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NO. 35.

Parish Council News

Precept: The Precept for 1986/87 is £5670. Included in the precept is an instalment repayment of the £15,000 loan from the public Works Loan Board given as a grant to the H.F.C. Local Transport Survey: The No. 11 bus route does not receive any subsidy and the section of the route from Howe Green to Rettendon, including the Village, is considered

by the Eastern National Bus Co. to be the dead part. Since the report in newsletter No. 34, Parish Council has contacted other Villages concerned and together is considering setting up a transport survey, using a standard E.C.C. questionnaire but with localized additions.

Trees: The trees along Ashley Green have all been pruned. Three trees along the Common between 'Sumptners Farm' and 'Pond House' were given preservation orders; unfortunately before they became official one of the trees was chopped down.

Walking the Footpath: Councillors have found some problems while walking the footpaths during the Autumn months, the main one being the lack of care by some of the land owners in reinstating the footpaths after harvest and ploughing. We must all try to use the footpaths, as constant use keeps them clear. Any comments should be directed to Mr. G. Parker. Bridge form Coude Dennis to the Field: It has been agreed that, rather than a repair to the existing plank bridge the ditch at this point should be piped and concreted.

C.B.C. is being asked to consider repairing the approach to the bridge from Ashley Green. Footpaths: The dropped kerb at Scarles Croft is in C.B.C.'s current programme of work, and should be repaired over the next few weeks.

Tennis Court: The Parks and Recreation Committee is to support E.H.'s application for a tennis court. There might be a grant available and a priority of applicant villages

is being drawn up. We should have more information by the summer.

Village Hall Equipment: P.C. funds, not exceeding £1250 net of VAT, are being used to purchase certain articles of immediate need to equip the new hall. The sum agreed has enabled the HRC to purchase the following items: Fire extinguishers and fire blanket, cleaning materials, Badminton net and posts, Table tennis table and tables.

Best Kept Village Comp: We are entering this competition again this year, and judging takes place in June and July; remember to take a pride in your Village, paying particular attention to litter, especially on the tye around the shop and on the field by the swings and around the hall.

Intervillage Sports Comp: Many teams from the village are being entered in this annual competition; last year we did not do as well as hoped, but perhaps with the hall to practise in, and your support we can do much better this year. Anyone interested in participating should please contact Angela Wade Ch 400069.

Eastern Electricity: The P.C. has written to the E.E.B. regarding the recent power cut; apparently the Village has a standby line that was not activated.

The World of Fred Spalding: An exhibition of Fred Spaldings photographic work is to be held in the Cathedral between the 5th and the 30th April. The exhibition is sponsored by the Cathedral, E.C.C. and C.B.C.

The Old Mill: E.E.C. Planning Dept. feel it is unlikely that the D.O.E. will find the building sufficiently exceptional to place it on the statutory list of listed buildings and is therefore not going to propose it. However, P.C. is still investigating ways of preserving it.

Industrial Estate: Further planning applications have been submitted by the developers of the industrial estate both for three houses and for two houses and a shop. P.C. has supported the former application. Planting along the boundary should include indegenious broad-leaved trees as well as leylandii. The area adjacent to 'Whitewebs' is to be grassed.

Proposed Lorry Park, Petrol Station, Restaurant and Picnic Area at A12/A130 interchange: Howe Green Community Assn. is opposing the plan, and has asked for our support. E.H.P.C. has no statutory rights to comment, but councillors are going to look at the site and make comments.

Skip: There will be a skip in the layby the weekend of 15th and 16th March.

Inter-village Sports Competition

We have entered again for the 1986 competition. The first round, Chelmsford Area, will be at Woodham Ferrers in May. Last year we came second in the second round Essex area at Saffron Waldon. Our juniors won every competition but this year we want to win everything and go on to the Eastern Counties Final.

We need players in all sports i.e. Football: junior and senior players Netball: junior and senior players Badminton: junior and senior players

Table Tennis: junior and senior players and any good Dart players. Anybody interested please ring me on Ch 400069 or call at 37 Ashley Green. I would also be pleased to hear of anybody interested in training or managing teams. Now that we have the Village Hall we hope to have some indoor training.
Angela Wade.

East Hanningfield Playgroup Association

The Playgroup Christmas party in December was a great success with the children being totally engrossed with the young Magician who entertained them, and finished with a visit from Father Christmas who gave a small present to each child. We made the move into the new premises in the Village Hall at the beginning of the January term, and have been busy putting up shelves in the toy storeroom and buying some new toys and equipment for the children.

We will be holding a spring Fayre on Wednesday 23rd April, from 1.30 to 3.30pm tea and cakes will be served throughout and we are looking to invite a variety of different exhibitors with goods for sale. Look out for our posters advertising this event a little nearer the time. Proceeds from this event will go towards funding the playgroup summer outing, which looks like a trip to Colchester Zoo this year, so we do hope you will lend your support.

If anyone with a child under 3 years would like to have their name put on the waiting list please contact the secretary Jenny Mouser Ch. 400411. Jenny Mouser.

The Village Hall

The first few days of 1986 saw an event of major importance for the village, with the opening on 13th January, of the new village hall, after five months of building work on the playing field, by our contractors. It was, however, touch and go right to the last minute, since completion of the roadway and car park, which was a pre-condition for

the opening, had been in balance until the end of the previous week, due to the appalling weather. Notwithstanding the problematic weather, the work was completed to the target timetable, and the first hirers, the East Hanningfield Playgroup moved in for the start of their spring term, right on time. Thus what has admittedly seemed at times, to have been an almost un-attainable goal, had at last, become reality. This considerable achievement has, in fact, been the result of 12½ years of fund raising efforts, plus careful pre-planning, co-ordination and administration by the present Hanna's Field Charity and all its predecessor committees. The vast range of work has included planning applications, first for a temporary building, and more recently for the permanent structure; building control submissions and negotiations of details; negotiation of landscaping requirements for road car park and planting schemes; design and layout of main water and electricity services to the chosen site; layout and negotiation of connection agreements for the foulsewer connection; adaption of the existing surface water disposal arrangements; co-ordination of finance, applications for grants and loans from many sources; and negotiation of fire regulations and licensing of public building approvals. All of these tasks have involved extensive correspondence, and scores of meetings, whilst during the course of the buildings construction, it has been necessary to have had an almost daily presence for project management purposes. The resultant building is an enormous tribute to all those people, many of whom no longer live in East Hanningfield, who have helped with the project through the years since the first fund raising event of the newly formed East Hanningfield community Centre Appeal Committee in June 1973, no matter how large or small their contribution, since without this continuous support, the project would have failed long ago. Instead of which, East Hanningfield now has a multi purpose building for use by all sections of our

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community, which is already the envy of many neighbouring communities, and one of which we may all be justifiably proud.

Activities in the New Hall.
Aerobics: Monday 8-9pm. Wednesday 9.45-10.45am. Thursday 8-9pm and Friday 10.30-11.30am. For more information contact Lynn James on Ch 400828.
Badminton: Junior Tuesday 5-6, and 6-7, Adult 7-10 Tuesday, For more information Juniors contact Anne Walden Ch 400517 Adults contact Kathy Nazer on Ch 400990
Judo: Wednesday 8-9.30 for more information contact Linda Martin on Ch 400175. Volleyball: Wednesday 6.30-7.30 for more information contact Simon Martin on Ch 400175.
Karate:
 The Karate Kyokushinkai club, has now moved from W.I. Hall to the new Village Hall. There are places for students in both the junior and senior classes, the club has been training for and a half years, and has about 50 junior, and senior members. Over the years we have competed in many junior and senior Karate tournaments, and have won a lot of top honours. All information about the Karate club can be obtained from Stuart Wright on Ch:400201.
 The Adult section train on a Monday and Thursday evening from 8-10pm. The Junior section from 6.30-7.30 on a Friday evening.
 The Hall also has a Table Tennis Table anyone interested please contact the booking secretary. You do not need to belong to a club, all the equipment

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is available for individual hire, the booking secretary is available from 2-9pm Monday to Saturday on Ch 400748, please book 24hrs in advance to avoid disappointment.

The hall is not only for sports, it is available for any activity - remember it is your Hall - use it!

P.T.A. News

Firstly, the Committee are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Ann Molson, Deputy Head Teacher, who will be taking early retirement at Easter. Mrs Molson has dedicated 12 years of her teaching career to our school and she will be missed by the children, her colleagues and parents alike. Her work for the P.T.A. over the years has been invaluable and we would like to say a special thankyou to her for her hard work and dedication and wish her a very long, healthy and happy retirement. The School are hoping to mark Mrs Molsons retirement with a special presentation and Mrs Taverner would be pleased to accept contributions anytime between now and the end of the present School term.

I am glad to report that the jumble sale held at the School in January was a great success and that a record profit of £238 was made for the P.T.A. funds. We would like to thank everyone in the Village who gave jumble and, of course, everyone who gave their support on the day. Also in January we had a Coffee Morning, and in spite of very bad weather, it was a great success and it was nice to see so many mums. We held a raffle and prizes of Marks and Spencers toiletries House Plant and Vanity purse were very popular, the first prize going to Mrs Saltmarsh. We are hoping to hold another of these events during the summer term so please try to come along, you'll be made very welcome.

Our next fund raising event will be the sponsored walk which we are holding on 26th April. In previous years this has proved a very profitable and enjoyable event for us and we realise that this is due solely to the childrens enthusiasm and the support given by the parents and grandparents, friends and neighbours, and this is very much appreciated by us. Last year some 40 children made a brave effort on a very cold and wet day so let us hope that this years weather will be kinder!

Pearl Bonner

All Saints Church News and Views

After a most encouraging sequence of Christmas services the New Year offers a range of interest and challenge. We shall be busy with the Church Repair Fund activity in 1986. The total stands at £1,820 and may allow us to implement the first stage of much needed repair work on the fabric. We are very dependant upon the interest and generosity of others, within and beyond the Parish boundary, so that our centre of Christian witness and worship can preserved for future generations. We again express our sincere thanks to many donors who have helped us so far. Please do not relax your efforts to help us further!

Parish School News Last September marked the inauguration of a new governing body responsible for the village school. An increased number of new governors now represent us. They are: Revd Graham Plastow (Chairman), Mrs E.M. Taverner (Headmistress), Mrs P. French (School Rep.), Mrs R.L. Harris and Mr P. Langsford (PGC), Mrs F Woodhall (Cty Cncl), Mr M.J. Harris and Mr J.Searl (Parents) Mr B. Larkman and Mr R.I. Wigglesworth (Parish Council). We thank Mr Trusler who retired last year for his hard work and support as a parent governor.

Mrs Taverner writes: "Mrs Molson will be leaving school at Easter. She is taking early retirement after a long teaching career, twelve years of which have been at East Hanningfield School. We are very sorry to lose her and will miss the tremendous dedication and care she has given, both as a teacher, as acting head, and as deputy head teacher". During 1986 much attention is being given by the church to the place and activity of young people in worship. The task of building up the body of Christ as well as providing bricks and mortar is equally important. The need to evangelise and bring the good news to peoples attention must be reviewed and pressed home. Nominal membership of the Church results in nominal Christians, and that falls short of a true understanding of the Christian faith.

In this season of Lent we are called to re-examine the life and ministry of our Lord and to seek a deeper meaning to our lives. On Mothering Sunday (9th March), we recognise the debt we owe to the role and task of mothers. A service of that recognition will be held in church at 3pm. As a preparation for Easter Holy Communion will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday evening at 7.30. On Good Friday we meditate on the events of the cross and welcome

a special preacher, the Revd Canon Peter Southwell-Sander from the Cathedral, to "The Last Hour" from 2-3pm. On Easter day (the first day of British Summer Time) there will be services at 8am, Family service at 11am, and Festal Evensong at 6.30pm to mark the resurrection of our Lord. Please join us for one of these services!

Revd. Graham Plastow

Hanna's Field Charity Fund Raising

The H.F.C. fund raising committee in a joint venture with the Brownies will be holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 8th March at the new hall. Please take this opportunity to come and view the new hall, and talk to the representatives of the many clubs already using the new hall. The Brownies will also be running a Bring and Buy and Cake stall, with the profits going towards equipment for the hall.

Tony Bowring.

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The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 24th April. Mr. Dixon took this opportunity to review the work of the parish council over the past year. Mr. Range had been co-opted onto the parish council after the resignation of Mr. Carter. The major preoccupation of the village this year had been the erection of the village hall, and further development of the industrial estate and the Borough's draft Rural Plan, intended to be the blue print for future planning in the rural parts of the district council area.

To gauge village needs, surveys on housing and traffic flow through the village had taken place, and a third survey on bus services would be held seeking a response from every household.

The parish council had continued to support recreation within the village, both with a large grant for village hall equipment and with financial help and encouragement for the inter-village sports competition; the village teams successfully reached the county finals.

Other Parish Council News

Street Lighting: The Borough is to provide the new light for the chase to the village hall.

The Road Markings: at the Creepehedge Lane junction are to be reinstated.

Old Church Road/ Main Road Junction: The Borough has informed the parish council that a roadside mirror is not justified at this junction; however it is to review the road signs.

Footways: on Old Church Road and the Tye both have sections liable to flood. The Borough has the Tye problem in hand. Unfortunately though the parish council has requested raising the kerb and path beyond Blackthorns on Old Church Road, this is unlikely to happen for the foreseeable future because of cost.

Footpaths: Mr. Parker has reported that it is hoped some

footpaths will have their obstructions removed by the land-owners. Do let Mr. Parker know is you have any problems when walking the footpaths. Footpath maps are available from the clerk Mrs. Brooks, 9, Clinton Close.

Tree Preservation Order: We wish to apologise for the incorrect statement given in the last edition of the newsletter in which it was said that one of the three newly T.P.O'd. trees at Sumpthens farm have been felled. This is not the case and we apologise to Mr. Ruffell for this error.

Litter: To continue to combat this problem of litter two further litter bins are to be purchased, one to replace a vandalised bin and one for the village hall car park. Again this year we are entering the Best Kept Village Comp. and it is hoped that everyone will take part in keeping the village tidy. There is to be a village spring clean Watch out for posters we need your help!

Planning Matters: The parish council has objected to an application to set up an M.O.T. test centre on the industrial estate, on the grounds of increased traffic, inadequate parking facilities and greater noise levels.

Remember Parish Council Meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of every month in the School. Why not come along and hear in more detail what your parish council is doing?
Libby Brooks Clerk.

Inter-village Sports

Unfortunately the first round was cancelled at very short notice, due to one of the villages dropping out. But our teams will be in action at the next round on Sunday 6th July at the Braintree Sports Centre. Our wished of good luck go with them.

From the Editor

Many thanks to all who contributed to this edition. Contributions for the next edition of the newsletter must be in by the end of July. Due to restricted space items should be kept to no more than ½ page. Over the years I have adopted a policy of cutting long lists of names for thanks in news items and bulked them collectively, this is to save the embarrassment of someone ever being left out, and I hope this meets with contributors approval.

Editor.

Table Tennis

The Table tennis club has just completed another successful season, with the first team retaining the Burnham league 1st division title for the third consecutive season, and several of its members gaining individual honours in the local tournaments. The club continue to run 16 teams in the local leagues. During the last year the club has started to coach local children between the ages of 8 years and 16 years on Saturdays and this has proved to be very popular, and is reminiscent of several years ago, when the club used to do this in the W.I. hall and had the majority of village children attending. During Easter the club were hosts to the Berlin table tennis club again and an enjoyable but exhausting week was had by everyone who participated in this annual exchange visit. Finally the club would like to thank everyone who signed the petition and gave letters of support against Chelmsfords Councils decision to pull down the club building on Stan Birds farm. At the appeal the secretary of state quashed the enforcement notices and granted temporary permission. We are also very grateful to our sponsor and club president Colin Andrews of Colin Andrews (Printers) Ltd, who has generously paid all the legal expenses for the appeal. This would have drained existing and expected club funds had they not given us this large sum of money.

Chris Jacob

Aerobics

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Fridays	10.30 -11.30 am

In the New Village Hall!
Lynn James

West Hanningfield Badminton Club
We have a few vacancies for male and female players. Our friendly club night is Tuesdays 8-10pm. If you are interested ring 400560

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East Hanningfield Playgroup Association

The Spring Sale on 23rd April was very well attended and a profit of £55.21 was made. This money goes towards the groups summer outing, which this year will be to Colchester Zoo on Friday 20th June.

Our next fund raising event will be the Garden Party at Mrs. Mitchell's, Kilchurn, Bicknacre Road, on Wednesday 2nd July, and we look forward to welcoming you all there. Please look out for our posters nearer the time for further details. Please contact the secretary on 400411 if you wish to have your child attend playgroup when they become 3 years old, or if you are new to the village and would like further details of the times and the days we operate.

Jenny Mouser Secretary

All Saints Church News and Views

The Annual Church Meeting in April recorded the re-election of Mr. Philip Mitchell and Mrs. Ruby Harris as Church-wardens and the return of our loyal and hard-working members of the Church Council. We acknowledge the support of Mrs. Marion Cook during '85-'86, who has found it necessary to resign because of increased music commitments.

Further generous donations have been made to the Church repair fund, but we face a difficult task in raising sufficient money for the fabric. We are, however, grateful to all those people who are assisting us in this task. Our thanks, too, for the sum of £14.50 collected in the P.O. Stores box towards the cost of heating. That money helped to pay for maintenance work on the boiler.

On Wednesday, 4th June at 10am there will be a Coffee Morning Social at "Kilchurn", Bicknacre Road, by courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. Philip Mitchell. We should be grateful for your support. The Annual Bradwell Pilgrimage will be held on Saturday 5th July - and includes the procession of witness to the Chapel of St. Cedd and open-air service. This summer also marks the translation and enthronement of the new Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt. Rev. John Wain. The Bishop and his family come to us from St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich Diocese, and will be eagerly welcomed in his task of oversight in the second largest diocese in England. An important activity in September will be the MISSION TO CHELMSFORD when a number of Churches will be involved in talking, preaching, and singing about God and asking us to think as well!

Graham Plastow

Hanna's Field Charity

It is now almost six months since the hall opened, and much has happened. It is particularly encouraging that, in addition to our original 'regulars' of Karate, Judo, Playgroup Aerobics, Football and Mother and Toddlers, new groups such as Badminton and Volleyball have been formed, whilst Short Tennis is in the pipeline. New members are welcome to join any of these groups, and a timetable of meetings is displayed in the hall.

Over and above this, private hire is thriving and ranges from wedding receptions, childrens parties and social functions to a variety of sports.

Hiring charges are very competitive, and people find it a great advantage not having to travel to say Chelmsford or Witham for comparable facilities.

Enquiries and bookings can be made at any time by phone on 401029.

It is opportune to thank all the committee past and present who worked so well over the years to make this possible, and who continue the development with imagination and resourcefulness.

Our particular thanks go to the following who by their generous contributions made it possible for the hall to open on time.

Mr. Micheal Bates for the landscaping, road and car park.
Mr. Bernard Lillis for specialist cleaning services and equip.
Mr. Roger Scothern for the supply of ventilation fan, and last but by no means least our painting crew.

David Brown

Bookings

Please note all bookings or enquiries for the Hall ring 401029. Where the phone will be manned 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

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H.F.C. Field Report

Recently there has been a number of acts of vandalism to the hall exterior, public sign posts, goal cross bar and the football hut, the latter involving an air gun.

The management committee stress that they will prosecute offenders and publish their names.

Anybody witnessing an act of vandalism, anywhere on Hanna's field, should report the details to the police or a committee member.

With the completion of the new village hall, it is now possible to devote more time and attention to the condition of the playing fields. To this end we invite everybody in the village to help us 'spring clean Hanna's field' on the morning of Sunday 8th June. We invite everybody, all ages, to come and join in, there will be something for everybody to do. Refreshments will be provided, look out for posters nearer the date.

If there is anybody in the village who could help us with machinery for cutting hedges and clearing ditches we would be very pleased to hear from them.

Mike Plumridge 400628

H.F.C. Fundraising Committee

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- * FUTURE EVENTS:-
- * A Disco in the village hall on Friday 30th May 6.30 - 9.30 for 9 - 12yrs.
 - * A Disco in the village hall on Friday 27th June 8 - 10.30 for 12 - 16yrs price 75p. refreshments available
 - * GRAND OPENING OF THE VILLAGE HALL - watch for posters
 - * this summer. Donations for raffle prizes would be most welcome. Please ring Anne on Ch. 400784
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Brownies

The Brownies meetings continue each week with a full pack of 24. I have a waiting list for entry and it is most likely that girls will be older than the minimum age of 7 years before there is a vacancy.

At our coffee morning in the village hall 8 Brownies passed their Hostess badge. During our meetings 13 have gained their Water Rescuer and 9 are doing their agility badge. Others gained include, cook, collector, musician, music lovers, artist and athlete. A group of Brownies have designed a keep our village tidy poster, this has been duplicated and each Brownie will colour one. As there is now no Guides company in the village, Mrs. Fallows Rettendon Guides is very happy to have our Brownies and so far 2 have joined and are very happy there.

Heather Leigh 400977

East Hanningfield Cub Scouts

Congratulations to the Cub Scouts Football team who have recently completed a very successful season - champions of the 'Atlantic League', remaining undefeated all season, and reaching the final of the challenge cup before going down narrowly in a close match by 2-1.

In all games during the season they scored a total of 104 goals and conceded only 18. This was a tremendous effort especially as the team is drawn from one of the smallest packs in the district. Congratulations to the squad!

The number of Cubs has increased considerably during the last few weeks and many interesting activities are being planned for the summer months e.g. Midsummer camp at East Mersea, visits to the Fire Station and the Essex Chronicle. Important note to parents - The A.G.M. will take place on Wednesday 25th June, in the School Hall, and all are asked to attend.

A message from Anne Walden: Many thanks to all the many friends who helped to make the events on Valentines Day so successful. The day was organised by Anne and friends to introduce the new Hall to Villagers, of whom over 200 children and adults joined in the celebrations. Grateful thanks to you all, the apologies for this not making the last newsletter due to the abundant response to items of news. Editor.

W.I. News

Despite the weather on the 10th May, our plant and produce sale was a social and financial success. The following Wednesday, 14 of our members had dinner at the Chelmer Institute, prepared by the students. A very pleasant evening.

Coming up soon:-

An open evening with Sainsbury's on 11th June at 7.30 in the W.I. Hall. On 20th June, an evening visit to the Coln Valley Railway at Castle Hedingham including a tour of the railway and dinner in their pullman car. A trip to the T.V.S. Studios in Maidstone is also planned for June.

A coach trip to Greenwich and a river cruise to the Tower has been arranged for early July.

A busy time ahead!

We are always pleased to see new people at our meetings which are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7.30 in the W.I. Hall. Do come along.

Any enquiries, please ring Mrs. Avril Lillis on 400426 our Secretary, or myself on 400844

Heather Brown, President

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Domesday - 900 Years On

On the 900th anniversary of the Grand Survey of 1086 (Domesday Book), it is worth considering what we can record today which may be of interest in another 900 years. In "Domesday", our village is called "HANECHFELEDA" and, before 1066, the village lands were holden by one Friebert, a Norman, Oin, a Dane and three other freemen. After the Norman Conquest, the lands were held by, among others, the half brother of William the Conqueror, Odo, Bishop of Bayeux, who ordered the making of the Bayeux Tapestry! The Walker map of 1615, shows names, such as, Thomas Pease, owner of Colde Dennis and Elizabeth Fillioll, a widow gentlewoman, remembered today in the village streets. The 19th century, when much of the village was 'within the manors of the Rt. Hon. Robert Edward Petre, Baron of Writtle', saw the building of the 'new' Church in 1884 and the opening of the 'old' School.

In this century, the late Bert Norman told me that he was the first person to drive a motor car through East Hanningfield. Such information may seem unimportant, but it is the trivia of today which forms the basis of the history of tomorrow. So if you have any records or personal memories, please let me know and, even if not on the scale of 'Domesday', these can make a contribution to the historical record records of East Hanningfield for the future.

Information obtained from the Essex Records Office.

Christine Holland - Ch.400594

East Hanningfield Cricket Club

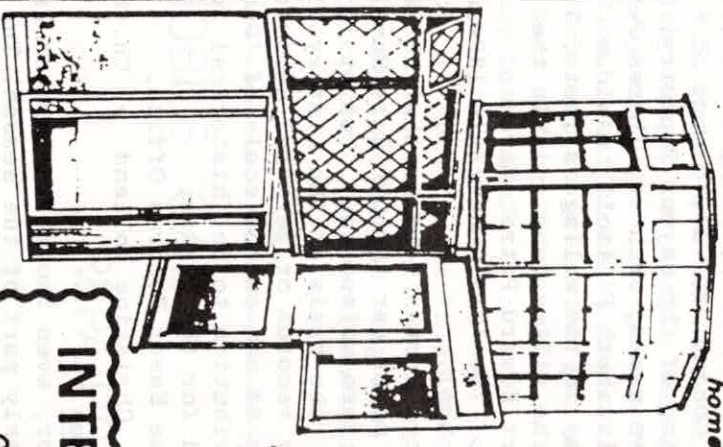
The club continues to prosper, even though the recent bad weather has disrupted the early part of the season. The refurbishment of the grounds and pavillion during the winter months has gone tremendously well, and highlights once again the fact that we have undoubtedly the best facilities in the county.

A full programme of fixtures and social events is planned for 1986, and the club would welcome new members - regardless of age or experience. Anyone who is interested in cricket can contact either Bernard Lillis on 400426 or come along to a home fixture and have a look at us.

Bernard Lillis

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Parish Council News

Best Kept Village Competition

The Village has received a certificate of merit, thanks to all your efforts in making it tidy and attractive. Well done! Now let's aim for an even higher position next year.

Groundsman

The P.C. is looking for another groundsman to help maintain the Village. The present rate of pay is £1.98 per hour, but this is to be reviewed. Please contact Mr. Jacklin if you are interested in this post.

Bus Survey

The P.C. is to carry out a bus survey in September, in order to establish the use made of buses serving the village and the needs of the villagers, and also to discover if the existing bus stops within the heart of the village are fitted in the most convenient and safe location.

Questionnaires will be delivered to, and collected from every household. The more householders, including men, complete their questionnaires, the more successful the survey will be. Byelaws for the Tye

The P.C. has made new Byelaws for the Tye to replace the existing ones which are to be repealed. The public may view these at Mr. Dixons, Ralls Farmhouse, during normal office hours for the next month 28th July to 12th September, prior to their confirmation by the Secretary of State. These Byelaws include a clause which make it an offence for a dog to be on the Tye unless under proper control and restrained from causing a nuisance. P.C. have become extremely concerned at the increase in dog fouling on the Tye, on Hanna's Field and in the vicinity of the School. Apart from being unpleasant, dog fouling also becomes a health hazard, particularly to young children who can contract a parasitic disease which causes blindness. It is hoped, therefore, that the new Byelaws will help to curb this problem, but the assistance of all dog owners will be greatly appreciated.

Gas Supply

The Gas Co. has recently installed a medium pressure valve at Creep hedge Lane; therefore supplying gas to the village has become more practicable. However the Gas Co. would only consider this if demand was high enough to make it economical. If you are seriously interested in a Gas supply to your home let the Clerk know.

Emergency Planning

The P.C. has again been asked to look at its preparedness for both peacetime and wartime emergencies. Therefore it wishes to form an advisory committee composed of villagers with various appropriate skills e.g. medical, public utilities, construction etc.

If you feel you could contribute to such a civil defence committee can you please contact the Clerk.

Road Safety Committee

A person to represent the P.C. is needed to attend the Chelmsford Borough Road Safety Committee. Any volunteers? please contact the Clerk.

Heavy Goods Vehicle on Test

The Borough Highways Committee, because of all the representations including East Hanningfield P.C. has told the Department of Environment that it is not willing to lift the ban which prohibits H.G.V.'s travelling through this area.

Resignation of Clerk

It is with regret that I feel I should resign as Clerk to the P.C. I should be interested to hear from anyone who would like to be considered by the P.C. for this post.
Libby Brooks.

Intervillage Sports Competition

County round held at Notley Sports Centre Braintree. We had a most enjoyable day coming in second yet again. Everybody tried very hard and we had some very exciting games. Junior Netball and adult Table Tennis deserve a special mention for winning their sections. I would like to thank our players, helpers and band of supporters for giving up their time to support East Hanningfield.
Angela Wade.

Sunday Times Fun Run

Sunday 28th September fund raising for piano for the Village Hall.

I am looking for sponsors for my run in the Sunday Times Fun Run. I am hoping to raise enough money to purchase a second hand piano for the village hall. Anyone willing to sponsor me please sign a sponsor form in the P.O. Stores. Libby Brooks

Your Parish Councillors

Alan Dixon: Chairman/Borough Councillor/P.C. rep on H.F.C. Rails Farmhouse, Old Church Road, E.H. 400684
Alan Holland: Vice Chairman/P.C. Financial Advisor 400594
David Brown: The Ridings, The Common, E.H. Chairman. Recreation in the Village/H.F.C. 400844
"Cobblers Cottage", The Tye, E.H.
Dennis Jacklin: Village Maint./Local Transport Rep./H.F.C. Vice Chairman.
Graham Parker: Whitewebbs, Old Church Road, E.H. 400476
Footpaths, Ditches & Public Rights of Way 400784
3, Bridon Close, E.H.
Richard Range: "Mandalay", Bicknacre Road, E.H. 400545
12, Pease Place, E.H. 400633
P.C. Clerk: Libby Brooks, 9 Clinton Close, E.H. 400110
Newsletter: Editor, Marilyn Bowring, 400748
30, Highfields Mead, E.H.
Chronical: Village news reporter for the Essex Chronicle Carol Rothon, "Fairlawns", Bicknacre Road, E.H. 400644

Many thanks to all who contributed to this edition of the Newsletter. In order to have a Christmas edition please can your contributions reach me by Friday 14th November due to restricted space, items should be kept to no more than half a page. In view of the wonderful response from all the young artists in the village last year, I hope to run a competition again for the Newsletter cover. Watch for posters! Editor.

Carol Wedon School of Dance

The School has been established for eleven years and lessons in Ballet are given to girls and boys from three years old, and in Tap and Modern from six years old, at Bicknacre Memorial Village Hall. Pupils may be entered for the Royal Academy of Dancing examinations and every two years there is a School Show. This year the show was at the Cramphorn Theatre, the title being "Once Upon a Rhyme" and pupils had some fun dancing to a variety of nursery rhymes.

When the next term begins in September, two of our classes will be transferred to the new Village Hall at East Hanningfield an extra Baby class for 3 - 4 year olds, and pre-primary exam class for 6 - 7 year olds. Lessons for all other age groups continue at Bicknacre, and these include

an adult Tap and Dance class and a Teenagers "workout" class. I would be interested to hear from anyone interested in joining us.
Carol Wedon Ch. 71425.

All Saints Church

We are very grateful for the support we received in early June for the Coffee morning & Social held at Kileburn courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell. A total of just over £300 was raised for church funds.

Our thanks, too, for the generous result from Christian aid week, after the door to door collection in selected roads in the village. The total amount collected was £122.18 for the charity.

A number of people are still working hard regularly during the summer keeping the churchyard tidy. Many of the individual plots are also cared for, all of which gives this bit of the village a 'cared for' atmosphere. Two important events have been village weddings. On August 2nd Julie Harvey married Keith Pulham, and then on the 16th August a double event was celebrated. Deborah Harris married Brian Saffill and Susan Harris married Michael Fisk. Our very best wishes go to the happy couples in their new lives together. Finally two further dates comment themselves. Saturday 6th September is the 'Friends of Essex Churches Sponsored Bicycle Ride' and 'Mission Chelmsford' will be held from the 13th - 28th September in the Central Park each evening.
Graham Plastow.

Hanna's Field Charity

Hall Management

For the School Summer Holidays, finishing 7th September, we have reduced the rates for hiring the Village Hall to half price, for the hours 9am to 6pm for Family Bookings Only. Please phone Marilyn on 401029 for further details. You can play Badminton, Short Tennis, Table Tennis and Volleyball, we have all the equipment, all you need is the energy and £2 for one hour.



Field Management
Many thanks to all who helped clean up Hanna's Field on Sundays 8th June, 27th July and 3rd August. These Sundays and many more in the future with your help will make this valuable asset to the Village a more pleasurable place for all.
Mike Plumridge.

Fundraising
Watch for posters for the Grand Opening of the Village Hall, on Saturday 20th September.
Disco's for the teenagers are now a regular monthly event, dates for your diary are: Friday 26th September 7.30 - 10.30; 24th October 7.30 - 10.30 and 28th November 7.30 - 10.30. An Antiques Fair is planned in the village hall on Sunday 2nd November.

P.T.A. News

We can now reflect on what has been an extremely hectic but profitable few months for the committee. In April we staged a sponsored walk in the school grounds and were delighted with the number of children who took part on what proved to be a very warm, sunny and thoroughly enjoyable day. We would like to thank the children and of course their sponsors for making the day such a great success and indeed a record profit of £421 was made. In June we had the annual School Summer Fete and once again we were blessed with a most wonderful day and the event was well attended. I am delighted to say that this too made a record profit of some £787 and we would like to express our thanks to everyone who helped us in some way and indeed to everyone who came along on the day and gave their support. We do hope you enjoyed your afternoon. As a result of this marvellous boost to our funds the P.T.A. have recently purchased a photocopying machine for the School and have also ordered a new pool cover and winch winder for the swimming pool. As all you mums who help with swimming know, this should prove a great asset and it is hoped that it will be delivered in time to be put to use during the first half of the Autumn term. The P.T.A. have also recently held two events for the children. One was a film show for the infant children and the other was a Disco for the junior children. Both events were very well attended and enjoyed by all and it is hoped to continue this idea next year. The end of terms saw a fun event of a rounders match played between the P.T.A. Committee and the Schools 1st team. The evening was a great success and a number of spectators came along to support both teams!

The match ended in a draw, 10 rounders each. A great deal of interest was voiced by the parents and so it is hoped that next year we may extend the event to include a team of parents - so be warned! On September 9th we will be holding a Coffee Morning in the School when we would particularly like to welcome the mothers of any new children, although of course everyone is welcome and we would be pleased to see you. The P.T.A. will provide coffee and biscuits and will be holding a raffle.

Our annual general meeting will be held in the School Hall at 8pm on Thursday 9th October. We would like to see as many parents as possible attending when you can get a full account of the P.T.A.'s work and be given the chance to voice your opinions. We will also be electing a new committee so if anyone is interested in joining us we would be delighted to see you. I'm sure I speak for the whole committee when I say that whilst being on the committee involves a lot of hard work we also have a lot of fun and it is very rewarding when we see what has been achieved.

Pearl Bonner - Secretary

Brownies

Term has now finished and we all look forward to a rest and holidays. At our last meeting we celebrated our 4th Birthday with a party and we welcomed two new brownies into our pack when they made their promise. Five Brownies have been very lucky to be invited to go on pack holiday with the 1st Bicknacre Brownies and I am going too. We begin our next term at Brownies on 4th September and sadly we will be without the help of our young leader Rachel who is continuing her training in a Guide company. We will miss you Rachel - good luck with your new company.

The Danbury district are holding a jumble sale on 13th September in Danbury, and our Brownies will benefit with a share of the profits. All jumble will be welcome at 2, Highfields Mead.
Heather Leigh.

East Hanningfield Playgroup Association

The Playgroup summer outing to Colchester Zoo was a very successful day enjoyed by all.

The Playgroup Garden Party held at Mrs Mitchell's on July 2nd was a gloriously hot and sunny day, but poorly attended compared to previous years. A profit of £54.85 was made from the event which will go towards purchasing new equipment and toys that are needed. Thank you to those who did support the event and to Mrs Mitchell for allowing us to use her garden

and facilities.

At the end of the Playgroup term we lost 15 children who were either leaving to start School in September or moving from the village. There are 8 children due to start in the new term with a number waiting to start at half term and in January. If you are new to the village or surrounding areas or if your child will be 3 years old during 1987, and would like to put their name down please contact the secretary on 400411 for further details. Jenny Mouser - Secretary.

Lisirikwai East Hanningfield Judo Club

Lisirikwai Judo club has been running successfully on Wednesday evenings at the village hall since Easter. All the children have worked hard and achieved a high standard in a very short time, as was proved at the last meeting, when they had a club grading. Special mention must be made of four children Ben Wall and Charlotte Allman who demonstrated very good technical skills, Jonathan Williams who shows general outstanding promise and Ben Callan, who although the youngest member of the club has achieved a high standard of throwing and groundwork skills. I hope all the children will continue to enjoy Judo in September when the club re opens. Newcomers between 6 and 16 yrs will also be welcome between 6.30 and 7.30 on Sept. 3rd.
Linda Martin.

