningfield had won the trophy twice in the past and with an effort from all could win again.

The Parish Councillors took a pride in the village and wished, through their service and with the cooperation of the parishioners, to see it remain happy and successful.

Emergency Aid: A list is to be compiled by P.C. for a Hot-Line. If you know of anyone who should be on it, please contact Mrs Brooks on Ch 400110.

Mill: The Planning Dept. has been asked to consider the Mill for listing as a building of special architectural and historical interest.

Groundsman: There is a vacancy for a part time groundsman in the village (local authority group C manual worker rate) Please contact Mrs Brooks on Ch 400110.

Annual Parish Meeting: Mr Alan Dixon, Chairman, thanked the councillors for being such a dynamic and dedicated team over the past year, and gave thanks also to Mrs Libby Brooks, Clerk. Reports on the work of the council, accounts and the progress of Hanna's Field Charity were given with the opportunity for questions. Please remember it is your council; meetings are every month and anyone can attend; also Mr Dixon is our independent Borough Councillor.

Concessionary Fares Scheme: The Borough Council has successfully negotiated a special deal with British Rail whereby all persons aged 60 and over can purchase a rail card, normally issued at £12 each, at the reduced cost of £6.50. This is a special offer to apply to all cards issued up to 31st March 1986. Thereafter, the level of discount which can be given will depend on the number of cards sold, The more cards sold, the bigger the discount. Please take advantage of this offer; the P.O. has more details.

Industrial Estate: The P.C. is continuing to monitor individual applications for units on the industrial estate and is concerned about the acute parking problem which it believes will exist when all the units are occupied. It is also pressing for adequate planting and landscaping on the estate.

Inter Village Sports Competition: We've entered once more and with a complete team comprising of Badminton, Netball, Football, Table tennis and Darts players, we compete in the first round at the William de Ferris Sports Centre on Sunday 5th May starting at 12 noon. All the players have been practising hard with Angela Wade holding the team together - come along and give them your support as they represent our village for the third year running. Good luck to all those competing for us.

Ann Walden.

Hanna's Field Charity

During the year a number of alternative schemes for the village hall have been considered and carefully investigated. The committee have chosen a modern purpose built hall which will provide excellent facilities for a wide range of sports and social activities. Our fund raising team have worked well against a difficult economic background, and from this other sources the committee have now secured some 90% of the building costs. Negotiations are well advanced for an interest free loan to cover the small shortfall and the outcome of these discussions will be known by the end of May. Meanwhile all possible preparatory actions are in hand with the selected contractor to achieve the earliest start date on site. Looking to the longer term the committee are confident that the halls operating and maintenance expenses will be adequately covered, and at reasonable costs to the users, from the known demand within the village for these facilities. We believe that, with effective management, the hall and field will continue to develop as a substantial asset for the benefit of everyone in the village.

David Brown - Chairman

Mr Dennis Jacklin has been elected to the committee at the A.G.M. and is now responsible for the field management. The charity is looking for a secretary, anyone interested please contact Mr David Brown, Ch 400844

Fund Raising Sub Committee

It is with regret we have had to abandon the proposal of a May Fayre on the Tye, due to safety. The only possibility of using the Tye is to either close the road or provide a human barrier, neither of which are feasible. Many thanks to all who showed an interest in this event. Don't forget the annual Barn Dance on Saturday 29th June, 8 p.m. at Claydons. Dancing to The Old Frog Band with a country supper. Tickets on sale from early June, watch for Posters!

All Saints East Hanningfield Church News.

On April 9th the annual church meeting was held and Mr Phillip Mitchell and Mrs Ruby Harris were re-elected as church wardens for another year. Members of the P.C.C. were also elected Mesdames M. Linnett, W. Saville, D. Brannon, A. Lovegrove, I. Willsdon, J. Thorington with Messrs E. Ellis, R. Harvey, M. Harcourt Williams. Our thanks was expressed to Mr Sidney Thompson who has retired from the council but continues as sidesman and bell-ringer. Our centenary repair appeal will occupy much of our time and attention. This is the first time that major repair work has been necessary on the church fabric. We have been greatly encouraged by a donation of £750 from the 'Friends of Essex Churches' towards the total of £8,000. We have also received a number of private donations with the promise of others. Our village can take pride in the improved appearance of its parish church, and we hope that many people will be encouraged to donate towards the necessary repairs to their church!

Another important change to note is the time of the morning service. From Sunday 5th May the service will be at 10am. We hope that young families (and not so young families) can join us for worship and still have ample time to enjoy the rest of the day visiting friends or being at home! We shall continue our pattern of occasional Evensong services at 6.30 with a guest preacher. Please watch the notice board for details.

