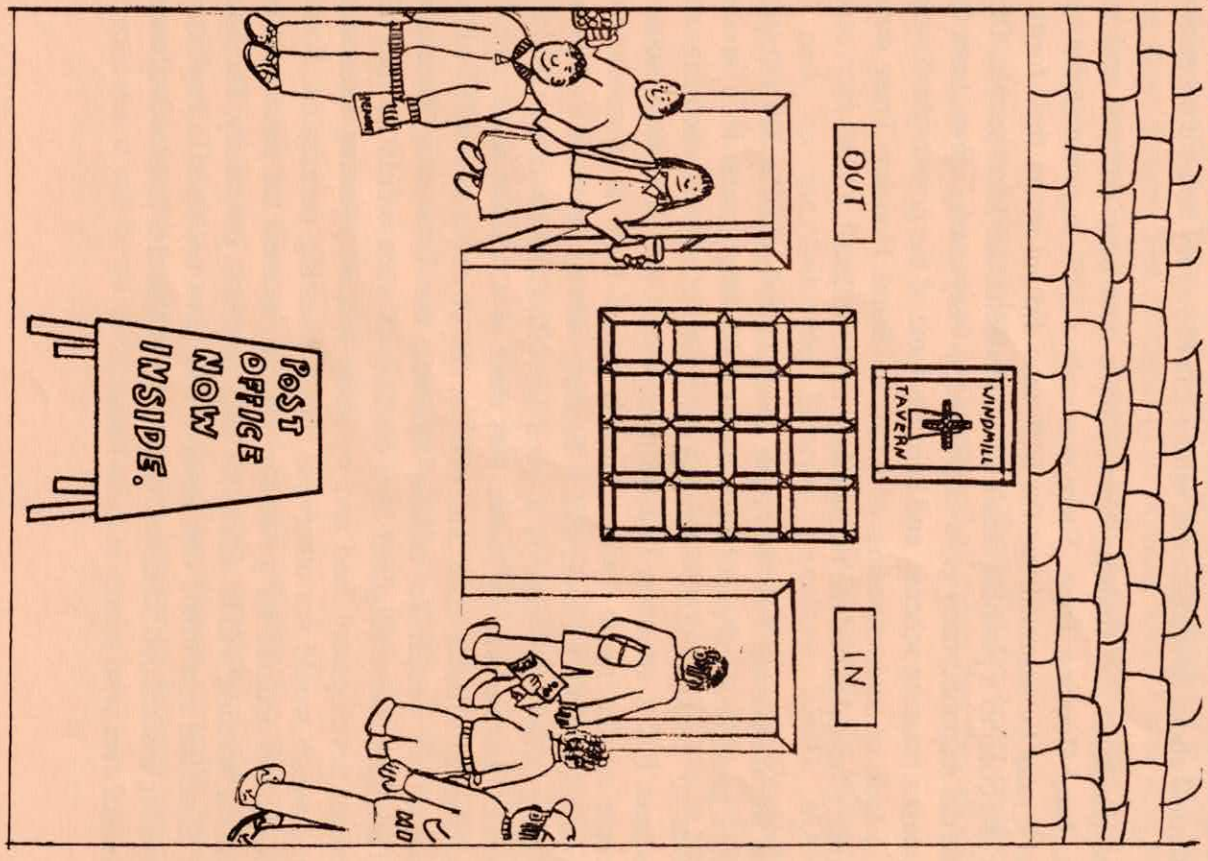


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PARISH COUNCIL

At the time of writing, there is no further news about the future of the sub-post office in East Hanningfield. Suitable premises are still being sought and where the post office will go after it has to leave the Windmill at the end of March is still uncertain, but P.C. will make every effort to keep you informed about developments, with a letter to every home if necessary.

The results of the Housing Survey have now been collated and sent to the Rural Housing Trust. There was only a 39% response to the survey, and it must be assumed that the 61% who did not return their forms have no objection to a possible small housing scheme for local people. Of those who did respond, many gave expression to very strong views, both for and against a housing scheme, and because some of the points raised were due to a lack of understanding of what the Rural Housing Trust does, the Parish Council asked me to explain it in some detail.

The Rural Housing Trust has built about 2,000 homes in 200 villages, and has a great deal of experience in rural housing issues. P.C. invited the Trust to consider East Hanningfield for a possible housing scheme because P.C.'s attention had been drawn to the difficulties some local people are having in finding suitably priced local accommodation. The Trust asked P.C. to undertake a housing survey, because it does not act without proof that there is a need for affordable housing. If the Trust decides that the survey shows that there is a definite need, it will start looking for suitable land, and, because the object is to provide affordable housing for people on modest incomes, the Trust only develops sites which have been acquired at a fraction of what would be the value of normal development land and by using special planning agreements on land which would not otherwise obtain planning permission. Sometimes the land is donated for a housing scheme, because the donor can be sure that the housing will be solely for local people in perpetuity. The Secretary of State has confirmed that tenants will have no 'right to buy' in village housing association schemes, which means that the Trust will always have control over who moves in to its housing.

Some respondents to the Survey suggested that the 'Council' estate provides all the low cost or rented accommodation that this community needs. Unfortunately, it is not available for just anyone who wants it and much of it is now privately owned. There were many comments about the architecture of the Coude Dennis estate, none of them flattering, and I can confirm that if the Trust does build in East Hanningfield it will not be using those designs. The examples of its housing which I have seen are all very attractive, and obviously designed to fit in sympathetically with their surroundings.

P.C. has received complaints that public footpaths are being churned up by horses, so P.C. has asked me to remind all riders that they should not ride on footpaths.

Please note that the manned refuse vehicle will be visiting the Village Hall car park on the following Saturday mornings: 23RD. MARCH; 20TH. APRIL; 18TH. MAY. Also the Village Hall and Windmill car parks will shortly be the sites of small recycling centres. Chelmsford Borough Council will be installing sets of large wheeled bins at the car parks for a trial period to take bottles and cans.

Chelmsford Borough Council Leisure Services Department has agreed to organise a one day playscheme in the Village Hall during the Easter holidays again this year. The date to remember is THURSDAY, 5TH. APRIL and the times, 10am-12.30pm & 1.30pm-4pm. The playscheme is for children aged from 5 to 11 years. Activities already arranged for the Summer holidays include visits from the Youth Bus and Playbus and two separate play days.

Unfortunately, the County Surveyor is still holding the map of parish walks, which is the reason it has not yet appeared inside the new noticeboard. The map is not just functional as it has an attractive border of illustrations of parish land marks drawn by local artist Richard Higgins. It is hoped that it will be on display soon.

For several years P.C. has been applying annually for the Highways Authority to build a footway between Abbeyfields and the School entrance. These applications have had to compete with others from parishes all over Essex. As it had become apparent that P.C.'s application did not seem to get any higher up the priority list, P.C. decided that another approach would be necessary if the path were ever going to become a reality. Last Autumn I applied to the Secretary of State for sanction for extra-statutory expenditure, which means for permission to spend money on something that parish councils are not normally legally allowed to do, and P.C. has now received sanction to pay for the construction of the footway. The contracting out will be done by the Borough Council sometime after 1st. April, which is the beginning of the next financial year, and it is hoped that the footway will be built shortly after that.

P.C. Meetings are now back to the fourth Thursday of each month, and take place in the Village Hall, usually at 8 pm. Notices of the Meetings are displayed on the P.C. noticeboards at least three days before they take place.

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

Despite all their hard work on the Craft Fair in December, the sub-committee felt quite disappointed by the results and the very low number of people attending. The current feeling is that they should give this event a rest this year and think again for future years. Perhaps they can come up with a new attraction?

Since just before Christmas, we have maintained a programme of redecoration. The kitchen, toilets, changing rooms and small hall have been repainted, to be followed by the lobby and passage. This leaves only the large hall to be refurbished in the very near future.

An unexpected item of expenditure this year has arisen following our annual application for renewal of our Public Entertainment Licence. The necessary report and certificate of inspection on our electrical installations required work to be carried out to a cost of £875. We hope that if we ensure proper maintenance, next year's costs should not be much more than the cost of the inspection, unless the authorities change the requirements again!

Please note the following dates: Children's Disco, **1 March**; Painting Exhibition, **27/28 July**; Autumn Fete, **7th September**.

Dennis Jacklin, Chairman

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Charity will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 6 March at 7.30 pm. It will include a review of the previous year and the appointment of next year's committee, which is made up of representatives of the clubs which use the hall and from volunteers who want to make sure that the village gets the most from the hall. All villagers and interested parties are welcome to attend. If you require more information, contact the Secretary, Wendy Thomas, on 400797 or turn up at the meeting.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

The league matches are in full swing, and friendly matches, competitions and tournaments keep our members well occupied. Our Christmas dinner was a great success, thanks to the organisation by our club skipper Bill, and the splendid meal served by the staff of the Windmill to whom our thanks are due for a great evening. We have welcomed several new members from West Hanningfield whom we look forward to seeing for a long time to come, and we hope they enjoy their sessions with us. (Len Banwell, Tel: 400349)

EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members gave Mrs Bea Rice a warm welcome on becoming the new President. In December, 22 members braved the elements and joined in a Christmas meal at the Retendon Bell. Our Christmas Carol Supper in the WI Hall was very much enjoyed by members, husbands and friends, who were entertained by the Rondo Group. At the New Year Party, a cold buffet and entertainment provided by members was much enjoyed. Forthcoming events in the WI Hall include a **Charity Coffee morning, 24 April, 10.30-12; Plant and Produce Sale, 11 May**. Our meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday in the month, when a warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to come along. (Joan Bird, Tel: 400254)

Music for a Summer Evening at the Church last year gave us the opportunity to hear James Hearn, then 17, singing songs from *Aspects of Love* and *Phantom of the Opera* with his young lady partner. After a very good performance in Chelmsford Young Generation's *Snicke* he has been chosen to play the rogue principal role of *Clopin-King of Thieves* in the London & Hornchurch Premiere Productions new musical *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* in July/August this year. Please contact Anne Walden, The Swifts, The Tye, for ticket details.

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH, OLD CHURCH ROAD

In January we started a Youth Club in the church buildings for the 12-17 years age group. There is table tennis, snooker, darts, table football, music and a 'tuck shop'. If you are in that age range, why not come along and join us from 8.30 to 10.30 pm on Fridays. Easter, even more so than Christmas, is the great season of celebration and rejoicing for the church. The first Easter, and events centred on that '...green hill far away' can truly be described as the weekend that changed the world. On the cross of Calvary, on that first Good Friday, our Lord Jesus laid down his life for a needy world. On the first Easter Sunday, the reality of his resurrection, witnessed by many, gives us real hope that we too can receive new and eternal life. 'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?', 'Death has been swallowed up in victory'. Truly a reason for celebration and rejoicing. We invite you to come and hear more of the glorious Easter message, particularly at our Easter Sunday family service on 7 April. In the school holidays, on the mornings of 3 and 4 April, we shall be holding a Children's Holiday Club for 5-11 year olds. This will include games, activities, Bible stories etc. - more details nearer the time. It should be fun and we look forward to seeing your children there.

Easter Weekend Services at Bethel: Good Friday Communion Service, 10 am, 5 April. East Sunday Family Service, 10.45 am, 7 April (David and Brenda Cottee, Tel: 400665)

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EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We hope you enjoy these poems written by members of Class 3.

Holidays

The most enjoyable thing I did was going to London
The most boring thing I did was staying at home doing nothing.
The most interesting thing I did was looking at the pictures in the museum
The most peaceful thing I did was sitting near the church.
The most relaxing thing I did was waiting for the train.
The best thing I did was going back to school!

by Savannah Chappell

Through the Year

JANUARY is a chilly New Year with a frosty morning.
FEBRUARY skies getting lighter, mornings getting brighter.
MARCH, Spring is here now after a bleak winter.
APRIL is a time for joy, dew lies upon the soaking grass.
MAY, this is the month of spring with a hot end.
JUNE is the first month of summer but it's not the hottest.
JULY is one of the hottest months of the year.
AUGUST is a time for busy beaches on the run.
SEPTEMBER is harvest time with people surrounding fruit like a spiral staircase.
OCTOBER is bare trees, and spooky Halloween is back again.
NOVEMBER, a catherine wheel glittering in a pub garden with people with gloves
on and sparklers.
DECEMBER, wintry scenes are back again, snowy trees, crunchy floor,
carol singers knocking on the door.

by Katie Frampton, Dominic Chambers and Matthew Bolton

AEROBICS - Contact Angela Richardson on 400767

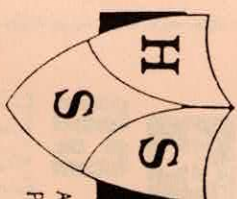
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EAST HANNINGFIELD

The 1996 Lent Course is entitled 'Building Bridges'. It begins on Thursday 29 February and continues for 5 consecutive Thursdays in the St Andrew's Room, Sandon from 10.30 - 12 noon, and repeated between 8 and 9.30 pm. The 5 sessions are entitled Reconciliation and Creation, Families and Gender, Race and Religions, Rich and Poor, Histories of conflict. The material will provide a guide for participants in the exploration of reconciliation in different situations and levels. You can be assured of a warm welcome whether or not you attend All Saints or St Andrews. It is also not too late to join us at Mulberry House, High Ongar, for a Lent Devotional Day - please contact me for details. Please pray for Jim and Maria, and others who are preparing for Confirmation at S. W. Ferrers on 28 April.

Application forms are now being distributed for the Church Electoral Roll which is revised every 6 years. If your name appears on the previous roll, you will receive a new form soon. If you do not reply, your name will not be included automatically on the new roll. Please read carefully all the information on your new form before returning it to me or Mrs Betty Spurgeon, our Electoral Roll Officer. If you have been a regular worshipper in the parish during the last 6 months, please contact Mrs Spurgeon on 400397 for an application form.

Your friend and parish priest, Tony A. Matty, Tel: 472262

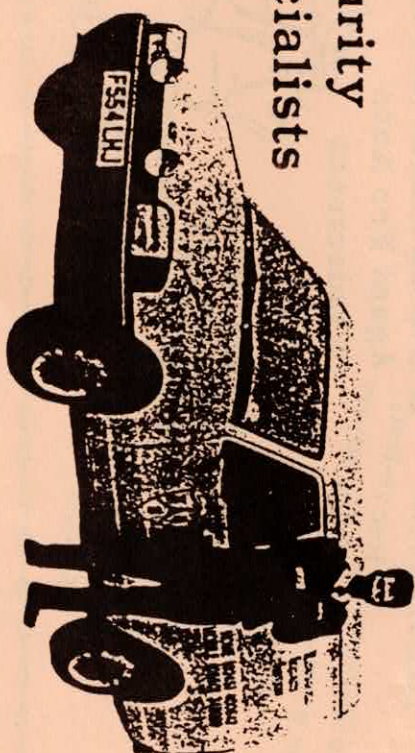
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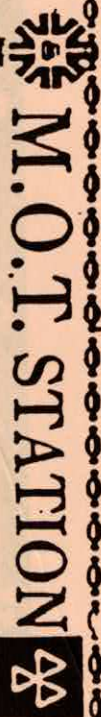
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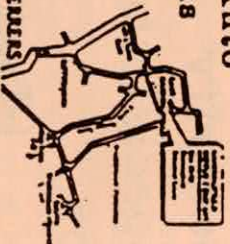
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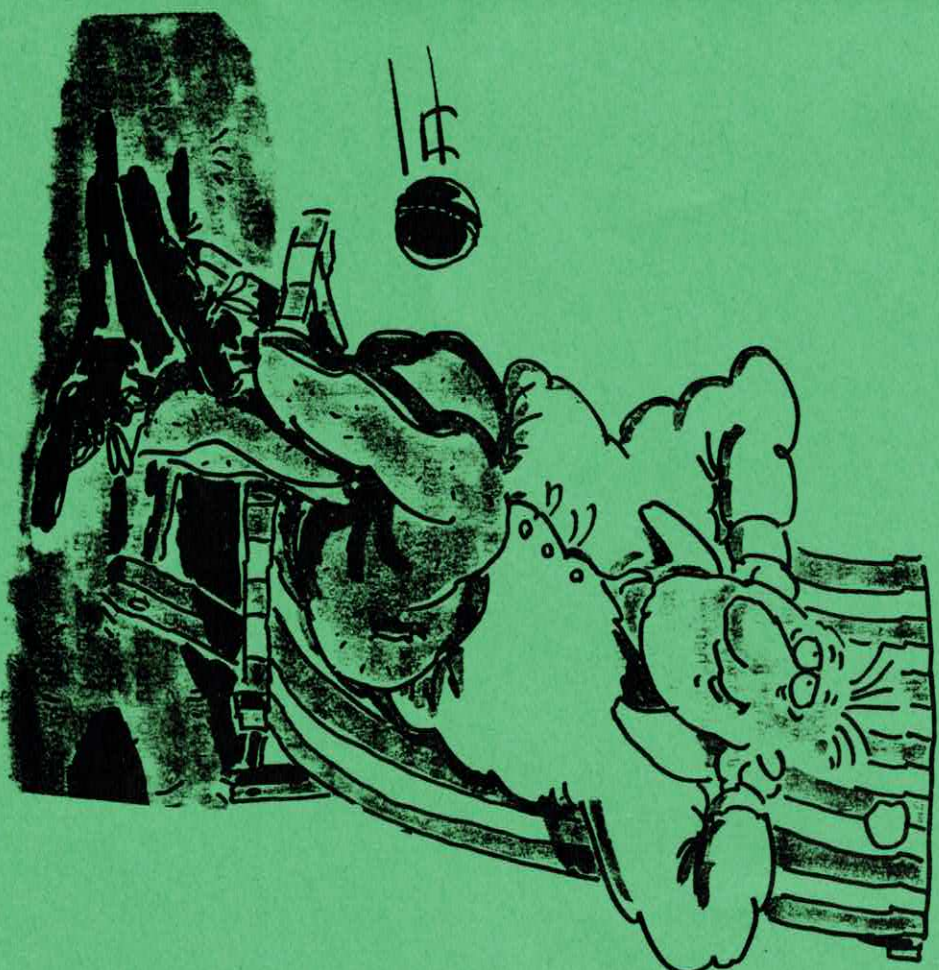
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PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who took part in the annual Village Tidy-up on 11th. May. Let us hope that the judges of the Best Kept Village Competition, who are looking for community involvement rather than prettiness, were impressed when they visited East Hammingfield in late May.