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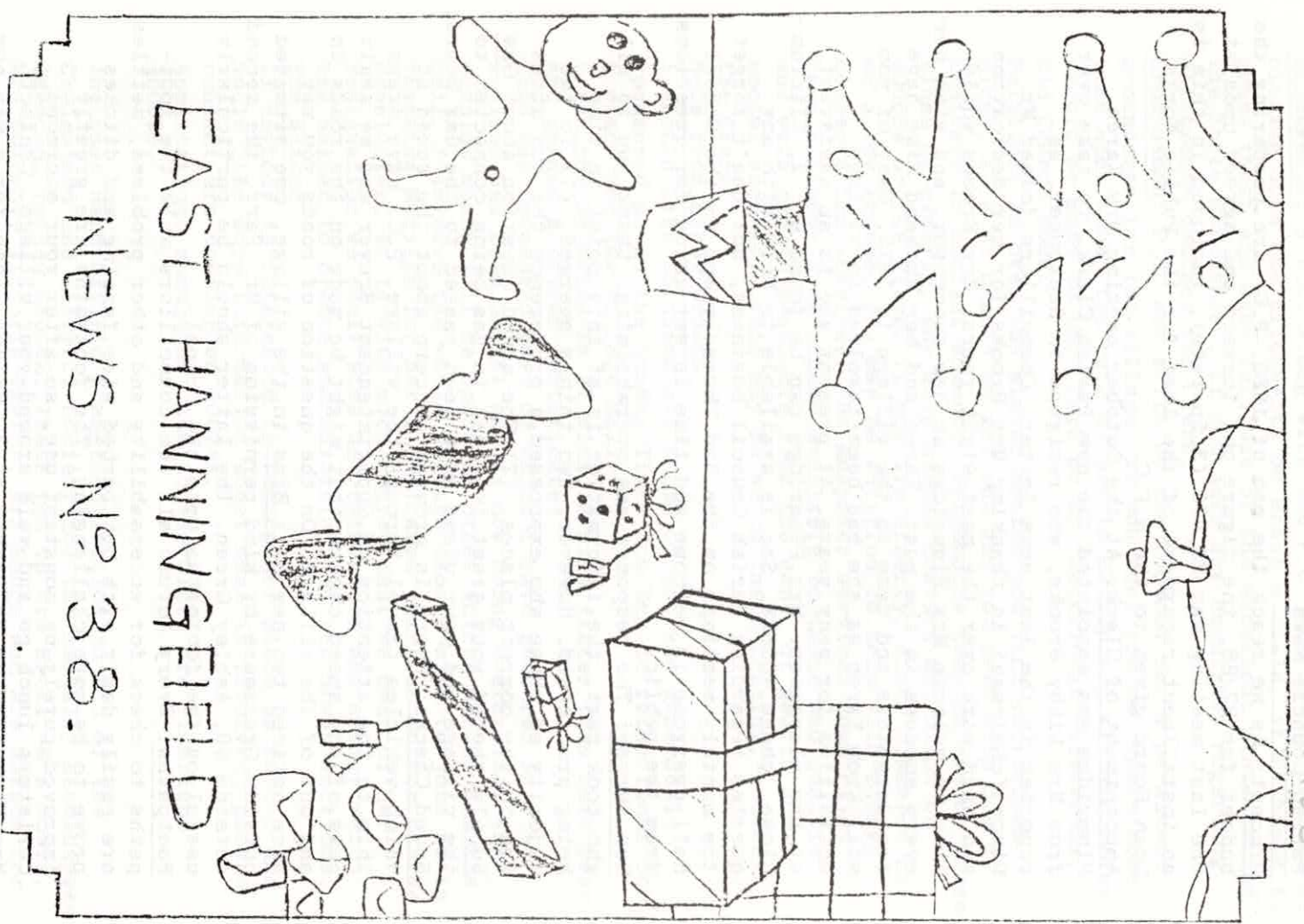
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NEWS No 38.

Precept: As we reach the end of 1986, P.C. are preparing the budget for 87/88, the figure put forward and agreed upon at the last meeting was £5,875 (3.5p rate), included in this is an instalment repayment of the loan for the Public Works Loan Board given to the H.F.C.

Appointment of Clerk: At the October meeting Mrs Karen Plumridge was appointed the new Parish Clerk, to take over from Mrs Libby Brooks, who resigned in September, as reported in the last news letter. Councillors joined Mr Dixon (chairman) in thanking Mrs Brooks for her dedication and hard work over the past eight years. Mrs Brooks would like to welcome Mrs Plumridge as her successor, and wish her every success in the post. Karen and her husband Mike have two daughters and came to the village in 1975. Many of you will know Karen as she has been involved in village activities for many years. At present she is an assistant at the playgroup. Mrs Plumridge can be found at: 2, Clinton Close, phone 400628. She is available to help with any queries regarding Parish Council business, but don't forget the monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday 8pm in the School Hall everyone is welcome and time is set aside for questions from the public.

Bus Survey: The response was overwhelming, thank you to all who took part, the information is at this point in time being processed. However, two things emerged, (1) To the majority of those who expressed a preference the bus stops are in the correct places. (2) The added question about Gas Supply showed your great interest in gas being connected to the village and your views have been passed to the Gas Board. Speed Checks: There is growing concern about the speed at which vehicles travel through the village. P.C. have drawn this to the attention of Superintendent Brewer and we await news of any speed checks that might be made on the roads in and out of the village. On the question of roads you may have noticed two new Salt Bins in the village, one situated outside Grassmere by kind permission of Mr. Parr, the second outside 60, Ashley Green. The latter should be particularly useful on the footpaths upto the School.

Footpaths: Every Autumn all the councillors walk the footpaths to check for accessibility and other problems, nettles are easily dealt with but barbed wire fencing and ditches prove to be more challenging. The footpaths are greatly improved purely by constant use, so after your enormous Christmas lunch go and walk around your village. Contact Mrs Plumridge or Mr Parker at 3, Bridon Close for a map now.

Allotments: H.F.C. along with the P.C. are in the process of closing down the allotments on Hanna's field, it is hoped to grass these and make full use of the excellent plots behind the Three Horseshoes. If you have any enquiries regarding allotments contact the Clerk.

Groundsman: P.C. are still on the lookout for a permanent groundsman for the village, if you feel you can spare some time each week, the rate of pay is £2.13p.h., all enquiries should be made to the Clerk or Mr. Jacklin at Whitewebbs, Old Church Road.

Helpline: If over the winter months you find yourselves alone, sick or unable to get out and you need help don't hesitate to contact someone. Neighbours keep an eye on those alone or elderly, any help needed contact Mr. Dixon on 400684 or the Clerk. If you are elderly, sick, disabled or on a low income, you may be entitled to help with energy conservation services. The Manpower services commission have a labour free scheme available to those who qualify and with grants available from the dept. of health and social security, this may be worth investigating, contact the Clerk.

Note from Libby Brooks
I should like to thank all those of you who generously sponsored me in the Sunday Times Fun Run to raise funds for a piano for the village hall.

I ran the 2½ miles in 27 mins, 2 mins faster than last year and gained a silver certificate!
£150 was sponsored most of which I have gathered in.
A piano has been bought and is now being overhauled. Any surplus money will be spent on other things needed for the hall. I am sure the whole village would wish to join me in thanking Marilyn for her 3 dedicated years as Editor of the Newsletter. It is with much regret that we hear of her resignation we shall miss her enthusiasm and energy which has helped to create and maintain full and newsy editions.

The Editor
If anybody is interested in taking her place as Editor and would like more information about what is involved, please contact Mrs Bowering on 400748.

Applications should be made to the Clerk Mrs Plumridge 400628.

The East Hanningfield Summer collection in aid of the Chelmsford and district society for the mentally handicapped (Mencap) raised £80.42. Thank you to Mrs Brett, Mrs Moore, Mrs Quarmbay, Victoria Taylor, Mrs Range and Mrs Marson for

collecting and to all who contributed so generously.

Emergency Planning

No, don't worry - there is no Civil Emergency at present, or that anyone currently knows about, which might affect East Hanningfield. However, nobody can say for certain that such a disaster will not happen at some time in the future, probably at short notice. For example, a tanker full of chemicals could be involved in an accident on the Southend Road, bringing a pollution danger into the local atmosphere, or, let's face it, another Chernobyl could occur nearer home.

Because such risks exist everywhere in the U.K., each parish has been asked to nominate a Civil Emergency Liaison Officer, and I have accepted the East Hanningfield nomination. My name is Bob Morris, and I live at "Two Ways", The Tye, Telephone (home) 400425 (office) 01 728 9591.

Recently I visited the Chelmsford Borough Civil Emergency H.Q. resulting in a small programme of planning activity, in which I request the co-operation of everyone in the parish, please, by reading my appeal which is set out below, for just a couple of minutes.

If and when an emergency of any kind occurs, certain skills in the hands of particular people in the community will be vitally important. I therefore ask that anyone skilled in the following professions and trades get in touch with me, either by dropping in a note or by phone. If you try to contact me at work, the secretary who answers will be aware of my Civil Emergency activities, and will act for me if necessary.

The "particularly useful" skills are:- Medical Doctors; Nurses; anyone trained by the St Johns Ambulance or Red Cross; Electricians; Builders; Welders; Handymen; Plumbers; Carpenters; Radio Hams; anyone else who feels that he or she could help with particular emergency activities. I would like to know your name, address and phone numbers both at home and at work, please, for my list. Additionally, would anyone (eg farmers) who could make heavy lifting equipment available for civil use in an emergency, please contact me similarly, quoting the nature and SWL of the equipment.

Lastly, my activities have already begun, in that Mr. & Mrs. Davies at the P.O. have kindly agreed to relay any urgent messages to the E.H. population related to Civil Emergencies by displaying a large notice on the P.O., followed if possible by distributing the 500 copies of individual notices with the newspapers. I am very grateful indeed. Bob Morris

A Note from the Waldens

Anne and Stephanie would like to thank all those who gave their support at the Dance in aid of a wheelchair for Julie, £433.70 was raised, and although a further £800 is needed, this makes an admirable start. Many thanks to you all.
Hanna's Field Charity

As we reach the end of a year of the Hall in operation we find ourselves financially on target and welcome many activities to the Hall both old and new. Our two newest are Ballet and Short Tennis, and although there are activities most evenings, don't forget you can hire it! When the weather is bad and you are trying to entertain the children, how about a game of Badminton, Short Tennis or Table Tennis, all you need is the energy and £4. Contact the booking secretary 401029. Mr Chris Morcom has been the Charity's Secretary for more than 15 months, a job he has done with great dedication for which the committee thank him. Regretably he has resigned from this post and we are without a secretary, if you would like to be involved in the management of the Hall and could take on the job, please contact David Brown 400844.

Don't forget the A.G.M. on Wednesday 28th March 8pm in the village hall. The committee are looking for more members, get involved in your village hall, and join us!
Fund Raising Report

The official opening of the Village Hall went very well. Lots of you turned up and hopefully had a good time.

The food was superb. The Kebabs were donated by Mr Jeff Chaston for which we were most grateful. Mr Martin Watson made the plaque for us which looks lovely. The raffle prizes were donated by Mrs Sheldrake, Asda, Bolingbroke & Wenley, Chelmsford Star Co-op, Cobbs, Kelly Turkeys, Marconi and Anglia T.V. many thanks also to Mrs Wilsden who did the floral display in the entrance.

I'm afraid the Antique Fair was rather disastrous. The committee spent 7 hours at the hall and only 49 people turned up. Admittedly the car boot sale and someone tearing down our posters didn't help our cause, but we do need funds to buy our equipment.

I hope our next event which will be a Valentines Dance on Feb 14th '87 will be a success.

Field Management Report

The childrens play area has suffered more vandalism (the bench and toddlers swing). Repair/replacement is in hand but anybody seeing incidents of this type are urged to report it to the police or a member of the charity management committee.

Also in the childrens play area we still receive complaints of fouling of the area by dogs. Would all dog owners using the field please ensure they keep their animals away from play areas and off the football pitches.

We are still trying to convert the top corner area into a BMX track but require money for fencing and earth moving equipment for landscaping. If you can help in any way contact Mike Plumridge on 400628.

All Saints Church News and Views

At long last, we are pleased to report the implementation of the first phase of church repairs by Bakers of Danbury.

On Saturday, 6th September the following people took part in the sponsored Bicycle Ride for "The Friends of Essex Churches" - Mr. Cracknell, Rebakah Harris, Mrs. Harris, Mr. & Mrs. Lovegrove and the Range family and my own family, who together raised £145.70. Also in September a collection in selected roads was made on behalf of the "National Childrens Homes" charity and raised £153.21. Thank you to all the collectors and donors!

The annual "Autumn Fair and Bring and Buy", provided the welcomed result of over £220 for church running costs.

On Sunday, 16th November, Hannah Elizabeth Jones was baptised as the first step to being made a member of the Church of Christ.

The annual parish carol service will be held on Sunday 21st December, at 3pm. Our observance of Christs Nativity will start at 11pm, on 24th December with carols followed by Christmas Communion at 11.30pm when we hope to welcome many friends and visitors to All Saints Church to hear again the best news of all!

Graham Plastow.

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Christmas Opening Times

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Sat. 27th.	Closed	8-1
N.Y. Eve.	9-12.30	7-1
N.Y. Day.	Closed	Closed

Jeanne & Tony

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Happy New Year.

Christmas Trivia

Around the second week of December I pay one of my rare visits to the loft. Ours, like most others, I guess, is cluttered with suitcases, old packing chests, redundant lamp shades, and paraphernalia that we don't need but can't bring ourselves to throw out. In one corner, careful not to put a foot through the ceiling! Just where it was stored last January, is Christmas. A case load of it. Lights, tinsel, decorations, and a somewhat tarnished, but glad to be revived, Christmas tree fairy!

From where did we get the traditional Christmas Tree?

The tradition began, in the time of the great and good Saint Boniface, who lived all of 1,300 years ago. He took the Christian gospel to the violent and warring tribes of Germany, and was once said to have felled single handed an enormous oak tree under which the son of a chieftan was about to be sacrificed to the god Thor. The onlookers were amazed that Thor didn't immediately strike him dead, and when Boniface told them of Jesus, whose birth was celebrated at the same time, they believed him. He told them to take a small fir tree, to represent the power of the infant Christ, and set it up in the chieftans hall, as a reminder that Jesus was greater than Thor and his mighty oak.

It was Prince Albert, the husband of Queen Victoria, who brought the custom to Britain in 1841, and it has become popular not only here but in many other countries, though its religious connection isn't often mentioned.

When was the very first Christmas card for general distribution designed?

On the very first Christmas card to be designed for general distribution by a sixteen year old boy in 1842, the greeting read, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You. Incidentally, it cost just one old ha'penny to send (unsealed).

Who is - or was - Father Christmas?

He's really Santa Claus, or Saint Nicholas, who was a Bishop in Asia Minor, or Turkey as we know it today. He had a reputation as a great giver of gifts. The original custom was for someone on the eve of the Saints feast day (December 6th) to dress up as a bishop and distribute gifts to good children.

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 Darren Chaston. 2nd Prize Ellen Plumridge. Junior - 1st Prize Gareth Evans. 2nd Prize Jacqueline Range. The cover was the design of Gareth Evans.

* The H.F.C. Committee and villagers would like to express *
* their thanks to Anne and Graham Parker for organising a *
* donation of 100 chairs for the village hall and hope they *
* will pass our thanks to the relevant people at Fords. *

East Hanningfield - Then and Now

Most people in E.H. live in houses built in the twentieth century, but the basic shape of the village has not changed since 1615. A map of that date shows The Tye, a lane which is now Old Church Road and Back Lane is described as "The Green Way that leadeth from Claidens Manor". The triangle of land between Sumners farm, South Gibcracks and Fairlawns, part of which is now Highfields Mead, was once "Hanningfield Common". By 1875, the plots along the main road were all occupied but it still retains the name, The Common.

One of the interesting properties along The Common is "Carpenters Cottage". Now a large family home, renovated in 1979, it was formally a farm workers cottage called "Golden Gate". Even earlier it was an ale house known as "The Carpenters Arms", occupied in 1840 by a Joseph Dowsett. It was not a licenced premises so spirit could not be sold there but the sale of ale was allowed.

"The Carpenters Arms" also had a well and, although not as deep as the one at the "Old Rectory", water was available to the village at one old half-penny a bucket.

The post holding the inn sign was eventually moved along the road where it now supports the sign for "The Three Horseshoes". Here ale and spirits are available and no one needs to call for a bucket of water. Christine Holland.

P.T.A. News

At our A.G.M. in October, the committee were pleased to reflect on what has been a very enjoyable and profitable

year. Mrs Taverner read her Chairmans report detailing some of the events which have been carried out and paramount in our minds were the very successful sponsored walk and Summer Fete, both of which had been extremely well supported and alone boosted the P.T.A. funds by almost £1,200. This enabled the recent acquisition of a much needed photocopying machine and also a new pool cover and winder. We very much regretted accepting the resignation as president of Mrs Mitchell, who as many of us know has been a great inspiration to the P.T.A. for many years and Mrs Taverner thanked her on behalf of us all. Mrs Mitchell was delighted to accept a bouquet of flowers as a small token of our appreciation. We were very pleased, however, to welcome Mr Manny Harris as our new president and hope he will have a long and happy association with us. During the evening Mrs Taverner thanked the outgoing committee for their help and the re-election of officers and committee was carried out, followed by a cheese and wine buffet.

The new committee is made up as follows:-

President: Mr Manny Harris; Chairman: Mrs. E. Taverner;
Vice-Chairman: Mrs. S. Potter (Deputy Head Teacher);
Treasurer: Mrs. A. Larkman; Secretary: Mrs P. Bonner;
Committee: Mr. S. Crisp, Mr. I. Wigglesworth, Mrs. J. Harris,
Mrs. J. Baker, Mrs. L. James, Mrs. S. Symonds, Mr. S. Crewe.
Two further members were also co-opted: Mr. B. Moore &
Mr. P. Moore. Pearl Bonner.

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East Hanningfield Playgroup Association

Numbers of children attending the playgroup at the start of term in September was considerably down and although the attendance figures are gradually rising we are running at a loss each week.

Fund raising is very much on our minds because of this and we organised a sponsored walk around the perimeter of Hanna's field in September and a number of coffee mornings have been arranged up until the end of term in December.

Our A.G.M. was held on 22nd October where a new committee was elected: Chairman Mrs Helen Morcam; Secretary Mrs Jenny Mouser; Treasurers Mrs Anne Walden and Mrs Ceris Anthony; Mother and Toddler Mrs Rena Sach; others Mrs Karen Collings; Mrs Helen McGarvey; Mrs Kim Barratt; Mrs Maggie Renowden; Mrs Pauline Pryor and Mrs Janet Binyon.

Our thanks to the retiring committee members for all their hard work with a special mention to Kath Jacob who has for many years been treasurer. Kath is soon to be leaving the village and we wish her all the best for the future. We would also like to thank Wendy Thomas who has been both secretary and chairman.

On November 5th we held a playgroup firework party which was a great success with an attendance of over 60 adults and children. We had a huge bonfire and a guy (made by the children) firework display and barbecued food. A very big thank you to Wendy and Malcom Thomas for allowing us to hold the event in their garden.

The next event for the children to look forward to is the playgroup Christmas party on Friday 12th December, 11.30 to 1.30. We hope that all the children will be able to attend. Anyone requiring further information about the playgroup should contact the secretary on 400411. Jenny Mouser.

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East Hanningfield Kon Tiki Cubs

The Cub pack has been quite active in many areas of cubbing plus football.

Several badges have been gained; the entire pack got their Athletes badge, varied stages gained by each boy. 7 gained their Handyman badge, they all made bird tables and learnt about various handyman requirements and 7 boys gained their Entertainers badge by staging a puppet show.

We've been on two outings recently, one to Chelmsford Fire Station, where the boys learnt about all the various fire engines etc. The second was to Barleylands Farm Museum, Billericay, where hundreds of different farming implements, dozens of tractors, steam engines etc. were able to give the boys an insight into farm life ancient and modern. Thank you parents who supplied transport - I believe you enjoyed the outings as much as the boys!!

Future events in the pipeline are a Christmas party, the pantomime at the Cliffs Pavillion and most important of all (date to be announced) A Blue Peter Slight Saver Bring And Buy Sale, hopefully held on a pack evening, please look out for the posters and do come along and support this worth while cause. Akela.

Cub Football Report

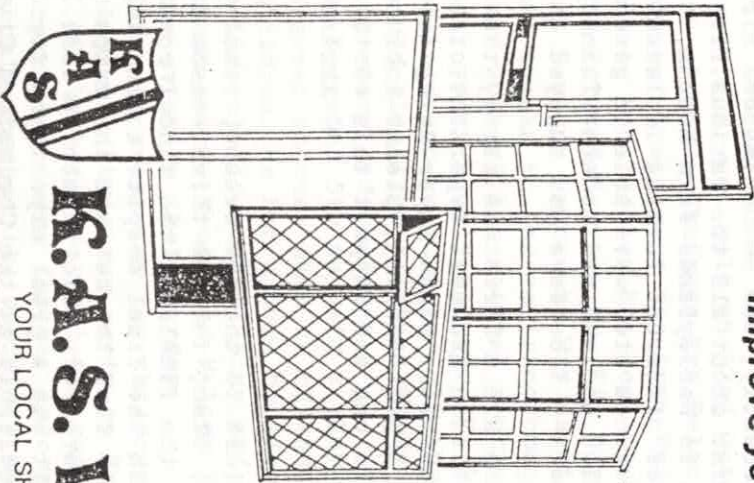
The boys have made a fine start to the new season, remaining undefeated after four games, also, for the third season in succession, we have reached the finals of the tindal round table 5 A-Side tournament. In the final despite dominating throughout, we were unable to find the net and the match ended at 0-0. We were therefore very unfortunate to lose the penalty shoot out, however it was a great experience for the boys as we played under floodlights at the Chelmsford City ground in front of a large crowd (prior to the firework display on Nov 5th). Well done to all the boys involved. Wanted As this will be my last season as manager, I require someone to assist with the running of the team, with a view to taking over from the start of next season. You will need to have knowledge of F.A. rules (or willing to learn) as part of the managers duties is to Referee home games. Anyone interested please contact me on 400066. John Hastings.

Karate

Karate classes are held at the new hall on Monday evenings. All ages are welcome to train, both female and children. All information can be obtained from Stuart Wright 400201.

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Parish Council News

NEW TYPE BYELAWS came into force on 21st January with a new maximum fine of £100. Look out for the new signs.

ALLOTMENTS - Only two remain vacant. Phone me if you should like one of these.

VILLAGE HALL ENTRANCE - The crushed concrete has arrived so, hopefully, the entrance to the Village Hall will soon be the full width required by the emergency services.

CAR BOOT SALES - I have been in touch with the organizers who have undertaken to take precautions to prevent a recurrence of the scenes in Old Church Road on the occasion of the last Sale. I can supply the dates of this year's sales on request.

BUS SHELTER - The light by the telephone box has been fitted with a high intensity lamp which lights the bus shelter quite well, but not well enough it seems. It was hoped that it would not be necessary to install a light inside but the plan to do so is now going ahead.

FLOODLIT TENNIS COURT - Unfortunately, East Hanningfield failed to get the grant for a floodlit tennis court this year but we came a close second, and next year we stand a good chance of succeeding.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD IN THE VILLAGE HALL - With this new larger notice board I shall be able to exhibit notices and information which has previously been hidden away in the P.C. filing cabinet. This should be of benefit to everyone.

DOG FOUILING - The P.C. are awaiting the results of experimental schemes in other areas to see whether a 'Poop Scoop' scheme would work in our Parish. It would be nice if this were not necessary, but dogs are still doing what they should not on footpaths and the playing field. Thank you to the dog owners who are conscientiously controlling your pets in public areas. It is to be hoped that the hard core of owners who ignore requests to prevent their dogs fouling these places can be persuaded to change their attitude so that it will become unnecessary to introduce a 'Poop Scoop' byelaw.

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NEWSLETTER - I have heard from no aspiring editors. I am sure there is someone in the Village who would enjoy producing the Newsletter four times a year. This is the last time Mrs Bowring will be able to edit for us. She has been editor for 3½ years and now has too many other commitments to be able to continue, so will the person who is hiding his or her editorial skills please step forward.
PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS - The March Meeting will be on FRIDAY 27th March. All other Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month in the School, and start at 8 pm.
PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 7th MAY - If you are interested in your community, your Parish Council are interested in you. At least one new candidate is required because one of the present councillors has decided not to stand for re-election. If we have only seven candidates they will all be returned unopposed. With one more candidate we shall have a contest on our hands, so have a go! Let's have an interesting Local Election this year. Contact me for more information.
Clerk - Karen Plumridge - 4400628

Civil Emergency Planning in East Hanningfield
Readers will no doubt remember that, in the last issue of the Newsletter, I called for volunteers who would be prepared to help in a possible Civil Emergency.
The response can only be described as magnificent, and my list of voluntary helpers has now reached a total of 29 people. These include several nurses, available day and night, a Doctor handyman and tradesmen such as a carpenter and sheet metal workers, an amateur radio enthusiast, 3 specialised vehicles, and lots of others.
In no time at all, East Hanningfield has caught up with neighbouring villages in Emergency Planning. We even have a Nuclear Fallout and Weapons expert on the helpers list.
In mid-January we were on the verge of putting our new organization to the test, when the village was cut off by road due to snow for 1½ days. I am grateful to Mrs Davies at the P.O. for displaying a notice stating that a Doctor could be specially brought to the village if a really urgent case arose while we were cut off. We came close to using this special service, but the roads were cleared just in time. Consideration was also given to the effects of a possible prolonged power failure during the very cold period. Some communities a few miles away in Kent had to put such plans into operation, but fortunately our power cut lasted only a couple of hours.

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These events only serve to emphasise that we must be organised to meet unforeseen emergencies, and, again, I am most grateful to the people who have volunteered. I will contact everyone on the list again in the near future, to keep them in touch with all developments.
Civil Emergency Liaison Officer - Bob Morris, "Two Ways",
Tel: Ch. 400425
The Tye.

Letters to the editor:
Voluntary or low paid jobs are never taken on lightly; first of all there's the heartsearching "am I the right person for the demands involved - would or could someone else do it better - is it fair on the family....." The doubts are outweighed by the conviction of duty and wanting to be involved but still periodically nerves are shaken by being accountable to the public, making decisions and stubbornly sticking to what you feel is right.
Two people in East Hanningfield have gone through all this and more for very little except the personal satisfaction of seeing a job through. Libby Brooks has met every demand of her involvement with parish matters far beyond the statutory contract of clerk. What other job requires a confident telephone manner, secretarial skills, and diplomacy in legal and social matters for 7 days a week? Participating in various other committees including playgroup plus bringing up three lively children and I'm sure you'd all agree she took on a marathon task, achieved tremendous successes notably the village hall, and stepped down graciously.
Similarly Marilyn Bowring inherited a job of ever widening scope involving much cajoling of the public, sacrifice of private time and energy to reach the high standards she set herself in the production of the F.H. Newsletter. To meet these demands whilst bringing up a family must mean a great devotion of duty to the public.
"Well done" - from someone who has tried both jobs!
Helen Cubitt (4 Bridon Close 1976-83)
The Editor has received a letter from Mr Roberts giving whole hearted support to P.C.'s stand as regards dog fouling. Mr Roberts is concerned that dogs are fouling on his own front lawn and others in Back Lane. He points out that owners should be aware that this constitutes trespass, and damage done is the liability of the dog owner and, should offenders be identified, he may be forced to pursue the matter.

All Saints Church News and Views

The Church Council wish to thank all those people who supported the sequence of Christmas and New Year services. The church looked particularly impressive with floral displays and the Christmas tree donated by the parish school. On Tuesday 17th February, the area Bishop of Bradwell, the Rt Revd Derek Bond, came to the school for the morning. In addition, he also met a number of village representatives for coffee at the rectory. During Lent a number of special preachers will be our guests, and on Good Friday for the devotional "Last Hour" we shall welcome the Revd Canon Paul Brett, the director for Social Responsibility for the diocese. Saturday, 14th February saw the occasion of another village wedding. Barry Saffill married Kathryn Leigh, and our very best wishes go to the newly married couple. East Hanningfield Brownies sang during the signing of the register.

Ash Wednesday falls on the 4th March and a celebration of Holy Communion will be held at 7.30pm. Holy Week and Easter services begin on Maundy Thursday (16th April) again at 7.30pm Good Friday "The Last Hour" from 2 to 3pm followed by Compline at 7.30pm. The Church will be decorated on Easter Saturday. The services for Easter Day will be as follows: 8am Holy Communion; 11am Family service followed by a shortened celebration of Holy Communion at 11.40am. Festal evensong at 6.30pm. We hope to welcome many people to share in our joyful observance of Easter!

Graham Plastow

Brownies

After many months of having a static pack we have said goodbye to seven brownies, five of whom have left the village, also our Assistant Guider - Kathryn is leaving to get married and moving to Heybridge. We wish them all luck and happiness as they move on.

This has meant that we have had more recruits into the pack and the waiting list is much reduced.

Mrs Dawn Amos is now in uniform as my assistant guider and she is a great asset to the pack with a wealth of guiding experience. We would like someone to join us and help us with the running of the pack. We meet from 5.45 to 7.15 on Thursdays in the School hall. Any offers? please ring 400977.

The Brownies put on a very good display of items and food from other countries as we entertained parents for our Think Day celebrations, three Brownies made their promise and four Brownies gained their Hostess Badge, well done Brownies.

Heather Leigh

P.T.A. News

Plans are now well under way for a number of social and fund raising events throughout '87. On Saturday 4th April we are having a sponsored walk by the children. You may recall that last year their endeavours, and those of their many generous sponsors, produced a marvellous profit of £420. But of course we'd like to do even better this year so please continue to support us.

On Saturday 20th June will be our Summer Fete. As well as the normal side shows, Fancy Dress, Pet Show etc., this year we have an added attraction a superb display by the Red-Tail Falconry Display. The team have made a number of appearances at local events and have always proved extremely popular and of great interest. The Fete, whilst very enjoyable, and, hopefully, of great benefit to the P.T.A. funds, does involve a great deal of work and the School staff and the P.T.A. committee are always grateful for offers of help. If you think you could assist, either with manning of stalls for a short time, or setting up/clearing away etc., please contact either myself or Mrs Taverner.

Attendance at our Disco in November was rather disappointing. However, knowing that the build up to Christmas is a very expensive, not to mention hectic, time for everyone, this year we have decided to bring our dance forward to the Autumn. This year sees the return of the ever popular "Barn Dance", on Saturday 17th October. We hope you will be able to come along, you don't have to be Astaire and Rogers to join in and it's always good for a laugh!

For the children we have plans for a summer Disco for the Juniors and either a Puppet or Magic Show for the Infants. Dates for these events to be advised. Pearl Bonner

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E.H. Playgroup Association

The numbers of children attending each day have been steadily rising since the start of the new term, with Thursday now being our only low day.

Fund raising for last term was very successful, and we are planning to continue the coffee mornings where we invite various party plan agents to demonstrate their goods.

The childrens Christmas party went well, the children enjoyed the young magician who entertained them, together with a visit from Father Christmas (thank you Santa for sparing us some of your time).

Following the success of the Bonfire Night party we are hoping to organise a barbeque party in the summer, possibly around end of May/June time. Further details will be posted around the village nearer the time.

Playgroup application forms can be obtained from the secretary for anyone new to the village or if you have a child who will be 3 years old during 87, - Tel: 400411
Jenny Mouser

Womens Institute

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, at 7.30 pm in the W.I. hall, Friends and new members will be very welcome. At the March meeting there will be a talk on skin care and make up, April, the subject is things we collect. On March 27th we have a "Sausage and Mash Supper" at Mrs Hendry's home, "Thriftwood", The Tye. A Plant sale will be held on May 16th, and on May 18th the British Meat Board will stage a demonstration.
Irene Wilsdon

H.F.C. Fundraising Committee

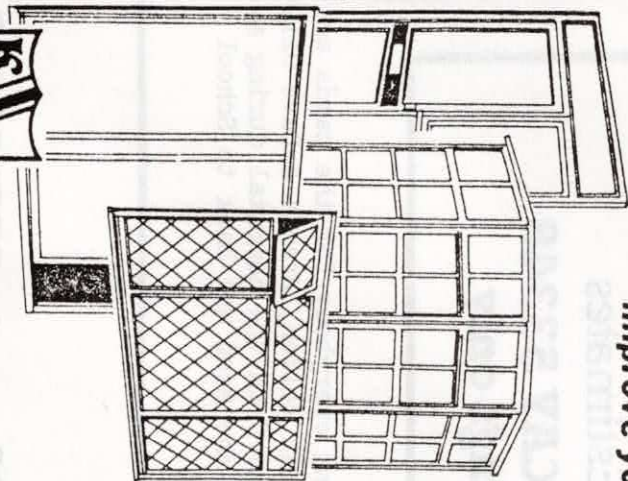
At the time of reading this our Valentines Dance will be history, but the fundraising committee would like to thank everyone who helped in any way, those who provided food or donated prizes and all who attended - we hope you had a good evening. Our Junior Discos run by Libby Brooks and Sylvia Hopkins appear to be gaining in popularity judging by the gradually increasing numbers. The next dates for your diaries "Discos" are March 27th and May 22nd, we are now busy planning a Grand Country Fayre to be held on Saturday September 5th and we hope you will all come and enjoy the fun.

The Village Hall is YOUR Village Hall and we do need your help and ideas to make full use of it. Why not come to the A.G.M. on March 25th. Cheese and wine will be served and we are looking for new members.

Sheila Jacklin

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PARISH COUNCIL.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT GIVEN TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

During the past year, your Parish Council has continued with the regular monthly meetings, dealing with planning, highways, recreation and village maintenance matters amongst a great deal of other business.

We continue to respond in detail to all planning applications and we learned recently that the boundary of the defined settlement of E. Hanningfield has been reaffirmed so that building will not take place on land between Back Lane and Old Church Road.

The use of this piece of land has been a cause of concern when Car Boot Fairs have been promoted there, to the considerable discomfort of residents and disruption of traffic. PC has sought the means to effect some measure of control, particularly of the associated traffic problem.

Traffic continues to increase in the village, much originating from the increased size of South Woodham Ferrars and the development of the industrial estate in Old Church Road. The latter development brings an increasing amount of HGV traffic which is permitted for access. However, we continue to monitor HGVs which are not permitted in the prohibited area, with some success.

The build-up of traffic through E. Hanningfield has led to a problem of egress at Howe Green, Pan Lane and Rettendon Common junctions with the A130, which has been further exacerbated by the dramatically increased traffic flow on the A130 following the completion of the new A12 southern bypass round Chelmsford. The Chairman in his dual role as Borough Councillor has been pressing for a comprehensive improvement of the A130 throughout its entire length from Howe Green to Battlesbridge.

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Ian Osborn would like to thank everybody for the cards and presents. Special thanks to Ann Walden, Brenda & Dave Oillett, for transporting my mum to and from the hospital during my stay there. I am now well on the mend and back to School

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In the village, PC has jointly purchased with Hanna's Field Charity, a finger-post directing people to the village hall and agreed to its positioning on the Tye. Two salt bins have also been purchased and installed at the Ashley Green/ Coude Denis intersection and by the Post Office Chase.

PC has been concerned at the continued unsightly spread of the ECC road stone depot to the south of the village and pressure has brought about its contraction and redefinition. We have continued with the location of the bulk refuse containers at regular intervals on this site. These have been well used by the village, although much material has been left on the ground when the skips have been overfilled. Parishioners are reminded that this is illegal and that surplus rubbish should be taken to Baddow Road civic amenity site opposite Beehive Lane junction, or retained until the next skip. The skip service does help to keep our village clean and free of rubbish, thanks to residents enthusiastic use of the service. This helped us to gain a Certificate of Merit in the 1986 Best Kept Village Competition, following a task force tidy-up of the village. E. Hanningfield has won this competition in the past and we can win it again, given a little more civic pride.

Litter continues to be a problem, much of it dropped by children and some by adults. It is both thoughtless and unnecessary that this should be the case, since we have provided a great many litter bins in the village in recent years and the sweet wrappers, crisp bags, drinks cans and cigarette cartons can be taken home and deposited in your own dustbin, if a litter bin is not handy. I would, therefore, appeal to all residents to help us to keep E. Hanningfield tidy and a pleasant place in which to live. I would particularly appeal to parents to train your children not to drop litter, but to use the bins provided. A further unsocial activity is the use of the bus shelter near the Windmill as a urinal. The males who perform this childish, insanitary and unsocial act have not been caught so far, but the bus shelter has been rendered useless for the remainder of the community. The police have been asked to keep watch and PC has been looking at ways of improving the situation. The street lamp opposite is now of a greater light intensity and Eastern Electricity has been pressed

to supply a quotation for the installation of a light in the shelter itself, which PC has just received after five months.

With the deregulation of bus services, PC instituted a survey of bus usage. Response from residents was exceptional, with almost 90% of households completing the forms. PC also carried out an informal survey of potential customers for a supply of domestic gas. This is not the first time that PC has taken such an initiative to provide Eastern Gas with potential customers, but on all previous they have not been interested. It is to be hoped that having been apprised of the results of our survey, they may consider supplying E. Hanningfield with gas.

Turning to recreation matters, I have continued to serve on the Hanna's Field Charity executive for the PC, who are custodian trustees. PC has also pushed forward the advance planning for an all-weather floodlit sports court with HFC, by relocating the last remaining allotment holders from Hanna's field to the PC site behind The Three Horseshoes. In the hall, a new PC noticeboard has been installed. The dissemination of information continues to be of vital importance, through welcome public attendance at our monthly meetings and through the East Hanningfield News. The year has seen the retirement of the Editor for many years, Mrs. Marilyn Bowring, and I must express thanks to her on behalf of PC and the village for all her efforts. In her place, we have recently welcomed Mrs. Christine Holland. The year has also seen the retirement of the Clerk, Mrs. Libby Brooks, and I must express thanks to her on behalf of PC for eight years of dedicated hard work. Mrs. Karen Plumridge took over as Clerk in the autumn and has now completed a training course run by E.A.L.C. We have made two further appointments during the year. Mr. Rackham replaced Mr. Parker as our representative on the Chelmsford Road Safety Committee and Mr. Morris filled the vacancy for Emergency Planning Officer. Since his appointment, Mr. Morris has drawn up a civil emergency plan for the parish which accords with central Government requirements and is geared to cope with any emergency no matter howsoever caused.