The annual pilgrimage to Bradwell-on-Sea - a joint observance shared by the Anglican diocese of Chelmsford and the Roman Catholic diocese of Brentwood - will be held on Saturday 6th July from 10.30am. Pilgrims assemble in the village of Bradwell and walk to the ancient chaple on the sea wall for an open air service. Then we enjoy a packed lunch before returning home in the afternoon. The chaple site is always worth a visit in the summer months, which marks the ecclesiastical base of St Cedd, a bishop to the East Saxons, who came from Northumberland to evangelise parts of East Anglia in 654AD. On Wednesday 5th June there is a general invitation to a 'Bring and Buy' coffee morning at 'Kilchurn' by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Mitchell. The occasion begins at 10.30am and everyone is warmly invited.

Graham Plastow

East Hanningfield W.I.

E.H.W.I. is thriving, with an increased membership although we always welcome new members! Forthcoming events are a plant and produce sale on Saturday 18th May at 10.30am and the very successful Harvest Supper on 4th October.

There are many interesting outings and social functions for members only throughout the summer. Anyone wishing to know more about W.I. should come along to our meetings - every third Wednesday at 7.30pm at the W.I. hall, Old Church Road, or contact the Hon. President Mrs Heather Brown on 400844 or the Hon. Secretary Mrs Avril Lillis on 400426.

Heather Brown

Brownies

For Thinking Day celebrations this year each six produced a very good display of items and good from other countries a very good evening enjoyed by all. This was followed by Danbury District celebrations on February 22nd when we met in the Little Baddow Hall and played games with other Guides and Brownies, a short service was held and lunch was provided by the Guides - soup, jacket potatoes and sausages, chocolate biscuit and an apple. This was a very good beginning to our 75th anniversary year.

A successful coffee morning was held with the brownies serving coffee and doing their hostess badge. One evening the Brownies were taught how to make flowers from fondant icing and took home a small cake decorated for Mothering Sunday.

Many thanks for all the support I have received, and to the people who phoned offering their help. Mrs Dawn Amos is now helping to run the pack.

Heather Leigh

Newcomers to the village are Chris and Martyrn Lambourne, Licensees of the 'Windmill Tavern'. They return to Essex after two years in pubs in Hertfordshire and London, and look forward to the opportunities of entering village life. They previously lived in Finchingfield whilst Martyrn lectured on Design at North Essex School of Art. Both are interested in local history and customs, and enjoy long walks when time permits. Chris and Martyrn will always be pleased to welcome friends old and new to the 'Windmill'.

Useful Information ...

Parish Council: Chairman - Alan Dixon 400684
Clerk - Libby Brooks 400110
Hanna's Field Charity: Chairman - David Brown 400844
Toddler Group: Contact Karen Collings 400143
Playgroup: Secretary - Wendy Thomas 400797
P.T.A.: Secretary - Ann Burrell 400848
Brownies: Heather Leigh 400977
Guides: Mandy Langsford 400510
Cubs: Pat Potts 400106
W.I.: Hon. Pres. - Heather Brown 400844
Football: Tony Charles 400757
Cricket: Bernard Lillis 400426
Karate: Stuart Wright 400201
Table Tennis: Chris Jacob 400222
Churches: All Saints - Rev. G. Plastow 400217
Bethnel Ewan. - S. Carter 400565
Police: P.C. Jacob. Police House The Tye.
400222
Library: Abbey Fields Thurs. 3.40 - 4.05pm
Bridon Close Thurs. 2.50 - 3.20pm
Clinic: Child Health Clinic. W.I. Hall
1st Wed. 2pm
School: E.H. C.E. Primary School
Head Teacher - Mrs E Taverner 400772

We welcome to the village Julie and Mick Baldwin at the Three Horseshoes who have recently moved from the Bell at Woodham Ferris, which they had taken over from Mick's parents. Mick's hobbies are Snooker, Darts and Boxing, while Julie enjoys home cooking, Horseriding and Keepfit.

Mother and Toddler Group

In the village we have a Mother and Toddler group which meets on Thursday afternoons at the W.I. hall between 1.45 and 3.00. All mums with their children from birth to five are welcome. Entrance fee of 50p per mum, includes tea or coffee and a drink for the children.

The group was set up and organised by Ann Nelson who is now moving out of the village and we at the group would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her well in her new home.

Karen Collings

E.H. Playgroup Association

The playgroup thanks everyone who contributed to the Easter Bazaar and it was fun but rather disappointing in attendance. It is National Playgroup week from 18th May and various activities are being organised in Chelmsford including a Paint-in. There is a proposed outing on 28th June. Playgroup enquiries please to Wendy Thomas on Ch 400797.
Wendy Thomas.



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Diary for May, June & July

May 5th Inter Village Sports Competition, 1st Round
18th Plant and produce sale 10.30 a.m. W.I. hall
23rd P.C. meeting 8 p.m. School Hall.

Jun 5th Bring and Buy Coffee morning 10.30am Killeburn
8th E.H. PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FETE
27th P.C. meeting 8 p.m. School Hall
29th BARN DANCE 8 p.m. CLAYDONS

Jul 6th Pilgrimage to Bradwell
14th Inter-Village Sports Competition: **E.H. Jubbe**
Essex District Round at Saffron Walden **Averel**
25th P.C. meeting 8 p.m. School Hall.

