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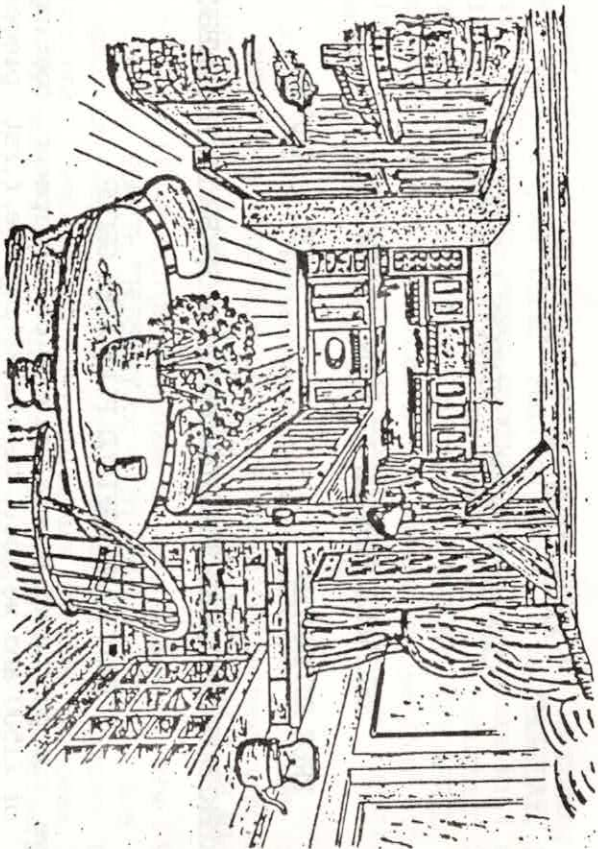




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## EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The year ended with seasonal activities. Two stalls sold goods at the Village Hall Craft Fair. The meeting in December was open to husbands and friends: a sausage and mash supper was accompanied by Purliegh Handbell Ringers. The evening ended with the singing of carols. A carol service in All Saints' Church for the Hanningfield Group of Institutes was much enjoyed. Several members attended the Albert Hall carol service, in aid of Leukaemia research. The W.I. Christmas Dinner was very well attended as usual. The New Year Party was cancelled owing to inclement weather.

Two outings have been arranged for the Summer - to Hatfield House on **THURSDAY, 9TH MAY** and an evening trip to Giffords Hall on **FRIDAY, 21ST JUNE**.

Norman Croucher, the legless mountaineer, will speak at an open meeting on **FRIDAY, 26TH APRIL**. A party of household senior citizens will be entertained to tea in April. A Coffee Morning will be held on **WEDNESDAY, 1ST MAY**, the proceeds to go to a Leukaemia Hospital Charity. The Plant sale is planned for **SATURDAY, 18TH MAY**. All these events will be held in the W.I.Hall.

At the **MARCH** meeting there will be a demonstration of Basketry and Hearing Dogs for the Blind is the subject for **APRIL**. Mrs Steeds has formed a sub committee to present a handicraft entry to the County Show.

Regular 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.

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**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NEWS AND VIEWS**

'The Decade of Evangelism' is an inter-church activity taking us up to the year 2000. One of its concerns will be to publicise the Christian faith. For over 25 years a generation of people has grown up alienated from the Church. It is hard to say why this is so - has it to do with greater material prosperity, a loss of conviction on the part of the Church and its clergy, or the impact of science and technology which has displaced a belief in a loving God?

On **SUNDAY, 10TH MARCH**, we shall be observing **MOTHERING SUNDAY** and we hope that parents and children will be able to join us for this service at 11.00am.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** falls on **28TH MARCH** followed by **GOOD FRIDAY**. We shall mark the Institution of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 pm on Thursday. Then on Good Friday, we shall hold the 'Last Hour' service from 2.00 until 3.00pm. On **EASTER DAY** we shall have a Family Service followed by a shortened celebration at 11.40 am, finishing with Festal Evensong at 6.30 pm. Posters advertising 'Holy Week' will be available in Church towards the end of March.

Looking ahead. **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** begins on **MONDAY, 13TH MAY**. I shall be pleased to have offers from people to collect from homes in the village.

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GRAHAM PLASTOW

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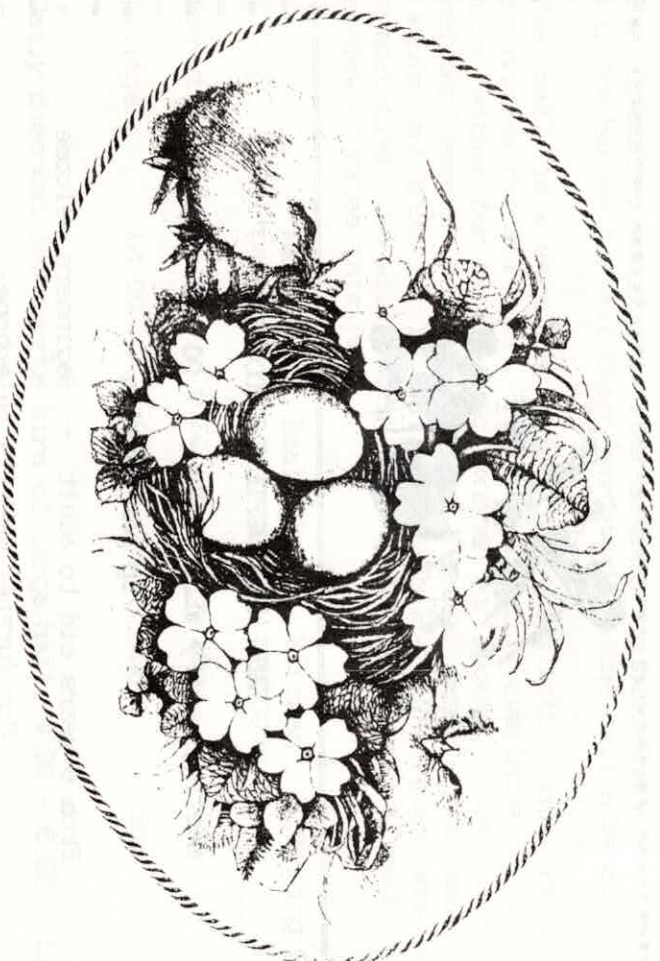
Contact Stephanie on: Brentwood (0277) 227930  
or at the Waldens on: Chelmsford 400517

**DANBURY SOCIETY CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES DAY**

The Danbury Society's Crafts and Activities Day will be held on **SATURDAY, 13TH APRIL**. Up till now we have had mainly local crafts people but we would like to extend this to surrounding villages. Anyone who would like to display or demonstrate their work or craft is invited to write as soon as possible to:

MRS JAN BENSON, 5 WESTERINGS, DANBURY, ESSEX CM3 4ND

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**EASTER** **SPRING**



**EAST HANNINGFIELD PLAYGROUP**

We are holding an Open Day and Coffee Morning on **WEDNESDAY, 13TH MARCH** from **11.00 am** to **1.00 pm**. Come along and see how the playgroup is run and the wonderful equipment that is available for your children.

We shall also be having an **EASTER BONNET PARADE** on **THURSDAY, 21ST MARCH**. This will be open to all children under the age of five, so come and join the fun. Watch the Post Office notice Board for more details; a prize will be awarded for the best Bonnet.

For information regarding events and places available at playgroup, please contact **WENDY** on **400257** or **SHONA** on **401175**.

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For further details telephone:

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**LINDA MARTIN**

**VILLAGE HALL**

The Christmas Craft Fair was a great success, both as a social event and as a fund raiser for the hall funds. The Committee would like to say a special thank you to all the friends of the hall who donated so generously of their time in helping with the fair and to those who gave produce for the buffet and the raffle. The fundraising group has worked hard this year and their efforts have meant we have been able to buy more equipment and make various improvements, such as the speed ramps and the external lights. It is, however, rather sad that some of this money has to go towards repairing and replacing the damage caused by vandals. Please all try to be vigilant in an effort to protect our hall.

The Committee would also like to make a public thank you to Mr and Mrs Harvey for all their hard work on the hall's behalf.

The hall is a very busy place these days with a wide range of activities for all ages. The hall is still available for private hire either for social functions or for sports. The hard all weather sports courts have been a great asset, not only for tennis but also for football and netball. The rates are very competitive and will remain so although there will a need for a review of rates this year.

	Main Hall per hour	Small Hall per hour	Kitchen per hour	Changing Room
Non-Villagers	£6.00	£4.40	50p	50p
Villagers	£4.00	£3.00	50p	50p

**Daily discount for sports hire of large hall: 9.00 - 6.00 £2.00**

The Annual General Meeting will be in **MARCH/APRIL**. All villagers are welcome and anyone interested in finding out if they have a contribution to make to th hall would find it useful to come.

Watch out for notices giving you information on future events.

**Tel: 400797**

**WENDY THOMAS**

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If you fancy giving it a try, please call for more details:

TEL: 71430

CLARE RAINE

**BROWNIES**

A big welcome to Sarah Davies and Charlotte O'Donagan who have now joined our pack; soon they will be making their promise with Gemma Tait and Catherine McGarvey who joined last term.

The Brownies took home many gifts for Christmas which they had made during the term and, despite many being ill, we did manage to entertain the Over Sixties Club at their Christmas party with readings, music and singing.

This term some Brownies are doing their Brownie Friendship Badge and others are busily working for their House Orderly Badge (I wonder if their bedrooms are tidy?).

Many items have been entered into our annual district craft competition which was to have been judged during half-term, but due to the bad weather this has been postponed until Easter.

Despite the weather, a very successful district jumble sale was held on 16th February in Danbury and thank all the parents who helped during the day.

On Sunday, 17th February, we celebrated Thinking Day by attending a service in Christchurch with other Brownies from Chelmsford. Anna Willis carried our flag and Victoria Field dressed as a Brownie from Sweden and presented a purse with our donation to the Thinking Day Fund, which goes to help members of the movement all over the world.

As many of you will know the Brownies have a new uniform which is to be phased in over three years. All old uniforms are going to be adapted and sent to Africa where girls have difficulty in getting a uniform. Please will you let me have any unwanted dresses.

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PARISH COUNCIL

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

This report highlights only a few aspects of P.C.'s work.

ENVIRONMENT - A new planting scheme has been evolving and finance allocated for this financial year. nine native trees have been donated by Chelmsford Borough Council. Much of the annual budget goes to the maintenance of public spaces. The gang mowing is contracted out and smaller works are covered by our groundsman. A brush cutter was purchased in May and, with this, Mr harvey has been able to complete existing maintenance tasks more quickly and extend the scope of his work into areas not previously attempted. Preliminary consideration has been given to new byelaws. for the Tye and playing field, which are now available for the control of dogs and playing of golf. P.C. is supporting pressure by C.C. for E.C.C. to provide a civic amenity site at South Woodham Ferrers. Active consideration is being given to the possibility of a neighbourhood re-cycling centre being established in the village. Two concrete litter bins were purchased to replace vandal damaged bins.

HIGHWAYS - P.C. was not disposed to support various design aspects of the proposed new A130. The point of concern was the environmental effect of an elevated road, both in terms of noise and visual impact and the possibility of a concrete road surface which would cause enhanced noise levels. C. expressed concern at E.C.C.' proposal to withdraw highway agency from district councils, because centralised bureaucracy would be more remote and make discussion of highway matters and their resolution more difficult. Site meetings have been held with C.B.C. officers to deal with highway matters, the most important being to plan management of the road during resurfacing. At the same time P.C. was able to initiate the hard standing and kerbing at the bus shelter. All footpaths have been walked and inspected under the direction of Graham Parker, footpaths officer. Two extra street lights were installed, taking advantage of an offer of partial funding by C.B.C.



**PUBLIC TRANSPORT** - In January, the bus company announced the withdrawal of the Sunday service. E.C.C. agreed to subsidise a service in the short term and later confirmed continuation of the subsidy until April 1992. P.C. regularly delivers new timetables to all households and as P.C.'s representative, Dennis Jacklin liaises with the bus company and E.C.C. on transport matters.

**CHILDREN** - The very successful summer holiday playscheme was supported financially by P.C. A pilot two day Easter playscheme was equally successful. P.C. gave grant assistance for the purchase of equipment for the play area on Hanna's Field. Thanks must be recorded to the team whose efforts have made the improved play area possible.

**RECREATION** - Servicing of the loans, which were raised to purchase the field and build the Hall, forms a large part of P.C.'s budget. P.C. is pleased to see the Hall, fields and courts successfully managed and increasingly well used by the public.

**PLANNING** - P.C. considered 35 planning applications during the past year together with a number of appeals and a public enquiry.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND INFORMATION** - Public Question Time continues to feature at the monthly P.C. Meetings. members of the public have continued to make use of this facility. The publication of E.H.News by P.C. is seen as a vital medium for communication. Greater public involvement would be welcome in helping to maintain this village as a tidy pleasant place to live, work and play. Parishioners are urged not to drop litter and to prevent dogs fouling public places. P.C.'s thanks go to our groundsman, Mr Harvey, for a job well done, to Mrs Holland, our editor, for the quality of E.H.News and to the Clerk for her commitment to her work. My personal thanks are due to the councillors who have served for the past year, including the retired councillors, Mrs Brooks and Mr Rackham.

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ALAN DIXON  
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### PARISH COUNCIL

At the recent elections, there were five nominations for the seven seats on the Parish Council. This meant that the five were returned unopposed and there was no poll. The two remaining seats were filled by co-option at the first P.C.Meeting after the election. Your new Council will serve for a term of four years. The Councillors are:

- Alan Dixon, Chairman - Rails Farmhouse, Old Church Road
- Dennis Jacklin, Vice-Chairman - Whitewebbs, Old Church Road
- Alan Holland, Finance - The Ridings, The Common
- Richard Parker, Footpaths - 3 Bridon Close
- Richard Range, Road Safety - Mandalay, Bicknacre Road
- Stanley Gordon - The Limes, The Tye
- Peter Applegate - 22 Bicknacre Road

P.C. has entered East Hanningfield for the Best Kept Village Competition again this year and the judging takes place this month. In the past we have received certificates of merit, but over the last few years we have not done very well at all. The judges are looking for signs of community involvement which shows that everyone cares about the village.

**A PLAYWEEK** is planned for the Summer holidays again this year, to begin on **MONDAY 19TH AUGUST**. Please could parents note their diaries to give some help. The more adults who come, the more activities can go on and the more fun the children have. No-one is ever asked to do anything dangerous or difficult! It is very important that parents do come along to take a turn at helping at some time during the week, because there have to be at least three adults present at all times for legal reasons. It would be a great shame to be forced to send the children home because no parents could spare a couple of hours to join a play session.

For pre-school children, P.C. has arranged for the Chelmsford Playbus to visit the Village Hall on **THURSDAY 25TH JULY** for a Picnic Play Day. The day will run from **10am - 2pm** and everyone is invited to bring a picnic lunch. Children attending this event must be accompanied by an adult.

The Manned Refuse Vehicle will visit the Village Hall car park on the following **SATURDAYS: 8TH JUNE, 13TH JULY and 10TH AUGUST**.



P.C. is currently looking into the possibility of introducing new byelaws for the playing fields and the Tye. The Home Office is recommending dogs on leads and poop scoop schemes. For many years P.C. has been receiving complaints from parishioners about the amount of dog excrement on the playing fields and a poop scoop scheme would appear to be the answer to the problem. P.C. will, of course, welcome constructive comment on the proposals.

STOP PRESS : C.B.C. has informed P.C. that wheelite bins are to be introduced in the village in the week beginning 1ST JULY. Wheelie bin collections will start during the week beginning 22ND JULY. Every house affected will receive an explanatory letter. P.C. urges parishioners not to be tempted by the enormous capacity of these bins into disposing of recyclable waste in them. Please continue to take glass to the bottle banks and cans and paper to the appropriate collection points.

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 KAREN PLUMRIDGE  
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£3.00	Local Clubs etc.	Tennis
£4.50	Domestic Private	Netball/Basketball
£6.00	Commercial	5-a-side Football
		Floodlighting - 50p per hour
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	50p	Junior
	75p	
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**BROWNIES**

In March, the Brownies made over a hundred small gifts which were blessed and given out during the Mothering Sunday Service in All Saints' Church. At the beginning of the Easter holidays the district craft competition was judged and our Brownies did very well: from seven entries we had two firsts, one second and Stephanie again won the Brownie Shield.

This term the Brownies have been working hard to gain their Footpath, Roadway and Highway badges. We have four new members, Nicola Lovegrove, Lyndsey Bonner, Rachael Simpson and Alison Warren who will be making their Promise before me on our outing to Whipsnade Zoo on 15TH JUNE.

Many thanks to all Brownies, their mothers and friends who gave children's clothes, toys, cot blankets etc for Rufus Dickman to take to orphanages in Romania. He left on FRIDAY, 10TH MAY and we wish him and his friends success.

TEL: 400977  
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 HEATHER LEIGH  
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The committee hope that you will continue to have a good time using our excellent village sports/social facilities.

The next charity fundraising event is a Family Barn Dance on **SATURDAY 13TH JULY 1991**. Last year it was a great event especially for the children and it will be even better if plenty of you attend!

Tel: 400797

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WENDY THOMAS  
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### EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Earlier this year, members were very proud when Dwin Hendry, the president, was elected County Chairman.

During March, a party of housebound senior citizens were entertained to tea; a week later a group from Loughton W.I. enjoyed a ploughman's lunch, during a rural outing.

An evening at a fashion show and attendance at the Hanningfield Group Conference took place in April. An open meeting was very well patronised when Norman Croucher, the legless mountaineer, proved to be a lively and entertaining speaker.

A coffee morning in aid of Leukaemia Research was held in memory of Ian Salmon, son of a member. Visits to the theatre and Hatfield were popular.

At the **JUNE** meeting a representative from local radio will be the speaker; in **JULY** 'Shopping in France' is the subject and in **AUGUST** 'Collecting Silver'.

New members and visitors are very welcome; meetings are held at 7.30 pm in the W.I. Hall on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of each month.

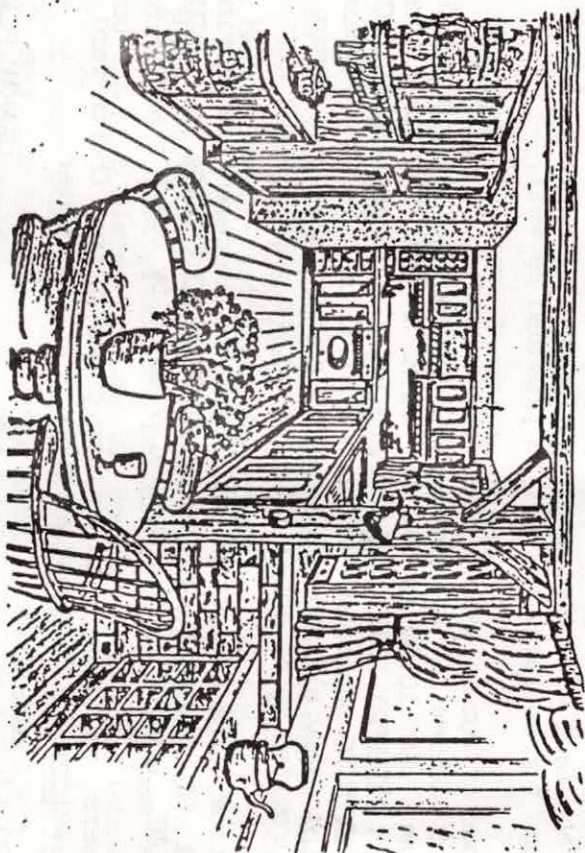
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**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NEWS AND VIEWS**

The 'Mothering Sunday' service was well attended and we are grateful to the Cub-scouts, Brownies and parents for their support and involvement. The Baptism of **ABBIE VICTORIA NEWMAN**, daughter of Clare and Kevin, was a memorable occasion on Sunday, 28th April. Recent benefactions have been made to the Church. A new purple embroidered cover for the silver vessels has been given in memory of **JOYCE THORINGTON** by her family and friends and it is hoped to replace the purple altar frontal used in Advent and Lent with the remaining balance of money. A gift of alms bags for collections will be provided as well.

A number of future events have been arranged. On **WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE**, a Coffee & Bring-and-Buy Morning is to be held at 'Kilchurn' at 10.30 am courtesy of Mr & Mrs Philip Mitchell. Then on **SATURDAY 13TH JULY**, there will be another **MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING** occasion in Church at 7.30 pm. We look forward to welcoming many old friends to enjoy a wide variety of music and verse provided by talented artistes in the locality.

Christians from Chelmsford and Brentwood dioceses are sharing a witness of the faith at the **WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** on **SATURDAY 15TH JUNE**, leaving King's Road at 7.45 pm by coach - cost £6.00.

Volunteers to assist with cutting grass in the Church-yard are always welcome on Saturday afternoons in the Summer.

TEL: 400217  
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**GRAHAM PLASTOW**  
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**EAST HANNINGFIELD PLAY AREA GROUP**

Our recent race night was a great success raising over £350. We would like to thank all who attended or gave their support through sponsorship.

Judging from the amount of use the new equipment is getting, it was well worth the effort of raising the money and installing these facilities.

We look forward to your help as we try to raise enough money to install a safety surface for our major piece of equipment.

We shall have a stall at the school fete on **SATURDAY 8TH JUNE**. Come along and find out more!

SCOTT 401175  
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**KEITH 400510**  
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**DANBURY DISTRICT GIRL GUIDES**

Many thanks to all who contributed or helped with our successful Rummage Sale earlier this year. Proceeds were distributed to the Units to help with the Annual Subscription to Headquarters.

Our Doris Potter Craft Competition was again well supported and the judges had a hard time choosing the final winners. As we had about 100 entries we gave small prizes in each age range as well. Prize winners in East Hanningfield were:

- Brownies (8) 1st Alexandra Condon**
- Brownies (9) 1st Stephanie Gardner**
- Brownies (10) 2nd Anna Willis**
- Brownie Shield - Stephanie Gardner**

We sent 12 items to the Essex Handicrafts Exhibition at New Hall and received five first and two second certificates; for East Hanningfield - 1st **Alexandra Condon**. Well done all of you!

All units are working well, but we need more parent help and we would like a list of willing helpers, to call on when needed. If you can help please ring me or contact your local Guide.

Many of our Guiders will be receiving their 10 Year Service Awards soon and two their 20 Year Award. Congratulations to all for their committed service. 3rd Danbury has just celebrated its 21st Birthday and Jean Brown has been Brownie Guide for the whole time. Thank you, Jean, for all your hard work!

TEL: DANBURY 3611  
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**OVER SIXTIES CLUB**

The Over 60s is still going well; membership has increased over the year but we would like more of the men to take an interest

Our meetings are held on the **SECOND** and **LAST THURSDAY** of each month. All senior citizens are welcome. For further details please contact:

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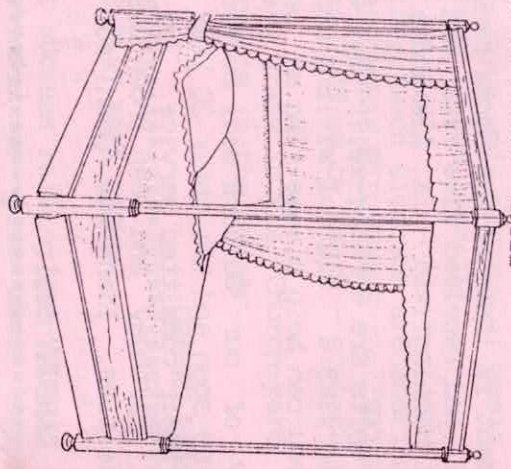
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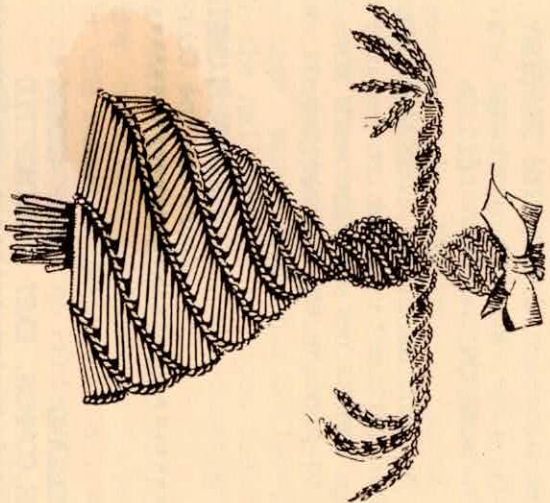
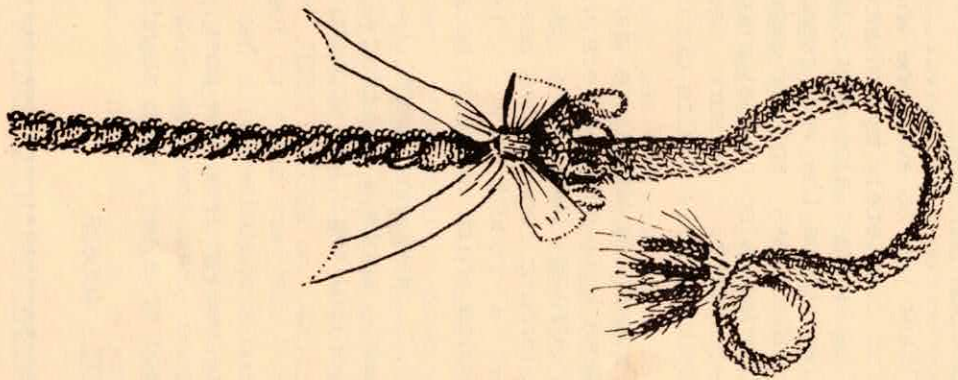
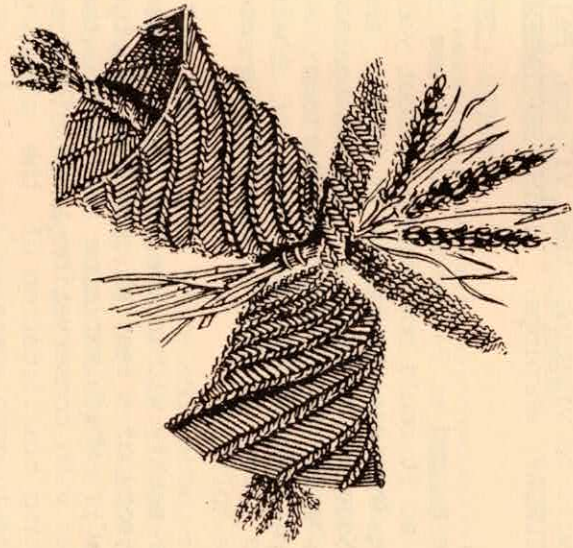
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PARISH COUNCIL

During September, more houses in the parish will be notified about being provided with wheelite bins. The refuse collection has now been taken over by a private contractor and P.C. is anxious that it should be done properly. Any complaints about the service should be made to the Environmental Health Department at Chelmsford Borough Council.

The manned refuse vehicle will be visiting the Village Hall car park on the following **SATURDAY** mornings: **14TH SEPTEMBER, 12TH OCTOBER, 9TH NOVEMBER.**

Thank you to everyone who gave a hand at Playweek. The scheme is run completely by volunteers, so it could not happen without you. Thanks must also go to Leisure Services Department at C.B.C. for lending us the very popular badge making machine, parachute and unihoc set and for sending Charlie the Clown to entertain us. Thanks also to Playgroup for allowing us to use items of their equipment. Leisure Services also provided the Playbus and Sportsmobile visits during the holiday.

Properties which are wholly or partly within the Tye Conservation Area will soon be receiving a copy of a leaflet prepared by the Planning Department at C.B.C., which explains in brief the planning regulations associated with conservation areas. This is as a result of P.C. requesting clarification of the planning rules which apply to households in such areas.

P.C. Meetings continue to take place on the **FOURTH THURSDAY** of each month. Public Question Time at the Meetings gives parishioners the opportunity to speak to the Council.

P.C. is very sorry to lose Mrs Holland as Editor, but understands and sympathises with her personal circumstances which require her to resign from the post. P.C. thanks her for the work she has done over the past four years to produce the Newsletter on time and to a very high standard.

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KAREN PLUMRIDGE  
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EDITOR: MRS CHRISTINE HOLLAND

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Due to personal circumstances, the Christmas issue of the Newsletter will be the last one I shall be able to edit. I have very much enjoyed being involved with the Newsletter over the past four years and am grateful to all the contributors for their entries. It has been nice to be in contact with all the busy people who work so hard for all the various organisations in the village. If anyone is interested in becoming Editor please would they contact either me or Karen Plumridge, the Parish Clerk. If required, I shall be happy to assist the new editor with the March 1992 issue.

TEL: 400594

CHRISTINE HOLLAND

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VILLAGE HALL

As always it is sad to have to report that there has been more damage done to the hall by vandals. This time it was the main entrance windows that were smashed. Please can villagers try to watch out as the hall belongs to all of us and is there for everyone to use.

The Family Barn Dance and Barbeque in July was a great success, even though attendance was rather low. The children had a really good time, dancing very enthusiastically. It is an event that anyone with a young family would enjoy and at a very reasonable price for a night out.

The hall continues to flourish with a steady increase in bookings. If you are interested in sport, then casual bookings can be made of both the hall and the sports court. For details of the rates, please see the separate list. The Ansaphone number is: 401015. NEIL SPURGEON will get back to you as soon as possible. For the sports courts contact JENNY MOUSER on 400411 or MRS HARVEY at her home.

Some of the committee collected again this year for the Alexandra Rose Day Appeal. Thanks to all who gave to this charity. In the past, money from this collection has been used to make a ramp for the hall and it is hoped that eventually there will be enough to put in toilets for the disabled.

The next children's disco will be on **FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER**. There have been various events such as Playweek on in the hall over the summer. Details of all events are displayed on the hall notice board or on the Parish Council board on The Tye.

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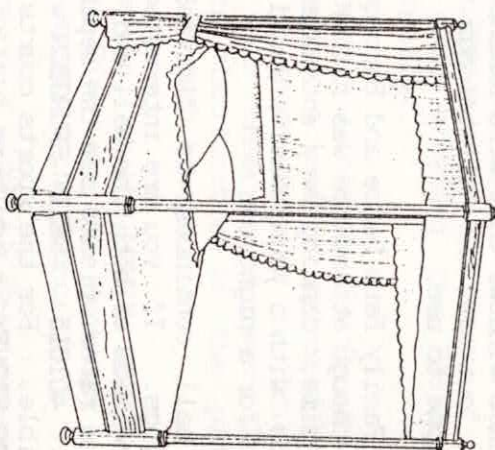
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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NEWS AND VIEWS

A wide range of activities and occasions has been witnessed at All Saints' this Summer. The total for 'Christian Aid Week' was increased this year - you donated £228.52. The Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy realised £355.28, which was a helpful addition to meeting Church expenses. Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Phillip Mitchell for the use once again of their house and garden.

A Coffee Evening and display of historical dolls at the home of Mr and Mrs Alec Hendry raised money to provide the church with Nativity Crib figures for Christmas. May we thank the district Women's Institutes who supported this venture so generously.

The 'Music for a Summer Evening' programme was as enjoyable as ever and we thank those artists who played and sang so magnificently. The sum of £180 was raised for the Repair Fund.

Many people were greatly saddened to hear of the death of Mrs Betty Thake, whose funeral was held in Church on 9th July.

Looking to the Autumn, the Essex Churches Bicycle Ride will be held on **SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER** - Mrs Pat Range is the co-ordinator. please support us!

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be on **THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER** at 7.30pm when we welcome the Reverend Bob Simmonds from South Woodham Ferrers.

The Autumn Fair will be held on **SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER** at 2.00pm in the Rectory.

Finally, our good wishes go to Oliver Huke recently baptised; to his parents, Richard and Tina, recently confirmed; and to Joanna and Ian Sandbach recently married.

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GRAHAM PLASTOW  
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### CHARLIE DAINES

Those people who have lived in East Hammingfield for twenty years or more will remember Charlie Daines when he was the village postman. His death in August, aged 82, robs the village of one of its old characters

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## MID-ESSEX COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL (CHC)

**WHAT IS IT?** - the CHC is an independent group established by Act of Parliament as a means of representing the interests of the patient in the National Health Service.

**WITH WHAT IS IT CONCERNED?** - all aspects of health care, including hospitals, clinics, health centres, ambulance service, school health, general practitioners, dentists, pharmacists, opticians, chiropodists, community nurses and midwives.

**WHO ARE THE MEMBERS?** - men and women selected from local health authorities, voluntary organisations and local councils.

**CAN ADVICE BE SOUGHT AND SUGGESTIONS MADE?** - advice can be given on any matter relating to the health service, including to whom to refer with a specific problem; ideas or suggestions for improving the health service in your area will be welcomed.

**DOES THE CHC DEAL WITH COMPLAINTS?** - the CHC does not investigate complaints but can give guidance on how to lodge them and will help to ensure they are followed up.

**ARE MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?** - members of the public are welcome at the CHC meetings, which are held on the **THIRD TUESDAY** of alternate months - January, March, May, July, September and November. (See local press for details).

**WHERE CAN CHC BE CONTACTED?** - the Mid-Essex Health Authority has an office at: The Chelmsford and Essex Centre,  
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Tel: 0245 352305

**WHAT ELSE?** - Mid-Essex CHC produces booklets to help the public. Available at present are:

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DANBURY DISTRICT GIRL GUIDES

At the end of the holidays we can look back on the previous school year and forward to the new one. We have made a few changes during the Summer in Guiding in our District.

I have retired as District Commissioner, having completed my five year appointment. At present, there is no replacement, but we hope that someone will come forward in the near future. Meanwhile, our daughters' Guiders should be able to answer most of your queries.

Some Guiders are moving to different units and parents will be getting a letter at the beginning of September about these changes.

Finally, I should like to thank all my Guiders, parents and girls, past and present, for their encouragement and support over the fifteen years I have been in uniformed Guiding in this District. I shall still be around as I shall be taking on the District Treasurer's post.

TEL: DANBURY 3611

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**CLARE RAINE \* DANCE**

Clare Raine \* Dance is still holding Dance Classes in the Village and would welcome any new members from two years old upwards.

The ideal opportunity to join is coming up with the start of the new term commencing on **MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER.**

The school is delighted to welcome new members who would like to try **BALLET, MODERN, TAP and LADIES CLASSES in BALLET, DANCE EXERCISE and TAP.**

The school takes part in many shows and festivals throughout the year including 'Chelmsford Cathedral Festival' and 'Hylands Spectacular'.

For further details and an application form please contact:

**TEL: 0245 71430**  
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**CLARE RAINE**  
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**EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

During the Summer months, members have visited the Craft Fair at Hatfield House and the Vineyards at Giffords Hall, where an excellent buffet supper was served.

The Plant Sale was a success, also a Coffee Evening held at Thriftwood, which enabled the W.I. to purchase a Nativity Set for All Saints' Church.

Some ladies worked very hard on an exhibit for the County Show, which was held at Cressing Barns.

A member of the BBC Essex team entertained at the June meeting; 'Shopping in France' and 'Collecting Silver' were the topics for July and August.