We have now come to the end of another year of PC business and also the end of another term of office for members. The last four year term has been unusual inasmuch as there have been three resignations of members elected in 1983 due to their removal from the village and I would like

to thank Messrs. Jacklin, Range and Snow for filling by co-option, the vacancies thus created. With the end of the term, we lose Mr. David Brown and Mr. Alan Snow, neither of whom is seeking re-election. I would like to thank them for their service and thank all members for their interest and dedication to the role of parish councillor. It has been a great pleasure and privilege for me to chair such a dynamic and cohesive team.
Tel. 400684

ALAN DIXON.

BROWNIES.

HELP-HELP-HELP! In the last magazine I asked for help with our Brownie unit, now I am pleading! We need at least one person on a permanent basis each week - not necessarily in uniform; no experience needed. Please can YOU help us on Thursday evenings, 5.45 to 7.15 pm.?

Thank you to the Brownies and Guides for attending Kathryn's wedding. They were very smart and sang beautifully - well done! Thanks also to parents who helped in our sponsored "Kim's Game" to raise funds for Anglia's Guide House, Camping and Activities Centre, Save the Children Fund and The Children's Society. We have sent £141.11 as a result of our efforts.

On 22nd Feb., our International Day, we attended a service in Christchurch, Chelmsford, when we thought about Guiding in other countries. Catherine Larkman carried our flag, Fiona Range and Alexis Fennell were involved in a display of Guides and Brownies in international dress. Fiona was dressed as a Brownie from the Sudan.

We have just completed a "challenge" from the Anglia Region, aimed at finding and trying new skills. We have covered coathangers, set pansy seeds, made a compass, tried quilting, played "games from Grandma" and others. By half-term, we will have said 'good-bye' to Catherine Plumridge, Catherine Larkman and Erin Lillis who are moving on to Guides. We wish you good and happy Guiding.
Tel. 400977

HEATHER LEIGH.

MR ROY BARLEY.

The people who knew Mr. Barley who lived at the old Mill, would like to buy a seat in his memory - all donations to Millers, Main Road, East Hanningfield.
Tel. 400481

PAM KENTON.

LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS.

Chelmsford Borough Council.

Member for East and West Hanningfield: Mr. Alan Dixon

Parish Council.

Mrs. Libby Brooks	9 Clinton Close	Tel. 400110
Mr. Alan Dixon	Rails Farmhouse	400684
Mr. Alan Holland	The Ridings, The Common	400594
Mr. Dennis Jacklin	White Webbs, Old Church Rd	400476
Mr. Graham Parker	3 Bridon Close	400784
Mr. David Rackham	Shepherds, Old Church Rd.	400663
Mr. Richard Range	Mandalay, Bicknacre Rd.	400545

EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm. At the June meeting Mr. D. Coleman will give a talk on his life's work of making fine furniture. In July, Mrs. Wilson will show films on Ireland and tell of her travels in that country. The August meeting is held at 2.30 in the garden of Bridleways, by courtesy of Mrs. Deval. Visitors are very welcome at these meetings.

During the past months, the members have held a sausage and mash party, entertained a party of housebound folk to tea. In April, a fashion show by Pamela of Baddow Road, Chelmsford, proved very popular. The Hanningfield group meeting on 29th April was very well attended and Stella Richards entertained members with her puppets. A few people went to Elton Hall and Peterborough with the country. A demonstration on British meat was held on 1st May, An outing to Lavenham is planned for June. The W.I. 10th Birthday Party is to be held on 22nd July and a coffee morning on 1st July, at 10.30 am at the W.I. Hall. There will be a raffle and Bring and Buy. Do please come and bring all your friends and neighbours. All proceeds to the Well Woman Clinic Appeal. Tickets 50p.

IRENE WILSDON.

ALL SAINTS NEWS AND VIEWS.

The Annual Church Meeting was held towards the end of April and Mrs. Ruby Harris and Mr. Phillip Mitchell were elected Churchwardens for the year. This time we welcomed Mrs. Marian Morris as a new PCC member.

The first phase of repairs to the church had been completed by Bakers of Danbury, which had taken care of the most urgent work. I am most grateful to all those people who have helped to maintain the high standard of cleanliness inside the church and the continued smart appearance of the churchyard.

A Spring wedding between Adrian Ranson and Louise Hilliard was solemnised on Saturday, 6th June, and we wish the happy couple many enjoyable years together.

The Annual Coffee Social and Buy was held at "Kilchurn", courtesy of Mr & Mrs Mitchell. It was enjoyable to welcome so many friends once again. Thank you, ladies, for all the hard work!

Future events include the Bradwell Pilgrimage on Sat., 4th July and the Deanery Confirmation at St. Michael's, Galleywood, on Tues., 14th July at 8.00 pm when two adult candidates will be presented from E. Hanningfield. A second wedding will be taking place on Sat., 25th July, between Sara Morris, daughter of Bob and Marian, and their future son-in-law, Phillip Dudman of North Springfield. Every good wish to them!

GRAHAM PLASTOW.

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING.

NOTE YOUR DIARY NOW!! 7.30 pm. SAT. 18th JULY!!

AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH EAST HANNINGFIELD.

Well-known organ music, including the Bach Toccata & Fugue in D minor, performed by JOHN CHEER (who played Christmas music in East Hanningfield last December). Other musicians are being contacted to play as well. Refreshments on the Church Lawn in the Interval. No entrance charge, but a Retiring Collection for the Church Repair Fund. WATCH FOR POSTERS!

EAST HANNINGFIELD PLAYGROUP ASSOCIATION.

Our numbers have fallen again slightly, due to a new school intake after Easter and people moving from the village - 8 children left and 3 started at the beginning of term.

We are continuing to hold Coffee mornings/parties to raise funds, together with our Sponsored Slim which finishes at the end of May. We are holding a Cheese and Wine Lunch with the weigh-in on 3rd June, when we will present a prize to our most successful slimmer. On 12th June, in the evening, we will be having a Barbecue, with a Bouncy Castle and Small Swing Boats for the children. The children's Summer outing will be to the Colne Valley Railway at Castle Hedingham, on Friday, 26th June and we look forward to a full turnout and a fine day.

Mrs. Mitchell is very kindly allowing us to use her garden again this year for our Annual Garden Party, Wed., 8th July and we look forward to seeing everyone there. Last year was gloriously hot and sunny and we hope that this year the weather will be kind to us once again.

For information about Playgroup contact the secretary. Tel.400411 JENNY MOUSER.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., 20th June at 2.00 pm, we are holding our Summer Fete. We hope to make this year's event one to remember and as our main attraction we have a marvellous display by the Red-Tail Falconry Team - so please come along and tell your friends about it, too. Our thanks to those who have offered to help with the fete, but we could always use an extra pair of hands, so if you could help, even for just an hour or two, we would very much appreciate it. Please contact me, or Mrs Taverner at the school. We are also collecting toys/games/books and items for the Tombola Stall, so if you have items that may be of use, please let me know. I would be willing to collect.

To end, a big thank-you to everyone who supported our recent sponsored walk - which whilst hampered by poor weather, brought in a total of £300+, so our thanks to the sponsors and, of course, all the children who took part. Tel. 400615 PEARL BONNER.

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY TRUST.

The AGM was held on 25th March, 1987, at which a new committee was appointed with Dennis Jacklin as Chairman and other members being Libby Brooks, Wendy Thomas, Sylvia Hopkins and Mike Plumridge.

The Fund Raising Committee is working hard organising various events this year. Our Valentine's Dance was a great success and we would like to thank everyone who donated food; it was delicious! The next event on 11th July, will be a Jazz Dance with the Hugh Rainey Jazz Band; Tickets - £3.00 including ploughman's supper and bring your own drinks - available from 5 Clinton Close and 13 Ashley Green.

We hope to organise a 'Casino Evening' when all would-be gamblers can spend thousands of pounds and it's not your own money!! Sounds too good to be true - look out for details!

Our main event this year is a Country Fair on Hanna's Field on 5th September. We hope you will all support us to raise money to run the Village Hall.

The Junior Discos are Fri. 29th May and Fri. 26th June. For information about the Hall or Trust, please contact the secretary or any committee member.

Tel. 400797
WENDY THOMAS.

JULIA DOWLING, nee Wingfield, would like to say a very big thank-you to everyone for helping in providing her with her light-weight wheel-chair. "It's great!"

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PAT KNIGHT.

EAST HANNINGFIELD YOUTH CLUB.

The Youth Club would like to thank Ann Walden for her persistent efforts in organising and supervising the club over the last year. It seems that all her efforts and those of a small core of the village's young people are coming to fruition.

The Club meets every Fri. in the Village Hall between 7 and 9 pm. and welcomes young people between 10 and 16 yrs. We have recently had an average weekly attendance of about twenty. Ann now has the assistance of two adult supervisors in Wendy Botha and Ron McGarvey, though members are encouraged to plan and develop their own activities and are doing so with great enthusiasm.

A committee has been formed and is working hard, primarily to raise funds and encourage new members. Already, a successful sponsored cross-country run has taken place and further activities are in the pipeline.

We would like to expand the range of activities provided in the Hall and in other areas. To do this we need funds for equipment etc. (more youngsters participating regularly would help) and the assistance of other adults, on a regular or occasional basis, especially with transport. Admission charge 25p on meeting nights; more for other events such as Discos. Refreshments available.

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Sunday School 9.45 am.

Church bible study and prayer meeting, 7.45 pm.

Thursday evening at 58 Ashley Green

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Psalm 34 v.8

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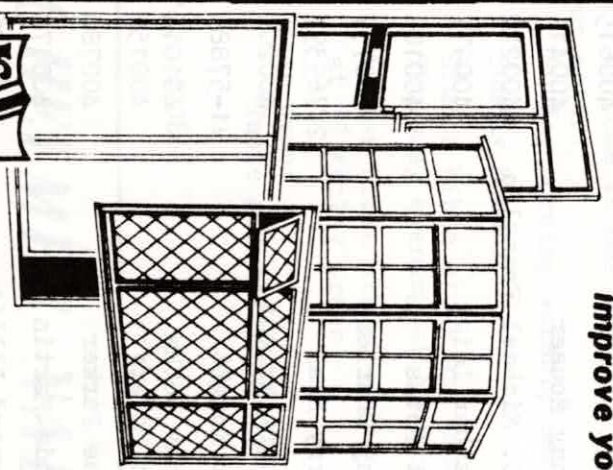
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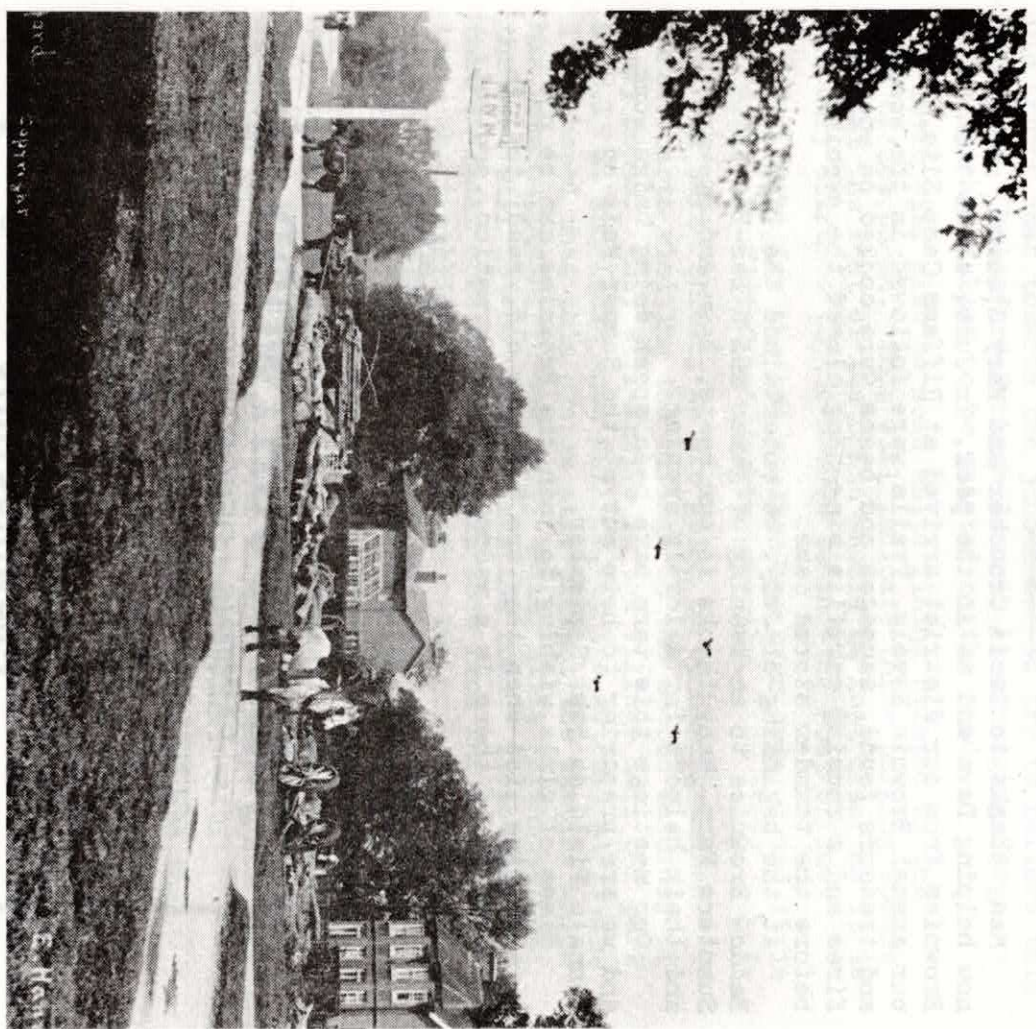
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FRONT COVER: The photograph on the cover of this issue shows Mr. John Rayner's timber yard - circa 1923. The yard was situated outside The Limes and opposite The Windmill. Apart from windows and doors, coffins were made there, an activity which could be seen from the Tye and fascinated the local children, while, no doubt, giving the villagers a visual reminder of their own mortality!! The yard continued working until the 1930's.

BROWNIES.

Many thanks to Lucie Croucher and Mary Spooner, who are now helping Dawn and me in the pack. In June, about 140 Brownies from our district arrived at Rifflams Camp Site, for our annual Brownie Revels. Trails were followed in the woods and treasure found, sausages and beans were cooked on wood fires and a rousing campfire sing-song closed the evening before the thunder storms came.

At the beginning of July, we entertained the Little Badow Brownies to an evening of games and a Bar-B-Q at Sumpsters Farm. Many thanks to our hosts, Dawn and Stewart, and their helpers for a lovely evening.

Our meetings this term have been spent doing badge work and we are preparing to help out at the Summer Fair on Hanna's Field on 5th. September.

Names of girls wishing to join the Brownies can be put on a waiting list when they are 5½ years old, ready to join at 7 years, if there is a vacancy. For information, contact:

Tel: Ch. 400977

HEATHER LETCH.

PARISH COUNCIL

Over recent months there have been several road accidents in and around the village, which appear to have been the results of driving at excessive speed. The site of one of these mishaps is where Old Church Road meets the Tye. Some drivers coming from the Chelmsford direction are not reducing their speed before turning right into Old Church Road. Consequently, they cut across the path of vehicles coming up Old Church Road towards the junction. To try to relieve this situation, Chelmsford Borough Council is arranging for a cross-hatched island to be painted on the road.

There will also be some white lining painted on the Post Office Chase. This will indicate three parking spaces and that the rest of the Chase should be kept clear as it is the only entrance to the houses behind the Post Office.

The light for the bus shelter has been ordered and it is hoped will be fitted and working shortly.

From next February we are going to be having manned refuse carts visiting the village on the second Saturday of every month. They will arrive in the Village Hall car park at 8.15 am and leave when full or, at the latest, at 11.15. It is hoped that this system will prevent the dumping which has been happening in the layby behind Ralls Farmhouse, as the cart will not be visible from the road. It is known that at least some of the tippers come from far afield to leave their rubbish in our village. Two proven cases had driven from Chelmsford and South Woodham. It is hoped that prosecutions will follow. Before the manned carts start, we shall have to continue with the skips. I have booked two to arrive on Tuesday, 15th. September. They will be removed on the Thursday morning, so you have two evenings in which to clear away all your rubbish. Please place all your rubbish inside the skips, not somewhere nearby.

I hope everyone thoroughly enjoyed Playweek and the two entertainers who visited the village during the Summer holiday. Many thanks go to all the helpers for their energy, ideas and enthusiasm. I know that you will all be clamouring to take part in next Summer's Playweek. Thanks also go to Chelmsford Borough Council Leisure Services Department for their support and the two playworkers they lent us.

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I should like to remind everyone on the Civil Emergency Helpers List of the meeting at the Village Hall on 1st. October, at 7.30 pm. Anyone who is not already on the list but would like to offer their skills to help in the event of any kind of emergency, please come along as well.

It has been noticed that bicycles are being ridden on Hanna's Field and the Tye in contravention of the byelaws. If your children do not read this Newsletter, please tell them that they should not ride on these grassed areas. Because of the heavy rainfall we have had this year, bicycles have caused considerable damage to the softened turf. The subject of unroadworthy bicycles came to the attention of the Parish Council recently. Children are riding around the village on bicycles with no brakes and also riding about after dark with no lights. Please check that your children are riding cycles which are safe. Still on the same subject, Parish Council has also discussed the matter of cycling on footpaths. It is felt it is not necessary for teenagers to ride on the footways. If their wheels are of 24 inches diameter or more it is also illegal for them to ride on the footpath. Parish Council would wish to see some common sense used in this matter, suggesting that secondary school and older children keep to the roadways for their bike riding.

I have been asked to give you some idea of the cost of vandalism to the ratepayer. The usual litter bins are relatively cheap at about £35 a time, but because of the frequent destruction of one particular bin it has been decided to replace it with something more substantial at about £100. The wooden seats are more expensive at about £200 each plus, of course, the cost of installation. Obviously, it is to everyone's advantage if we can trace the perpetrators of malicious damage, so as to be able to recover the cost of repairs or replacement.

Parish Council Meetings continue to be held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8pm in the School. If you wish a subject discussed at a Meeting, you may speak during question time, or I can bring the matter to the attention of the Council on your behalf.

KAREN PLUMBRIDGE

EAST HANNINGFIELD YOUTH CLUB.

The Youth Club will resume its regular Friday evening meetings on 4th September after our August break. We hope to have a programme of activities for the period until Christmas available to young people at the first meeting.

The response to our request for assistance with sports equipment, games and adult help was poor, with the exception of the overwhelming contribution of a table tennis table by a village newcomer. We cannot thank the benefactor enough for his generosity. Of course, we would still be pleased to receive any offers of help or unwanted equipment.

Hire charges for the Village Hall are still our major outlay and prove a stumbling block to our desire to expand the range of activities provided or increase the hours of our meetings.

In order to avoid increasing the charges we make to young people, we plan to launch a major fund-raising activity in the Autumn and would be grateful for all possible support especially that of parents. Further details to follow.

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Use of the hall has steadily increased since it was opened, but it is still not fully utilised and there are vacancies for lettings on most Weekends, Weekday afternoons (other than Fridays) and Friday mornings.

If you are thinking about starting a social or sports activity - say - a Darby and Joan Club, Weight-Lifting, Yoga, Carpet Bowls, Bingo, Mothers and Toddlers, Volleyball, Archery, Dancing or Bridge - then contact the Booking Secretary now, while there are still slots available!

TEL: 401029

The new rates are:

<u>SPORTS:</u> Club and	Main Hall	£4 per hour
Individual :	Small Hall	£3 " "
	Kitchen	£0.50 " "
	Changing Room	£0.50 " "

SPECIAL REDUCTION: For the summer holidays, a 50% Discount applies to all family bookings for sports from 9 am to 6pm Monday to Friday and Sunday.

<u>SOCIAL:</u> Dances, weddings,	Main Hall	£4
children's parties,	Small Hall	£4.50
	Kitchen	£0.75

<u>COMMERCIAL:</u>	Main Hall	£8
	Small Hall	£6
	Kitchen	£1

FUND-RAISING REPORT.

We would like to thank the Hugh Rainey Jazz Band for playing on Saturday, 11th July. Although only 30 people turned up, everyone enjoyed themselves and hoped they would come back again soon.

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU ! ! !

HALL

S U M M E R F A I R

2pm. - SATURDAY - 5TH. SEPTEMBER.

The Fair will start on Hanna's Field outside the Village Hall. GRAHAM BANNERMAN FROM ESSEX RADIO will be judging the competition for Hanna's Queen and two Princesses, so all you girls, between 5 and 11 years meet on the green, outside the Village Shop at 1.30 pm, dressed in your finery!!

There will also be a Fancy Dress Competition, so try to think of something for your children to become!

As the Fund-Raising Committee only has 7 members, we would be grateful for any help - to man stalls, bake a cake or give a raffle prize.

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INTER-VILLAGE SPORTS.

In the Inter-Village Sports Competition, held in July, East Hanningfield came fourth in its group, gaining a first in the Senior Table Tennis. Well done, and thank you to all who took part, helped or supported us.

LIBBY BROOKS.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS AND VIEWS.

A wide variety of activities is marking our progress through the year. The Deanery Confirmation at Galleywood in July, included two candidates from East Hammingfield - Mrs Avril Lillis and Mrs Patricia Range. We are grateful for the support for the "Christian Aid Week" collection last May in selected roads. A total of £172 was collected.

The Coffee Morning/Bring-and-Buy Social at "Kilchurnn" realised a total of £271 and we are indebted to all those people who supported that occasion.

I am sorry that people often find the church closed during the week and at weekends in the summer. This is a particular sadness to me because we do have visitors and residents who would appreciate a moment or two of quiet in the parish church. Recently, I had been leaving the church open, until the Spring half-term week, when some "visitors" came and left the church in a state of disarray. There had been smoking and the scattering of cigarette ash, interference with ornaments and kneelers and a general disregard for the nature and purpose of the building. These details were reported to P.C. Franklin, but clearly, in the circumstances, no action could be taken. The result is a "closed" church and a feeling of regret that your parish church cannot be seen or visited because of the selfish actions of a minority.

Tel: Ch. 400217

GRAHAM PLASTOW.

"FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES"- SPONSORED BIKE RIDE!

SATURDAY - 5TH. SEPTEMBER.

All cyclists are welcome to take part in this event, which raises money for the repair and restoration of historic churches and chapels in Essex. Once you have arranged your sponsors, each church or chapel which you visit on your cycle run will count towards your total fund-raising effort.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND A SPONSOR FORM - CONTACT:

Tel: Ch. 400545

PAT RANGE.

EAST HAMMINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The 70th Anniversary Party held on 22nd July was a great success; past members who have moved from the area were invited to attend. At the July meeting, Mrs J. Wilson showed films and gave a talk on a visit to Ireland.

In August, the meeting was held in Mrs Deval's garden at Bridleways; this takes the place of the usual evening meeting and members enjoyed the pleasant surroundings.

In September there is to be a talk on gardening and also a cake competition, while in October, Mrs E. Roberts will demonstrate cake icing. The November meeting features Flowers and Crafts for Christmas and the Purlleigh Handbell Ringers will entertain us on Wednesday, 9th December.

Other events are:

Harvest Supper	-	Friday, 2nd October
Christmas Fayre	-	Saturday, 28th November
Winter Fashion Show	-	Wednesday, 2nd December

Visitors are very welcome to attend meetings, which are held on the third Wednesday of each month.

IRENE WILSDON.

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

A lot has happened over the last two months; David has recently been appointed fellowship leader here and we have been busy, with the enthusiastic help of church members, preparing to move into the bungalow next to the church. Perhaps you have noticed the increased activity around the grounds.

The Sunday School year ended on 19th July and the summer break is to coincide with the school holidays; it will start again on 15th September. Our thanks to all the Mums and Dads who have encouraged their children to come over the past year. We as a fellowship are looking forward to the future and hope that the church will continue to be a place where people feel able to meet together for joyful family worship.

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness;

Come before him with joyful songs." PSALM 100.

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DAVID and BRENDA COTTEY.

SANDON SCHOOL P.T.A.

We are now at the beginning of another school year. Some of us will have children who have just left Sandon, some of us will have children about to start. Some of our children will have selected their options for GCSE; others for A-level. Whatever stage they are at, now is a good time to look back over the past year and think how our children's needs may be served in the future.

Whatever our newly-elected Government's attitude is to education, the safest way of ensuring that our children receive the best available is for us to take an active interest in their school - and the easiest way of doing it is through its P.T.A.

The final event of last year was a car treasure hunt, in July, which was a success and we kick-off this year with a Cheese and Wine Evening on Friday, 25th September, where first year's parents will be able to meet staff and each other; followed on Tuesday, 20th October, by the Annual General Meeting. This will be held in the newly extended lower-school library, which was decorated by P.T.A. volunteers and for which additional shelving is being purchased from the proceeds of the P.T.A. Auction in May. It will house the Domesday Project interactive video, which was funded jointly by the P.T.A. - from the Spring Fayre and Fun Run - and Ford Motor Company.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD PLAYGROUP.

The number of children attending playgroup has risen steadily since Easter and although 7 children left in July, 8 new ones are due to start in September.

The sponsored 'slim' ended on 3rd. June with a Cheese and Wine Lunch for the final weigh-in. Our winner was Mrs. Linda Alexander-Pye, who was presented with a Marks & Spencer's voucher. Well done, Linda, and thanks to all who took part.

Our Summer Barbeque was a very wet event, but, despite the pouring rain, we had a good turn-out and managed to barbeque under the shelter of a large umbrella and even served a large number of ice creams! Thank you to all for supporting the event. We may try to hold another barbeque in September, if the weather looks to be fairly settled.

The trip to the Colne Valley Railway was, unfortunately, another wet day, but again we were well supported. The children seemed oblivious of the rain and enjoyed their outing (it is only the adults who worry about getting wet!).

The Garden Party was on a lovely hot summer day, in July. We had a good variety of stalls and were well supported. A profit for every event of approximately £80 was made, which will go towards new indoor/outdoor toys that we badly need. Thank you to Mrs Mitchell for all her hard work and the use of her house and garden.

Our fund-raising Coffee Mornings have continued to be successful; with money raised since January we were able to subsidise the children's outing by half the cost. Thank you to every one who has held one of these events and to all Mums who have attended. We hope to continue these coffee mornings during next term and look forward to meeting the Mums of children starting in September.

For information about Playgroup - please contact:

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JENNY MOUSER.

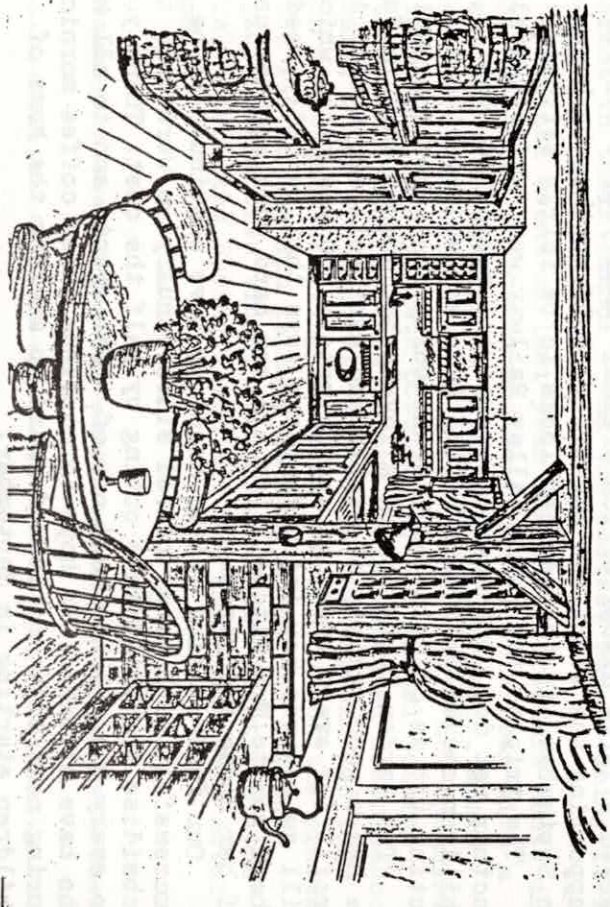
NEXT ISSUE: The next issue of the Newsletter, due out in early December, will be the Christmas edition and will feature on the cover the winning design from a competition between the children at the village school.

CHILDREN - "Start practising drawing your robins, snowmen and Christmas trees now!"

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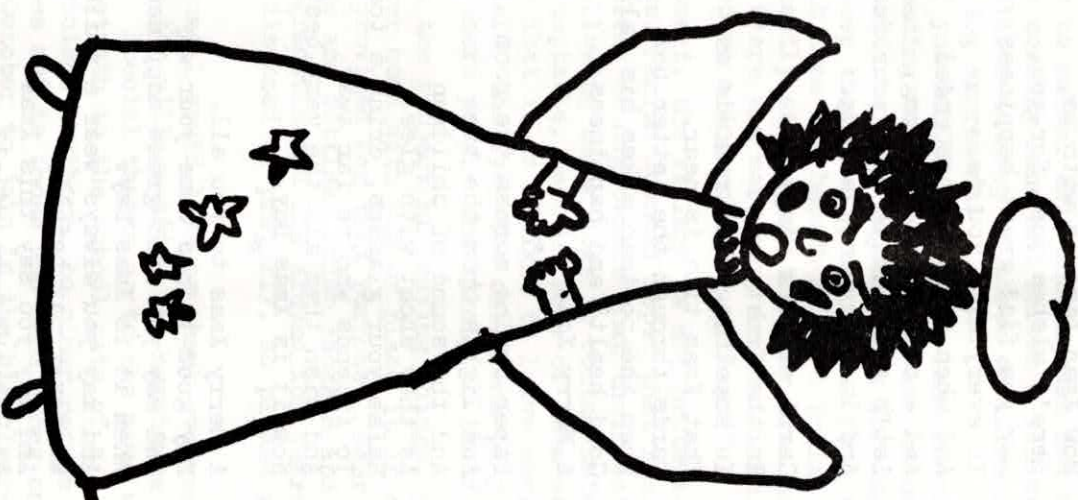
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MERRY XMAS

COVER DESIGN.

Last year we had a tree with presents, the year before a cheerful robin and this Christmas the singing angel on the cover was drawn by Katie Bonner, aged five, the winner of the competition held at the village school.



To complement the Christmas picture is a festive contribution from East Hammingfield's poet, known to many as 'Slim'.

Now Xmas time is with us,
Here's wishes just for you.
May you find great happiness
In everything you do.
And when the year has ended
And a new one comes along,
Let's see a smile upon your face
And in your heart a song.

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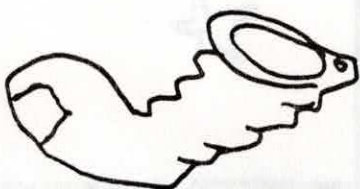
Carol singers singing
In the frosty air
Is something that reminds us
That Xmas time is near.
Cards through the letter box
When the postman makes his call.
Good health and happiness.
A Merry Xmas all.

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Paper chains across the room
And lights upon the tree
And the sound of children
As they shout with glee.
Raise your glasses, drink a toast
To friends who're far away
And wish them all the very best
Now it is Xmas Day.

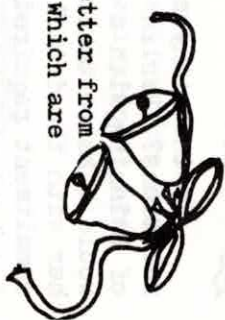
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A Merry Xmas to you all.
May good things come your way
And may you find great happiness
When it is Xmas Day.
And may you always wear a smile
Whatever may befall,
And may you say this Xmas
It was the best of all.



PARISH COUNCIL.

Parish Council recently received a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Hearn of Back Lane extracts of which are printed below.



"Don't you think it's about time dog owners should be asked to teach their pets to foul their own gardens and not the rest of the village?"

"Our journey to school this morning was not a pleasant walk along a country lane and across a village green but an expedition to keep my three children from treading in dog excrement!"

"Have any of you WALKED along Back Lane recently (the part leading to Pan Lane)? It has become a disgusting state being a regular walk for dog owners wanting to keep their own gardens free from the filth! In fact, Back Lane has become a Dog's Toilet."

"We also recently stopped at the play area on Hanna's Field where there was more next to the climbing frame. "This has become a dog-polluted village!"

At the moment, the village is not protected by dog fouling byelaws. Parish Council hopes that residents will make it clear to dog owners that their anti-social behaviour in allowing their dogs to contaminate public places is unacceptable, because some of them seem to be of the opinion that it is alright to leave excrement on the playing field, the 'Ye, the childrens play area and anywhere else where people are likely to tread.

Whilst on the subject of leaving things, please take your litter home with you or place it in one of the many bins provided for that purpose. Beer and soft drink cans and bottles, crisp packets and condoms are not bio-degradable and lie around for years if not picked up and disposed of properly, so please put them in the bin.

Parish Council would like to thank everyone who helped tidy-up the village after the hurricane on 16th. October. Special thanks go to the mums who cleared the footpath to the school gate of a particularly vicious hawthorn, to other people who propped up trees and to those who came along on Sunday, 25th. October to join in the big clear-up.

'SLIM'.



Is there anyone in the parish interested in international relations? Parish Council recently discussed the possibility of twinning with a similar community in Europe. If anyone would like to take in hand this project I can supply him or her with the details, but must warn that because of the commitment required it needs to be someone who is not already involved with one of the other voluntary groups in the village. To set the ball rolling, a committee consisting of a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer must be established. Contact me for further information.

Now, I should like to remind you about skips. Starting on 13th FEBRUARY, we shall be having a refuse cart visiting the village hall carpark on the SECOND SATURDAY of each month. It will arrive at 8.15 am and leave when full or at the latest 11.15. The Hanna's Field Charity has very kindly agreed to this arrangement on an experimental basis. If this facility is abused, it will be cancelled so, please don't leave any rubbish at all in the carpark. If you arrive too late or cannot get there at the right time, come back the following month or take your refuse to the civic amenity site in Great Baddow (opposite Beehive Lane junction). I shall try to keep publicity of these visits as low key as possible to prevent passing traffic taking advantage of this parish facility, but there will be a small notice on each of the P.C. noticeboards.



Parish Council has been asked to consider the possibility of installing a village sign. You might have seen some of these in Norfolk or Suffolk, and they are becoming increasingly popular in Essex. Village signs are individually designed and crafted and, as unique works of art, are quite expensive. P.C. cannot justify paying for one out of the Parish rate. If anyone can think of a fundraising scheme which would pay for a sign and would not deprive the other fundraisers in the village of their income, please let me know.

If there is anyone interested in the part-time work of village groundsman, please contact Dennis Jacklin for details. The hours are very flexible unless you are under sixteen, in which case it is necessary to abide by the County Council's byelaws on child employment.

For anyone interested in the proceedings of P.C., I am now posting the minutes of meetings on the P.C. noticeboard in the village hall.

In 1988, P.C. Meetings will continue to be held on the fourth Thursday of each month, but the last meeting this year will be a week early on 17th. December. All parishioners are welcome and may ask questions or express their views during Question Time.

Tel. 400628

KAREN PLUMRIDGE.

EAST HANNINGFIELD PLAYGROUP.



We started the new term with the attendance each day fairly high; this has decreased slightly with some children moving away from the village.

Our fund-raising for 1986/87 was very good and we have been able to purchase new equipment, which has generated a lot of interest with the children. Thanks to all who supported our fund-raising events. We hope to continue our efforts in the coming year. We plan to sell Xmas items and stocking-fillers again this year, starting on Monday, 30th. November, for the last three weeks of term.

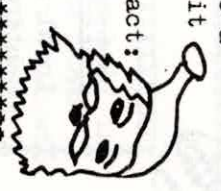
Thanks to all who attended our AGM in October and to the retiring committee for all their hard work during their period of office. The new committee is as follows:

- Chairman: Caroline Whitson.
- Secretary: Shona Matheson (from January 1988)
- Treasurer: Ceris Anthony (Brenda Cotley from January 1988)

- Other Members: Lyn Andrews Pauline Pryor
- Tricia Prampton Pu Ying Warren

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on Friday, 18th. December, from 12 noon to 2.00 pm. There will be a magician to entertain the children and, we hope, a visit from Father Christmas!

For further details of the Playgroup, please contact:
Tel: 400411 (until 31/12/87) JENNY MOUSER.
Tel: 401175 (from 1 / 1/ 88) SHONA MATHESON.



HUNGERFORD APPEAL.

Many thanks to the friends who met for coffee and raised £55 for the Hungerford Tragedy Appeal Fund.

PAM KENTON.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NEWS AND VIEWS.

We wish to thank the Parish Council for the loan of their mower on at least two occasions. It has been hard to keep the boundaries of the churchyard clear because of excessive rain and the lush growth of grass. A number of people have worked consistently at weekends to keep the grass cut and trimmed around individual graves. We are most grateful for this help.