At long last the County Surveyor has approved the parish footpaths map and a copy of it has now appeared in the Centenary Noticeboard which is situated just off the Tye beside the Cobb entrance. The successful appearance of the map is a tribute to the perseverance of parish councillor Stan Gordon who has been working on this project for 18 months and is now in the process of producing a leaflet of parish walks. If you have any footpath problems, please contact Graham Parker who is P.C.'s Footpaths Officer.

P.C. has arranged with Chelmsford Borough Council for a variety of activities to take place at the Village Hall during the school Summer break. The dates of the following activities have been confirmed:

PLAYSCHEMES for 8 - 11 year olds.

Fridays 2nd & 16th August, 10-12.30 & 1.30-4pm.

PLAYBUS/Picnic Play for under 8s accompanied by an adult.

YOUTHBUS for the over 11s. Thursday, 25th. July. 12noon-4pm.

Thursday, 8th. August. 10am-2pm.

There will also be two visits by the Sportsmobile which was thoroughly enjoyed by those who joined in last year, even though the weather was extremely hot. Again these activities will be free of charge. There will be a charge for the football and netball coaching sessions. These will have to be booked with the Borough Council in advance and will cost in the region of £12 per child for five 90 minute sessions. P.C. will publicise these events nearer the time. Please remember that numbers are limited for coaching courses, so it is advisable to book as early as possible.

The sub post office moved into the portable building beside the Village Hall in time to open on Tuesday, 9th. April. It should be recorded that the Chairman Alan Dixon and the Vice Chairman Dennis Jacklin put a considerable amount of time and effort into the post office project and it is due to them and the decisiveness of the P.C. as a whole that the office was able to continue with only a minimal break. Thanks should go to Roy and Clare Liddiard who allowed the post office to stay in their restaurant a week longer than originally anticipated and to Joe Grace who adjusted his schedule to make time to fit out the portable building, and I am sure everyone has been impressed by the excellent job he made of it. Space prevents me from naming everyone who played an active part in this project, but they can be certain that their efforts are appreciated by everyone in the parish as well as by those people from neighbouring villages who come to East Hammingfield because their post offices have closed. Please take as much business as you can to East Hammingfield sub post office so that it will continue as a viable business to serve the community. **USE IT OR LOSE IT!**

Some residents have expressed concern about the changes taking place in the field beyond the playing field which at times have given the appearance of being quite drastic. P.C. has been kept informed about the works which have been carried out in consultation with the County Council. In fact E.C.C. has provided a plan for landscape improvements at the property, which will provide long term benefits to wildlife once planting and other works have been completed. Although St. Peter's Way runs along the edge of the field there is no 'right to roam' on this private property, and the owners are concerned that parents should be aware that it is now dangerous for children to play there because of the depth of the pond which has been desilted.

From the number of complaints received by P.C. recently it would seem that dog fouling on the playing field is getting worse. The playing field is there for children to play on and for everyone to enjoy healthy exercise, but how can it be healthy when the ground is covered with excrement? If you are one of the people who leaves your dog's excrement on the grass, think about the potential misery you could be causing by spreading gastro enteritis and even blindness in children; **PLEASE SCOOP THE POOP.**

Following a complaint from a resident that one of the willows on the Tye was causing a nuisance P.C. has consulted the C.B.C. arboriculturist and has been given a plan for remedial pruning which should improve the trees' health and guarantee their survival for many years to come. The works will be carried out soon. If you have a tree or trees and would like advice about their management, please contact me for the name and address of the arboriculturist who can advise and supply the names of reputable tree surgeons.

Please note that the manned refuse vehicle will be visiting the Village Hall car park on the following Saturday mornings: 15TH. JUNE; 13TH. JULY; 10TH. AUGUST. Between times large items can be taken to the civic amenity site at Boreham or arrangements can be made for them to be collected by C.B.C. Although it was expected that a new civic amenity site would open at South Woodham by 1st. April, there has been a delay, and the event is now expected to take place in the Autumn.

For some months I have been posting a copy of the signed minutes of the P.C. Meetings in the Tye noticeboard. If you have been reading them and wondering why they always appear to be out of date, it is because until they have been confirmed as accurate at the following Meeting they are not an official record and might be subject to alteration, so the published Minutes are always one month old.

Parishioners are always welcome to speak during Public Question Time at the monthly Meetings or can contact me or one of the councillors if they want to bring a matter of concern to the notice of P.C. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council

Tel. 400628

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

It has been gratifying to see the regular children's and youth activities so well supported this year. The Friday evening (6-7.30) Rainbow Club for 5-11 year olds has had the church hall almost bursting at the seams with lively youngsters from the village and surrounding area. The Youth Club for young teens which was started in January, is also going well, though there is still room for more to join us. We plan to continue this through the summer (Fridays 8.30 - 10.30 pm). The Easter Children's Club held on two mornings during the holiday seemed to be enjoyed by all, children and helpers alike, with up to 38 children each morning. We are planning a similar event over 5 mornings during the latter part of the summer holidays when the programme will include crafts, singing, Bible stories and games, much of it outdoors. We will keep you posted. We have been continuing with home visits in the village to introduce the fellowship here at Bethel and have enjoyed meeting and talking with many of you. We do invite you to come and join with us at our Sunday morning Praise and Worship Service at 10.45 am.
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EAST HANNINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It is pleasing that there are only a few incidents to report during the last six months, but I would prefer to see none.

- * Handbag stolen from parked car in Old Church Rd, early April 1996.
- * Village Hall window broken by stone, 7 May 1996.
- * Several cars damaged in Fillioll Close area, Feb/March 1996.

If you have information about these, or any other, incidents please contact the Police at South Woodham Ferrers, Telephone: 320333.

BEWARE, this is the time of year for garden shed/garage break-ins. Please ensure these are secure and equipment marked with postcode (making kit available from me). Flower baskets are also vulnerable. Please be alert and inform the Police if you have concerns about unfamiliar vehicles or individuals.
Mike Philpott, District Coordinator, Tel: 401475.

COMMUNITY CARE WATCH

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

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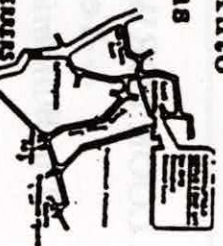
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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our members had interesting speakers at their last three meetings, one being about wildlife at Hanningfield Reservoir, Mrs Ruth Date, one of our members, spoke on 'Genetics Now' and PC N. Chaplin about the work of the Marine Section of Essex Police. We held a Coffee Morning in aid of Little Haven Children's Hospice and raised £162. Our grateful thanks to all who supported this worthy cause. Members are looking forward to visiting the Law Courts and Buckingham Palace later in the year. We are holding an Open Meeting on August 21st when Mr P. Stacey will be speaking on 'Antiques' and anyone will be welcome.

Joan Bird, Tel: 400254

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EAST HANNINGFIELD SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

League matches are finished for the 1995/6 season. We have now this year gained promotion but we have held our place in the division we entered at the start of the season and look forward to progress next year. Several of our members attended trials for the Essex County League Team and two of them, Tony Orpin and his wife Jenny, are through to a second trial (and Jenny only went to support her husband). Eight members are aiming even higher and are attending trials for selection to play for the National Team. We wish them success. Meantime, we have an individual four woods contest in full swing; but our big day will be September 14th when fourteen invited clubs will join with two teams of ours to contest the Hannah's Charity Trophy presented by the Hall Management Committee to whom we are very grateful. Arrangements are already in hand for this event.

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The elected officers of our church are given responsibility to serve you in your church because the church belongs to you all. At the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23 April, the following were appointed to office for the forthcoming year:

Mrs Gil Gordon and Mr Richard Seymour, Churchwardens.

Mr Martin Harcourt Williams, Deanery Synod Representative.

Mr Richard Huke, Treasurer.

Mrs Claire Newman, Secretary.

PCC Members, Mesdames R Harris, B Spurgeon, H Leigh and A Lovegrove, Messrs. S. Gordon, P Mitchell and R Scholes.

Don't hesitate to contact one of the above if you have any problems or questions concerning the life of the church and its activities. As always, I can be contacted at Sandon Rectory on Chelmsford 472262.

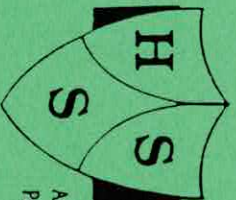
Your friend and parish priest, Tony.

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SATURDAY 6 JULY MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING will be held in the church at 7.30 pm. Don't miss this increasingly popular event!

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER VILLAGE FETE, held jointly with Hannah's Field Charity. Look out for publicity nearer the date.

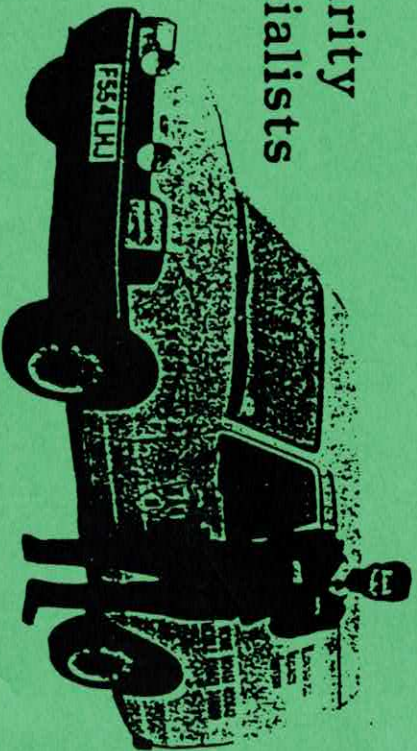
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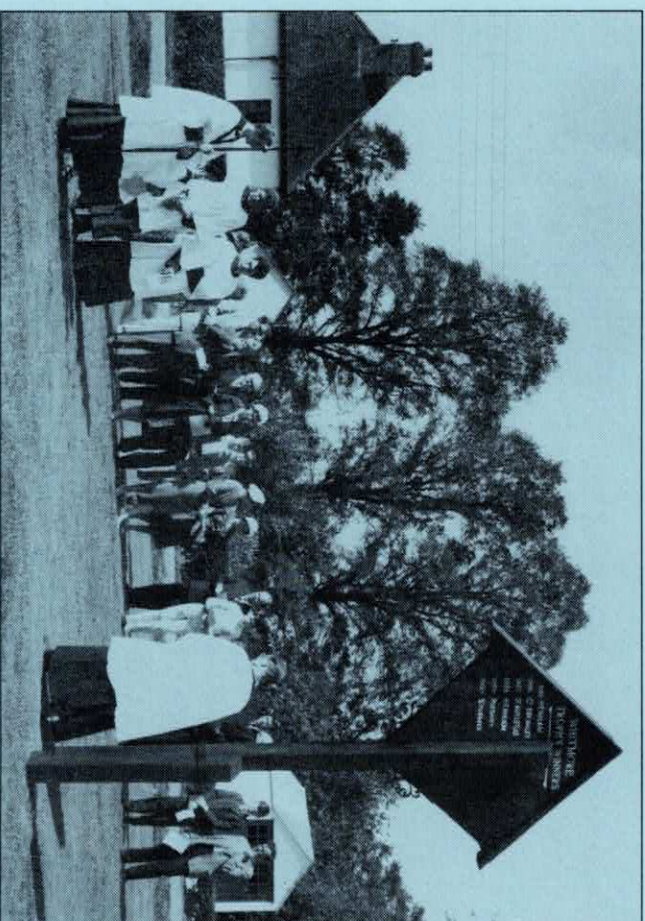
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**EAST HANNINGFIELD - WINNER OF BEST
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PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has had some weighty consultation documents to wade through this year. In March a lengthy response was sent to the Department of the Environment's *Rural England* white paper. This was a very important document as it set out proposals for future government policies for rural areas and communities. In May P.C. responded to the D. of E.'s proposals for rate relief for village shops and post offices; in June to Chelmsford Borough Council's *Housing Strategy*; and in July to Essex County Council's *Waste Plan*, E.C.C. Social Services's proposals for charging for non-residential community care services, and C.B.C.'s *Towards The Millennium* policy document. All these documents have implications for the future quality of life in our village and councillors spent considerable time reading and assessing the contents of each.

P.C. has also been considering possible ways of marking the Millennium in the parish and would be pleased to hear from parishioners with ideas. If you would like your idea put to the Council please let me know what it is by 12th. October, so that I can compile a report of all the suggestions in time for the October P.C. Meeting.

I expect everyone has heard by now that East Hanningfield won its section of the Best Kept Village Competition this year. Our village won it before in 1961 and 1968. There are no records of the entrants in the 1961 B.K.V.C., but in 1968 there were 14; three in the Small Villages Class which we won. This year there were 110 entrants; the largest class, which E.H. won, having 37. Well done to everyone who made a special effort; it worked!

The Village Tidy-up which took place before the B.K.V.C. led to some discussion with C.B.C. about road side litter, which has not yet been completely resolved. C.B.C. does not clear litter from road side ditches because they are the responsibility of the landowners for whom they act as boundaries. This is unfair because most of the litter has been thrown from passing cars, but that is the way the law stands, and P.C. has asked me to remind landowners of their responsibility to keep their ditches clear.

As it is some years since the Tye Conservation Area came into being, P.C. has asked me to remind residents about the legal restrictions which apply to work on trees. If you wish to fell, lop, top or uproot a tree in a conservation area you must give the local planning authority six weeks notice, unless the tree is less than 3" diameter at chest height. If you are in doubt or need advice about your trees, the arboriculturist at Chelmsford Borough Council is there to help you.

At the last Police/Parish Councils liaison meeting the police representatives reported how members of the public are unaware of how they should use the 999 telephone facility; some will only use it in life threatening situations and others use it for very trivial matters. I have been asked to tell you to dial 999 if you think a crime is being committed, or if a fast response is likely to catch the perpetrators. The police have also asked me to tell you that they are looking for recruits to become special constables; information is available from local police stations.

Please note that the manned refuse vehicle will be at the Village Hall car park on the following Saturday mornings: 7TH. SEPTEMBER; 5TH. OCTOBER; 2ND. NOVEMBER.

There are presently vacant allotments. Please contact me if you are interested in renting one. Also, please could the allotment holders who have not yet paid this year's rent let me know if they wish to continue.

I have now one year left of my Local Policy course and have been given the opportunity to do an independent study. I have decided to do a field name study and have started to do the historical research, but I am not only interested in the old names; I should be very interested to hear from landowners in the parish who use or know names for their fields. Some of the more intriguing names I have found used in the early seventeenth century include Bushey Leaze Hills, Wycleaze and Long Hose. The names I collect from East Hanningfield will eventually go into a data base which is being compiled for the whole of Essex.

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

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council

Tel. 400628

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EAST HANNINGFIELD

Music for a Summer Evening held in church on 6 July was very enjoyable and successful, raising nearly £200 for church funds. Many thanks to all who performed and supported us. Our next event is the Village Fete, organised jointly with Hannah's Field Charity on 7 September, and our Autumn Bazaar will be on 16 November. Our Harvest Festival Service is on 29 September at 11.15 am. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Have you put your name on a shingle yet? Be part of village history and record your name on one of the wooden tiles to be put on the church spire when re-shingling work takes place in the autumn. We would be very grateful for your support. It costs £5 per shingle and they will be available for signing at the Village Fete, or contact Gil Gordon at the Limes, Tel: 400298, to reserve yours.