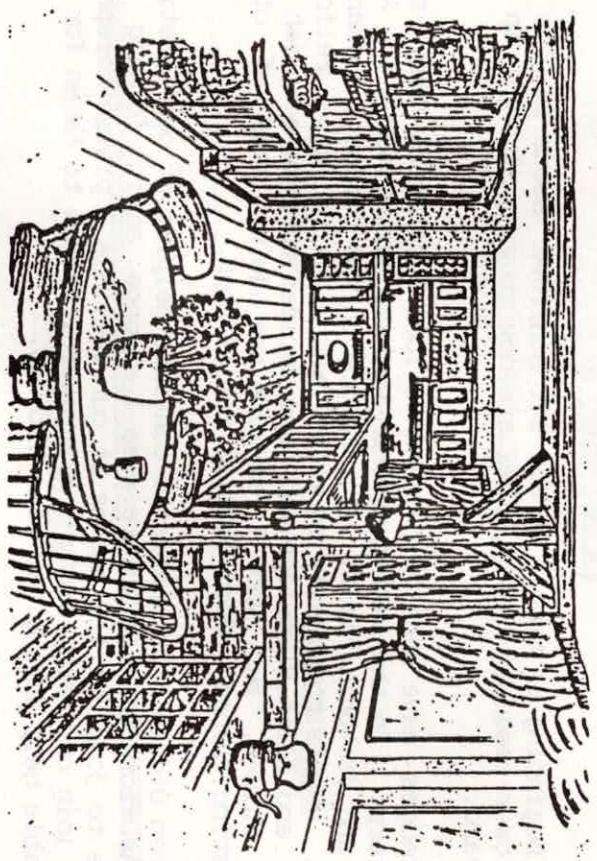
New members and visitors are very welcome: meetings are held at 7.30 pm in the W.I. Hall on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of each month.

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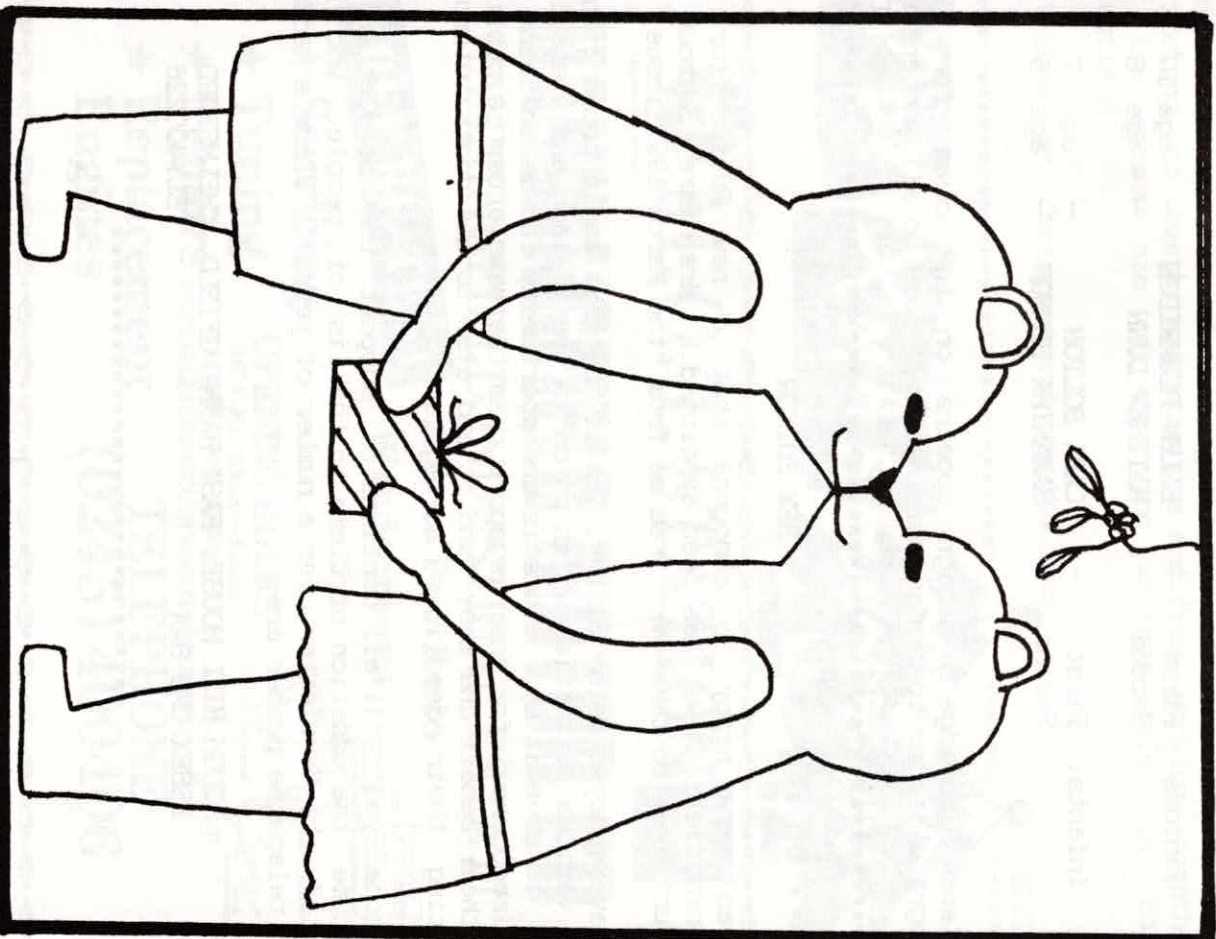
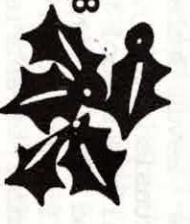
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**CHRISTMAS COVER**

For Revd Graham Plastow and I it was a particularly special occasion to judge the children's drawing competition at the village school this year, as Revd Plastow is leaving the village and I am handing over the editorship. As usual it was a difficult task to choose the winners. There was a very large number of entries and a great deal of imagination and effort had been used to produce a varied collection. The final choice was:

Juniors :	First	-	ELLEN PLUMRIDGE	-	age 10
	Second	-	MATTHEW DUNN	-	age 8
Infants :	First	-	CARA BOLTON	-	age 7
	Second	-	SAMANTHA BENSON	-	age 5

Ellen Plumridge's design appears on the cover for 1991. Congratulations to the winners and well done to all who entered.

**NEW EDITOR**

I am very happy to announce that a new Editor for East Hanningfield News has been appointed. Mrs Clare Seymour has volunteered to take over from me from the March 1992 issue.

I have enjoyed being Editor, as it has kept me in touch with all the various activities which go on in the village and I shall be sad to give it up. This is an opportunity for me to thank the Parish Council for their support, as the newsletter is published on their behalf and they fund it and also to the contributors for meeting their 'deadlines' so regularly.

I hope you will all continue to support the Newsletter and welcome the addition of Clare to the list of people, who have edited the Newsletter over a number of years. Clare's address and telephone number are:

ROUGH HILL HOUSE, EAST HANNINGFIELD, CHELMSFORD  
ESSEX CM3 8AA  
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While on the subject of new recruits, a few changes will be taking place in the village over the next months: Graham and Sue Plastow will be moving to a new parish, Heather Leigh will be retiring as Brownie Leader, Wendy Thomas is relinquishing the post of Village Hall Secretary and I shall cease to be Editor. Whereas we can hardly ask for volunteers to be vicar and we now have a new Editor, it would be good to think that the New Year would produce candidates for the other vacancies. Although there is a commitment of time and effort required for all these activities, there is also a great deal to be gained from contributing to something worthwhile and from working together with the common aim of enhancing village life in East Hanningfield.

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

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## PARISH COUNCIL

Readers of the local newspapers will have seen E.C.C. notices publicising the proposed compulsory purchase of land in East Hanningfield and neighbouring parishes, in preparation for the construction of the new A130. P.C. has been advocating an improved A130 for many years believing that it will reduce traffic through the village, solve the problem of long queues at Howe Green and make life more comfortable for parishioners living beside the Southend Road. P.C. was in favour of the route for the new road which was eventually adopted.

Since the public exhibitions which gave parishioners a chance to see the plans and aerial views of the route of the new road and to comment on them, the plans have changed. The road which was envisaged as a two lane by-pass for Howe Green and Rettendon is now going to be a three lane motorway and possibly the link between the A12 and a future lower Thames crossing.

What concerns P.C. at this stage of the planning is that environmental considerations, in particular noise pollution, have not been given serious thought. The A12 Chelmsford Bypass is a good example of the problems caused by lack of forethought where noise is concerned. It has a noise corridor five miles wide. It is noisy because its surface is ripple concrete and it is raised above the surrounding countryside which allows the noise to travel further. With the A12 in mind, P.C. expected the surface of the new A130 to be stipulated in the plans but this is not the case. The choice of surface is left to the contractors to decide when the construction of the road goes out to tender. As the ripple concrete is the cheapest surface, P.C. believes that is what we are going to get.

P.C. is concerned that along much of its length, the road will be raised above the surrounding land and that measures to alleviate the noise generated will be inadequate. An example of this is the proposal for Bennets Avenue. The A130 will pass the far end of the Avenue and will be two metres above ground level. As protection from the noise there will be a two metre high mound topped with a fence between the houses and the road.

Neighbouring councils are as concerned as E.H.P.C. and will be attending a joint meeting in East Hanningfield shortly to discuss ways to promote environmentally acceptable plans for the road.

This month's bulk refuse collection at the Village Hall car park will be on **SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER**. Please remember to arrive early as the vehicle leaves when full or at the latest **11.15 am**.

There has been very little attendance at P.C. Meetings in recent months. Members of the public are invited to attend the Meetings, which are held on the **FOURTH THURSDAY** of each month and may raise matters of concern during Public Question Time. Please note that the December Meeting will be postponed so as not to fall on Boxing Day and will be held on **THURSDAY 2 JANUARY 1992**.

Finally, as this is the last Newsletter Mrs Holland will be editing, I should like to thank her, on behalf of P.C., for all the work she has done to keep the Newsletter appearing at regular intervals and to a very high standard.

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KAREN PLUMRIDGE

Clerk to the Council

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### CHRISTMAS VARIATION TO REFUSE COLLECTION

Refuse collections which would have been on Monday 30 December 1991 will now take place on **THURSDAY 2 JANUARY 1992**. Collections will continue to be on **THURSDAYS** for the rest of 1992. Please ensure that your bin is available on the correct day from **7.00am**.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

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### CARPET BOWLS

The Carpet Bowls Club has started in the Village Hall on **FRIDAYS** from **9.00 and 10.00 pm**. There is a large number of enthusiastic players and anyone else who is interested will be very welcome.

However, the timing on a Friday night does not suit everyone and it is hoped that it will be possible to introduce a daytime slot in the New Year. Obviously, the more people who join the greater the chance for additional sessions. If you would like further information please contact:

TEL: 400349

LEN DANWELL

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This month will witness the assembly of the Christmas Crib kindly donated by the W.I. St Francis of Assissi is thought to have made the first representation of the Crib in 1223.

The model of the Holy Child is placed on Christmas Eve, where it remains until eight days after the Epiphany. Figures of Mary, Joseph with angels and animals are added and the wise-men follow at the Feast of Epiphany (6 January). Thus we can imagine the Birth of Christ as we look into the Crib. The **PARISH CAROL SERVICE** on **SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER AT 3.00pm** will be conducted by the Revd Jeffrey Hayward, Rural Dean of Chelmsford.

The **CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST** will be celebrated at 11.30 pm by the Revd Philip Price, preceded by carol singing at 11.00 pm. The **CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE** at 11.00 am will be led by the Archdeacon of Southend. A shortened celebration of Holy Communion will be held at 11.40 am. (Until the new appointment, there will be no 8.00 am services of Holy Communion).

Thank you to all who raised money for the following: 'Friends of Essex Churches' - £152; National Children's Homes - £186; Autumn Fair - £255.

Susan and I wish to acknowledge the gift of a wall-clock to mark our departure from the village after eight happy years!

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GRAHAM PLASTOW  
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**HAPPY**

CONGRATULATIONS - 100 YEARS OLD

I am sure everyone will be happy to join in congratulating Mrs Linda Benson, of Claydons Farm, on reaching the age of 100 years on 24th November 1991. It seems that she is the first person in East Hanningfield to achieve a 'century' so as well as a 'personal best' she has also broken a record for the village.

On Sunday, Ann and Ken Benson and other family members arranged a lunch for sixty people and tea for a hundred in the Village Hall to celebrate the occasion.

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EDITOR  
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The Village Hall's annual Christmas Fair is on **SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 1991** from **10.30 am** to **4.00 pm**. This is always a most successful event and a great opportunity to buy unusual gifts for Christmas. Homemade refreshments will be on sale. Do come and join us.

The younger children may be interested in the disco that is held regularly in the hall on the last Friday of the month. For details see the hall noticeboard or ask in the school.

The hall continues to thrive. There is a wide range of activities and for more details please see the noticeboard in the foyer. There is now an indoor bowls club, which is promising to be most successful. You may remember this activity on display at our 'Sports for All' day. It is held on a Friday night.

We are constantly trying to improve the hall and field facilities. There has recently been some levelling and reseeded of the football pitch, which although inconvenient in the short term, will hopefully mean a better pitch next year. More tables have been purchased and alterations done to the storage area in the hope that the movement of equipment will be less intrusive on hirers. As always there is a need for vigilance on all our parts as vandalism is still a problem.

Many thanks as always to Mr and Mrs Harvey for their efforts on behalf of the Hall committee.

Tel: 400797  
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WENDY THOMAS  
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NEW SECRETARY

**XMAS**

Wendy Thomas, Secretary of the Village Hall Committee for a number of years will be unable to continue in this position after Christmas and a volunteer is sought to take on this job.

The Committee members work very hard on behalf of us all and someone is needed to co-ordinate their activities. If you would be interested in joining the Committee, please contact:

TEL: 400905  
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NEIL SPURGEON  
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**EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

In the Autumn, twelve members visited Knaresborough and enjoyed lunch at the home of Carol Woodman, an ex-member and treasurer.

At the Harvest Festival in All Saints Church, the Nativity Set presented by the W.I. was dedicated. The Harvest Supper was well attended and a pleasant evening of musical entertainment followed.

The half yearly meeting at Blackshots was chaired by Dwin Hendry who was supported by a group of Hanningfield ladies.

A poppy wreath was laid at the war memorial by Audrey Lovegrove.

The Christmas Bazaar was held in November when produce and gifts were on sale.

Meetings are held at 7.30 pm in the W.I. Hall on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of each month. Visitors and new members are welcome.

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**BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

This has been an exciting year for us with two special baptismal services, when several people, some from the village, were baptised in the school swimming pool.

The fellowship has grown and at the beginning of October we moved the Sunday morning meeting into the W.I. Hall having outgrown our own building. Thank you W.I.!

This Autumn has brought a bonfire night party, when many of us spent a good evening together and a Tuesday morning when the ladies' group opened their meeting to visitors for a book party.

The 'Little Accorns' Mothers and Toddlers Group started well this year too and all Mums and toddlers are invited to come on a **WEDNESDAY at 10.00am.**

We are looking forward to Christmas and warmly invite you to our Christmas Carol Service on **SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER at 10.45 am** and to our Family Christmas Morning Service at 10.00 am.

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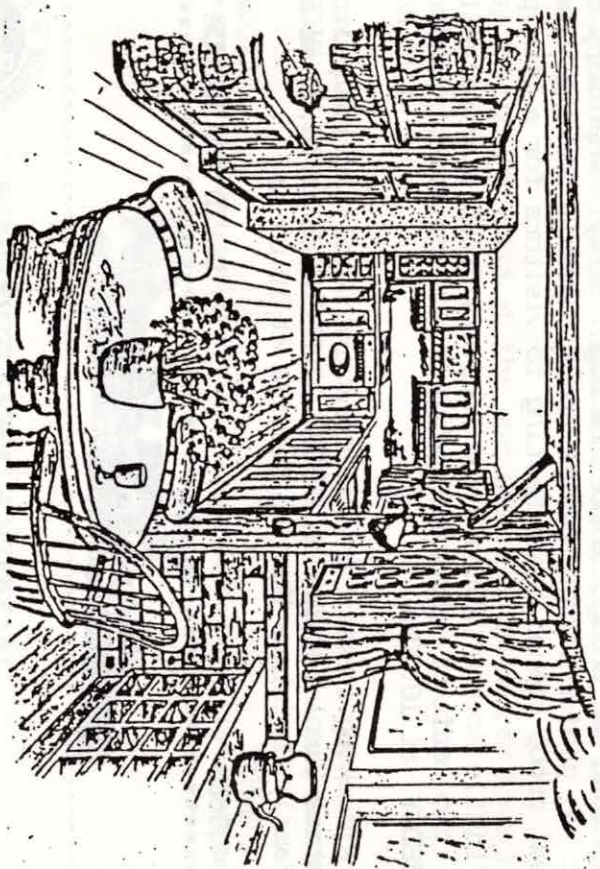




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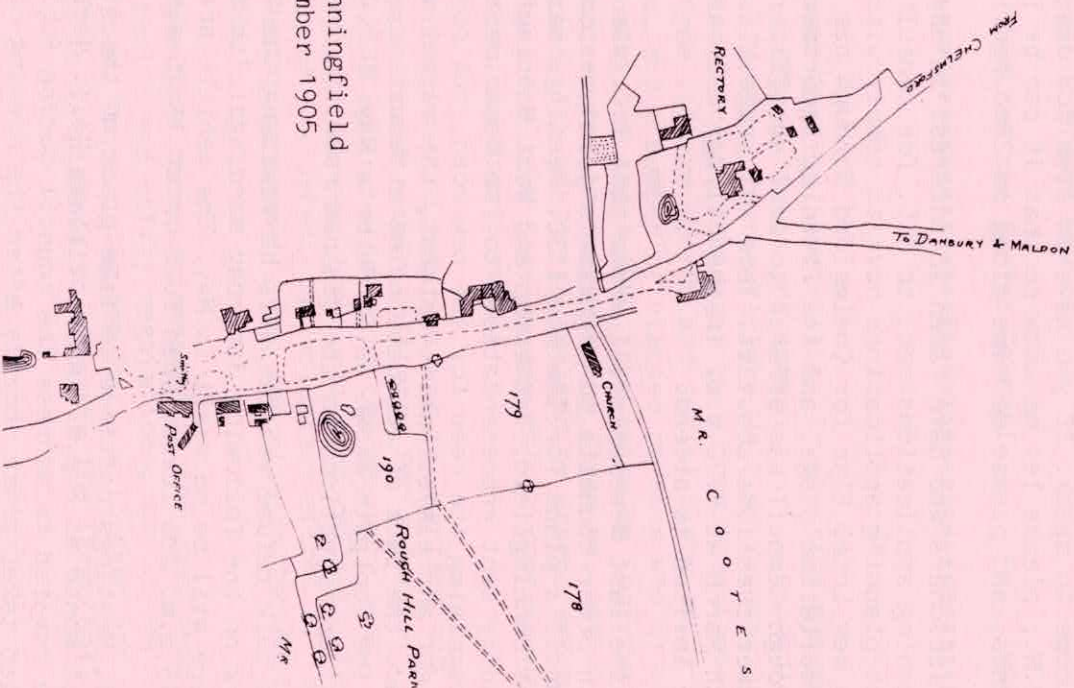
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EAST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

On Thursday 23rd April the Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 8.15 p.m. in the Village Hall. This is not a P.C. Meeting and, unlike P.C. Meetings, all parishioners are allowed to speak. The A.P.M. usually has reports from the Chairmen of P.C. and Hanna's Field Charity, but other parish groups are welcome to speak. If you have an item for discussion at the A.P.M., please let me know so that it can be included in the Agenda, and please do come along on 23rd April.

Parishioners who have taken an interest in any of the many planning applications sent to P.C. for consultation will know that planning applications have to comply with the Local Plan. The new Local Plan for Chelmsford Borough has now reached the consultation stage, and the Planning Department at Chelmsford Borough Council has offered to send an officer to explain and answer questions about it. This will take place on Thursday 26th March at 8.30 p.m. in the Village Hall and all parishioners are invited to attend.

In the last Newsletter, I wrote that P.C. was arranging to meet with other councils to organise a joint response to the County Council's plans for the new A130. Meetings have taken place. East Hanningfield, Rettendon and West Hanningfield P.C.s have jointly sent representations to the Department of Transport recognising the need for the new road, but objecting to its height and elevational treatment, the visual impact of the road, the lack of adequate noise attenuation, and the diversion of the footpath known as St Peter's Way. C.B.C. has raised similar objections to the planned road.

The bulk refuse vehicle will be visiting the Village Hall car park on the following Saturday mornings: 7th March, 4th April. There will be no visit in May. The vehicle arrives at about 8.15 a.m. and leaves when full or at 11.15 a.m. at the latest.

P.C. Meetings continue to take place on the 4th Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall. Members of the public are invited to address the council during Public Question Time which takes place shortly after the opening of the meeting.

The Leisure Services Department at C.B.C. has offered to run an Easter Holiday Playscheme in East Hanningfield again this year. Sadly, it is for one day only this time as this provision has to be shared among several parishes. The date for the Play Day is Tuesday 14th April from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. It will take place in the Village Hall as usual and is for children between 5 and 11 years. Under 5's must be accompanied by an adult if they wish to attend.

Lastly, I should like to welcome Clare Seymour, our new Editor, and wish her enjoyment in her new role.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Parish Council. Tel: 400628

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VILLAGE HALL

A.G.M. Hanna's Field Charity, the village Trust which manages the village hall, playing fields and sports court, is holding its Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10th March at 8 p.m. The Charity is managed by a committee formed of representatives from village sports and social clubs using the Hall's facilities, and a number of elected persons who stand for election annually. At the A.G.M., the outgoing Chairman presents his annual report on progress and finances, and a new committee is elected. The public is invited to attend and may raise queries during Question Time on any matter concerning the Hall, playing fields and sports court.

NEWS The Management Committee has reviewed hiring fees and agreed that charges should remain unaltered for a further period. It is over 18 months since hire charges were last raised and the decision to keep them unaltered reflects the careful management of resources, the voluntary effort of those involved in the Hall's management, and the rise in income from increased bookings.

A number of changes have been implemented in the past year to comply with new health and safety regulations, and to improve the hot water system. Those using the Halls will have noticed the redecoration. It is planned to complete the large hall in



a new colour scheme in due course. There has been work on the football pitch, and planting of trees in the centre hedgerow.

Thanks to a great deal of hard work and fundraising by the Play Area Committee, the children's play area equipment has been extended to include new adventure play items, with more still to come. Regrettably, it has been necessary to remove one of the swings for safety reasons whilst we investigate a synthetic safety surface. It is also planned to fence the play area so as to prevent access by dogs.

PEOPLE The Management Committee says 'Goodbye' to the Charity's Secretary, Wendy Thomas. She has been an enthusiastic and hard-working secretary over a long period and we wish Wendy and her family well for the future.

Ray and Janet Harvey continue to provide a stalwart service in the day-to-day management of the Hall, providing keys to hirers and ensuring the Halls remain clean. At the end of the year, the committee would like to publicly thank them for their dedication.

Mike Plumridge, Hall Management.

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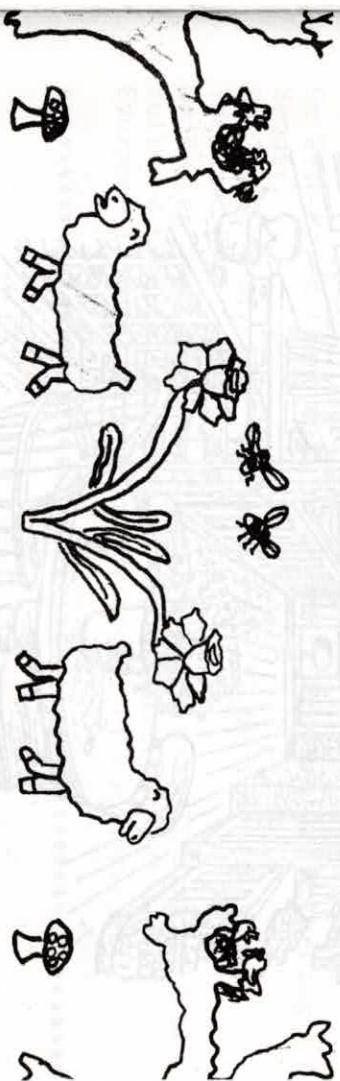
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MID ESSEX COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

In December the Council organised a seminar to consider the needs of the elderly in the aftermath of the NHS reforms. A report of this meeting is available from the CHC office and a factsheet will be produced in the Spring. The CHC has been invited to work with the North East Essex Consortia and the Hospital Trust in developing a local Patients' Charter, and welcomes comments and suggestions. The CHC is currently undertaking a survey into dental care under the new contract arrangements - in this, as in all matters relating to health care provision, the CHC is your voice in the health service. Contact it at the Chelmsford and Essex Centre, New London Road, Chelmsford. Telephone: 352305

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I am very grateful for the help of the outgoing Editor, Christine Holland, but it will take some time for me to find my feet in my new role. Please can contributors make note of the next copy dates - 9 May, 8 August and 7 November - and let me know at once if there is a change in correspondent for their organisation. I apologise if anyone has been left out, and would be delighted to remedy it next time if I am given the necessary details. Several organisations are appealing for help in order to continue, and I do hope some offers are forthcoming. Finally, I would be pleased to receive any photographs, drawings or illustrations which would be suitable for reproduction. The ones in this newsletter were drawn by Edward Seymour.

Clare Seymour, Editor,  
Rough Hill House, The Tye, East Hanningfield

Tel: 400226

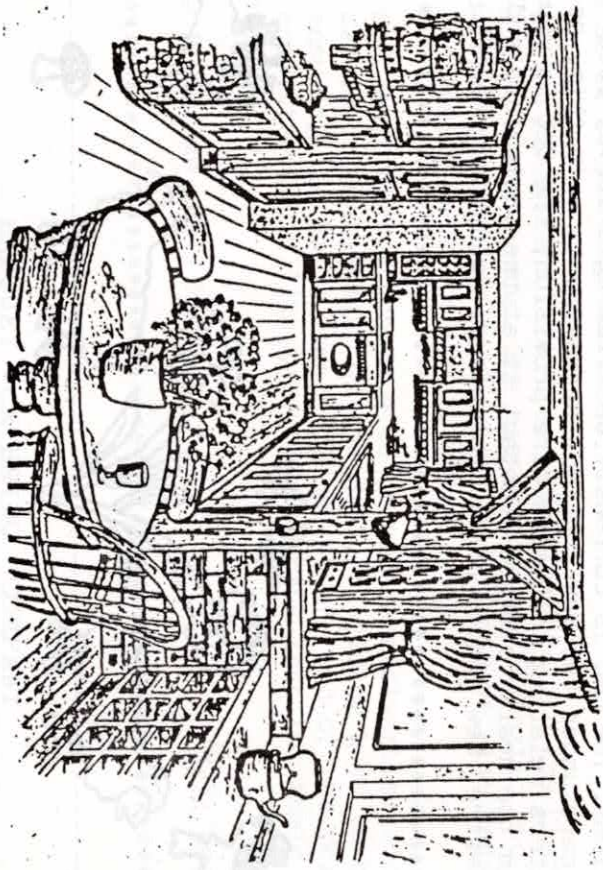
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### ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EAST HANNINGFIELD

We were sorry to lose the Reverend Graham Plastow, his wife Sue and their family after 8 pleasant and successful years.

Since the beginning of December we have had an Interregnum, while awaiting a new appointment. The parishes of East Hanningfield and Sandon will be sharing a priest, who will reside in Sandon. Meanwhile, the Churchwardens and P.C.C. will maintain a service at 11 a.m. each Sunday, as follows:-

1st Sunday in the month: Family Service, followed by Holy Communion at approximately 11.40 a.m.  
2nd Sunday in the month: Matins  
3rd Sunday in the month: Series 3 Holy Communion  
4th Sunday in the month: Matins  
5th Sunday in the month: Series 3 Holy Communion

On 29th March there will be a Family Service for Mothering Sunday.

On Good Friday, 17th April, there will be a service for The Last Hour, from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m.

On Easter Day, 19th April, Family Service at 11 a.m. will be followed by Holy Communion at approximately 11.40 a.m. Everyone is most welcome at any or all of our services.

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### 1st EAST HANNINGFIELD KON-TIKI CUB PACK

The Pack still meets every Tuesday evening in the School Hall from 7-8.30 p.m. We have vacancies for boys aged 8 and over.

At present the Cubs are working on the New Cub Scout Programme which covers subjects such as Community, World Faiths, First Aid, Tracking, Knotting, Compass. Several boys in the past few months have passed proficiency badges, including Collector, Hobbies, Handyman, Home Help, Athlete and Bookreader.

So, if you have a son who would enjoy being a Cub, please bring him along on a Tuesday evening or telephone me. I also need some regular adult help, or the Pack will have to close permanently in July.

Paddy Potts, Akela

Tel: 400106

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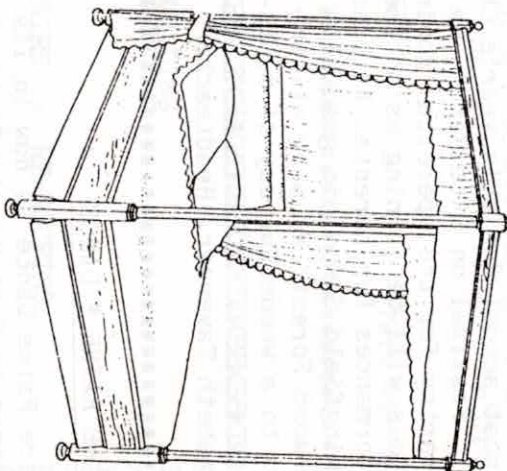
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## BROWNIES

At the end of the Christmas term we said goodbye to Samantha Coles who has moved up to Guides, and we hope she enjoys this new experience. We began the new term by saying hello to Cara Bolton and Lorraine Golding, and they will soon be making their Promise to become full members of our Pack.

We have been learning many new songs for our Sponsored Sing, and also to entertain the 'Over 60's' at their party. The Brownies are busy 'making and painting' for their artist badge, and we have ten entries in the Danbury District Guide & Brownie Craft Competition.

As yet I have had no offer of help which will make it possible for the Brownie Pack to continue after July when I will be finishing - please do consider the possibility of coming along to see me and the Brownies to find out what is involved.

Heather Leigh  
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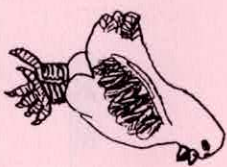
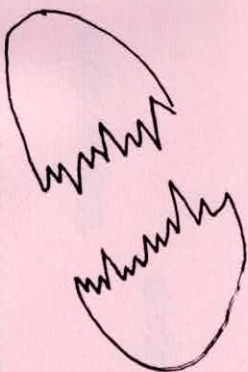
## CARPET BOWLS

A regular group of bowls players is at the Village Hall every Friday evening from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. We need more if we are to have a strong bowling section as part of village activities. Those who now play regularly were all absolute beginners when they first started, so if you like the idea of a relaxing hour at the end of the week, why not come and give it a try? You will be very welcome.

Len Banwell

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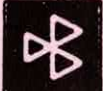
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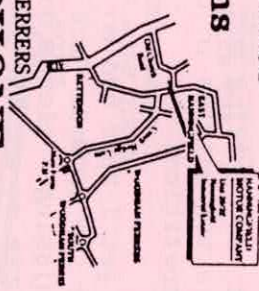
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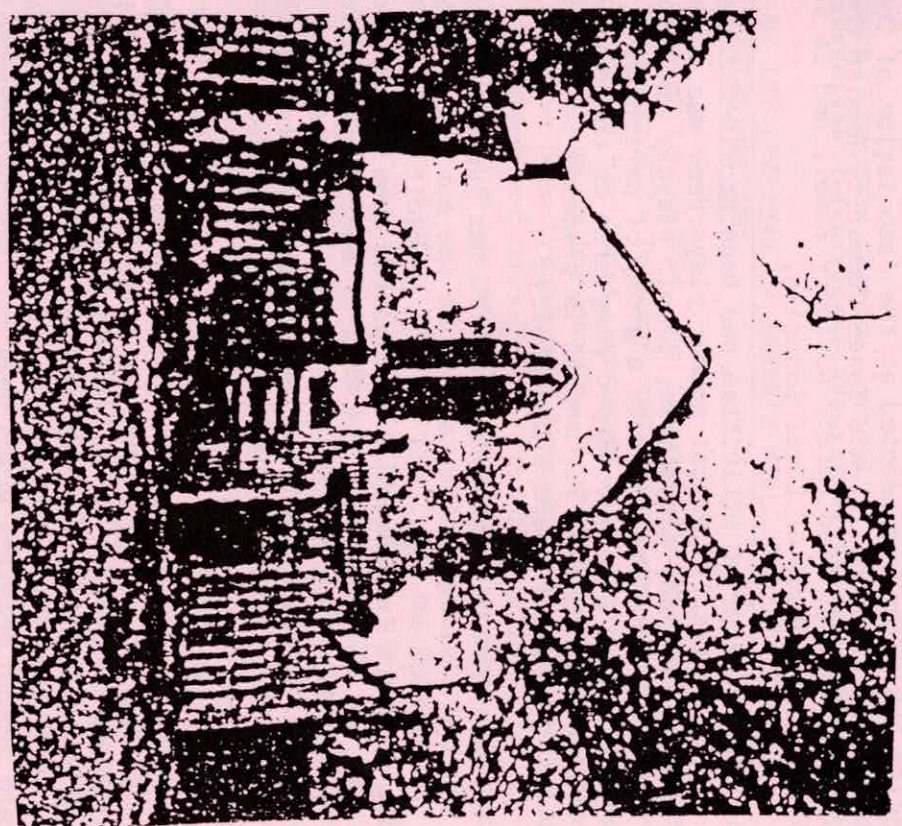
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REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

A great deal of routine business has been transacted during the past year, and I have sought to highlight only the more important aspects of PC's work during the period. The monthly meetings in the village hall have continued, with Public Question Time being a well-used feature. Several members of the Council and the Clerk have attended courses on local government and other topics. PC has maintained its outward-looking philosophy by communicating positively with other PC's, Chelmsford Borough and Essex County Councils, by being represented at the Association of Chelmsford District Parish Councils, Mid Essex Community Health Council and Chelmsford Borough Road Safety Advisory Panel, and is a member of Essex Association of Local Councils.

An increased range of activities has been provided for children. The highly successful annual summer playscheme was augmented by CBC's Easter holiday playscheme, picnic playday and Sportsmobile. The welcome initiative taken by a group of parishioners to establish a more widely equipped play area on the playing field has been grant-aided by PC, and it is pleasing to see this initiative moving forward successfully.

The parts of the village over which PC has jurisdiction, the Tye and the playing fields, are to be the subject of new byelaws for the control of dogs, and for the prohibition of golf practice, which is dangerous in a public open space, and from which injury has resulted. The work of mowing the playing fields and Tye is done by a contractor, whilst hand-finishing is carried out by the groundsman. New posts have been installed beside the Tye footpath, a manhole cover replaced near the PO, and additional grit bins installed.