The Churches' sponsored bike ride raised a total of £147.75 in September. Mrs. Patricia Range undertook the arrangements and we are grateful for the support of cyclists and their families. A total of £165.95 (an increase on 1986) was collected for the "National Children's Home". My wife is indebted to all who collected or donated. In October, the annual "Autumn Fair" at the Rectory realised £210 for church funds. This was magnificent given the problems with power cuts following the storm damage in the village.

Two village weddings took place in the autumn - Kevin and Chantal Sheppard and Calum and Julia Butterwood. Our good wishes go to the happy couples.

Now our thoughts turn to the preparations for Christmas, but not before we use the season of Advent to reflect upon the eternal nature of God's son in human form. The village Carol Service will be on Sunday, 20th. December at 3.00pm. May God bless us all during the season of Jesus' birth!

Tel: 400217

GRAHAM PLASTOW.

A Happy Christmas from

BRITISH SPORTS FOR THE DISABLED - SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE.

Local student CHRIS HOROBIN will be attempting a Continuous 24hr SOLO Cycle Ride around Chelmsford and the surrounding countryside over 26th/27th December in aid of British Sports for the Disabled and sponsorship would be greatly appreciated. FOR DETAILS TEL: 400376.

EAST HANNINGFIELD YOUTH CLUB.

Sadly, we lost the services of Wendy Botha and family, who moved to Roxwell in September and whose hard work for the club is sorely missed. We wish the Botha family every happiness in their new home.

At the moment, I am largely supervising Youth Club on my own. This is presenting problems as the number of young people is increasing. Unless further adult assistance is forthcoming, we may have to reconsider the structure of the club in 1988, restricting attendance to older members, a decision I would be sad to take, as the youngsters' present response shows it is a much-needed resource.

I am sure there are adults in the village who have some time available on Friday evenings, who have previously thought of helping, but have hesitated to offer -

NOW IS THE TIME - please give me a ring!

In the circumstances, activities at the club since the summer have been limited. Our Halloween party will by now be history, but we hope to arrange a Christmas 'Event' of some sort and this will be publicised in due course.

Tel: 400152

RON MCGARVEY.



all the contributors

SENIOR YOUTH CLUB AND FRIENDS.

Our first Fashion Show and Revue in the village hall in October was a great success, raising £90.20 for the Stoke Madevill Hospital Research Department. Thank you to all who managed to support us despite the lack of electricity and especially to Jeanne, the Carol Wedon Dancers, Julie, Mandy and Sarah and all our good friends in the village who modelled PAMCO's fashions.

Tel: 400517

ANNE WALDEN.

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY TRUST.

We now have a beautiful versatile village hall for hire for a wide range of activities - weddings, children's parties, sports activities - it is up to us all to make this long-awaited hall a success. Rates for hire are:

	<u>MAIN HALL</u> per hour	<u>SMALL HALL</u> per hour	<u>KITCHEN.</u> per hour
Dances, socials, parties.	£6.00	£4.50	.50p
Commercial Clubs, individual sports	£8.00	£6.50	£1.00
	£4.00	£3.00	.50p

COMING EVENTS: - Watch out for further publicity around the village - Antiques Fairs - Lots of support needed and enjoyment to be had!!
Young People's Disco - Last Friday in every month!
FOR BOOKINGS RING : 401029



Tel: 400797

WENDY THOMAS.

WARNING - DANGER - FIRE !

Will users of the village hall please refrain from setting off the fire extinguisher in the hallway! Without this working efficiently, there can be no fire protection for those using the hall and for the hall itself. PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH!!



BROWNIES.



The highlight of this term was a visit to Madame Tussaud's for all Brownies and those who are no Guides. The sun shone on our picnic in Regent's Park and everyone enjoyed the walk through the park to visit the waxworks and the planetarium. Thanks to all the helpers who made this a very enjoyable day.

We also took part in the annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service in the church and soon many Brownies should have gained their First Aid, Hostess or Safety in the Home badges. Welcome to three new Brownies, Laura, Michelle and Nicola who made their promise in November.

Tel: 400977

HEATHER LEIGH.

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

It has been another full quarter for the fellowship, with events being well-supported by people from the village.

At our Harvest Service it was a delight to see the church decorated with gifts of produce as we all joined together to give thanks for God's goodness to us. In contrast with the abundance of harvest-time here, all who came to our Year Craft coffee morning in October were reminded of the great need in Third World countries and the work that the Year Fund seeks to do.

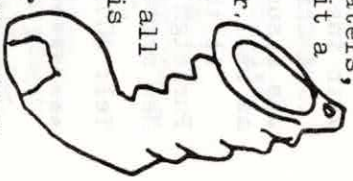
A major highlight this quarter was an open-air Baptismal Service held on the River Blackwater at St. Lawrence Bay. For many this was a new experience and, despite the chill waters, the glorious sunny weather and joyful celebration made it a memorable occasion for us all.

Carol Service : - 10.45 am Sunday, 20th. December.
Family Service: - 10.30 am Christmas Morning.

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 Luke 2, 10.11

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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

On Wednesday, 2nd. December, a Fashion Show will take place at 8pm. in the W.I. Hall. Tickets will be 75p.

In September, the owner of Mount Fitchet Castle told how he restored this ancient motte and bailey castle from nothing but a bare meadow to a popular tourist attraction.

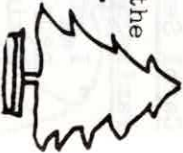
The October meeting was cancelled through an electrical fault but at the Harvest Supper, Reverend Robinson, of Braintree, entertained members and their husbands with songs which were popular in Essex during the 18th and 19th Centuries. Music was provided by a piano accordion and the evening ended with the singing of well-loved harvest hymns.

A Christmas Bazaar was held at the hall in November and was a success. Cake icing classes have taken place this Autumn as well as Keep-Fit evenings.

At the December meeting (Wednesday, 9th at 7.30pm), the Purlleigh Handbell Ringers will provide the entertainment. New members and friends are welcome.

Tel: 400223

IRENE WILSDON.



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION.

Our recent AGM was poorly attended with only one more than our quorum. However, Mrs Taverner, in her Chairman's report detailed some of the events organised over the past year and thanked the committee for their hard work. Mrs Larkman read her Treasurer's report and a copy of the Balance sheet was distributed to everyone present. A new committee was elected, as follows:

President : Mr E. Harris. Secretary : Mrs P. Bonner

Chairman : Mrs E. Taverner

Vice-Chairman : Mrs S. Potter Treasurer : Mrs A. Larkman

Other Members : Mrs J. Baker, Mrs S. Crewe, Mr S. Crisp,

Mrs B. Davies, Mrs M. Jackson,

Mrs J. Marson, Mr B. Moore, Mr P. Moore.

Many thanks were expressed to Ian Wigglesworth for five years service on the committee.

Mrs J. Harris, who has served on the committee for the past six years has agreed to be co-opted for a further year. After welcoming new members, a cheese and wine supper, provided by the committee, was enjoyed by all.

From PTA funds, the school has acquired a video tape recorder, six dozen cups and saucers, a stereo record player and speakers as well as a storage trolley. Thanks to all for their support; you can see the effort has been worthwhile! An entertainer has been booked for the Infant Christmas Party and the Junior Disco will be on Friday, 4th December.

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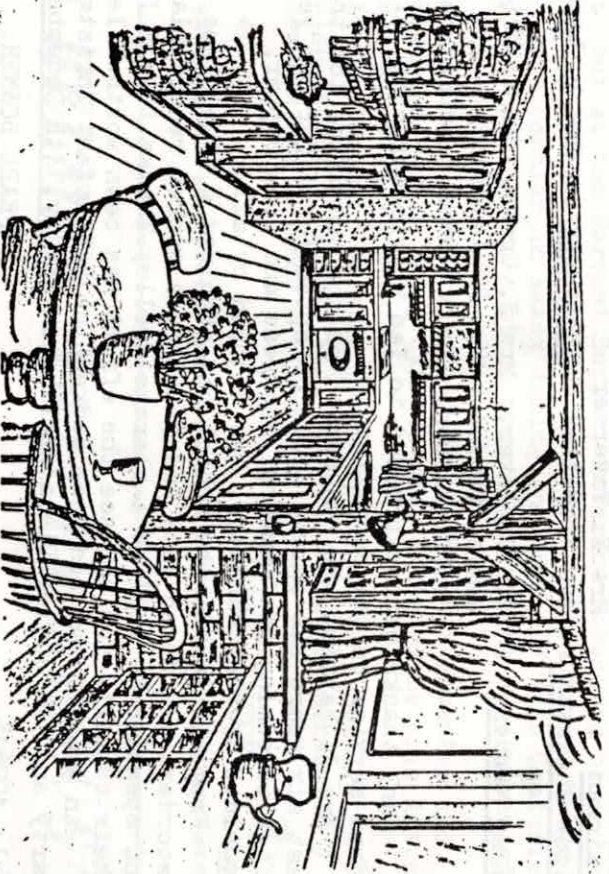
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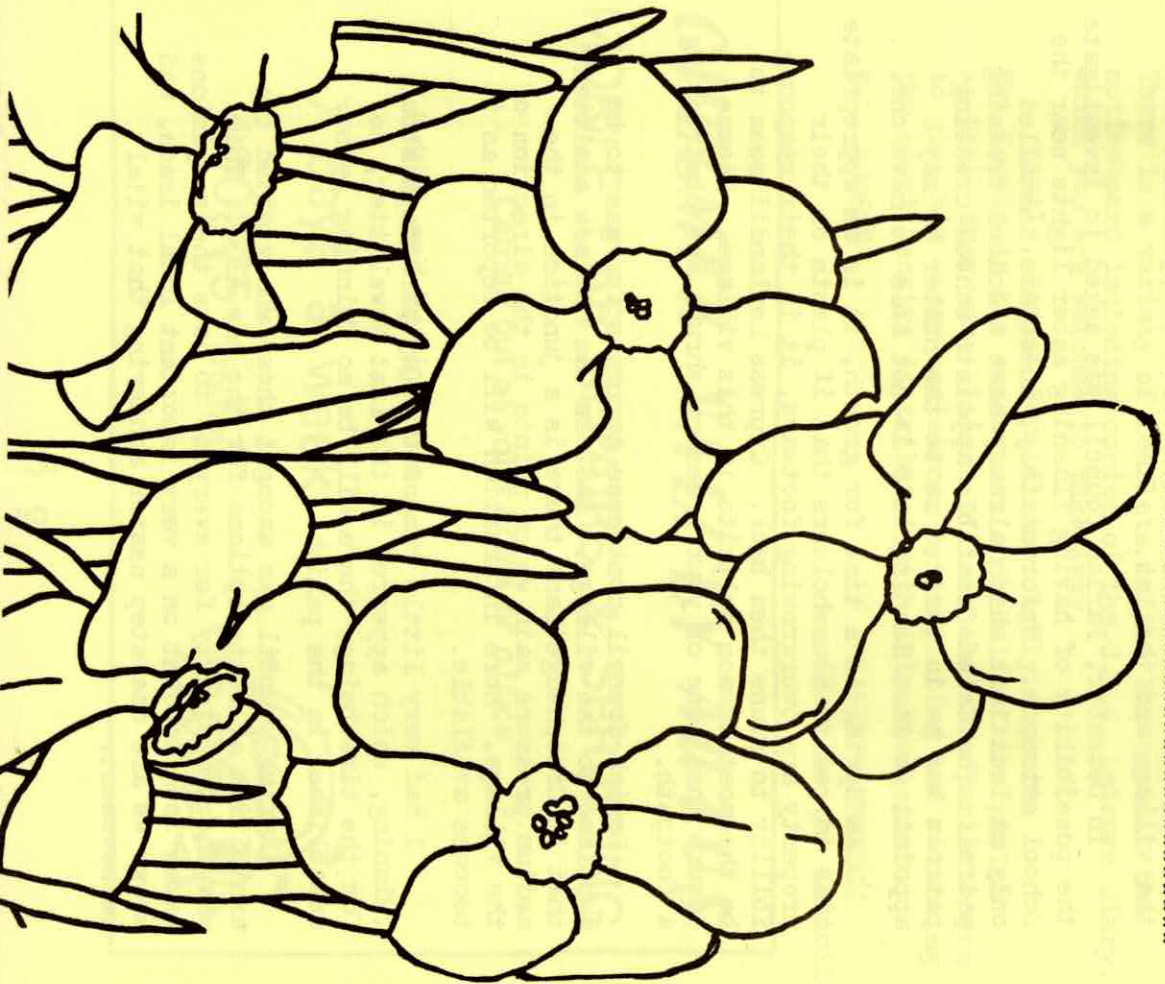
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THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PAPER ! PLEASE DO NOT THROW IT AWAY !

All households in East Hanningfield Parish are requested to give answers to the questions below, and to place the completed paper in the special box provided in the East Hanningfield Post Office by 14 March 1988 at the very latest. (If you forget, watch out for the Reminder Posters).

If you need more room for your answers please continue overleaf.

ALL INFORMATION GIVEN WILL BE TREATED IN CONFIDENCE by the Civil Emergency Committee.

Thank you, already, for filling it in and returning it to the Post Office.

CIVIL EMERGENCY QUESTIONNAIRE, 1988

IN CONFIDENCE

1. Do you rely on Electricity alone for heating ? YES/NO
2. Do you normally cook by Calor Gas ? YES/NO
3. Would you want to use the Village Hall showers if you had no hot water at home in a long Power Cut ? YES/NO
4. If you had Electric Power while others were disconnected for a long period, would you allow another family or person to use
 - (a) your Washing Machine YES/NO
 - (b) space in your Freezer YES/NO
 - (c) a Camping Stove, with Gas Cylinder YES/NO
 - (d) the bath or shower at your house YES/NO
5. In an Emergency, would you give or loan Extra Bedding (Sleeping Bags or Blankets) to another family or person ? YES/NO
6. Do you have a Water Supply other than the Mains ? YES/NO
If so, when was it last used ?
Would you allow it to be tested for Emergency use ? YES/NO
7. Do you have a Cellar ? YES/NO
If so, approximately how big is it ? Cubic Ft.
8. If, because of a peacetime Emergency, you were not able to stay in your own home, would you prefer to stay with friends or neighbours, or be provided with Communal Shelter for a while?
.....
9. Do you have an elderly or infirm neighbour ? YES/NO
If so, does he/she rely upon you during large or small crises? YES/NO
10. If there were a Bus Strike, would you offer a lift to a friend or neighbour, or other person in E. Hanningfield ? YES/NO
If so, what is your main destination in the working week ?.....
11. Are there any other bad effects of the abnormal snow and wind which, in your view, are not covered in the questions above ? (Say what).
.....
12. Do you have a CB Car Radio ? YES/NO
If so, would you agree to pass Emergency messages on it ? YES/NO
13. Would you be prepared to report Emergency and Inconvenience events as they happen, in your part of the Parish ? YES/NO
14. YOUR NAME.....
YOUR ADDRESS.....East Hanningfield

PARISH COUNCIL

Recently, Parish Council received a long list of the various Acts, Regulations and Bye Laws relating to parking on footways and verges. Needless to say, none of them allow it. The damage done to verges in the village, by this illegal parking, is self-evident. Some stretches of "verge" have not one blade of grass remaining and have been reduced to muddy puddles. Please park with consideration for the appearance of the village and the law.

In December, Parish Council was asked to investigate the possibility of having Flashing amber lights near the school entrance. Unfortunately, these are installed only at locations which already have a school crossing patrol. The Chief Constable appoints school crossing patrols but he is limited as to the number he may appoint, so East Hanningfield is not able to have one.

As Spring is a time for growth, it is an appropriate time to remind householders that if plants on their property are overgrowing footways, it is their responsibility to prune them back. Cypress Leylandii seem to be the most common culprits in this village. Please ensure that none of your trees or shrubs are obstructing a footpath.

Parish Council continues to press for gas to be supplied to the village. Eastern Gas has now admitted that in Creep hedge Lane there is a junction in the medium pressure main which points in the direction of the village. More information will be reported as it becomes available.

I had very little response to my paragraph about Twinning, which appeared in the last Newsletter, so, for the time being, there will be no Twinning Assoc. established in the parish.

Parish Council was amongst those who visited the exhibition of route options for the new A130. This was the opportunity for everyone to have their opinions taken into account on a very important local issue, and shows we are one step nearer achieving that vital improvement.

Parish Council Meetings continue to be held on the fourth Thursday of each month, in the school. If you read the Agendas you will see that every Meeting has a question time. This is the part of the Meeting set aside for anyone to speak. Notices of Meetings and Agendas are posted on the noticeboards during the week end before a Meeting, but the Minutes appear as soon as possible after a Meeting on the Village Hall noticeboard. Although I have no wish to dampen someone's enthusiasm for Parish Council business, I must ask for the Minutes not to be removed from the noticeboard as this prevents anyone else reading them. There is a variety of leaflets in the box beneath the noticeboard including copies of the C.B.C. Leisure Diary, which you are welcome to take away.

Lastly, Parish Council thoroughly supports Mr. Morris in his endeavours on behalf of the parish as Civil Emergency Liaison Officer and asks parishioners to give him every assistance by completing and returning the questionnaire distributed with this Newsletter.

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BUS SERVICE - ROUTE 11A.

For some time now the Parish Council has felt that we should have a later weekly/Saturday bus service from Chelmsford than 21.55 hours. We suggested this to Eastern National who were adamant in their refusal, on the grounds that it would not be commercially viable. We were of the opinion that a later departure would be useful to the village and would encourage greater custom. However, far from reconsidering our ideas, Eastern National gave six weeks notice to Essex County Council that they were withdrawing even the 21.55 hrs. service at the turn of the year. When we were notified of this decision, we immediately emphasised our views to Essex County Council. We are pleased to report that we obtained the latter's full support, as a result of which the County Council has made special arrangements with Eastern National and from the New Year, the last weekday/Saturday bus has not only been reinstated, but it now leaves Chelmsford at the later time of 22.25 hrs., arriving at the Windmill, East Hanningfield, at 22.48 hrs. The last bus on weekdays/Saturdays from Southend leaves at 21.05 hrs. (instead of 20.22 hrs) and arrives in East Hanningfield at 21.56 hrs.

We thank the County Council for its support in this matter, but also have to say that we are concerned that, in the event that the service is not used sufficiently, the appropriate authorities may feel forced to reconsider.

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY TRUST.

The AGM of the Charity will take place in the Village Hall on Thursday, 17th March at 8.00 pm. There will be wine and cheese in the interval, prior to the first meeting of the newly-appointed general committee.

Please try to attend. The Hall and Sportsfield are for us all and you may have ideas that could be valuable! Calling volunteers! Are you able to spare some time to run a Junior Badminton Club? If so, please get in touch!!!

Tel.400797

WENDY THOMAS.

VILLAGE HALL.

<u>HIRE RATES:</u>	<u>MAIN HALL</u>	<u>SMALL HALL</u>	<u>KITCHEN</u>
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Clubs, individual sports.	£4.00	£3.00	50p

FUND RAISING REPORT.

Fund raising managed to raise £1200 through a great deal of effort on the committee's behalf. All the money has gone towards OUR VILLAGE HALL!

The Discos for children will be on the last Friday of each month during January, February, March and April - Age group - 8 to 12 years.

We held an Antique Fair on 21st February, during which the Committee served Coffee, Lunches and Teas.

On Saturday, 14th May, there will be a Jumble/Table Sale. If you want to reserve a table, you must book quickly as there is a limited number. Please do come along and support us or we might have to play 'Spot the Person from the Village again!

Tel. 400784

ANNE PARKER.

CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING.

Readers will remember the appeal made in the East Hanningfield News a year ago for people with appropriate skills to be listed as Helpers in Civil Emergencies. To date we have forty people listed - a superb response by any standards.

We are now getting really organised and on 12th January the Parish Civil Emergency Planning Committee held its first meeting. At the start, several people were rather sceptical, saying that we were trying to "tackle problems which might never happen", but, as you know, we have had some real 'emergencies' to cope with over the last year, caused by the heavy snowfall in January 1987 and the hurricane in October. While we were reasonably well-prepared, we could have been much better organised, so we now appeal to you for information - to be supplied on the enclosed questionnaire. Please complete it and drop it in the special box provided in the Post Office, by 14th March at the very latest.

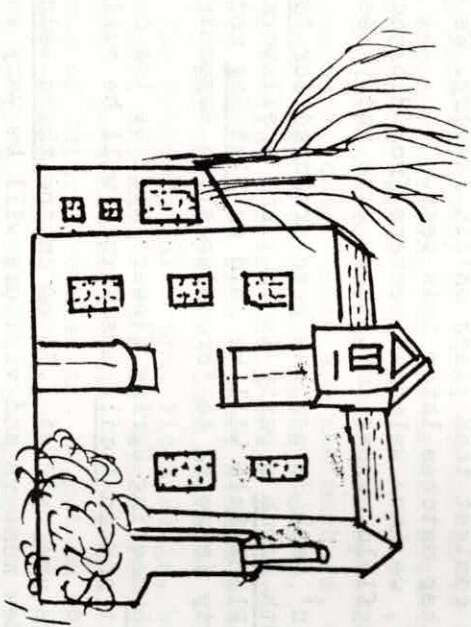
Perhaps this is a good opportunity to explain what is meant by a Civil Emergency. Basically, it is an unforeseen event which does or could cause loss of life. Thus, the unavoidable loss of mains electric power by parts of the Parish for several days after the hurricane was not, in itself, a Civil Emergency - even though not being able to take a hot bath or keep food frozen was undoubtedly a hardship - but a Civil Inconvenience, in fact. The Civil Emergency Planning Committee will do all it reasonably can to minimise the effects of such inconveniences, at the same time as dealing with emergencies. Each case will be treated in accordance with its seriousness and some of the questionnaire questions are aimed at solving some of these problems.

Above all, everyone in East Hanningfield is encouraged to think about how they can help themselves to manage if we lose electricity for a lengthy period, especially in cold weather; how they would cope if we were cut off and food supplies ran down; or if we lost water pressure; also how the able-bodied amongst us could help elderly or

infirm neighbours. Please think about it and help us by completing the QUESTIONNAIRE!

Tel. 400425
BOB MORRIS
(Civil Emergency Community Adviser)

THE OLD MILL.



One of East Hanningfield's older buildings may soon disappear! The site of the Old Mill has been purchased by a property developer and the Mill itself may be demolished to make way for five new houses.

If you are concerned about this, you can get in touch with Helen or Ron McGarvey, who have names and addresses of relevant people to contact.

Tel. 400152
HELEN & RON MCGARVEY.

EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

1987 was quite eventful for the local Women's Institute. June found us celebrating our 70th Anniversary and several interesting outings were enjoyed. The Christmas Bazaar was a success and at the December meeting the Purleigh Handbell Ringers entertained us with seasonal tunes. We sang carols to an unusual accompaniment. At the New Year Party, late in January, over fifty ladies sat down to a three course meal. Friends from other Wis in the Group joined the party. A Trivial Pursuit contest took place on 14th January. We hope to arrange further matches later this year.

During 1987, we have welcomed members from Bicknacre and West Hanningfield, whose Institutes have sadly been disbanded.

A Fangers 'n' Mash Supper has been arranged for 18th March and on 28th March a party is to visit a silkworks in Crayford. A Plant Sale will be held on 21st May and a small coach party is going to 'Broadlands', in Hampshire on 26th May.

At the March meeting Spring flowers will be the demonstration subject and in April, Mrs Turner will be making handicraft boxes.

The meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the third Wednesday of the month. New members and visitors will be very welcome at the WI Hall.

Tel. 400223

IRENE WILSDON.

TWENTY - FOUR HOUR CYCLE RIDE.

CHRIS HOROBIN would like to thank everyone who helped and supported him during his twenty-four hour cycle ride. The event raised about £550 for the British Sports Association for the Disabled.

BROWNIES.

The senior members of our village now have their own club and we were pleased to accept their invitation to sing for them at their Christmas Party. We made candle decorations and sang 'Away in a Manger' by candlelight, with a very small 'Mary and Joseph' helping us out. Thank you to Gemma Mouser and David Young. We continued with camp-fire songs and finished with 'Kum Ba Yah'. The Brownies gave each member a small gift.

The first half of this term we have continued our joinery work with many Brownies moving on to the next group. We are eagerly awaiting our 'up-dated' Brownie books to help us with our work.

We are pleased to welcome Caroline Spooner who has joined us as a Young Leader and new members, Gillian Young who has made her promise and Melanie Smith, Victoria Field and Anna Willis, who are doing their pre-promise work. We have said good-bye to Erin Bonner, Claire Wood, Katy Irving and Nikki Saltmarsh. We wish them luck for their futures.

At the February half-term, Fiona Range, Wendy Moore, Rachel Brett and Alexis Fennell joined the Guides at Rettendon - good and happy Guiding to you all!

Names of future Brownies may be put on my waiting list. Brownies are aged seven to eleven, but can join the Guides from ten onwards, if there is a vacancy.

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YOUTH CLUB.

It is with regret that I announce the end of my involvement with the Youth Club and as a result, the closure of the Club itself, at least temporarily.

Our 'crisis' meeting on 7th January was sparsely attended but it was generally felt that I was taking risks in supervising the club on my own and that, should the club continue, it should only be with a properly formed management committee etc. Unfortunately, for personal reasons, I do not feel able to take steps to organise development of the club in this way, at this time, and feel the fairest thing to do is to end the uncertainty and withdraw.

I have written to members and parents informing them of my decision and hope that my withdrawal may encourage another adult or group of adults to develop some other activity for the youth of the village. I should be glad to pass on any advice or information I possess.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the club over the last year.

RON MCGARVEY,

EAST HANNINGFIELD PLAYGROUP.

Our Christmas Party went well and the children enjoyed the Magician who entertained them. We were lucky to have a visit from Father Christmas and we would like to thank him for sparing us his time.

Our thanks for all their hard work go to Helen Morcom (Chairman) and Jenny Mouser (Secretary) who have now retired from Playgroup Committee. Fund-raising for last term was very successful and we hope to continue vein. We shall be holding a sale of 'Nearly New' children's clothes on Tuesday, 1st March from 9.30 to 11.30 am at the Village Hall - everyone welcome!

Our numbers have fallen slightly since Christmas but we look forward to meeting the mums of children starting after half-term. Playgroup application forms can be obtained from the secretary for anyone new to the village or if you have a child who will be 3 years old during 1988.

Tel. 401175

SHONA MATHESON.

ALL SAINTS NEWS AND VIEWS.

Christmas worshippers will have noted the pleasing result of the decorations in church over the festival. We were grateful for the work provided by the parish school.

Externally, the churchyard has been brought under control especially the centre plots which were badly overgrown. To all the kind people who achieved such gratifying results we offer our sincere thanks.

On Saturday, 9th January, I was licensed as priest-in-charge of West Hanningfield. No formal link is to be established between the parishes, but with the redistribution of clergy in this diocese, more and more villages are being served from a central base. Inevitably, such changes seem to threaten a pattern of care first devised in the days of Alfred the Great. Part of the problem is the lack of interest in the church today. The preoccupation with leisure pursuits and the frequent movement of population all contribute to a less than robust church community.

Ash Wednesday falls on 17th February and marks the 40 days vigil and reflection observed by the church recalling Our Lord's preparation for three years of ministry. There will be a service of Holy Communion at 7.30pm and Easter will include services of Holy Communion on Maudy Thursday at 7.30pm, followed by Good Friday observance at 2.00pm, when we welcome Canon Jack Kingham as our preacher. Easter Day services will be advertised separately by poster in the village.

Our best wishes go to Elizabeth Sewell and John Lyon from North Benfleet, who were married on Saturday, 30th January.

Tel. 400217

GRAHAM PLASTOW.

BADMINTON.

The Badminton Club is thriving! We have full membership at the moment, but if you want to go on the waiting list - RING -

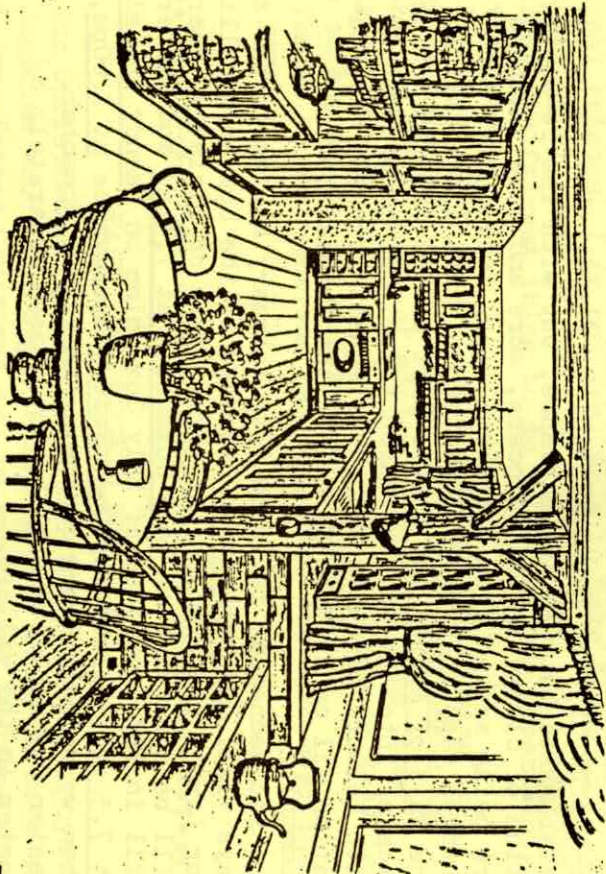
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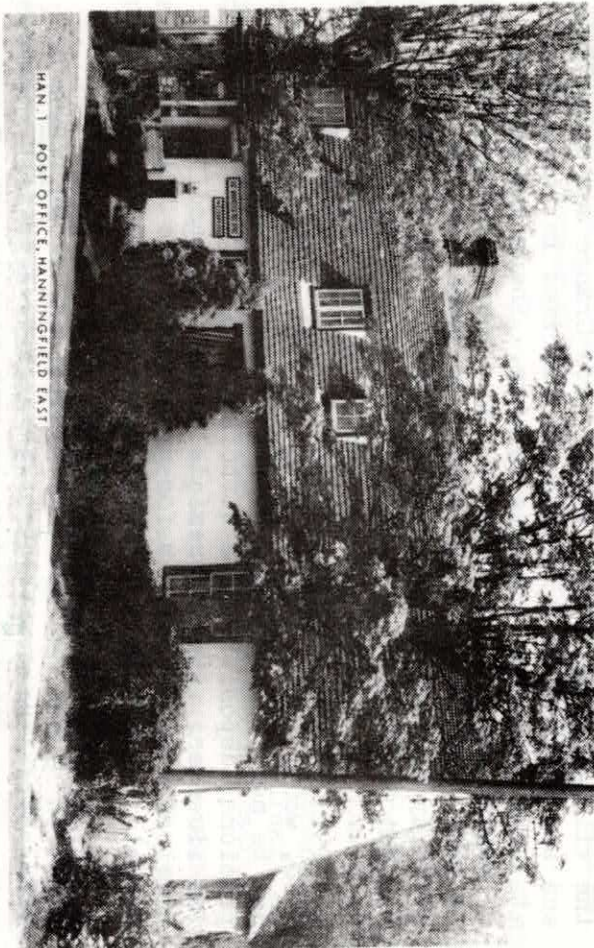
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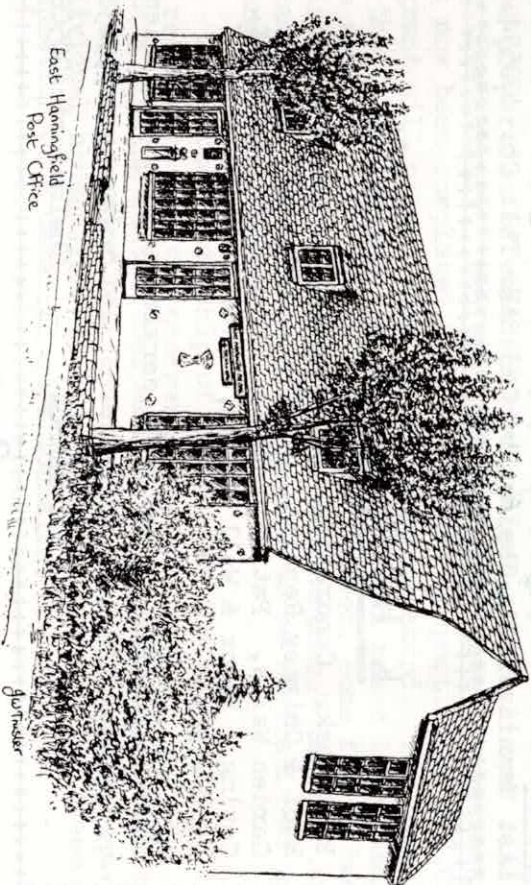
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EAST HANNINGFIELD POST OFFICE.

FRONT COVER: Two views of the Village Shop and Post Office, before and after the extensions.

You will have seen notices encouraging use of your sub-post office, as lack of custom may cause the closure of offices which are uneconomic to run. Eric and Sheila Dunlevey, with Clare's help when home from Colchester College, have been running the shop and post office since Easter 1987. They are continuing a service which began in the village around 1870, when Horace Grange was shop-keeper and sub-postmaster. Then letters arrived in the village at 7.45am and were collected at 6pm. There was no Sunday delivery and the sub-postmaster was also the local carrier. In 1882, Horace Grange travelled to Chelmsford in this capacity on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, however the nearest telegraph and money order office was in Great Baddow. The population then was only 404, but now, if the sub-post office closed, the present inhabitants of around 1800, would have to go to Great Baddow again. This would not be nearly so convenient for collecting allowances, pensions, depositing and withdrawing savings, buying stamps, dog licenses... (which reminds me) and the other services we take so much for granted. So do help to perpetuate the post office service started in the village over 100 years ago.

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PARISH COUNCIL

EXTRACTS FROM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 1988

In May 1987 an election was held for P.C. and we welcomed two new members; Mrs. Libby Brooks, former Clerk, and our representative on C.B.C.'s Road Safety Committee, Mr. David Rackham.

Our bid for an all weather multi-sport floodlit court has been accepted by C.B.C.. This wholly grant supported facility will provide two tennis courts and netball and 5-a-side football pitches. Work should commence in Autumn 1988 on the former allotment site at Hanna's Field.

A further bid for a grant has been successful and £7,000 will be available during 1988/9 for improvements to the village hall. Further finishing touches to the village hall facility include surfacing of the carpark, and parking bays are shortly to be marked out. Funding is from a grant made by C.B.C. some years ago. Any residue will fund landscaping.

A 'Keep Clear' box has been painted at the entrance to the village hall road and parking bays and 'Keep Clear' on the Post Office Chase following complaints about obstruction.

The village groundsman's post continues to be vacant, although part time help has been available. It is hoped a new and permanent groundsman can be recruited.

The hurricane of 16th. October produced a crop of problems. I must pay tribute to those who worked with P.C. over the following weekends in order to clear debris and make trees safe. By these efforts, our ratepayers were saved a good proportion of what would have been a much larger bill for tree surgery. Professional work was, however, necessary, has now been completed and, subject to inspection by E.C.C., a grant will offset some of the money expended. The branches of the willow by the windmill brought down power lines and the whole of the village was without power, some for 36 hours. Thirty homes were without power for a further 7 days. P.C. arranged for the village hall showers to be available as an emergency facility.

Under the leadership of Bob Morris the village's ability to respond to a civil emergency has been greatly enhanced, with a growing list of helpers, establishment of a committee and training having been undertaken. Greater involvement by individual households has been achieved through the issue and completion of a detailed questionnaire.

Keeping the Village tidy is increasingly a problem. P.C. has discontinued the bulk container arrangement and C.B.C. now provides a manned refuse vehicle every month in the Village hall carpark, the dates of which are posted on the noticeboards. The large number of litter bins sited throughout the Village are generally well used, but adult hoodligans destroyed the one in Coude Dennis which has been replaced in concrete at a cost of £140. The same people also destroyed the seat on the Tye to the value of £180. Further vandal damage to the bus shelter noticeboard added £50 of unnecessary expense to parish rate payers. Vandals have also tampered with the newly installed light in the bus shelter, again incurring additional unnecessary expense. However, P.C. was able to obtain a 50% grant from E.C.C. against the original installation cost.

Eastern National's management of bus route 11/11A has been the subject of P.C. concern. P.C. is extremely critical of E.N. for their total lack of consultation and communication in the matter of timetable changes. At our initiative we have obtained timetable extracts and distributed them with E.H. News, and it is our continuing policy to promote the bus service in this way.

Much interest was occasioned with the sale of the Mill site. P.C. had attempted historically to obtain a listing on the Mill and house and also a Conservation Zone protection for the Village centre, without success. However, C.B.C. decided to make a Conservation Zone order in February, 1988 which encompasses the Tye and much of its environs. The Mill and house are included as buildings of local interest. Planning matters are a regular feature of P.C. work and particular applications have aroused public interest at question time.

Of particular concern is the deteriorating traffic situation. P.C. has urged that improvements be made and has taken a positive role in the public consultation exercise on plans to improve the A130. P.C. supported the proposed route N5 in the E.C.C. presentation. The Howe Green by-pass is currently scheduled for 1990/1 and the remainder of the new A130 is programmed for 1992/3.

P.C. continued with its Summer Holiday Playscheme and had professional support for the first time as part of C.B.C. Leisure Service's programme. The scheme was perhaps the most successful yet in the Village, and it is planned to run a similar programme in 1988.