Gil Gordon and Richard Seymour, Churchwardens



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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

A great big thank you to everybody who helped to make the recent Art Exhibition in the Village Hall a huge success - Over £1,000 was raised from entrance fees, the raffle, refreshments, hanging fees and sales of paintings. This money will go to provide a paved area along the kitchen side of the hall, for use by Playgroup and parties in the small hall. After missing a year this event is back in the Charity's calendar. Although many helping with the organisation, the Committee gives special thanks to Dennis & Sheila Jacklin, George Leigh, Pam Kenton, Doreen Brooks, Alan Hopkins for their help over the weekend; Jane Howe for typing and Jean & Neville Jessop for photocopying; and BSM Transport for their help in collecting and returning the stands.

Some of you might have noticed the large, round wooden plaque in the Hall foyer, but perhaps not the inscription. In fact it commemorates the Hall's official opening in September, 1986 by our borough councillor, Alan Dixon. Time flies!

The Hall has become the proud custodian of another award. If you look to the right as you enter the Hall foyer you will see a plaque and certificate for the prestigious Best Kept Village Competition.

Repeated damage to the childrens play equipment continues, causing the Charity to have to spend money on repairs. Due to persistent abuse, the Wendy house is to be removed, refurbished and given to the School. On a brighter note, the play equipment has passed its annual safety check by RoSPA.

Preparations are well in hand for the Summer Fete at Hanna's Field on 7th. September, which is a joint activity with the Church fund raising committee. Please give us your support on the day. There will be posters to remind you closer to the time.

Mike Plumridge, Chairman, Tel: 400628

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FRONT COVER PHOTOGRAPH

This belongs to Richard Lovegrove and was taken outside The Limes when East Hanningfield won the Best Kept Village Competition in 1961. The large post was collected from the previous winner in Philip Mitchell's horse box, accompanied by Wally Fish, Bill Lovegrove and Manny Harris. The choir on the left are (l to r) Nicky Tricker, Elizabeth Thorrington, Martin Ost and David Davies. The smart group of villagers includes Win Saville, Keith Saville, Mrs Thorogood, Ruby Harris, Audrey Lovegrove, Adrian Wisdon with Rev Desmond Ost, Rector from 1944-1983.

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AEROBICS - Contact Angela Richardson on 400767

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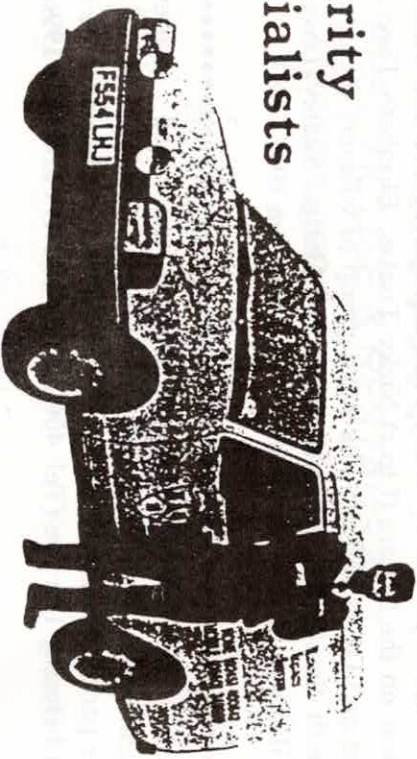




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BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The long hot days of summer are over for another year. For most the summer holidays are a distant memory. The children have returned to school and things are back to 'normal'. Depressing, isn't it? - Not so! All the regular church activities have restarted, including the Rainbow Club for 5-11 year-olds (6 pm Fridays), the Youth Club for the over 12's (8.30 pm Fridays) and the Mums and Tots Club. It has been good to see the growing numbers in this group this year. The end of term party in July went really well and everyone enjoyed the fun, food, fellowship and fine weather in the church garden. If you have children under 5, why not come along on Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 noon. Dads are very welcome too. If you would like details of any church activities or meetings, please contact me. We are holding our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 22 September from 10.45 am to 12 noon. Please join us to celebrate not only God's natural blessings, but his gift of new Spiritual Life which we can all come to know and receive through his Son, Jesus.

David Cotey, Tel: 400665

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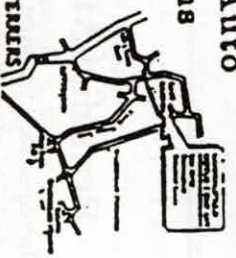
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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members and visitors were welcomed at the July meeting when Mrs P Way gave a talk and demonstration on Seasonal Food and Folklore. In June we celebrated our 79th birthday; entertainment was provided by Elaine Barker by way of folk music and monologues. Members thoroughly enjoyed a Games Evening with a choice of playing whist, scrabble or beetle. Several members have been on interesting outings to the Law Courts; visiting churches in the Saffron Walden area and a boat trip from Burnham on Crouch to Foulness to see the seals, followed by a pub meal. At our September meeting, Mr and Mrs Leicester will be giving a talk on dolls' houses and their history. W.I. meetings are held very third Wednesday in each month at 7.30 pm in the W.I. Hall. Why not come and join us?

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EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

On 28 April, Class 4 set off for Harcourt Sands Holiday Village, Isle of Wight, accompanied by Mr Crisp, Mrs Vivian, Mr Dance and Mrs Benson. When we arrived at Portsmouth, to our horror, we saw our ferry just leaving the port! Mr Crisp told us to eat our lunch on the coach and after what seemed like hours we saw the spectacular Wightlink ferry that was going to transport us to the Isle of Wight. As soon as we were aboard, we rushed up to the lounge and collapsed into some seats. Soon we were up on the top deck with a strong breeze blowing in our faces. 35 minutes later, the Isle of Wight was in sight!

On arrival at Harcourt Sands we met Ian and Paul, two assistants, who were very nice and gave us a tour of the park. We saw everything from pool to the dining area. Then we were taken to our chalets, which were superb, although those given to the boys weren't quite as nice. Hal Hal! After we had unpacked, settled in and had a fabulous meal, we were tired and soon were snoring away....well, most of us!

The next day we were up early, ready for Fort Victoria. We had a look round the aquarium and a walk in the woods and on the beach, before having lunch. Then we went to Arreton Manor, an old Stuart house, where Vicky and Guy were dressed up in late Stuart clothes. We arrived back in time for another scrummy meal followed by a rest in our chalets, but some of us had more important things to do like getting ready for the DISCO! We danced for what seemed like minutes, but was over an hour! The next day was Activity Day 1 when we did dancing, fencing, basketball, problem-solving and orienteering which kept us busy all day. Wednesday started with a trip to Carisbrooke Castle followed by Branstone Farm, where Mr Gurney the farmer showed us lots of lovely animals and interesting things. In the evening, eight of us plucked up courage to do canoeing in the rain! On Activity Day 2 we did abseiling, trampolining and swimming followed by a fabulous disco when the staff put on a show for everyone. The next day we left for home and, after a visit to HMS Victory, arrived back safely after an EXCELLENT, FUN-PACKED WEEK!!!!

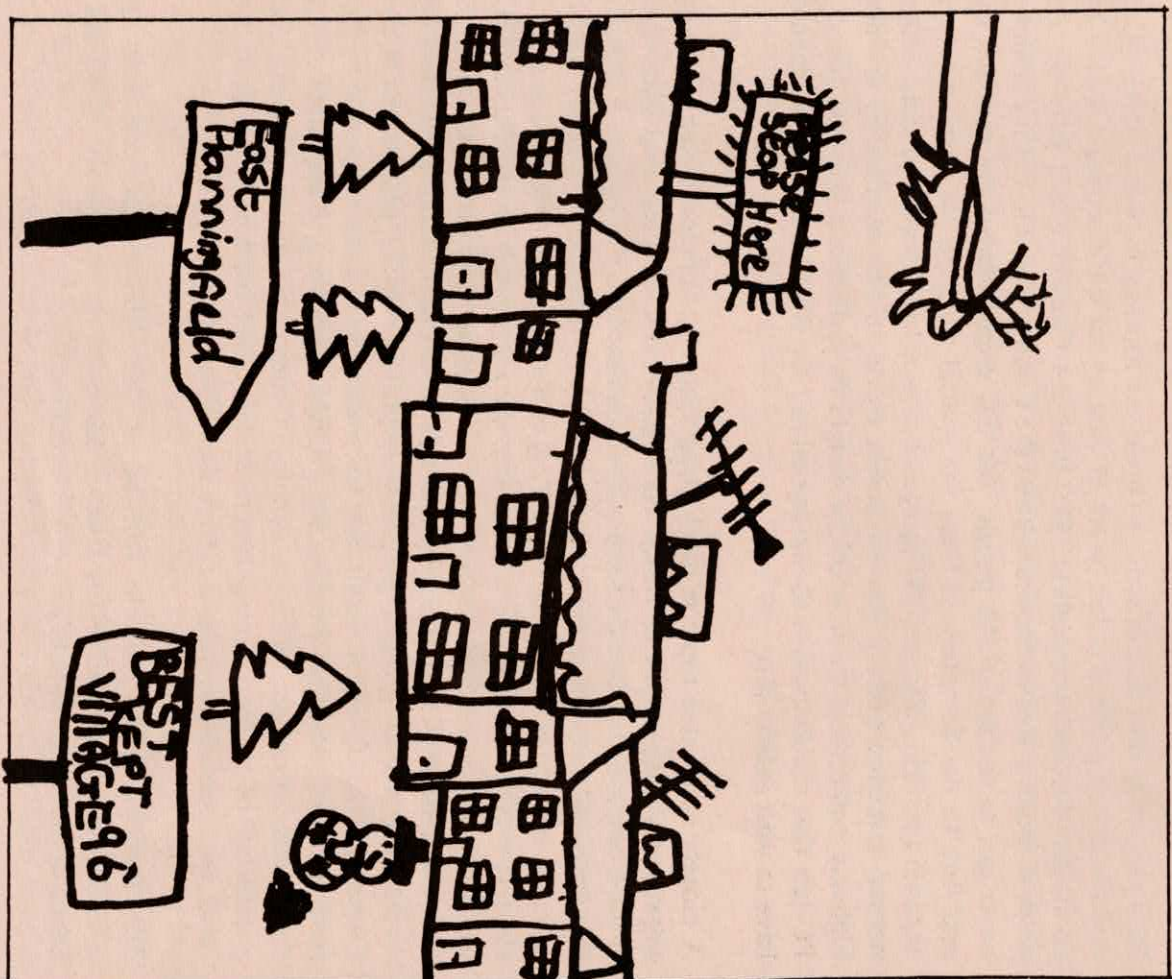
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PARISH COUNCIL

In the last EH News I asked for ideas from parishioners for possible ways of marking the Millennium. The response was minimal, so, if anyone has any ideas, please let me know how you would like to see the Millennium observed in East Hanningfield. One idea which came from outside PC, but which PC had already been investigating, is for the overhead electricity and telephone lines along the Tye to be put underground. What do you think?

PC's project to take the initiative to build the footway between Abbeyfields and the school, after fruitless years of waiting for the Borough Council to do it, has reached completion. The Borough Council could only do the work if funding was forthcoming from the County Council, but the scheme never got to the top of the priority list. PC circumvented the problem by applying to the Secretary of State for special sanction for extra-statutory expenditure. This allowed PC to spend money on a project which, under normal circumstances, it has no power to do as parish councils are not highway authorities. In view of the danger to pedestrians near the school, PC felt that the footway was not something for which parishioners should have to wait indefinitely.

A closely associated topic is the Village Gateway Scheme which involves improved signage, most of which has already been installed, and 'gateways' at the Common, Tye and Bicknacre Road entrances to the village. Although this scheme by the Borough Council is not as comprehensive as the traffic calming scheme contemplated by PC, it is a step in the right direction. As always, availability of funding dominates the provision of such schemes. PC has asked that consideration be given to reducing the speed limit through the village from 40 mph to 30 mph, as this would have the greatest effect on road safety, and is trying to get safety improvements for pedestrians at the Common Z bend, where conditions for walkers have been worsened by the road widening scheme. Replies are awaited. Following complaints about the speed of some traffic in Ashley Green, PC is investigating the possibility of traffic calming measures there. As most vehicles must be local, we appeal for drivers to reduce their speed in Ashley Green!

The manned refuse vehicle will be at the Village Hall car park on SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER from 8 am until approximately 10.45 am. Dates for next year's visits are yet to be received.

PC meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of each month, the exception being December's meeting which will be held on 2 January 1997.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council, Tel: 400628

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

Summer Fete: Thank you to all those who helped make it a great success. The profits have been shared equally between the charity and All Saints Church. As a result, the charity will be able to provide a paved area along the rear of the hall for functions and for use by Pre-School.

Hall Caretaker & Keyholder: After more than 10 years of looking after our hall and bookings, Janet and Ray Harvey are leaving the village. We are sad to say goodbye to them, thank them for their unstinting effort and support, and wish them happiness in their new home. In their place, we welcome Mrs Iris Evans. The new hall booking number is on village notice boards and at the hall entrance.

Hall Hiring Rates: These are due for review this month, but are currently: Main Hall, £4.50 ph; Small Hall, £2.50 ph (halved for day-time bookings); Sports Court (half, tennis), £2 ph; (full, 5 a side football), £9 ph.

Vandalism: The hall and children's play area have again suffered mindless vandalism by some young people in our village. These facilities are owned by the village and managed by the charity through fund-raising and booking income. Having to repair such damage is unfair on hall users and means less money is available to improve facilities for the benefit of the village. If your children use the field or play area please help them understand that causing damage is a criminal act for which they may be prosecuted, and also an antisocial one against friends and neighbours.

Dogs: There have been complaints about dogs not being under proper control on the playing fields and at the field entrance to the school. Dog owners are subject to the bye-laws for Hanna's Field. Bye-law 8 specifically requires: 'A person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him, or in his charge, to remain in the ground unless such a dog be, and continue to be, under proper control, and be effectually restrained: 1) from causing

annoyance to any person; 2) from worrying or disturbing any animal.' So, if you take a dog on to Hannas Field, please do not leave it unattended at the school entrance, allow it to attack or worry other dogs or enter the fenced children's play area, and please clear up after it!

Mike Plumridge, Chairman, Tel: 400628

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There have been some recent incidents of concern:-

- * Range Rover stolen from Creep hedge Lane between 19 and 21 October. This vehicle was recovered from the Kent area.
- * Children causing damage to the village hall. An attempt was also made to set light to wood set against the kitchen door.
- * Essex Police have urged extra vigilance in securing your home and car in the Christmas period. Be alert to bogus callers- always ask for proof of identity.

If you have information about any of the above, or any other matters of concern, contact the Police at South Woodham Ferrers on 320333.

Mike Philpott, District Coordinator, Tel: 401475

Also, yet again Hallowe'en and Guy Fawkes Night were spoilt for many villagers by young people throwing eggs and other items at houses in the Tye and elsewhere. Please, parents, check what your children are doing if they are out at night. (Editor)

Community Care Watch - with winter here, please keep a watch on any elderly or ill person living near you. Parishioners who need urgent transport to doctor or hospital appointments can contact Dennis & Sheila Jacklin on 400476.



NEWSROUND

We're trying something new - a Gossip Column (I use the term loosely!) I would like to hear of your children's achievements, or yours, special birthdays, anniversaries or other events. As this is the first column, I haven't much to report, but in August Tony Lyons (TV star of the Big Breakfast) celebrated his 40th birthday. The gentlemen of the Windmill lost their Tug-O-War trophy to the Three Horseshoes but luckily the Windmill Ladies kept some pride in beating the ladies from the Wheatsharf. Well, I look forward to hearing your Christmas stories for the spring issue.

Clare (The Windmill) Tel: 400315

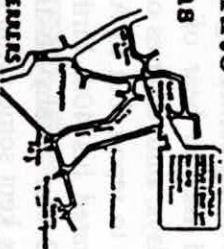
EAST HANNINGFIELD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

As I write, the school is in the middle of the OFSTED inspection. Not surprisingly, this is a tense time for all concerned; not least for the teaching staff who will have 70% of their lessons observed. The inspectors have a wide brief which covers most aspects of the running of the school. We submitted vast quantities of written evidence to the Inspector in advance and the inspection team will interview the Headteacher and Governors, as well as meeting parents. All of this is intended to afford the most complete view possible of the life and work of the school. As Governors we await the Inspectors' report with as much interest as everyone else concerned with the school, but with a considerable degree of confidence in the ability, professionalism and enthusiasm of the staff. We fully expect and hope that the Inspectors will identify areas in which we can improve on current standards; without such positive criticism the exercise would be of little value. However, we are equally confident that the Inspectors will recognise much that is good in what is on offer right now. We await their report with keen interest. Chris Davies, School Governor.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We are now preparing for Christmas activities, which include Christmas dinner at a local public house, Group Carol service at Woodham, Brentwood Carol concert and before the end of the year, our Christmas Supper. Our AGM is on 20 November and normal meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Why not come along and find out what a friendly bunch we are! We would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Joan Bird, Tel: 400254

EAST HANNINGFIELD SCHOOL PTA

At the AGM in October, several parents joined the committee and we are now planning events for the coming year. Last year was particularly successful. Thanks to a lot of hard work, the generosity of parents and friends of the school and the good fortune of being considered suitable for a grant, the PTA was able to spend nearly £10,000 on playground equipment, a computer, sports gear and a trip out for year 6 leavers. This year's committee has already organised a children's Fashion Show, a Plant Sale and a Christmas Shopping evening and is busy planning the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 7 December at 1.30 pm in the school hall. There will be games for all ages and the younger children can visit Santa's Grotto. Next year the school reaches its 25th anniversary and the PTA will be involved in the celebrations. We look forward to seeing you at our events.