As a consultee, PC has made representations on 16 planning applications and the ECC Minerals Subject Plan, and is presently formulating a response to the new Chelmsford Borough Plan consultation document. In response to ECC's plans for the new A130, PC lodged a joint objection with other Councils against certain design details, which have serious environmental implications for the parish. PC is calling for greater investment in the rail network, rather than placing a total reliance on road building for the country's transport needs. When PC put

this proposal to the AGM of the Essex Association of Local Councils, it was carried almost unanimously and is now going forward to the National Association. PC also plays a positive role in promoting the bus service, and lobbying hard to retain the Sunday service.

Due to parishioners' concern about crime in the village, the Police have been invited to attend the PC meeting on 28 May.

I conclude by thanking members for their commitment, willingly accepted elective responsibility and interest in the job, and madam clerk for her initiative, dedication and hard work.

Alan Dixon, Chairman, Parish Council  
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Tel: 400684  
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REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

In his report to the APM, the Chairman of the Trust reminded parishioners that 16 December 1992 would see the end of the first decade of the Trust. Advances made over that period are grounds for pride by the parish. In that brief period, the trust land has been transformed from an open space to an area providing indoor and outdoor leisure for the people of East Hanningfield, which are in use most days from dawn until dusk.

The past year has further consolidated the project as first set up. The finances are sound, particularly in a period of recession. Prices have been held without increase over the previous year, and this has been beneficial to both the people and the Trust. Increased use has resulted and more than off-set the increased costs of power, maintenance and cleaning. Letting for social functions has been restricted to villagers, with exceptions approved by the committee. This has eliminated nuisance and damage to the Hall.

The small hall, kitchen, changing and WC rooms have been painted. Additional hot water is provided by an extra tank, eliminating complaints about lack of hot water. To meet the new Health and Safety laws, a double sink has been installed in the kitchen, thereby enabling the premises to pass inspection by the Borough Council.

The football pitch was temporarily moved to enable ridges to



be levelled and worn areas reseeded. This fairly minor improvement now gives the opportunity for the pitch to be rotated on a three yearly basis if necessary.

Sufficient funds have been raised by the parents' group, led by Scott Mathieson, to enable them to complete the extension of the play area for the children. A donation of £1000 from South Woodham Ferrers Lions Club helped them complete the project much earlier than had been anticipated. Arrangements are now in hand for suitable fencing to exclude dogs and enable byelaws against fouling to be invoked. Dog fouling of the field continues to be a problem, caused by only a few dogs with careless owners.

The accounts of the Trust have been audited.

M. Comrie, Chairman, Hanna's Field Charity  
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PARISH COUNCIL

Plans are going ahead for another PLAYWEEK during the school summer holidays. A provisional date has been set for the week beginning 24 August. The scheme is aimed at 5-11 year olds, but younger children are welcome to attend if accompanied by an adult at all times. The playscheme is manned entirely by volunteers, and to comply with safety regulations, there must be a minimum of 3 adults on the premises, so will all parents of children attending the scheme please come along once or twice to help. Too few helpers will mean PLAYWEEK will have to be cancelled. It is also hoped that there will be visits by the Sportsmobile and Playbus during the holiday. PC will subsidise attendance at Sportsmobile sessions, so that children will only pay £1 of the £2 charged for each child by the Borough Council.

The manned refuse vehicle will attend on 6 June, 11 July and 8 August, and will leave when full, or by 11.15 a.m. At other times, refuse can be taken to the Civic Amenity Site in Great Baddow. (entrance off the mini roundabout, opposite Beehive Lane).

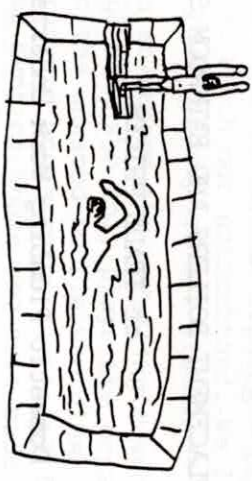
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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We have welcomed two new members and hope that they will spend many happy years with us. Our speaker in April was a member of the Paramedics Team, which does wonderful work by helping at the roadside when needed. May brings the Resolutions Meeting - this year endometriosis, which affects one woman in ten, and the patenting of lifeforms are among the subjects to be debated. Also in May, members have visited the Craft Exhibition at Hatfield House, and later in the month, members and husbands are going up the canal from Little Baddow. On 5th June we celebrate our 75th birthday. After dinner, our guest speaker will be Mrs Flo Brown, a superb flower arranger with a lovely sense of humour and we look forward to a great evening. Our usual meeting on 17th June is on Quilling and Paper Filigree, July's meeting will cover Simple First Aid in the Home, and in August all are invited to our Open Meeting, when Mr Peter Lawrence will speak to us on The Treasures of Whitehall. Five of our members are busy putting together our entry for the County Show, to be held at Cressing Temple Barns on 17th and 18th June. These medieval barns have been fully restored and are well worth a visit.

Do come and visit us - you will be very welcome. We meet on the third Wednesday in each month at 7.30 pm at the W.I. Hall, Old Church Road, East Hanningfield.

Mrs B Rice, Hon. Sec.  
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Tel: 400597



AEROBICS

Classes are held in the Village Hall each Thursday from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. with a RSA/YMCA qualified instructor. Everyone is welcome and invited to telephone for further details.

Angela Richardson  
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Tel: 400767  
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EAST HANNINGFIELD BOWLS CLUB

The Bowling Group made their first foray in a match against Little Waltham on 8th May, and won by a small, but significant margin. East Hanningfield was unfortunately one team member short, and Little Waltham were sporting enough to lend us one of their regular players! Halfway through the evening, tea, cakes and pastries were served. Our reception was warm and friendly, and we look forward to a return match, and games against other villages.

Membership We are looking for more players. Everyone is welcome no matter what your age - just come along with a pair of flat-soled shoes (not black, please!). The village hall is booked for bowls on Tuesdays from 3.15 to 5.15 pm, and on Fridays from 9 pm to 10 pm. Please come and join in. The normal charge is £1, but the first visit is free, to allow you to judge for yourself. Tea and biscuits are served on Tuesdays.

Len Banwell

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EAST HANNINGFIELD

At last we have some good news - The Reverend Tony Matly will be licensed by the Bishop of Chelmsford on Tuesday 28 July at 8 p. m. Tony Matly will be Priest in Charge of Sandon and East Hanningfield, and will reside in Sandon Rectory.

The churchwardens, Mr Phillip Mitchell and Mrs Ruby Harris, have maintained a service at 11 am every Sunday, and the Revd Phillip Price officiated twice on Easter Day, to a goodly number of worshippers. The PCC would like to thank all parishioners for their loyal support during the Interregnum.

In the next three months, services are as follows:-

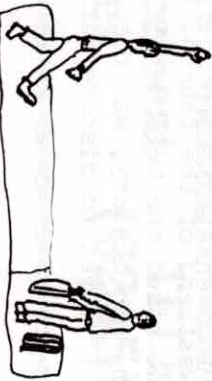
- 1st Sunday in month: Family Service, followed by Holy Communion at approximately 11.40 am.
- 2nd and 4th Sundays: Matins at 11 am.
- 3rd and 5th Sundays: Holy communion with hymns at 11 am.

We are indebted to the Revd Phillip Price - a retired missionary, who worked in Africa, now living in Great Baddow - who has helped in so many ways, and is now busy preparing the marriages of 5 couples between now and August. The Revd John Wells has regularly travelled from Chelmsford to conduct services, as have several local priests and curates from Danbury and Writtle. Thank you to them all!

A Bring and Buy Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 3rd June at 10.30 am by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Mitchell, so come and join us in pleasant and affable surroundings. Plans are afoot for Music for an Autumn Evening - probably on Saturday 5th September - so watch our noticeboard. We look forward to the pleasure of your company at all times.

Finally, we wish to record the unfailing devotion to service of Miss Marion Linnett who ably plays the organ for all our services; and to the unnamed people who clean the church, work in the churchyard and arrange beautiful flowers for all occasions, not to mention those who have made wonderful altar cloths, burses and veils with dexterous fingers.

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VILLAGE HISTORY

Have you walked down Old Church Road and wondered where the church was? All that's left of the original All Saints' Church are gravestones amidst a copse of trees near East Hanningfield Hall, and the memories of villagers who collected wild white violets there for Mothering Sunday. A footpath across the fields opposite Willis Farm leads you to the site.

A church was first built there in the 7th century by the Saxon Chief who lived where the Hall stands today, when he was converted to Christianity. The list of rectors goes back to 1263, starting with Jordan de Muckayne.

Early last century, it was described as being a building in the perpendicular style, consisting of a nave, chancel and tower containing four bells, mainly brick-built with the walls of the nave of pudding-stone and pebble-rubble. In 1844, the church underwent major restoration, which cost the parish £750 - a new roof, two bells recast and the wood from the box pews was used to panel the walls. A large heating stove of the latest pattern was placed in the North Aisle with a cast iron flue pipe. This was thought to be the cause of the fire which destroyed the medieval church after morning service on 30 December 1883. The Rev. Fowler, the new incumbent, had affirmed his acceptance of the Articles of Religion before the congregation that morning, and was due to be inducted four days later. In the event, he had to perform the customary rapping for admission on a non-existent door.

The fire took hold very quickly. Mrs Gardener of East Hanningfield Hall despatched her manservant on horseback to Chelmsford, to the residence of Mr W. S. Butler, the agent of the Essex and Suffolk Equitable Fire Office. The fire engine took three-quarters of an hour to travel the seven miles, but found there was little that could be done, as the fire had spread with astonishing speed. The villagers had managed to rescue some furnishings and books, including the Communion cloth and clerical garments, but the heat was so great that the bells melted and fell as a shower of molten metal in the west end of the church. Later the schoolchildren sorted and saved the bell metal. The stained glass east window, dating from 16th century, was rescued by a fireman named Freestone, though I've yet to discover its whereabouts.

A 12th century piscina (a perforated stone basin used for carrying away water used in rinsing chalice etc) is held in the Colchester and Essex Museum. The most important treasure in the church remained covered by 14 coats of whitewash until 1940. The fine medieval wall painting, c. 1300, and one of the few church mural paintings in the county, was removed to the Victoria and Albert Museum after its discovery - it depicts Adam and Eve with spade and spindle, and St Catherine with her wheel sitting crowned beneath a gabled canopy.

For some years after the fire, the chancel was used as a mortuary chapel, before being declared unsafe and demolished in 1960. Sadly, the brass on the chancel floor in memory of a Lincoln's Inn Benchler, Richard Brydges 1606, was stolen about this time.

I would like to make a record of the details on those ancient tombstones. Please contact me if you are interested in helping clear the brambles and finding the oldest legible headstone. You may even be able to unearth some family history!

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### BROWNIES

The Brownies did very well in both the District Craft Competition and the Essex Handicraft Exhibition. District results for our Brownies were:- Aged 7 years - Joanna Benson 2nd, Rachael Simpson 3rd; Aged 8 years - Melissa Coles 1st; Aged 10 years - Stephanie Gardner 2nd, Andrea Thomson 3rd. Essex Handicraft results:- Joanna Benson received a RED award, Stephanie Gardner received a GOLD award and 1st in class certificate, and Andrea Thomson received a GOLD award, 1st in class and pair of scissors for best entry by a Brownie. Well done to all who entered.

We have presented Mr Scott Matheson with £210, (the proceeds of our sponsored sing) towards the cost of the new safety surface for the play area. Many thanks to all who supported us.

Once again, we were happy to help at the Mothering Sunday service, and my thanks to the Brownies for reading so well.

Before Easter we said cheerio to Andrea, Rachel and Samantha, and after Easter we said hello to Victoria, Adele and Emma. Also, we are pleased to welcome Erin Lillis as a Young Leader. However, as yet noone has offered to run the Brownies when I finish in July. Perhaps YOU are thinking about it - I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Heather Leigh

Tel: 400977

### EAST HANNINGFIELD OVER SIXTY CLUB

Meetings are held in the Village Hall on the second and last Thursdays of each month. New members are very welcome. Meetings commence at 2 p.m. and finish at 3.30 p.m.

Irene Wilsdon

Tel: 400223

Contributions to the Newsletter are welcome. Next copy date is 8 AUGUST 1992.

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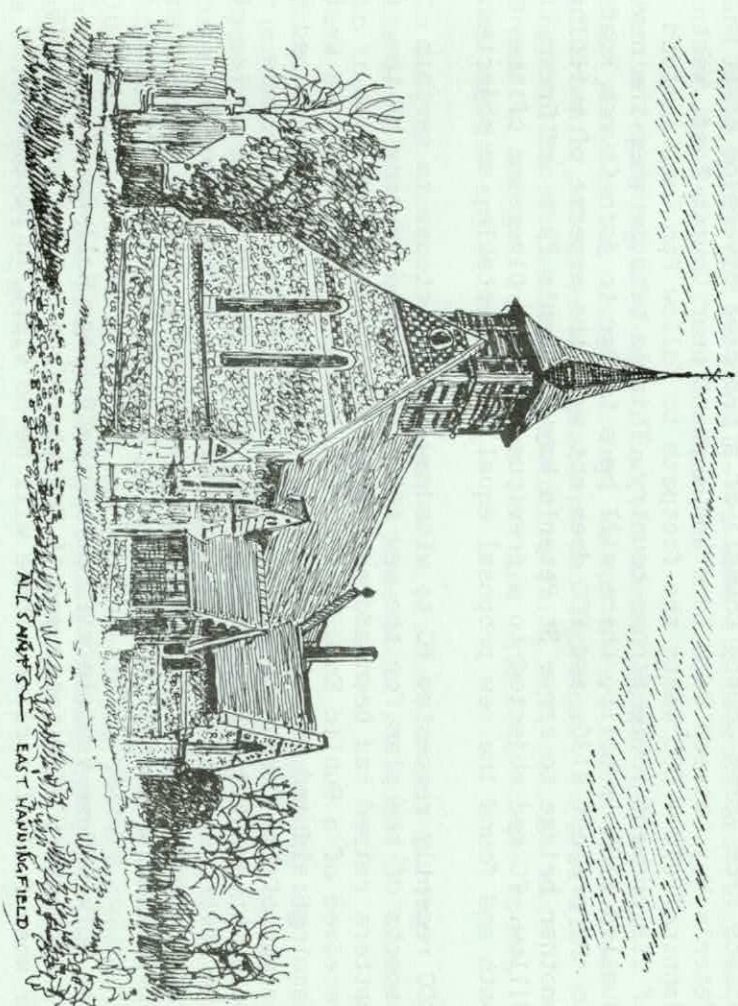
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EAST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

I should like to thank everyone who helped at Playweek and Chelmsford Borough Council for lending us equipment which we could never afford to buy. CBC also provided the two Sportsmobile visits in August, which I am sure were greatly enjoyed by those attending.

All the footpaths in the parish have been checked for obstructions and are now walkable. The Ramblers Association has included our parish in its Essex 100 mile walk which starts at Harwich on Sept 5, passes through East Hanningfield on Sept 11 and ends at Coalhouse Fort, East Tilbury on September 13. PC recently received notice from Essex County Council of a proposed diversion of St Peter's Way between Back Lane and a point near Church Road, West Hanningfield - ECC wants the footpath to follow Pan Lane instead of its present route across country. This is because when the new dualled A130 is built, there will be a bridge to join Church Road to the present A130, and ECC does not want the expense of building another bridge to serve St Peter's Way, Patten's Farm and Green Willow. PC had objected to a previous proposed diversion of the path and found the new proposal equally unacceptable, so objected.

ECC recently requested PC to withdraw its objections to certain aspects of the plan for the new A130. PC refused as none of the matters raised had been addressed. Notification has now been received of a Public Enquiry into the proposed road. East and West Hanningfield and Rettendon are objecting jointly to the proposed height of the road, its visual impact and the lack of adequate noise attenuation. PC maintains that ECC is ignoring the advice of the Environmental Statement, which studied the environmental implications of the proposal and advised how to lessen its environmental impact.

The bulk refuse vehicle will be at the Village Hall Car Park on 12 September, 10 October and 14 November from 8.15 am until 11.15 am or when full if earlier. There will be no visit in December.

PC meetings take place on the 4th Thursday each month at 8 pm in the Village Hall. Notices are posted on the PC noticeboard in advance.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Parish Council Tel: 400628

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BROWNIES

During this term we have been working hard for many Interest Badges, and as a result the Brownies have earned between them 15 Artist, 12 Safety in the Home, 8 Brownie Friendship, 3 House Orderly, 2 Hostess, 1 Swimmer and 1 Photography Badges. Well done to all the Brownies. We also entered a team of 6 in the Chelmsford Division Martin Shield competition, which this year took place in our village hall. We all enjoyed the afternoon and the 6 girls did very well - we were 5th overall and runners-up for the Danbury District Shield.

At the beginning of June we had our annual summer outing and this year the sun shone all day. We had a very happy coach-load of Brownies, friends and relations who thoroughly enjoyed all the thrills of Chessington Adventure Park, and, yes, it was Brown Owl who got lost and was last and late back to the coach, but she did enjoy the rides.

In July at our monthly Parade we were pleased to help during the service with our poems and pictures about St Swithin. Thanks to the Brownies who read so well.

At our last meeting we had our 10th Birthday Party which was tinged with sadness as it was my last meeting. May I take this opportunity to thank the many people who have supported me, the many badge testers who have done a sterling job and all the helpers who have come week by week to help at the meetings - too many to mention, but without them I would not have lasted 10 years. As a parting gift I was given a lovely pottery owl and a basket of dried flowers. I hope I have thanked everyone concerned, but just in case, please accept my thanks for such a lovely surprise gift.

We have now closed the Pack, but I am pleased to say an offer of help has arrived and hopefully we will re-open sometime in the New Year. If you wish to put your daughter's name on a waiting list, then please phone me. Girls can join at the age of 7 years and usually move on to Guides between the ages of 10 and 11.

Heather Leigh

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VILLAGE HISTORY

Many thanks to those who kindly got in touch with me about the old churchyard. A group of us spent a June afternoon there and managed to clear 37 headstones well enough to record the details on them. We hope to clear some more in the autumn.

To continue... after the old church was burnt down in December 1883, money had to be raised for the rebuilding as the insurance of £1000 was quite inadequate. Some villagers favoured the original site, but most thought it best to build the new church in the village centre, so that it was more easily accessible.

A retired wool merchant from Bradford, Elijah Slater, offered the Rector a site on the meadow alongside Rough Hill Farmhouse. Henry Stone was the architect and William Wood the builder, both from London, and the new church was built in Early English style with some chequer work, a timber belfry and a broach spire, which is octagonal in shape and sits on and overlaps a square tower. The Normans topped their towers with squat pyramids, but rainwater collected in the gulleys, so later builders carried the roof line over the sides of the tower. With octagonal spires it was found necessary to add a gusset to effect a proper join to the octagon, but expensive scaffolding was required in case of repair. In the Decorated Period which followed the spire was again placed inside the parapet, with rainwater drained through spouts in the parapet

The salvaged metal was used by Meirs & Stainbank London Bell Foundry to recast the bells they had made for the old church in 1843. The bells all have names and their weights carved on them. There's a story that the builder was instructed to make all the frames and roof trusses on site using approved timber, to ensure good workmanship. However, in the absence of the architect when the roof was due to be framed, Mr Wood thought he could get away with using below-standard roof arches to increase his profit. The architect returned unexpectedly and Mr Wood 'the cowboy' was found out. His foolishness nearly bankrupted him.

The parishioners did well with their fundraising, since the church with 250 'sittings' cost £3500 and was consecrated by the Bishop of St Albans in June 1885, just 18 months after the fire. The Rev Canon James Fowler who had been inducted amid the blackened ruins of the old church was most instrumental in the speedy rebuilding.

There is an interesting entry in the Primary School's Log Book

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For 16 July 1884: 'Foundation Stone of new church to be laid, so a holiday was given on 14th. Rev and Mrs Fowler visited school to distribute frocks and hats to poor children who were to join in the procession on Wednesday.' The Hon Mrs Claughton laid the Foundation Stone, but I do not know any more about this lady.

In 1892 Rev Fowler went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with his wife, daughter aged 7 and son aged 5. Sadly they died of typhoid at San Remo, Italy, after drinking infected water at Jacob's Well, Samaria. A memorial brass to the family can be found in the church.

To end on a happier note, it seems that the workmen building the new church had a sense of humour, as they included a stone ginger beer jar in the flint and stone outside wall of the church. See if you can find it - answer in the next newsletter.

Gil Gordon

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On 28 July the Revd Tony Matly was licensed by the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Revd John Waine, in All Saints Church. A large congregation, made up of people from Sandon and East Hanningfield, visiting clergy, representatives of community organisations in both villages, the Mayor of Chelmsford and his wife and members of Revd Matly's former parish were there to welcome their new priest. A reception in the village school followed the service in Church (Thank you, ladies, for the splendid refreshments!). Our new rector has written the following for the Newsletter:

I do indeed look forward to getting to know you and ask you earnestly to remember Carol and me in your prayers as we begin a new chapter in our lives amongst you here. Can I ask you to help me especially in four ways:-

- a) Although based in Sandon, I also have pastoral oversight of East Hanningfield, and a fair percentage of my time will be spent there. Please remember my dual responsibilities and bear with changes in the timetable of Sunday services and in some weekday activities.
- b) Visiting the sick and household and taking the reserved sacrament if desired is a duty and joy for any priest. However he needs to be kept informed of names and addresses of people ill at home or which hospital and ward they may be found in. It takes a long time to get onto the village grapevine and even longer if not resident in the village - I am not blessed with telepathic powers and will rely on you completely to put me in the picture.
- c) Don't be put off if your phone call meets with a recorded message - just leave a message or your name and number and I will deal with it on my return. The answering machine is an essential aid to any busy parish priest - the number of Sandon Rectory is Chelmsford 72262.
- d) Just as you value a free day of leisure each week, so too I shall be keeping Friday as my day-off and would ask you to respect this time of battery re-charging.

May August be a particularly happy and refreshing time for those on holiday. God bless you all.

Your parish priest, pastor and friend,

Tony.

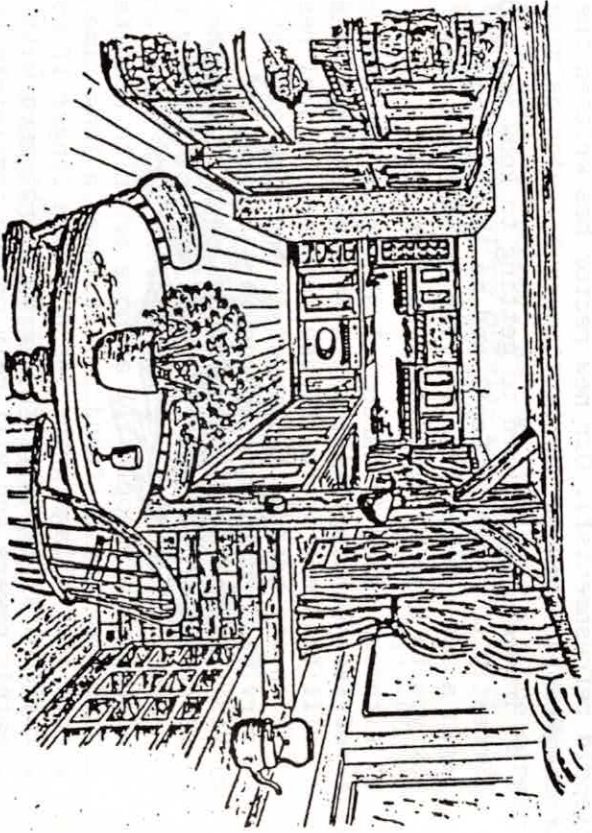
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## EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The members and friends of our WI have had a very busy few months. Our County Show was a great success - many congratulations to our team, and to the ladies who spent all day in the wagon lodge at Crossing selling second-hand books to swell our funds.

The Garden Party held at Joy Devall's home was again blessed with beautiful weather and as usual the food was super. Thirty members and husbands spent a most enjoyable evening on the canal at Little Baddow, and another evening was passed visiting the Police Training Centre for dogs at Sandon. Sgt. Hemmings, one of our speakers earlier in the year, made a return visit, this time with his horse. We all, including the horse, enjoyed a ploughman's supper at the Hall. Two of our more adventurous ladies went gliding with the Federation Sport and Leisure Group - I understand they had a great time.

During the next few months we will have a patchwork demonstration and will welcome a representative from the Macmillan Nurses. Two fund-raising events - our Harvest Supper and our Autumn Fair - are on 25 September and 21 November respectively.

Sadly, we have said goodbye to two of our members - Marjorie Steeds who has moved to Somerset and Beryl Gerrish who died after a brave fight. Our love and condolences go to her family.

Remember our meeting date - third Wednesday in the month at 7.30 in the WI Hall in Old Church Road. You will be most welcome.

Bee Rice

Tel: 400597

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## AEROBICS

Classes are held in the Village Hall each Thursday from 7.30 to 8.30 pm by an RSA/YMCA qualified instructor. Everyone welcome.

Angela Richardson

Tel: 400767

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## ACTION AID WEEK

Peter and Jenni Applegate would like to thank all those villagers who contributed to Action Aid Week. A total of £74-10 was collected.

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CARPET BOWLS

Tuesday afternoon sessions are suspended for the summer weeks and will restart on Tuesday 15 September. Friday evening play continues as usual. In August we will be making our second visit to a neighbouring club. This time we will be the guests of Hullbridge, who have a very strong membership. Anyone interested in giving bowling a try is welcome to come along for a trial session free of charge; if you enjoy the game, as we are sure you will, we will welcome extra regular players.

Len Barwell

Tel: 400349

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OVER SIXTY CLUB

The club will resume on September 24th, after being suspended during the months of July and August. Meetings take place on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 2 pm in the Village Hall. Newcomers will be very welcome.

Irene Wilsdon

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EAST HANNINGFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Of all the times in school, the Summer Term is always the busiest part of the year. This year was no exception as the final preparations for the School Fete were made when we returned in June after the half-term holiday. The central theme for the Fete was 'The Circus', and most children entered the art competition, producing a wide variety of lovely circus pictures. Contestants in the Fancy Dress Competition amazed us with their ingenious circus costumes, and the star of the afternoon was Professor Optical, who delighted the children with his show of circus skills.

Our oldest Junior children took part in the Chelmsford Schools Junior Music Festival at the Civic Theatre at the end of June. A well-chosen programme of songs and musical items provided parents with a wonderful evening of entertainment, with a spectacular performance of African drums, dancing and singing to add to the wide repertoire.

Children who visited the Isle of Wight in May gave a very special evening presentation of their work to parents towards the end of term.

On the sporting side, the school swimming pool has been well used by the pupils and playgroup children throughout the Summer Term. The PTA has recently purchased a new gas boiler for the pool, a 'Super Foam' pool cover, water polo balls and diving hoops, as well as floor covering for the pool surrounds. Children have also been able to display their sporting skills at the Maldon & District sports events and Rounders Rally as well as, of course, at their own school Sports Day.

A busy term indeed, for everyone!

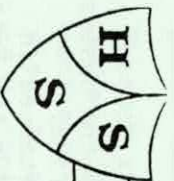
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Contributions to the Newsletter are welcome. Next copy date is 7 November 1992. I have copies of back numbers of the Newsletter, which may be of interest to newcomers to the parish - please call or ring me.

Clare Seymour, Editor, Rough Hill House, The Tye, Tel: 400226

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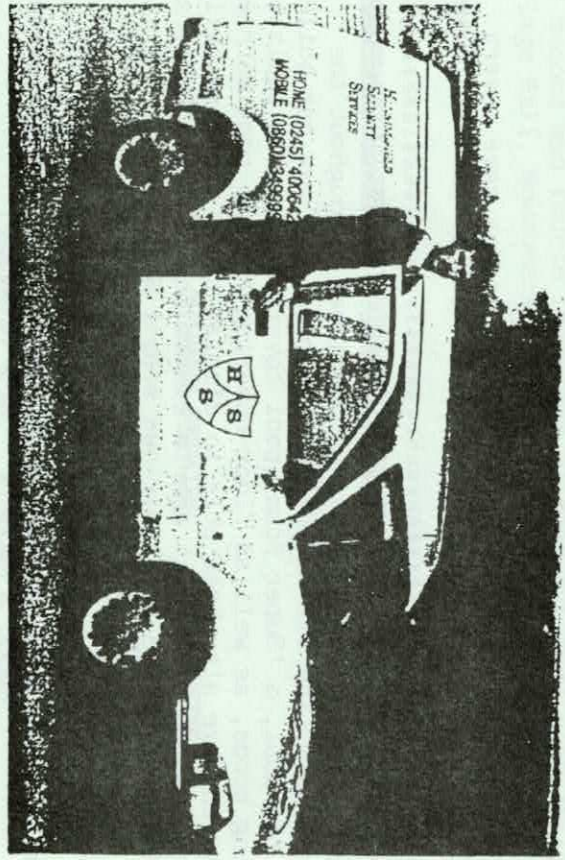
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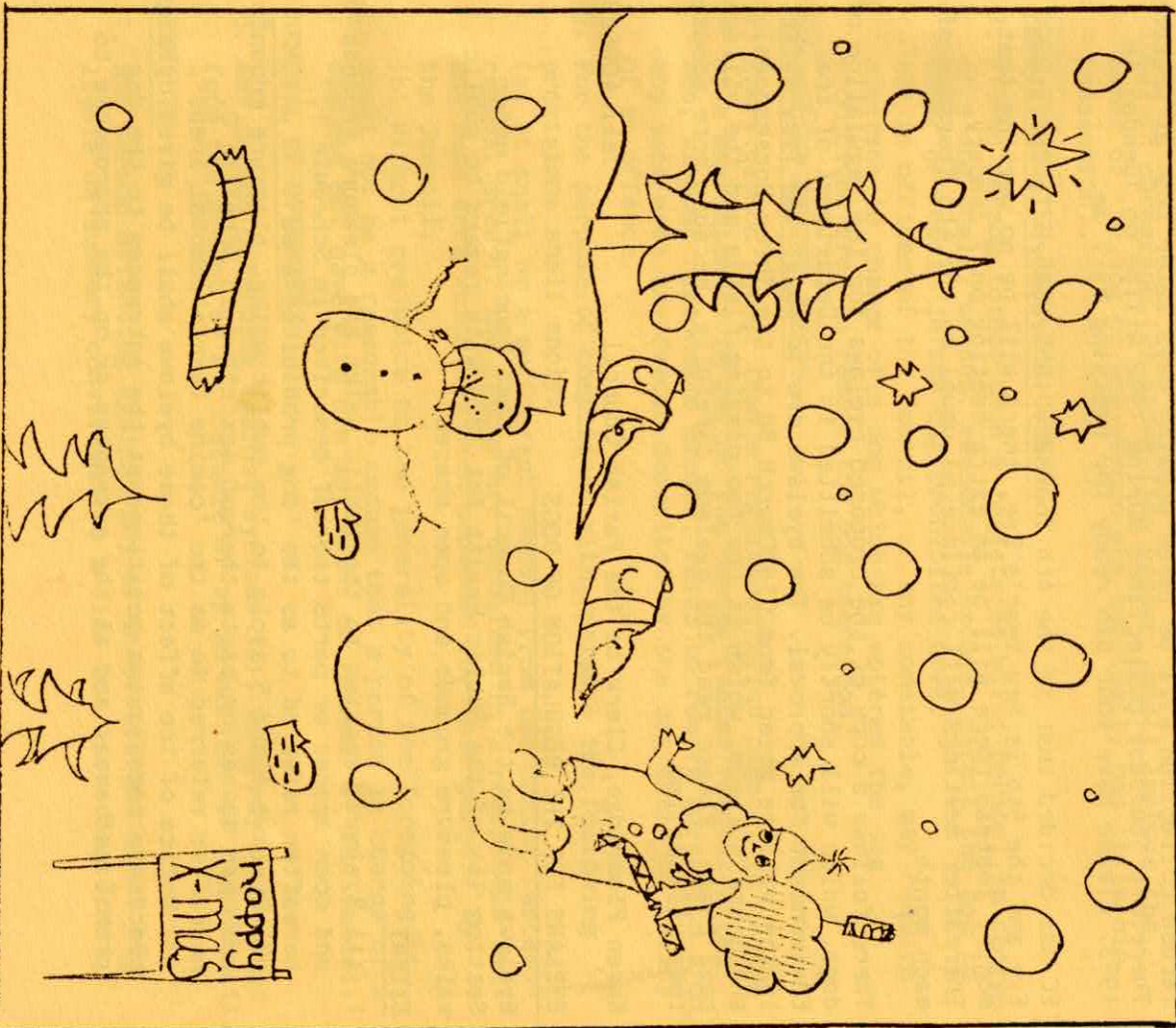
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EAST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

PC has arranged for the manned refuse vehicle to continue its monthly visits to the village hall carpark during 1993, but, take note, starting in FEBRUARY most visits will be on the FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. There will be no visit in December 1992. The next visits will be on 16 January, 6 February and 6 March, from 8.15 am until 11.15 am.

Please note that after the Christmas and New Year holidays, the refuse collection will be three working days later than at present. Therefore Thursday collections during 1992 will be on Tuesday in 1993. Please have your bin ready for emptying by 7 am.

PC has decided that as the 4th Thursday in December is Christmas Eve and the 5th is New Year's Eve, there will be no meeting that month. Instead there will be an extra meeting on 7 January. Thereafter meetings will continue as usual on the 4th Thursday of each month.

There follows a copy of the proposed byelaws for the regulation of dogs, which will shortly be submitted to the Department of the Environment for approval. The byelaws are to cover the Tye, which is the village green from Old Church Rd to the Three Horseshoes, and Hanna's Field, which is the two playing fields and the village hall Chase. Please read the byelaws carefully, because once adopted they will be law.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Parish Council

Tel: 400628

BYELAWS FOR THE REGULATION OF DOGS

Byelaws made by the Parish Council of East Hanningfield under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 with regard to public walks, pleasure grounds and open spaces.

EXTENT

1. (1) Byelaw 3 applies to the public walks and pleasure grounds and open spaces or parts thereof described in Schedule 1, hereafter referred to as the 'dog prohibited area'.
- (2) Byelaws 4 and 5 apply to the public walks, pleasure grounds and open spaces or parts thereof described in Schedule 2, hereafter referred to as the 'canine faeces removal areas'.
- (3) Notice of the effect of those byelaws shall be given by signs placed in conspicuous positions at the entrances to the dog prohibited area, and at the entrances or on the approaches to

the canine faeces removal areas.

INTERPRETATION

2. (1) In these byelaws 'the Council' means the Parish Council of East Hanningfield.
- (2) For the purposes of these byelaws, the keeper of the dog shall be deemed in charge thereof, unless the dog had been placed in or taken into the charge of some other person at the time when an offence under these byelaws had been committed.
- (3) In paragraph (2) above 'the keeper' shall include the owner of the dog or any person who habitually has it in his possession.

DOGS PROHIBITED FROM THE GROUNDS

3. (1) No person (other than a registered blind person) in charge of a dog shall, without reasonable excuse, permit the dog to enter or remain in the dog prohibited area.
- (2) An officer of the Council, or any constable, may require a person in charge of a dog which has entered the dog prohibited area to remove the dog therefrom.