This is of necessity a brief resumee of major points in the year amongst a great deal of routine work by no means confined to P.C. Meetings. Much work is done between Meetings, with the Clerk, Chairman and members meeting as necessary to deal with matters of immediate importance, to deal with problems and take initiatives whenever necessary.

In conclusion I must thank my team of councillors and the Clerk. It has been a great pleasure and privilege to chair P.C. for another year, and East Hanningfield is indeed fortunate in having such a dynamic and responsible team.

Tel. 400684

ALAN DIXON

Last Summer's Playscheme was such a success because of all the adults who came along. Please come again this year and "bring a friend". New ideas for activities for the week will also be welcome. Dates and details will be posted on the noticeboards nearer the time. I must stress that Playweek is not intended for the under-fives nor is it suitable for them and we can only allow them to stay if they are accompanied by an adult.

June is the month of the Best Kept Village Competition. The results of last year's judging are on the noticeboards. Please read them and join in with the Village tidy-up. We could do much better than we did last year!

Now that Summer is here families are wanting to use the playing fields for recreation, but the amount of dog excrement there must discourage many people from using the field for its intended purpose. Please do not allow your dog to foul the playing field. It is most unpleasant and unhealthy to have children walking, playing and falling over in excrement.

The request for plants growing across footpaths to be cut back has been ignored on the whole. In Ashley Green, I have received complaints about three conifers, a berberis and an unpruned rose bush which is scratching people as they walk past. Please cut these plants back to the boundary.

Tel. 400628

KAREN PLUMRIDGE
Clerk to the Council

MANNED REFUSE VEHICLE

The manned vehicle will be at the Village hall carpark on 11th, June, 9th, July and 13th, August from 8.15 until 11.15 am.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION.

On SATURDAY, 25th JUNE, we are holding our Grand Summer Fete. Some of the attractions lined up include a display by the Territorial Army, with a miniature assault course for the children and examples of gymnastics and martial arts, so hopefully there will be something for everyone! We will also be staging the ever-popular Fancy Dress and Pet Show, but a new addition is a children's competition on the theme of 'A garden in a seed tray' and also a painting or collage based on the Olympic Games. In addition, there will be a cake stall - so beware all you 'Delia Smiths' out there!!

A big thank you to all the parents who sold Grand Draw tickets on our behalf. If you have not yet been able to purchase any, they will be available at the Fete and there will be some fabulous prizes.

Two events which have been organised for the children are an entertainer for the Infants and a Disco for the Juniors - dates for these will be advised by the school & but they will be at the end of the summer term.

Tel: 400615

PEARL BONNER.

EAST HANNINGFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB - UNDER FIFTEEN.

A NEW football team for Under Fifteens has been formed and entered for the Chelmsford Youth League for the coming season. If you wish to play or for further information, please contact:

Tel: 401121

TED WILLIAMSON.

THANK YOU.

"I should like to say a big thank you to all those who sent me cards, letters, messages, flowers etc. and for all the visits and kindness I received during my recent stay in hospital. Until you spend such a long time in hospital, it is difficult to realise how much a card or letter can mean - so many, many thanks."

JOYCE THORINGTON.

11A SUNDAY BUS SCHEDULE.

Some of you will be aware that our Sunday bus service has recently been improved by the addition of a bus which leaves SOUTHEND at 18.05 (EH 18.59) and one that leaves CHELMSFORD at 19.33 (EH 19.56). These additions are operated by Stephenson's, under contract to Essex County Council. As Stephenson's are unable to use the Bus Station, they are, whilst the Railway Station re-building works are in progress, starting the 19.33 service from opposite the Bus Station outside the CO-OP.

Essex County Council are also endeavouring to arrange further additional services, as follows:

Departing SOUTHEND at: 9.05, 11.05, 13.05, 15.05, 17.05.
Departing CHELMSFORD at: 10.33, 12.33, 14.33, 16.33, 18.33.

It is hoped to start on 5th JUNE, and continue over the summer months. At the moment, we do not know which operator will provide these services nor which Chelmsford terminal will be used.

The Parish Council are following these developments with interest, as we have spoken to both Eastern National and Essex County Council in the recent past to try to get them to reconsider the poor Sunday service.

Tel: 400476

DENIS JACKLIN.

BROWNIES.

In February, we celebrated our international 'Thinking Day' in Danbury, with the District Rangers, Guides and Brownies. At this event, all the items from the craft competition for Guides and Brownies were displayed and prizes awarded. Over a hundred items were entered and all of a high standard. The best ones were entered in the Essex Handicraft Exhibition and many won awards.

At Easter, we decorated eggs and now we are preparing for a song and dance competition, to be held in June.

We welcome Felicity Brooks, Nicola Wood and Samantha Coles into the Pack. Do not forget I have a waiting list for future Brownies!

Tel: 400977

HEATHER LEIGH.

PARISH COUNCILLORS.

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BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Over the past few months, we have started a programme of home visitation in the village, to introduce ourselves and to talk of the activities and work of the church here at Bethel. If we have not already called on you, we look forward to meeting you in the near future.

On TUESDAY, 7th JUNE, at 2.30 pm is our Ladies Day. This year, Carol Seymour, a missionary from Zaire in Central Africa, will be talking of her work. This meeting will be followed by tea. As in past years, we expect a good number of ladies, many from outside the village and we warmly extend an invitation to you.

Our Sunday School will break for the summer holidays on 24th JULY and will restart on SUNDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.

"Way the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him."

ROMANS 15 v. 13

Tel: 400665

DAVID and BRENDA COTTEY.

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LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER & EDITOR	Christine Holland	400594

CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING.

On behalf of the Civil Emergency Committee, I should like to give sincere thanks to the eighty households in the parish, who completed and returned the questionnaires. This was a superb response. The returns, while still held in confidence, will become working documents in the event of an emergency. The Committee will carefully consider the best way to take advantage of the generous offers of help and will keep everyone informed of the methods chosen.

To keep records up to date, it would be appreciated if those who completed the forms would inform myself, Karen Plumridge, Sue Plastow, Eric Dunlevey or John Emmaines, if they are moving from the parish or changing circumstances affect the degree of help offered.

Although the closing date for returning the questionnaire was 14th March, several have come in since and added to the records. If anyone still has a questionnaire to complete, I or the other Committee members would be pleased to receive it.

The benefits offered to the Parish are too numerous to analyse in detail, but suffice it to say, that seventy households would be prepared to give or loan bedding in an emergency. That is the general scale of help offered by those who responded. Thank you all again.

Tel: 400425

BOB MORRIS.

EAST HANNINGFIELD PLAYGROUP ASSOCIATION.

Our sponsored Teddy Bear Walk raised £185 and we would like to thank everyone for their help and support.

The numbers at Playgroup are very low; there are places available on all days. New children to the village who are 3 years or above may join immediately; for children who are under 3 years of age, registration forms may be obtained from the Playgroup secretary.

This year, the summer outing will be to the Teddy Bear's Picnic at Hylands Park, which is part of the Centenary Celebrations taking place this summer.

The Garden Party will be on WEDNESDAY, 6th JULY and we hope to see you there.

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<u>SPORTS HALL</u>	
Private & Club	Parties
£4 an hour	£6 an hour
<u>KITCHEN</u>	
Private & Club	Parties
50p an hour	75p an hour
<u>CHANGING ROOMS</u>	
50p an hour each	
	Commercial
	£1 an hour

From Monday to Friday, 9am - 6pm, the Sports Hall will be HALF PRICE for single family use.

We still need a small under worktop size fridge and would like to hear from anybody who has one they wish to dispose of.

There has been a spate of window smashing at the hall recently. Much expense and hard work by volunteers goes into maintaining the hall for the use of everyone in the village. It is very distressing to find that some young people in our village have so little regard for what is effectively their property. The damage has been reported to the police who have been asked to keep a special eye on the hall. The Charity's Management Committee will prosecute offenders and villagers are asked to report anyone seen causing damage around the hall or playing fields..

PLAYING FIELDS.

You may have noticed that volunteers have cleared the last of the debris from the autumn gales. Many thanks to all who came to help. There are some oak logs available for disposal. Please contact me if you are interested.

Tel:400628

MIKE PLUMRIDGE

FUND RAISING:

Our big event this year is the Summer Fayre on SATURDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER. There will be Craft Stalls, Bouncy Castle, Punch & Judy and lots of other things for you to spend your money on, so please come and support us.

In the evening, Hugh Rainey and his Jazzmen will be playing. If you missed them before, do not miss them again this time! They are FANTASTIC!. There will be a bar and food. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

If you are willing to help us on the day or beforehand, please ring:

Tel: 400784

ANNE PARKER.

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6. Fuzzy Ladies C..... and L.....
7. Contagious F..... and M.....
Disease
8. JA Novel P..... and P.....
9. Hill Walkers J..... and J.....
10. Messy L..... and H.....
Comedians

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 15)

ALL SAINTS NEWS AND VIEWS.

The Church's AGM saw the re-election of our Church-wardens - Mr Phillip Mitchell and Mrs Ruby Harris - who have served us well during the past year. The PEG is unchanged and we are grateful for all the hard work and support they given.

The repair work to the building following the October storm has been completed and we are preparing for the next phase of work on the external stonework and wooden tower.

Laurence Harris and Joanne Annesley were married on 26th March and our very best wishes go with them.

A number of activities have been undertaken and supported by many kind people. 'Christian Aid' during the week 16th - 21st May, the result of which will be published later.

On WEDNESDAY, 8th JUNE, there will be the annual 'Bring and Buy' Coffee Morning at Kilchurn at 10.30am - our thanks to Mr and Mrs Phillip Mitchell for the use of their house and garden.

We shall welcome the diocesan bishop to Evensong on SUNDAY, 3rd JULY, at 6pm. This will be the first visit of the Rt. Revd. Waine and I hope this occasion will be well supported.

Another 'Music for a Summer Evening' is planned for SATURDAY, 16th JULY, at 7.30pm. A number of young musicians will provide us with a programme of delight. Refreshments will be served.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY NOW!!

Tel: 400217

GRAHAM PLASTOW.

THANK YOU.

Those of you who have been in the village for a long time will remember Charlie the Postman; he has been ill and Steve and Tania, from 'The Windmill', have very kindly been providing meals every day, which has been for ten weeks so far. I should like to thank them and I know that Charlie does.

ANNE PARKER.

EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

A Coffee Morning in aid of the Great Ormond Street Wishing Well Appeal was held on 4th May. £185 was raised for the hospital.

An outing to a Crayford silkworks took place in March and a party of members is to visit Broadlands in May. For July, an evening trip to Mount Fitchett Castle has been booked.

For the June meeting, Mrs S. Allen will demonstrate 'Starters' cookery. In July, make-up is the subject and in August, husbands are invited to hear Mr Coleman, who is a wood craftsman of repute, talk about 'the wood from our trees'.

On 23rd SEPTEMBER, a Trash and Treasur auction will be held in the W.I. Hall.

W.I. meetings take place at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of each month. New members and friends are all very welcome.

Tel: 400223

IRENE WILSDON.

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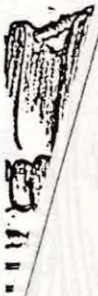
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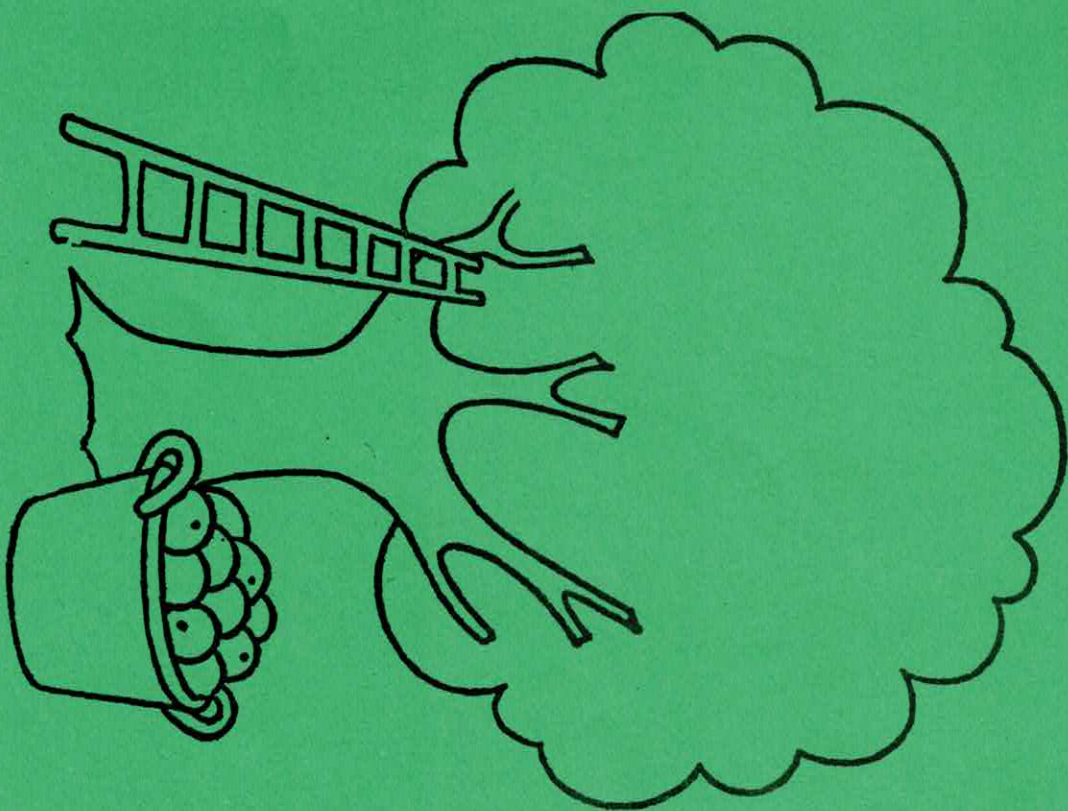
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P.C. has arranged for the manned refuse vehicle to continue visiting the Village Hall car park on the morning of the second Saturday of each month through 1989. The next three visits will be on 10th. September, 8th. October and 12th. November.

In June Sgt. Smith from South Woodham Ferrers visited the P.C. Meeting to talk about policing matters. He explained present prosecution policies for various offences and the procedure after an offence has been reported. He stressed how important it is for offences such as vandalism to be reported immediately to the police, so if you see something happening which is causing damage telephone the Police right away. On the subject of illegal parking and dumping of rubbish, make a note of the registration no. and description of vehicle, what the driver has done wrong, the time and the date. It is a general policy that people who dump rubbish will be prosecuted, while discussing the H.G.V. Ban, Sgt. Smith advised P.C. that the signing on the A130 was inadequate, so P.C. has arranged for the signs to be improved.

Some months ago, P.C. persuaded Chelmsford Borough Council of the necessity of having the footpath in Old Church Road rebuilt, but the County Council, who supply the funding for highway work, would not approve the scheme. P.C. has continued to press C.B.C. for some action, so they are submitting the scheme to E.C.C. again. If they are successful this time, the work will be done before April.

Recently, I received a complaint about the high speeds at which some vehicles are driven through Ashley Green. Only a few months ago F.C. asked the Highway Authority if it would be possible to install road humps on this road and on Goulds Dennis. This was refused because road humps cause excessive vehicle noise, and so are not allowed near houses. Please drive very carefully along these roads. There are a lot of children living on the Ashley Green and Goulds Dennis Estates, and most of them play outside at least some of the time. So, keep your speed down!

As I write Playweek is still being planned, so I can only say "Thank you" to everyone who gave some of their time and a good deal of their energy to provide a week of activities for the children of the village. I hope you all had a good time. I must also thank C.B.C. Leisure Services Dept. for providing us with two free entertainments again this year.

Last Hanningfield was unplaced in the Best Kept Village Competition again this year. Residents who have lived here some time will remember that East Hanningfield has received Certificates of Merit many times in the past. This year's result seems to substantiate complaints I have heard from villagers about the lowering of standards around the village. Litter, graffiti, vandalism and verges damaged by parking are on the increase. Do we have to accept this as inevitable?

I am still waiting for someone to claim the silver ear ring which I found on the Tye during the Village Tidy-up. Lastly, P.C. Meetings continue to be held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Members of the public are welcome to speak during Public Question Time and to listen to the remainder of the Meeting.

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BROWNIES.

The Brownies worked very hard for our 'Song and Dance' competition; only ten were able to attend and they did very well. We did not win, but I hope they all enjoyed it.

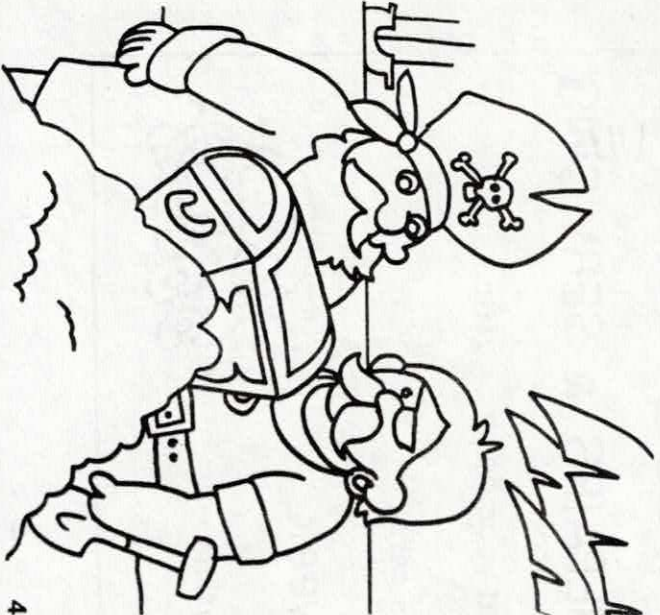
In July, we had our brownie Revels at Riffhams and all seemed to enjoy cooking their supper on camp fires and following trails in the woods.

At our last meeting, we celebrated our sixth birthday with a party, when six Brownies gained their Hostess badges. Well done! Felicity, Anna, Samantha, Victoria, Laura and Michelle. We also welcomed Ellen Plumridge into the Brownies when she made her promise. The sad part of the evening was saying goodbye to Louise, Catherine, Natasha and Kelly, who were presented with their blue trefoil badges before going to Guides in September. We also gave Caroline Spooner a gift and our grateful thanks for all her hard work in the pack, as she leaves us to go to college in September. We wish her good luck for her future.

On SATURDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER, our District Guides and brownies are having a JUMBIE SALE in Danbury. If you have any jumble, please contact me:

Tel: 400977

HEATHER LEIGH.



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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

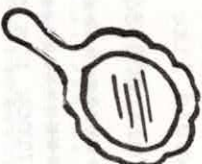
This year's Essex Show proved a busy time for the members who manned the 'Tombola Stall. A demonstration of 'Starter Cookery' took place at the June meeting; a yeoman warden from the 'Tower of London proved to be very entertaining in July and 'Wood from our Trees' was the subject in August. A party of members are going to a London theatre in September. A 'Trivial Pursuit' match was held against Millwood and was won by the guests.

A 'TRASH & TREASURE' AUCTION will be held on FRIDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER, at 7.30pm in the W.I.Hall. All items, other than shoes and clothing, may be entered. Goods will be checked in between 7.30 and 8.30pm on Thursday, 22nd and from 9.00am and 1.00pm on Friday, 23rd. VIEWING is at 6.00pm on the Friday evening. Your unwanted articles may be someone-else's treasures!! 75% of cash received will go to seller and 25% to W.I. funds.

Meetings take place on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month at 7.30pm in the W.I. Hall. New members and visitors will be very welcome.

Tel: 400223

IRENE WILDON.





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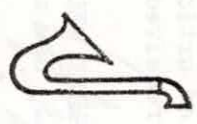
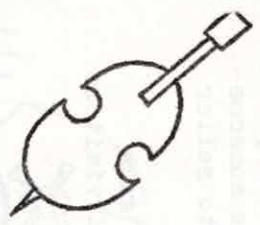
All the Committee members are working very hard for the SUMMER FAIR and we hope everyone will come along and help us to make it a good day out. So put a circle round SATURDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER, on your calendar. The Fete starts at 2.00pm and in the evening, from 8.30pm, there is a dance in the Village Hall.

Let's hope it does not rain like last year, but even if it does, there will be a beer tent for the men to shelter in !!

If anyone can help us on the day, please contact:
Tel: 400476 - Sheila Jacklin.

Dance tickets are available from:
Tel: 400784 - 3 Bridon Close.

ANN PARKER.



BADMINTON CLUB.

We are starting back on MONDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER, at 7.00pm. We need some lady players, so if you have played before and would like to join us, please ring:

Tel: 400784

ANN PARKER.

Answers: 1. Cha and Dave. 2. French and Saunders. 3. Red and Ginger. 4. Oranges and Lemons. 5. Foot and Mouth.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION.

Our Summer Fete at the School in June was a resounding success, with proceeds of £1090 going to P.T.A. funds. This beat our previous record by almost £400. We should, of course, like to thank everyone who supported us, either by sponsorship, donations, helping with stalls and for coming along and spending money to help such a worthy cause.

The P.T.A. organised two social events for the children at the end of term; a Magic Show for the Infants and a Disco for the Juniors, both of which were much enjoyed.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the School on THURSDAY, 6th OCTOBER, at 8.00pm, when the new committee will be elected and there will be a chance to tell you about all our fundraising events and how the money has been spent. Please try to come along! If you are interested in joining the P.T.A Committee, but would like more details of what it involves, please feel free to contact me - all I will say is that whilst there is a lot of hard work we also find time to have fun.

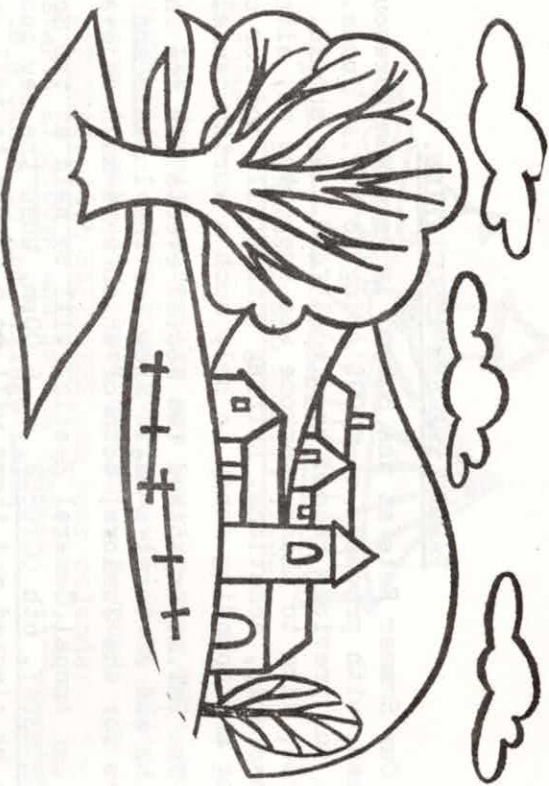
Two events being organised by the P.T.A. over the next few months are a Toy Party at the School (sometime before Christmas - date to be advised) and possibly a Race Night, at the beginning of next year.

Tel:400615

PEARL BONNER.

MORE OF THE SAME AS BEFORE!! (Answers previous page)

1. East End Songsters C..... and D.....
2. Female Comics F..... and S.....
3. Dance Team F..... and G.....
4. Juicy Pair O..... and L.....
5. Contagious Disease F..... and M.....



ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS AND VIEWS.

A varied programme of events and activities has made up the year so far. I wish to thank those collectors who helped with 'Christian Aid Week' in May. A total of £177 was donated - an increase on the 1987 figure. In early June, Mr and Mrs Philip Mitchell opened their home and garden for the Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy. This event raised £309 for church funds. I am very grateful to everyone who worked so hard to achieve this sum. Also it was encouraging to see so many friends from the village and outside who came to make the morning such a success!

Further repair work is being undertaken on the wooden tower at the west end of the church. A number of fund-raising events have been held, or will be held, to pay to maintain your village church.

We hope that many of you may be able to support the 'Friends of Essex Churches' annual cycle ride with sponsorship. Mrs Pat Range is kindly organising the parish effort again. Please note the date: SAT. 10th SEPTEMBER.

The sum of £186 was raised from the 'Music for a Summer Evening' programme in July for the repair fund, when some talented musicians from the village played for us. Also, we welcomed the Diocesan Bishop as our preacher on the occasion of a 'Deanery Evensong', who spoke about the urban needs of the church.

Tel: 400217

GRAHAM PLASTOW.

ATTENTION ALL CYCLISTS!!

SATURDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER, IS THE DAY FOR THE 'FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE'

Are there any cyclists who would like to join in this annual event? Once you have arranged your sponsors, each church you visit on your cycle run will count towards your total fund raising effort. The funds are needed for the repair and restoration of historic churches in Essex. Last year, cyclists 'signed in' at between two and thirty two churches, so you can choose your distance to suit your pace and fitness!

Further information and sponsor forms from:

Tel: 400545

PAT RANGE.

I should just like to thank the girls who helped me to raise the sum of £165.64 for little ADAM QUARMBY.

Also, a big 'thank you' to all the people who gave so generously and helped in the tragic situation and to Carol Charles, who gave up her spare time to make a teddy bear out of flowers.

We bought a stone flower vase, which has been placed in the churchyard and the remaining money has now been given to Mrs Quarndy, who is very grateful to you all.

Your generosity has been much appreciated by all concerned - thank you once again.

JANICE STEVENS.

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BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

We trust that you all managed to have a happy and relaxing Summer break.

It was good to be able to get outside for some of the Church activities over the Summer months. We enjoyed a good time together at our barbeque at the end of July. It is said that food always tastes better out of doors and the rate at which chicken Legs, beeburgers and fresh strawberries and cream disappeared certainly supported this.

On THURSDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER, at 8.00pm we shall be holding a coffee evening at 'SHARON' bungalow, next to the church. Our guest will be ANDY JELFS who is an evangelist taking part in the Mission Maldon events this Autumn. Andy will be speaking briefly about the Good News of the Gospel Message and there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion informally over a cup of coffee. Everyone is warmly invited.

Mums and Dads! Please note that Sunday School restarts on SUNDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER, at 9.45am.

" Jesus said: I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Tel: 400665

DAVID COTTEY.

THANK YOU.

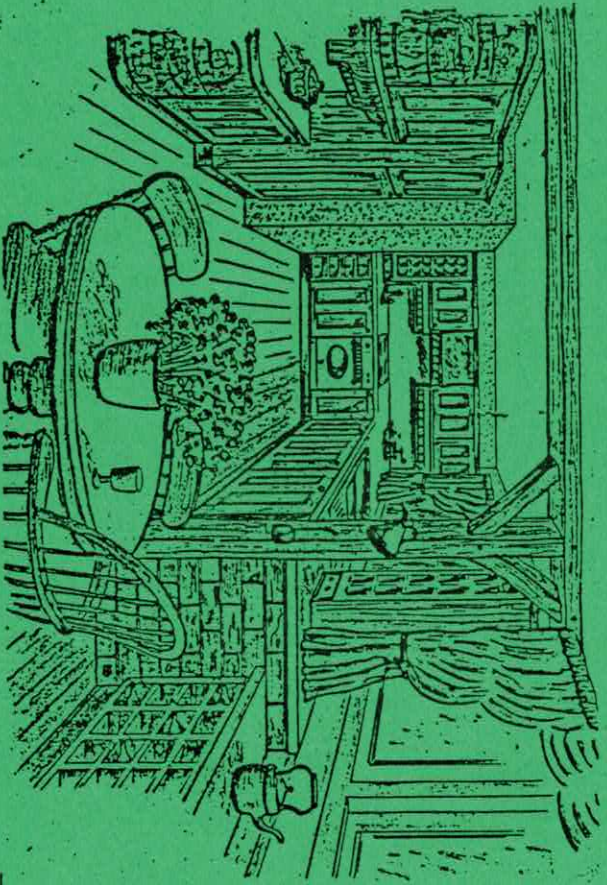
STEVE and TANIA would like to thank all the customers for their continuing support for the Great Ormond Street Hospital Appeal. The tower of two pence pieces has reached £99.00 so far. It is hoped that BOBBY GEORGE, the well-known darts player, will be able to knock it down when the target is reached.

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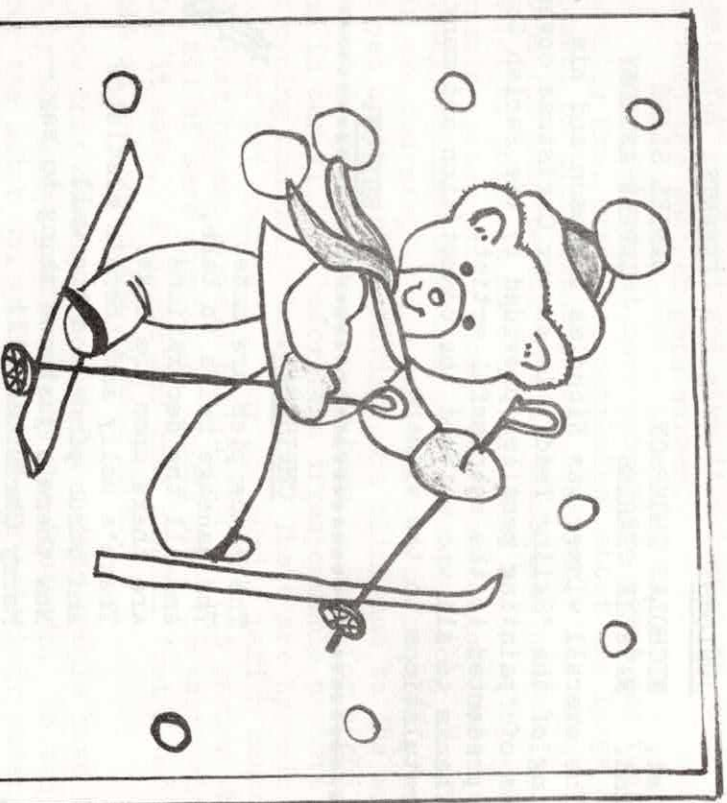
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CHRISTMAS COVER COMPETITION.

In November, I visited the village school to join Reverend Plastow in judging the entries to the Christmas cover competition. There was a great selection of drawings including snowmen, Christmas trees, Father Christmases and angels from every class in the school. It was a difficult task choosing the four prize winners, but eventually we decided on:

JUNIORS.

- 1st. NICHOLAS THOMPSON
- 2nd. NATALIE CHARLES

INFANTS.

- DANIEL SLADE
- GETHIN ANTHONY

The overall winner was Nicholas Thompson and his drawing of the 'Sking Teddy' is on our Christmas cover. Prizes of 'painting pencils' provided by the Parish Council were presented to the successful artists. Thanks to all who entered the competition and many congratulations to the winners.

EDITOR.

CHRISTMAS.

The mince pies are made,
The sausage rolls to bake,
And all the decorations
are there upon the cake.
There's holly and there's mistletoe
and cards pinned on the wall.
Now there's just one thing to say -
Merry Christmas All!



The fairy on the Christmas tree
is dressed in fine array,
As pretty as a picture
As she greets Christmas Day.
A wreath upon the front door
and a card with words that say -
'Ho Friends and Neighbours, Everyone,
Have a Happy Christmas Day!'

'SLIM' VEAL.

PARISH COUNCIL

Recently, P.C. received several complaints about the bad time keeping by Eastern National's 11A bus service. Hopefully, the situation has now improved, but if you have cause for complaint contact Mr. Burd at Eastern National Ltd, Cherrydown, Basildon or telephone him on Basildon 23431.

During this winter there will be quite a few trees planted in the village, some by P.C. and some by the Borough Council. If one is planted near your house please could you keep a watchful eye on it and give it a bucket of water every so often when the weather gets warmer.

P.C. has received yet more complaints about dog fouling. Most recently Mrs. Grace has complained about the large amount of excrement on the Dicknacre Road footpath. She says, "I can't be the only person to find this quite nauseating. Quite a lot of children have to walk that route along with Mum's pushing prams etc. Those people concerned don't seem to have any feelings for other people just as long as it isn't on their own doorstep". The national press frequently publishes news of yet another child having gone blind due to the worm egg present in dog faeces. Do we have to wait for a child to go blind in our village before the irresponsible members of the dog owning community take notice? There are hygienic ways to dispose of pet excrement. Our dog owning parish councillor tells me that he has a small contraption in his garden which, with the aid of some chemicals, breaks down the waste matter rendering it safe. I understand that similar 'pet loos' are available at pet shops and by mail order.

I know that during the last few months people have been annoyed by the large puddle on the Tye footpath. On testing the water the Water Co. said that it was not their water, which was a mistake on their part because it has now been found to have been coming from a leaking main. Now that the source is known the problem should be dealt with quite soon, although it will take some time for the Tye to dry out.

The manned refuse vehicle will be at the village hall car park on 10th. December, 14th. January and 11th. February from 8.15 until 11.15 am.

P.C. Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 pm in the Village Hall.

Tel. 400628

KAREN PLUMRIDGE
Clerk to the Council

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NEWS AND VIEWS.

The approach to Christmas is always preceded by the season of advent, which means 'Coming'. It is a time of self-preparation and reflection on the coming of Jesus as a weak, defenceless child of a poor family living among a subject people. This is the mystery and grandeur of the 'incarnation' or 'The Word made flesh and dwelling amongst us'.

Further money raising events have been well supported. The Autumn Fair made a total of £232.52 for church funds and we are grateful for all the hard work which made this possible. The 'Friends of Essex Churches' sponsored bike ride was a great success and our thanks go to Mrs. Patricia Range, who co-ordinated the arrangements as well as to the riders and sponsors. Half the total is remitted to the 'Friends' to provide grants all over Essex, whilst All Saints' half helps finance further repair work.

Susan Plastow reports a total of £177 being collected for the 'National Children's Homes' charity. Thank you to the collectors and donors who made this possible.

The Parish CAROL SERVICE will be held at 3.00pm on SUNDAY, 18th DECEMBER. On CHRISTMAS EVE, we have carols at 11.00pm followed by Communion at 11.30pm, leading into CHRISTMAS DAY with services at 8.00 and 11.00am. We look forward to welcoming friends and visitors to these services in order to share the joy of Christmas.....
.....'peace on earth and good will to all men'.

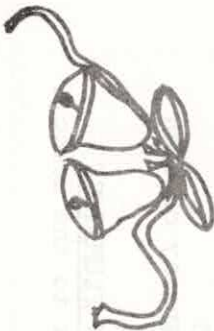
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GRAHAM PLASTOW.

FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE.

This event was well supported and raised a total of £276. Thanks are due to the energetic cyclists, the willing helpers who 'manned' the parish church and the many friends who provided sponsorship.

PAT RANGE.



CHELMSFORD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY
FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

The house-to-house collection during the summer amounted to £74.66. Thank you to all who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

PAT RANGE.

BROWNIES.

A varied programme has been provided for the Brownies this term. We sang a harvest song in church for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service; many thanks to Mrs. Pat Seeley for teaching and accompanying us with her guitar.

The Brownies have made and furnished a doll's house which is going to a hospital at Christmas. At the meeting before half term we met at Tawny's house for a treasure hunt; a most successful evening.

We have two new members now in uniform, Shelley Binion and Rachel Sherry and, at the time of writing, Becky Crow, Alisha Sach and Andrea Thompson have attended their first meeting, when we all made masks.

Before Christmas, we shall be doing some non-bake cooking, making Christmas tree decorations, learning Christmas songs and carols, plus a visit to the theatre to see 'The Lion, the witch and the Wardrobe'.

Many thanks to parents, friends and neighbours who attended my toy party, our funds are now boosted by £21.50.

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HEATHER LEIGH.

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OVER 60'S CLUB.

A new club for people over 60 living in the parish and outlying areas has recently been formed and at the Annual General Meeting, held in October, the following officials were elected:

CHAIRMAN	-	BETTY THAKE
TREASURER	-	OLIVE KEATING
SECRETARY	-	PAT HARVEY

Our meetings are held between 2.00 and 3.30pm every SECOND and LAST THURSDAY in EACH MONTH at the Village Hall.

They are an opportunity to get together with people with similar interests to have a chat, a cup of tea and cakes and biscuits. In, addition, we have a variety of quizzes and card bingo.

New members will be very welcome and, if you are interested, please either come along to our next meeting, which will be on WEDNESDAY, 12th JANUARY or ring me for more details. Do not be put off if transport is difficult, as we can usually arrange something if you let us know.

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It was a really great sight to see such a crowd of villagers enjoying the lovely weather and entertainment at the village fete in September. It was a bonus that this village fair also helped towards fundraising for the hall's maintenance. Those who came to the Jazz Evening can testify to a good evening, with music that left people shouting for more. Watch out for a repeat of 'Jazz with Hugh Rainey' next year. Village life surely would be richer if we had more such fun times.

We are soon to host an evening of Indoor Short Bowls as a demonstration of the sport and to test the interest. If you are interested, please contact DENIS JACKLIN - 400476, or me, or see the notice in the village hall.

On a more cautionary note, would villagers be vigilant as to the vandalism on the field and in the hall. It is our hall, a resource for our children's future and, as such, our help is needed to protect it and educate them how to use it.

Also, could car drivers please go steady with speeds, as children often frequent the car park. Cyclists, too, need to be mindful of their speed and of the damage which can be done to hedges and pathways. With a little collective care and interest, we can all share in the hall's future.

There are still a few pottery mugs for sale - depicting East Hanningfield Post Office. For the original local gift, what could be better!