Hilary Lyne, Treasurer

AEROBICS - contact Debbie Anderson on 01245- 329127.

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BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The Good News Club for 5-11 year olds held in the village hall in August attracted 50 children over the week and everyone, including the hard-worked helpers, seemed to enjoy the fun and games. It was good to meet the mums and dads at the family Bar-B-Q held on the closing day. We plan to hold more children's clubs next year - the first at Easter half-term break. The coach outing to Walton for 'Rainbow Club' and 'Mothers & Toddlers' families went well and we saw some sun in an otherwise wet and windy week. We are now preparing for Christmas and warmly invite you to our family Carol Service on Sunday 22 December at 10.45 am to share our celebration of the birth of the Son of God into the world. Jesus was the Father's Christmas Gift to us and His promise is that to all who receive Him he gives New Life and the right to become the children of God - Happy Christmas! David Cottey, Tel: 400665

EAST HANNINGFIELD SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

The autumn has been an eventful period for the club which is reaching its peak membership and may soon have to ask new applicants to join a waiting list. In August we sent 2 teams of 4 to Barking where Thamesward Club held a knockout tournament. Our 2 teams met in the semi-final when the team led by our Secretary, Tony Orpin, were victorious and went on to win the trophy, a fine silver candelabra. Our second 4 had the consolation of achieving a 'hot shot', where every wood bowled ended in a scoring position. For this, they received badges and certificates. On September 14 we entertained 14 visiting teams to compete for the Hanna's Field Charity Cup, which was presented to Ramsden Bellhouse, with Bramfords as runners-up, by Dennis Jacklin. In October a party of our bowlers attended a 4-day event at Potters, Hopton, Lowestoft, where they won a handsome trophy and the second four again achieved a 'hot shot'. In between these highlights we were engaged almost weekly in friendly contests at various locations. Now we are down to the serious business of league games!

Len Banwell

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EAST HANNINGFIELD

We were delighted with the results of the Village Fete, and also our Christmas Bazaar held on 16 November which raised £644. Many thanks to all who supported us in so many ways. We warmly invite you to join us at our services, and in particular look forward to seeing you at our Christmas services, details of which will be on the church noticeboard. In view of the illness of our vicar, Tony Matty, any queries should be addressed to one of the churchwardens, Gil Gordon (400298) or Richard Seymour (400226)

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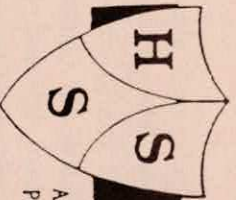
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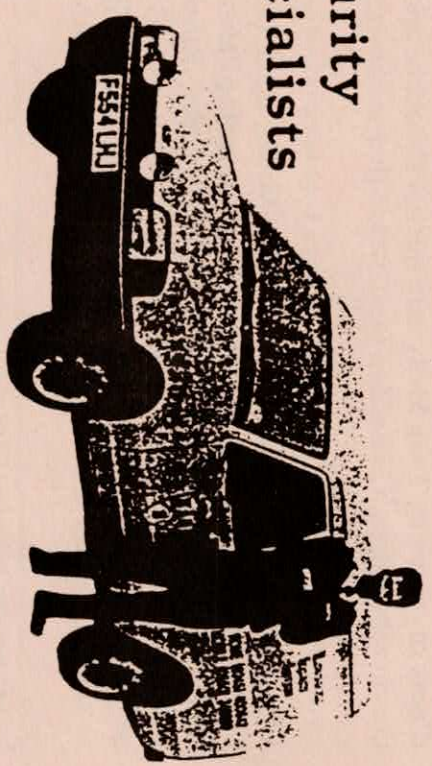




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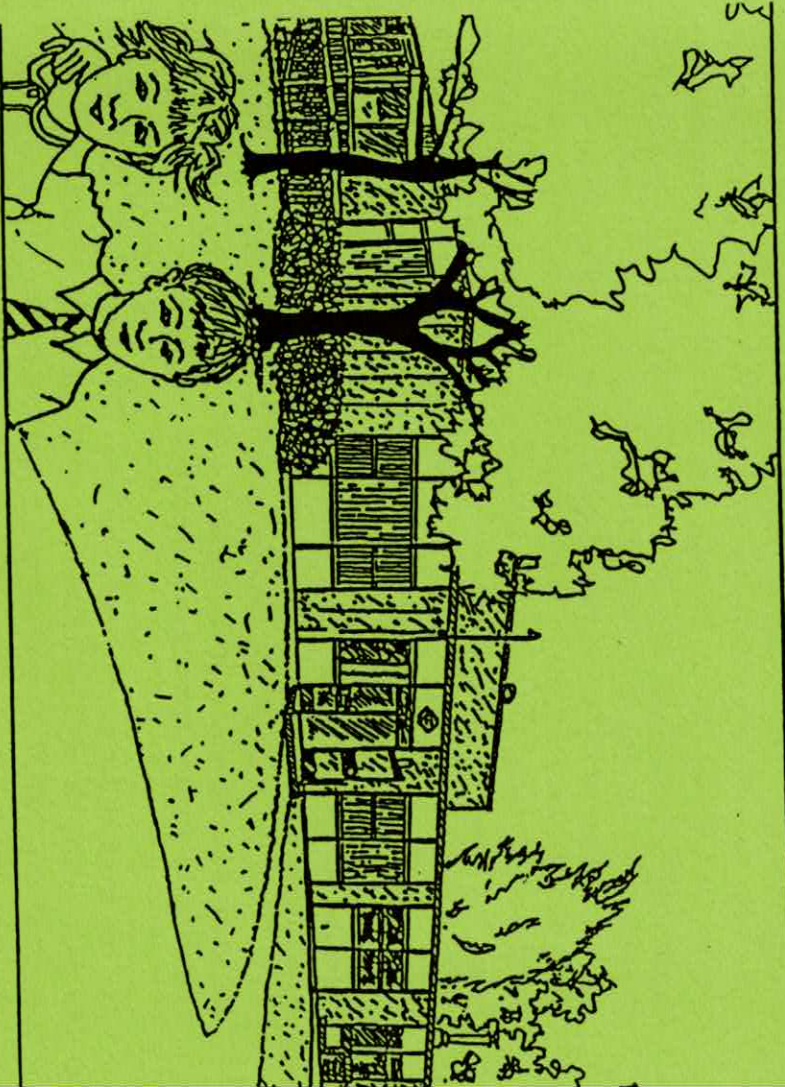
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EAST HANNINGFIELD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

PARISH COUNCIL

At recent P.C. Meetings we have had some young residents participating during Public Question Time. They would like to be provided with a BMX ramp and are prepared to do some fund-raising to help with the cost. Ramps, sometimes known as 'Half Pipes', have a starting price of about £6000 (plus installation etc.) but have the advantage of being able to be used by skateboarders. An alternative to the 'Half Pipe' is a 'Street Course', which is rather like an assault course for cyclists as it is made up of separate pieces of equipment which can be bought a piece at a time. The cheapest of the range of 'Street Course' equipment start at under £200, so it is possible to start constructing a 'Street Course' with less cash in hand and buy more as money becomes available. The disadvantage is that many of the pieces cannot be used by skateboarders. Several issues are raised by these proposals. The initial cost is the main issue: P.C.'s income last year was £10,605, and will be similar this year, so the Council needs to be really certain that this kind of equipment is needed before committing itself to providing funds for it. Another point to consider is that the only likely suitable place is the playing field (although P.C. would be interested to hear of other possible sites), so Hannah's Field Charity, which manages the field, has to be sure that they could find a space for it and maintain it. Ongoing costs include high insurance premiums, regular safety inspections and maintenance. P.C. has asked me to include a questionnaire in this Newsletter, so that we can start answering some of the questions which have arisen. Please complete it and return to me or a councillor.

There was no manned refuse vehicle visit in January and there will not be one in December either. The next visits are 15TH MARCH, 12TH APRIL & 17TH MAY. Please do not leave any rubbish at the Village Hall car park if you miss the refuse vehicle. We are still awaiting the arrival of the recycling bank, but Chelmsford Borough Council assure me that it will be installed eventually.

P.C. has arranged for the Borough Council to run a one day PLAYScheme for 5-11 year olds on THURSDAY 27 MARCH at the Village Hall, with sessions from 10 to 12.30 and 1.30 to 4. Entrance is free.

On occasions recently local groups have spent time and energy preparing for events only to find something else happening on the same date. I am therefore offering to keep a diary of events, so please let me know of any planned local event so I can let you know if anything else is planned for the same day.

In addition to responding to a varied selection of planning applications, P.C. has recently responded to the Boundary Commission's proposals for European Parliamentary Constituencies; the Department of Transport's 'Lorry Weights' consultation document; the Department of National Heritage's consultation document 'Protecting Our Heritage'; and Chelmsford Borough Council's 'Borough Wide Traffic Calming Strategy'. The latter includes plans for a reduction in the speed limit along the Tye, but as the Strategy covers the next ten years, we might have a long wait. In recent months councillors have attended courses on public footpaths, planning and the New Audit Regulations, which I also attended. I have continued with my Local Policy degree course, which will end in June. As one of the few qualified parish clerks in Essex, I have been asked to set up the administration of one of the new parish councils in Billericay District, after the May elections, which should be a very interesting exercise.

P.C. Meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of each month in the small hall at the Village Hall at 8 pm. They begin with Public Question Time when parishioners may ask questions and bring matters to the Council's attention.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council, Tel: 400628

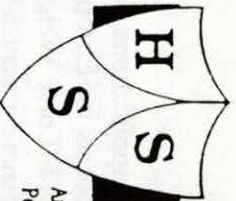
BMX RAMP OR COURSE

I have child/children who would use a BMX ramp/course if provided in the village (please delete as appropriate)

Any comments:

signed.....

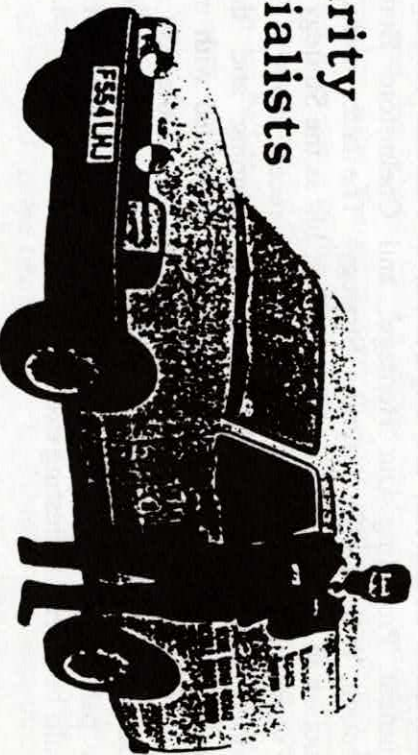
Personal information from this questionnaire is confidential and will not be passed to a third party. It will be used by the Parish Council solely for the purpose of making a decision about a BMX ramp or course. Questionnaires will be destroyed after collation. Please cut out and deliver to 2 Clinton Close, Mandalay, Bicknacre Rd, or a councillor's address (listed on P.C. noticeboard)



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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY (Village Hall and Playing Fields)

Forthcoming Events: The ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION will take place on 26TH & 27TH JULY, and the VILLAGE FETE will be held on SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER.

Improvements: In co-operation with P.C. we have funded and built a path across the playing field between Coude Dennis and the Village Hall. Arrangements have been made for a paved area/patio to be built outside the Small Hall, for the use of Pre-School and other hirers.

Maintenance: As well as all the regular maintenance done recently, we have had the leak in the roof repaired, so there should be no more puddles in the Sports Hall.

A.G.M. By the time this News is published, the A.G.M. will have taken place and a new Committee and new officers appointed. On behalf of the Charity, I should like to thank villagers for their support over the past year.

Mike Plumridge, Chairman, Tel: 400628

EAST HANNINGFIELD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

DOUBLE CELEBRATION FOR OUR VILLAGE SCHOOL ON ITS SILVER ANNIVERSARY - East Hanningfield School is a good school which offers its pupils a caring, secure and happy environment in which to learn, according to a team of Ofsted Inspectors in their report just published. The key findings highlight praise for staff, governors and pupils. The Inspectors confirm:

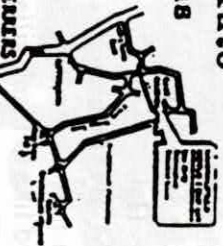
- * The quality of teaching is good.
 - * Pupils' attitude to learning is good.
 - * The curriculum is planned thoroughly.
 - * Governors have a sense of purpose shared by the headteacher and staff
 - * Standards in mathematics and science are above national levels.
 - * Behaviour is very good and has a positive effect on standards achieved.
- Madeleine Hardy, headteacher, said "The Inspectors' confirmation that we are a good school with many strengths gives us a double reason to celebrate, as this year marks the school's 25th anniversary on its present site. We have been praised as a very orderly community and also for the way in which we provide for pupils' moral and social development. By the time pupils move on to secondary school they are achieving above national standards in science, mathematics, design technology, history and geography.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Over the winter quarter the club has grown in strength and meetings have been very well attended. Our Christmas dinner at the Windmill was a rousing success, thanks to our host and hostess and the willing and efficient staff. Our two league teams are remain in action until mid-March and we wish them a good end to the season. At the dinner the club singles trophy was presented to Tony Orpen, with Heather Leigh runner-up. The Western trophy presented by Mrs Gladys Western for the winners of the Pairs contest was won by Bill Huke and Geoffrey High, with Len Banwell and Heather Amoss as runners-up.
 Len Banwell, Tel: 400349

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Easter is early this year and we are already planning the special events that the church will be holding over the period. The Good News Club for children 5-11 years will be held in the Village Hall from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm on Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 March. Again the programme will be a mixture of indoor games, crafts, Bible stories and action songs. Come along and join the fun. Easter is the high point in the church year when we remember and rejoice in the death and resurrection of Jesus and all that it means for mankind. It is the basis of our sure hope of new and eternal life as we put our faith and trust in him. Jesus said, 'I have come that you may have life and have it to the full'. We will be celebrating the great events of Easter at our Family Service in the WI Hall, Old Church Rd, at 10.45 am Sunday 30 March. We do give you a warm invitation to come.
 David Cottey, Tel: 400665

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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Ladies.....a word!

Do you want to get out of the house more? Would you like to join a group of like-minded ladies in the village? Do any of the following appeal to you?

- * Monthly meetings with lively speakers.
- * Theatre trips.
- * Country rambles
- * Craft courses
- * Sports opportunities
- * Day trips to places of interest
- * The company of people like yourself in a relaxed atmosphere.

If you can answer YES to any of these, then you will enjoy EAST HANNINGFIELD WI. Meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the WI Hall, Old Church Rd, but why not come along to meet our members on Saturday 22 March between 10 am and 12 noon for coffee and a chat and see if we can make your life more enjoyable. There will also be cakes and produce for sale.

Some of our 1996 activities included country walks, quizzes, a calligraphy course, a visit to Foulness by boat from Burnham to see the seals, followed by a fish and chip supper, a visit to Burghley House, Stamford, and a trip to see the wonderful State Rooms at Buckingham Palace. The arts were not forgotten, with four trips to the Civic Theatre. We are a very friendly bunch, willing to help each other at all times, and we will involve you in other activities in the village. We want to welcome new members, so please come and see us and judge for yourself. **WE ARE YOUR LOCAL WI.**

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BADMINTON - For information about an 'All Ladies' group who play at Danbury Sports Centre each Monday between 12 noon and 2 pm, contact Janet Beekwith- Brown (01245-226174) or Maureen Marshall (224508)

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year. Put on a few pounds over Christmas? If so, why not try badminton, every Tuesday 7-10 pm in the Village Hall. No excuses, equipment can be provided and a free trial is available. So put on your gym shoes and get sweaty! (Some members refresh themselves in the pub afterwards!). For something more leisurely, the PTA is having a quiz to exercise the grey matter on Saturday 1 March. Other forthcoming fund-raising events include a children's fashion show in April and a jumble sale on 10 May, so save any items that may be useful. The school fete is on 14 June. If you wish to publicise a birthday or a child's achievement, please let me know - Clare - The Windmill (Tel: 400315)

EAST HANNINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

* No incidents to report, unless you know otherwise, in which case let me know.

* Spring is the time to guard against theft of gardening equipment. If you see unfamiliar vans parked suspiciously, inform the police on 320333. Note: the marking kit is still available.