The next edition of the E.H. News is due out at the beginning of August, all contributions to be in by third week of July. Many thanks to all who contributed to this edition. Marilyn Bowring, 30, Highfields Mead, Ch. 400748.

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Parish Council News

Annual Parish Meeting: This was held on Thursday 23rd May. Mr. Dixon was unanimously re-elected as Chairman, with Mr. Holland as vice Chairman.

Bye-Laws: The P.C. is investigating including in the Bye-Laws for the Tye a penalty fine for dog control.

Resignation of Councillor: P.C. was sorry to receive the resignation of Mr. Carter, because of poor health. I am sure we all join the councillors in wishing him a speedy recovery and many thanks for his work on the council. As a poll was not called for by villagers, the P.C. will be making a co-option...

New Parish Councillor: We welcome Mr. Richard Range as a new councillor, co-opted on at the July meeting.

Best Kept Village Comp.: Regretfully, we didn't receive a certificate or even manage a placing in this years competition. Litter in the village is a problem, we must all pay attention to this, particularly outside the village shop.

Superintendent Brewer: At the June meeting, P.C. was addressed by Supt. Brewer, who has recently taken over as Chelmsford Sub-Divisional Commander, an area much the same as C.B.C. He wished to be responsive to local needs while policing the area effectively and properly, but spoke of the restraints which made it difficult to achieve these goals. These included the new 'Police and Criminal Act', and the introduction of a new computer; both of which require additional training putting manpower available under strain. For all local problems contact PC Jacob, who needs our constant support, vigilance and assistance. After our own officer contact the station at South Woodham (Ch. 320333), this is open to the public between 10 - 11 am, and 6 - 7 pm, and is manned until 2 am for calls. Failing this, contact New Street Police Station, but always remember 999 in an emergency.
Supt. Brewer reported on the traffic monitoring exercise in

February, the traffic division was not concerned by the results, it will continue to monitor the situation, especially with the opening of the A12 Bye-Pass.

The question of vandalism was raised, and although as Supt. Brewer pointed out, it is not unique in East Hanningfield, he agreed it was certainly not acceptable, and suggested that a talk by PC Jacob at the School may help.

Bus Shelter: P.C. are investigating resiting the Old Rectory bus shelter to the Chelmsford side of the Abbey Fields entrance. Representatives from the P.C., the Police, the E.N. Bus Co., and the C.B.C. Highways Dept. have all agreed to the new site, but it will be necessary to provide adequate kerbing to support the greenward and explore the possibility of a path from Abbey Fields along the boundary of the Old Rectory to the School.

B.M.X. Track: Youngsters in the village have raised in excess of £100 to go towards the creation of a cycle track, although this is a matter currently being considered by the Hanna's Field Charity, P.C. stresses that before a track could be created the Bye-Laws prohibiting cycling on the field would need to be amended. H.F.C. is setting up a sub-committee specifically to deal with this matter.

Industrial Estate Development: P.C. is still monitoring progress closely and hopes a site meeting with planning staff will be helpful in discussing the problems created by the development.

Hylands Park: P.C. gave its support to the proposal of a golf course at Hylands Park, with Hylands House as a Club House. All the information available was displayed in the Post Office.

New Accident and Emergency Unit: From the 14th July the Accident and Emergency Dept. will be at Broomfield Hospital, at which time the C. & E. Casualty Dept. will close.

Coval Lane Clinic: The proposed closure of the Coval Lane clinic on 31st January '86, will mean all services be divided between the clinics at Springfield Green, Moulsham Lodge and Melbourne Ave. With the Family Planning Clinic only available at Springfield.

Groundsman: The new village groundsman is Patrick Cousens. Playscheme: Mrs. Walden is running a childrens playscheme 10.30 - 12.30 starting in the W.I. Hall on Thursdays 1st, 8th and 15th August, with a sports afternoon on Friday 9th.

There will also be swimming 3 - 5.30pm at the Chelmsford Pool on Thursday's 1st, 8th and 15th August with transport

to and from the village. For further details contact Ann on Ch 400517. WATCH FOR POSTERS! Childrens Entertainment: There will be a Magician at the W.I. Hall on Tuesday 13th August at 11am. All children welcome, free admission.

Intervillage Sports Competition: East Hanningfield came 2nd in the Essex District Round at Saffron Walden, losing by only 1 point. The junior team won every event. Congratulations to all those who took part, particularly to the juniors who did so well on the day, but had also put in many hours of practise. Plans are already afoot for next years competition, please support your local teams!

Hanna's Field: A pub type table is being erected on the field to replace the one destroyed last year.

Chronicle: Dont forget any items of news in the village should go to Kath Jacob (400222) for insertion into the village news section.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this edition of the Newsletter, contributions for the next issue should be in by the middle of November, so we can have a Christmas edition. Thankyou, Marilyn Bowring, 30, Highfields Mead. Ch 400748.

The Rural Community Council of Essex: Housing Survey
The Rural Community Council of Essex are surveying 30 villages throughout the whole county and East Hanningfield is one of those which has been selected, in order to assess housing needs.