REMOVAL OF CANINE FAECES

4. Every person (other than a registered blind person) in charge of a dog which is in any of the canine faeces removal areas who, without reasonable excuse, fails to remove forthwith from any such area any faeces deposited by the dog shall be guilty of an offence.

5. For the purpose of compliance with Byelaw 4 the following provisions shall apply:

- (a) it shall be a sufficient removal from the canine faeces removal area if the faeces are deposited in a receptacle in any such area which has been provided for that purpose by the Council;
- (b) without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing it shall not be a reasonable excuse that a person in charge of a dog did not have with him any means of removal of the faeces.

REMOVAL OF OFFENDERS

6. Any person offending against byelaws 3(1) or 4 may be removed from the ground by a constable or by an officer of the Council.

PENALTY

7. Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2



on the standard scale.

SCHEDULE

The grounds referred to in the above byelaws are as follows:  
SCHEDULE 1 - DOG BAN AREAS, the fenced-in Children's Play Area, Hanna's Field, East Hanningfield.  
SCHEDULE 2 - POOF-SCOOP AREAS, The Tye and Hanna's Field, East Hanningfield.

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AEROBICS

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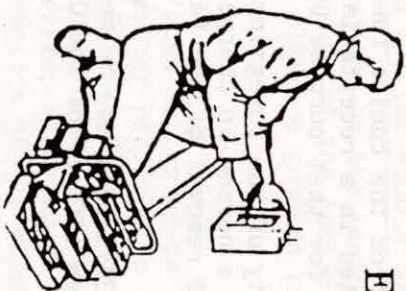
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EAST HANNINGFIELD POLICE OFFICE

On 3 August 1992 PC Clive Morris took over the police office and moved into the police house. He now introduces himself to the village:

I grew up in Bicknacre and attended East Hanningfield School and Sandon School. I then worked for 2 years for Stan and Joan Bird at Salesfrith Farm until early 1987 when I joined Essex Police. I began my career at Southend and then moved to Rayleigh where I was one of the senior constables on shift. I then began to feel the need to adopt a more personal approach to my policing, believing there is still a role for the community policeman, although the variety of work and large areas to be covered means less time on foot than in bygone years. I am still part of a large organisation and together with other local officers, I police this village. However, I am here to undertake a variety of jobs, not just the accidents and incidents of crime. I hope you will help me to make village life as idyllic as possible, and in return I will help you as much as I can. I would like to emphasise that if you require urgent assistance, or you see a crime being committed, please dial 999. If you are not sure if your call is urgent, still dial 999. A police unit will attend, probably me if I'm on duty. Please use this system rather than try and contact a local station. If the call is not urgent, contact me direct and I will take the necessary action. I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Your community policeman, Clive Morris

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EAST HANNINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Essex Police new-style Neighbourhood Watch is now in operation and covers the whole village. Launched on 20 August at the Village Hall with over 100 parishioners present, over 200 committed neighbours have already achieved success and got the scheme off to an excellent start by bringing about the arrest for burglary of two men and others for garage break-ins and theft. We welcome our new village-based police officer, Clive Morris who confirms the success of the new scheme, which has contributed to a 50% detection rate of crime in the village, and an overall reduction in the numbers of incidents reported. Please do not be complacent. In October a stranger was reported as following children in the village, and in a separate incident, a girl was invited by a man to get into a car.



The new Neighbourhood Watch structure operates through closer cooperation with the Police and local committees through a tier system. Information is channelled from Essex Police via a District Coordinator to Area and Street Coordinators and members. Regular meetings will take place between the local police officer and District Coordinator, and there will be a flow of information in both directions. We are glad to have the support of PC Clive Morris and his colleagues.

East Hanningfield Neighbourhood Watch will also include an Elderly and Disabled Watch and 12 members/parents drawn from Neighbourhood Watch are hoping to organise a Youth Club. Additionally, Remus Memorial Horse Sanctuary want to start a Horse Watch.

If you would like further information and wish to join, please contact me direct or your Coordinator listed below. I express thanks to Hanna's Field Charity, The Cobb Breeding Co Ltd, Hanningfield Security Services and The Post Office Stores for their support and sponsorship, and also all villagers who have been so helpful and supportive.

Your coordinator

Tel:

Area

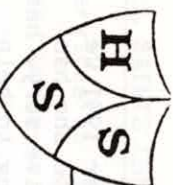
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Youth Club, Janice Stevens (Tel 400148) Please ring if you can help  
 Horse Watch, ring Sue Burton (Tel 400630) for more information.

The next Neighbourhood Watch Meeting will be on Thursday 21  
 January 1993 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Mike Philpott, District Coordinator

Tel: 401009



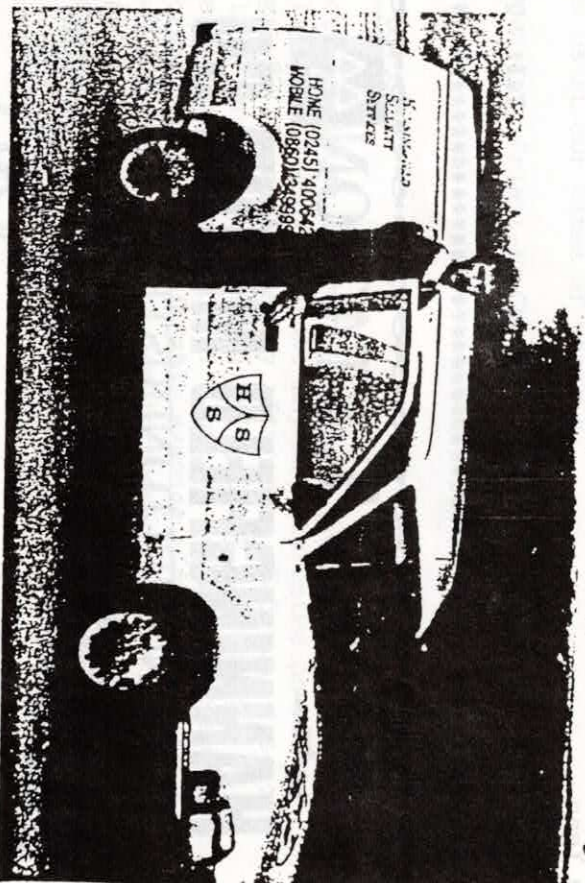
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1992 has been a very busy year for our WI. In November 1991 we welcomed our new President, Mrs Monica Harris and hope she has enjoyed her year in office, which being our 75th anniversary, has been a very special one. We have held a coffee morning to help Chelmsford Hospice and to raise funds for our own needs, many other events have been well supported and enjoyed by members, husbands and visitors.

Soon we will be holding our Carol Supper, and the Group Carol Service will this year be at South Hanningfield. Many of our members are attending Quilling Classes, possibly hoping to have a supply of very personal Christmas Cards for family and friends this year.

East Hanningfield WI is a warm and friendly group and if you would like to visit us, you will be most welcome. From all of us to all of you, have a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

B. Rice

Tel: 400597

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EAST HANNINGFIELD

Services at All Saints Parish Church are as follows:

1st Sunday in month	11.15 a.m.	Family Service and Shortened Holy Communion
2nd Sunday in month	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
3rd Sunday in month	11.15 a.m.	Family Communion
4th Sunday in month	11.15 a.m.	Family Communion
	6.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
5th Sunday in month	11.15 a.m.	Family Communion

In addition, on 29 November at 6.30 p.m. there will be an Advent Evensong with the Choir of Sandon Church. On Christmas Eve, 24 December, at 11.30 p.m., there will be a Midnight Service of Holy Communion preceded by carols. You are cordially invited to join us at our times of worship.

H. Tony Matly, Priest-in-Charge

Tel: 72262

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CARPET BOWLS

The group continues to grow by degrees. We still have room for more players and would welcome anyone interested on Friday evenings, 8-10 p.m. or Tuesday afternoons, 3-5 p.m. A second match is arranged with the Hullbridge club, at their fine premises at the Village Social Club, on Friday 20 November and look forward to a very enjoyable evening. In the hall here we have two carpets in use and are increasing our sets of bowls. Do come and visit us - you can be sure of an enjoyable time. It beats watching the washing machine!

Len Banwell

Tel: 400349

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OVER SIXTY CLUB

Members meet at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Prospective members are very welcome to join the meeting to 'try it out'.

Irene Wilsdon

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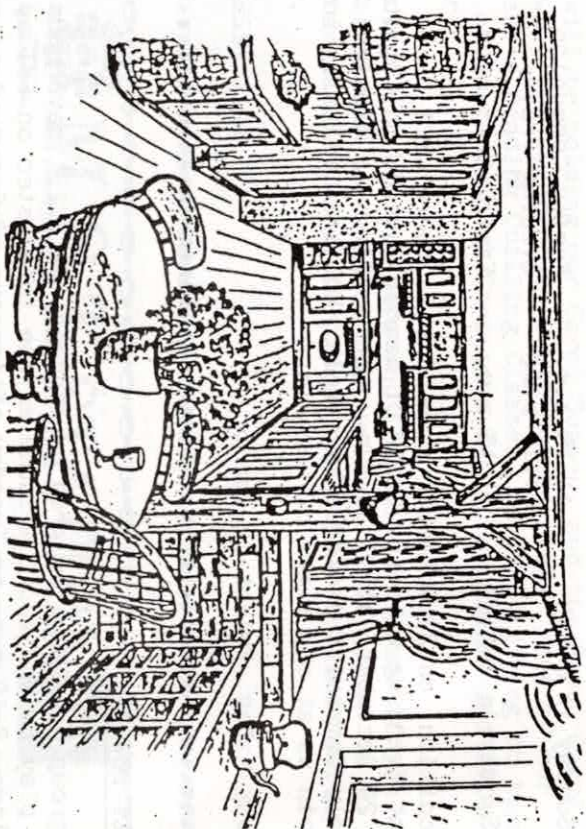
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### VILLAGE HISTORY

I am sure many villagers were delighted when the Mill was renovated into offices and its distinctive shape preserved, standing tall and erect just off the village green. Here are a few facts and stories about the building and its previous occupants:

It was built about 1860, during the Industrial Revolution, and known as the East Hanningfield Capital Steam Mill. There were four floors, the lowest housing the large crushing stone. The second floor contained an oat and cake crusher, and through the iron double doors, a pulley lowered the full sacks straight on to the waiting carts. The third floor was full of storage bins and the top level housed a boiler with a tall shaft (demolished in the mid-1940's). At the rear of the Mill, there was enough stabling for 5 carthorses and also an open cartshed. The Mill was used to grind corn for horsefeed and to make cattle-cake. Farmers brought their sacks of grain to the Mill in carts and collected the ground product later. In later years the Mill was used for chicken manure - the dried droppings were ground and the powder mixed with other fertilisers. Initially the Mill was run by steam, then converted after the war for use with a diesel engine at the back of the Mill, and finally run by electricity.

There's an oft-repeated story - true or false? - about the time Mr Clark owned the property. Having the only accessible well in the village, he sold water at a halfpenny a bucket. Then he had the idea of making a fortune out of his monopoly and began charging a penny a bucket. The villagers decided that this was too much and chose a site on the village green opposite the Mill to dig their own hole. They found water, installed a hand-crank pump and filled their buckets for free, right under the nose of the would-be millionaire, whose own supply ran dry. There's a moral in there somewhere!

In 1894 water was piped to the village from Danbury, although regulations only allowed water to be drawn from taps between 8 and 9 am and 4 and 5 pm. It makes the recent hosepipe ban seem rather insignificant!

Mr and Mrs Castle owned the property at one time. He is remembered for repairing radios and charging dynamos in the first black shed to the left of the Mill - an important service in pre-television days. Mrs Castle was the founder of East Hanningfield Women's



EAST HANNINGFIELD PLAYGROUP ASSOCIATION

The Playgroup has now been running for 21 years. It started life in the Old Rectory, later moving to the WI Hall, and is now in the Village Hall. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who can give us information or photos from the early years to add to our album.

Playgroup is open Mondays-Thursdays, 9.15-11.45 a.m. for children aged 3-5. We currently have about 20 children each day who enjoy a whole variety of activities. During the year we have visited the lambs at Claydon's Farm, been to Colchester Zoo and held a Sports Day. The photographer came before half-term and took some lovely photos of the children. At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to four children who will be starting Primary School. We hope they will all be happy there. Term finishes on Thursday 17 December with the Christmas Party to which all playgroup children are invited. We re-start on Monday 4 January, ready to welcome two new members and their families.

Is your toddler on our waiting list? During 1993, many of our children will be starting school. To ensure our survival we would like to know of any children who will be 3 during 1993 or 1994. If you would like to put your child's name on the waiting list, please call in at Playgroup or phone me for an application form.

Frances Tyas, Secretary

Tel: 400578

BROWNIES

I am very pleased to report that the pack did not close at the end of last term. Mrs Janet Terry from Sandon Brownies volunteered to run the pack so that the Brownies could be kept together, and our grateful thanks go to her. The Brownies now meet on Tuesday evenings 5.45 to 7.15 p.m. and next term the new Brownowl will be Mrs Julie Keenan who has spent this term training and preparing for the task ahead. Best wishes to her and I hope that she enjoys Brownies as much as I did. For the "time being" I still hold the waiting list so do phone me if your daughter would like to join. Brownies are aged 7 to 11 years.

Heather Leigh

Tel: 400977

Institute, and they gave the land in trust for the WI Hall.

I've also been told about George and Alice Mothersole, who worked at the Mill and lived in Back Lane. Villagers recall him as a nice man; his wife always wore a long skirt to the ground and her face was covered in white dust. A childless couple, they are buried in the churchyard and so the story goes, when he died five years after his wife, they found lots of cocoa tins stuffed full of gold sovereigns.

I would be most grateful for any other facts or anecdotes about the Mill.

By the way, to find the stone ginger beer jar mentioned in the last newsletter, walk past the church porch and you will spot it in the west-facing wall ahead of you, at a height of about six feet.

Gil Gordon

Tel: 400298

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Autumn Term always begins with preparations for our Harvest Festival, which renews our links with the Over-60's of the Village. We were pleased to welcome the Rev. and Mrs Matly to our Harvest Services and hope they will enjoy sharing in our school events throughout the year. Rev. Matly will be in school each Tuesday, taking morning assembly and staying on with the children and staff during the day.

We felt that getting into shape and keeping fit was the order of the day as we returned after the summer holidays, and held a Sponsored Skip and Swim in the first half of term. Money raised was to extend our curriculum resources, alongside generous purchases by the PTA of PE equipment and apparatus.

Preparations for our Christmas events are well under way, with plans for two Christmas Plays, a Book Fair in November, a PTA Christmas Draw, mince pies and carols for the Over-60's, a Church Carol Service and Christmas fun for the children at the end of term!

The end of term will also see the end of my time as Headteacher of East Hanningfield School, as I take up a new Headship in SE Essex in January. I have valued my links with so many people in the village, and would like to thank everyone who has supported me in my work during the past nine years. My best wishes to all for a happy and successful 1993!

Elizabeth Taverner, Headteacher

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CLARE RAINNE \* DANCE

Dance classes are held in East Hanningfield Village Hall, as follows:

Ballet, modern tap and adult dance exercise classes every Monday. Also classes for toddlers aged 2-4 years. Fees are £1.50 and £2.00 per class for four weeks for new members or £2.90 per class for one hour adult dance exercise. Fully qualified instruction given. Friendly, personal atmosphere.

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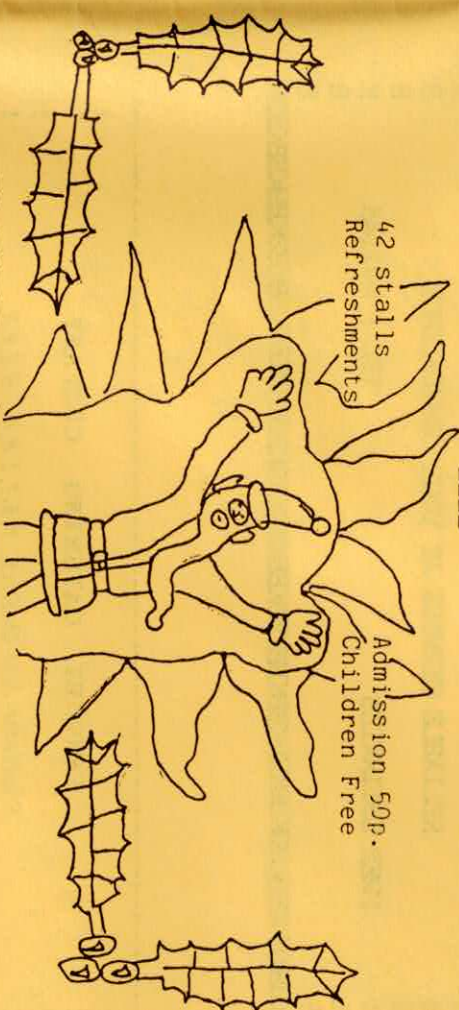


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CHRISTMAS COVER COMPETITION

This year's Christmas cover was drawn by Ian Koch-Austin. Runners-up were Jodie Morris, Matthew Bolton and Samantha Gibbs. Each received a prize from East Hanningfield Parish Council. Many thanks and congratulations to all who entered.

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Next copy date is 6FEBRUARY 1993. It would be appreciated if contributions could be kept as concise as possible, to avoid the need for editing when there is pressure on space.

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The Mill  
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Contributions to the next Newsletter are welcome. Please note that the copy date is 8 MAY 1993, for publication on 1 JUNE 1993. It is not possible for me to issue further reminders!

Clare Seymour, Editor, Rough Hill House, The Tye. Tel: 400226



EAST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council was very sorry to receive the resignation of Alan Holland recently. Alan had served on the Parish Council for a few months short of ten years, and for much of that time had been Vice Chairman and Finance Officer. He has contributed a great deal to the activities of the Council and will be greatly missed. PC's thanks go to him for all his efforts on the Council's behalf.

At the time of writing I am unable to say whether there will be a poll to elect a new councillor, or whether the Council will have to fill the vacancy by co-option. If anyone is interested in becoming a councillor, please contact me. I can tell you whether you are eligible and what is involved. There are short courses and leaflets available for new councillors, so it is not necessary for candidates to have detailed knowledge of local council procedures.

Will allotment holders please note that the rents are due on 1st April for 1993/94. Also, please let me know if you do not wish to renew your lease so I can allocate the plot to someone else.

There have been acts of vandalism to Council property in recent weeks. The loss of facilities and costs of repair are borne by all of us as charge payers. Please be vigilant and report acts of criminal damage to the police. Should you witness an act of vandalism, inform the police who the perpetrators were.

Preliminary arrangements have been made for this year's holiday activities for children. Chelmsford Borough Council will provide a play day on Thursday 8th April and will send the Youth Bus to the village on 4th August. There will be a 2-day playscheme for 8-11 year olds on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th August and PC hopes to complete that week with a 3-day play scheme for 5-11 year olds. All these activities will take place in the Village Hall. CBC has been asked to help with the summer playscheme this year because in previous years it has been very difficult to get enough helpers to run the scheme for a full week. This year volunteers will be needed for only 3 days, so it is hoped that each play session will have plenty of adults present to keep activities running smoothly. As always, if there are not enough adults present, the playscheme will not take place. PC would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking on the organisation of the holiday playscheme, either individually or as part of a team.

The manned refuse vehicle will be at the Village Hall car park on

the following Saturdays from 8.15-11.15: 6th March, 3rd April and 8th May.

PC Meetings continue to take place on the 4th Thursday of each month, at 8 pm in the Village Hall. These meetings are open to the public and parishioners may address the Council during Public Question Time.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council Tel: 400628

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AEROBICS

Classes are held in the Village Hall on Thursdays from 7.30 to 8.30 pm by an RSA/YMCA qualified instructor. Everyone welcome.

Angela Richardson Tel: 400767

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

This is the annual report on the charity in the 10th year of its existence.

The trust continues to function effectively and efficiently. Use of the hall increased, with consequential financial benefit, but the outdoor sports courts were affected by the poor weather and income was down slightly. Equipment in the play area was considerably extended by a village parents' group who worked hard on the scheme, both physically and in fundraising. They collected about £2500, and received £1000 from South Woodham Ferrers Lions Club. The trust has erected a fence to protect the area from dogs, which continues to be a problem particularly for football teams.

The year was marked by three functions. An Open Day was held to mark the 10th anniversary of the trust and discover the needs of the village for further facilities, but was poorly attended and no useful indicators were obtained. The annual Craft Fair was one of the best held so far, and income from it exceeded previous fairs. In conjunction with Mr & Mrs Peek, the East Hanningfield Art Exhibition was organised and was very successful, raising over £800 to be shared between the trust and Guide Dogs for the Blind. The 1993 exhibition will again be a joint venture. I would like to congratulate the Fund-Raising Sub-Committee for their efforts which raise about £1000 each year.

Hall cleaning has been a problem, but after advice from the County Education Office, the cleaning needs were identified and a second-hand Ranger 38 (which scrubs, buffs and polishes) obtained. This has enabled Mrs Harvey with the help of her husband to remove the marks from the floors (previously costing £125 each time) and improve their appearance. Mr and Mrs Harvey have continued to give sterling service in the halls, field and with bookings and keys.

Tenders were sought for painting the main hall and the trust is indebted to Mr Dennis Sheldrake of the Badminton Club who offered to do the work free. Eastern Electricity carried out a safety inspection and, on their recommendation, an additional contact breaker was fitted in the kitchen. The electrical heating system is nearing the end of its useful life and options for replacement are being followed up. The Environmental Health Officer inspected the halls and kitchen in August and gave them a clean bill of health. The Music and Dancing and the Lottery Licences have been renewed.

A second carpet for carpet bowls has been purchased with additional equipment, enabling the trust to hire out two alleys simultaneously. Eventually the Bowls Club will own half the equipment. The hall is now used twice weekly for this sport.

Concrete bollards were erected by the sleeping policemen in the chase, wooden bollards were erected across the field at the SE corner of the hall, and a low fence placed across the carpark to prevent vehicles driving onto the fields.

New arrangements have been brought into force whereby keyholder/ issuer duties were paid for by a modest sum according to need. An ansaphone was purchased and installed on Mrs Harvey's telephone to help her with booking for the halls.

In accordance with the Charities Act, 1992, the registration number of our charity will appear on all correspondence, accounts and cheques. The present accounting system, together with the chairman's annual report, should meet our obligations until our gross income exceeds £25,000 p.a. (presently around £15,000 p.a.)

During the year we held a 'brainstorming' session to identify the way forward over the next 5, 10 and 15 years. With the help of Robert Hutson, Architects, from The Mill, several outlines have been drawn up with various options: these include doubling the size of the hall floor to provide an additional badminton court, a carpet bowls alley and two squash courts. Another option is a mezzanine floor to provide function rooms, committee room, bar and toilets with storage space. Costs range from £60,000 to £100,000. Further discussions will take place. Funding for such projects is likely to be a major problem, as our present reserves of about £15,000 are likely to be needed to deal with deterioration of the carpark, excavation of the ditches around the field, new floors for both halls, new heating and lighting systems.

New charges will come into effect from 1 February 1993; this will be the first increase since the halls opened 6 years ago and should net about £1,000 to £1,200 extra per year. This will enable the trust to keep its head above water, but provide little for general expansion. Finally, the thanks of the village should go to all members of the Committee for their voluntary efforts during the year

M. D. Comrie, Chairman

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December was a busy month for the W.I. A Christmas meal was enjoyed at the Rettendon Bell and we had a Carol Supper with sausages and mash. Some members visited the Albert Hall Leukaemia Aid Concert and a Group Carol Service was held in St. Peter's, South Hanningfield. The annual New Year Party is on January 27, when a fish and chip supper will be served. On March 19, a Barn Dance will take place in the W.I. Hall, and on April 7, a Games Evening. A Trash and Treasure Sale has been arranged for October 22. The meeting in March will hear about 'Sheep to Shawl' and in April a prison officer will tell of her experiences. Visitors and new members are very welcome to our meetings, which are held on the third Wednesday of every month.

Irene Wilsdon

Tel: 400223

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OVER SIXTY CLUB

A group of over 60's meet in the Village Hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Also, a session of carpet bowls is held on Tuesdays at 3.15 pm in the Village Hall.

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Supervisor - Village Hall and Fields

The Hanna's Field Charity which runs the Village Hall, Sports Fields and Hard Courts, is considering the need for a person to act as Supervisor to this healthy and vigorous project - the annual report of which appears in this magazine.

No decision has been taken to institute such a post yet, but to enable the Charity to expedite any action decided upon, they are seeking to compile a list of possible applicants for the post.

The work would involve the day to day administration of the facilities such as ensuring that Invoices are issued, hire satisfaction, the condition and repair of the Hall etc., and generally maintaining standards. The ability to take minutes would be advantageous. The scope of the work involved can be gleaned from the annual report.

The post holder would report to the Chairman of the Charity in the first instance, but may be required to tackle tasks, the oversight of which lies with other elected members of the Charity Committee.

It is anticipated that the work will occupy about 8 - 10 hours per week on average. There will be no set hours since the facilities operate 7 days a week, 52 weeks of the year and normally between 9.00am. and 10.00p.m.

Remuneration would be by negotiation. Applicants who must be adult, responsible, numerate and have an abundance of commonsense and confidence, should submit a brief note of their name, address and telephone number in a sealed envelope to "The Secretary to Hanna's Field Charity", c/o 5, Scarles Croft, East Hanningfield. They will be contacted in due course.



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	11.15 am	Morning Prayer
3rd Sunday in month	11.15 am	Family Service
4th Sunday in month	11.15 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
5th Sunday in month	11.15 am	Morning Prayer

I can be contacted at Sandon Rectory (Chelmsford 72262) and am anxious to hear of those ill at home or in hospital, or of anyone in need of help, counsel or advice.

YOUR church needs YOUR support and commitment if it is to be maintained and kept open. Don't ask what the church can do for me, but what can I do for my church!

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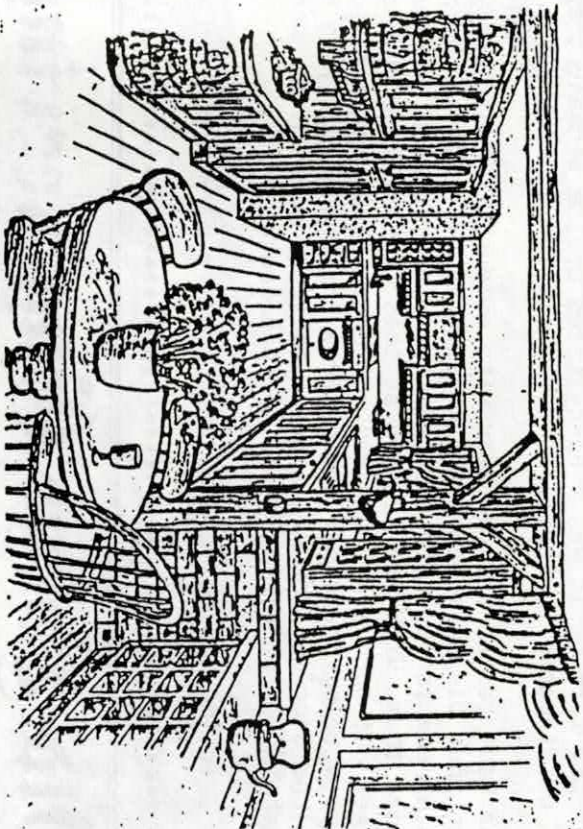
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The period up to Christmas is a hectic time for staff and pupils alike. This year was no different, but along with enjoyable Christmas activities, the school had to say goodbye to its Head-teacher, Mrs E Taverner. She promised the children a photograph of the gifts presented to her, in use in her home, and this was passed round the school earlier this term.

Mrs Vivian has joined the staff and has responsibility for Class 2. Her stay will be longer than Mr Dyer's, who is Acting Head Teacher just for one term until Mrs M Hardy takes up the permanent appointment of Headteacher in April.

Everyone has started the new year with enthusiasm and already some excellent new displays adorn the classrooms. The PTA has been busy organising events for both this and next term; please do your best to support them. With the weather at this time of year, the children do not get out much and there may not seem to be many signs of activity. Nothing could be further from the truth; put your head through the door and you will see us all engrossed in our work; and, most importantly, enjoying the experience!

D A Dyer, Acting Headteacher

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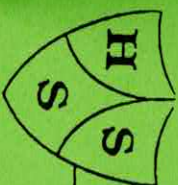
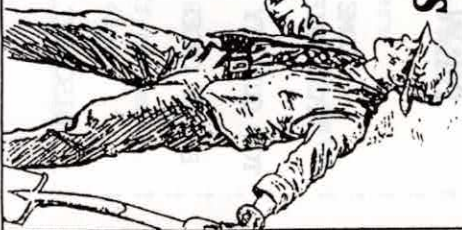
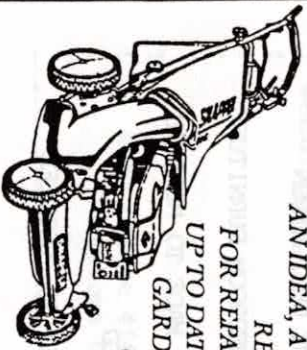
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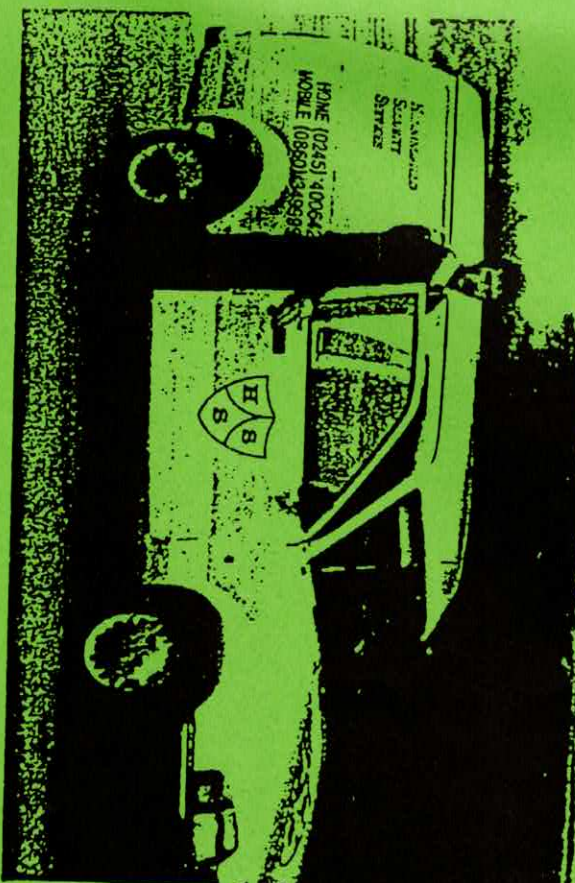


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## EAST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Judging for the Best Kept Village Competition takes place during May and early June. Please help your village's chances by tidying the patch near your home and discouraging the dropping of litter. Thank you to all those who helped with the Spring Clean on 8 May. It really did make a difference to the appearance of the village.

The vacancy on the Parish Council has been filled by Gareth Bennett of Blackthorne, Old Church Road. PC's thanks go to him for taking on the responsibilities which this entails, and to the other people who expressed an interest in the vacancy.

Dog waste bins will be installed shortly on the Tye and playing fields. PC asks dog owners to use these bins in the interests of public hygiene and safety. The fence around the play area on Hanna's Field is to keep dogs out. People who have been deliberately taking dogs into the play area have been acting inconsiderately and selfishly, and have aroused the anger of the majority of residents who are responsible and caring members of the community.

PC is hoping to arrange for the Sportsmobile to visit the Village Hall during the school summer holidays, for two visits of three hours each. With a 50% subsidy from PC, the cost will be £1.25 per child per session which makes it an economical entertainment. Play week begins on 23 August for 8-11 year olds, and 25 August for 5-11 year olds. Younger children may attend if accompanied by an adult. We need volunteers for 25, 26 and 27 August to ensure that there are at least 3 adult helpers per session. Information posters will be displayed around the village during August.

A new noticeboard will soon be installed on the Tye. It will be larger than the present one and will be shared by Hanna's Field Charity. It is hoped that this will lead to a wider interest in the facilities and clubs operating in the Village Hall.

The bulk refuse vehicle will be at the Village Hall Car Park on 5 June, 3 July and 7 August from 8.15 to 11.15 am. This facility is arranged by PC for residents to dispose of large household items or garden refuse. At other times rubbish can be taken to the civic amenity site in Baddow Road, opposite Beehive Lane. There is absolutely no excuse for dumping rubbish in roadside ditches or on verges around the parish which occasionally happens.

The next Parish Council meetings will be held at 8 pm in the Village Hall on Thursdays 24 June, 22 July and 26 August.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council

Tel: 400628

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## VILLAGE HISTORY

Eighty-one years ago this week, East Hanningfield was host to an impressive gathering of people, representing all walks of life throughout Essex. They were here to pay their last respects to Capt. Horatio Fraser Kemble, RN, JP, DL, CA. The village was in deep mourning, with blinds drawn, as Capt Kemble had been one of the best liked Lords of the Manor of Claydons. He was Chairman of the Parish Council, regularly read the lesson in church, supported many local charities and, to quote his obituary, 'he took an active lead in everything calculated to brighten the lives of those living in the village'. This included inviting the schoolchildren to tea, with prizes for the competitions afterwards. He laid down the cricket pitch on his estate for the village team and as President of the Club was a generous host to the home and visiting clubs. He was very keen on hunting and became Master of the Essex Union Hounds in 1891. His public life outside the village culminated in his appointment as High Sheriff of Essex, though sadly his sudden illness caused him to relinquish these duties after only a few months. He served on several County Council committees, was a Justice of the Peace and a Deputy Lieutenant of Essex. Records also show that Capt Kemble was Hon Sec of the Chelmsford Beef Steak Club which was established in 1768 - can anyone shed any light on that? The roll of members was limited to 40 and his father had held the post of Hon Sec for 46 years. The youngest son, he entered the Royal Navy at 13, serving on HMS Britannia in the Mediterranean, North American and West Indian waters. He sailed around the world as a Lieutenant in the 'Endymion', the flagship of Admiral Hornby's squadron. You will need an old atlas to follow his experiences as a young man, in charge of an expedition to punish the pirates of Corisco; protecting the Banana Creek factories from native attack in 1872; commanding Marines at Abracampa; blockading the coast and raising carriers for the march to Coomassie and being present at the occupation of Cyprus. He had the honour of hoisting the Union Jack at Larnaca on 10 July 1878, when Britain ended 300 years of Turkish rule.

In 1881, he married Mabel Busk of Codicote Lodge, Herts and they had 2 sons and 2 daughters. The eldest son, Capt Thomas Seymour Brand Kemble, died in Malaya aged 25. He had served with the 3rd Essex Regiment and on its disbandment, sailed to Selangor to manage a rubber estate. Capt Kemble retired from the Navy in 1896, but continued his interest in the services by becoming involved in the formation of the Mid-Essex Division of the National Reserve Movement. He often addressed Territorial meetings and supported their recruiting drives.