* You are invited to a Neighbourhood Watch meeting on Tuesday 18 March at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Mike Philpott, District Co-ordinator, Tel: 401475

COMMUNITY CARE WATCH - parishioners who need urgent transport to doctor or hospital appointment can contact Dennis & Sheila Jacklin on 400476

EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

Pre-school is a charity run for the benefit of the children in East Hanningfield and surrounding villages. We offer the opportunity of creative and active play for under 5's. Anyone is welcome to come to a morning session, Monday - Thursday, 9.15 - 11.45 am, to see our group in action. We would also like to know if anyone has any unwanted small children's bike or trikes in good condition that they could donate. We also need large pieces of carpet in clean condition to use on the floor for the children to play on. If you would like to help us, or have any questions relating to Pre-school, please contact Suzanne Silvester (secretary) on 400368.

EAST HANNINGFIELD VILLAGE POST OFFICE - I would like to thank

those who have continued to support it since its relocation, thereby keeping it viable. Future major changes include the Horizon project (automation of every post office counter) and the move towards funding based on through traffic (the number of single transactions in a year, from the sale of a stamp to the sending of flowers from Bunches). Could I ask all those who presently post your payments of gas, electricity and telephone bills to pay them at the Post Office, free of charge, even saving the cost of a stamp. If you currently have a benefit or allowance paid into a bank account, or use direct debits to pay bills for gas, electricity, telephone, TV licence or income tax, please consider using your Post Office to ensure its continued viability. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Bill Voyce

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EAST HANNINGFIELD

The re-shingling of the spire, together with other minor repairs, has now been successfully completed, and we are most grateful for the support of those villagers who contributed towards the cost of this work, which amounted to £7,500. This completes the execution of the recommendations of the last quinquennial inspection in 1992, and we hope that the next inspection, due this year, will not reveal any other substantial matters of concern. Services continue as usual in the absence of our vicar, and we look forward particularly to welcoming you to our Easter services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Details will be posted on the church noticeboard. The Village Fete, organised jointly with Hanna's Field Charity, is on 13 September, so please note this important date in your diary.

Richard Seymour, Churchwarden, Tel: 400226.

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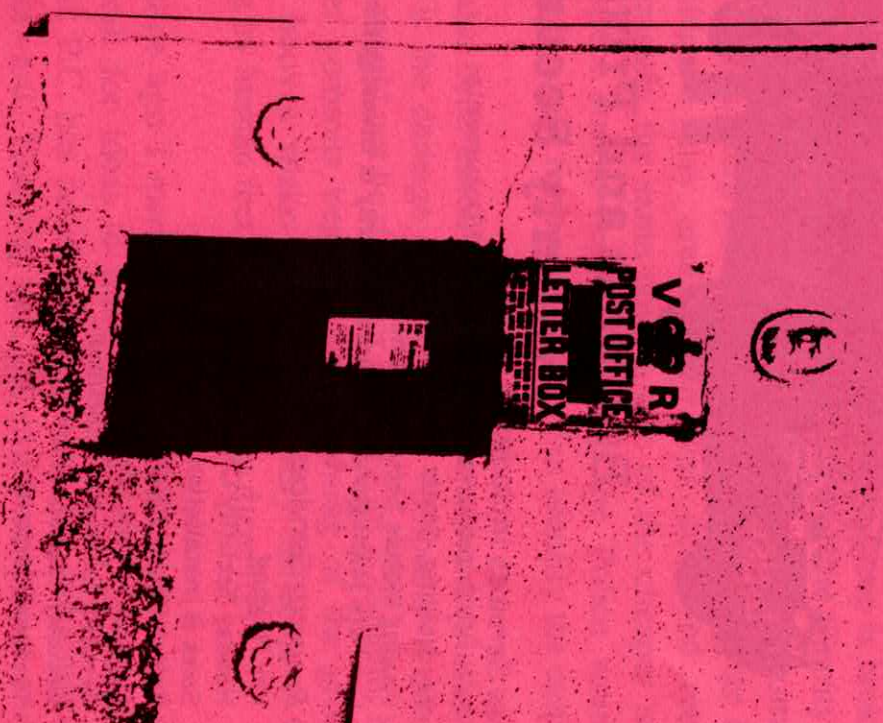
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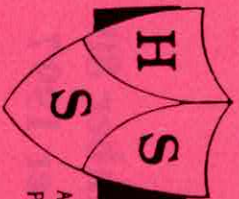
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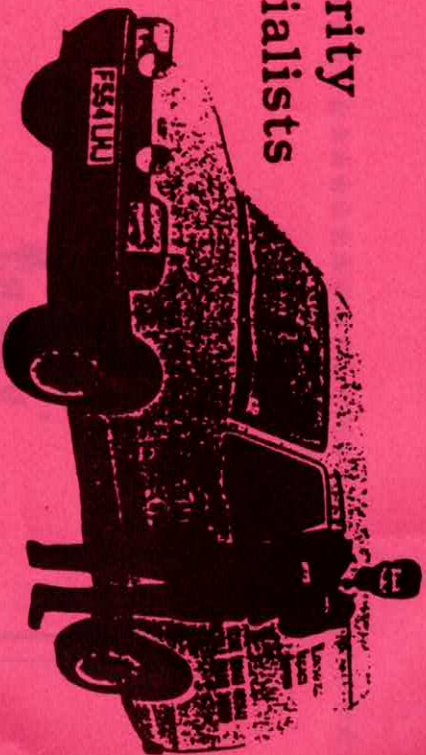
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PARISH COUNCIL

Many of you will be aware that there has been a marked increase in vandalism in the past few months, particularly to property belonging to P.C. and Hanna's Field Charity. Contrary to popular belief, insurance companies do not pay for the repairs, because of the high excess brought about by previous bouts of vandalism. Every time a pane of glass or a lamp is broken the cost of the repairs comes out of the Council's or the Charity's reserves, and this in turn prevents that money being spent on something new for the village. Here is food for thought: the concrete litter bin in the children's play area, which was destroyed recently, had approximately the same cost as one of the cheaper items in the BMX street course range. P.C. and the Police would be very interested to hear from anyone who can identify the culprits.

I have also been asked to write about another kind of damage, this time it is the damage done to public footpaths by horse hooves. Horses should not be ridden or even led on a footpath: by doing so the rider commits trespass. The churning of the ground by the horses' hooves make some paths very difficult to walk, and walking by human feet is what they are there for!

Some time ago I mentioned the Millennium, but the response to P.C.'s call for ideas to mark the end of a thousand years was minimal. P.C. has decided to follow up the one suggestion which came forward. This was that the overhead power and telephone lines which cross the Tye should be buried under ground. P.C. has been investigating this possibility for some time, in particular where the money is to come from, so it is not a new idea. If you can think of something better or have some comment to make about this project, please let me know.

The response to my short questionnaire about the possibility of having some BMX equipment in the village was also very disappointing. So far there have been only seven replies! If you do not wish to deface your copy of the Spring Newsletter or have already binned it, a signed note saying how many of your children would use the course or ramp, if provided, would be sufficient. It must be very disheartening for the young people who have raised this issue to know that the adults of the village have let them down.

It is about eighteen months since a good many of you responded to P.C.'s housing survey, and now some of you are going to be asked to participate in another survey. This time Fordham Research Services are surveying the whole of Chelmsford Borough for the Borough Council. Please take the trouble to contribute if you are asked, so that the results will be as accurate as possible and give a clear idea of the local housing needs.

If you have children the following dates of Summer holiday activities at the Village Hall will be of interest:

- Wed. 30th. July, 9.30-12.30 SPORTSMOBILE (ages 8-14);
 - Fri. 1st. Aug. 12.30-4.30 YOUTHBUS (ages 11-14);
 - Wed. 6th. Aug. 1.30-4.30 SPORTSMOBILE (ages 8-14);
 - Fri. 8th. Aug. 10-12 & 1.30-4.30 PLAYScheme (ages 8-11);
 - Tues. 12th. Aug. 10-2 PICNIC PLAY (Playbus) (under 8s with carers);
 - Fri. 15th. Aug. 10-12 & 1.30-4.30 PLAYScheme (ages 8-11).
- These activities are free of charge and no booking is necessary.

In addition there will be sports specific coaching running daily from Tuesday 26th. August until Friday 29th. August for which booking will be necessary. You may choose from BASKETBALL, 9.30-11, NETBALL, 11-12.30 and FOOTBALL 12.30-2 & 2-2.30. Contact Jane Fuller on 01245 606978 for more information.

The manned refuse vehicle will be at the Village Hall car park on the following Saturday mornings from 8am until 10.45am: 14TH. JUNE, 19TH. JULY & 9TH. AUGUST. Please do not leave any refuse at the car park. In between times you can take items too large for your wheelie bin to the civic amenity sites at Boreham or South Woodham.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council, Tel: 400628

WATER LINES

Essex and Suffolk Water have issued some advice and tips for customers, in an effort to save water and avoid restrictions during the summer months. These include:

- * Collect rainwater and use washing up or bath water for plants.
- * Shower rather than bath - it uses two thirds less water.
- * Have dripping taps repaired.
- * Only use dishwashers and washing machines when they are fully loaded.
- * Mulching is the best way to preserve moisture in soil.
- * Fast-growing weeds rob plants of moisture, so weed regularly.
- * Train children not to clean their teeth under a running tap.

Essex is the driest county in England and 1996 was the driest year on record according to records at Hanningfield reservoir. For further information on water conservation, contact Essex and Suffolk Water, Hall Street, Chelmsford, Tel: 01245-491234.

EAST HANNINGFIELD VILLAGE FETE

This year's fete, organised jointly by Hannas Field Charity and the Parochial Church Council, will be on **Saturday 13 September**. Attractions will include Mike the Clown with his exploding car and all of the traditional stalls together with several innovations. We hope to organise a small horticultural competition with classes to include roses, onions, tomatoes and runner beans and you are encouraged to start planting now - further details to follow.

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NEWS & VIEWS

Neil and Jennie Spurgeon are pleased to announce the birth of their first granddaughter, Sophie Karen Oddy, born on 13 February, weighing 7lb 5oz. Congratulations to the proud parents, Samantha and Kevin Oddy. Mick and Wendy Austen are pleased to announce an addition to their family, Sian Rheannon, 6lb 15oz, born on 17 April. A birthday celebrated in May was the 40th year of 'Yogi' Kirkham, and of course it was my daughter Phoebe's 1st birthday on 31 May.

Fresh vegetables and flowers every week can be achieved for only 50p a year, but you will have to put your back into it at the allotments behind the Three Horeshoes! Just apply to the parish council.

The Cricket Club is looking for new players, irrespective of age or ability. Ring Martin Clarke on 01245-353858.

Don't forget the School Fete on 12 July, with fun for all the family.

An idea that struck me was to request recipes from the village that we can share or even adapt for specials in the pub, so ring me with any suggestions. And thanks again to all who cheered for the Pub of the Week show, 'In yer face!!!'. If you have any news or views, or are new to the village and would like to introduce yourself, give me a ring, Clare on 400315.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

There will be a Bring & Buy at The Limes on 3 June, with stalls selling plants, cakes & produce, fancy goods and white elephant items. Music for A Summer Evening takes place in the church on Saturday 5 July, and we look forward to welcoming you at this very popular, established event when you can enjoy a wide variety of instrumental and choral music from a number of talented musicians. The Village Fete, held jointly with Hanna's Field Charity, and benefiting many village organisations, will be on Saturday 13 September. Everyone is most welcome at our services, details of which are on the church noticeboard.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Promotion Day on 22 March was a great success - we had several new faces, and hopefully they liked what they saw and maybe will join us in the future. Thank you to all those who came along. Since March we have been very busy. Several members attended the County Annual Meeting at the Brentwood Centre, where one of the speakers was Irene Thomas, the first woman to win the Brain of Britain Quiz. In April we held a Coffee Morning in aid of Farleigh Hospice and raised £268 but our Plant and Produce Sale was not so well supported this year because of bad weather. Every other year we are happy to entertain about 40 household people from Chelmsford, and this year they are coming on 2 June for tea and a chat. We celebrate our 80th birthday on 25 June, and will be holding a special celebration dinner. The Essex WI County Show will be at Cressing Temple Barns on 21 and 22 June, when our small team of cooks and crafts enthusiasts will be exhibiting. This event is a great opportunity to see these beautiful medieval barns and to enjoy a day full of events, exhibitions and craft demonstrations typical of rural England. Finally, a date for your diary - on 20 August Bob Ogley, author and broadcaster from Kent will be our guest speaker at our Open Meeting, when you will all be most welcome to join us.

Audrey Lovegrove, Tel: 400209

JAYNE & PAUL of 1, Ashley Green, would like to announce the arrival of their baby son, William, who was born on 6 April at St John's Hospital. Jayne, who has recently moved to the village from the West Midlands, is looking forward to making new friends and joining in any village activities. She regularly takes William for a stroll around the village, so please do not hesitate to stop and say hello.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There has been another dangerous and mindless act of vandalism and criminal damage. On 6 May, a kitchen window was broken at the rear of a home in Ashley Green, possibly by an air rifle pellet or a stone. It is believed youths were responsible and fortunately noone was injured. If you can help with any information about this or other incidents, please telephone South Woodham Police on 320333. The local beat officer is PC Paul Freeman.

East Hanningfield Youth Project. This project ceased to operate two years ago and the remaining funds of £368 have been transferred to the care of Neighbourhood Watch to be used for the benefit of local children and young people. Ideas and proposals are now invited to be forwarded to me. A meeting will be arranged at the village hall to decide on the right course of action. Details will follow in the next Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.

Community Care Watch. Parishioners who need urgent transport to a doctor's or hospital appointment can contact Dennis & Sheila Jacklin on 400476

Mike Philpott, District Coordinator, 44 Ashley Green, Tel: 401475

TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR ESSEX WASTE!

A booklet which explains the major challenge facing Essex waste managers, and describes the options being considered by Essex councils, has recently been published. Apart from seeking public support for waste reduction and recycling, comment is invited on measures such as centralised composting anaerobic digestion and incineration with energy recovery. Essex produces 700,000 tonnes of waste each year and landfills currently in use will largely be full by the year 2005.

Copies of the booklet are available in libraries and council offices across Essex, or ring the County Council's waste management helpline on 01245-491222 to request a free copy, and/or a range of leaflets about recycling and home composting.

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PARISH COUNCIL

At last, after years of waiting we have, not one but, two recycling points in the village, at the Village Hall car park and the Windmill. It is hoped that the convenience of having the recycling bins so close to home will mean they will be well used. BUT they are here due to the good will of the Village Hall and Windmill managements. Please do not abuse that good will by leaving rubbish around the bins, including plastic bags, bottle tops and items which will not fit in the bins, because if the siting of the recycling points proves to be a nuisance we could well lose them.

You have probably noticed that the Best Kept Village sign has gone, because we did not repeat our success of last year. In fact, according to the judge's mark sheet, we did particularly badly. In the short time between the village tidy-up and the judging, litter had been left in the telephone kiosk and bus shelters. The judge was also critical of the signs of vandalism and the dog mess in the children's play area. Obviously, we have some very anti-social individuals in the village, who are spoiling the place for the majority who take a pride in living in well maintained and attractive surroundings.

With the help of a 50% grant from Chelmsford Borough Council, P.C. has had another street lamp installed at the Common. Over the years, every effort has been made to rid the village of dark spots so that pedestrians can walk safely after dark. If you think there are still areas which need extra lighting, please let me know.

Those of you who read the notices on the notice board on the Tye will have seen that several pages of accounts appeared there a few weeks ago. The new Accounting and Audit Regulations require P.C.'s accounts to be displayed in a public place for a period of 14 days following the audit. The Regulations also stipulate the format in which they are to be written, which many people are finding confusing. The original idea of the new Regulations was to make parish councils' finance more open and comprehensible to the public, but the result so far is that the accounts are more complicated, take longer to complete and cost more to be audited. Essex parish councils are not accepting this situation without a fight, and I shall be taking part in a county wide meeting this month which aims to produce alternative, more simple accounting requirements which it is hoped will replace the new Regulations.

P.C. has continued to respond to all planning applications submitted for consultation, and most of these have been fairly ordinary, but it was considered that the development of Hyde Hall could have far reaching implications for the village. This was because of the proposed traffic management scheme, which proposes to direct all traffic to and from the site via East Hanningfield Road, Rettendon. This would mean that a good proportion of that traffic would come through East Hanningfield. The development of the Garden as a tourist attraction has been accepted in the Local Plan, so P.C. is not able to object in principle, but has suggested alternative methods of traffic control which would decrease the volume of traffic from the site passing through nearby communities.

P.C. is also to be consulted on applications to remove hedges under the new Hedgerow Regulations. There has long been concern that, unlike trees, hedges have not been protected, so the Regulations have been welcomed. Our parish has some very old hedges, some of which have great significance for local history. so P.C. awaits details of the Regulations with interest.

P.C. was recently consulted on the draft County Structure Plan. This was the plan proposing an increase of 84,600 dwellings in the County before the year 2011, 52% of which are to be concentrated in the Chelmsford, Colchester, Maldon and Braintree districts in what has been labelled the Strategic Development Corridor, which is the area along the A12 between Chelmsford and Colchester. It is accepted that the road and rail network will not be able to cope with forecast traffic flows expected within the next 10 years, so such a large increase in housing in the one area can only bring forward the grid-lock. P.C., with several other councils in the county, objected to the Plan.