In a few weeks time a member of the Rural Community Council may visit you and ask your views on housing in East Hanningfield. No record of name or address is taken and so answers are completely confidential. To help them give a true picture of the housing situation in the rural areas your co-operation would be appreciated. They will then be able to use this information to put forward a rural case to the Planning & Housing Authorities. For further details contact: Joanna Lavis, Ch 352046 or Libby Brooks Ch. 400100.

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Hanna's Field Charity

With confirmation from The Sports Council of the last £10,000 of finance, at the end of May, the Hanna's Field Charity Committee was able to proceed with discussion of final details of the new village hall with its contractors. Subsequent confirmation of planning permission enabled a contract to be signed with Emson Construction of Saffron Walden, on 1st July, for erection of building, at a cost of £97,000. This major step forward represented the culmination of twelve years of endeavour on the part of the Charity Committee and its predecessor, the East Hanningfield Community Centre Appeal committee.

The new building work is scheduled to commence at the beginning of August, and the ground work will include a foul sewer connection along the chase from the school entrance, plus water and electricity main connections. It is hoped also, to tie in a telephone service connection for future use. At an early stage in construction, the five steel portal frames will be erected, and once the brick and steel cladding is complete, the fitting out of the shell will proceed apace. The contract indicates twenty weeks for completion, and we should therefore see the new building finished just before Christmas. During the course of construction, some preliminary earth moving will take place in connection with the landscaping requirements, and materials will also be brought onto the site for use in construction of the roadway and car park, which will take place at the end of the building contract.

The new building will include a sports hall some 18 metres by 10 metres, which is large enough for badminton, volleyball and short tennis, to name but a few; a large committee room some 13 metres by 6 metres, which is suitable for smaller scale activities and meetings; plus storage, fitted kitchen, changing rooms, showers and toilets.

Alan Dixon.

Fund Raising Sub-Committee

The Barn Dance held at Claydons Farm on Saturday, 29th June, was socially a great success but, however, financially it only made a token profit of £41 due to the lack of support, only 63 people attended, which was much regretted after the tremendous effort of the many people who gave time and effort assisting in the setting up and clearing of the barn. Our thanks to you all! Also thanks to Libby Brooks for co-ordinating the provision of the excellent supper, and

to all who contributed. Last, but not least, special thanks to Mr. & Mrs Benson for the use of the barn. In December we anticipate holding another Antique Fayre in Bicknacre which proved to be a great success last year. Also planned is a Christmas Raffle. Tony Bowring

East Hanningfield Primary School P.T.A. News

This has been a very busy, but profitable year for us. The recent Summer Fete, which realised a marvellous profit of £650, has enabled us to purchase a much needed second computer and a print-out, which will be used in School from September.

This year has also seen the completion of the new porch extensions to the two infant classes which has proved extremely beneficial.

Our next event is a 1960's Disco which will be held on Saturday, 16th November. Please come along it should be a really nostalgic night, and of course a supper will be included in the price.

We would like to invite all parents to our A.G.M. on 10th October, at 8pm. This will be a free wine and cheese evening and we would like to see as many of you as possible.

The Committee would like to extend their thanks to everyone who has given their help and support which has helped us make this year such a success. Pearl Bonner - Secretary

Ch. 400615

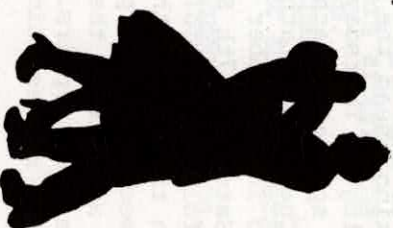
Ballroom and Latin Dance Classes / Social Evening commencing September in East Hanningfield...

Beginner Adults ... 8.00-9.30pm.

Beginner Children . 4.45-5.30pm.

Fees: Adults£1, Children(5-16)50p.

phone: Sharon 400995



All Saints East Hammingfield Church News

During this summer the Parochial Church Council have appreciated all the hard work being done to maintain the appearance of the churchyard. In particular we thank Ray Harvey, Joan and Eric Ellis, not forgetting Sidney and Vera Thompson. An increasing number of parishioners are also assisting by tending individual graves, which contributes to the well cared for look and atmosphere of the church surround. Mention should be made of the annual grant from the E.H. P.C. which enables us to purchase tools and fuel to do this work. Any assistance with work in the churchyard is always welcome and greatly appreciated by the rest of us!

Thank you to those who either collected or contributed to "Christian Aid" week last May. The sum of £130 was sent to the charity towards the increasing needs of people in Ethiopia and Chad.

In June we held a "Bring and Buy" coffee morning, courtesy of Mr and Mrs Mitchell at "Kilchurn". The morning's hard work and support from many friends realised £265. Some of this money will be put into the church repair fund as we continue to seek contributions towards the £8,000 for essential stone-work repairs. We have a major application with "English Heritage" but the result of this will not be forthcoming until Christmas. Until then no work may be started. One requirement of the grant award is an independent survey by officers appointed by "English Heritage". At present the P.C.C. have £1,180 towards the repairs made up of grants and individual donors' contributions.