Capt Kemble's funeral cortege was led from Great Claydons by a

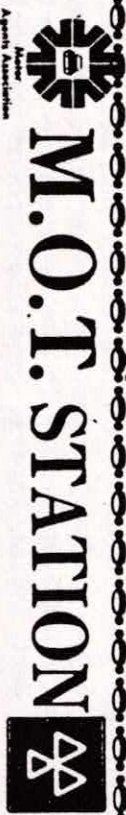


mounted police officer, followed by contingents of 5th Essex Rgt., Essex Fortress Royal Engineers (Territorials), Mid-Essex Division of the National Reserve and Essex Police. The coffin was conveyed on a hand-bier with 4 of his oldest outdoor servants acting as bearers - Charles Woolford, Charles Downes, William Wilks and George Mothersole. 18 boys from the Essex Industrial School, of which Capt Kemp was a Governor, gathered at the church gate. The list of mourners is so long, it is hard to imagine how they all fitted into East Hanningfield Church. His grave can be seen in the churchyard - on the left of the path at the end. There is a brass plaque inside the church on the south wall bearing the following inscription:

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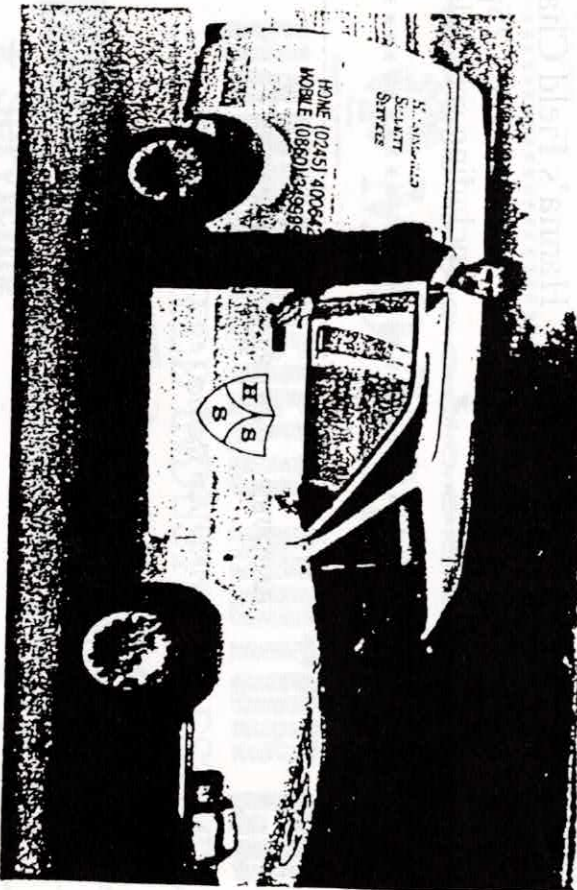
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This one day seminar was organised by the District Council to mark the new legislation relating to care in the community. Each person needing any form of health or social care in the community is now offered an assessment of need and this is usually carried out by a representative of the social services department in cooperation with the health authority. Baroness Seear, President of the Association of Carers, highlighted some important points: it is essential that an infirm person is not assessed unless a friend or relative is present; the carer must say what the needs of the patient are at this assessment; assessments must disregard the question of what finance is available. The Home Help Service is part of the community care resources and the level of service offered depends on the assessment. In some areas voluntary organisations are being contracted by the health authority and social services to supply some of the care needed. If you wish to see a full report on the seminar, contact Sue Chadwick on 400742.

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### HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

The Charity's AGM took place on 17 February. Matt Comrie, retiring Chairman, reported on the year's activities, and the Treasurer reported that the accounts had been audited and that the financial position was sound. New committee members are Barbara Sheldrake, Pravina Patel, Len Banwell and Kevin Pascoe. Retiring members Matt Comrie and Neil Spurgeon were thanked for their past efforts. The committee continues to receive complaints about dog fouling and asks all residents to ensure that dogs are kept out of the play area and do not foul the playing field. Dog waste bins will shortly be in place around the field - please use them. At the first General Meeting, the following officers were elected: Chairman: Dennis Jacklin. Vice Chairman: Ian Wigglesworth. Secretary: Anne Parker. Treasurer: Ian Wigglesworth. Hall & Field Management: Mike Plumridge. Sports Court: Jenny Mouser. Fund Raising: Sylvia Hopkins. Hall Bookings continue to be taken by Janet Harvey.

Forthcoming Events: Annual Art Exhibition in July. Look out for posters. Christmas Craft Fair - contact Fundraising Committee for information.

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Dennis Jacklin

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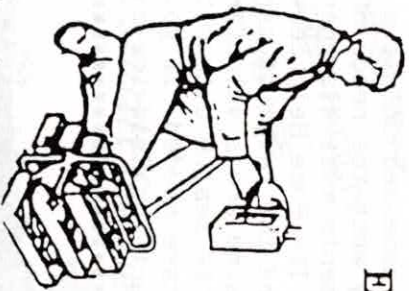
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Mrs D Hendry chaired the AGM which was held in Brentwood in March. Sarah Harrison gave an amusing talk at the Spring Group meeting at Millwood. Earlier this year Mrs B Rumsey demonstrated weaving and Mrs J Brockwell spoke on her employment in a women's prison. Future programmes include 'Hatpins and Holders' and 'Ceramic Country Hobbies'. A party of disabled pensioners were entertained to tea, a coffee morning in aid of Chelmsford Hospice was very successful, a Barn Dance and Games Evening were held and the Plant Sale is on 15 May. On 21 October there will be a Trash and Treasure Sale. New members and friends are very welcome at our meetings which are held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Irene Wilsdon

Tel: 400223

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### OVER SIXTY CLUB

The Club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the Village Hall. On 24 March we were entertained at Sandon Village Hall and on 14 April we attended a Church Service at St Andrew's followed by tea. New members are very welcome.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD BOWLS CLUB - Short Mat Bowling Group

The term Carpet Bowls has been dropped in favour of the official title for a group using mats of our dimension and bowling as we do with full size competition bowls. Membership has grown since our inception and we have now formed ourselves into 'East Hanningfield Bowls Club'. Officers have been appointed and simple rules of procedure agreed at a recent meeting. We still have room and ample facilities for new members. Anyone interested is welcome to join us and can play for a month without obligation to join the Club. Playing sessions are Tuesdays 3-5 pm and Fridays 8-10 pm. Anyone who cares to join us is assured of a warm welcome and a carefree and relaxing spell in congenial company.

Len Banwell

Tel: 400349

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EAST HANNINGFIELD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Summer Term is a time of change for the school for two significant reasons, namely the arrival of a new Head Teacher and the Governors assuming responsibility for the local management of the school (LMS).

I would like to introduce myself: I live in Danbury with my husband and two teenage sons, and I was previously Deputy Head of Boreham County Primary School. I am taking up this appointment at an exciting and challenging time in education. As from April 1993 our school is able to manage its own budget. Although this does not bring any increase in our share of money from Essex County Council, the Governors can now decide how best to spend it for the benefit of the pupils at East Hanningfield School. Allocation of resources is only part of our collective responsibility: overwhelmingly our duty is to provide the best education for the children at our school, and this means aiming for high standards academically and socially. We endorse the principle that 'every learner is entitled to a curriculum rich and varied, challenging and inspiring, which enables every individual to fulfil his or her potential to the highest possible standard'. (Framework for the Curriculum in Essex, 1992). I look forward to meeting many of you during this term and I will endeavour to ensure that the school continues to be held in high esteem by the community it serves.

Madeline Hardy, Head Teacher

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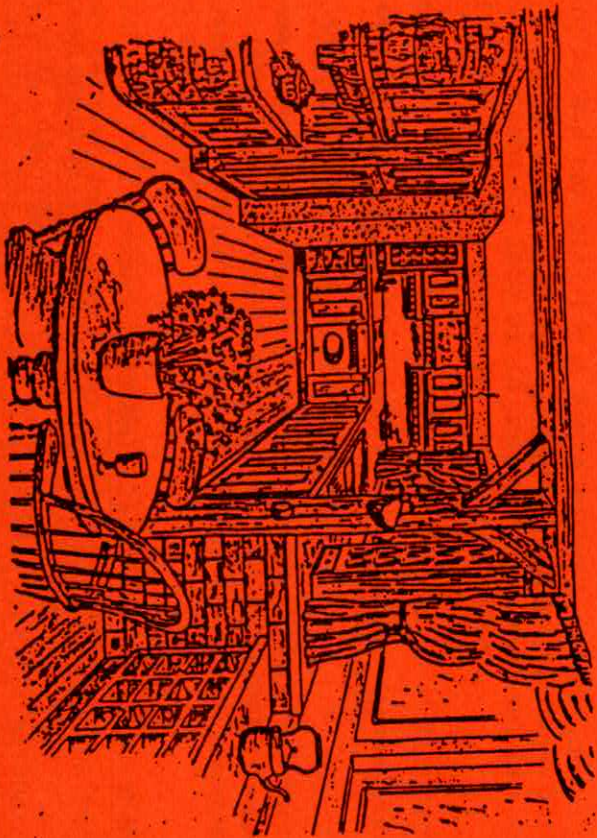
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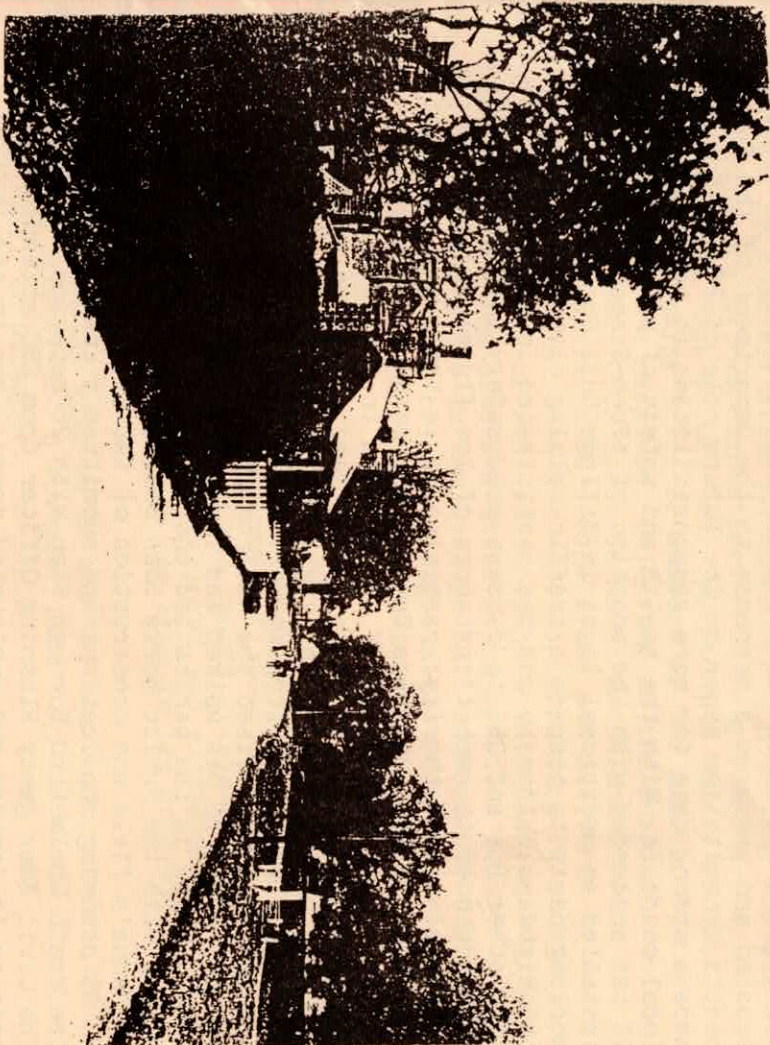
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EAST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL - Extracts from the Chairman's Report to the Annual Parish Meeting, 1993

PC has continued to meet monthly with an additional meeting to produce a response to the draft Chelmsford Borough Local Plan. A great deal of routine business has been carried out and membership of PC remains at 7, with Gareth Bennett replacing Alan Holland on his resignation. Councillors each have specific responsibilities and also represent PC at meetings of outside bodies. PC has nominated members of the public to be its representative on the School Board of Governors and Mid Essex Community Health Council. In addition to her regular duties the Clerk joined the 2 year Certificate Course in Local Council Administration. In October PC studied and prepared a response to the Department of the Environment's consultation paper on the future role of PCs in England and made a strong case for more responsibilities to be devolved to local councils. With the health and safety of parishioners in mind PC has proceeded with the adoption of 'Poop Scoop' byelaws; has installed an additional light in Village Hall Chase; has formed a working party to prepare a traffic calming plan for submission to the Highways Authority and has participated in a joint site meeting with other PCs and CBC to discuss road safety in Creephedge Lane; has continued to report instances of low flying aircraft to the Civil Aviation Authority; participated in the organisation of the Crime and Safety Awareness Day and supported it financially; and monitored the observance of the HGV ban in the village. In response to ECC's Compulsory Purchase & Side Road Orders relating to the proposed new A130, PC jointly with Rettendon and West Hanningfield PCs, objected to the proposed diversion of St Peter's Way. PC has consistently criticised the environmental flaws in the plans for the new road. PC has walked and inspected the entire public footpath network in the parish and continues to service the long term loans, with the Public Works Loan Board, which financed the purchase of Hanna's Field and construction of the Village Hall. PC responded to 25 planning applications and submitted a considered response to the draft Chelmsford Borough Plan with 26 separate subject headings. The Civil Emergency Planning Officer from CBC attended the PC meeting in January and instructed councillors in the initial setting-up of a rest centre at the Village Hall in the event of an emergency. A comprehensive tree planting programme was implemented. A Village Spring Clean was organised in preparation for the Best Kept Village Competition and excellent marks were awarded by the judges. A suitable site for a neighbourhood recycling centre has yet to be found.

This brief summary gives an accurate impression of the broad range of matters dealt with by PC during the course of a year. I would

like to thank my team of dedicated and committed councillors for whom it has been a pleasure and privilege to act as Chairman, and Madam Clerk for all her hard work without which this Council would be unable to function.

Alan Dixon, Chairman of the Parish Council

Tel: 400684

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EAST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

At the end of June PC became aware of a proposal by ECC's Gypsy Sites Group to establish a gypsy site at Barnards Farm, opposite the Plough & Sail on the A130. An Extraordinary Meeting was called which was attended by representatives from neighbouring PCs; our County Councillor, Paul White; Neil Spurgeon, a County Councillor resident in East Hanningfield; 22 members of the public. At that meeting PC determined a response, objecting to the proposal, which was to be sent to ECC, CBC, Simon Burns MP and Michael Clark MP. In July a letter explaining PC's objections was delivered to every household in the parish. Both MPs replied supporting PC's objection. CBC noted the contents of PC's letter. The County Planners's reply was that plans for the site are still going ahead. A public meeting is to take place in the Village Hall on Monday 6 September at 7.30 pm when ECC will be presenting its case for the proposed site. There will be a mobile exhibition in the Village Hall Car Park during that day.

The adoption of poop scoop byelaws has moved a step further forward with notice from the Department of the Environment in their favour. The DoE was unprepared for the number of applications it has received for these byelaws which has caused delays. Most of the dog waste bins have already been deployed and arrangements made for them to be emptied, so please use them in the interest of public health.

The bulk refuse vehicle will be at the Village Hall car park on 4 September, 2 October and 6 November from 8.15 to 11.15. There will be no visit in December.

PC is arranging a presentation by the warden of the Essex Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve at Hanningfield Reservoir to take place before the start of the September PC meeting. Mr Jacklin and I heard this talk recently and can thoroughly recommend it to anyone interested in nature and conservation. Posters will be displayed in September

I am relieved to say that I have successfully completed the first year of the Higher Education Certificate Course in Local Council Administration. This has involved visiting other local councils



and clerks from most parts of the country, doing homework and taking exams, which I had not done for a long time!

PC hopes that all the holiday activities provided at the Village Hall this summer were thoroughly enjoyed. CBC Leisure Services Dept provided the visiting events while PC financed the premises. I should like to thank everyone who helped at the Playscheme, which is run wholly by volunteers.

Recently the local press has reported the dissatisfaction expressed by Chelmsford residents with the Boundary Commission proposals for constituencies in Essex. PC has sent a representation with strong objection to the proposal that East and West Hanningfield become part of the Billericay constituency. PC has also sent a representation in response to the proposed dissolution of the Mid Essex Community Health Trust and the establishment of a new trust to include mental health services. PC was sceptical about the benefits of such a merger and critical of the top heavy management structure of PC meetings are on the 4th Thursday of each month. Members of the public are invited to attend and may speak during Public Question Time.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council

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The summer season began with a plant sale in May. Three outings followed: to the police horses in Southend, a day at Knebworth and an evening trip to a silk factory in Braintree. A party of members went for a country walk last month. An open meeting in August will feature a talk by Peter Lawrence who gave the first part of his narrative last August. In September Mr Coombes will speak on Essex villages. A trash and treasure sale will take place on 22 October (this will be on a 25% - 75% basis.)

Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm. New members and visitors are very welcome.

Irene Wilsdon

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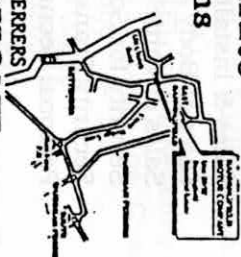
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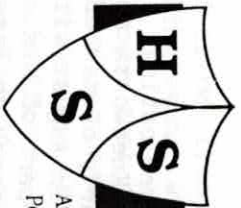
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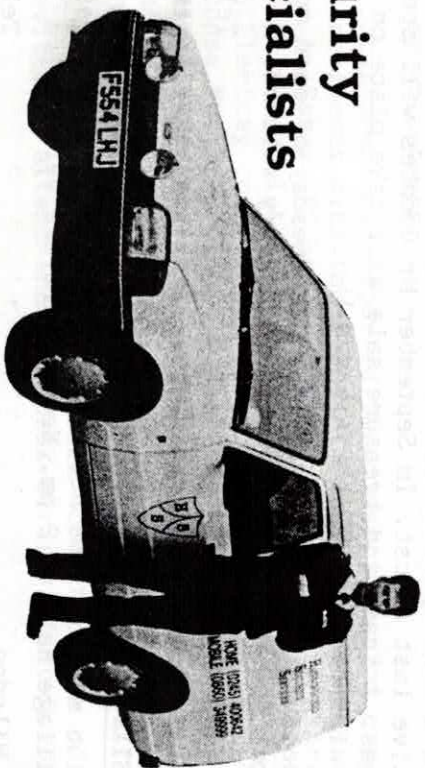




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Crime Update: the current crime rate in the village is very low which compares favourably with a year ago. However, the summer has seen a spate of fires on the Industrial Site and the 'Wendy House' in the play area has been set alight. Parents should note that they are responsible for any damage caused by their children. Our progress in reducing crime is due to the vigilance of residents using the NW scheme to full effect. Our aim is to make this a 'no go' area for any criminal. Stay Alert and contact your local Coordinator or the Police with any concerns. If on holiday, inform close neighbours, Coordinator and PC Morris, cancel milk and papers and avoid leaving obvious signs of your absence.

Community Care Watch: This has been established with the help of Rev Tony Matly to a) ensure support for elderly or infirm neighbours b) help single parents and unemployed with advice on benefits and c) provide support for people following bereavement or other stress. Further information will follow. Contact Rev Tony Matly on 472262.

Diary dates: 25 October at 7.45, NW meeting, Village Hall.  
6 November pm, NW Day, Village Hall. Folk Dancing, Harvest 'Festival Any ideas and help welcome.

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44 Ashley Green

Tel: 401009

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

We can report satisfactory progress and hire fees for the Courts and Hall maintain a healthy financial position. The Art Exhibition and Sale in July proved very successful and £1081 was raised to be shared between the Charity and the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. The kitchen raised an additional £70 for the charity. Special thanks are due to Mr and Mrs Peak, the ladies of the Fund Raising Committee and all those who helped in various ways. Transport was provided by Mr Brian Guest, for which again many thanks. Our next major event is the Christmas Craft Fair in December, when we look forward to your support for this enjoyable occasion.

Alexandra Rose Day: The collection by members of the charity amounted to £152.55. As a result the Essex Physically Handicapped Association gave £305.10 toward the cost of a new path and ramp to the small hall to provide access for the disabled.

Income from additional fund-raising events is essential if we are to cover foreseeable expenses in the near future, eg. repairs to the surface of the car park and all-weather sports court, and improvements to the heating of the large hall. The latter we hope to have completed before the winter sets in.

Dennis Jacklin, Chairman

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Our playgroup currently has spaces for 3 year olds and (toilet-trained) children of 2½ years. If you would like your child to join us, or to put their name on our waiting list, please phone Frances on 400578. To raise funds for our playgroup, some of our parents are organising a car full of goods to take to a boot sale. If you have anything to donate, please phone Lynn (400550) or Judy (400234). Greetings cards and wrapping paper are always available from us - we have a wide variety of good quality, and nothing is over 55 pence. Phone Lynn, as above. Our AGM will be on Thursday 23 September at 9.30 am in the Village Hall. Please come and find out more about us.

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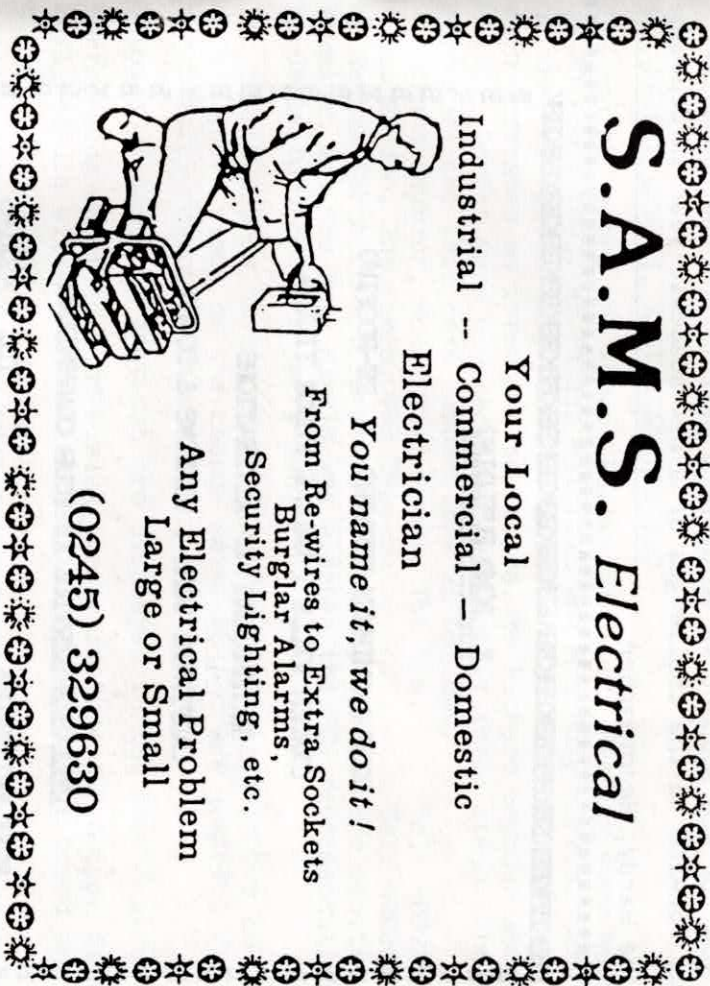
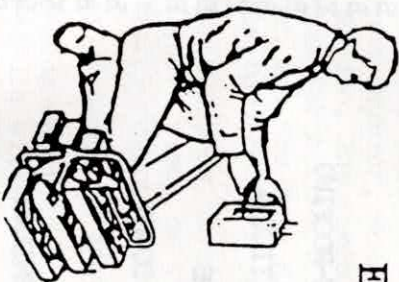
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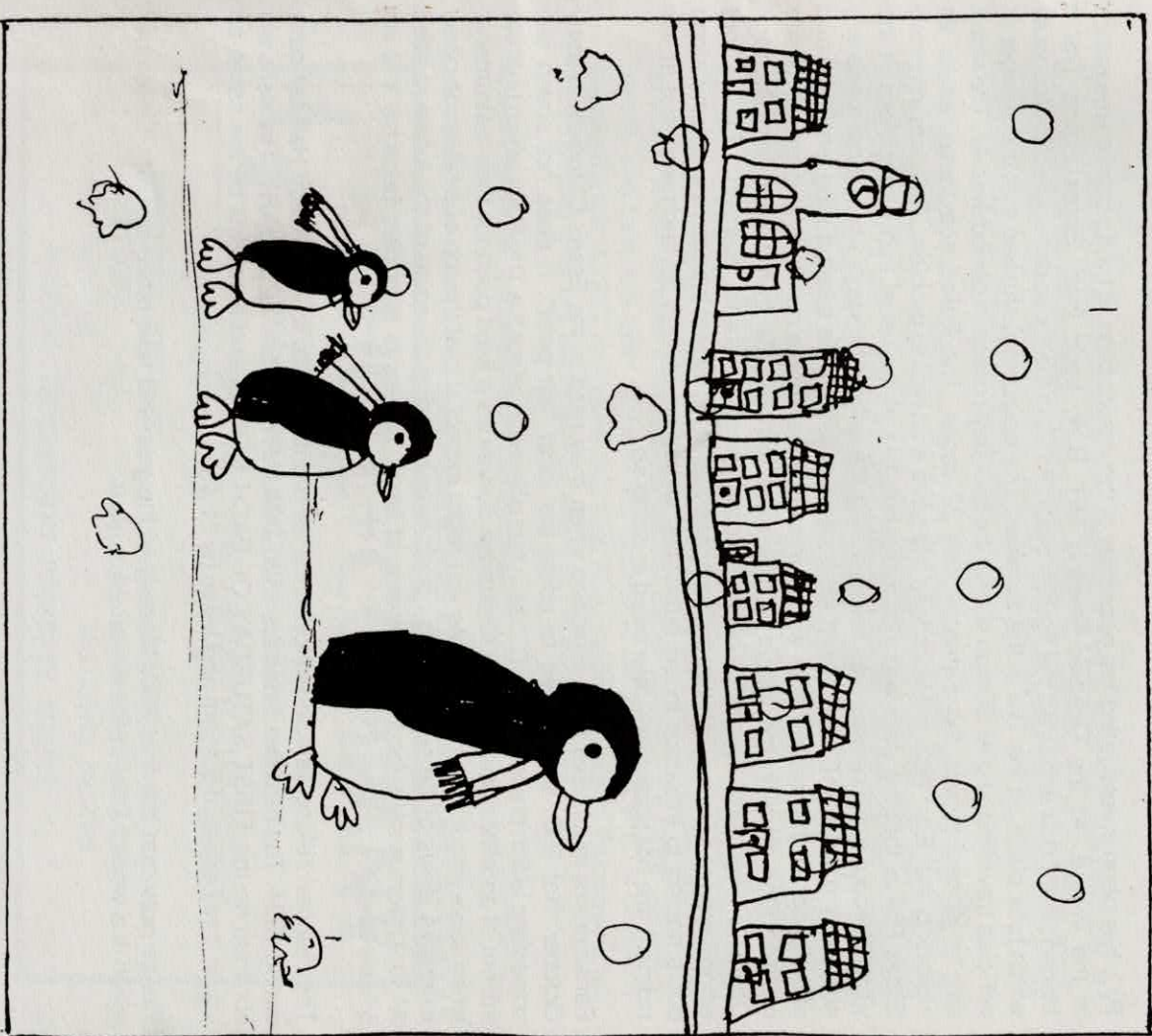
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## PARISH COUNCIL

Recent months have been particularly busy for the Parish Council. The still unresolved problem of the proposed gypsy site at Barnards Farm has required considerable commitment as has the P.C.'s representation to the re-opened A130 Public Inquiry. The councillors and I have represented P.C. at several meetings and conferences recently covering such topics as crime in villages, road safety, public transport and the council tax in Chelmsford parishes while Susan Chadwick has attended the Mid Essex Community Health Council meetings on P.C.'s behalf.

P.C. has been investigating the possibility of the introduction of traffic calming measures in the village. At the October Meeting MR. B.W. Ladd from Essex Police Traffic Management Unit explained the figures extracted from the traffic data collection (census) which took place on the Tye in the Summer. The equipment showed that the number of vehicles travelling at over 50mph during the four day collection period was 49. The worst day for speeding was the Saturday with 22 cases. The Police see these results as indicating that East Hanningfield does not have a speeding problem. P.C. has informed Essex Police that the data was not representative of the usual traffic conditions in the village because the census was taken during the school holidays when local roads are noticeably quieter. P.C. has asked for another census to be taken during term time and after Easter so that bad weather will not influence the vehicle numbers and speeds. A site meeting took place in the village in November with Mr. Gill from Chelmsford Borough Council's Highways Department to discuss possible traffic calming. P.C. is not empowered to act as a highway authority and therefore cannot introduce a scheme alone but is hoping to influence those authorities which are able to do such work but at the moment are not particularly interested in doing so.

Parishioners must have been mystified when they read in the Essex Chronicle in early October that P.C. had agreed to adopt the local "trip point". It does not sound like something worth preserving. P.C. has in fact offered to adopt the Trig Point which until the advent of satellites was used by Ordnance Survey as a fixed point for their instruments when surveying for map making. As you might expect, it is at the top of a hill which gives extensive views of the surrounding countryside including the route of the future dualled A130. Unfortunately, for the time being at least, access is restricted because it is on private land.

The manned refuse vehicle will continue its monthly visits to the Village Hall car park during 1994. The next two dates are 15th. JANUARY and 5th. FEBRUARY. The visits will continue on the FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH and times will be the same as usual; it will arrive at 8.15am and leave by 11.15.

Please note that the final P.C. Meeting of the year will take place on 16th. December which is a week earlier in the month than usual.

There are still dog owners who are not clearing up after their dogs on the playing field. Perhaps they find the thought of picking up excrement disgusting; perhaps they are just plain lazy. Perhaps they will spare a moment to give some thought to the consequences of their inaction. Thirty diseases are communicable to humans through contact with dog faeces. The most infamous, toxocarriasis, remains to contaminate the ground long after the visible evidence has disappeared. Children play in the street because of all the dog mess on the field. Innocent victims have to clean shoes, buggy wheels and sports kit of this poisonous, infectious substance. Failing to clean up after your dog on Hanna's Field or the Tye will soon be an offence punishable by a fine. Are there really people living in this village who have to be threatened with prosecution before they will behave with consideration for other members of the community?

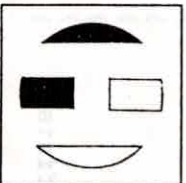
The dog bins are emptied weekly, but become full very quickly if used for litter. All but one of the bins were deliberately sited close to litter bins so that people would not be tempted to fill them with anything but dog excrement. Please put litter in the litter bins and dog waste in the dog bins.

In some areas of Chelmsford Borough functions carried out in other areas by parish councils are undertaken by the Borough Council. Those functions are therefore paid for out of the Borough Council Tax which is not fair for the people living in the areas where the P.C.s do the work, because it means that they are paying twice. Until this year, C.B.C. has compensated for this by adjusting downwards the Parish Rate/Charge/Tax in the areas where the P.C. undertakes certain functions. The Finance Act which introduced the Council Tax stated that functions carried out by the Borough Council is some areas, which were carried out by P.C.s in other areas, had to be paid for by only the areas receiving those services. These functions are called Special Expenses and are more difficult to identify and calculate than might at first appear to be the case. P.C. is presently negotiating with C.B.C. to ensure that East Hanningfield's Council Tax payers will not be paying for more than their fair share of the Borough Tax.

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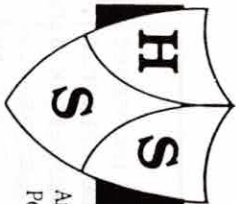
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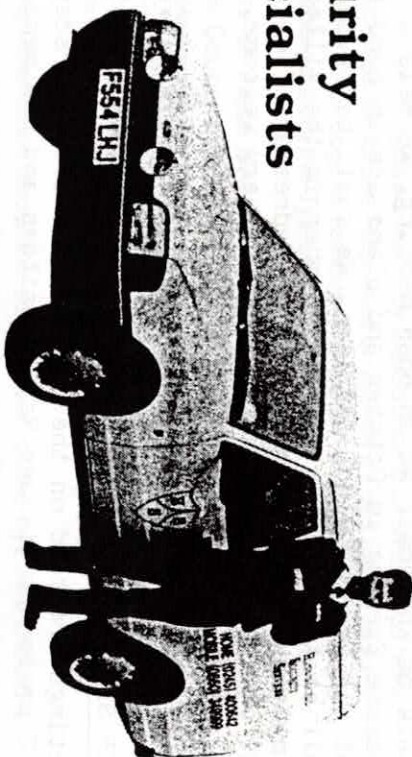




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We are pleased to report that new improved heating equipment is now installed and working in the larger hall. This has been an expensive item, but much needed. Improvements have been made to the surface of the main soccer pitch and we hope to bring it back to use early in the New Year - subject to weather! The court markings on the outdoor area and those in the Sports Hall have been freshly painted. After a number of years' hard wear, the original markings were in a sorry state. It has also yet again been necessary to spend hard-earned money to repair a number of items following damage by vandals. We would much rather use this money to improve facilities in the Village Hall.

We have to thank Mrs Pam Kenton who passed to us a cheque for £150 collected by friends of the late Mr Roy Barley towards a park seat to be installed in his honour in the village playing fields. The seat is now in place in the children's play area, inscribed with a suitable plaque - a nice gesture to a well-respected member of the community.

### Forthcoming Events

Christmas Craft Fair, 5 December. This popular fund-raising event provides a good Christmas shopping venue. Please continue to support us.

Next general Committee meeting of HFC is on 8 December at 8 pm in the Village Hall.

Village Fete, 2 May 1994. This is a new combined venture between Hanna's Field Charity and the Parochial Church Council to raise funds for both organisations. A joint committee has been appointed to arrange details which will be announced in due course. Please note the date in your diaries.

Dennis Jacklin, Chairman

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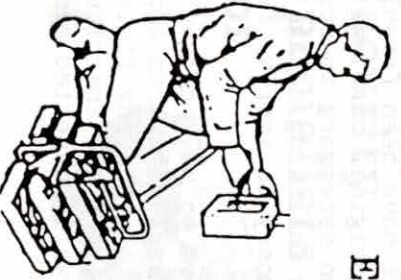
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## EAST HANNINGFIELD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

The count-down to Christmas has begun. The fun and excitement of the festive season will clearly be evident, but apart from teaching the academi  skills which everyone recognises as a vital part of the education, we also have a responsibility for the children's spiritual and moral development, and for linking our school to the wider community. By taking part in our Nativity play, pupils are not only furthering their knowledge of Christianity, but they are learning to work together, cooperating and sharing in a production which they will be pleased to perform for others to enjoy. Through our music and carol singing we hope to inspire a sense of awe and wonder in the children and give them opportunities to reflect on the meaning of Christmas. Parties with food, games and dancing are a time for sharing happiness with friends, and help us flourish as human beings. We also want children to be aware of the needs of others, hence our involvement with elderly people, the Children in Need Appeal and the Red Cross Fund for Bosnia. We hope you will be able to join us for:-  
'Rats', the Pied Piper Musical - 2/3 December 7.30 School Hall  
Nativity Play - 10 December 10 am, School Hall  
PTA Christmas Bazaar - 11 December 1.30 pm, School Hall  
Carol Service - 16 December 6.30 pm, Parish Church

Happy Christmas from the pupils and staff.