Recently, several residents expressed their alarm at the loss of the Victorian post box and would have liked to have seen it installed elsewhere in the village. Although it has been replaced by the Edwardian pillar box, also a rarity, it has not been lost to the village. Royal Mail has promised to keep it ready for installation when a suitable place becomes available.

All those who recently responded to the recent public consultation concerning Footpath 16 will be interested to know that the proposed diversion is to be reconsidered by the C.B.C. Environment Committee, due to the overwhelming response.

Ideas for marking the Millennium continue to trickle in. Thank you to everyone who has been in touch. There is still time to tell P.C. your ideas. Watch this space for the final decision in the new year!

Please note that the manned refuse vehicle will be stationed at the Village Hall car park on the following Saturday mornings from 8-10.45 am: 13TH, SEPTEMBER, 18TH, OCTOBER, 22ND, NOVEMBER. There will be no visit in December.

P.C. Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Village Hall, although December's Meeting falling on the 25th, is going to have to be changed. Notices of Meetings and Agendas appear on P.C.'s noticeboards in the Village Hall, on the Tye and at the Bicknacre Road junction. Copies of the signed Minutes are posted on the Tye noticeboard.

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

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY - Village Hall & Playing Fields

The Charity's Art Exhibition and Sale was a success, raising over £700 towards future projects. Thank you to all who helped or attended the event.

The paved 'patio' on the West side of the Hall has been completed, allowing Playgroup children to play outside in safety away from the car park. The Charity has also agreed to help the Playgroup with their Hall payment difficulties.

The Charity has plans, in the new year, to build an 'Activities Wall' near the Hall for young people. We are seeking financial support for this project from various sources including Parish and Borough Councils. The wall allows activities such as tennis, cricket, basket ball and football to be played without the formality of marked out pitches or courts.

There has been a number of complaints from Hall users about the condition of the car park and Chase, the sports courts and hedges. These will be addressed in a period of major spending over the next 18 months.

We should like to thank Mrs. Sharon Crow for stepping in at short notice to look after the Hall cleaning for two weeks recently.

We should like to hear from anyone wishing to set up a new sports or social activity in the Village Hall. We have currently two evenings in the week when the main hall is not used and large parts of the week when the small hall is available. Please contact Mrs. Iris Evans.

Lastly, we look forward to seeing everyone at the Village Fete on Saturday, 13th. September. This is a combined venture with the Parish Church to support our joint fund raising efforts, and promises to be fun so please come.

Mike Plumridge, Chairman, Tel: 400628.

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OUR PARISH CLERK

The Parish Council and everyone in East Hanningfield has every reason to be very proud of our Clerk, who obtained a BA Honours degree in Local Policy this summer. Supported throughout by the Parish Council, this achievement has been the culmination of 5 years' hard work by Karen Plumridge, starting with Local Government Administration, and at each stage of her studies, her performance has been exceptional. In obtaining First Class Honours, Karen is only the second person in the UK, and the first in Essex, to achieve this level of award. Our congratulations go to Karen for her superb achievement.

Alan Dixon, Chairman, East Hanningfield Parish Council.

NEWS & VIEWS

I hope everybody had a good summer. Please let me know what's going on - children's achievements, special birthdays or anything else you would like to raise on village life. Congratulations to many children in the village on their achievements at school and in examinations in the past year - well done, and keep up the good work. Thank you also for the dedicated hard work of staff and parents! Chelmsford Borough Council inform us that there will soon be a bottle bank in the Windmill car park, but don't hold your breath as the initial enquiry was 18 months ago! I hope you all enjoy the village fete and look forward to receiving reports on how you enjoyed the day. More volunteer cake makers are needed for this, and other similar events.

Clare Liddiard, Tel: 400315

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EAST HANNINGFIELD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

The last day of the summer term brings mixed emotions - pupils and staff are obviously looking forward to the holidays but it is also a time for saying goodbye. Year 6 are ready to move on to the next phase of their education and hopefully they take with them many happy memories of East Hanningfield School. We have also said farewell to two members of staff: Mrs Greenshields, who took early retirement in March, and Mrs Thompson, who is to study for an MA at the London Institute. Both teachers have made an enormous contribution to the life of the school and we will miss them a lot. In addition, we are losing two valued governors: Mr Ted McEwen, whose job prevents him from continuing in office, and Mrs Heather Leigh, who is retiring after 10 years' service. We thank them both for their time and their support. In September we welcome Miss Knibbs and Mrs Spurling to teach Class 2 and 3 respectively, and we look forward to the stimulus of working with our new colleagues. In the coming year, we will continue to work with the Pre-school to provide an integrated education for the 4 year-olds in our community. There are exciting and challenging times ahead in the world of education, and the Government's recent White Paper, 'Excellence in Schools', has to be essential holiday reading for every headteacher!

Madeline Hardy, Headteacher

EAST HANNINGFIELD SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

The recent months have been eventful and have brought considerable changes in the club's membership. Most of our friends from West Hanningfield have withdrawn to form their own club, and we wish them all success. There have also been changes in our own organisation and an overhaul of our rules and procedures, resulting in a more relaxed atmosphere and enjoyable sessions of play. Our number continue to grow and we are already back to almost maximum membership.

Len Banwell, Tel: 400349

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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Seven WIs in the Hanningfield Group got together for their annual meeting at which Alan Smith, flower arranger, was guest speaker. These meetings give WI members an opportunity to support worthwhile causes and this year was no exception, with over 200 knitted teddy bears being donated to children in war-torn countries around the world. Congratulations must go to our members who exhibited at the County Show at Cressing; what a wonderful display they provided and how nice it was to see friends and neighbours from the village enjoying the barns. A visit from the Essex Air Ambulance Service to our monthly meeting proved most interesting; this vital and specialist service is supported by voluntary contributions and Mrs Grace of 8 Bicknacre Rd is holding a Coffee Morning at 10.30 on Wednesday 17 September, which we do hope you will support. We are always pleased to welcome visitors to the WI Hall, Old Church Rd, on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm. In September our topic will be 'Fuschias for Fun'.

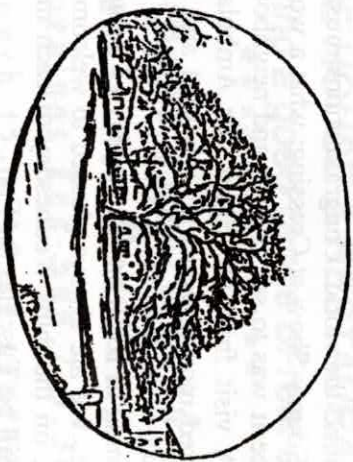
Audrey Lovegrove, Tel: 400209

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The summer months are over for another year, but don't be too depressed - all our church activities re-start in early September! If you are a parent of a pre-school child, why not come along to the 'Mothers and Toddlers' group from 10-12 every Wednesday - your chance to relax for a couple of hours while the children play. The popular Rainbow Club with games and activities for 5 to 11 year-olds starts on 12 September and continues from 6-7.30 pm every Friday during school term. If you are at secondary school and feeling rather bored on Friday evenings, come to our Youth Club, where we have pool, darts, table tennis and a refreshment bar from 8.30-10.15 pm starting 12 September. Finally, many thanks to Neighbourhood Watch for their donation of £100 to the children's clubs; it is greatly appreciated and will be used for games and equipment.

David Cottey, Tel: 400665

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Following the success of our Autumn Show last year, we have decided to hold our Show at the same time of year. This will give everyone ample time to produce exhibits worthy of their green-fingered skills. So, let's all make this Show even better than last year with an abundance of entries in all of the Classes listed within this schedule - after all, you may come away with a prize for your entry.

We are again holding the Show at The Sandon School with the added attraction of a variety of Craft Stalls which proved to be successful last year. In addition, the Head of The Sandon School, M/s Sian Carr has kindly agreed to present the prizes at the end of the afternoon.

Your support and exhibits, would be greatly appreciated at this Show which will be held on 13th. September.

Remember that our Trading hut in Hall Lane is open regularly with a wide variety of goods for sale to members within the Village.

Good luck, happy gardening and see you exhibiting at the Show.

Derrick Ruse.

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Village Fete



Saturday 13 September
2pm-4.30pm

Hanna's Field and Village Hall



'Mike the Clown' with a circus skills workshop,
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EAST
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NEWS

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PARISH COUNCIL

There have been some recent changes to P.C. In August, Richard Range resigned his seat on the Council when he moved away. He had first been co-opted on to P.C. on 25th. July, 1985 and in addition to the usual duties of a parish councillor had overseen the construction of the sports courts at Hanna's Field and had taken an interest in P.C. finance. I am sure everyone wishes him and his family well in their new home. Hopefully, his place will have been filled by co-option by the time this Newsletter reaches you, but if you are interested in taking a seat on the Council you have another chance. Dennis Jacklin, who joined P.C. on 28th. March, 1985, is also to move away shortly and so will leave another seat vacant. Dennis has also been a very active member of P.C., being presently the Vice Chairman and overseeing village maintenance. He has in the past been heavily involved with Hanna's Field Charity as has Sheila his wife: obviously they will be missed by many in the village when they go.

Another loss to P.C. is our representative to Mid Essex Community Health Council. After eight years, Susan Chadwick has decided it is time to let someone else take a turn. She has provided valuable reports to P.C. of the Community Health Council meetings through a time of tremendous upheaval in the health service, keeping councillors informed of events. I am sure I am speaking for the whole community when I thank Richard, Dennis and Susan for all their efforts on behalf of P.C. over the years.

Please let me know if you would like to become a councillor, P.C.'s representative to the Community Health Council, or even both, and please contact me if you would like more information about what is involved in either post.

As yet, there is no news from the Rural Housing Trust as to whether enough people have registered interest in the affordable housing scheme for it to go ahead. I must emphasise that the houses will only be built if the Trust is assured that there are more than enough families to fill them. Also, if you leave making your application until building starts, then there will be no house for you, because no houses are built 'on spec'. Application forms are still available from P.C., for rented and shared ownership housing, but you

must apply to the Trust very soon as a decision about the scheme must be made shortly.

The recycling bins at the Village Hall car park seem to be well used. Unfortunately, their arrival has coincided with a spate of bottle breaking around the Hall and sports courts. Whether the bottles for this latest village entertainment are taken from the bottle banks, brought to the playing field specially to be broken or are the remains of heavy drinking sessions *in situ* is presently a matter for conjecture! On the other hand, there is little doubt that the broken bottles which keep appearing on the footpath behind the Old Forge are evidence of clandestine boozing.

I have no news for you concerning the manned refuse vehicle, except that there will be no visit in December. Should Chelmsford Borough Council agree to continue providing the service next year, the dates will be posted on P.C.'s noticeboards.

A very positive meeting took place at the Village Hall on 12th. November, when Krysia Dodson of the Essex Youth Service came to meet local young people to find out what youth activities they would like in the village. To give everyone a better idea of what the Youth Service can provide it was agreed to organise a visit to Galleywood Youth Centre on Wednesday, 10th. December. This will be on an evening when the Centre is normally closed so that the East Hanningfield group will have the facilities all to themselves. Parents will be allowed to go along for the first half hour. Anyone who missed the meeting but is interested in the Galleywood trip should contact me, or David Cottey at Bethel Church, for a consent form (the Youth Service needs parental consent to take young people on visits, and needs to know the numbers going in order to book the coach). There is no cost involved.

The Autumn and Winter is traditionally a time for hedging, so it is appropriate for us all to take a look at the plants which overhang our boundaries to check that they are not hitting passers by in the face or getting in their way. Remember, not everyone who lives in the village can see well enough to avoid these leafy, or thorny, obstructions.

Please note that there will be no P.C. Meeting in December. The next Meeting will take place at 8 pm in the Village Hall on Thursday, 8th. January, 1998, and thereafter on the fourth Thursday of each month. Shortly after the opening of each Meeting an adjournment allows parishioners to speak to the Council during Public Question Time.

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

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

As we open another window on our advent calendars and embark again on getting ready for Christmas, the thought occurs to me that the Christmas season seems to come around quicker and quicker each year. The days and weeks seem shorter and summer turns to winter all too soon - maybe a sign of advancing years, maybe a consequence of our ever busier and rushed lifestyle. Whatever the reason, time always seems to be against us. This Christmas, even in the midst and rush of all the necessary preparations, may I encourage you to put a little time aside to consider and enjoy the real message at the heart of the season. We warmly invite you to come and share with us in our Christmas celebrations:

Family Carol Service - Sunday 21 December, 10.45 am, W.I. Hall, mince pies to follow.

Christmas Family Time - Thursday 25 December, 10 - 11 am.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYFUL NEW YEAR!

David Cortey, Pastor, Tel: 400665

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY - Village Hall & Playing Fields

The Charity would like to thank all those who attended the Village Fete in September and helped to make it a profitable afternoon. Our share of the money raised was just over £628 and this will go towards various improvements to the Village Hall. We thank, in particular, Stan and Gill Gordon and the Fete Committee for all their hard work, and look forward to next year's event.

The Charity has for some time seen a need to provide an alternative for youngsters who use the end of the Village hall for football and has been successful in a grant application to the Borough Council towards 50% of the cost of a purpose built multi-games wall on the field. We expect to start work on this in the new financial year, subject to planning permission and confirmation of Central Government funding for 98/99.

For those not aware, there are now bottle and can recycling bins at the Village Hall car park. Please do not overflow or leave bottles outside the bins.

Once again, the Charity has received complaints about dog fouling on the football pitch, the Hall patio and, in particular, along the path to the School back gate. So, for those dog owners who exercise their dogs on the playing fields, please consider the rights of others users: clear up after you dogs and do not leave them tied up in the constricted area near the school gate.

We still have vacancies for small and large hall lettings, so, if you are interested in starting any sports or social activity please contact Iris Evans on 401460.

Lastly, we should like to say a fond farewell to Dennis and Sheila Jacklin who jointly have done so much for the Charity since the Village Hall was built. We shall miss their support and hope they will keep in touch from their new home.

Mike Plumridge, Chairman, Tel: 400628.

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NEWS & VIEWS

The nights are drawing in and getting chilly, so why not curl up with a good book: the mobile library calls every Thursday, 3.40 at Abbeyfields and 4.15 at Ashley Green, but you will have to be quick as it only spends 15 minutes at each site. The Ladies Evening went well at the school, with fashion show, reflexologist and beautician who gave me a 'make-over', though I did feel like I was awaiting a public execution, lying on a bed in front of 40 ladies! I'm pleased to say that the Windmill Men's Tug-O-War team won the trophy at the Village Fete, narrowly beating the Brewers' team, and the Ladies retained their trophy as there were no contenders. Christmas is only around the corner, so pop along to the school bazaar on 6 December. If anybody has any news or views, just give me a ring, Clare, on 400315. Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

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PERSONAL MESSAGE

It was wonderful to see so many friends and neighbours at my 50th birthday ceilidh on 20th September. It was a brilliant night. Many thanks to all those present and to many others who were unable to come, who contributed to my collection for Havering Women's Aid. Almost £400 was raised, which will be used towards providing a play area in the garden of the refuge in Romford, where children and their mothers will be able to play safely. The refuge residents and staff were both delighted and overwhelmed by your generosity. Special thanks to all those who spent so much time preparing the marvellous buffer, preparing the village hall, and clearing up afterwards.

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During 1997 we have had the pleasure of three Australian pupils in our school, Alison, David and Rachel McGann. Their father, Greg, has been on a teacher exchange at The Plume School, Maldon, swapping his job and home with Mr. Knox of Ashley Green, whose family have spent the year in Queensland. Mrs. Sue McGann has been a regular 'parent helper' at our school and we are going to miss her contribution to school life. We wish the McGann family 'bon voyage' for when they return home at the end of December. Here are eight year old David's impressions of East Hanningfield.

A quiet little village with lots of kind, helpful people and with the following attractions:

A few blocks of houses, a little school with a warm, heated pool, a police station and a post office next to the village hall. Next to the post office and the village hall there is a football pitch, some play equipment and a field with a tennis court. At the end of a street called Ashley Green, there is a little car park where a mobile library stops every Thursday. There are two pubs if you are tired called the Three Horseshoes and the Windmill Tavern. If you like ancient things there is a footpath called Saint Peters Way. Down Back Lane, Highfields Mead and Old Church Road there are lots of farms with some nice names.

Near the school there is a three-storey Mill house. Down The Tye and opposite the school there is a pretty little Church with some pretty flower beds and a nice graveyard. In the back of the graveyard there is a stream. There are lots of trees and plants. The last thing is an ice-cream van that stops in every street and close in East Hanningfield.

East Hanningfield - "a nice village that has a nice name".