One valuable link All Saints Church has is with the parish school. At the end of the term we said "au revoir" to Mrs. Pamela Walker who has taught at the school for 5 years. Another link that has been forged in the last year is the support from the Brownies, Cub, Scouts and Guides. Looking ahead the parish will be celebrating Harvest thanksgiving on Thursday 26th September, in All Saints at 7.30pm. The special preacher will be the Revd Dr John Moses, provost of Chelmsford Cathedral.

Also in September there is the Chelmsford Diocesan Cycle-ride on Saturday, 7th September. Teams of cyclists cover Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk riding to churches having been sponsored with the result that the money raised is divided equally between the home parish and "The Friends of Essex Churches", who administer the charity by making grants to churches for essential repairs. We wonder if there is any likelihood of a team representing All Saints...?

Graham Plastow

Kon Tiki Cub Pack

Venue: School Hall, Tuesday Evenings 7 - 8.30pm.

The pack continues to thrive, we have 20 boys at present who come from the village and surrounding areas i.e. Battles-bridge and Rettendon. One pack is open to boys aged between 8-10½ yrs and of any race or religious denomination, we do have vacancies at the moment, but if your son is interested but not yet old enough, please put his name on the waiting list. (You can call on a Tuesday or ring me on Ch 400106).

The groups recent A.G.M. saw the retirement of our old committee, after many years Sylvia Hopkins, Elsie Bruce and Alaisdair Matthews decided to call it a day and to them a grateful thankyou for all they've done for our group. The new committee is full of enthusiasm and hopefully will reign for many years.

The pack has had various outings in the past year i.e. Thorpe Park, Chelmsford Police Station and Post Office an evening finding out about Maldon, all of which both boys and helpers thoroughly enjoyed.

Future events include a family social, which will include a Barbecue, games and a traditional camp fire, latter in the Autumn a mystery trip, a sponsored football match and maybe even a visit to the pantomime at Christmas. We also have a very keen Cub football team which plays in the Chelmsford Cup Football League and last season gave a very good account of themselves. By the way we need a good goalkeeper, will one of the new recruits out there by the one John Hastings is looking for?

So if your son is bored and may perhaps be interested in joining us, come along and visit us, and who knows you might be the adult help we need as well.

Akela (Pat Potts)

At present our cubs cannot go up to Scout Troop in Bicknacre as they do not have adequate help. So if anyone in the village has any experience in Scouting or perhaps someone would be willing to learn Bicknacre Scouts Need You Desperately, and if no one helps our cubs will have to go to Scout troupes in Woodham or Rawreth.

Anyone who might be interested please contact Mike Fletcher on Danbury 3520.

Mayor & Mayoress: If you want to invite the Mayor & Mayoress to your organisations events, they are only too pleased to come out to the community, please contact the Civic Centre.

Brownies
 Our weekly meeting this term have concentrated on badge work, a group have been working on their conversation badge and another group gained their safety in the home badge. All have been improving their ability to achieve their athlete badge which will be complete at the beginning of next term.
 In June we had a week of activities to celebrate "75 Years" of the Guide movement. A "Flame of Friendship" began its journey from Buckingham Palace on the Monday and travelled into Anglia before arriving in Central Park, Chelmsford on Tuesday evening. The flame for our district was carried from there on a Steam Roller into Danbury and after Brownie Revels on Wednesday all brownies and Guides had a lighted candle each on a small cake. On the Saturday afternoon and evening our Brownies joined a big weekend Guide camp in Hylands park where many games and activities were played. The day closed with a campfire for about 500 Brownies and Guides. Our term closed on Saturday afternoon 20th June when we set 75 plants in our village churchyard.
 Heather Leigh
 Ch. 400977
 Thank You Brownies.

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Diary for Aug., Sept., Oct. and Nov. ...

- Aug. 13th. Magician at 11am. W.I. Hall.
 22nd. P.C. meeting 8pm. W.I. Hall.
- Sept. 26th. Harvest Thanksgivng 7.30pm. All Saints.
 P.C. meeting 8pm. School Hall.
- Oct. 4th. Harvest Supper for all W.I. members.
 10th. P.T.A. A.G.M. 8pm. School Hall.
 24th. P.C. meeting 8pm. School Hall.
- Nov. 16th. P.T.A. 1960's Disco School Hall.
 28th. P.C. meeting 8pm. School Hall.

Mother and Toddler Group

The Mother and Toddler Group in the village has been meeting on a Thursday afternoon from 1.45 to 3.00pm. at the W.I. Hall. We have now broken up for the summer holidays, but will be meeting again same time same place from 12th. September.
 During our last term we organised two clothes parties, a talk on First Aid for children by St. Johns Ambulance and a visit to Marsh Farm. We hope to organise a jumble sale of childrens clothes and toys shortly and would be grateful to anyone who can contribute to the sale. We shall collect or you could bring items to me at 9, Abbey Fields. Look out for posters around the village for the date and venue of the sale.
 I would like to take this opportunity in thanking all the mums who have helped in keeping Mother and Toddlers running.