Madeline Hardy, Headteacher  
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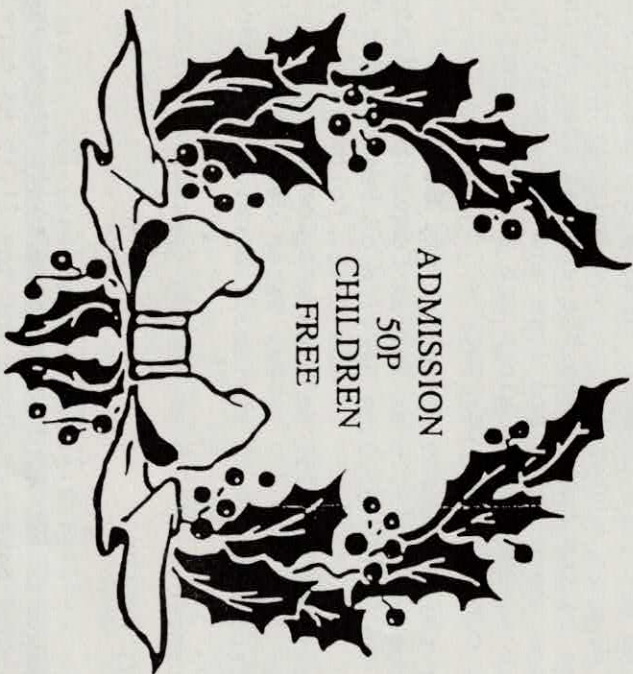


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This year's Christmas cover was drawn by Alison Warren, who together with five other winners in the Christmas Cover Competition held in the school, received a prize from East Hanningfield Parish Council. Many thanks and congratulations to all those who entered - the standard was very high.

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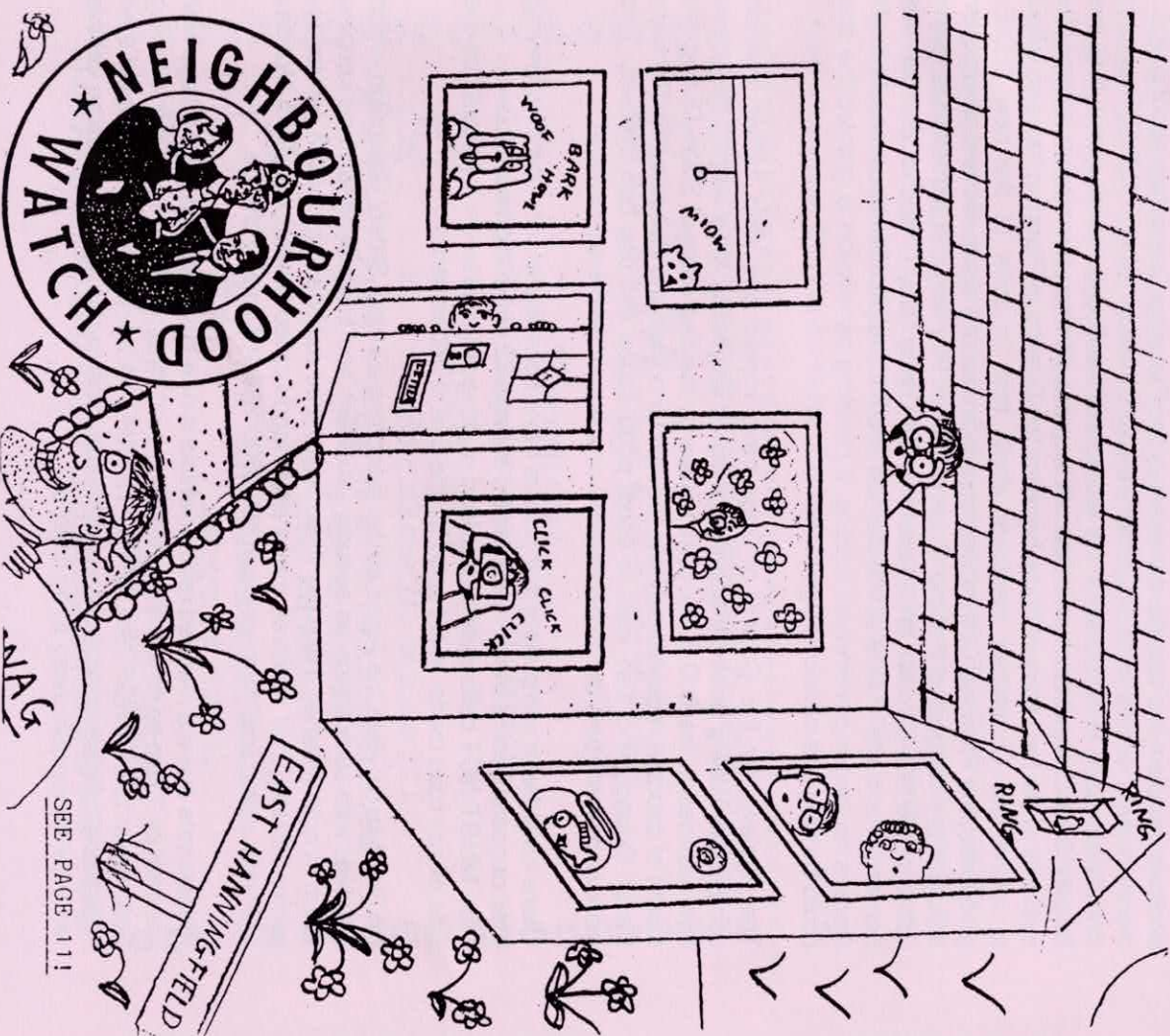
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**PARISH COUNCIL**

The proposed gypsy site at Barnards Farm has continued to take up a considerable amount of P.C.'s time. At the beginning of January the Department of the Environment published a Circular which withdrew the previous guidance which allowed gypsy sites to be established on green belt sites, confirmed that government funding was no longer available for sites, and repealed the requirement for local authorities to provide sites. P.C. learned that the Director of Planning at Chelmsford Borough Council had not thought this information relevant and had therefore not told the members of the Planning Committee about it. P.C. therefore sent copies of the Circular to each member of the C.B.C. Planning Committee along with copies of the letter from the D.O.E. Which stated that the County Council has been instructed not to grant planning permission without the authority of the Secretary of State, because the Director of Planning had also failed to inform the Committee members about that. In spite of the new D.O.E. guidelines, the Planning Committee voted in favour of the site. Recent newspaper articles have suggested that the County Council Planning Department has taken notice of the new Circular and is advising the Gypsy Sites Group to abandon the Barnards Farm site. P.C. is still concerned about the application because, although there is no longer government funding, if planning permission is granted the site could be sold and developed privately.

The Byelaws for the Control of Dogs have moved one step further towards completion, having been on deposit for public inspection for a month, they have now returned to the D.O.E. for confirmation by the Secretary of State. During the month of deposit I received only one request for copies and that was from Danbury Parish Council who also want to adopt poop scoop and dog ban byelaws. Two more dog waste bins are to be installed at points of perceived demand.

There have been complaints that horses have been ridden on footpaths leaving their deposits behind them. I refer riders to page 72 of the Highway Code, "You **MUST NOT** deliberately ride, lead or drive your horse on a footpath by the side of any road made or set apart for the use of pedestrians."

On 3rd. March, Help the Aged will be launching a Home Safety Campaign which will deal with such topics as security, accident and fire prevention and keeping warm in cold weather. Help the Aged has a free national information service for senior citizens, their relatives, cares and friends called SeniorLine. From Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm, you can call 0800 289 404 free of charge.

Please note that the manned refuse vehicle is now having to leave the Village Hall car park by 11am on its monthly visits. The next three visits will be on the following Saturdays: 5th. MARCH; 9th. APRIL; 7th. MAY. A few people have dumped their household rubbish in local ditches. Why risk prosecution when the refuse vehicle will take the rubbish away at no charge?

P.C. has budgeted for a Summer holiday Playscheme this year and is looking for someone or a group of people to run it. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested.

There will be an Easter Holiday Play Day for 5-11 year olds in the Village Hall on THURSDAY, 31st. MARCH. Opening times will be 10am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4pm. As usual there will be no entry charge and younger children will be welcome to attend in the company of an adult carer. This Play Day will be staffed by a team from the Borough Council and jointly funded by P.C.

Residents will have noticed that the pyracantha bushes on the Tye have been thinned, pruned and weeded. It is hoped that the shrubs will now be easier to control and the rubbish easier to remove. Although some of the rubbish in the bushes is known to have been brought by the wind, some of it, especially the bottles, obviously have not. Please use the litter bins or take your rubbish home with you.

Parish Council Meetings continue to take place on the FOURTH THURSDAY of each month. The Council can be contacted through me or through any of the councillors whose names and addresses appear on the Parish Council noticeboards outside the Post Office and inside the Village Hall.

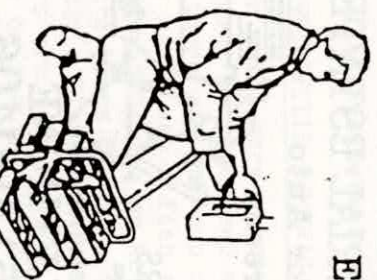
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Easter Services are as follows:

- |          |         |                                |
|----------|---------|--------------------------------|
| 31 March | 8 am    | Maundy Thursday Holy Communion |
| 1 April  | 2 pm    | Good Friday 'Last Hour'        |
|          | 7.30 pm | 'Compline'                     |
| 3 April  | 11.15   | Easter Day service.            |

If you'd like me to call on you at home to discuss any queries or thoughts you may have, I'd be happy to hear from you at any time. Meanwhile, do come to a service in your village church. I look forward to seeing you there.

Rev'd. H. Tony Matty

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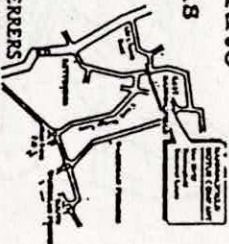
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The Hall continues to be well used for a large range of activities, embracing all ages from Tumble Tots and Playgroup to the Over 60's. The large hall is all but fully subscribed, especially on weekday evenings, and we would like to acknowledge the tremendous dedication of Mrs J Harvey who handles all Hall and Court bookings, takes responsibility for keys and still finds time to tidy up after us. The Court bookings have suffered as the result of the recent bad weather.

Our Fund Raising Committee raised £602.41 from the Craft Fair in December and are planning the Painting Exhibition for midsummer (in conjunction with Guide Dogs for the Blind Association) and the September Fete (in conjunction with the village church). These activities are still essential as we have a number of improvements and additions to make to our facilities, for example to improve the heating in the small hall.

The Junior Discos continue on the last Friday of each month (unless it clashes with a school holiday period). The March date will again see the visit of 4th Dimension. Numbers attending fell off prior to Christmas but improved in January. We hope this improvement will be maintained.

Sadly during the year we have had to spend money intended for maintenance and improvements on repairing damage caused by vandalism. We also have to report the theft of the Parish Council mower, a Haytor Osprey, from the steel container next to the Sports Courts, and a five-a-side goal post, one of a pair deliberately left on the Sports Field for the use of the youth of the village. Does anyone have any information about these losses?

Our AGM will be held on 23 February in the Village Hall at 8 pm.  
Dennis Jacklin, Chairman

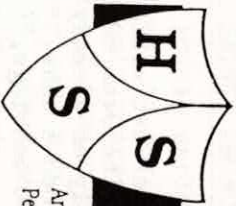
EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

December was a very enjoyable month for members. We had a carol supper with sausages and mash, the Salvation Army Band entertained us and there was a Group carol service at South Woodham. The January party was a fish and chip supper with entertainment by Jonathan and Darren on keyboard and drums. On 25 February we are holding a Games Evening, on 21 March a Spring Group Meeting and on 14 May a Plant and Produce Sale from 10.30-12. New members and visitors are very welcome to our meetings which are held at the WI Hall on the third Wednesday of every month.

Joan Bird

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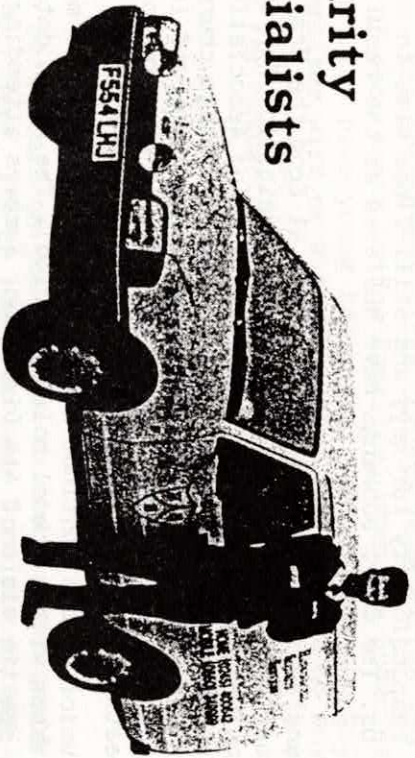




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#### VILLAGE HISTORY

At the time of Edward the Confessor (1042), East Hanningfield belonged to Normannus and at the grand survey for the Domesday Book in 1086, it was held by Ralph Barnard, Lord of Dumow. His grandson William forfeited the estate by siding with the Earl of Maine and others against Henry I (1100-1135), so the King gave it to Robert, a younger son of Richard Fitz-Gilbert, ancestor of the Earl of Clare and Baron Fitz-Walter.

Records then refer to Lordships of the three Hanningfields being united under the ownership of the Montchensy family. In the reign of Henry II (1154-1189), William de Montchensy held Hamenfeld as part of his barony, by the service of seven knights' fees (not seven nights' fees!). He married the daughter of the Earl of Arundel. Their elder son married the Earl of Pembroke's daughter and had two children; William who died young and Dionysia who married Hugh de Vere, the Earl of Oxford's second son. He obtained a licence in 1299 to enlarge his park at East Hanningfield, within the bounds of the forest within eleven acres of land. Dionysia died in 1313 and ownership of the manors of the Hanningfields passed to her cousin Aymer de Valence and then to his sister Isabell, wife of John de Hastings, Baron of Bergavenny.

Edward III gave Isabell's grandson Laurence de Hastings the title Earl of Pembroke and on his death in 1348, his year old son John inherited the manor of East Hanningfield and the 'advowson' of the churches of East and West Hanningfield. He had a son, also John who married Philippa daughter of Edmund, Earl of March, but sadly he was killed at a tilting at Woodstock, aged 17, in 1389. His father then settled the estates on his nephew, William de Beauchamp, younger son of the Earl of Warwick. His son and heir, Richard, was created Earl of Worcester in 1419 when aged 14. It is recorded that he was a brave soldier, attended Henry V in his wars and was slain at the siege of Meaux in France in 1422. His body was brought back and buried in Tewkesbury Abbey.

The barony of Bergavenny continued to hold 'the three Hanningfields of the King as one entire manor' for the next 200 years until Edward, Lord Nevill, Baron of Bergavenny married Rachel, daughter of John Leonard, of Knoll in Kent. They had 6 sons and 5 daughters. The eldest son, Henry, Lord Abergavenny, finally sold the estates to Lord Petre, Baron of Writtle. He died in 1635, but the Chief Lordship of the parish was held by succeeding generations of the Petre family.

Gil Gordon

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VILLAGE WORDSEARCH

Find 15 words, or groups of words, associated with East Hanningfield  
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Will you be so kind as to publish my thanks to the residents of  
 East Hanningfield for their contribution towards one of the most  
 successful Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Essex. Since restruct-  
 uring the watch 18 months ago, there can be no doubt that crime  
 has reduced in the village and the benefits of the partnership  
 approach to fighting crime are there for all to see. The flow of  
 information between us and the watch keeps the coordinators in  
 the picture and in return suspicious sightings have proven to be  
 valuable sources of leads and evidence.

None of this would be possible without the work of the street  
 coordinators and Mike Philpott, the district coordinator. I was  
 delighted to hear of the award to your village in the recent  
 'Essex Village Initiatives' competition which shows how a caring  
 community can go beyond Neighbourhood Watch to look at both  
 community issues and young people's needs.

Well done, East Hanningfield, Neighbourhood Watch belongs to you  
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 community.

E J Higgs,  
 Section Inspector,  
 South Woodham Ferrers Police Office,  
 5 February 1994

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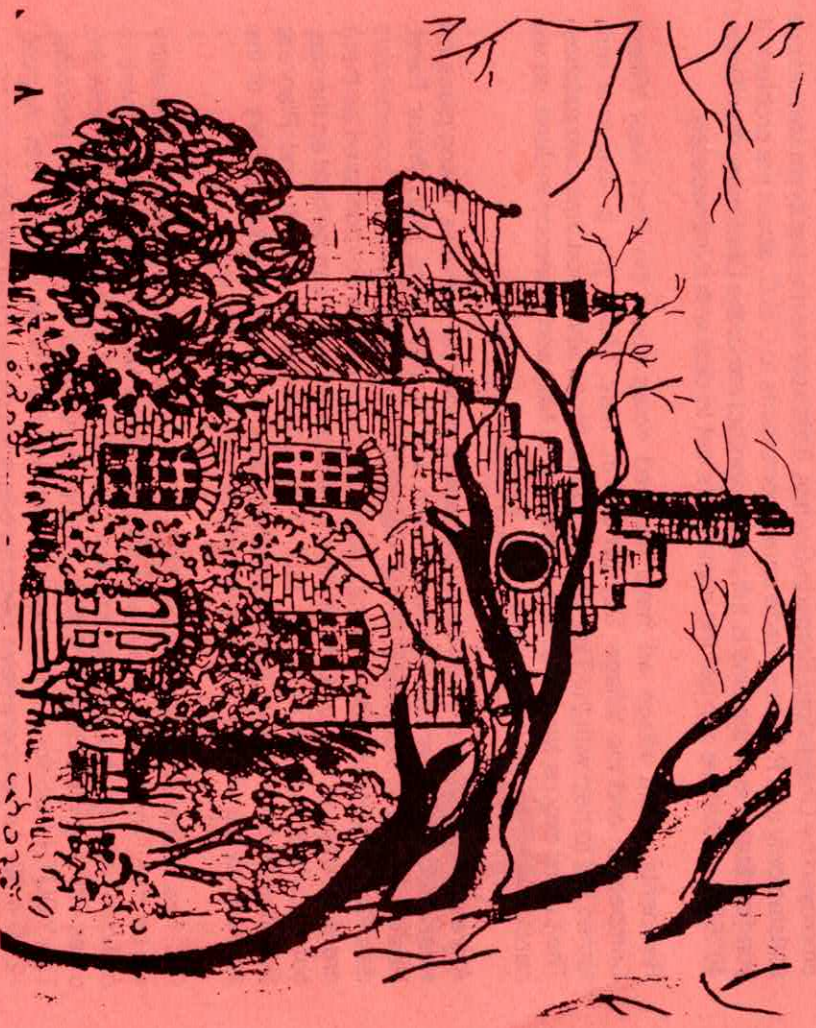
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P.C. is pleased to announce that the County Council Gypsy Sites Group has kept its word to abandon the plan to establish a gypsy site at Barnards Farm, following the successful appeal by residents of the gypsy site at Runwell against enforcement action by Chelmsford Borough Council. P.C. objected most strongly to the Barnards Farm site as inappropriate for a variety of reasons and thanks our MP Simon Burns and our County Councillor Paul White for their support and assistance in this matter and also the many parishioners who wrote letters of objection to the County Council and the Department of the Environment.

The Byelaws for the Control of Dogs are now in force. This means that it is now an offence to allow a dog into the Childrens Play Area on Hannat's Field or to fail to remove dog faeces from the Tye or Playing Fields. There are now seven dog waste bins installed around these areas. There have been problems with the employing of the bins which is supposed to be done weekly by contractors employed by Chelmsford Borough Council. This service has not been carried out satisfactorily and P.C. has made formal complaints to C.B.C. about the problem. If you find that one of the bins is full please contact me or the Chairman, Alan Dixon 400684, so that we can get the contractors out to deal with it immediately.

Residents of the village will have received notes about the Best Kept Village Competition and the Village Tidy-Up on 7th. May. Thank you to everyone who turned out to help with the Tidy-Up and also to those who tidied their own patches. The judges pay us two visits; one at the end of May and a second in June, so we need to keep up the good work!

A great deal of concern has been expressed about the activities taking place on what used to be part of Highfields Farm and is now called High Water Farm. Residents at the North end of the village are regularly suffering considerable disturbance at weekends. It is important that these events be monitored as there are legal limits to the numbers of each type of event which can be held on the site, but accurate records must be kept. The Environmental Health and Planning Services Department at Chelmsford Borough Council is compiling a diary of the activities at the site but relies on witnesses to keep it informed.

P.C. has decided to subsidise the SPORTSMOBILE visits in August so that entry will be free. This will be a trial run and will only be repeated next year if there is sufficient interest this year, so this is a case of 'use it or lose it'. Please note the dates 4th. August, 1.30-4.30 & 11th. August, 9.30-12.30. This is for 8-14 year olds. The YOUTH BUS for 11-14 year olds will visit the Village Hall on 16th. August, 12.30-4.30. As yet there have been no offers to run the PLAYWEEK.

Please note that the Bulk Refuse Vehicle will be visiting the Village Hall car park on the following Saturday mornings between 8am and 11am: 4th. JUNE; 2nd. JULY; 6th. AUGUST; 3rd. SEPTEMBER. This service is provided so that residents can dispose of large items which will not fit in the wheelle bins. As with the dog bins, please let me know if there is a problem with this service.

P.C. was one of many local councils who made a submission to the commissioners who are considering the future of local government in Essex. P.C. is sceptical about the claimed benefits of reorganisation and said so. The report of the commissioners findings is now awaited, and will require further comment.

1994 is P.C.'s centenary and plans are in hand to mount a small exhibition at the fetre which is to take place at the Village Hall on 10th. September. Details will appear in the next Newsletter.

A new noticeboard has been installed beside the Bicknacre Road junction. Information about the monthly P.C. Meetings, the names and addresses of councillors and other P.C. matters is posted in the new noticeboard in addition to the noticeboards outside the Post Office and inside the Village Hall.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Parish Council

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In an effort to see the area at work, the Bishop of Bradwell made a 2 day visit to the Chelmsford South Deanery at the beginning of May. So often a Bishop's visit to a local church is a time when people turn up for a big event and the Bishop gets a distorted view of Church life in the parish. By planning a 2 day visit to the Deanery, the Bishop was keen to see the everyday routine of the life of his clergy in the Deanery. Bishop Laurie began his tour in our parish school and after addressing the children and leading them in prayer, he explained the reason for his articles of clothing and showed them his pectoral cross and chain, his episcopal ring, his shepherd's crook and his mitre. After touring the classrooms, Bishop Laurie enjoyed a coffee break with the staff before being whisked off by his chauffeur. Rev David Atkins the Rural Dean, to a playgroup in Great Baddow and a meeting with his clergy over lunch at Boreham Rectory. Visits to South Hanningfield and Downham followed and the day ended with a meeting of the Deanery Standing Committee. On the following day the Bishop paid several calls to the sick, took the blessed Sacrament to the residents of the Chelmsford Nursing Home at Howe Green and then visited Galleywood and a drop-in centre at Widford. At a packed church in Danbury he ended his visit by inviting the press to 'Come and See'. So many remarks are made about falling numbers, a bankrupt church and divided congregations - in these 2 days he had been assured that the Church was very much alive and he had no doubts that the Spirit was moving in the Deanery. 'The Lord is here: his Spirit is with us'. Thanks be to God!

Rev'd. H. Tony Matty, The Rectory, Sandon. Tel: 472262

If you are free on WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE please support our Coffee Morning at 'The Limes', The Tye (opposite Windmill pub car park). It starts at 10.30 and there will be coffee/tea, a chance to walk round the garden and buy from the cake, white elephant, gift and plant stalls, as well as a raffle. Entrance is 50p and we look forward to seeing you.

**MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING.** This popular event will take place at the church on Saturday 2 July at 7.30 pm. Do come along to listen to a variety of music for all tastes. Among the young performers will be a bassoonist, an oboeist and a harpist, plus a trumpet and a pair of French horns! Wine and home-made refreshments will be served in the interval and everyone is most welcome.

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VILLAGE HISTORY

With all the rain we've had recently, it seems unlikely that this year we'll have to worry about water supplies. However, in the late 18th century, the villagers in East Hanningfield were concerned about the lack of water and it was decided to dig a well by the Rectory.

There's a very detailed account published in The Gentleman's Magazine, claiming it to be one of the deepest wells in England. Workmen began digging in June 1790 and took 11 months to find water! They earned 4 shillings a foot (20p for 30 cms) for the first 40 feet and one shilling extra for each successive 40 feet. The diameter was 5 ft 3 ins (1.60 m.). It was lined with 39,500 bricks, laid without cement. To quote from the article .... 'the soil of which, for the first 30 feet, was a fine light-brown imperfect marle and though fossilists may ingeniously choose to discriminate the different strata, yet except from shades of a deeper colour and firmer texture, occasionally but slightly mixed with a little sand and a few shells, the same soil to a common eye without more material variation continued to 460 feet, where it was consolidated into so rocky a substance as to require being broken through with a mattock. A bore then of 3 inches diameter was tried, which soon through soft soil slipped from the workman's hands and fell up to the handle. Water instantly appeared and rose within the first hour 150 feet, and after a very gradual rise, now stands at 347 feet, extremely soft and well-flavoured. This source is supposed to supply the well at Battle's Bridge.' For parishioners who came before 10 ann. water was free (others paid a small fee). It was drawn up in 2 iron casks on a windlass, until a 3-stage pump was installed. The well is still there behind the Old Rectory, but it is now sealed over by a concrete slab.

Gil Gordon

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In the last edition of the Newsletter, I promised to include some of the pupils' thoughts about their school:

'When I leave this school I will have learnt a new instrument. I will feel confident in my reading, writing, spelling and art' (Alison Warren)

'I would like an adventure playground because then it would attract a lot of other pupils to come to our school' (Nicholas Larkman)

'It was brilliant. I want to go back!' (Christopher Mills on arriving back from an educational visit to the Isle of Wight).

Clearly children have definite views about what school offers them, and certainly this term is action-packed. Our County Dance Club has taken part in a festival at Chelmer Valley High School, and you can see them dancing at the School Fete on 25 June. Add to this swimming, rounders, athletics, cricket, cycling proficiency and a sponsored 'Bounce for Books' and you can be sure the children of East Hanningfield will be very fit!

From September we will be admitting 'pre-rising five' children into school on a part-time basis. This will include everyone who is five between January and August 1995, if their parents wish. Further details can be obtained from the school.

To improve the safety of the pupils and the security of the building, the Headteacher and Governors are considering a proposal to lock the back gate at school, except when pupils (including the Sandon children) use it at the beginning and end of each day. If this will inconvenience residents, please let me know within the next two weeks, prior to the final decision being taken by us.

Mrs M A Hardy, Headteacher. Tel: 400772

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**COMMUNITY CARE**

Neighbourhood Watch have extended their efforts to serve the community by encouraging the formation of a Youth Club and a Community Care organisation. The Youth Club is now well established under the Chairmanship of PC Clive Morris and managed by Janet Wilson with assistance from Kendal Snelling. Please note that they are still seeking additional members/parents to assist.

Community Care, however, requires further publicity. The current committee consists of Rev Tony Matty (472262), Mike Philpott (401009), Janet Wilson (400154) and Sheila and Dennis Jacklin (400476). So far a fairly extensive library of names and phone numbers has been built up - all representing useful contacts covering a wide range of social and health services. If anyone is concerned that an aged, sick or troubled neighbour is not getting the assistance required from the appropriate service, please encourage them or on their behalf contact one of the above names. We will do our best to put them in touch with the right service. We are amateurs, but if we do not know who to contact, we will find out! We have already been put to the test and have been reasonably successful. We are also aware of the difficulty some people have in reaching a doctor's surgery where public transport is not available. We would like to establish a list of car owners who could help in such situations. Please contact us if you feel you could offer this kind of help. Thank you.

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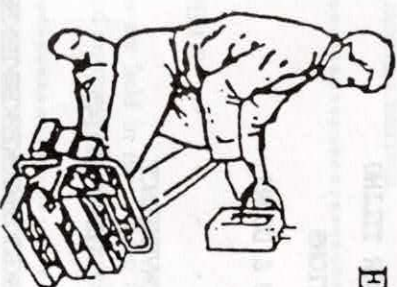
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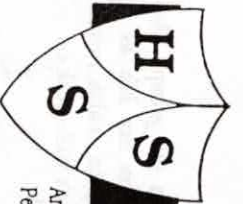
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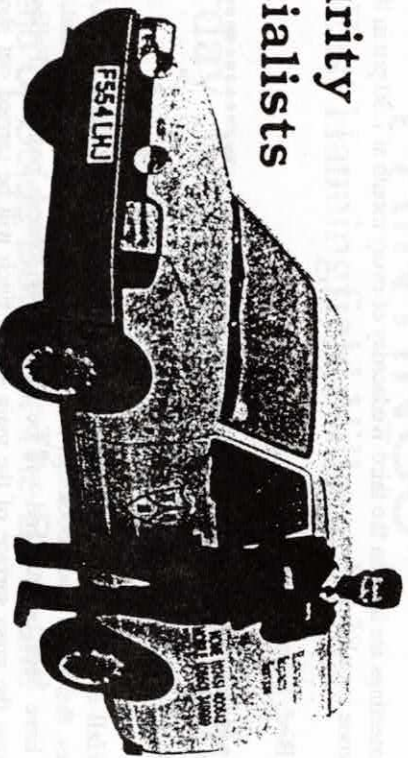




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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Do we have to have a child knocked down in our village receiving injury or even death before parents take responsibility for their children seriously? In Highfields Mead a number of young children play in and around the road, some on bikes. These children are unsupervised. No matter how many times a parent may tell their child to be 'careful' while playing, we all know that when a group of children are together, wise words from parents are often forgotten, which is only natural. I have seen these young children run across the road and in a couple of incidents narrowly miss being knocked down by a vehicle as a result of riding their bikes straight across the road without looking! If young children must play outside, on or adjacent to the highway, please make sure that they are supervised by an adult. Remember, it only takes a split second for an accident to happen but that second would have lifetime consequences for the child, parents and driver.

Janel Simpson, 21 Highfields Mead, East Hanningfield. 7 April 1994  
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## GRAND VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 10 September 1994

To be organised jointly by Hanna's Field Charity and  
All Saints Church, East Hanningfield

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via Stan Gordon on 400298.



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Youth Bus: Tuesday, 16th. Aug. 12.30-4.30  
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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

I have received a request from Chelmsford Borough Council Technical Services Department to remind householders and land owners that it is their responsibility, and not the council's, to keep hedges from obstructing roads or footpaths. It seems that this has been a very bad year for overgrown hedges.

The Local Government Commission's draft recommendations for the Future Local Government of Essex was published in July. All households should have received a leaflet giving the Commission's three preferred options and a form to complete and send back with your opinion. A very small proportion of the population of Essex responded to the Commission before the April deadline. You now have until 26th. September to let the Commission know how you think your local councils should be organised.

As mentioned in the Chairman's report, there is now an answerphone on my line. I know that it can be disconcerting to be answered by a recorded message when you expect to be answered in person, so, when you phone me, please be prepared to leave your name, telephone number and a brief message just in case I am not able to answer the phone personally.

Please note that the manned refuse vehicle will be visiting the Village Hall car park on the following Saturday mornings from 8-11am:  
3rd. SEPTEMBER; 1st. OCTOBER; 5th. NOVEMBER; 3rd. DECEMBER.

In July, P.C. visited Hyde Hall Garden for a meeting with neighbouring councillors and Royal Horticultural Society representatives. P.C. saw the long term plans for the garden which include extending the gardens, planting of hedgerows and woodland and the provision of visitor facilities. P.C.'s main concern is that most of the visiting traffic passes through East Hanningfield or Rettendon Common, so an increase in the numbers of visitors to the gardens would mean increased traffic through those villages. P.C. is also aware that Buckhatch Lane is unsuitable for heavy traffic and is pressing for the traffic problems to be sorted out before visitor numbers increase.

Since P.C.'s mower was stolen from the container on Hanna's Field a few months ago, the container has been broken into several times. Presumably the thieves think P.C. would be foolish enough to store the replacement mower in the place from which the old one had been stolen. P.C. now keeps the mower elsewhere, but the frequent break-ins at the container have caused considerable inconvenience and expense to Hanna's Field Charity who have had to replace damaged padlocks repeatedly.

I have been informed by North Essex Health Authority, which covers this area, that there will be three Chairman's surgeries during September, when the public will be able to talk face to face with Alex Sexton, Chairman of N. E. Health Authority. The surgeries will be open, with no appointment necessary, from 2pm to 4pm on 5th. September at Mid Essex CHC, The Chelmsford & Essex Centre; on 21st. September at Clacton Town Hall and on 28th. September at the Quakers Meeting House, Epping. This is your chance to talk to the man at the top.

Parish Council Meetings take place in the Village Hall on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8pm, unless there is a very full Agenda when the Meeting will start earlier at 7.30. Notices of Meeting are posted on the Parish Council notice boards at least three clear days before the Meetings take place. Members of the public may raise a topic or ask questions during Public Question Time which takes place shortly after the opening of each Meeting.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Parish Council

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## PARISH COUNCIL

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

P.C. responded to 21 planning applications during the year 1993/94. The most significant was the application by E.C.C. for a permanent Gypsy site at Barnards Farm, which was finally withdrawn when the Gypsy Site at Runwell was allowed on appeal. Also of great significance were the publication of the Chelmsford Borough Plan Consultation Plan and the re-opened A130 public inquiry, to both of which P.C. responded. Close monitoring of events and liaison with C.B.C. departments is taking place with regard to the activities at High Water Farm.

P.C. hopes that C.B.C. will implement traffic calming measures at the entrances to the village and along the Tye within this financial year, and continues to press for a footway to be constructed between Abbeyfields and the School. Through its membership of the National Association of Local Councils P.C. is promoting policies for a requirement for parish councils to be consulted on applications for H.G.V. operating centres, and for a policy on rail transport to be an integral part of public transport strategy. P.C. is also pressing for publication of an up-dated map of the public rights of way. All footpaths in the parish have been walked by councillors.

P.C. had been consulted on and responded to a proposal to reform the structure of the police; a review of parliamentary constituencies; the re-organisation of local government in Essex; fair rating for the rural parishes; Mental Health, Orthopaedic and Plastic Surgery & Burns services within the local health service; and possible measures to maintain the viability of village shops.

In April a representative from Eastern Electricity attended a P.C. Meeting to explain the structure of the electricity supply network to East Hanningfield and the reasons behind the series of power cuts experienced earlier in the year.

In the village dog waste bins were installed and dog control byelaws came into force at Hannah's Field and the Tye on 1st. April. The refurbished noticeboard was re-located at the Bicknacre Road junction. The appearance of the village at the time of the judging for the Best Kept Village Competition was a credit to the community. The village green and playing fields continue to be cut by a contractor whilst the groundsman carries out smaller maintenance works. P.C. continues to arrange for the monthly presence of the bulk refuse collection vehicle at the Village Hall.