Our Annual Meeting was held in November and Bea Rice was elected President for the 3rd year of office. We all wish her well and look forward to an exciting 1998. We were pleased to welcome 4 new members and hope that some of you might visit us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the W.I. Hall, Old Church Road. If you are new to the village or recently retired it is a good way of making friends. We are part of a large organisation - one of 290 W.I.'s in Essex. At County level a wide variety of events are covered, one of the latest being a trip to Warwick Castle which several of our members enjoyed. Our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Audrey Lovegrove, Tel: 400209

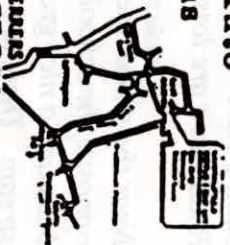
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EAST HANNINGFIELD SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

The recent months have been among our most enjoyable and busy. First came the Village Fete in which we played our usual part and thoroughly enjoyed doing so, and then before we had time to draw breath, on 27 September our own Red Letter Day dawned. We were host to 14 teams of 4 players each who, joined by two teams from our own ranks, competed through the day for the honour of walking away with the Hanna's Field Charity Trophy for the 1997/8 season. In the afternoon we were joined by Andy Thompson, a modest champion of the recent English Singles Indoor title. In addition to presenting the trophy and salvers to the winning team and runners-up, he graciously autographed countless programmes and score sheets for his many admirers. He must have enjoyed it all, for he promised to join us again next year. On 3 October, about 30 of us arrived at Potters Holiday Sports Centre, Hoppon-on-Sea, Norfolk, to spend 3 days enjoying ourselves, feasting and playing short mat bowls. The Trophy list included: Triples: Semi-finalists, J. Orpin, J. Burgess, E. Burgess. Quarter-finalists, V. Huke, W. Huke, A. Orpin. Pairs: Semi-finalists, J. Burgess, C. Burgess. Finalists and winners, J. Orpin, A. Orpin. It wasn't all bowls; each evening there was excellent entertainment, with a change of programme every day, and among the performers was James Hearn from East Hanningfield, who gave fine performances, along with some colleagues.

Len Banwell, Tel: 400349

This year's Christmas cover was designed by Alison McGann. She, and other winners from East Hanningfield School, received a prize from the Parish Council. EAST HANNINGFIELD NEWS is published quarterly by the Parish Council and distributed free to over 500 homes within the parish. Copy for the next issue should reach the Editor, Rough Hill House, by 13 FEBRUARY 1998

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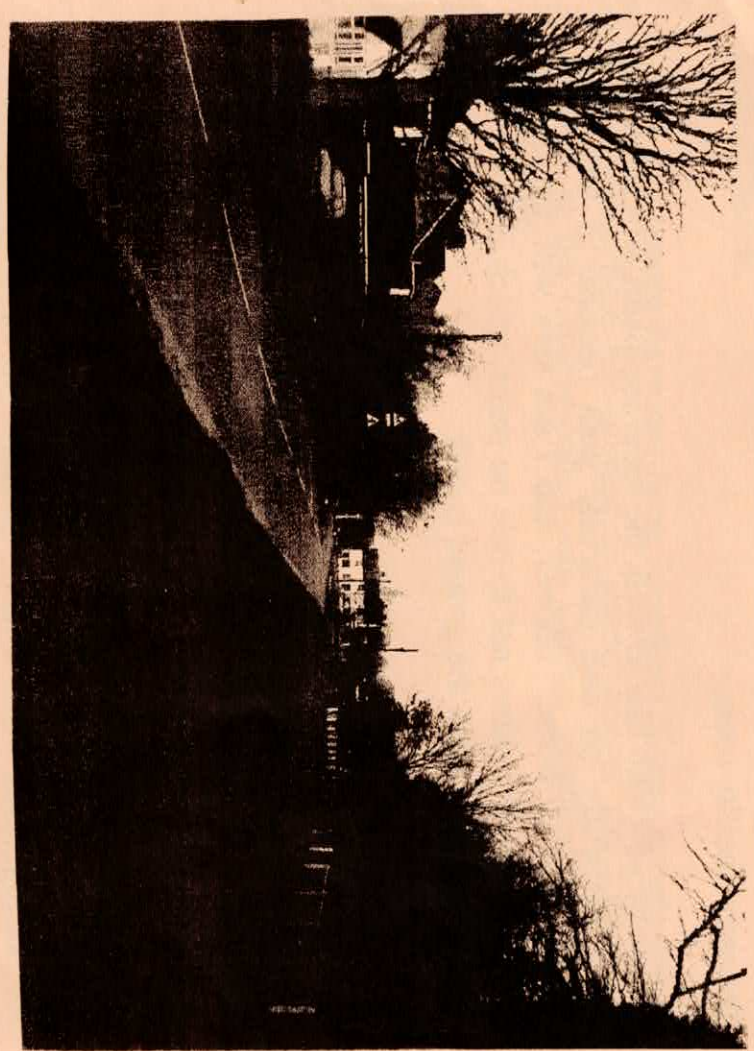
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EAST HANNINGFIELD

Many thanks to all those who supported our Christmas Bazaar on 15 November, which raise the record sum of £731. This money will go towards the works, thankfully mostly of a relatively minor nature, which have been recommended by the recent Quinquennial Inspection which has been carried out on the fabric of the church. As always, we extend a warm welcome to everyone at all our services - details of special Christmas services, including the Carol Service on 21 December, will be posted on the church noticeboard.

Richard Seymour, Churchwarden, Tel: 400226.



The Tye

PARISH COUNCIL

P.C. has asked me to remind you that the future of our local Post Office rests in your hands: you have to use it if you want to keep it! You are probably aware that you can pay your phone and electricity bills at the Post Office and save the price of a stamp, but did you know that if you bank with Lloyds or the Co-op you can cash cheques and pay in cash or cheques at East Hanningfield Post Office? T.S.B. customers will also have the same facility soon.

Those of you who like to walk the local footpaths will have had some difficulty on one particular path because it has been churned up by horses' hooves, and I am sure will join me in asking the guilty riders not to ride on paths, which are intended for human feet, when the ground is soft.

P.C. recently received the very good news from Eastern National that Service 33 is to be improved. Starting on 7th. March, the Service will continue to operate between Bishops Stortford and Southend, but most journeys will now serve East Hanningfield, Broomfield Hospital and Southend Airport. So we shall have our hourly bus service back! The new timetable leaflets should be available from Eastern National now.

By arrangement with C.B.C. Leisure Services Department, there will be a **PLAYSCHEME** at the Village Hall on **TUESDAY, 7th. APRIL**. The opening times will be 10am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4pm and children aged 5 - 11 years are invited to attend. Younger children will be welcome if accompanied at all times by an adult carer.

The Essex Youth Service is now bussing 10 - 13 year olds to Galleywood Youth Centre on Wednesday evenings. The bus is free and children only have to pay their 50p admittance to the Youth Centre each time. I understand that the very popular music studio will be available for use each week! It is necessary for parents to complete a consent form before a child can be transported by the Youth Service, and there should be some spare forms available from me or from David Cottey at the Bethel Church.

Other age groups have not been forgotten! Young people from East Hanningfield are invited to attend any of the following sessions at the Galleywood Youth Centre, Watchhouse Road, Galleywood:

MON.	7 - 9.30 pm	Seniors 13 - 21s	(school years 9+)
TUES.	7 - 9.30 pm	Girls & young women only 13 - 21s	(school years 9+)
WED.	7 - 9.30 pm	Juniors 10 - 13s	(school years 7 & 8)
THURS.	7 - 9.30 pm	Seniors 13 - 21s	(school years 9+)

Band practice and arts & crafts.

The Youth Centre is open term time only and all sessions cost 50p. You can contact the Youth Centre, when sessions are running, on 264608 and the Youth Service, during working hours, on 349143.

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: 14th. MARCH, 18th. APRIL & 16th. MAY. The vehicle should arrive by 8 am and will leave at approximately 10.45. Due to problems caused by children removing bottles from the recycling bins, our mini recycling centre is to be removed and replaced with bins of a different design. Hopefully, the change will result in a decrease in the amount of broken glass at the playing fields.

The Rural Housing Trust tells me that there is still a chance that your application for affordable housing will be considered if you send it in quickly. At the time of writing, I unable to say whether or not a housing scheme is going to go ahead, but I can say that there has been a good deal of interest expressed in the housing. Mrs. Chris Moor of the Rural Housing Trust will be attending the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, 26th. March to explain in detail to P.C. what the Trust is proposing for the village. The Meeting will begin earlier than usual at 7.30 pm.

As foretold in the previous Newsletter, a vacancy arose on P.C. due to Dennis Jacklin's resignation. It is hoped that P.C. will find a candidate to co-opt to fill the vacant seat very soon. Watch this space!

P.C. Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of each month, and, with the exception of the March Meeting, begin at 8 pm and take place in the small hall at the Village Hall. Shortly after the Meeting opens, it is adjourned for questions from members of the public. Any correspondence for the attention of P.C. should be addressed to me at 2 Clinton Close.

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

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY - Village Hall & Playing Fields

For the school Easter holiday period, the sports courts will be free of charge to school age children during the mornings and afternoons, although they will not be available if a paying customer has booked them. A key deposit of £1 will be charged, and refunded on return of the keys.

The Charity's insurance company has asked H.F.C. to warn everyone that it is dangerous to climb over the fence to get into the sports courts!

In order to make the mound more interesting for bike riders, some earth moving is going to be done to reshape it. Anyone with ideas for the final design, please let me know.

Finally, the last piece of path has been built around the Hall, so that you will be able to walk all the way around without getting muddy, and a staircase has been constructed inside the store cupboard to make using the loft storage space easier and safer.

For Hall and sports court bookings contact Mrs. Evans on 401460.

Mike Plumridge, Chairman H.F.C. Tel: 400628.

EAST HANNINGFIELD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

SNAKES ALIVE! - At school we occasionally arrange evenings about educational issues and we try to be responsive to parents' suggestions and ideas. However, when I was approached by a grandparent of two of our pupils who asked if we would be willing to have a visit from the Essex Reptile & Amphibian Society, I was apprehensive, and not just because I wondered if sufficient pupils would be interested! The evening turned out to be one of our best supported events - over 100 parents and children, including the Sandon cub pack, enjoyed finding out about snakes and having the opportunity to touch and handle them in safety. Many adults were able to overcome their phobia and, interestingly, very few children were hesitant. Those who wished could also have their photo taken with a snake, and receive a certificate to verify that they had held a snake. We were very pleased to have interested and educated so many members of the community, of all ages, on a subject that obviously has such appeal in East Hanningfield.

Madeline Hardy, Headteacher.

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The short, dark days of winter are over and we have the first signs of new life stirring, with the prospect of brighter days to come. What an appropriate illustration for the message of Easter, where the promise of new life in Jesus springs out of the darkness of his crucifixion on the cross of Calvary. Here at the church, we are preparing for Easter events and activities, including the Good News Club which will take place for 5 to 11 year-olds on Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 April from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm in the Village Hall. The programme will include games, bible stories, action songs and craft activities. We do hope you will be able to join us for our special Family Service on Easter Sunday 12 April at 10.45 am in the WI Hall, Old Church Road. Happy Easter!

David Cortey, Pastor, Tel: 400665

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AN EARLY WARNING FOR YOUR DIARIES

Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints Church are once again organising the Village Fete which will take place on Saturday 12 September. Please reserve the date in your diaries. We will be holding the Tug of War and Five a Side Football competitions, and hope to have several new events to entertain you throughout the afternoon. Please look out for further information as it is published during the coming months.

Colin Warren, Tel: 401050

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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

1997 went out with a bang. Our Group Carol Service was held in the church when we welcomed the Rural Dean who made the evening lively with tales of his Christmas experiences. Later the same week, members sat down to a festive meal prepared and served by Tony and Christine Barnes, followed by home-made entertainment - no need to say more! A Crazy Christmas Quiz was our last fund-raising event for 1997 - 10 tables of 8 battled it out with much hilarity and good natured banter. The winning team was Woodham Ferrers. Watch for the date next time and come along and join in. East Hanningfield WI must be doing something right - we were delighted to welcome 4 new members and feel sure that they will get as much fun and friendship as we all do. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm. 2 dates for your diaries: April 22, Charity Coffee Morning in the WI Hall, 10.30-12, in aid of Essex Air Ambulance and May 9, Plant and Produce Show, 10.30-12, offering a wide variety of plants to stock up your garden.

Audrey Lovegrove, Tel: 400209

EAST HANNINGFIELD PRESCHOOL

We offer care and education for children between 2 1/2 and 5 years in a friendly, relaxed environment, focusing on learning through play. We provide a tailored curriculum, devised in conjunction with East Hanningfield Primary School, with whom we have developed strong links. Our recent OFSTED report commended highly our comprehensive and enriching educational programme and the quality of our teaching, and described our children as calm and happy. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and parents for all their hard work - they deserve to be proud of their achievements. Sessions are held in the Village Hall from Monday to Thursday, 9.15 to 11.45 am. Visitors are always welcome and admission enquiries should be made to our Secretary, Jackie Haigh, on 01245-400900. Charity No. 267508.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EAST HANNINGFIELD

Everywhere in the New Testament we are bidden to praise and give thanks. Even in times of temptation and depression we should look to God in adoration. Even at his weakest ebb in the desert, our Lord confronts evil with praise, not abuse, not self-pity, nor defeatism. However, as I struggle to make sense of my recent hospitalisation following last year's hip operations, the subsequent complications have been the source of much embarrassment, anger and annoyance. Faced with missed appointments, robbed of the joy of leading worship and being amongst you in the course of my pastoral duties, one can feel helpless, worthless and full of doubts about the return of confidence, assurance and ability to take up duties again. I have found blessed liberation and strength in the text: 'Abide in me and I in you'. By deliberately forcing oneself to try and wait on Him, and trustingly abide in Him, gradually He gives us that gift of strength and determination that helps us fight on. So if you are a bit down, fed up and full of frustrations, join me as I humbly try to persevere in prayer and say:

Lord, increase my faith, that I may embrace everything that is your will.

Lord, increase my faith, that the mountains of difficulty may be removed.

Lord, increase my faith, that I may never be at a loss, for some creative action for you.

Lord, increase my faith, that I may never be frustrated and impatient.

Lord, increase my faith, that I may run to you in every situation.

Lord, increase my faith, that I may trust you in seeming failure or defeat.

Lord, increase my faith, that I may endure as seeing you, who art visible only to the eye of faith.

Lord, fill me with faith, hope and love, this day and always. Amen.

Your friend and parish priest, Tony

All are most welcome at our services. There will be a Family Service on Mothering Sunday 22 March at 11.15 am. Easter Services start with Holy Communion at 8 am on Maundy Thursday 9 April, followed by a Good Friday Service of Hymns & Prayers at 12 noon. At 7.30 pm there will be a short Compline. On Easter Sunday, there will be Family Service at 11.15 am. Please note there will be no 8 am Holy Communion on Easter Sunday. On 2 June, there will be a Bring & Buy at the Limes in aid of church funds.

Gil Gordon and Richard Seymour, Churchwardens.

NEWS & VIEWS

If you over-indulged at Christmas a fun way to lose a few ounces would be to go line dancing, which is suitable for all ages and starts on Tuesday 10 February, 8-9 pm, in the Village Hall.

Sadly, Stanley Owen, a great local character well-known to those in the Windmill, lost his fight with cancer in December. I'm happy to say that I was successful in re-homing his car through the RSPCA, who tell me that they still have a large number of animals needing homes, so if you are considering having a pet, please try Mr Chris Flood on 01245-450855 first.

Plans are beginning to be drawn up for the Village Fete, and the organisers are interested in your ideas and suggestions. Ring me on 400315.

If anyone has any news or views they would like to share with the village, please contact me.

Clare Liddiard, The Windmill


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The Rural Housing Trust's scheme for affordable housing in the village has moved one step further on because P.C. has now agreed to support in principle a scheme at the Highfields Farm site for five houses for village people in perpetuity. The next stage of the project is for architectural plans to be produced and a planning application to be submitted. This will be an opportunity for everyone to make their comments to Chelmsford Borough Council on the planning aspects of the proposal.

If you have been reading the Minutes on the P.C. noticeboards, you will already know that a Working Party has been formed from members of P.C. and Hanna's Field Charity to investigate the possibility of building an extension on to the Village Hall which could provide improved facilities including more secure accommodation for our Post Office and more space for shop goods. As an attempt is going to be made to secure Lottery funding, the project has become far from straightforward even at this early stage, but the Working Party is doing its utmost to get the project off the ground as quickly as possible due to the series of security problems which the Post Office has experienced in its present quarters.

Also of a persistent nature has been the series of vandal attacks on the P.C. noticeboard near the Bicknaere Road junction. Repeated repairs are being paid for out of the council tax, not from insurance payments, so it is in every local council tax payer's interest to bring the problem to an end. The P.C. would be very interested to know the name or names of those causing the damage.

On a happier note, the Village Tidy-up took place on a beautiful sunny morning. It was very pleasant to have an excuse to be out in the sunshine! Thank you to everyone who took part: you did an excellent job.

There has been some concern expressed that bicycle riding on pavements is not only on the increase but is taking place at high speed and with no regard for the safety of pedestrians. If you think you have the right to ride a bicycle on the pavement please refer to the Highway Code.