Karen Collings.

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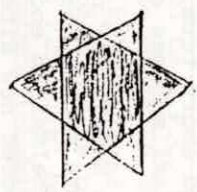
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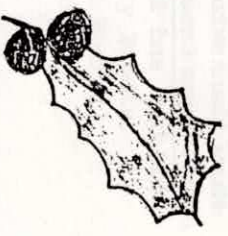
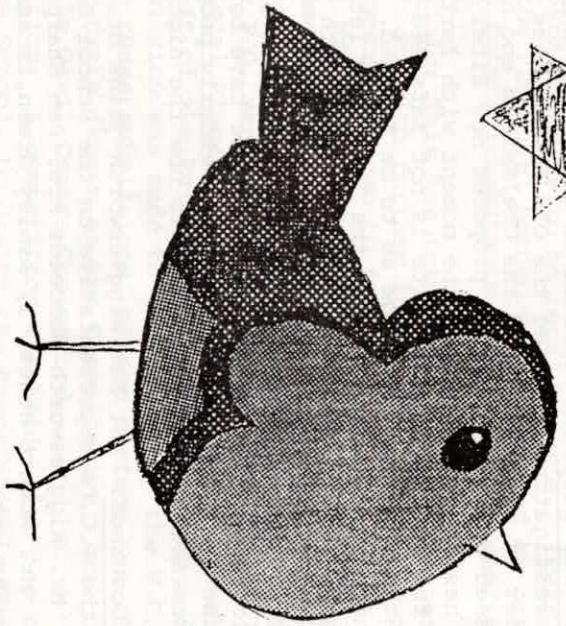
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Parish Council News

Bus Services: Mr. Whiteside (E.C.C. Public Transport Co-ordinator), attended the September meeting. He pointed out the two prolonged function of the CC's involvement since 1974, to promote and co-ordinate bus services. The current Transport Bill (due to be enacted in November 1985), prohibits counties from promoting and co-ordinating bus services; instead, it gives them the power to secure the provision of public transport where it is not provided commercially. Mr. Whiteside felt that services, even the rural ones, are likely to remain unaltered unless there is competition. The Sunday services, however, might be threatened because they are less profitable. A Transport Survey is being considered by P.C. Mr. Whiteside discussed the possibilities should an area have its services withdrawn. These included short term financial aid for community services, e.g. shared taxi schemes and social car services.

Resiting the Bus Stop: As reported in Newsletter number 33, the P.C. was investigating resiting the Old Rectory bus stop. Since then a number of residents from the Chelmsford end of the Village have expressed opposition to the proposed new site. Consequently, the matter has been shelved for the moment with further investigations to follow. The present site is not safe and this was agreed by all! In the meantime the hedge is to be trimmed.

By-Law Amendments: As outlined in the last News letter, the new Bye-Law signs will be erected in the New Year, with powers to fine dog owners not controlling their dogs on the Tye.

Cycling on the Pavement: Please remember children of ten and over are not allowed to cycle on pavements. There have been a few near misses on the Tye involving cyclists and elderly people. Also, cyclists, remember to check your lights now the nights are drawing in.

New School Governor: Mr. Ian Wiggleworth joins Mr. Brian Larkman as the P.C.'s representative on the School Board of Governors. Mr. Wiggleworth succeeds Mrs. Pam Sharp.

Groundsman: Mr. Robert Howes, 1, Ashley Green, is assisting with the groundsman's work.

Holiday Playscheme: This was well attended and enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Mrs. Anne Walden.

Childrens Entertainment: This too was well attended, with 68 children and 15 mothers.

Footpaths: These are to be walked by Councillors over the Winter months. New finger posts are to be positioned. If you wish to walk the footpaths, please contact the Parish Clerk for a map (Mrs. Libby Brooks 400110).

Bicknacre Road: The weeds at the junction have been sprayed; it is hoped to plant this area next year.

Scarles Croft: The Borough will maintain this ditch.

Bridge to School: The handrail which had become insecure has now been repaired.

Industrial Estate: Councillors met with David Wallace (C.B.C. Planning Dept.) at a site meeting. All concerns previously raised by the P.C. were discussed, e.g. access to houses, loading area for shop, landscaping and drainage. All points were itemised in writing. The outcome is not yet known.

P.C. Grant to Hanna's Field Charity: The P.C. has now paid its grant of £20,000 to H.F.C. towards the cost of the Village Hall. This sum is made up of £5,000 from the Parish Council's capital reserves and £15,000 raised by means of a loan from the Public Works Loan Board which is to be repaid over a 20 year period.

In this way the financial burden will be shared by present Villagers and future inhabitants who will also benefit by using the Hall.

Coval Lane Clinic: This has (since the last Newsletter) had a 6 month reprieve, with further investigations into a permanent site in the centre of town to follow.