If you have any new ideas for the hall, please ring any of the numbers quoted, or if you think you would like to join the group of people who run the hall for the village, you would be most welcome.

TEL: 400797

WENDY THOMAS.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERY ONE



EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

It has been a busy few months for the W.I. A produce stall at the village fair, in September, was soon sold out of cakes and preserves.

An Edwardian Fashion Show was held at the Marconi club in aid of Broomfield Hospital breast Cancer Screening Fund. The rraah and treasure Sale, in September, proved to be great fun as well as financially rewarding.

The Harvest Supper was well attended by members and husbands. The Reverend Robinson provided great entertainment as usual.

A flower arranging school, in October, was enjoyed by thirteen members and a delicious lunch was provided.

A Manufacturer's Seconds Sale was also well patronised. At the past three monthly meetings, 'Save the Children Fund', Christmas Decorations and Cake Icing have proved very interesting.

The December meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, 14th DECEMBER when a film featuring EGYPT will be shown.

On SATURDAY, 3rd DECEMBER, the Christmas Bazaar will be held in the W.I.Hall.

Meetings take place at 7.30pm on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month (except December). Visitors and new members will be very welcome.

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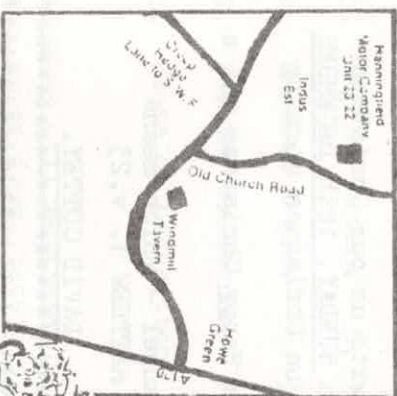


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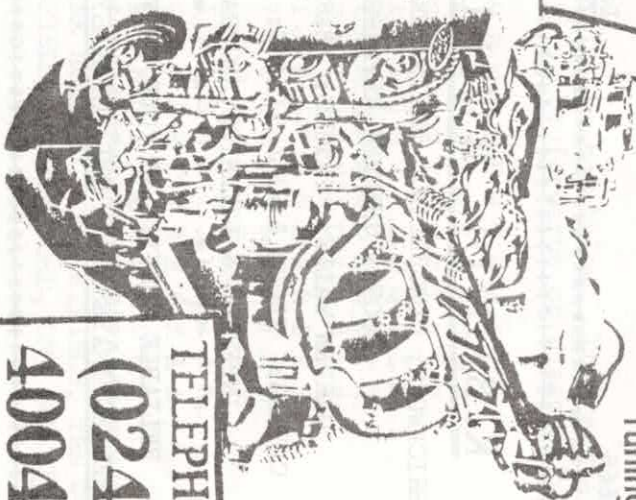
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BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Christmas and the New Year afford us an opportunity again for reflection and thanksgiving and looking forward to the future.

As we look back over the past year, we are conscious of God's blessing in so many areas of church life.

In the autumn, Andy Jelfs, local minister and evangelist came to take a coffee evening as part of the Mission Maldon events. He reminded us of the good news contained in the Christian gospel; good news which is echoed in the Christmas events, that God, in the person of Jesus, wants to come and share our lives. It is this hope that fills us with thanksgiving for the present and confidence in the future.

We warmly invite you to share with us our Christmas family CAROL SERVICE, at 10.45am on SUNDAY, 18th DECEMBER and for our informal time together on Christmas morning from 10.00 to 10.45am.

We do wish that you will have a Happy Christmas and a Joyful New Year.

and they will call Him Immanuel - which means
God with us'.
MATTHEW 1. v.23

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E.G. An angel of sorts. (8) - Guardian

1. Maybe an ear. (8)
2. Ring of close persons. (6,6)
3. Self - reliant. (11)
4. Level after work. (7,8)
5. Regular train. (5,7)
6. Uncouth angle. (6,7)
7. Healthy existence. (8,4)
8. House of perfection. (5,4)

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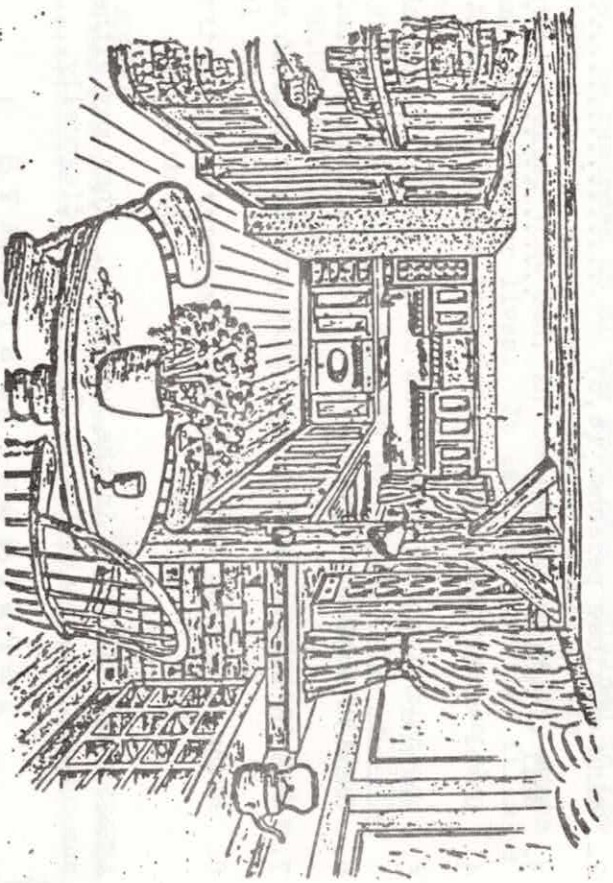
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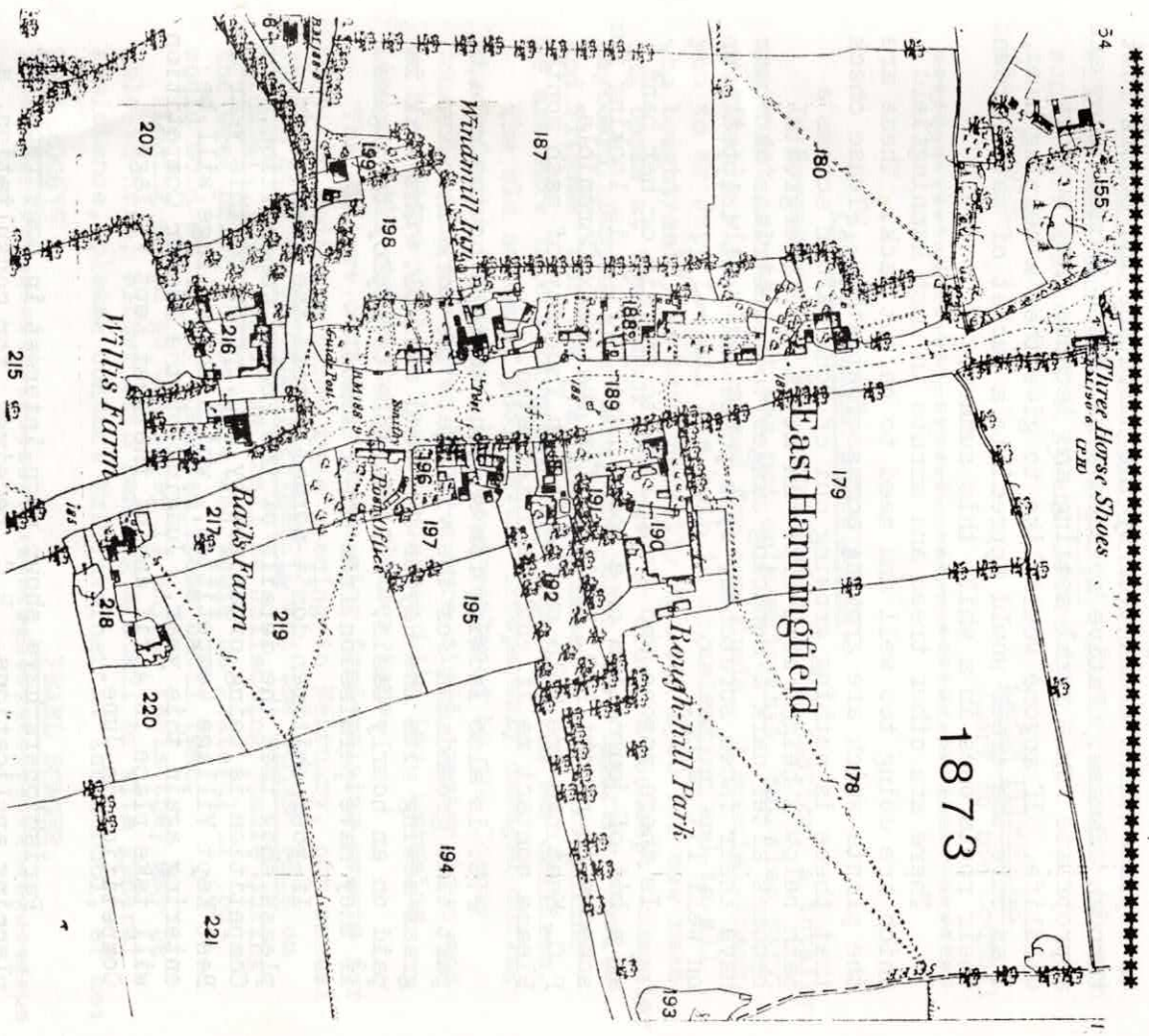
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PARISH COUNCIL

Confirmation has been received that the Old Church Road Footpath is to be rebuilt, possibly before the end of the financial year. Although P.C. convinced the Borough Council of the need for the work some time ago, funds have only become available recently.

In January some young trees were planted in Ashley Green to replace those blown over by the hurricane and others lost through disease. Native species were chosen because they are appropriate for a rural setting and because they support wildlife. If anyone would like to give them a helping hand, I am sure the trees would appreciate a bucket of water around their roots once in a while this summer.

There are other trees and shrubs in East Hanningfield which are doing too well and need to be cut back. These are the plants which are growing across footpaths. Please check that there is nothing growing out of your garden across a path below a height of 6-7ft. An attractive overgrowth becomes after dark a menacing danger to pedestrians who can have their faces scratched, eyes poked and feet tripped even on well lit paths.

Is there anyone who would like to try his or her hand at a bit of journalism on a local level? P.C. is looking for someone to report P.C. Meetings for the Essex Chronicle. P.C. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Please contact me if you are interested.

P.C. is also looking for someone to take on the role of part time groundsman for the village. The work involves grass mowing with the Hayter and weed control. The work is paid on an hourly basis. P.C. is able to employ teenagers if they have permission from their school.

If your children don't normally read the Newsletter, please show them the details of the Poster Competition. The Competition is being organized by P.C. prior to this year's Best Kept Village Competition, which the village will be entering again this year. Judging of the Poster Competition will take place in April and of the Best Kept Village Competition in June.

Parishioners have shown much interest in some recent planning applications. P.C. receives, for consultation, a

copy of every planning application from within the parish. Although parishioners may communicate their views directly to the planning authority, and frequently do so, P.C. welcomes your comments when preparing a response for the Borough Council. At Meetings you can speak to Council during Public Question Time, which is always near the beginning of the Agenda so usually shortly after 8pm.

The manned refuse vehicle continues to visit the Village Hall car park on the second Saturday morning of each month. It arrives at 8.15 and leaves by 11.15.

Rel. 400628

KAREN PLUMRIDGE
Clerk to the Council

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION.

In November, the PTA organised a 50/50 Auction, a totally new event for us. It was not only enjoyable, but also very profitable with £260 raised for our funds. A special thank you to Mr Jupp for all his help in organisation and to all who bought/sold. We have recently donated £500 for new reading books at the School and have on order a 'Concept' computer keyboard. During this term, the School is featuring 'Health and Fitness' and the PTA have purchased a mini trampoline - we are sure this will prove very popular with the children.

The old swimming pool cover, irreparably damaged during the infamous hurricane, has been replaced by the County Council. The new cover is of a more rigid construction and we hope there will be fewer problems with it. Swimming lessons will resume during the Summer term.

The PTA are currently organising fund-raising events for 1989, including a horse race evening in February, our annual JUMBLE SALE on SATURDAY, 29th APRIL and the SUMMER FETE on SATURDAY, 10th JUNE. We shall be collecting jumble during the week prior to the sale and would be grateful if you could hold on to any unwanted items until then.

Looking ahead to the fete, if anyone feels they may be able to help, either with manning a stall or with general assistance, please contact Mrs Taverner at the School, or me:

TEL: 400615

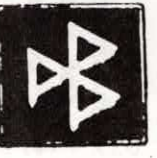
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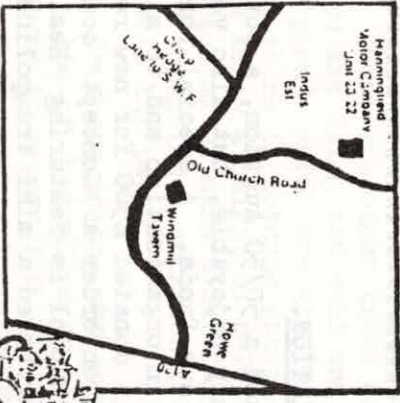
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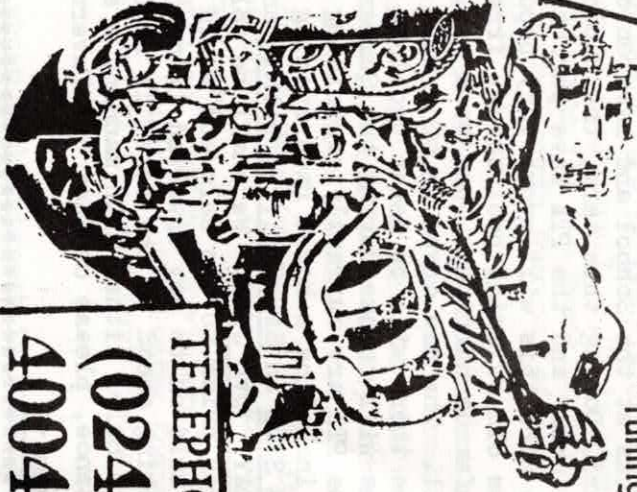


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DID YOU KNOW that there is a bus which goes twice a week from Bicknacre to Basildon?? It was introduced by Eastern National to enable people to attend Basildon Hospital, but the service has not been widely used. The contract will be reviewed in October and if it is under-used, the service is likely to be withdrawn. Apart from hospital visits, it could be used for a morning's shopping in Basildon as a change from Chelmsford.

The bus starts from Bicknacre, passes through East Hanningfield and Wickford to terminate at Basildon Hospital.

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DENNIS JACKLIN.

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

It is remarkable how, after all the weeks of preparation and frantic activity, Christmas is over so quickly and is now just a distant memory and Easter is almost upon us.

For the Church, Easter, perhaps more than Christmas is the great time of celebration, for Easter embodies the heart of the Christian message that the Son of God laid down his own life, that we may have new and more abundant life.

It is no coincidence that we celebrate Easter at Spring-time when the signs of new natural life are bursting out all around us, a living illustration of the love of God.

We do warmly welcome you to join us for our Family Celebration Service on Easter Sunday Morning at 10.45 am.

'Jesus said: " I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full..."

JOHN Ch. 10 v. 10

TEL: 400665.

DAVID CORNEY.

EAST HANNINGFIELD CUBS - KON TIKI PACK.

The Cubs are still meeting in the school hall every Tuesday evening between 7.00 and 8.30 pm and we have vacancies for boys aged 8 to 10½ years. We also have a football team. Over the past few months, the boys have earned several badges - homehelp, handyman, artist, map reader and first-aid.

At Hallows' and at Christmas parties were enjoyed by the boys. In January, there was an outing to the Cliffs Pavillion to see the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' - 74 cubs, parents, leaders and families thoroughly enjoyed themselves - OH YES, THEY DID!!

Future events include Gilwell Funday - when we join some 2000 other cubs for a fun day out. If your son would like to join us, either bring him along or contact:

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BROWNIES.

The Brownies were happy to accept an invitation to sing to the Over Sixties Club and enjoyed singing carols and Christmas songs and the hospitality afterwards.

The District Carol Service in Danbury was again very successful. Thanks go to the brownies who attended and carried the flag so well.

We have now completed our first half term of 1989 working for our journey badges and preparing for Thinking Day. A welcome is extended to three new brownies, Penny Hange, Jane Warren and Samantha Barrett. Don't forget to put your daughter's name on the waiting list if you would like her to join Brownies at the age of seven. I accept names of children from the age of 5½ years onwards.

TEL: 400977
HEATHER LEIGH.

DANBURY & DISTRICT GIRL GUIDES.

It was lovely to see so many Brownies, Guides, Hangers, parents and friends at our Christmas Carol Service. We were able to send £90 to the Girl Guide Friendship Fund from the collection. Our thanks to Bernard Lloyd for accommodating us all in St. John's Church and to local clergy who helped in the service.

The Jumble Sale in January was well supported and we raised about £375 for our funds, part of which will go towards this year's increased subscription to H.Q. of £40 per person.

Many of our units visited local organisations and retirement homes over the Christmas period to entertain them and give them gifts; older Guides and Hangers went Carol singing to raise money for various charities.

Finally, a plea to adults - do you feel you could spare some time each week to help keep Guiding alive in our area? All our units desperately need extra help on a regular basis; many existing Guides have been with the units for over ten years and we do need more people to help regularly and possibly to train as Guides.

I SHOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU, IF YOU FEEL YOU COULD HELP. I AM WAITING TO BE INUNDATED WITH TELEPHONE CALLS! PLEASE!

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DI ANGEL.

ATTENTION!! ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN IN EAST HANNINGFIELD!!

'STOP THE LITTER DROP' POSTER COMPETITION.

Can you design a poster which will persuade everyone to take their litter home or put it in a bin?

JUNIOR SECTION:- 1st. Prize - £7.50 W.H.Smith gift voucher.

Open to all junior school children who live in East Hanningfield or who attend East Hanningfield School. Entries to be on white paper, size A4 (21 x 30 cm.)

SENIOR SECTION:- 1st. Prize - £10 W.H.Smith gift voucher.

Open to all secondary school pupils living in East Hanningfield. Entries to be on white paper, size A3 (30 x 42 cm.)

Any paint or drawing medium is allowed, but not collage.

Please do not mount or frame your poster, but do attach a label to the back with your NAME, AGE on 1st. April, 1989, ADDRESS and name of SCHOOL written very clearly.

Your entries can be delivered to 2 CLINTON CLOSE as soon as you like, but must be received by 31st. MARCH, 1989.

Winners' names will be published in the June Newsletter.

EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Mrs Dwin Hendry has been elected President for another year.

The Christmas Bazaar was attended in festive spirit and many members enjoyed a Christmas Dinner at a local restaurant. At the December meeting a film about Egypt was shown by Rev. Tillet and in January a talk was given on 'A History of Musical Instruments'.

Members will entertain a group of disabled folk to tea on Monday, 20th March and on SATURDAY, 20th. MAY a Plant Sale will be held at the W.I.Hall. Outings for the Summer months are also being arranged.

At the MARCH meeting, Mr R. Fairman will talk about 'Travels around the Jungle Hundred' and in APRIL a talk on 'Tribal Beads of Southern Africa' will be given by Mrs Batten. Meetings are held on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of EACH MONTH at 7.30 pm in the W.I.Hall. Visitors and new members welcome.

TEL: 400223

IRENE WILSDON.

VILLAGE HALL.

Work is due to start shortly on the hard tennis/sports court. Any keen tennis player interested in starting a club or helping to manage the resource should contact me or any committee member.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hanna's Field Charity is to be held in the Hall at 8.30 pm on WEDNESDAY, 15th. MARCH. If you have any questions or ideas, why not bring them to this meeting?

This hall belongs to us all and we should all take care of it. Unfortunately, recently vandals smashed the front entrance windows. Not only was this expensive but extremely disappointing as such energy could have been put to better uses in the hall. No one, of any age, need feel excluded from the hall. Come to the meeting and see how you could become involved.

The reduced weekly rate of £2.00 per hour until 6.00 pm for private family bookings has been extended to include weekends, so anyone interested in getting fit - why not take up this cheap rate for villagers?

People are also reminded that Hanna's Field is subject to byelaw restrictions which prohibit cars, motor bikes, horses and cycles. These byelaws are being ignored by a number of people with resulting serious damage to the turf. The Charity would like to make it clear that it is a criminal offence and offenders may be prosecuted.

Villagers are also reminded that whilst dogs are permitted on the field, they must be under proper control and we ask owners to keep their animals to the edge of the field away from the children's play area.

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CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING.

At 8.00 pm on WEDNESDAY, 15th MARCH, there will be a meeting at West Hanningfield Village Hall for all members of the Emergency Helper Unit. There will be a talk on the 'Role of the Fire and Rescue Services'. Please support us.

I am always pleased to record new members on the Emergency Helper list and I am particularly keen to hear from anyone prepared to have their car phone listed to receive and transmit messages to and from the borough, if we were to lose the services of the local telephone exchange.

TEL: 400425

BOB MORRIS.

OVER SIXTIES CLUB.

We had a very Pleasant Christmas Dinner at the 'Ferrars Arms' in December, which was paid for out of club funds. In addition, there was a Christmas Party in the Village Hall, where we were entertained by Mrs Greaves playing the piano for our sing song of old songs and carols, helped by the Brownies. Each member of the club received a calendar.

We shall be very happy to welcome new members to our meetings, which are held every SECOND and LAST THURSDAY in each month, at 2.00 pm in the Village Hall. We have a chat and a cup of tea, together with a game of bingo, when there is normally a prize for everyone. Do come along and join us!

TEL: 400890

BETTY THAKE.

FOOTBALL.

I am sorry to report that the Under XV Football team folded from lack of support. Ted Williamson entered a team in the Chelmsford Youth League but the promised support from boys and parents did not materialise. Now Mr Williamson may be faced with paying a fine for failing to meet the League's requirements. It seems a great pity that when someone has been prepared to give up his free time to help the young people of the village, he should be let down and may also have to pay for it! However, in spite of these setbacks, he is prepared to start an UNDER ELEVEN team in September.

EDITOR.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NEWS AND VIEWS.

It gave much pleasure to Christmas worshippers to have the church so beautifully decorated. A number of ladies produced pleasing displays in the window bays made up of poinsettia plants and evergreen given by Mr & Mrs Eng. The School provided their screens depicting Christmas themes, which made a welcoming blaze of colour by the main door. Our thanks to Mrs Taverner, the staff and children for all their hard work.

Looking ahead, we hope to embark upon some further repair work to the timber-frame of the tower and some stone re-facing. Our architect, Mr Richard Burbridge, is obtaining tenders for us.

During Lent, we shall be sharing a study-course on St. Paul's letter to the Philippians with Downham parish, on WEDNESDAYS, 15th and 22nd FEBRUARY, 1st, 8th and 15th MARCH at Downham House. A preliminary meeting about Confirmation is arranged for TUESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY at Downham Rectory - both timed for 8.00 pm - which East Hanningfield will share.

Holy Week and Easter Services will be as follows:
MAUNDY THURSDAY (23rd March) - Holy Communion - 7.30 pm.
GOOD FRIDAY - 'The Last Hour' devotional service - 2.00 - 3.00 pm. Preacher: The Revd Canon Timothy Thompson - cathedral vice-Provost.

A separate poster will give details of Easter Day Services.

TEL: 400217

GRAHAM PLASTOW.

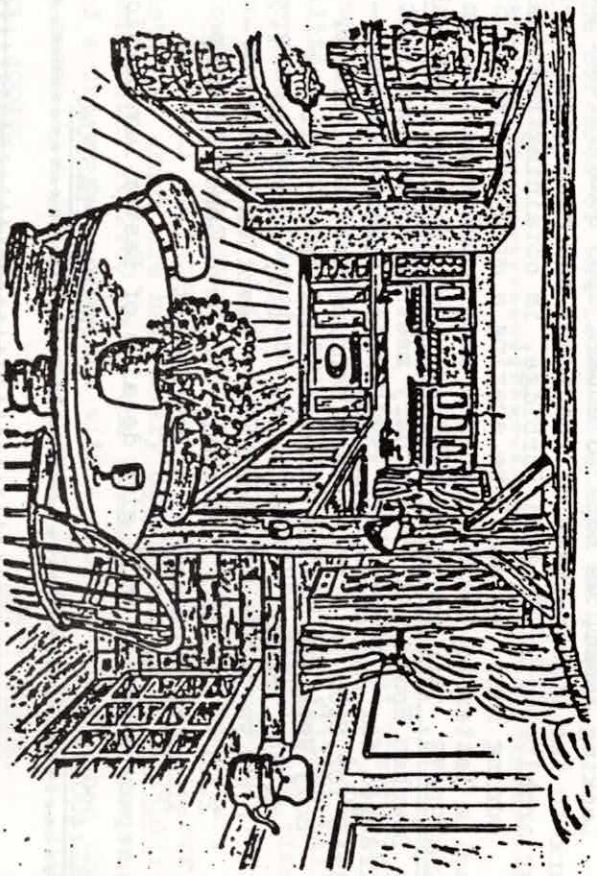
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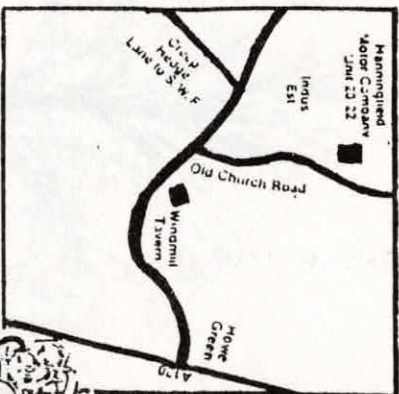


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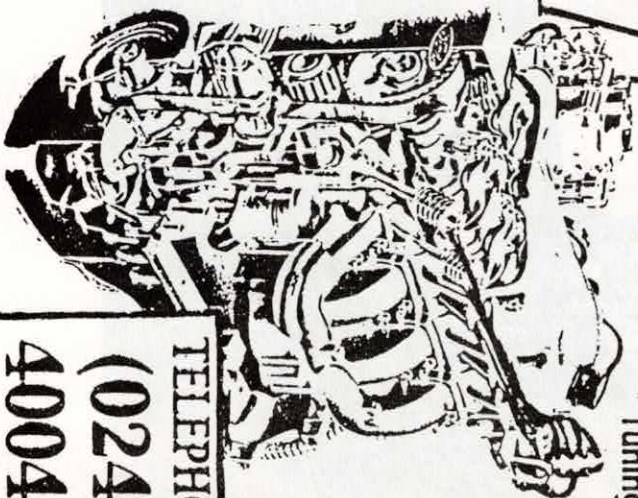


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PARISH COUNCIL

For all those awaiting the arrival of GAS in the village; you should not have to wait much longer. The flats being refurbished on the Coude Dennis estate are to have gas heating. This means that there will be a domestic pressure main to which other properties can connect. All households in the village, but not the outlying properties, can expect to hear from the Gas Company about connection quite soon.

At the time of writing this, the P.C. is arranging for every household in the parish to receive an invitation to the talk on the Community Charge in the Village Hall on 25th. May. It is hoped that the talk will help parishioners understand the workings of the Charge.

Congratulations to Erin Bonner who won first prize in the junior section of the litter poster competition, and to Catherine Mcgarvey and Stephanie Crewe who came a very close equal second. Catherine Plumridge won the senior section, with no other placings due to lack of support. Keep a look out for the winning posters.

You will also see posters for this year's Best Kept Village Competition. The judges will be looking to see that the whole community takes an interest in the appearance of the village. Judging takes place in June.

If you have household items or garden refuse you want to get rid of, the manned refuse vehicle will be in the Village Hall car park on the following Saturday mornings: 10th. June, 8th. July and 12th. August. It has to leave the car park by 11.15 or when it is full if that is earlier, so try not to leave it too late to take your rubbish round to the car park.

The construction of the all-weather sports court at Hanna's Field is to go ahead as soon as the north field is dry enough to take lorries with the minimum of damage to the turf and drainage system beneath it.

This year's PLAYWEEK is planned for the week beginning Monday, 31st. July. Please make a note in your diary or calendar. Last year some children missed out because they forgot the date. As usual we shall be needing lots of adults to come and join in the fun. Please let me know if you have a hidden talent, such as being able to organize a game of cricket or you are good at origami. For newcomers to the village, I shall just say that PLAYWEEK will be in the Village Hall, it is for 5-12s and all the children at the School will receive a letter about it nearer the time.

The Parish Council has asked me to remind everyone about the Tye byelaws. The byelaws were very carefully prepared by the P.C. with the assistance and agreement by the Department of the Environment, for the purpose of protecting the Tye and the people who use it. A copy of the byelaws is attached to the back of the P.C. noticeboard on the Tye. If you feel it is necessary for you to carry out an activity which would contravene the byelaws you should ask the P.C. for a relaxation of the byelaws. Consultation with P.C. should result in the Tye not being damaged and there being no risk to pedestrians. Basically, it is simplest to remember that the Tye is private property and our right to it is of access on foot.

P.C. Meetings continue to be held on the 4th. Thursday of each month, at 8 pm in the Village Hall. Public Question Time is always shortly after the opening of the Meeting.

Tel. 400628

Karen PLUMRIDGE
Clerk to the Council

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1988/89 has been a busy period for P.C. Close liaison has been maintained with Borough and County Councils and the local and national organizations to which P.C. belongs. Planning matters have aroused considerable public interest, and we have seen the preservation of the Mill as a result of the Tye Conservation Zone designation.

P.C. has carried out tree surgery and replanting, in the wake of the hurricane, this expenditure being partly funded by Grant from Essex County Council.

Pressure from P.C. has resulted in the rebuilding of the Old Church Road footpath and additional signing at the Tye/Old Church Road junction. P.C. continues to press for restoration of the verges and footpath in front of the Old Church Road Council houses.

The June '88 Meeting was visited by the police to discuss local problems such as speeding, vandalism and illegal parking.

P.C. has been critical of Eastern National over the past year for bad time-keeping, frequent timetable changes and lack of publicity. P.C. has continued to promote the local services by distributing timetables to all households. The service to Basildon has received a poor level of support, and will be withdrawn unless it gains more users.

The bus shelter light has had to be repaired more than once and the seat on the Tye has had to be replaced as a result of vandal damage.

With grant funding from Chelmsford Borough Council a false ceiling has been installed in the small hall at the Village Hall, and double glazed lights are being installed in the roof. The verges of the Village Hall Chase were seeded and turfed with the residue of a previous grant from C.B.C. and additional finance from Hanna's Field Charity. A further grant is to be used to build a multi-purpose all weather sports court, and another grant will finance half of the cost of new folding doors in the Village Hall and completing the roof lights.

The Summer Holiday Playscheme was a great success, with help and advice received from C.B.C. Recreational Services once again, and 84 children attending.

Litter continues to be a major problem. P.C. has provided many litter bins and continues with the arrangement for bulk refuse collection by the manned refuse vehicle stationed in the Village Hall car park on the second Saturday of every month until about 11 am. Please use this facility or take your rubbish to the civic amenity point in Baddow Road, opposite Beehive Lane. There you will find a bottle bank, containers for waste paper, garden rubbish, general rubbish and bulky items. Please do not dump your rubbish in or around the village; somebody else has to clear it up.

Under the guiding hand of Mr. Morris, our civil emergency plan continues to become more comprehensive with more skilled helpers being recruited, and training having been undertaken. Thanks go to Mr. Morris for his continued and indefatigable enthusiasm for this work.

This has been a brief resume of some of the P.C. work of the past year. It remains for me to thank my team of fellow councillors for their commitment and willing acceptance of the responsibility of elective office. I must also thank Madam Clerk once again for her enthusiasm and hardwork.

Tel. 400684

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ALAN DIXON
Chairman, Parish Council

VILLAGE HALL.

The Annual General Meeting of Hanna's Field Charity (the Village Hall Committee) was held on 22nd March.

Thank you to those of the villagers who came - WHERE WERE THE BEST OF YOU? This is your call and it needs you to make it work for you. Perhaps we'll see you next year.

Please keep your eyes open for news of the hard court/ tennis courts as these are about to be built and, if the weather holds, could be ready in 6-8 weeks. If you are interested in playing or in starting a club, then please contact any committee member or ring the Ansaphone 401029.

Casual bookings for the hall can be made through Janet Harvey at 5 Scarles Croft. For other bookings or for queries, please call the Ansaphone 401029 and Ann Walden will get back to you as soon as possible.

There are various activities taking place at the Hall and it may be that you are interested in joining one of them. If you cannot contact any of the numbers listed, then enquire of Ann on the Ansaphone:

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- BAMINGTON CLUB CH. 400784
- JUDO CH. 400175
- FOOTBALL CLUB CH. 400757
- SHORT TENNIS 0621-57858
- SCOTTISH DANCING CH. 401175
- PLAYGROUP CH. 400635
- OVER SIXTIES CLUB CH. 400890
- BALLET CH. 71425

The notice boards in the Hall will also carry an up to date picture of activities.

Please watch for future events at the Hall, such as the JAZZ DANCE with the HUGH RAINEY BAND on SATURDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER. The last one was a great evening when we had the band after the village Pete and, with your support, it could be as successful again.

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As always, it is up to us all to take care of the Hall. Please, if you see anyone damaging the Hall or its contents or surroundings, warn them off or tell the village policeman. It takes a lot of time and money repairing the results of vandalism.

Tel: Ch. 400797

WENDY THOMAS.

CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING.

On the evening of Wednesday, 15th March, Mr Mike O'Dwyer gave an interesting and informative talk on the role of the Fire and Rescue services, to a combined audience of over twenty people from East and West Hanningfield, in West Hanningfield Village Hall.

Mr O'Dwyer, who lives in West Hanningfield, is head of the Essex Fire and Rescue Training School at Witham and he brought one of his staff with him as projectionist. He put over this serious subject in an interesting and often amusing way, demonstrating the great versatility of his service in dealing with major fires, the aftermath of road accidents, rescuing people from unusual situations and even their pet animals. The audience was impressed with the speed of response of the service and the sometimes expedient methods and routes used to cut out delay.

He praised the good work done in the parishes in the local organisation of helper lists to assist in all types of emergency and the staff of Chelmsford Borough Council who activate the lists in time of need. (If anyone, not already on the lists would like to put their names forward, please contact me. All types of skills are welcome - or even an extra pair of hands.)

Sincere thanks are given to Mr O'Dwyer on behalf of both parishes for a memorable evening.

Mr O'Dwyer is also looking through and commenting on the draft Emergency Contingency Plans, which have been drawn up for each parish, by the organiser and his local committee, and we are grateful to him for his help and support.

Tests are also due to be carried out this summer, to try out standby Power Supplies at the two Primary Schools in the parishes to allow for planning against possible future long power cuts on the public supply.

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BROWNIES.

We celebrated Thinking Day, in February, by joining with Brownies, Guides and Rangers in the Chelmsford division for a service in Christ Church. Each unit had one girl dressed in a uniform from a foreign country, so the world-wide movement was represented.

Three of our brownies entered the District Craft competition with good results. Emma Evans was commended, Annita Andrews came third in her age group and Anna Willis came first in her age group. Well done!

At Easter, we said good-bye to Emma Evans, Annita Andrews, Sarah Marson and Joanne Cottey, who have now joined the Guides and we gave welcomed into brownies Claire Jones, Stephanie Gardiner, Alexandre Condon and Katie Bonner. The Brownies are working hard for their Water Rescuer, Hostess and Artist badges with the recruits working towards making their promise.

On 6th May, we joined with the Bicknacre Brownies for a day trip to Pleasurewood Hills, Lowestoft, where we joined with 9000 other Brownies from East Anglia to celebrate the 75th Birthday of the Brownie Movement. The weather was wonderful and a great day out was enjoyed by all.

And last, but by no means least, a big welcome and thanks to Mrs Pat Seeley, who has joined us as a unit helper.

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HEATHER LEIGH.

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PETER DREW.

EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

In March, a party of house-bound pensioners were entertained to tea and a sing-song.

The delegate to the County Annual Meeting gave her report on Federation news to the Institute.

Fancy box-making classes have proved to be both popular and productive.

Several members attended the Spring group meeting at Woodham Ferrars. Mrs Ann Benson won the Apricot Jam award for the area.

A lunch held at Thriftwood, in aid of MacMillan nurses was well patronised.

Several ladies are working on exhibits for the Essex Show.

A Plant Sale in May enjoyed record attendance.

At recent meetings, talks on 'Local villages in the past' and 'Beads of Africa' were well received. Future events include visits to Windsor Castle and Woodbridge.

At the June meeting there will be a demonstration on Dressmaking, in July, a talk on Guide Dogs for the Blind and the August meeting will be open to friends and family when Mr Edward Clack will show aerial films of the English countryside.

W.I. meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month. Visitors will be warmly welcomed.

Tel: Ch. 400223

TRENE WILSDON.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NEWS AND VIEWS.

Some highlights of the past three months included the area Confirmation, celebrated on Sunday, 26th May, at 6.30 pm. We were the host church to candidates from Bicknacre, Downham and Wifford. The Bishop of Bradford officiated at the service. Our thanks go to the ladies who provided light refreshments in the w.I.hall afterwards.

A village wedding was held on Saturday, 20th. May, when Suzanne Bell of Abbey Fields was married to Neil Tilling from Writtle. We offer our best wishes to the newly-married couple.