New office equipment was purchased to enhance the facility readily available to the Clerk. These items were an answerphone and a photocopier.

This brief resumé of P.C. work does no more than scratch the surface of the work carried out by P.C. through its members and Clerk, during the year. An enormous amount of reading matter is circulated, and members attend seminars, committees, site meetings, public enquiries, conferences and meetings and A.G.M.s of bodies to which P.C. is affiliated. Additionally small numbers of councillors form workings parties in order to consider specific topics for later consideration by full council.

Thus the work load has been considerable and I am indeed proud to chair a team that accepts their wide ranging elective responsibilities willingly and acts dynamically. I must finally give my annual thanks to the Clerk, who not only passed the first year in her Local Government Administration course with flying colours, but also managed to provide this council with her un-diminished efficiency, commitment and loyal support.

Alan Dixon, Chairman of the Parish Council

Tel: 400684

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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

President Monica Harris welcomed members to the July meeting when an interesting talk was given on making corn dollies. Members had a very enjoyable day out to the Lavender Fields at Heaslam, Norfolk. On September 14 we are holding a Quiz Evening, and later on a Harvest Supper. We will be having a Produce Stall at the Village Fete on September 10. WI meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7.30 pm in the WI hall.

Joan Bird. Telephone: 400254

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EAST HANNINGFIELD BOWLS CLUB

Over the past months we have met some half a dozen clubs in friendly matches which we have greatly enjoyed. Now we are preparing for more serious competition. We have been accepted for admission to the Essex County Short Mat Bowls League. We are now busy equipping ourselves for the coming season which we know will be a testing one, and hopefully we will acquit ourselves with credit. We have welcomed a number of new members recently - we wish them an enjoyable season with us. There is still plenty of room for more players on our books, and we promise anyone, experienced or inexperienced, who wishes to visit us in the Village Hall on Friday evenings or Tuesday afternoons a warm welcome and a friendly hour or two.

Len Banwell. Telephone: 400349

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'We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good, the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.'

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING, THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER AT 7.30 PM.**  
It's so good to show our gratitude to God and acknowledge our dependence on him. Harvest Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to do that with cheerful gusto. If you can't get to the school harvest service at 9.30 am in church, then make sure you come to Evensong at 7.30 pm when Matthew Radford will officiate and preach. Harvest produce will be distributed the following day amongst the sick and elderly in the village. If for any reason you do not wish to receive a token gift, please inform me or one of the Churchwardens. The Roberts family (Moor Hall Lane) will also be recipients. Help to clear the Church, parcel-up gifts and distribute will be greatly appreciated. Looking further ahead, we are delighted that the Bishop of Bradwell will be with us on Remembrance Sunday, 13 November. He will conduct a short act of remembrance at 10.50 am at the War Memorial in front of the church and address the congregation during the Family Service that follows.

Fr Tony (Priest-in-Charge), Telephone: 472262

Very many thanks to all those who supported the Coffee Morning at The Limes on 15 June and Music For a Summer Evening on 2 July, both of which were very enjoyable occasions, as well as raising record sums. We are especially grateful to the musicians who contributed their time and expertise to ensure that the musical evening was so successful.

We will be holding our usual Autumn Fair (please look out for posters) and in the meantime ask everyone to support the Grand Village Fete on 10 September. This is jointly organised with Hanna's Field Charity, and thus we hope will benefit the whole village, as well as providing interest and enjoyment on the day. We look forward to seeing you.

Richard Seymour and Gil Gordon, Churchwardens.

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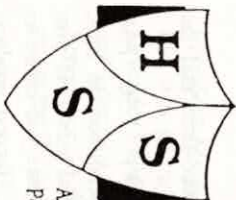
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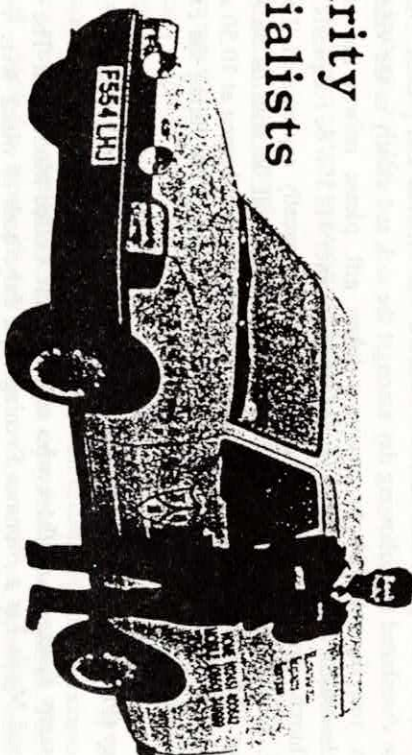




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### HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

Other than the now almost obligatory report of further costly and mindless vandalism, there is the Painting Exhibition to report on in this edition. This annual event is a joint venture run by the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and Hanna's Field Charity with the proceeds shared equally. Although final figures are not yet available, at least £800 will be available for division this year. Maureen and Peter Peak and the members of Hanna's Field Charity, especially the fund-raising committee, deserve special thanks for the hard work and the many hours they put in to prepare and present this interesting and rewarding weekend. The other volunteers who pitched in to help in their various ways are also deserving of our thanks - especially Brian Guest who again provided transport for the collection and return of the stands for the paintings. Thank you too to those of you who came to support this event.

Forthcoming Events: Village Fete, held jointly with the Parochial Church Council, on 10 September, and Christmas Craft Fair, to be held on Sunday 4 December. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

D W Jacklin, Chairman

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### EAST HANNINGFIELD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

During the summer term the school was honoured by visits from two distinguished members of our local community, the Bishop of Bradwell and the Mayor of Chelmsford, Councillor Mike Dilloway. In May Bishop Laurie came to take morning assembly, wearing his robes and mitre and carrying his crook. He explained the significance of a bishop's clothing and told the children how they could spot a bishop even on the beach, because he would still be wearing his special ring! Bishop Laurie toured the classrooms and saw a variety of activities taking place, ranging from a group in Class One making old-fashioned lemonade, to some of the oldest children doing work about their recent visit to the Isle of Wight. In July we held an Open Day and Art Exhibition, which was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress. As a primary school governor himself, the Mayor was particularly interested in our displays and spent a long time talking to pupils and staff. This special day was a fitting climax to the year, and a celebration of the breadth and quality of the work achieved by our pupils.

With holiday memories beginning to fade, we now face the autumn term in the certainty that it will present both new challenges and new opportunities.

Madeline Hardy, Headteacher, Telephone: 400772

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**VILLAGE HOUSES**

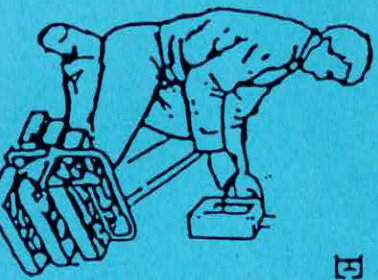
Rough Hill House, The 'Tye': A complex house, with numerous pitfalls for the unwary. There is no evidence for survival of in-situ remains from the hall house and crosswings shown on the Walker map. The oldest surviving parts seem to indicate an L-shaped house of c.1780, with some re-used soot blackened timber, which one assumes came from the previous building, and suggest a mid to late 15th century date. A top plate scarf remains from the c.1780 building, and is halved and bladed. Most of the structure is now painted and rendered brick, with a large late 19th century extension at the rear. There is, however, a long 2 storey weatherboarded wing, which is a relatively modern alteration, incorporating part of the c.1780 plan, and with a fine early 18th century pedimented doorcase. There are some good 18th century fire surrounds, and one very fine c.1820 surround from elsewhere. (Extracted from survey report held at Essex Record Office).

Similar descriptions of village houses welcome!

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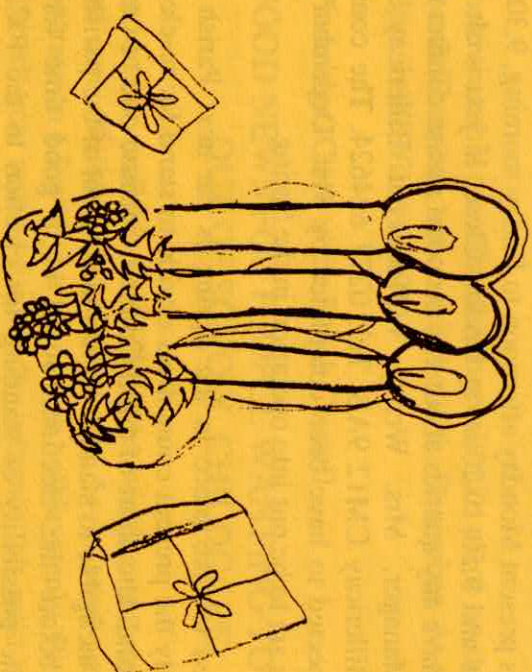
Teas, Bottle Tombola, Children's Tombola, Cakes and Plants, Books, Skittles, Name the Dog, Grand Raffle, Bowling for a Pig, Produce, Guess the Weight, Buy a Label, Neighbourhood Watch, Cycling Skills, Wheel of Fortune, Face Painting, Cards, Pick an Egg, Sponsored Cycle Ride, Beans in a Jar, Country Dancing, Balloons in Austin 7, Dried Flowers, Essex Police Dog Unit, Essex Fire Service, Jewellery, Tug of War, Five a Side Football, Exclusive East Hanningfield Tea Towels.

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**Number 70  
Winter 1994**

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**Best Wishes for Christmas**





## PARISH COUNCIL

P.C. has arranged for the manned refuse vehicle to continue its monthly visits to the Village Hall car park during 1995. The next three visits will be on 3rd. DECEMBER, 28th. JANUARY & 25th. FEBRUARY, arriving at 8 am and leaving when full or at 11 am at the latest. As a reminder, the yellow posters will appear on the P.C. noticeboards a few days before each visit.

I have received notice from C.B.C. that as from the first Monday in January there will be a permanent change to all refuse collection days. Bins will be emptied three working days later than before the Christmas holiday, which means those of us who now have bins emptied on a Friday will have them emptied on Wednesdays during 1995.

A review of the Mobile Library Service in Essex is under way and the County Librarian is proposing to change the times of the visits of the library from its present Monday afternoon to Friday morning, 9.30-9.45am at Abbeyfields and 9.50-10.20am at Bridon Close. If you wish to make comments or have any queries about this proposal please contact the local Operations Manager, Mrs. Wendy Williams at Billericay Library, High Street, Billericay CM12 9AB, Tel: 0277 624624. The consultation process is expected to have been completed by 31st. December and the new schedules are to be put into operation in the Spring.

Also scheduled to take place in the Spring is the next Parish Council election. If only the present councillors decide to stand for re-election we shall be one candidate short of a full Council, because one of our present councillors is ineligible to stand as he has moved out of the parish. Now, a few months before the election, would be a good time for anyone considering the possibility of standing for election to the P.C. to start finding out what serving on a local council involves. After the election the Essex Association of Local Councils will be organising training sessions for new councillors, so inexperience should not stand in anyone's way. Please contact me for more information if you are interested.

There is still some dog excrement being deposited on the playing field and remaining there. Please remember that in the eyes of the law having brought nothing with which to pick up your dog's faeces is no excuse for leaving it on the ground in the byelaw area. Parents should be aware that some children are removing the bags of dog faeces from the bin on the playing field. These children are obviously putting themselves and other children at risk. If your children play unsupervised at Hanna's Field, please tell them about the dangers of tampering with the dog bins.

A complaint from a resident of Bicknacre Road about the number of accidents which have taken place near the Highfields Mead junction was passed to the Technical Service Department at C.B.C. An investigation is now taking place as to how the traffic can be slowed down at this point with a view to the possibility of installing a 'gateway'. It is hoped that some action will be taken quickly. The traffic calming scheme for the Tye appears to have been put back because of the number of similar village schemes which had priority over ours. Similarly, the proposed footway between the School and Abbeyfields is still nowhere near the top of the list of priorities for minor schemes in Chelmsford Borough.

Please note that this month's Meeting will take place on the third instead of the fourth Thursday, which will be 15th. December. As usual it will be held at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Parish Council      Tel: 400628

## **GOOD NEWS FOR PEOPLE WANTING TO SET UP OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDCARE**

Funding is now available to NEW clubs wishing to provide permanent play and care facilities for children aged 5+ in rural areas where they could operate on a few days a week or in holidays only. Proposed schemes must open all year round - for holiday schemes this must be at Christmas, Easter and Summer and at half-terms and occasional days. They must be able to show that they are supporting working parents and they must be permanent. Clubs will have to register with Social Services under the Children Act and therefore cannot be 'open access'. For further details contact Jill Lloyd, Kids' Clubs Network, Blue Chip Business Centre, The Old Exchange, Mill Lane, Gt. Dunmow, Essex CM6 1BG tel: 3071-876884



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EAST HANNINGFIELD



Dear friends,

Carol and I have recently attended the farewell party for Canon Bernard Loyd (Rector of Danbury) and his wife, Beryl. In his closing words of thanks, Bernard laid great emphasis on the increasing role of the laity in the life of the Church. The parish priest may well be the focus of the spiritual life of a parish, but he is a member of a team which comprises Church Wardens, Church Council members and every member of the congregation. With Danbury and South Woodham Ferrers parishes both without an incumbent, it inevitably means that more work must fall upon the other clergy in the area. Whilst the Vicar of Woodham Ferrers and Bicknacre is carrying much of the extra burden of work from South Woodham Ferrers, the lay team manning the parish office in Danbury will be looking to the vicars of Little Baddow, Borcham and myself for extra help and advice in dealing with parochial affairs during the interregnum there. These facts lead me to apply Canon Loyd's words to the East Hanningfield situation. Living at Sandon and bearing an increasingly heavy work-load, I need you to be my eyes and ears in the village, keeping me informed of parishioners in hospital and making me aware of pastoral needs. This applies to all residents, whether or not you attend Church, as the national Church cares for and serves all. Please help me know your needs - I am relying on you. I would appreciate it if you take care to leave Friday free as my weekly day off, which I guard and value as you treasure your leisure days. Your friend and parish priest, Tony. (Telephone:472262)

The Church Wardens are extremely grateful to all those who have helped to ensure that things worked smoothly during our respective absences. We regret that this period was so prolonged and do not anticipate such a situation arising again! We were delighted with the outcome of the Village Fete, which resulted in £2109.74 being divided between the Church and Hanna's Field Charity. Additionally, many village organisations benefited from the proceeds of their own stalls. Many thanks to all who helped ensure the Fete's success - we look forward to next year's event. East Hanningfield Tea Towels and Sweatshirts are still available (the latter by order) and make excellent gifts. Please contact Richard Seymour on 400226. Our Christmas Bazaar is on 26 November and we look forward to seeing many parishioners at the Christmas services - details on Church noticeboard.

Richard Seymour and Gil Gordon, Telephone 400226 and 400298

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EAST HANNINGFIELD SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

A Happy Christmas and A Prosperous New Year to all, and a special word of thanks and every good wish to the Editor, the printers and the publishers of the East Hanningfield News - the paper which keeps us in touch with each other and helps promote pride in our community. As I write, we members of the Bowling Club are starting our programme of League Fixtures. So far, we are not disgraced and we are eagerly looking forward to coming fixtures with the keen edge of competition adding to our enjoyment of each game. We are gradually increasing our membership, but we still have room for more recruits. Remember our session times:- 2.00 - 4.30 pm every Tuesday and 8.00 - 10.00 pm on Fridays. We look forward to seeing more of you in 1995.

Len Banwell, Telephone: 400349

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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In August, members had a very pleasant afternoon at Mrs Joy Devall's Garden Party - lovely weather and delicious food. Our harvest supper was enjoyed by members and friends, and after supper we were entertained by Mr and Mrs Wright with songs accompanied by guitar. We had a very successful stall at the Village Fete and would like to thank everyone who supported us. Now we are looking forward to our Christmas Carol Supper and Group Carol Service at Rettendon Church.

Joan Bird, Telephone: 400254

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**EAST HANNINGFIELD PLAYGROUP**

Monday - Thursday, 9.15-11.15 am in the Village Hall

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Fee: £2.25 per session.

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For more information, come to a Playgroup session (visitors are always welcome), or phone Frances Tyas on 400578



**EAST HANNINGFIELD C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL**

In October there was a National Poetry Day which received wide media coverage. People heard poems read on the train, in shops and in the street. In school we regularly give a high profile to poetry and for your enjoyment here are two poems in celebration of the season that has just passed. They are both acrostic poems where the first letters of each line spell the word Autumn.

Autumn by Alison Warren

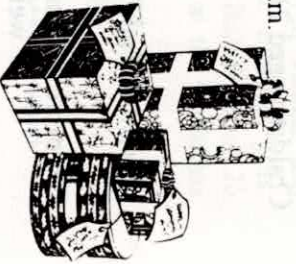
All the year's harvest, gathered and stored,  
Umbrellas held up, to shelter from the rain,  
Towering trees, dropping their leaves,  
Under the ground, animals begin to hibernate,  
Mum lights a roasting fire,  
Nature's way of telling us Winter's almost here

Poem by Ian Koch-Austin

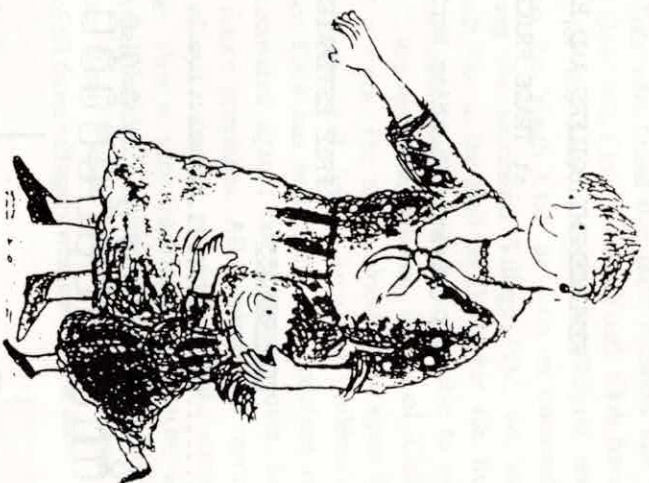
At Autumn time crisp leaves are falling,  
Underground animals are hibernating.  
Trees waiting for next spring  
Underneath leaves are disintegrating with the soil.  
Mothers making apple pie.  
Now the ground is covered in snow.

Christmas time is nearly here and we hope that many of you will be able to join us for the following events:

- P.T.A. Christmas Bazaar 10th December - 2.00 p.m.
- School Play: "Wind in the Willows" 15/16th December - 7.30 p.m.
- Carol Service in Church, 19th December - 6.00 p.m.



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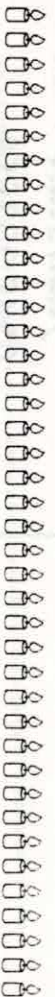


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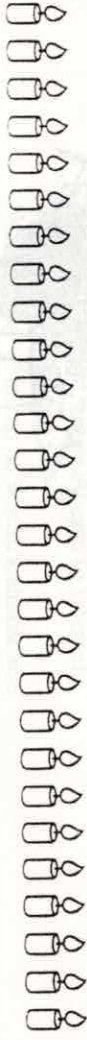
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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

The Hall and Sports area continue to be relatively well used, although we have had to say goodbye to Tumble Tots who found that their numbers had fallen away too much in this area. The Over 60's Club and the Youth Club have also had to suspend their activities for the time being. Mike Philpott and his colleagues are working to restart the Youth Club as soon as circumstances permit. More positively, following the successful Village Fete, we will be holding the annual Christmas Craft Fair in the Hall on December 4th, from 10 until 4. Your support will be appreciated and you ought to be able to pick up some useful Christmas presents. We are also holding the usual Children's Disco on 25 November from 7 - 9 pm. The next subject must again be the mindless vandalism experienced at the Hall, Sports Area and Children's Play Area. Between June and October £904 has been spent on vandalism repairs! Some of these costs has been recovered against our insurance cover, but this may have implications for our future premiums. All incidents are reported to the Police, but in the absence of eye witnesses prepared to make statements, it seems that little can be done. This is very frustrating to all who use the facilities, but especially to the small band of volunteers who spend long hours trying to maintain and improve them. Please keep your eyes open - the facilities are after all for the use of all those villagers who care to use them.

D W Jacklin, Chairman

OVER SIXTY CLUB

Owing to lack of members, the Over Sixty Club has regrettably disbanded. Thanks go to all members for their support during the past few years.

Mrs M I Grandison

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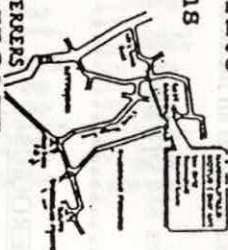
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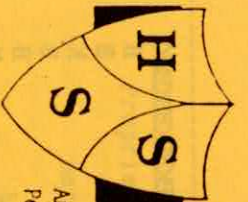
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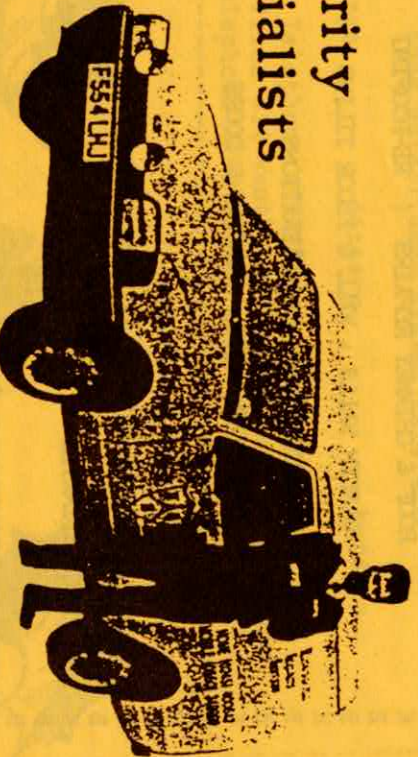




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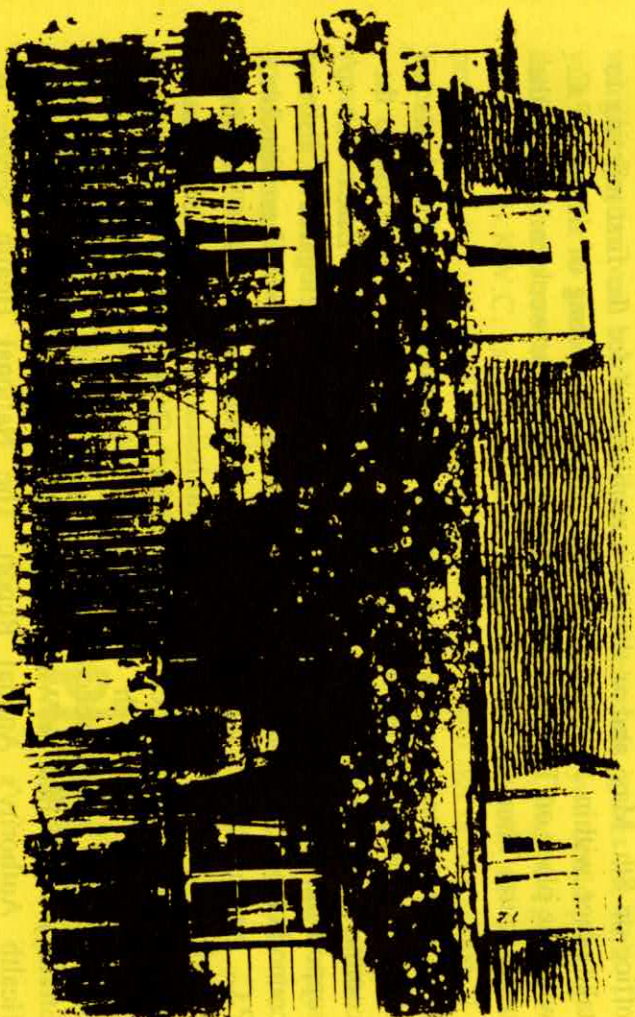
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## PARISH COUNCIL

P.C. has arranged for the C.B.C. run holiday activities to take place at the Village Hall again this year. The first event will be the Playday, for 5 - 11 year olds taking place on 11th. April from 10 am until 12.30 and 1.30 until 4 pm. During the Summer holiday there will be a two day playscheme, a visit by the Playbus and the Youthbus and two visits by the Sportsmobile. P.C. has funding and equipment available if there is anyone or a group willing to organise a locally run playscheme during the holiday.

The date of the P.C. election is 4th. May, but a poll will only take place if there are more candidates than seats. The new councillors will come into office on 8th. May, and as there is a requirement for the first meeting to take place within 14 days of that date, the first meeting of the new P.C. will take place on Thursday, 18th. May, which is one week earlier than the usual fourth Thursday of the month.

Over recent months, councillors have had several lengthy documents to study and produced responses to many of them. P.C.'s response to the commissioners looking into the Future Local Govt. in Essex was to support the status quo, but with more responsibilities delegated to district councils from county level and from district to parish level where feasible. P.C. supported the retention of East Hanningfield in a Chelmsford constituency when the Boundary Commission was reorganising Essex parliamentary constituencies. The Boundary Commission finally decided to put us in Rayleigh constituency, which P.C. thinks is most unsatisfactory. Most recently P.C. has responded to E.C.C.'s Draft Strategy Waste Plan & Waste Recycling Topic Report and North Essex Health Authority's Annual Report. The National Health Service is changing rapidly, and Susan Chadwick has continued to attend Mid Essex Community Health Council meetings on behalf of P.C. and reported back to P.C. on what is happening in local health care.

Please note that the next three visits of the manned refuse vehicle to the Village Hall car park will take place on the following SATURDAYS from 8am until 10.45: 25th. MARCH, 22nd APRIL & 20th. MAY.

P.C. is awaiting news of possible policy changes by E.C.C. on the funding of traffic calming schemes. If the policy changes in favour of schemes which aim to reduce speed, as the proposed scheme for the Tye does, East Hanningfield should be in a better position to have its scheme reach fruition. I have been informed that the criteria for giving priority to footway schemes are also being amended and it is hoped that the scheme to build a footway from Carpenters Cottage to the School entrance will then have more chance of success. P.C. is not permitted to fund these schemes itself and therefore has to compete with other parishes for funding from the County Council.

P.C. has decided to enter East Hanningfield for the Best Kept Village Competition again this year. It has also been decided to hold a Village Tidy-Up again. The date is yet to be confirmed, but will probably be on Saturday, 22nd. April, to coincide with the visit of the manned refuse vehicle. Posters will be displayed on the noticeboards nearer the time. If you are unable to join in with P.C.'s Tidy-Up, perhaps you could pick up the litter in your street or take a carrier bag for litter next time you go for a walk. The B.K.V.C. is judged on community involvement not on the prettiness of the village. Of course, tidying-up would not be necessary if litter had not been dropped in the first place.

Apart from the Meeting in May, P.C. Meetings continue to be held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8pm in the Village Hall. Residents may speak during Public Question Time which takes place shortly after the opening of each Meeting.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Parish Council

Tel: 400628

## **EASTER HOLIDAY PLAYDAY**

**for children aged 5 - 11 years will take place at the**

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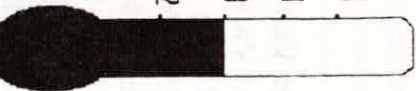
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- 4) Fashion & Jewellery Show, 6 April, 7.30 pm.
- 3) Jumble Sale, 13 May, 12 noon.
- 2) Plant Sale, 27 May, 9 - 12 noon.
- Summer Fair, 24 June, 2 pm.



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EAST HANNINGFIELD SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

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Len Banwell (Tel: 400347)

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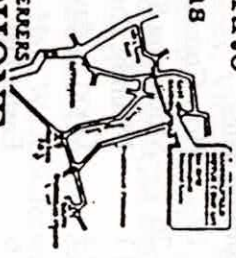
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## ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EAST HANNINGFIELD

Lent begins on March 1 and NOW is the time to start asking how we are going to use it to the best advantage. Lent is a special time for all who follow Christ. It is a season which challenges us, encourages us, and one which finally brings us great joy. We can enter Lent with 3 main objectives:- a) to stimulate our minds; b) to deepen and enrich our prayer life; c) to give up something for Lent, by way of discipline and will-power. How do we go about it? Well, here are 3 suggestions:- a) Join with others in a weekly Lent course (ring Malcolm Eden on 223415 for details) b) Join a group for a Lenten Quiet Day on Saturday 18 March at Mulberry House, High Ongar. This will be a self-directed day of quiet relaxation with conducted periods of short meditation, led by myself. Bring your own food = £4, with lunch = £12.50. Facilities for tea/coffee making available. Brochures in the Church c) Join Carol and myself, or support our effort, in a sponsored slim for the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. Over 5000 people are diagnosed with cancer each week in the UK. As a national care charity, the Macmillan Fund establishes Macmillan cancer nurses around the country, working in hospitals and patients' homes, where their work extends to the whole family. Ring me if you would like a sponsor form or support those who are trying to shed a few pounds between Ash Wednesday and Easter Day. Your help will bring about a better future for all those who have to live with cancer.

Your friend and parish priest, Tony. (Tel: 472262)

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Forcoming dates:

March 19	Holy Communion in place of Family Service
March 26	Mothering Sunday - Family Service
April 13	Maundy Thursday. Holy Communion at 8 am.
April 14	Good Friday. Service of Hymns and Prayers at 12 noon. Compline (short evening service) at 7.30 pm.
April 16	Easter Day. Family Communion.
April 25	AGM of Parochial Church Council in Church at 8 pm.
April 30	Matins with Lay Reader, Mrs. Pam Tennant.

May 21 Family Service

June 4 Holy Communion - Rev Elizabeth Smith, Hospice Chaplain

June 6 Bring & Buy at The Limes, 10.30 am.

June 11 Matins with Mr. Richard Seymour.

June 18 Fathers' Day - Family Service

Family Day in grounds of Rough Hill House, afternoon.

July 1 Music for a Summer Evening.

Our Autumn Bazaar raised over £400. Many thanks to all those who helped to organise and support this event. Together with Hanna's Field Charity, we have already started planning this year's Fete, building on the success of last year. We hope that all village organisations will take part - please contact Stan Gordon on 400298. Meanwhile, note the date - **SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER**. We are also planning a Family Day on Sunday 18 June (Father's Day). Please contact us if you have suggestions or ideas to offer. We are keen to enter the Best Kept Churchyard Competition this year. The emphasis is on conservation, allowing wildlife, mosses, ferns, wild flowers (as well as humans) to enjoy the quiet surroundings. Please contact us if you could contribute knowledge or skill, e.g. in making bird boxes.

Gil Gordon and Richard Seymour, Churchwardens. (Tel: 400298 / 400226)  
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### HANNAS FIELD CHARITY

Vandal damage has been minor since the last report and we hope this shows an improvement in attitude on the part of some, as well as a growing awareness that the Village Hall and adjoining facilities are for the use of all in the village. Please note the following dates:

Wednesday 8 March - AGM of Hanna's Field Charity, Village Hall, 8 p.m.

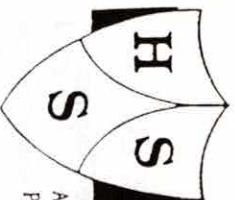
All over 18 will be welcome, as will constructive suggestions and criticisms. Wine and Cheese will be available following the AGM and prior to the first meeting of the new committee that evening.

Saturday 9 September. Village Fete, jointly with Parochial Church Council.

Sunday 3 December. Christmas Craft Fair, Village Hall. We look forward to your continued support for this established event.

Dennis Jacklin, Chairman

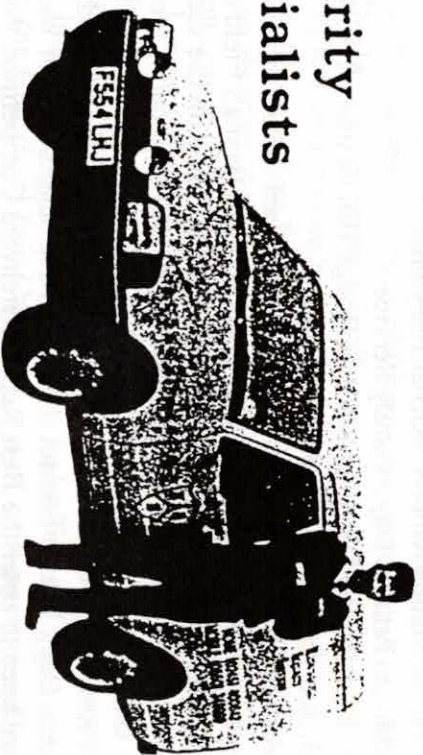




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### VILLAGE HISTORY

A few months ago, Nicola Lovegrove aged 12 was digging in her garden in Ashley Green for worms for a friendly toad when she found a flint arrowhead. Excited by her find and wanting to know more about it, she took it to Chelmsford Museum. It was examined by Nick Wickenden, who pronounced it to be a particularly fine example of a barbed and tanged arrowhead of Early Bronze Age, c. 2000 BC. They have a few on display at the museum. Often flint is brought in for identification, but most are natural fragments and complete arrowheads are unusual. The flint-knappers must have been very skilled to chip off such fine flakes to make the blades. However, Nicola's delight soon turned to sorrow, when she received a letter from Mr Wickenden to say that his briefcase, containing the arrowhead, had been stolen. To console Nicola, Mr Wickenden is arranging for her to visit the museum and be given a replica of the arrowhead she found.

If you are digging in your garden this spring, look carefully as Nicola did. In 1975 two gold Bronze Age bracelets were found in West Hanningfield, and other similar articles were found recently in Woodham Mortimer. These included a hoard of buried Saxon coins called Scattas, pronounced 'shatters' in which the British Museum is interested.

Gil Gordon

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### BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

In 1961 and 1968 East Hanningfield won this competition, which is divided into 4 categories according to population. We'd like to make a bigger, better effort to do well in 1995. Remember that awards are won by care and maintenance, not by aesthetic appearance or architectural heritage. Please help by keeping your closest piece of green and/or ditch tidy and litter-free. Judging takes place during May and June and the purpose of the competition is to reward evidence of community pride. A Village Tidy-Up is planned for **Saturday 22 April, 9 to 10.30 am** when the Manned Refuse Vehicle is at the Village Hall. Plastic bags issued free to willing helpers. Let's make our village as pleasant as possible.

Gil Gordon



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## A Change in the Year

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The redbreast sings from the tall larch  
That stands beside out door.

There is a blessing in the air,  
Which seems a sense of joy to yield  
To the bare trees, and mountains bare;  
And grass in the green field.

*William Wordsworth*

## In Springtime

All Nature seems at work. Slugs leave their lair-  
The bees are stirring - birds are on the wing -  
And Winter, slumbering in the open air,  
Wears on his smiling face a dream of Spring!