Poppy Appeal: Mr. Alan Dixon laid a wreath on behalf of the Village on Remembrance Day. Many thanks to all who helped in the Poppy Appeal, especially, Mrs. Lovegrove, Mrs. Wilsdon, Mrs. Mitchell, the P.O. stores and the Windmill Tavern.

Rural Areas Local Plan: A special P.C. meeting was held to consider the final draft of the Rural Areas Local Plan, and a further detailed submission was made to the C.B.C. by the P.C. If anyone wishes to see these submissions, please contact Mrs. Brooks. Copies of the draft (known as the Consultative Plan) can be purchased from the Civil Centre Chelmsford.

Cover Competition: A competition was held, with the co-operation of the Village School, to design the cover of this Christmas Edition. This was a great success, and the decision was hard. Many thanks to all those budding young artists who took the trouble to participate, and also thanks to Mrs. Taverner and her staff. There were two categories, Infant and Junior. The winners:
Infant - 1st Prize Chloe Searle. 2nd Prize Felicity Brooks.
Junior - 1st Prize Simon Reid-Henry. 2nd Prize Erin Bonner.
The cover was designed by Simon Reid-Henry (class 3).

Village stores

Christmas and New Year opening hours.

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New Years Day.	closed	closed

Jeanne & Tony wish all their customers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, and thank them for their support during the past year.

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Bethal Evangelical Church
Please note the following services;
Dec. 8th 10.30am A service of Believer's Baptism.
Dec. 22nd 10.30am Family service 6pm Evening carol service.
Dec. 25th 10.30am Family worship.
In Feb. '86 I will be taking up a new appointment to be the minister of the Independent Evangelical Church at Exmouth Devon.
Steven Carter.

All Saints' Church News

Earlier this year the Church Council applied to "English Heritage" for grant-aid towards repairs to the fabric. Unfortunately this application was unsuccessful. Because of the cuts in Government spending only Churches of outstanding historical or architectural interest can expect to attract financial help.

In spite of this disappointment a number of people have worked hard and given generously to the continuing appeal for the Church. A box in the P.O. Stores yielded over £20 for the church heating. Thank you to Jeanne and Tony for allowing us to place the box in the first place.

Also we have had some donations marking a Silver wedding celebration and from the sale of greeting and Christmas Cards. Most outstanding was the response to the Chelmsford diocesan Bicycle ride on Saturday 7th September. The magnificent sum of £161 was raised by cyclists. They included Mr. & Mrs. Lovegrove and Phillip, Mr. Peter Cracknell, Mrs. Carol Garnham and Melanie, Mrs. Ruby Harris and grand-daughter Rebekah, Francis Grew, Matthew Plastow and Mr. Malcolm Warwick.

The money raised is divided equally between the "Friends of Essex Churches" and the home Church.
Finally, two national appeal collections were made in the village - Christian Aid last May which raised £130 and recently the National Childrens Homes with £141. Thank you to all those collectors and to all who gave so generously on behalf of less fortunate people.

During the summer much hard work was done in the Churchyard. The Brownies planted beds of polyanthus plants and Mr. Kenneth Benson and his son Anthony cleared a large mound of soil from the north-east corner of the churchyard. Now as we anticipate the turn of the year, our thoughts focus upon the preparation for Christmas. During the month of November we have the opportunity to reflect the eternal message of the season: "peace on earth and good will among men". In 1985 we have experienced and seen a lot of unrest and bitterness at home and abroad. We realise that peace and good will are closely bound up together. In the words of a once popular song "you can't have one without the other...!" let us hope and pray that 1986 will see a more harmonious start to the year. If we make peace and good will our concern, it can catch on and influence others in the most unexpected way.

All Saints/contd...

During the Christmas season there will be the opportunity to rejoice in the Saviour's birth. On Sunday, 22nd December at 3.00pm there will be the Parish Carol Service. On Christmas Eve at 11.00pm we shall sing carols for half-on-hour as a prelude to the first communion of Christmas Day. There will be a celebration at 8.00am and a family service at 11.00am. Please note the main service time has reverted to 11.00am to take account of the winter weather. Graham Plastow

Diary

Dec.

8th Antique Fair 10.30 - 4pm Bicknacre Hall.

13th Playgroup party 12 - 2pm W.I. Hall

22nd Family Service 10.30 Bethal Evan Church

Carol Service 3pm All Saints Church

Carol Service 6pm Bethal Evan Church

CHRISTMAS EVE.

24th Carols and communion 11pm All Saints Church

CHRISTMAS DAY

25th Communion 8am All Saints Church

Family Worship 10.30am Bethal Evan Church

Family Service 11am All Saints Church.