On Sunday, 7th May, the baptism of Simon Edward Jones was held in the Family/Parade service, which was a happy occasion and was attended by the Cub-scouts and the Brownies.

Quite soon, there will be a 75th anniversary at Great Waltham Church, on Sunday, 11th June at 6.30 pm, to celebrate the creation of the Chelmsford diocese in 1914.

During April, church in Essex went away for just over two days to Caister, at the invitation of the diocesan Bishop. Over 500 clergy spent a useful time together thinking, sharing and praying about the task of ministry today. One major contribution came from Bishop John Taylor, formerly of Winchester, who was the main speaker.

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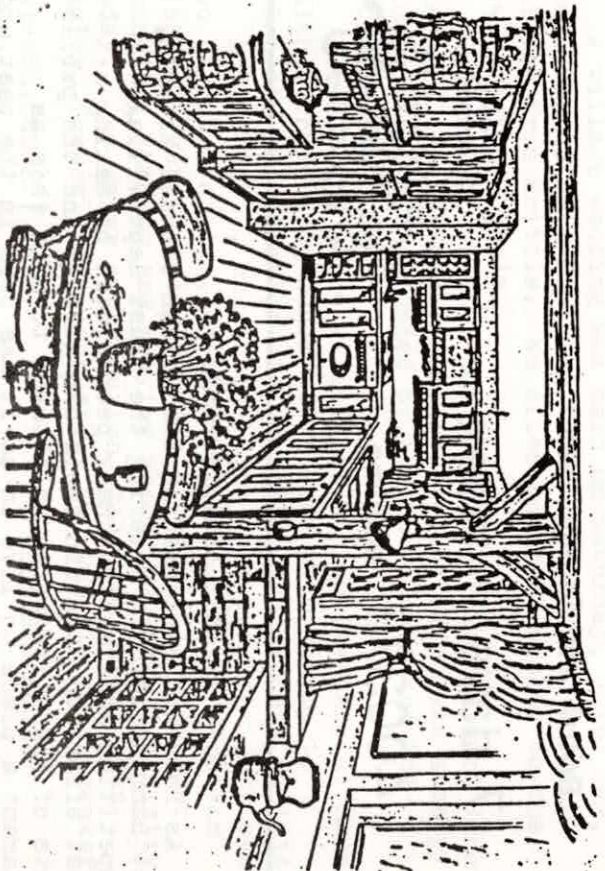
As has been mentioned in the parish Council article, East Hammingfield is entering the 'Best Kept Village' competition once again. Many people will be making a great effort to maintain their own gardens and the public parts of the village, in an attempt to make this as pleasant a place to live in as it has been in the past, and also to try to win the competition. It seems such a pity, when there is so much positive energy spent to improve things, that a small minority is so lacking a purpose in life, that they feel they must try to destroy what others have worked hard to provide. In spite of all the many activities listed as available in the village hall, someone has thought it clever to wreck one of the supports to the new goal posts recently set up on the field. Although it might be thought by some that these actions are more misguided than wicked, it is as well to remember that this kind of damage is a criminal offence and there will be little sympathy for anyone caught and charged. PC Franklin includes the village hall on his beat on a regular basis and with the vigilance of other people, perhaps this sort of damage can be avoided in future.

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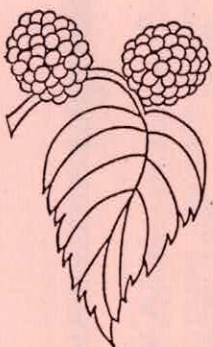
TO AUTUMN.

O Autumn, laden with fruit, and stained
With the blood of the grape, pass not, but sit
Beneath my shady roof; there may'st thou rest,
And tune thy jolly voice to my fresh pipe;
And all the daughters of the year shall dance!
Sing now the lusty song of fruits and flowers.

'The narrow bud opens her beauties to
'The sun, and love runs in her thrilling veins;
'Blossoms hang round the brows of morning, and
'Flourish down the bright cheek of modest eve,
'Till clust'ring Summer breaks forth into singing,
'And feather'd clouds strew flowers round her head.

'The spirits of the air live on the smells
'Of fruit; and joy, with pinions light, roves round
'The gardens, or sits singing in the trees.'
Thus sang the jolly Autumn as he sat;
Then rose, girded himself, and o'er the bleak
Hills fled from our sight, but left his golden load.

WILLIAM BLAKE 1757 - 1827



PARISH COUNCIL

The vast majority of parishioners are disgusted when they see rubbish dumped on roadside verges, but it continues to happen and even the Village Hall car park has had a load of someone's refuse dumped there. If you see someone fly-tipping, please report them to the police giving such details as time, date, place and car registration number.

Refuse vehicles continue to visit the Village Hall car park on the SECOND SATURDAY of each month from 8.15 to 11.15 am. The next three dates are 9th SEPTEMBER, 14th OCTOBER and 11th NOVEMBER. This vehicle will take your garden refuse as well as household refuse. If you cannot wait for the second Saturday, the civic amenity site is open daily, including weekends and the entrance is opposite Beehive Lane, at the mini roundabout in Great Baddow.

Through the summer there have been more complaints about plants and trees obstructing footpaths. If plants are growing from your garden over a footpath, please cut them back, they can be very dangerous after dark.

During the next few months it might be necessary to change the day of the Parish Council Meetings from Thursday to WEDNESDAY. The notice and agenda for each Meeting appear on the P.C. noticeboards at least four days before the Meeting, so if you wish to attend you will be able to find out the date.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NEWS AND VIEWS.

The summer months have been busy in a number of ways. I am very grateful to those people who assisted with the annual 'Christian Aid' collection, which amounted to £143.00. The 'Bring and Buy' Coffee Morning at Kilchurn realised £293.00 for which so many worked so hard.

On 2nd July, Philip James Warner was baptised and welcomed into the Church's family, during the Family-Parade service. Many friends gathered at Chelmsford Crematorium for the service for Eleanor Wilkin earlier in the year.

The third occasion of 'Music for a Summer Evening' was held in August. A varied programme of instrumental and vocal items made a most enjoyable evening. The money raised was for the Church Repair Fund. This year repairs to the spire top, wood-framed belfry and stone-work have been completed.

We hope to have generous support for the Sponsored Bike-Ride for 'Friends of Essex Churches', kindly organised by Mrs. Patricia Range, who has all the details:- Tel: 400545. Further support is invited from adults or children who like to sing. We should like to enlarge the group of singers who lead the hymns at our services. Choir practice starts at 10.30 am each Sunday before the main service.

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GRAHAM PLASTOW

This has been quite a busy summer for W.I. members. Our entry for the craft class at the Essex Show was awarded second prize.

A coffee morning in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind was well-attended and a cheque was presented to Mr Salter in July, when he gave a talk on the training and work of these dogs.

An outing to Windsor was most enjoyable, as also was an evening at the theatre.

Some members walked the footpaths from Highlands Farm, through Great Gibcracks woods, ending at South Gibcracks. This was a very pleasant walk, lasting over two hours.

A knit-in took place in July in aid of the Children's Hospice and a substantial sum was raised. In August, Mrs E. Clack showed films taken on a flight over the length of England and this meeting was open to all members of the family.

The annual Garden meeting, held at Bridleways, by kind permission of Mrs Joy Deval, proved to be as popular as ever.

Mrs Marjorie Steeds has been selected for the W.I. Essex Show Committee.

W.I. Meetings are held on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month at 7.30 pm. New Members and friends will be very welcome.

The SEPTEMBER meeting will feature a talk on 'Other People's Gardens'.

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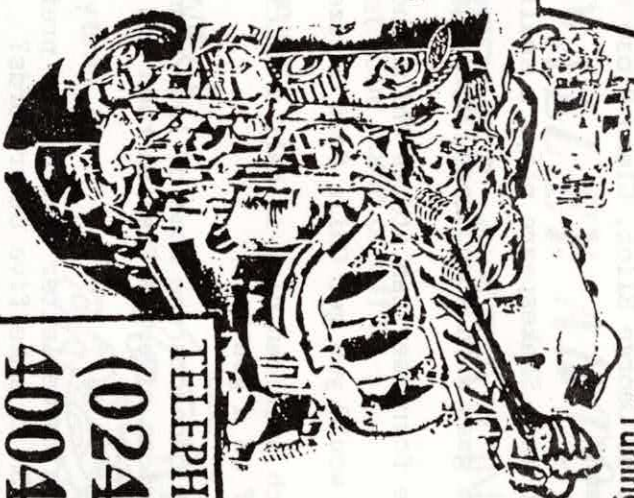
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TEASERS! (Answers - Page 9)

1. What connects James, Brooke and Basilidon?
2. What is a bird, a wizard and an aircraft?
3. What do George Elliot, Glenn Close and Stevie Smith have in common?
4. What is a Shakespeare play, a small village and a cigar?
5. What goes with soap, spot, drink and pedal?
6. Name four American states which end as they begin.
7. How would you get Chile from Switzerland, Israel and Spain?
8. Which American city is half a chicken, a third of a cat and half of a goat?
9. What connects the home of lawn tennis with a South American river, a Russian town and a South European country?
10. Which three letter word can be prefixed by D, K, QU, S, H and SM to make five other words?

PLAYWEEK 1989

On behalf of all the children who came to Playweek, I should like to thank the adult helpers who came along to the Village Hall during the week. Thanks should also go to Chelmsford Borough Council's Leisure Services Department for lending us the badge making machine and the parachute.

It was the busiest playweek yet, with the highest attendance for the picnic. The weather could not have been better. The entertainers, Foolhardy Folk, gave their performance outside in the sunshine and nobody seemed to mind when they threw water over the audience as well as each other!

The winner of this year's art competition was Sarah Taylor who drew a cat wearing a hat. Adam Frampton's painting of a blackbird with blue feet came second and Catherine McGarvey's collage of a lady wearing a flowery dress with matching hat came third

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BROWNIES

The Brownies have worked very hard and gained many badges during the second half of term.

District Brownie Revels were held in Danbury at St. John's School, because we had an overnight storm, which prevented us from going to Riffams to have a cook-out. Nevertheless, we did have a picnic and many team games followed by a camp fire sing-song.

The next week the weather was good and thanks to Mrs. Dawn Amos -our Tawny - we had an outdoor meeting at her house, where we played 'silly' games and toasted marshmallows on a campfire and sang camp songs.

The evening was tinged with sadness, as we said goodbye to Mrs. Dawn Amos and Miss Lucie Croucher, who are no longer able to be Guiders. Their work now prevents them getting to Brownies. A small gift was presented to each with our thanks for their help and support during the past few years.

If anyone, aged over eighteen, feels they would be able to help with our Brownies on Thursday evenings, between 5.45 and 7.15 pm will you please contact:

Tel: 400977

HEATHER LEIGH.

OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The Over Sixties had a very successful open meeting in July when members and guests were entertained by the singing of Mrs. Jean Davies, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Margaret Greaves. A big 'thank you' to them. This was followed by the usual tea and biscuits and a raffle. A very enjoyable time was had by all and, hopefully, we have made a few new members.

Meetings are held every second and last Thursday in each month. All senior citizens are welcome. All enquiries to :

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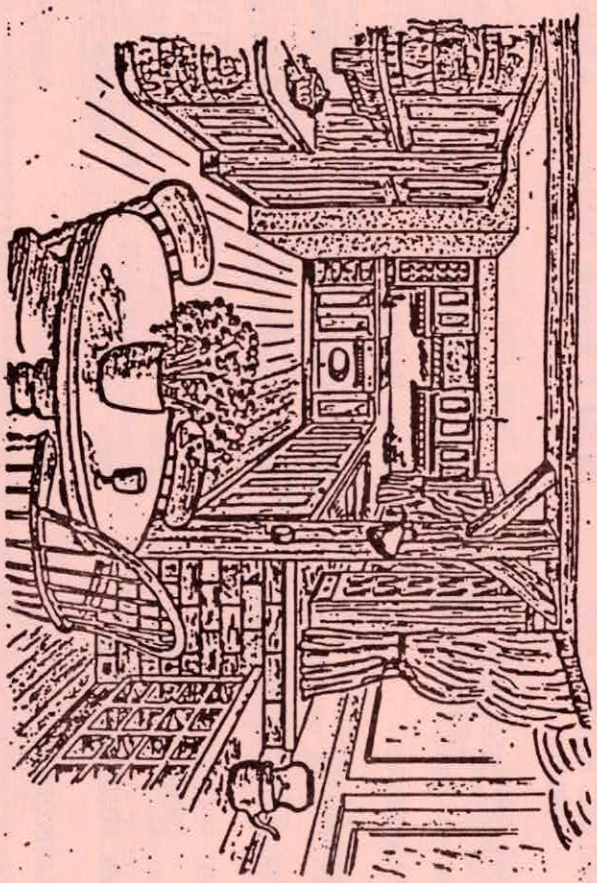
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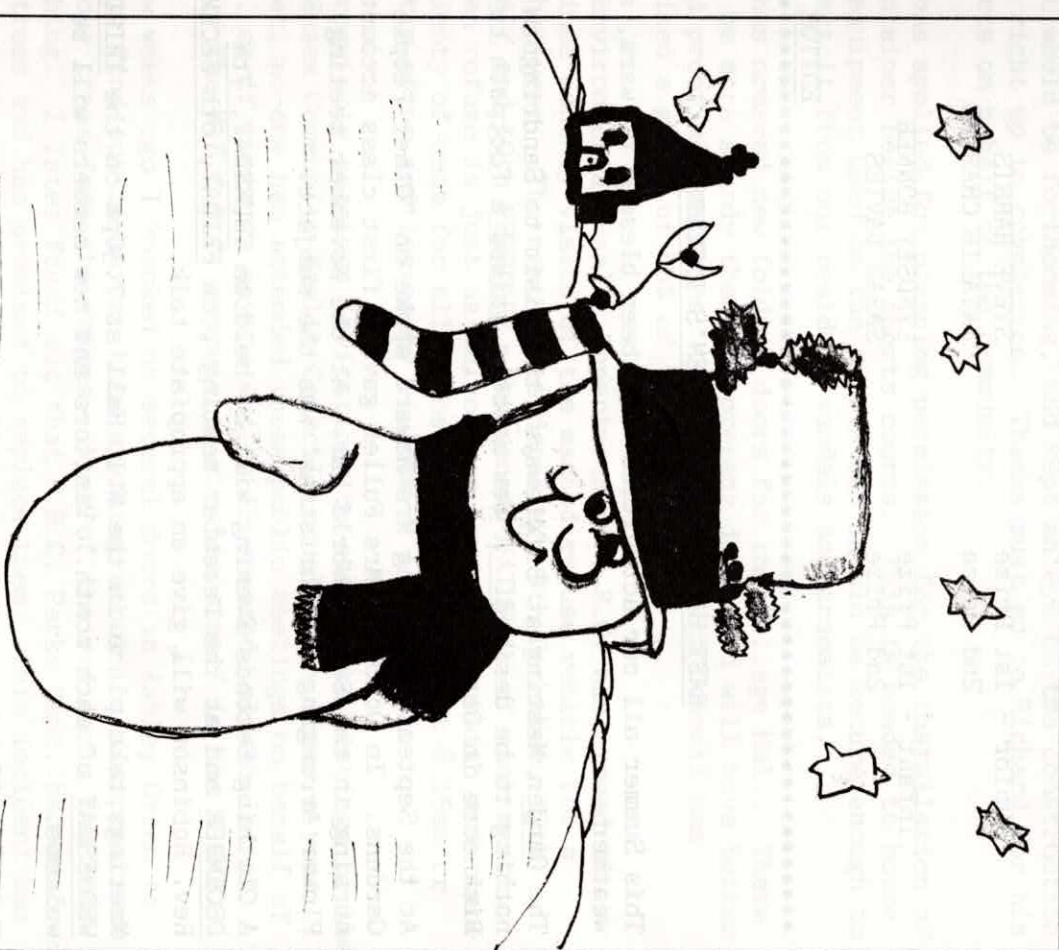
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time to take advantage of the advice given by the present crime prevention campaign and improve home security

The Sports Motivator at C.B.C. has arranged a Community Sports Leaders Awards Course. This course was set up by the Central Council for Physical Recreation and backed by the Sports Council. It will be held on eight Sunday mornings beginning 3rd DECEMBER, will cover a wide range of sports and costs only £15. I hope to have contacted all those likely to be interested before the publication of the Newsletter, but if you feel you are the right person to take part, let me know right away and I shall try to get you a place on the course.

The number of members of the public attending P.C. Meetings has varied widely from month to month. Invariably parishioners take advantage of Public Question Time to bring subjects of concern to the notice of the Council. They are sometimes puzzled because they are not allowed to speak during the rest of the Meeting. This is not a rule established by this Council to suppress freedom of speech, but a rule imposed on parish councils by law. Meetings continue to be held on the FOURTH THURSDAY of each month.

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THANK YOU

The Staff of Danbury Post Office would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to their recent M.E.D.I.C.S. Sponsored Cycle Ride. The grand total of £2358.64 was raised. Thanks once again.

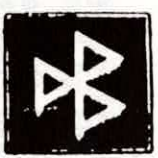
KIM LOVEGROVE

- 1. Hatch.
- 2. French.
- 3. Cain & Abel.
- 4. Romulus & Remus.
- 5. Tom.
- 6. Eric.
- 7. Dave.

ANSWERS

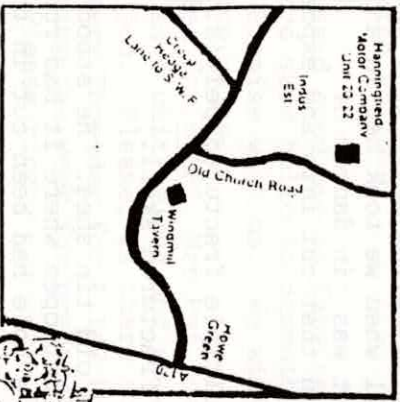


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The Animal Defence Equine group was formed seven years ago following the plight of 100 horses left to die of cold and starvation on the bleak Rainham Marshes.

Over the past two years the Group's Sanctuary has been sited in Back Lane in the village and many villagers have become involved with the group and its work.

The group is a Registered Charity and investigates complaints of cruelty. Where necessary animals are brought into our Sanctuary for rehabilitation.

Among the many cases we have dealt with are:-

HEIDI, a 5 day old foal. Her mother was tethered and youths drove their motor cycles over her tethering chain thus breaking her neck. Heidi was seriously ill when we took her in and she also had an umbilical hernia, that was in danger of strangulating and a rope halter on that cut into and exposed her cheekbone.

BEN, left for two weeks with a multiple fractured pelvis.

MISTY, left for 18 months with a fractured skull.

CAESAR, kept for four years in an old tin shed. He stood on a 5ft pile of dung. His spine was cut open where it had rubbed against the roof of the shed and a hole had been cut in the roof of his stable for his head to stick out.

Our latest member to our ever increasing family is STAR. She was tethered and two drunken youths set fire to her field.

Obviously this poor mare was terrified as the flames grew nearer and nearer. In sheer panic she broke loose from her chain but in the effort broke her neck. She is now able to live anormal life and is resting at our Sanctuary.

If anyone is interested in knowing more and would like to help they can visit the Sanctuary from 1.00 - 3.00pm any SUNDAY or contact the Group on:

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

During this term the Brownies have been working for their Craft Badge by sewing, collage, origami and flower arranging and by the end f November, we hope they will have been successful. For our Christmas Good Turn this year, we are having a Sponsored Keep Fit evening with the money raised going to The Children's Society (the Brownies' choice); if they complete the ten keep fit challenges, each Brownie will have gained her Agility badge. badge.meeting at her house, where we played 'silly' games and For the Harvest Festival Mrs Pat Seeley taught us a new song, which was sung in Church. Well done, Brownies. The beginning of December will see a coach leaving the village full of Brownies and Guides going to the Palace Theatre at Westcliff to see 'The Wind in the Willows'.

We have said good bye to Katrina Bardwell who has moved to Guides and said hallo to Samantha Colling who has made her Brownie Promise with us. We wish them lots of fun in their respective units.

Now a plea for HELP! Mrs Pat Seeley is unable to continue with us as a unit helper and we wish her continued success in her new job. Please, is there anyone out there who will come along every Thursday for 1 1/2 hours and able to give a bit of time during the week for preparation work? We meet at 5.45pm to 7.15pm. Please ring:

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HEATHER LEIGH

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. What word means to emerge from an egg, the lower half of a divided door and to put a plan together?
2. What connects beans, loavex and fries?
3. Original sons.....C..... and A.....
Founders of Rome R..... and R.....
East End Songsters C..... and D.....
4. What do Bananaman, Morecombe and Bristow have in common?
5. What connects Texas, Jerry and Thumb?

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CLARE RAINE * DANCE

Dancing classes in Jazz, Modern and Tap have been taking place every MONDAY in the Village Hall since January 1989. They have been successful and enjoyed by all those regulars attending. However, I am rather worried that you, Parishioners of East Hanningfield, are not always aware of these classes, which are being held for your enjoyment. The CHILDREN'S CLASSES from 3 years to Teenagers need more support and I am sure there are keen dancing youngsters in the village. After all, it is on the doorstep! Why go further?

Each term, at the end, we do a 'showing' of all classes so parents see what has been achieved during the term. Dancing shows are also pending, if children are keen; but, Ladies, do not forget we also hold Tap and Jazz classes for you. The Jazz class from 7.00 - 8.00pm is very popular; it exercises those muscles and can shed those pounds. Not all ladies come for this reason; Jazz and Tap are social and great fun. So, whether you want to be fit or wish your child to try dancing, do not hesitate to 'phone me and find out more details. After all, think of the grace, poise and fitness gained by attending even one class a week. Go on, give it a try!

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***** CLARE RAINE *****

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BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

A significant highlight in the life of the fellowship here at Bethel occurred on 16th September, when 25 of our people, together with almost 600 others from churches of various denominations in the Chelmsford area took part in a nationwide event called the 'March for Jesus'. An estimated quarter of a million Christians got out of their churches and took to the streets of cities and towns across the country to march together as an act of witness and unity and to pray together for the pressing needs of our nation. We, as part of the Chelmsford group, joined with over 33000 others on the march in London. It was quite an experience. Perhaps you saw us on the television coverage on the evening news.

Christmas is almost upon us once again. We would like to give you an invitation to come and join us for our Family Carol Service on SUNDAY, 17TH DECEMBER at 10.45am and also at our informal family time on CHRISTMAS DAY morning itself at 10.00am.

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Merriment Despite the popularity of
Appreciation for this last year's the festival, it is hard to
blessings find the right
Security in God balance.

During the Autumn, the following sums of money were raised for charity. "Friends of Essex Churches" and All Saints shared £281 towards repairs. National Children's Homes were sent £155. The Autumn Fair for the church benefited from £191. I am grateful to all those people who either cycled, collected, baked cakes or put their hands in their pockets for these good causes.

The Parish Carol Service will be held on SUNDAY, 17th DECEMBER at 3.00pm. Wine and mince pies will be served afterwards before people return home.

The traditional Christmas carols will precede Communion at 11.00pm on CHRISTMAS EVE with Holy Communion at 8.00am and Family Service at 11.00am on CHRISTMAS DAY.

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£6.00 per hour per court - under 16 years
FLOODLIGHTING 50p per hour

This is a new venture and may have changes made as we learn how to run it to advantage. JENNY MOUSER, Tel: 400411 is the letting secretary and is the person to contact for bookings, keys etc. Anyone interested in starting a tennis club or any other of the sports, please speak to Jenny.

Progress is being made on the hall and the field. The ancient hedge between the football fields is to be pruned drastically, a stretch at a time, in order to promote healthy new growth and gain control over it. The end result will be a finer hedge. The swings have also had new chains and seats.

Within the hall, the new sliding doors between the halls are soon to be fitted. This will give a greater sound insulation between halls. The Parish Council is to be thanked for its financial help with this project and the roof lights.

The Jazz Dance was a great evening and excellent value for money. It is certainly an event to be marked in your calendar. SUNDAY, 3RD DECEMBER is the CRAFT FAIR. Your support is needed.

The ANSAPHONE 401029 is there for booking enquiries. Ann Walden will contact you back as soon as she can. Why not consider a party in the hall or a game of badminton? As you can see the hall has a wide range of tasks to cover in running the hall for the village. If you feel you could give some of your time either to be on the committee (which really means to join a band of workers) or to help specifically with certain tasks, then please contact me.

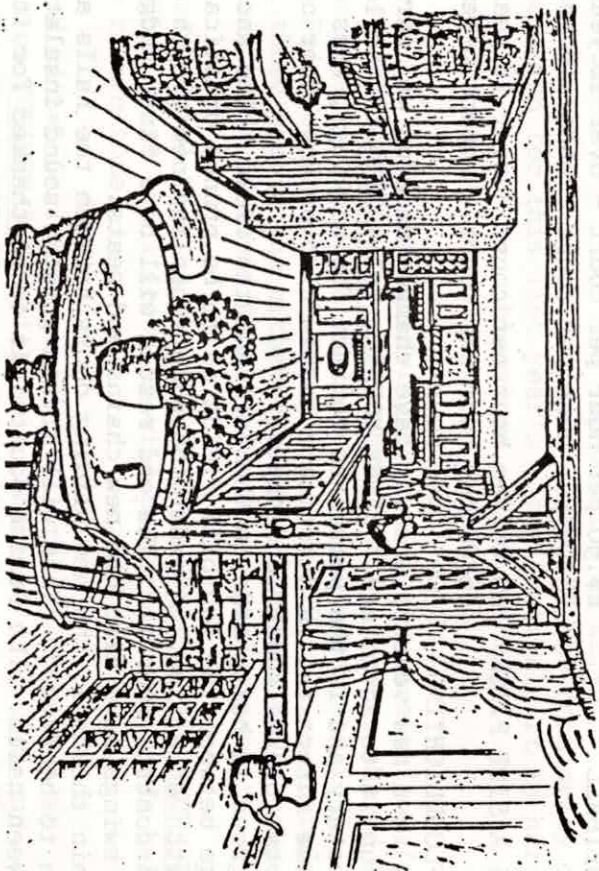
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Monthly visits of the manned refuse vehicle to the Village Hall car park continue and the next three dates are 10TH MARCH, 7TH APRIL AND 12TH MAY. As this facility gets more use there is always the chance that the lorry will be filled before 11.15am, so try to take your refuse to the car park as soon as you can after 8.15am.

For a year or more, Woodham Ferrars and Bicknacre Parish Council have been organising rambles along local footpaths. These have proved very popular. The next walk has been planned to include footpaths in East Hanningfield and all parishioners are invited to take part. The ramble will begin at the Village Hall car park at 2.30pm on SUNDAY, 11TH MARCH, and will also end there covering roughly 4 to 5 miles. If you want to join the ramble, come prepared with suitable footwear and a waterproof jacket. Parish Council has become very worried about the number of deliberate fires which have been started in the village. The police have asked everyone to be especially vigilant and if anyone has any information which might help the investigation please let the police know. The present situation is potentially very hazardous; the next arson attack could be one which causes serious injury.

All users of the Village Hall will have seen the new concertina doors between the halls, which were installed in January; P.C. and Chelmsford Borough Council sharing the cost. These have proved even better than expected as they insulate for heat and sound very well and they are also much more sturdy than the previous doors. Chelmsford Borough Council has also promised a 50% grant towards the cost of double glazing the single skin lights in the Village Hall roof. These improvements should make the hall more comfortable and attract even more hirers. So far P.C. has lost only one tree to this year's series of storms. Nevertheless, we have a plan for further tree planting as an environmental improvement to the village.

Another Playweek is planned for the summer holiday starting MONDAY, 20TH AUGUST. Ideas for activities and offers of help will be welcome. We are losing one of our regular helpers, Joan Moore, who is moving from the area. I am sure all children who come to Playweek will wish her well in her new home and thank her for all her help in the past.

P.C. was very sorry to hear of the death of Stan Bird, who had been a Councillor, Vice-Chairman of the Council and was very active in Community Centre appeals, such as the Go-Kart Grand Prix which were held at his farm.

P.C. Meetings are held at 8.00pm on the 4TH THURSDAY of each month in the Village Hall and are always open to the public.

Tel: 400628

 KAREN PLUMRIDGE

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

In November, the committee organised a fun Quiz Night, which was very well attended and raised the sum of £250 for P.T.A. funds. We are hoping to have another Quiz in the future, so do try to join in - you do not have to be a member of 'Mensa'!

At Christmas. The P.T.A. purchased small gifts for all the children as well as providing a Disco for the Juniors and a Magician Show for the Infants.

The first event of 1990 was our 50/50 Auction where we raised £300 - thank you to everyone who supported this event, especially Mr Jupp for his help.

We are planning a Race Night on SATURDAY, 3RD MARCH - tickets can be obtained through the School or from committee members. Our Jumble Sale is on SATURDAY, 28TH APRIL, so do not be too hasty in disposing of unwanted items! Letters will be distributed throughout the village nearer the time.

Our Main event will be the annual Fete which will be held on SATURDAY, 9TH JUNE. The theme is 'Transport' and there should be a flying display by radio controlled helicopters, as well as static displays of different vehicles, including a fire engine, police car etc. We were hoping to find a Rally Car, but as yet have been unsuccessful - if anyone has any ideas how we could get one, please let me know.

Tel: 400615

 PEARL BONNER

EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

December was a busy month for W.I. members. The two stalls at the Village Hall Craft Fair did a brisk trade. A Group Carol Service held at Millwood W.I. started the Christmas activities. The Carol Supper was enjoyed by member's friends and husbands. Reverend Robinson gave a musical history of popular carols. A dozen members attended a Carol Service in the Albert Hall, in aid of Leukaemia Research. The Christmas Dinner, held in a local restaurant was well patronised. At the New Year party in January, Mrs Pam Marden entertained guests by reading a selection from her book of poems.

Keep Fit classes will start in MARCH and a Plant Sale will take place on SATURDAY, 19TH MAY.

At the January meeting, porcelain dolls were demonstrated; FEBRUARY, safety in the home; MARCH, Hand painting on china and in APRIL Plantsmans Choice.

Meetings take place on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month. visitors and new members will be very welcome.

Tel: 400223

 IRENE WILSDON

 POPPY APPEAL.

The amounts collected in East Hanningfield for the 1989 British Legion Poppy Appeal were as follows:

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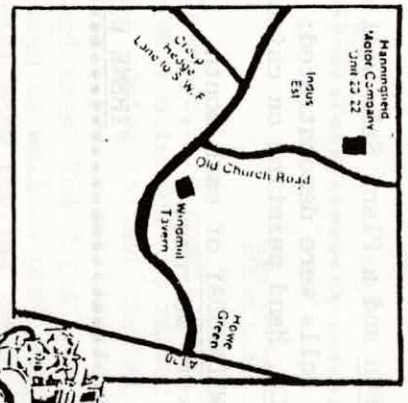
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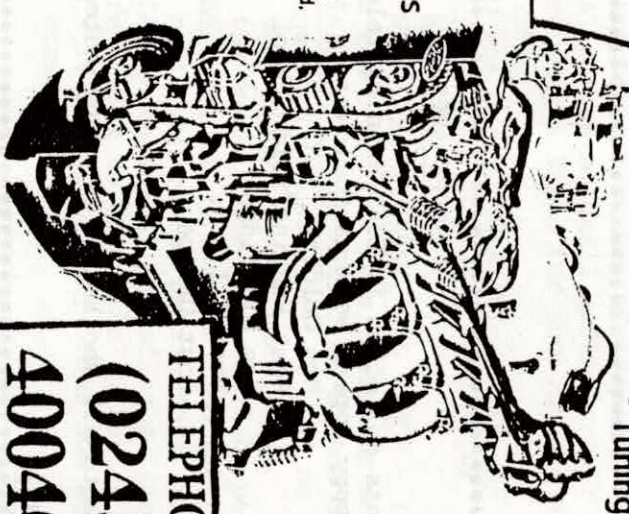
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EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

On 25th January, the electricity to the whole of East Hanningfield failed due to damage to the Northern high voltage supply near the A130, caused by abnormally strong winds. At 3.15pm I was told by Eastern Electricity that the isolation process of the fault had been suspended the extreme conditions were a danger to their staff. It was, therefore, impossible to cross connect the Northern and Southern feeds at that stage. Shortly before the supply was due to be restored, a large tree in the Old Rectory was blown across the road near The Three Horseshoes, severing the low voltage supply to The Tye and the surrounding area.

A private firm, Emmeth Landscapes, removed the fallen trees and by 5.15pm the main road was clear. I thanked them for their efforts and asked them to check no other roads were obstructed. All telephone lines to Eastern Electricity were permanently blocked with calls up to 11.00pm so the low voltage break was reported at 6.15am, on the Friday. On Saturday morning, Eastern Electricity had restored the service to the village.

After the 1987 hurricane, the Committee agreed that no emergency would exist if the electricity supply was off for less than 48 hours. After that period, the showers at the Village Hall would be opened to the public, as well as other measures. This time electricity was restored after a maximum cut of 46 hours. Complaints were just beginning to come in during the last hour of the problem, so the 48 hour deadline seems reasonable. Thanks were conveyed to Eastern Electricity for giving an apparent degree of priority on this occasion.

I intend to convene a meeting of the Emergency Committee to hold a post mortem to see how the service to the community can be made even better.

Tel: 400425 BOB MORRIS

EAST HANNINGFIELD PLAYGROUP

The new Chairman and Secretary of Playgroup are

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VILLAGE HALL

The AGM of the Hanna's Field Charity is to be held in the Hall on THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH at 8.00 pm. It will be followed by the first meeting of the new committee.

If you are interested in finding out about the Hall or have any ideas about the use of it, please come to the meeting. We are looking for a new Booking Secretary, so if you have some spare time and would like to be involved in village activities, please contact me. Anyone joining the committee will be very welcome. It does not have to be a heavy commitment and can take whatever time you feel able to give. The more the merrier!

The Hall now has new dividing doors, greatly improving sound-proofing between the two rooms. Further external lighting should make the Hall more inviting and, hopefully, reduce vandalism. Thank you to those who keep an eye open for damage and try to protect our Hall from vandals.

The all-weather sports court should come into its own in the Summer. Anyone interested in hiring it should contact JENNY MOUSER, TEL: 400411 for keys, rates etc.

It was great to see so many people at the Craft Fair in December, especially as all the profit can be used to improve our village Hall further. Watch for coming events such as the SIXTIES DISCO on SATURDAY, 31ST MARCH.

The ANSAPHONE 401029 is for hall bookings - Ann Walden will get back to you as soon as she can. Information about the range of activities available can be obtained from any committee member or the hall notice board.

Tel: 400797

 WENDY THOMAS

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NEWS AND VIEWS

The cost of a new white altar frontal has been donated in memory of the late Mr Stanley Bird. This will be in use at Easter and Christmas each year and we are most grateful to Mrs Joan Bird, who has kindly agreed for the money to be spent in this way.

Also, Mrs Fountain, the late Mrs Wilkins' niece, has agreed to a sum of money from her aunt's estate to be used to provide items of church furnishings. The Church Officers and Council members are delighted at the generosity of each family.

1990 sees the complete revision of the Church Electoral Roll - names of those who live in the parish and worship at All Saints. So that the central Church authority may know the numerical strength of the Church of England, the membership roll revision must be completed for presentation to the Annual Church Meeting on TUESDAY, 3RD APRIL at 7.45pm in Church.

The Church Urban Fund, has raised more than £13 million and is now funding work in the inner cities and the London boroughs. It will have received money for projects from Chelmsford.

Holy Week and Easter will be observed from MAUNDY THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL (with Holy Communion at 7.30pm); GOOD FRIDAY 'The Last Hour 2.00 - 3.00p.; culminating on EASTER DAY with services at 8.00am, 11.00am and 6.30pm. Easter posters marking Holy Week will be available for display in windows

My secondment to West Hanningfield parish and Church School finished in December 1989. Father Barry Hall at Stock now assists the Reverend David Atkins in my stead. It was a very happy two years' association which I enjoyed. Thank you, West Hanningfield.

Tel: 400217

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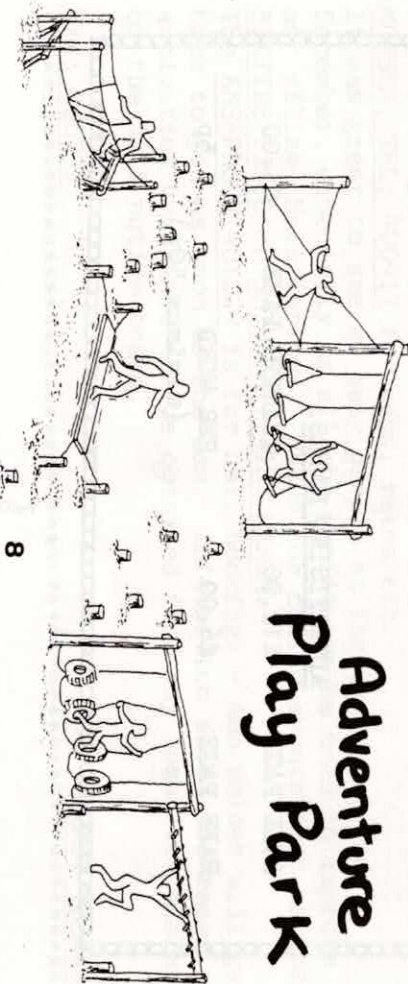
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Adventure Play Park

BROWNIES

Many thanks to everyone who sponsored <Brownies for their Keep Fit Challenge before Christmas. We were able to send £100 to the Children's Society for their work with the young. Once again the Over Sixties Club invited us to sing at their Christmas Party. Pat Seeley taught us some Christmas songs and carols and some Brownies 'blew' their recorders to great effect. The girls presented each member with a Christmas table decoration, made during our meetings as part of their Craft Badge. The girls were given a Christmas Goody Bag and were grateful for the opportunity to share in such a happy occasion. This term we are doing our journey work as well as enjoying our games. With Thinking Day approaching, we are preparing a project on America for district celebrations in Little Baddow. A district jumble sale was held in January; many thanks to all who gave jumble and helped on the day. The profit of over £500 will benefit all Brownies, Guides and Rangers in our district. May I once again make a plea for an adult to help me with the pack. With help, the Brownies can be given a wider and more interesting programme. Rachel Boland is now helping as a Young Leader and working very well with Caroline, but I do require an adult helper.