*S. T. Coleridge*



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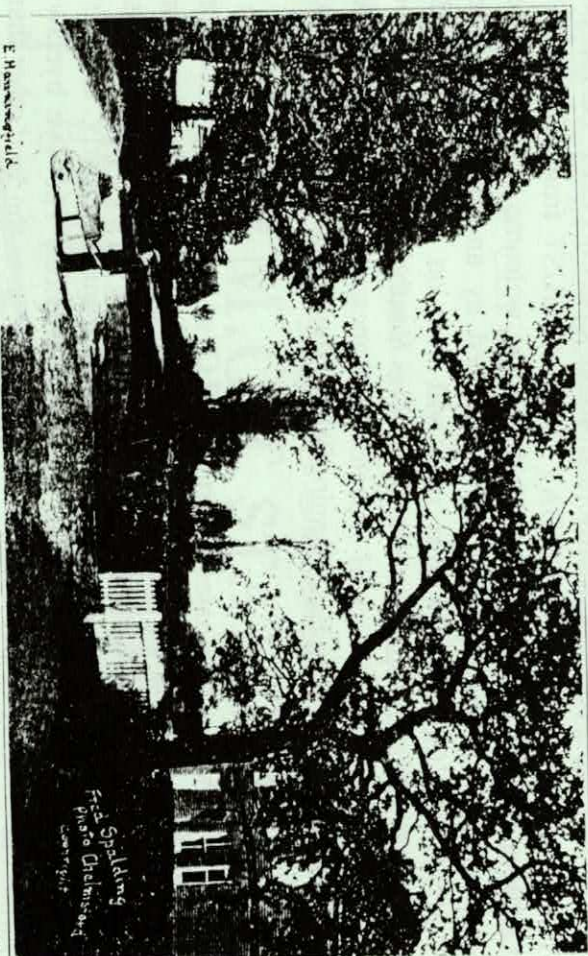
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## PARISH COUNCIL

In May, the six candidates who stood for re-election to the P.C. were elected uncontested with one vacancy remaining. At the time of going to press, Ian Wiggleworth had agreed to be proposed for co-option on to the Council. Please see one of the P.C. noticeboards for the up-to-date list of councillors and their responsibilities. Alan Dixon was re-elected as Borough Councillor for the East and West Hanningfields Ward.

P.C. has arranged for several Summer holiday activities to take place at the Village Hall. For the under 8s, who must be accompanied by an adult carer, there will be a visit by Chelmsford PLAYBUS on THURSDAY, 10th. AUGUST from 10am until 2pm. For children aged 8 - 11 years there will be two visits by the Chelmsford Borough Council PLAY TEAM, on TUESDAY, 25th. JULY & FRIDAY, 18th. AUGUST from 10am, until 12.30pm and 1.30pm until 4pm. Under 8s are welcome to attend these play sessions if accompanied and supervised by an adult carer. The YOUTHBUS for 11 - 14 year olds will visit on TUESDAY, 22nd. AUGUST from 12.30pm until 4.30pm. The Youthbus had a very poor attendance last year which if repeated will mean that we will not be eligible for it to come to East Hanningfield in future years, so this is a case of "use it or lose it".

There have been a few cases reported to P.C. of horses being ridden on public footpaths and the Tye. Riders are asked to note that if a person rides (or leads) a horse over a footpath he or she commits trespass against the holder of the land over which the footpath runs. (Similarly, a cyclist who rides on a footpath commits the same offence.) The Tye byelaws forbid the bringing of any horse, donkey or pony on to the land other than an unshod pony on a leading rein. Offending against a byelaw is a crime and therefore liable to prosecution. The reason for this byelaw is because of the damage horses do to the turf, which has to be repaired at public expense, through parishioners' council tax.

P.C. thanks all those who joined in the Village Tidy-Up on 13th. May and asks them to keep up the good work, because the Best Kept Village Competition judges make a second inspection of the village this month.

1994 was P.C.'s Centenary and, in order to commemorate it, P.C. started making plans for a permanent reminder of the first hundred years. Stan Gordon has been in charge of the project which will shortly culminate in the installation of a parish footpaths map in a glass fronted oak noticeboard. The Cobb Breeding Co. have kindly agreed to the board being installed beside St. Peter's Way on their land.



P.C. understands that a great many people have been caused severe problems by the changes to the bus service. P.C. continues to press for the hourly service to be restored to the village as do Rettendon P.C. and Howe Green Community Association.

P.C. Meetings continue to take place on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8pm in the Village Hall. Minutes of the P.C. Meetings are posted on the Tye noticeboard once they have been signed as correct.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council

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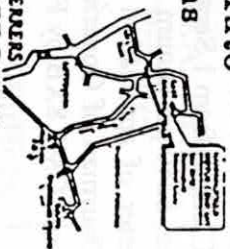
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## HANNAN'S FIELD CHARITY

We held our AGM on 8 March. With no new faces coming forward, there are no great changes in the list of Officers and the Committee. However, Ann Parker has relinquished the post of Secretary, although she remains on the Committee. We are grateful that Ann, with the help of daughter Jane, stepped into the breach two years ago. The post of Secretary has been filled by Wendy Thomas. Please note our future events:

- 1) The September Fair (jointly with the Parochial Church Council) will be held on 9 September.
- 2) The Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Sunday 3 December.
- 3) Junior Discos will be held on dates to be announced.

Regrettably, we will not be holding the Painting Exhibition this year. We have noticed that the hall and court bookings have fallen off a little. Whereas in the past it may have been difficult to find the facilities available exactly when you wanted, you may now find more slots available, especially for the small hall (suitable for birthday parties, club meetings etc.) and also the Sports Courts. The latter are marked for Tennis, Basketball, Netball, Five-a-Side Football. The Tennis nets have recently been repaired. So if you would like to use these facilities, please ring Mrs. Janet Harvey on 401015. There are also vacancies for the larger Hall (suitable for weddings, Badminton) especially during the day.

Dennis Jacklin, Chairman

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## CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS

The Governors of East Hanningfield C of E Primary School wish to appoint a Clerk as from 1 September 1995.

Fee: £240 per annum. There are usually 5 meetings per year. Letter of application and C.V. (no forms) to be sent to Mr. B Larkman (Chairman of Governors) 15 Abbeyfields, East Hanningfield, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 8XB by Friday 9 June 1995.

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## EAST HANNINGFIELD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

This time we have given the citizens of tomorrow the opportunity to share their views about local issues.

**SLOW DOWN.** East Hanningfield's main road is something that affects us all. It is a very noisy, unsightly nuisance. I think that because of East Hanningfield's size, not many people take any notice of this growing problem. The speed limit is supposed to be 40 m.p.h., although few cars obey it. Although some motorists would argue that East Hanningfield is 'in the way', I do not agree. I think the Police should take more notice and put in traffic calming measures, such as bollards, to narrow the entrance to the village. To back my views up, I did a survey and 80% of the people I asked said 'yes'. (Robert Lyne)

**THE PARK.** The East Hanningfield Park is a place for the young and older people. But some people are ungrateful for the park and some are using it for a dump. The older children are pulling it apart, especially the little children's house. They are using spray paint. The fence keeps getting pulled down. The people who are doing it, please stop, because it's wrecking the park. (Adam Frampton)

As the end of the academic year approaches, we would like to thank all the parents and members of the local community who have supported us in a wide variety of ways. For our part, we will continue to try to provide the high quality education that East Hanningfield rightly has come to expect from its village school.

Mrs. M Hardy and the staff of the school

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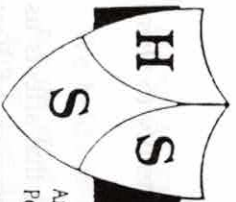
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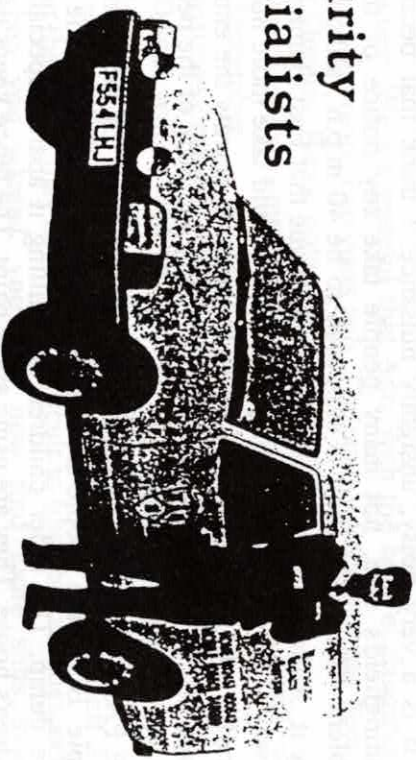




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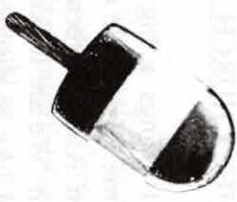
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### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There is little to report over several months. However, a recent incident of concern is a car break-in in the Payne Place area. The next Neighbourhood Watch meeting is on Tuesday 20 June at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Mike Philpott, District Co-ordinator, Tel.: 401475

### COMMUNITY CARE WATCH

This is still in action to assist parishioners who need transport to doctors or hospital appointments. Many thanks to the pool of volunteer drivers. Further information from Dennis and Sheila Jacklin, Tel: 400476

### YOUTH PROJECT

Volunteers are needed to restart the Youth Club, for under 13-year-olds and for 13-17 year-olds. Several boys under 13 want support in organising a football team. Can you help with training or management? Please contact Mike Philpott on 401475.

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### FROM WPC 3188 ALISON SMITH AT SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS

I am an officer with 17 years' service and have spent most of my career in the Leigh-on-Sea and Rayleigh area. For the past 10 years I have been a community officer and I am now the town beat officer for South Woodham Ferrers. I have been asked to pay particular attention to the continual youth problem with youths in the town centre and also to actively discourage motorists from parking in the wrong places. Cycling within certain areas of town is now illegal and shortly I will be trying to remind people of this and take action where necessary. I have also been updating our Neighbourhood Watch records and meetings will shortly be arranged with Coordinators. I would like to remind people to ensure that their homes are secure if they are away on holiday. Many congratulations on the success of your Neighbourhood Watch - its success depends on your support.

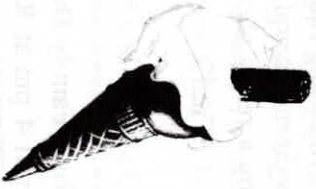






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In July a team of 10 runners will take part in one of the most daunting tasks in Britain - a 10-day road relay from John O' Groats to Lands End. Included in the team is Mick Piddington of Pease Place, whom you may have spotted on his training runs in the village. Setting off at 6.30 am every morning and going through until dark, the runners are putting themselves through a punishing schedule and, barring injuries, should finish the run inside 2 weeks (fingers crossed). Mick will be calling at all the houses in the Village to ask for sponsorship, so please give as much as you can. All monies raised will go to a Special Baby Care Unit.

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### EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At a spring group meeting at South Hanningfield WI, 120 members were entertained by actress Alison Reid, who played the role of Catherine Parr, the sixth wife of Henry VIII. In April, Mr. George Harris gave a talk about the Farleigh Hospice in Chelmsford. As a result of a Coffee Morning, we were able to send £150 to the Little Haven Children's Hospice Appeal. Three outings have been arranged for members: 'Oklahoma' at the Civic Theatre, the BBC Essex Gardens at Abridge and the Wilkins' Jam Factory at Tiptree. Visitors are welcome to our Open Meeting at the WI Hall on 16 August, when Mr. R J Beecham will talk about King Edward VII. Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30 in the WI Hall. New members and visitors are very welcome.

Joan Bird, Tel: 400254

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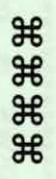
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## PARISH COUNCIL

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If you do not wish to wait for the monthly visits of the manned refuse vehicle, refuse can be taken to the new civic amenity site at Drovers Way, Springfield, off the A12 Boreham Interchange, where recycling facilities are also available for cans, glass & plastic bottles, sheet glass, car batteries, engine oil, hardcore, household appliances, metal, paper and textiles. The site in Baddow Road has now closed.

For many years P.C. has had a policy of supporting the bus service by distributing information and timetables, by lobbying the County Council to provide late evening and Sunday subsidised services and by keeping the bus company informed about the needs of the residents of East Hanningfield when these were not being met by the service provided. Since finding out that there were to be serious changes to the bus timetable, on 7th. May, P.C. has been making tremendous efforts to have the previous timetable restored and has sought to inform parishioners of the various changes as they have happened by delivering timetables door to door and putting up posters. The fact that P.C. has publicised the changes does not mean that P.C. is satisfied with the service provided in any way. P.C. continues to press for the return of the previous service and has enlisted the help of the other tiers of local government, neighbouring parishes and our MP in the hope that a combined voice will produce a result.

If you wish to add your voice to those objecting to the present service, please write to Mr. R. Orbell, Managing Director, Eastern National Ltd., Stapleford Close, New Writtle Street, Chelmsford, CM2 0SM.

At P.C.'s September Meeting, Mrs. Chris Moore, Area Programme Manager of the Rural Housing Trust will talk about affordable housing. Should P.C. decide to become involved in the provision of low cost housing for local people, it will be necessary to carry out a survey of housing need. If a questionnaire lands on your door mat, please take the time to fill it in; as always, the more answers which come back the more accurate the survey. In the meantime, if you or members of your family are having difficulty finding local accommodation, do come along to hear what Mrs. Moore has to say at 7.30pm on Thursday, 28th. September in the Village Hall.

The County Council's Planning Department has asked all the parishes in Essex to help them to record the pillboxes and World War 11 defence sites which remain, so that they may be protected if threatened by development. It appears that neither the Ministry of Defence nor the County Council has a complete record of these sites. E.C.C. has asked P.C. to appoint an individual or group to act as WW2 Monument Representative who will carry out a local survey of WW2 monuments such as pillboxes, spigot mortar bases, anti-tank obstacles and airfield monuments. I am sure that this would be a fascinating exercise for anyone interested in military history. Please contact me if you would like to take part.

P.C. maintains the village green at public expense through the council tax. It is therefore in the interests of all residents that damage to the green by parking vehicles, which are illegal anyway, should be prevented. With this in mind, P.C. has arranged for oak posts to be installed near the North end of the Tye to prevent parking on the grass. In the past, small concrete bollards were sufficient to deter illegal parking, but some of today's motorists have proved single minded in their determination to park illegally. Bollards have been moved, and sometimes ended up in the road which is very dangerous, and one of the previous oak posts was sawn off at ground level. Needless to say, if P.C. had a witness to this piece of vandalism it would pursue the culprit for the cost of replacement. Why should we all have to pay for one motorist's selfishness?



P.C. Meetings continue to be held in the Village Hall on the fourth Thursday of each month. Please look out for the Notice of Meeting for details of times and matters to be discussed.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council

Tel: 400628

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### HANNAS' FIELD CHARITY

We have now received the latest report on the annual inspection of the equipment in the children's play area. This year the inspection was carried out at our request by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. The inspectors have pointed out very few items needing minor adjustments, and these will be urgently attended to.

An encouraging sign again is that the amount of general vandalism is reduced. Minor damage was caused, and has been repaired at no vast cost. Another problem, however, is the amount of noise generated by some young people late in the evening when they gather in the vicinity of the play area. This is both antisocial and unwelcome to nearby residents. Police are aware and, we understand, will be keeping an eye on the situation.

It is a welcome sign to see again the greater use of the all-weather outdoor courts currently being experienced, presumably due to the current fine weather. It is good to see the facilities being used, especially the tennis courts.

**DONT FORGET: EAST HANNINGFIELD VILLAGE FETE AND FAIR ON 9 SEPTEMBER.**

Dennis Jacklin, Chairman

### EAST HANNINGFIELD SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Membership of the club has grown considerably in the last few months. Our former Secretary having left to join a Chelmsford club, Tony Orpin has taken over as Secretary and the members wish him well in his new office. Internal competitions among club members have been introduced to add interest to routine games. League games between Club Teams will be restarting shortly and we look forward to an enjoyable and, hopefully, successful season.

Len Barwell

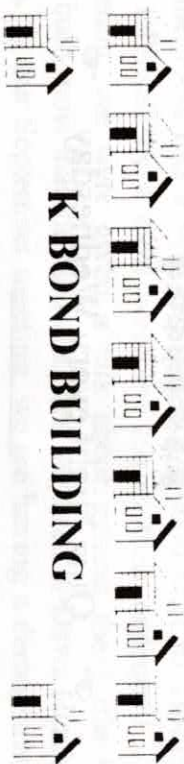
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On July 17, Mike Piddington of Pease Place successfully completed his run from John O'Groats to Land's End. Although the weather was exceedingly hot and dehydration was a major problem, no serious injuries or accidents occurred along the route. The overall mileage totalled 865 miles, which was achieved inside ten days, with an actual running time of 114 hours.

A thousand 'thank yous' to everyone in the village who gave so generously in their pledges of money. Mick's total raised will be £1415, with an overall total of about £7000. Once again, many, many thanks. I'm sure the Baby Care Unit will be delighted with this donation.

Mike Piddington

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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sixteen members had a very enjoyable afternoon visit to Tiptree Jam Factory, followed by a most welcome tea in their restaurant. At the July meeting, we were given a talk about getting the Little Haven Hospice built, now that the land has been acquired at Daws Heath, near Rayleigh. At our September meeting, we are having a demonstration of Sugar Icing by Mrs. Phillips. Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7.30 pm in the WI Hall, Church Road.

Joan Bird

Tel: 400254

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## EAST HANNINGFIELD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Mrs. I. Greenshields writes about her recent visit to Luxembourg:

The close of the Christmas term is always an exciting time in any village school. Christmas 1994 was particularly exciting at East Hanningfield, as shortly before the end of term we heard that our small village school was to be represented at a course in Luxembourg run by the Central Bureau. The course was on the 'European Dimension', something which now influences all of our lives and which will increasingly influence the lives and education of the children in our school.

Course delegates came from Holland, France, Spain, Austria, both parts of Ireland, the Slovak Republic and Sweden. Fortunately for me, English was the working language. The course comprised talks, working groups and visits to schools and places of interest, including the European Parliament in Brussels. Delegates were asked to make a brief address on an area of particular interest and, reflecting the high commitment our school has always made to the arts, I spoke on the three-dimensional art work which the children in our school had worked on. Other talks were on self-assessing education, multi-cultural links, and methods of teaching foreign languages.

I found the visits to Luxembourg schools of great interest. The primary schools have no heads - teachers are answerable to the mayor! The teachers also leave with the children, though not as early as Irish teachers, who go home at 2.30. It also became apparent that English teachers have the broadest role; colleagues from other countries were surprised at the social worker, fund-raiser aspects of an English teacher's work. In many countries teachers only teach. This was also reflected in the lack of displays, mounted work and general decoration and celebration of children's work around the buildings.

Many European schools are elitist by our standards, with the strugglers and mediocre left to be just that in order that the brightest and best can be concentrated on by the teacher. We saw many children obviously unable to cope with work set by the demands of examinations, not even in their own languages.

I returned to East Hanningfield wondering why English teachers are so often self-critical. With our primary schools widely admired and our commitment to fulfilment for all children across a wide and deep curriculum, we should learn from others wherever possible, but retain confidence in what we know is good. Perhaps this is what Europe is all about.

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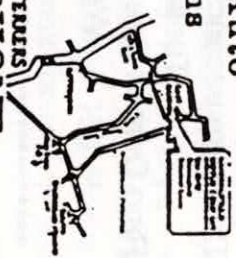
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## ALL SAINTS CHURCH EAST HANNINGFIELD

The Bring and Buy Sale at the Limes on 6 June was very successful and raised over £400 for church funds. The focus for fund-raising at present is the need to carry out substantial works to the church roof and spire. All the shingles on the spire need to be replaced and fairly substantial repairs to the roof are necessary. It is likely that the cost of these repairs will be of the order of £30,000.

The Fathers' Day Family Day at Rough Hill House had the advantage of glorious weather, and was much enjoyed by those who attended.

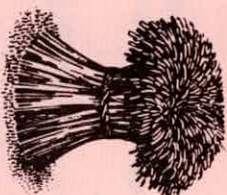
Music for a Summer Evening on 1 July was another most enjoyable occasion and raised over £220. We are very grateful to all those who offered their musical talents for this event.

We are now looking forward to the Village Fete and Fair on 9 September, which is arranged jointly with Hannas Field Charity. We are confident that this will be even more successful than last year. Most village clubs and societies will be taking part, and we hope it will be an enjoyable occasion. Harvest Festival will be at 11.15 on Sunday 24 September. Our Autumn Bazaar will be at Rough Hill House on Saturday 18 November 1995 at 10.30 am. We look forward to seeing you at all these events.

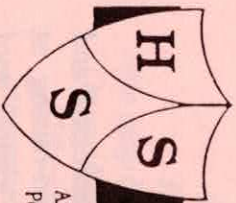
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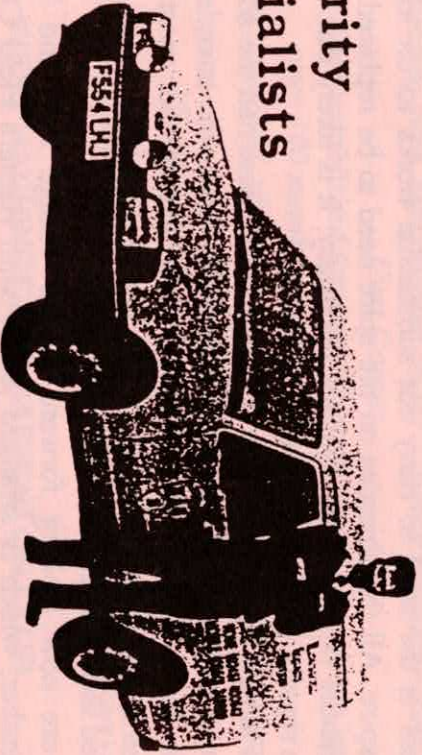




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## PARISH COUNCIL

Please note that the next three visits of the manned refuse vehicle to the Village Hall car park will be on the following Saturday mornings: 2ND. DECEMBER; 27TH. JANUARY; 24TH. FEBRUARY. Please do not leave any refuse at the car park. Grass cuttings and garden prunings have been dumped there in recent months, which is selfish on the part of the people who did it because someone else had to clear it up and unnecessary because this kind of garden refuse can be composted or put in your wheelie bin. On the subject of refuse collection, those of us who have their bins emptied on Wednesdays this year will have them emptied on Mondays from 8th. January, but in the last week in December the collection day will be Friday, 29th. Collections will not take place on Bank Holidays.

Complaints by residents about dog fouling continue. There is a Chelmsford Borough-wide byelaw which prohibits the leaving of dog excrement on footways (pavements) and verges, but it should not be necessary to use the threat of prosecution to persuade dog owners to behave responsibly and with consideration for other users of public places. The tide of public opinion has turned; the majority of the population is aware of the dangers posed by dog faeces and no longer finds it acceptable to see it on the street where people walk or the park where children play.

The Parish Council has decided to organise a housing survey. This is the first step in the process of providing affordable village housing for local people, as this will establish whether there is a demand for such housing and the number required. Please take the time to complete the questionnaire when it comes through your door, because the more answers that come back, the more accurate the survey will be. The survey will be completely confidential and will be asking questions about your family such as, "Has anyone in your family moved away from the village because there was no suitable accommodation here?" and "Is there a member of your family presently looking for local low cost accommodation?". You will not be asked to commit yourself and it will be perfectly acceptable for your questionnaire to be returned anonymously.

Essex County Council is currently carrying out a survey of Public Rights of Way in Chelmsford Borough as a preliminary to producing an up-to-date definitive map. E.C.C. does not want to know if you want to alter the route of a public footpath, that is a procedure for which you would contact the Borough Council, but is looking for evidence of discrepancies between the routes of footpaths on the ground and their routes on the present definitive map. For more information see the Parish Council noticeboards.

Users of the Tye footway and St. Peter's Way footpath will have noticed the new noticeboard at the Cobb entrance and are probably wondering when something is going to appear inside it. Stan Gordon has produced a very attractive and informative map of parish walks, which has been submitted to the County Surveyor for approval. Approval will mean that E.C.C.'s Parish Paths Partnership will fund the production of the map and the noticeboard to 100%. It will also fund the production of walks leaflets, so, although we seem to have been waiting a long time for the map to appear, the wait will be worthwhile.

If anyone or a group is interested in organising a Summer or Easter holiday playscheme please let me know as soon as possible. P.C. has funds available to cover equipment costs and hire of the Village Hall.

For a variety of reasons, the next three P.C. Meetings will not be held on the usual fourth Thursday of the month. There will be no Meeting in December because of the Christmas and New Year holidays. The first Meeting in 1996 will take place on Thursday 4TH. JANUARY, followed by 1ST. FEBRUARY and 29TH. FEBRUARY. Notices will appear, as usual, on the noticeboards three clear days before each Meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend P.C. Meetings and may speak during Public Question Time. Also, it is often possible to see recent planning applications at the Meetings.

Lastly, I am sure I speak for everyone in East Hanningfield when I wish P.C.'s Chairman, Alan Dixon, a full and speedy recovery following his recent cycling accident.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council

Tel. 400628



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EAST HANNINGFIELD

Christmas without presents would be very strange. In exchanging gifts we express our love for one another and for God, and our joy and thankfulness for all that the birth of Christ means. Christmas is all about giving - the first ever Christmas present was God's gift of his Son to us - the gift of himself. And in giving Himself to us, God is showing how much he cares for His world and loves each one of us, how much he wants to rescue us from the mess we make of our lives and from all that separates us from one another. But do we receive this gift? Are we able to accept it? 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' says our Lord and surely we know this to be true, that the greatest joy in life is to be able to give happiness to others. But while it may be more blessed to give than to receive, is it not also blessed to be able to receive? For many people, including myself, this is a difficult and painful lesson to learn, but surely real caring means a readiness to accept from others as well as to give to them? Look at the pattern of Jesus' life - he gave himself completely to others, but he was always ready and able to receive whatever good others were able to offer him....he needed the companionship and support of his friends, he was born in a borrowed stable, taught from a borrowed boat, fed the hungry with borrowed food, Rode into Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey, celebrated the Last Supper in a borrowed room, borrowed the strength of a stranger to help carry his cross, and finally was buried in a borrowed tomb. Christmas is about giving, but it is also about receiving - God's gift of himself to us - and our ability to receive this gift. Are we able, ready and willing to receive it? If so, come to God's house over the Christmas period - O come let us adore Him. Your friend in His service, Tony. (Tel: 472262)

### Christmas Services at All Saints

Sunday 17 December 3 pm Service of Lessons and Carols, followed by mince pies and wine

Monday 18 December 6 pm School Carol Service

Sunday 24 December No Morning Service 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 11.15 am Family Service and Holy Communion

## EAST HANNINGFIELD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

In spite of the demands of the National Curriculum there are key events in the school year to which we feel it is important to give time. One such occasion is the Harvest Festival, usually held in the church at the end of September. This year, however, we had to have the service in school because our music teacher, on whom we rely to play the organ, was on jury service. We therefore prepared a Harvest Festival with less emphasis on singing and more on the spoken word. Our guests, the Over-Sixties of the village, enjoyed hearing poems and finding out how muffins were made and the various countries from which the ingredients originated. Afterwards they sampled the muffins along with a cup of coffee. Later in the morning, the beautifully presented harvest gifts were ceremoniously taken over to the church to be displayed there. (Mrs Mills, our caretaker, led the way with a carefully packed wheelbarrow!) Subsequently the gifts were distributed within the village and included well-polished apples in tissue-lined boxes, tempting home-made preserves with fancy labels and specially selected tinned produce, wrapped and decorated. We received many letters of appreciation, and one couple wrote:

'Your parents must be very generous to help older people, and we in turn are very pleased to be remembered.'

In our ever changing and fast moving world we hope we can pass on to the children a sense of continuity that we believe is an important part of village life.

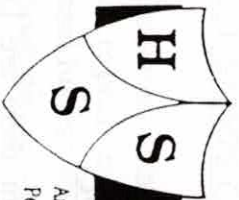
You are very welcome to join us on the following dates:

Saturday 9 December PTA Christmas Bazaar 1.30 - 3.30pm

Monday 18 December Carol Service in Church 6 pm.

Mrs M Hardy, Headteacher

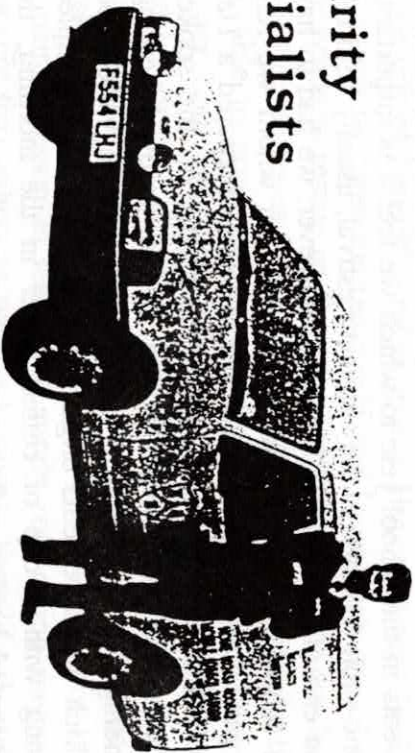




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### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There have been no recent thefts reported, but during the summer there have been spates of car and shed break-ins. If you see people acting suspiciously or a vehicle you are concerned about, obtain descriptions and vehicle details and inform South Woodham Police on 320333. We have an excellent record of working in partnership with Essex Police, and due to our continued vigilance, there have been many successful arrests and convictions. There have been incidents of windows being broken at the rear of homes in Ashley Green, and damage has been caused to fencing and trees in the Back Lane area. If you can help with information, please contact the Police. The next Neighbourhood Watch meeting is on Tuesday 5 December at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. (Mike Philpott - District Coordinator)

COMMUNITY CARE WATCH - We are looking to extend our list of volunteer drivers who can assist parishioners needing transport to doctor or hospital appointments. Community Care Watch can also provide support to elderly people living alone, and anyone in need of help or advice. Contact Dennis and Sheila Jacklin on 400476.

YOUTH PROJECT - Unfortunately not enough volunteers came forward to help restart the Youth Club, so this project is on hold for now. Offers of help and further details from Mike Philpott on 401475

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

The Hall and Sports facilities continue to be well used. Even the vandalism seems to have reduced, although we have not escaped entirely. Our village marksman has again left his mark on some windows - someone must know his identity. The combined efforts of the Parochial Church Council and Hanna's Field Charity provided another enjoyable September Fair, which contributed funds shared equally by the two groups. The joint committee and the various helpers gave a lot of time and effort to make this such an enjoyable and rewarding occasion and we appreciated their efforts. Our next major function is the Annual CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR to be held in the Hall on SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER. We look forward to again receiving full support from the village for this event. In the meantime we are planning a Children's Disco in the Hall on 24 November.

D W Jacklin, Chairman

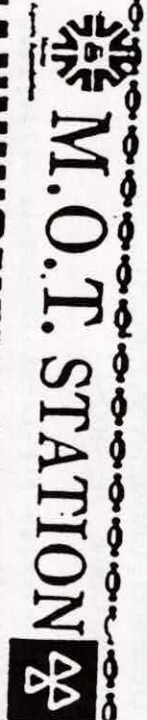
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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Fifteen members enjoyed a trip in August to our past Treasurer's home in Kent, calling in at a garden centre on the way. We enjoyed a lovely lunch at our friend's and had a good natter. Later in the month we had our annual Garden Meeting at Mrs Joy Devall's where the main attraction is the scrumptious tea Joy always lays on. In September we had a stall at the Village Fete. The weather was lovely and it was a most successful afternoon. Husbands, friends and members enjoyed our Harvest Supper, when we were entertained by the Vocal Touch. We are now looking forward to our Christmas meal and supper. We are very pleased that we have 4 new members and we can assure anyone who visits our WI of a warm welcome. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

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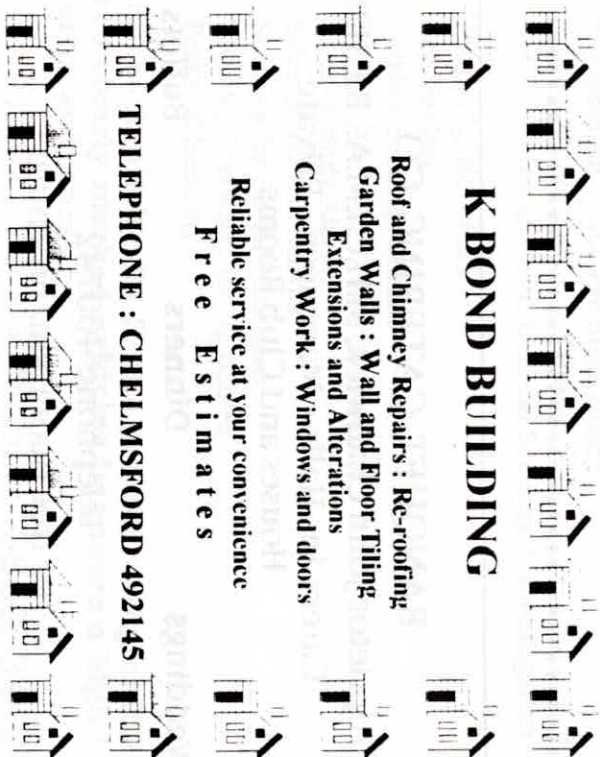
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We have enjoyed the conversations we have had with many of you over the past few months as we have paid home visits in the village introducing the fellowship here at Bethel. We shall be continuing with these visits during the new year. As a local village church, we do want to know from you if there is any way we can be of help.

Christmas can be a time which serves to highlight the contrasts in our world: affluence in the midst of poverty; abundance in the midst of want; a time of joy and friendship for some - sadness and loneliness for others. Even the very time of year contributes to the contrast. The cold, dark December days forming a vivid backdrop to the cosy cheeriness of winter fires and Christmas lights brightening our homes and streets. These contrasts serve to remind us of the spiritual realities behind the events we are celebrating. When Jesus, Immanuel, was born on that first Christmas, he came as the Light of the World shining in the darkness. As we receive him and welcome him we can know the light and the joy of his presence even in the darkest of circumstances.

We would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and invite you to our special family services over the period: Carol Service, 10.45 am Sunday 17 December, Christmas Morning Thanksgiving 10 am. David and Brenda Cottey, Tel: 400665

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The jumble sale raised £300 for our funds. Many thanks to all those who supported us. Playground is open from 9.15 to 11.45 am Mondays to Thursdays. We have a few vacancies at present. Come and visit us in the Village Hall or contact the Secretary on 400784.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

In recent months the Club has been reorganised, a constitution has been adopted and rules drafted so that we may be a more efficient and less loosely-run unit. New officers have been elected and are planning activities to put East Hanningfield bowling in the news and bring more interest to our meetings. Meanwhile the 1995/6 League matches have begun. The club is in a higher league than last year and has played so far with mixed fortunes. We are reaching what we feel will be our optimum number of members, given our present number of mats, so anyone thinking of joining us should approach our Secretary, Tony Orpen, without delay or risk having to join a waiting list! (Len Banwell, Tel:400349)

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Have you walked ALL the way around the 'Buttercup' (Newry) field at least once a month for the last 20 years? OR Have you walked along St Peter's Way through the 'Buttercup' and adjoining field then back along both fields opposite the Right of Way for the same period. If you, or someone you know has, please contact Ann Pasco on 400084

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