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This newsletter is due out four times next year and it is the means by which the Parish Council contacts all the Villagers in this fairly dispersed Parish. Don't forget you can attend all P.C. meetings, these are on the fourth Thursday of every month in the School hall at 8pm. The agenda is posted in the notice board outside the P.O. Stores. The public get the opportunity to speak at 'Question Time', which is usually item 3 on the agenda and comes up about five minutes after the start of the meeting. This is the only time members of the public can speak, but they are welcome to stay for the rest of the meeting. The newsletter is also available to societies and clubs to publicise events. If you wish to write a contribution or even advertise in the next edition then please contact the editor Marilyn Bowring Ch 400748. The next edition is due out in March, so all contributions have to be in by mid February. If you are new to the Village I have back copies which you might find of interest. Lastly, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Brownies
Once again we have a full Brownie pack of 24 and a waiting list. All have been working hard on their badges (conversation and not conversation as previously reported) and other Brownies work and are making good progress. With the help of Pat Seeley they played recorders and sang at the Harvest Festival service. On 31st October they all turned up in fancy dress for our Halloween party. The food was excellent - thanks to the parents, and a good evening was enjoyed by all. Girls cannot be Brownies before their 7th Birthday and must leave after their 11th Birthday. Names can be put on the waiting list as they approach their 6th Birthday by ringing Heather Leigh on Ch.400977. Heather Leigh.

East Hanningfield W.I.

As we come to the end of another year, the W.I. members have again been able to enjoy a very varied programme at the monthly meetings. Something for all tastes from talks on glass engraving to life in Chelmsford Prison. Some of our members visited the Houses of Parliament recently and two of our outings planned for next year are trips to the TVS Studios and to the Terry Wogan show.

We always like to see new faces so if anyone would like to come along and join us, you would be made most welcome. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7.30 in the W.I. hall Old Church Road.
Heather Brown.

East Hanningfield Playgroup Association.

The Playgroup A.G.M. was held on Wednesday 2nd October in the Bethal Mission Hall. A new committee was elected as follows: Chairman Mrs. Wendy Thomas; Secretary Mrs. J. Mouser; Treasurer Mrs. K. Jacob; others Mrs. R. Sach, Mrs. J. Binyon, Mrs. D. Sherry, Mrs. H. Morcom, Mrs. M. Langsford and Mrs. K. Collings. Coffee and cakes were served at the end of the meeting.

A special thanks to Mrs. L. Brooks, who retired from the Committee this year, for all her hard work with the Playgroup over the years. Over the last few weeks there has been a major change in our staff, we were especially sorry to say goodbye to our supervisor Mrs. Sandra Kilburn, who will be sadly missed by the children and members alike. We also said goodbye to Mrs. Sue Beck and Mrs. Maureen Bishop. Mrs. Anne Moore takes over as our supervisor and our new members of staff are: Mrs. Joan Moore, Mrs. Carol Martindill and Mrs. Andrea Dodge.

Very many thanks to Mrs. Rosemary Trusler for all her help during our staff shortage situation. Thanks also to all the mums who have helped on the mother's rota and please remember this is an area where we will always need your continued support.

On Tuesday 19th November Playgroup held its Christmas Bazaar. This was a great success, £59 was raised for the childrens Christmas party. The Christmas party is to be held on Friday 13th December from 12 to 2pm.

If anyone would like their child to attend playgroup or put their name on the waiting list for when they become 3 years old, please contact Mrs. Mouser on Ch. 400411.

Jenny Mouser.

P.T.A. News

At our A.G.M. in October the following committee was elected :-

President	Mrs. C. Mitchell.
Chairman	Mrs. E. Taverner
Vice-Chairman	Mrs. A. Molson.
Treasurer	Mrs. A. Larkman
Secretary	Mrs. P. Bonner.
Committee	Mr. S. Crips, Mr. I. Wigglesworth, Mrs. S. Symonds, Mr. J. Harris, Mrs. J. Baker, Mrs. L. James, Mrs. C. Garnham and Mr. S. Crewe.

A recent School project to which the P.T.A. have given their support is the provision of floor covering in the re-locatable classroom, which should make it more comfortable. This has been ordered and we hope to have it laid very soon. We will also be purchasing some much needed P.E. mats. The School have given us a number of ideas for future expenditure and these are now being considered.

On Saturday the 16th November we held a 60's Dance. This was a great success, a good time was had by all, £143 was raised for School funds.

We are now preparing ourselves for a very busy 1986 and our first fund-raising event will be our annual Jumble Sale, to be held early in the New Year, so we would ask you to think of us and hang on to any of your unwanted items when making way for all those lovely Christmas presents!

1985 has been an extremely busy but profitable year for us and we wish to thank you all for your help and support in our fund-raising events and hope you will continue to support us through 1986 in the hope of making it even better. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pearl Bonner (Ch. 400615).

Hanna's Field Charity Fund-Raising

The Fund-raisers are holding an Antique Fair in Bicknacre on Sunday 8th December. It is hoped, with the opening of our new hall, that this will be a regular event.

At our A.G.M. next spring we would welcome some fresh faces onto the Fund-raising Committee, and perhaps some fresh ideas.

Tony Bowring.

The H.F.C. are looking for a cleaner to start work in the new hall at the beginning of 1986 for more information, please contact the Secretary Chris Morcom. Ch. 400674.