Tel: 400977

HEATHER LEIGH

EAST HANNINGFIELD ADVENTURE PLAY PARK

We are a new group within the village and our aims are simple; we are trying to raise enough money to build a new Adventure Playground.

We seek to extend the current play area facilities to provide further stimulation for the children and to encourage them to stretch their abilities to the limit. We have approached both Hanna's Field Charity and the Parish Council, who will give us their support, but, as with all projects, what we need most is your help in raising money to pay for the equipment. If you are interested in helping to raise funds or organising events, please contact either:

SCOTT MATHESON - TEL: 401175

ALAN FRAMPTON - TEL: 400635

CLARE RAINNE * DANCE

Clare Raine * Dance School was founded in January 1989 in East Hanningfield. Classes took off to flying start and in June 1989 the Great Baddow branch was opened, followed by another in Stock. Classes are held for children and adults in BALLETT, MODERN, TAP AND JAZZ. Exams may be taken if the children want to and the first exam session will be in APRIL this year. It is sometimes difficult to find boys who want to dance but, contrary to expectations, there have been several joining the classes during the first year. I have also been involved with the Chelmsford Young Generation and have helped to train some of their young dancers. If there are any budding dancers out there please let me know and for ladies, there are Body Conditioning Classes. If you fancy a 'Shape-Up' after Christmas, please contact me.

Tel: 71430

CLARE RAINNE

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Like most of you we are looking forward to Summer events, but a word of warning - if you come to the church on SUNDAY, 27TH MAY, you will find the doors locked and the congregation transported to the Sports Centre in Brentwood; not for morning worship in the indoor pool, but to join with 1500 others for the annual Spring Bank Holiday Celebration weekend!

Last year we heard from Jackie Pullinger and her Chinese team about their work in bringing the love and power of God into the lives of drug addicts in the infamous Walled City area of Hong Kong. Jackie was the subject of two documentary programmes on Channel 4 last November. This year the principle speaker will be Dr Kriensak, a pastor of a church of 5000 people in Bangkok, who will be telling us about the tremendous growth of the church in the Far East.

If you are interested in joining with us for that weekend, please let me know. Our regular morning worship service on Sundays is at 10.45am.

Tel: 400665

DAVID COTTEY

OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The Over Sixties ended 1989 on a high note with a Christmas dinner at Chandlers restaurant on 7th December, followed on 14th by a Christmas Party. Mrs Greaves played the piano for a sing song and after a tea, supplied by various members, the Brownies sang Carols and Christmas songs and presented each member with a beautiful table decoration made by themselves. We had a lovely time and many thanks to Mrs Greaves, Mrs Leigh and the Brownies. Our meetings are on the SECOND and LAST THURSDAY of each month - all over sixties are welcome.

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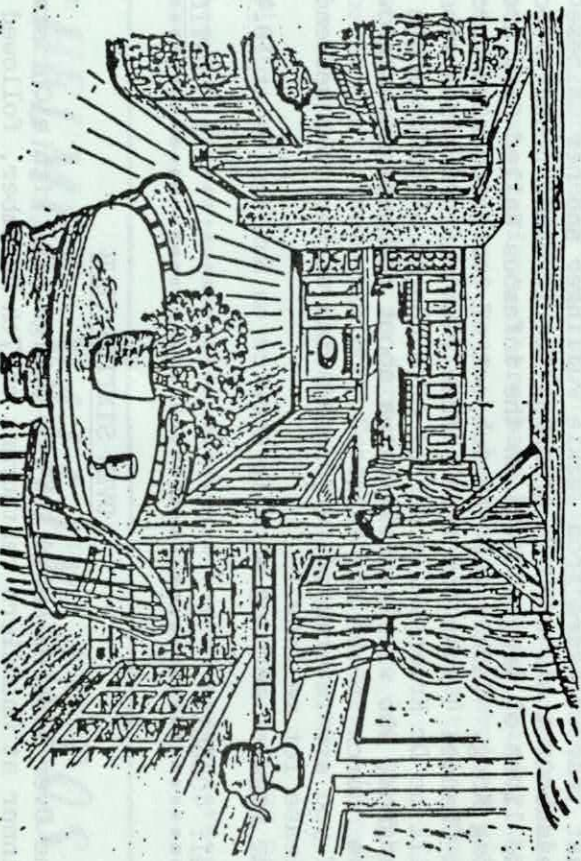
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PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

The regular monthly meetings have continued, with one additional Planning Meeting in March. Many matters have been brought to the attention of Parish Council at Public Question Time and to individual Councillors and the Clerk between Meetings.

At a time of ever increasing pressure on local government, Parish Council has fulfilled its role positively providing good value in its service to the community. In the year 1989/90, money was put aside to build up the capital reserve, since it is essential the Council has the reserves available to respond immediately to emergencies, for which it has legal responsibilities.

Early in the year, PC arranged for a presentation on the community charge to be made by Chelmsford Parish Council's Director of Finance. This was publicised by a leaflet drop to all households and was well attended.

P.C. has continued its policy of financial support for improvements to the Village Hall. The new folding doors between the halls were funded equally by P.C. and a C.B.C. grant. The new sports court, completed in the Autumn, was 100% funded by C.B.C. but the entire responsibility for organising the contract was taken on by Richard Range for P.C. Thanks must go to him for bringing this project to a successful conclusion.

The Summer Holiday Playscheme was funded by P.C. Only a handful of villages in the Chelmsford area organise similar playschemes; our thanks are due to Karen Plummeridge for her continuing and highly successful provision of this service on our behalf.

As a consultee, P.C. has dealt with 45 planning applications and in each case positive comment has been passed back to the planning authority. There have also been eight planning appeals and one footpath diversion requiring consideration. Recently, P.C. responded to the environmental survey being carried out as part of the planning stage for the new A130. P.C. regrets that the County Council has dropped the scheme from the capital programme, as the new road will be of material benefit to residents of East Hanningfield.

P.C. has no direct authority on highway matters, but liaises with C.B.C. about carriageway repair, street lighting and conditions of footpaths. All public footpaths in the parish have been walked by Councillors, Graham Parker, our footpaths officer reporting obstructed paths to the highway authority. At P.C. request, in response to public concern, the police have carried out speed checks in the village.

P.C. has put a great deal of effort into publicising the bus

service. Timetable leaflets are specially printed and are delivered to all households regularly. Sadly, the late evening bus to and from Chelmsford has been withdrawn because of lack of support, as has the Basildon Hospital Service 247, but the early and late Sunday services on route 11, originally suggested by P.C. are retained. Dennis Jacklin continues to represent P.C. at the E.C.C. Public Transport Liaison Committee. A regular annual expenditure is for the contracted mowing of the Tye, the playing fields and the verges along the Village Hall Chase. The hard finishing work is carried out by the groundsmen who work under Mr Jacklin's direction. At P.C.'s request, C.B.C. replaced damaged and diseased trees in Ashley Green and at the Common. Further tree planting by P.C. is planned for the Autumn. The P.C. initiative to have the Tye telephone kiosk listed has resulted in a complete refurbishment of the kiosk.

The continuing problem of litter has not been assisted by the destruction of two litter bins by vandals. New concrete bins have been purchased and are to be installed shortly. Larger refuse disposal has been facilitated by the C.B.C. manned vehicle on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The vehicle stands in the Village Hall car park until 11.15 am. C.B.C. Environmental Health Dept. has been called upon several times to deal with items dumped in the lanes and hedgerows.

Civil Emergency Planning has continued to evolve under authority delegated by P.C. to Bob Morris. With the announcement recently of his retirement from the role of co-ordinator, I must express thanks on behalf of the community to Mr Morris for creating the Civil Emergency Plan from scratch and his achievement in getting the electricity change over switch test carried out at the school, so that a generator could be used for emergency power in the event of protracted failure.

It is pleasing to note that after many years of pressure from P.C., including a survey carried out by P.C. a few years ago, a gas supply was finally installed in the village during the year. through the medium of The East Hanningfield News, which is published by P.C. Our thanks must be recorded to Christine Holland for her continued role as editor.

In conclusion, may I thank my team of hard working and dedicated Parish Councillors and particularly the Clerk, without whose commitment this Council would not function.

TEL: 400684

ALAN DIXON
Chairman

VILLAGE HALL

In April there was a most successful Sports For All' day held in the hall and on the hard courts. Anyone who came was able to have a go at a number of sports and despite the chilly weather, there was a good response from the village, as well as from other villages. It is hoped that some people were fired with sporting zeal and the necessary information to consider starting a wider range of sports in the hall.

It was clear that many a people were interested in the idea of carpet bowls; an ideal sport for the less 'frenzied' and with great potential for a super club activity. Any people interested should let me know and I shall try to instigate an initial meeting of possible enthusiasts. As with any activity, it does need the interested people to get on and organise themselves. We now have basketball nets and practice balls and the court marked out. Some boys from the village helped raise the money to get this equipment so that we do hope there will be an enthusiastic take-up! The possibility of another badminton club either for adults or youngsters was also mentioned and anyone interested should contact NEIL SPURGEON ON 400905, who will then get some measure of the local interest. Neil Spurgeon is becoming rather a busy man. He with the help of his wife, Pat, has just taken over the job of BOOKING SECRETARY. The ANSWERPHONE number remains the same, however, on 401029 for hall enquiries. I should like to thank Ann Walden on behalf of the committee and all users, for her hard work as the retiring booking secretary. I must apologise to anyone who was inconvenienced or disappointed by the cancellation of the Sixties Dance. It is planned to hold a Family Barbecue and Children's Disco on SATURDAY, 14TH JULY. We do hope this will be a popular event as it is chance for the whole family to have an inexpensive night out.

The tennis/sports courts are being more frequently used and should be a real asset to the village. JENNY MOUSER is the Booking Secretary for these and can be contacted on 400411. However, we do need someone else who would be prepared to be a keyholder, so that access to the courts is easily available in Jenny's absence. Anyone interested, please phone Jenny. We still continue to have some disappointing acts of vandalism, but in the near future, there will be security lighting around the hall. It is hoped this will help to reduce these incidents.

TEL:400797

WENDY THOMAS

BROWNIES

Many thanks to Karen Oldfield and Shirley Thomson who heard my cries for help and are now assisting with the Brownie Pack. This term we had eight entries in our District Craft Competition; all were very good and from over 100 entries in all age groups (Brownies, Guides and Rangers) our successes were - Age 7 -Claire Jones - 3rd; age 8 - Stephanie Gardner - 1st; age 9 - Anna Willis - 1st and Victoria Field - Highly Commended. Stephanie Gardner won the Doris Potter Shield for the best entry in the Brownie section. The District entered 24 items into the Essex Handicraft Exhibition of which 4 were from Brownies. All gained high marks and Stephanie had a certificate for 1st in her class. Well done to all the Brownies.

The Brownies helped to cover and decorate soap for the Mothering Sunday Service in Church and they also read some poems. Our last meeting before Easter began with a Promise ceremony when we welcomed Coral Gladwell, Joanna Marson and Laura Pasco into the Brownies. This was followed by an Easter Bonnet parade with lovely hats made by the Brownies and a party with 6 Brownies gaining their Hostess Badge.

At present we are busy preparing a team of 6 Brownies to enter a competition, in Chelmsford, based on 'Help in the Home'.

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STEPHEN BRYAN

This year continues with a number of activities. Our AGM was held in April and gave us the opportunity to thank all those people who support the Church financially and with practical help. The Easter Festival was marked with the provision of beautiful decorations in the church, provided by parishioners and the parish school.

On 17th May, the area Confirmation was held at Danbury Parish Church at which Lindsey Brannon was presented with other candidates from the district.

WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE is the date for the annual Coffee and Bring & Buy morning at Kilchurn, Bicknacre Road, beginning at 10.30 am. We are grateful to Mr & Mrs Phillip Mitchell for opening their home and garden for the purposes of this social event. Please keep this date open.

Looking further ahead, we expect the area Bishop of Bradwell on SUNDAY, 22ND JULY. He will be presiding and preaching at the morning service at 11.00 am. Afterwards, the Church Council will be meeting the Bishop informally over lunch.

It is hoped to hold another Music for a Summer Evening programme on SATURDAY, 4TH AUGUST, at 7.30 pm in church. This is a popular occasion and we hope to welcome many friends and artists to share it with us.

TEL: 400217

GRAHAM PLASTOW.

CLARE RAINE * DANCE

On 28th April Clare Raine * Dance had its very first exam session. Twenty pupils from 5 to 25 years took part in examinations in Modern and Tap at East Hanningfield Hall.

An examiner from the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance, in London, came to examine the youngsters. The standard set is extremely high, but despite that fact all the pupils passed. Not only did they pass, but they all achieved high marks. I was extremely pleased, as the school has only been running just over a year now, so that makes the girls efforts for the exams that much more rewarding. I am delighted with the School's progress and these results have given me and the pupils great confidence to carry on the 'good work'.

Anyone interested in classes should contact:

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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

A Bring & Buy Coffee Morning was held on 25th April. Proceeds will go to the Sunshine Children's Ward at St. John's Hospital. A delegate was present at the W.I.AGM in March and fifteen members attended the Group Conference held at Runwell in April. The annual Plant & Produce Sale took place 19th May. Future events include a Clothing Seconds Sale on SATURDAY, 17TH JUNE, an outing to Beth Chatto's garden on WEDNESDAY, 13TH JUNE, an evening meal in August and also an open meeting on WEDNESDAY, 15TH AUGUST, when Stan Jarvis will speak about East Hanningfield.

The W.I. Produce, Craft & Flower Show will be held at Cressing Barns on WEDNESDAY, 11TH JULY. Last March, the W.I. monthly meeting featured a demonstration 'Painting on China'; in April, Mr Staines showed slides on 'A Plantsman's Choice'; May's meeting included a mini flower show. In JUNE, flower arranging will be demonstrated by Mrs Munson; JULY's meeting, Mrs Roering J.P. will speak on the work of a magistrate. A garden party will be held at Bridleways on MONDAY, 20TH AUGUST.

Visitors and new members will be very welcome at W.I. meetings held in the W.I. Hall on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month.

TEL: 400223

IRENE WILSDON.

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TEASERS

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Race Night held at the school in March was a resounding success, proving to be both enjoyable and profitable, with approximately £200 being raised for PTA funds.

During the Spring Term, the PTA assisted the school in providing Easter activities for the children. A decorated egg and egg rolling competition was held for the Infants - winners: decorated egg - Matthew Dunn; egg rolling - Matthew Chaston. You may have seen the photograph in the Essex Chronicle. The following evening, we held our Junior Disco - this time with optional fancy dress and were delighted with the response. The deserving winners were Stephanie Gardner and Darren Chambers - a very hard job for the judge, Mrs Potter, especially as it was her last day at the school. Our very best wishes to her in her new role as Headteacher in Hertfordshire.

Once again our annual Jumble Sale in April was very successful with about £210 being raised. Thank you to everyone for answering our pleas so aimably - a record quantity of jumble was collected and a great deal of money was raised in the mini auction held at the end of the sale.

Our next and busiest fund-raising event is our Summer Fete to be held on SATURDAY, 9TH JUNE. As well as our old favourites, fancy dress, pet show, art/craft competitions, this year attractions include Model Train Rides and a display of American Football. Mr & Mrs Jupp will have a plant stall with bedding plants, hanging baskets etc. There is a lot of work involved in arranging the Fete and we are always grateful for any volunteers to help both with setting up and manning stalls, so if anyone can spare a few hours, please come along. There will be a Grand Draw with cash prizes of £100, £50 and £25. We are grateful to all the parents who have been selling tickets on our behalf. We hope the weather be as kind to us as it has been in recent years and that as many people as possible will come to support us.

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PEARL BONNER

EDITOR: MRS CHRISTINE HOLLAND, THE RIDINGS, THE COMMON, EAST HANNINGFIELD. TEL: 400594

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meetings have carried on through the Summer and will continue to take place on the **fourth Thursday** of each month, in the Village Hall.

Recently, the Borough Council asked P.C. if there would be any interest in a playscheme in the village during the Easter holidays. P.C. thought that the children would appreciate an Easter playscheme, but is there anyone who would like to organise it?

About a year ago, P.C. was asked to consider adopting a similar sized community in Romania, as Romanian villages were being demolished and the inhabitants being forced to move into towns. At that time, P.C. decided against the idea but is now reconsidering. Obviously, the situation has changed and is very different as it is now possible to offer a lot more than just moral support and sympathy to an adopted village. P.C. would like the people of East Hammingfield to consider how we could all help the population of a small village recover from years of deprivation.

This Spring, P.C. purchased a petrol driven brush cutter to be used to deal with weed overgrowth and grass edging. In the capable hands of P.C.'s new groundsman, Mr Ray Harvey, this machine has proved itself a worthwhile purchase, as areas of the village already tackled are looking tidier than they have for years.

P.C. is seeing the worrying occurrence of increasing numbers of refused planning applications being taken to the Department of the Environment on appeal. Many parishioners have taken a lot of interest in planning applications which, if allowed, would affect them personally. Sometimes, this interest has come too late for anything to be done. As a rule, the Agenda for each P.C.Meeting includes the addresses of planning applications to be discussed at that Meeting, so parishioners can come to the Meeting, see the plans and express their views to P.C. during Public Question Time. The Agenda are posted on the P.C.noticeboard. The planning authority takes into account the written comments of neighbours of sites subject to planning applications, as does the Department of the Environment, so it is worthwhile finding out about local applications and making your views heard.

Earlier in the year a committee was formed to look into the possibilities of tree planting around the village. The committee produced a thorough plan and over future planting seasons the scheme will take shape. The plan is intended as a long term environmental improvement, which will be present for future generations to enjoy.

The manned refuse vehicle will continue to visit the Village Hall car park on the **second Saturday** of the month. The next three dates are **8th SEPTEMBER, 13th OCTOBER and 10th NOVEMBER.** Remember to get up early as it leaves the car park by 11.15am!

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Members of the W.I. are very sorry to say 'Goodbye' to Carol Goodman, who has been Honorary Treasurer for several years. Carol is shortly leaving the area with her family.

A June visit to Beth Chatto's Garden was well-patronised and lunch was taken in Woodbridge.

The W.I. Show, at Cressing Barns, was a great success and enjoyed perfect weather. East Hanningfield W.I.'s entry, 'A Good Read', was very well placed. Mrs Ann Benson received a gold star for her lemon curd.

At the June meeting, Mrs Munson demonstrated flower arranging: in July, Mrs Roering J.P. spoke on the work of a magistrate.

Mr Stan Jarvis gave a talk on 'Old East Hanningfield' at the August meeting. Mrs evall's garden party at the end of the month was as popular as ever. An evening meal at Halstead completed the Summer activities.

Future events include a Bring and Buy Coffee Evening at Thriftwood on WEDNESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER at 7.30PM. A Trash and Treasure Sale will be held in the Village Hall on FRIDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER.

At the September meeting, on WEDNESDAY, 19TH Mr O'connor advises on photography and on 17TH OCTOBER, Mr Byford will talk about meat cookery.

Visitors and new members are welcome at all our meetings.

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PLAYWEEK

As in previous years the weather stayed sunny for the whole of Playweek, so the children were able to play games outside as well as make full use of the variety of facilities in the Hall.

On behalf of the children, I should like to thank the parents, grandparents and big sisters who came along to help. Without them there would not have been a Playweek.

Thanks must also go to Chelmsford Borough Council for letting us borrow the very popular parachute and badge making machine and for arranging for Obelon Puppets to perform for us. Finally, thanks to the Parish Council who pay the bills.

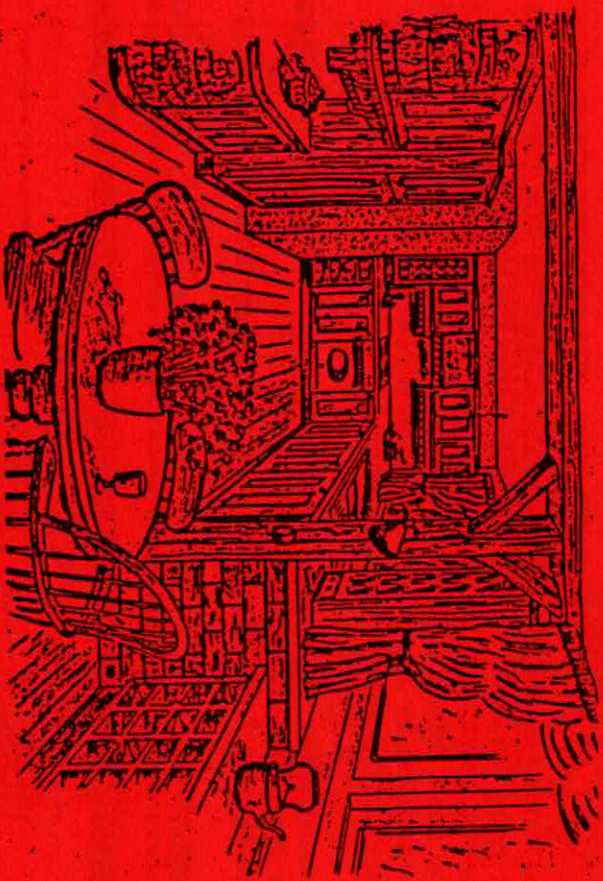
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CHRISTMAS COVER

The cover for this year's Christmas issue was designed by Chloe Searl. It was chosen from seventy produced by the children at the village school. Rev Plastow and I had the usual difficult task of selecting the best from so many good drawings. Thank you to all those who entered. The prize winners were:

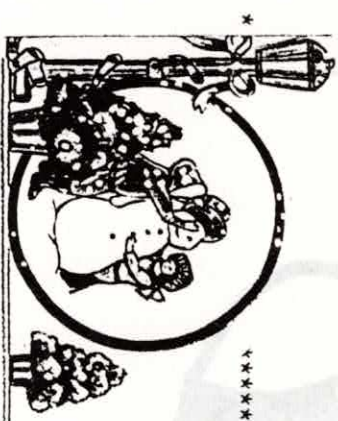
Juniors :	First - CHLOE SEARL	- age ten
	Second - DARREN CHASTON	- age ten
Infants :	First - RACHAEL SIMPSON	- age six
	Second - ADELE SPEARS	- age five

The prizes were presented at an assembly held at the School, during which Class 5 produced a series of short plays with subjects ranging from the Church fire of 1883 to present day cruelty to animals. It was encouraging to see how concerned the children were about the recent suffering caused to some of the horses and donkeys at the Horse Sanctuary in the village. In an effort to set a good example and to assist in a practical way, the children have sponsored a pony, called Daisy. It is possible for anyone to sponsor a pony for a minimum contribution of £5.00, for which you will receive a photograph and information about the progress of your particular choice. Anyone interested, should contact :

Remus Memorial Horse Sanctuary
77 Hainault Road, Romford, RM5 3AD
Tel: 0268 412489 or 07087 24079

It is as well to remember that animals need care all the year round, not just at Christmas.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL READERS AND CONTRIBUTORS



EDITOR

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councils are elected for a term of four years. The current four year period ends at the beginning of May 1991. Present councillors will be able to stand for re-election if they are still resident in the parish. Unfortunately, our one lady councillor, Libby Brooks, has moved away so she will be unable to stand again for election in this parish.

East Hammingfield Parish Council has seven members. If only seven candidates stand there will, not be an election and each candidate will automatically gain a seat. ~~Secret~~ ~~only~~ day courses are available for new councillors to learn the basics of parish council responsibilities. Usually these courses take place on a Saturday. Please consider standing for a four year term on the Council and, if you would like information about what is involved, contact one of the present councillors or ask me. Various schemes are in hand at the moment. The first stage of the tree planting programme should be underway fairly soon as should the installation of two new street lights.

Parish Council's concern about playing golf in public places was justified, when someone was hit by a golf ball. Anyone struck by a golf ball is legally entitled to sue the culprit, but P.C. wants to prevent this kind of injury, not encourage litigation. As children appear to be the culprits, where indiscriminate driving is concerned, would parents please ensure that children who are taking golf clubs to the playing field have practice balls to play with.

The monthly visits of the manned refuse vehicle to the Village Hall carpark are to continue throughout 1991 the next three dates are **SATURDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 12TH JANUARY and 9TH FEBRUARY**. For refuse disposal at other times the Great Baddow civic amenity sitew is open every day. The entrance to the site is at the mini roundabout opposite the Beehive Lane junction.

The Leisure Services Department at Chelmsford Borough Council has offered P.C. an Easter Holiday playscheme package. This will last for two days and all equipment and a staff of four will be supplied. P.C. is to provide the accommodation. Look out for the dates in the next Newsletter.

Although P.C. tries to hold Meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month, this month it will not be possible, so the meeting has been brought forward a week to **20TH DECEMBER**.

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The fund raising committee has had a very successful year with £2000 raised and donated as follows:

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Parish Council - for equipment	250.00
Hanna's Field - for safety area	250.00
Mobil Oil	300.00
National Westminster Bank	300.00
Penny pile at The Three Horseshoes	300.00
	to be counted!

It is hoped that the equipment will be installed in the New Year when all safety factors have been taken into account. Many thanks to all those who have supported us.

TEL: 401175

SCOTT MATHESON

BEPRENDING

If anyone is interested in befriending a young person living in a foster parent home in our area, please contact me and for further details.

TEL: 400797

WENDY THOMAS



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NEWS AND VIEWS

G.K. Chesterton summed up the theme of Christmas like this: 'There were three things prefigured and promised by the gifts in the cave of Bethlehem concerning the Child who received them: that He should be crowned like a King; that He should be worshipped like a God; and that He should die like a man. And these things would sound like Eastern flattery, were it not for the third'.

The Parish Carol Service will be held on **SUNDAY, 23RD DECEMBER** at 3.00pm. It is hoped that as many as possible will join us to begin the Christmas festival 'sounding the right note'! our usual sequence of worship begins with carols at 11.00am on **CHRISTMAS EVE** followed by the first Communion of the Nativity, thus enabling parents to get some rest before the visit of Santa Claus. On **CHRISTMAS MORNING** the Family Service will be at 11.00am.

May I thank all those who helped raise £145.09 - to be shared between the 'Friends of Essex Churches' and All Saints for repairs. The National Children's Homes collection amounted to £183.77 and our own Autumn Fair realised £206.00. Thank you for your generosity and support during 1990.

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GRAHAM PLASTOW

POPPY APPEAL 1990

The monies collected for the Poppy Fund is as follows:

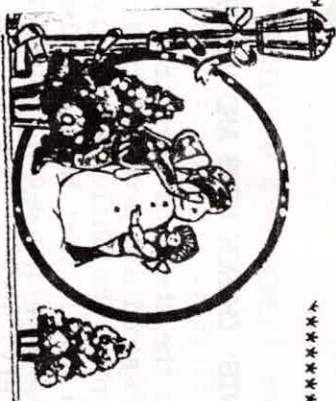
East Hanningfield Post Office	26.27
Mrs Golding	27.53
East Hanningfield Primary School	6.15
Mrs Parker	53.37
Mrs Plumridge	<u>48.82</u>

Total £162.14

Many thanks to collectors and contributors.

TEL 400459

K.D.BROWN



MAGAZINE DELIVERY

For several years, Audrey Lovegrove, Kim Lovegrove, Anne Walden and Irene Wilsdon have assisted me in distributing the Newsletter round the village and I should like to thank them all very much for their tremendous help during that time. This has meant that every household in the parish has had a copy of the Newsletter delivered to the door.

However, we do now need some extra help to cover Back Lane, Old Church Road and the Industrial Estate. If you feel you could spare a couple of hours every three months to help with the delivery, please let me know.

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EDITOR

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LINDA MARTIN

EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The year closes on several months of pleasant activity. A Bring and Buy coffee evening was held at 'Thriftwood' and a Games evening marked the occasion of the National W. 75th birthday, the proceeds of which were donated to a children's charity, this autumn, we held a Trash and Treasure Sale, which always provides an entertaining evening. The harvest Supper was well attended. Mrs pat marden recited some of her own poems in the Essex dialect.

A Fashion Show was held in Sandon Village Hall: W.I. members modelled clothes from Damon of Maldon. A cheque was sent to the Well Woman Clinic.

Christmas events include a CAROL SUPPER on FRIDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, and the GROUP CAROL CONCERT on WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, which will be held in East Hanningfield Church. Members' Christmas Dinner will take place later in the month. We shall have two stalls at the Craft Fair in the Village Hall on SUNDAY, 2ND DECEMBER.

At the September and October meetings, photography and British meat were demonstrated respectively. Meetings are held in the W.I.Hall on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month. Visitors and new members are very welcome.

TEL: 400223

IRENE WILSDON.

VILLAGE HALL

There has been considerable progress around the hall in the last few weeks. We now have floodlighting in the car park and sleeping policeman on the access road. Which we hope will reduce the risk from speeding cars.

Unfortunately, there has also been serious damage done to the fabric of the hall with windows and doors having been smashed. It really is a shame that this hall is the focus of repeated damage. When it is intended to be for us all to use. We will prosecute any offenders, but it does need general watchfulness from the people of the village.

There recently was a potentially dangerous incident when a village boy was hit by a golf ball. It is now prohibited to play or practise golf on the fields, because of the lethal nature of a golf ball. The fields are frequented by children playing and people walking all at risk from a golf ball.

We are also looking at ways to control the fouling of the fields by dogs. Because of the dangers to young children when they come in contact with dog droppings.

Anyone interested in Badminton can find a place on Sunday mornings from 9.30 to 12.00am or contact Neil Spurgeon on 400905 for details.

The next hall event is a CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR on SUNDAY, 2ND DECEMBER from 10.30am to 4.00pm. Refreshments will be served and there will be a wide range of speciality stalls for that extra Christmas gift.

We now have the mat for carpet bowls and are hoping shortly to have a set of bowls. All people interested should keep in touch with either Denis Jacklin or me.

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***** WENDY THOMAS *****



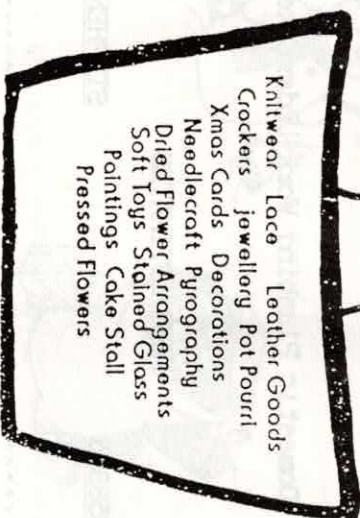
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XMAS CRAFT FAIR EAST HANNINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER

10.30a.m. - 4.00p.m.

ENTRANCE: 30p
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OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The Over 60s held their Annual General Meeting on 25th October, the serving committee were all re-elected and everyone agreed it had been an enjoyable year. Arrangements were made for the Christmas dinner and also the Party. Four new members were welcomed at the November Meeting. Our meetings are held on the **SECOND** and **LAST THURSDAY** of each month, the next being 10TH JANUARY. All over 60s are welcome.

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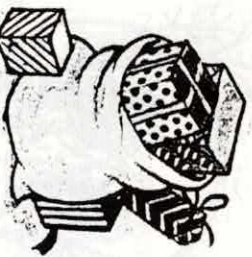
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Following the recent signposting, waymarking and styling of footpath 22 leading west from Claydon's Farm down to the A130, we now have quite a comprehensive network of usable footpaths radiating from the village to all points of the compass into neighbouring parishes.

The 1990 Footpaths Act has clarified many grey areas regarding footpath maintenance and hopefully, having the backing of the N.F.U., will lead to improvements in historically difficult areas such as ploughed fields and crop encroachment.

Although, obviously, a classic case of 'chicken and egg', the usual response I get when challenging landowners on the state of the footpaths over their property is 'Well, nobody uses them anyway'. There is no doubt, however, that the more regularly used are the best maintained, so please find your walking boots, explore the network and I guarantee that many people will be surprised how unlike the 'flat and boring' stereotype, our particular Essex parish is away from the roads.

One cautionary note, the land over which the footpaths cross is the basic commodity of a land business and, whilst you have the absolute right to use them at any time, please respect the landowner's right to earn a living. Stick, crops and fencing are expensive investments he has made and actions such as closing gates, keeping to the footpaths and putting dogs on a lead around stock or through farmyards are simple common sense, but you would be surprised!

In summary then:

- Use them or do not be surprised if you encounter difficulties when you do.
- Any difficulties you do find, let me know the specific problems and I shall do what I can to resolve them.
- If you are not clear on precise routes, copies of the Definitive Map are available from Karen Plumridge, 3 Clinton Close or myself at 3 Bridon Close. Happy Walking!

TEL: 400784

GRAHAM PARKER



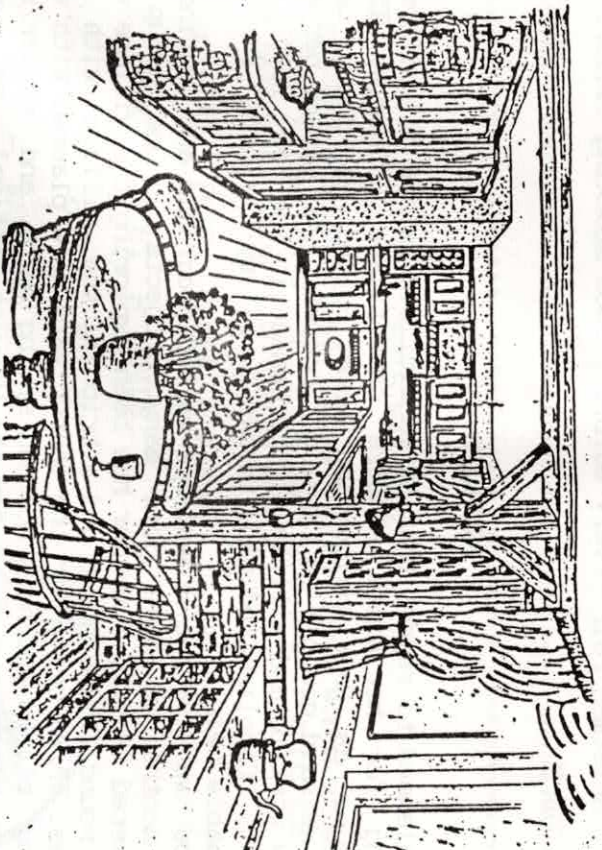
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BROWNIES

I am pleased to report that Karen Oldfield is now in uniform and working for her Adult Leaders certificate. Shirley Thomson continues as Unit helper and Rachel Boland as Young Leader. Sadly we said goodbye to Caroline Spooner, who passed her exams, is now working and will be off to Canada in the New Year. Good luck to Caroline and many thanks to all my helpers for their invaluable help.

I hope we give the Brownies a varied programme and during the past months we have done many projects. One group have discovered France, another has been exploring the village with a tour round the church and a trip in the village with their cameras. Three graves in the church yard were planted with summer bedding plants and have now had spring bulbs and winter/spring bedding plants put in. for the Harvest Festival, we explored 'Harvest round the World' and discovered where the ingredients of the cakes we presented in church, came from.

We are now working for the Road Safety Badge with the help of P.C.Franklin; many thanks to him for his time given to the Brownies. Between now and the end of term the Brownies are making presents for Christmas and practising songs for our visit to the 'Over Sixties' party.
 We now have four new members of our pack: Melissa Coles, Gemma Brown, Catherine McGarvey and Gemma Tait; we hope they will enjoy being Brownies.

Please ring me if you wish your daughter's name put on the waiting list.
 A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all our friends.

TEL: 400977
 HEATHER LEIGH

CLARE RAINE * DANCE

On 13th October Clare Raine * Dance opened a new branch of the school in Aythorpe Roding and Pleshey. The former Sandpiper School was taken over to widen the opportunities of the established schools in Great Baddow and East Hanningfield. The school is now able to offer Imperial Ballet as well as Cecchetti, modern, tap, jazz and ladies' classes. I am delighted to have taken on Jane Jostling as my first member of staff. Jane will be teaching at Aythorpe Roding.

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 CLARE RAINE

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Find one word which will go with the three words shown, to produce three new words. The word you are looking for can go before or after the listed words.

E.g. COAT - FOOT - CABLE. Answer: CAR

1. BOOK - POST - GUIDE
2. FLY - SHOE - RADISH
3. KEY - WALL - COLD
4. DEW - BEE - COMB
5. LEAF - SICK - WINDOW
6. UP - HOT - LIFE
7. HOT - SKIRT - ROOTS
8. LINE - LIGHT - DRESS
9. HOLE - HANDLE - SERVANT
10. FORE - BOWL - PAINTING