The vacancy on P.C. which arose due to the resignation of Dennis Jacklin was filled by Les Draper, so P.C. is now up to the full strength of seven members again. As yet, no-one has offered to fill Susan Chadwick's place as the P.C. representative to Mid Essex Community Health Council meetings. These take place four times a year and circulate between Chelmsford, Braintree, Maldon and Kelvedon and start at 7.30 pm. The two remaining meetings this year will take place on 17th. August at Maldon and 23rd. November at Kelvedon. The other meetings take place in February and May. Please let me know if you are interested in taking on this post.

The next three visits of the manned refuse vehicle to the Village Hall car park will take place on the following Saturday mornings: 13th. JUNE; 18th. JULY; 15th. AUGUST.

As in previous years, P.C. has arranged for the usual Summer holiday activities to take place at the Village Hall. There will be two visits by the Sportsmobile, two visits by the Playscheme, and one visit each by the Youthbus and the Playbus. All these activities will be free of charge. Posters will publicise the events from the beginning of the school holidays.

As required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 1996, the accounts for the year ended 31st. March 1998 will soon be displayed on the P.C. noticeboards, following the audit. Those who read the Minutes will know that P.C. has successfully contested the very high fee occurring from last year's audit: District Audit has now admitted making a mistake with the audit and is to reduce the fee by more than half.

There have been numerous consultation documents for P.C. to consider recently. In addition to the Draft County Structure Plan, which is the document proposing a concentration of new house building in the central districts of Essex, there have been several documents coming from the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions proposing very wide ranging changes to local government. They have all required detailed study to establish what consequences they would have locally and some detailed responses have been sent by P.C.

I have been told that our bus service has been improved with additional evening services, but have no details as yet. Anyone using the bus in the evenings would be well advised to obtain a copy of the new timetable.

P.C. Meetings are held in the Village Hall on the fourth Thursday of each month, and usually begin at 8 pm, unless a long Agenda requires an earlier start. Meeting notices and Agenda are displayed on the P.C. noticeboards beforehand.

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

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY: Village Hall & Playing Fields

The Charity has been working in partnership with the Parish Council on the possible extension of the Village Hall and our ideas for what is required for the future.

Some of you will have noticed things happening on the playing fields. The central hedge has been coppiced with the intention to allow its better management in future. The sports courts have been resurfaced and for a time access will be restricted until the surface has hardened. Unfortunately, a certain amount of damage has occurred to the field due to heavy vehicles which shall be sorting out in the next few days. We have been discussing with young people in the village ideas on shaping the field corner mound for its use by BMX bikes, so if you want a say contact me, but do it soon.

Still on the fields, we are looking for somebody to take over the maintenance work around the fields. This is a very part-time activity but needs somebody who is local, so if you are interested please contact me.

Would the person(s) who removed the chains from the play equipment on the field please return them. Not only does it create extra work for the volunteers who manage the Hall and playing fields, and extra expense for the Charity, but it is also potentially dangerous to meddle with the play equipment.

We look forward once again to seeing you at our Annual Art Exhibition and Sale. This is the Charity's biggest fund raising effort of the year, so please support it and buy a masterpiece!

Mike Plumridge, Chairman Hanna's Field Charity, Tel: 400628

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EAST HANNINGFIELD

Work has now started on the repairs recommended in the Quinquennial Inspection which was carried out on the fabric of the church late last year. We are most grateful for everyone's support for our fundraising events which has enabled us to put these works in hand fairly promptly. We look forward to seeing you at the Village Fete on 13 September - as always, this will be organised by the church and Hanna's Field Charity. At the Annual Church Meeting in April, Richard Seymour did not offer himself for re-election as Churchwarden, and Gil Gordon indicated that she will retire from her post next year. Heather Leigh has been elected to serve as Churchwarden for the coming year and, following the recent resignation, on the grounds of ill-health, of Rev Tony Marty, any enquiries should be directed to Heather or Gil.

East Hanningfield Annual Art Exhibition & Sale

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EAST HANNINGFIELD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are fortunate to have a wildlife area in school which includes a large, established pond. The area is often visited by children, but at this time of year it is especially interesting as is illustrated by this poem from Class One:-

Standing by our pond I hear birds singing, cheeping and chirping in their nest.

Standing by our pond I see trees dancing and waving in the breeze.

Standing by our pond I hear a lawnmower buzzing like a bee.

Standing by our pond I see ripples growing bigger and bigger circles.

Standing by our pond I hear cars driving past, brooming fast.

Standing by our pond I see dragonflies floating by.

Parent Teacher Association

As in previous years, the PTA has worked hard to organise the Summer Fete, which is on Saturday 20 June at 1.30 pm. We will have children's motorised quad bikes and an inflatable bungee run, which should provide some fun. There will also be a variety of 'Have a Go' stalls and refreshments. This is our main fund-raising event of the year, so please come along, have some fun and help support the school. Programmes will be distributed soon throughout the village, so be sure to fill in your lucky draw slip on the back and bring it along on the day. We look forward to seeing you.

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BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The Friday night children's club and youth club continue to be well attended. Mother and Toddlers meet on Wednesday mornings, the Ladies Fellowship on Tuesday mornings and the Bible Study group on Thursday evenings. We hold our Sunday Family Worship services in the WI Hall at 10.45 am. Can I take this opportunity to invite you to come and join us? We are not a private club! We are open to all. We will again be holding a Summer Holiday Club in the village hall for the 5-11 year old children each morning, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, Monday 17 to Friday 21 August. We shall be having 'Fun and Games' inside and outside - see you there!

David Cortey, Tel: 400665

EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

What has the WI got to do with Gordon's Gin? For our Spring Outing, 14 members spent an interesting morning at the Gordon's Gin factory at Laindon. It was fascinating to see the process and even better to taste the sample at the end of the tour. The Spring Group meeting was a great success: we welcomed Peggy Oliver, Pearly Queen of Redbridge and she gave us a brief history of the 'Pearlies'. Our exhibit for the County Show is coming along extremely well, we thank all those taking part and wish them luck on the day. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the WI Hall, and all are most welcome. The talk in June is 'Flowers around the Home', 'Herbs and Honey' in July and on 19 August, our open meeting, we look forward to a visit from Bob Odney, author and broadcaster. Husbands and friends are most welcome at this meeting.

Audrey Lovegrove, Tel: 400209

EAST HANNINGFIELD PRESCHOOL, Charity No. 267508

We were overwhelmed by the response to our appeal for Tesco, Asda and Sainsbury vouchers - our thanks to everyone in the village who was kind enough to make a donation. We hope to exchange the vouchers for some new equipment for the preschool, including some outdoor equipment now that we have full use of the patio outside the Village Hall. The patio has been a fabulous addition to our facilities, almost doubling the play area on a sunny day. The children (and staff) enjoy the opportunity to let off steam.

We are holding an Open Day on Thursday 2 July from 11.45 am to 1.30 pm to give parents, grandparents, friends and anyone else who is interested a chance to look around and see what we do. There will be an opportunity to 'dabble' in the many activities on offer and refreshments will be served. Feel free to join us.

Visitors are welcome to any of our sessions, which run from Monday to Thursday between 9.15 and 11.45 am. Please direct any enquiries to our secretary, Jackie Haigh on 01245-400900.

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MERIL - A New Helpline for Mid Essex

The Mid Essex Resource and Information Line for Mental Health, a project developed and supported by Maldon (Essex) MIND, is now open for calls from anyone in Mid Essex who is over 16. This is a confidential service (except where there may be a risk of self-harm or harm to others) which is run by trained Helpline workers who are professionally supervised and are there to provide support, information and access to other services for anyone who is experiencing mental or emotional distress, or who is a carer of someone who may need help. Currently MERIL operates on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 2 pm until 10 pm. The number to ring is 01621-843943.

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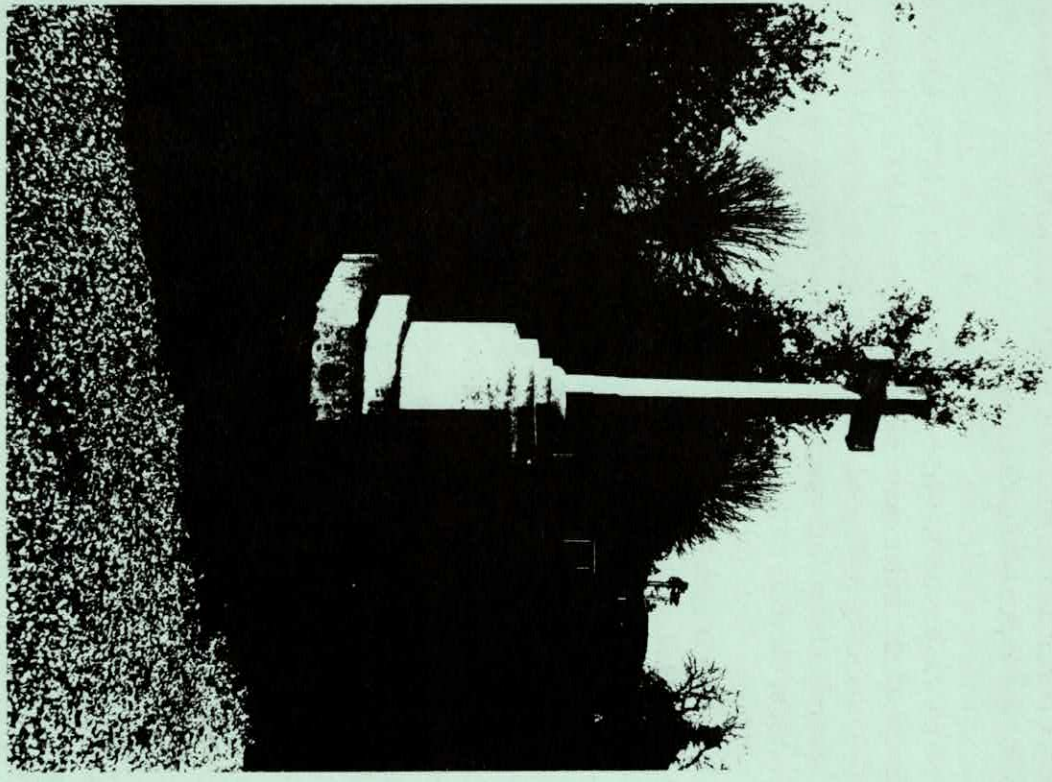
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PARISH COUNCIL

P.C.'s Chairman Alan Dixon, in his report to the Annual Parish Meeting in May, recounted how P.C. had responded to 13 consultations during the previous 12 months, and commented that the year had been the busiest he could remember in 25 years. Since then, P.C. has dealt with a further nine consultations (3 from Chelmsford Borough Council, 3 from the Department of the Environment Transport and the Regions, & one each from the London and South East Regional Planning Conference, Essex County Council and North Essex Health Authority) and is aware of more to come, so the pressure continues.

One of the topics mentioned by the Chairman in his report was the poor condition of the water main along the Tye and P.C.'s repeated requests, usually coinciding with yet another burst, for the main to be replaced. P.C. has recently been informed that the main is now scheduled for replacement shortly.

The P.C. Hanna's Field Charity joint Working Party has been busy with the Village Hall project. An architect has now been appointed to carry out a feasibility study. The study will be advantageous when applying for grant aid and absolutely essential when applying for National Lottery funding. It will find out what the community wants from the Village Hall, so every household will be consulted. Please take the time to respond to the questionnaire that you will be receiving shortly: the more answers which are returned the more representative and the more valuable the study will be. This will be your opportunity to contribute to the future of the Hall and its facilities.

The Playschemes organized by the Borough Council and held in the Village Hall attracted far fewer children than in previous Summers. I should be interested to hear from anyone who can offer an explanation, such as weather too hot, wrong days of the week or anything else so that I can provide Chelmsford B.C. with feedback. On the other hand, attendance at the Youthbus was higher than usual and the Playbus and Sportsmobile were well attended.

Autumn is the appropriate time for hedging and tree pruning, and P.C. already has some work planned for the pyracantha and the willows on the Tye. If you have public paths to the front, side or rear of you property, please check that pedestrians are not having to step off the path to avoid your trees or shrubs, remembering that some residents have impaired vision and are not always aware of leafy or thorny obstructions.

The July Meeting was attended by representatives from Essex and Suffolk Water and County Emergency Planning, who talked about the storage of chlorine at the Hanningfield Treatment Works beside the reservoir and the plans which would be activated in the very unlikely event of a chlorine gas leak. You have probably heard the siren which is tested every Friday morning: if you hear it at any other time it will be warning of an emergency at the Works, which is intended for site staff and residents living in the immediate vicinity of the Works. Basically, the advice given to residents is, if they hear the siren, they should go indoors, close all doors and windows, go upstairs and tune in to the local radio station. If you are interested in the processes which take place at the Works, I have been provided with some leaflets and will be pleased to pass on copies on request.

I have been informed that the Rural Housing Trust is still accepting applications for the affordable housing scheme for local people, so there is still time to send your form in if you want to be considered.

Please note that the manned refuse vehicle will be at the Village Hall car park on the following Saturday mornings from 8 am until 10.45 am: 19TH. SEPTEMBER, 17TH. OCTOBER, & 14TH. NOVEMBER. There will be no visit in December. This facility is for household and garden refuse, but you are reminded that there is a composting scheme for garden waste at the civic amenity site in South Woodham. On a connected matter, residents are asked not to leave waste paper or any other rubbish by the bottle and can recycling bins at the Village Hall car park.

Sadly, I have to report a third resignation from P.C. in 10 months. Stan Gordon resigned his seat at the end of June. Stan joined P.C. in 1991 and was always an active member. The parish walks map, which he compiled, will be a lasting reminder of his time on P.C. (if you have not seen it, it is displayed just back from the Tye at the Cobb entrance). P.C. thanks Stan

for his considerable contribution to the Council's work and is pleased that he has offered to continue on the Village Hall project Working Party.

P.C. Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of each month. They take place in the Village Hall at 8 pm. Shortly after the beginning of each Meeting, Public Question Time gives parishioners the opportunity to ask questions or to bring matters to the notice of the Council. If you decide to write to the Council, your letter will be considered during the Correspondence item of the Agenda.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council. Tel: 400628

HANNAS FIELD CHARITY - Village Hall

Attendance at the Charity's Annual Art Exhibition and Sale in July was disappointing this year. Over 300 paintings in a variety of media from 46 artists were displayed, with the Charity receiving a percentage of any sales, plus the entrance fee, hanging charge and raffle proceeds. Over £500 profit was achieved but this was considerably down on some previous years. Despite this, it was a pleasant weekend and we thank all of you who supported the Charity by helping with the preparations or by attending the exhibition.

Our next fund raising event is the Village Fete on Saturday, 12th. September, which we hold jointly with the Church. We hope this will be as successful as last year.

In partnership with the Parish Council, the Charity continues its involvement with the proposal for an extension to the Village Hall, reported more fully in the Parish Clerk's report.

Those who use the playing fields will be aware that damage suffered on the North field during resurfacing work on the sports courts, has been reinstated and seeded. The sports courts are back in use for tennis and light activities but will not be ready for 5-a-side football until November.

Having prepared a plan for work on the large mound in the corner of the South field to convert it into a mountain bike course for youngsters, we have found that planning permission is required and that our public liability insurance may be effected. We have to follow up these points and will continue to keep youngsters and residents informed.

Current hiring charges are as follows:

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- # Showers/changing rooms - £1 per hour;
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- (juniors) - £1.50 per hour + £5 key deposit;
- # Netball (one court) - £7.50 per hour;
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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our Open Meeting was a great success and we hope that those who joined us had a pleasant time. We are fortunate in many ways to own our WI hall, but it does have its drawbacks. This year we find that the inside of the hall needs redecorating. To cover the expense of this we have to hold extra fund-raising events, the first of which was a 'Spud & Pud' get together held on a summer evening. On December 4, a Christmas Quiz will be held to which you are cordially invited. This is a 'Fun Night' and if you can get a team of 8 together, please let me know - we would be delighted to see you. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm; on September 16 Mr A Dickens will speak on Working in the House of Commons. All are very welcome.



Audrey Lovegrove, Tel: 400209

NEWS & VIEWS

Sorry I missed everyone last quarter. First, Nicky Heard would like to thank everyone who sponsored her 100 foot abseil for a breast cancer charity; with all your help, £507-55 was raised. The sun must be due to shine for some time now, as East Hanningfield Cricket Club is looking for players - any age or ability welcome. After looking after the keys to the Village Hall for two weeks, we must say very well done to Iris for dealing with all the comings and goings, as well as cleaning, throughout the year. I look forward to seeing you all at the Village Fete, where I hope you enjoy the line dancing display - this takes place every Tuesday evening from 8 until 9, starting on 8 September. The Library bus has changed times - please see village notice boards.

If anyone has any news or views, birthdays or other events you would like to share with the village, please let me know.

Clare, The Windmill, Tel: 400315

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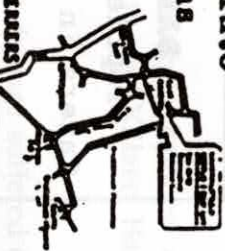
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As I write this in mid-August, we are halfway through our Summer Holiday Club week for the 5 to 11 year-old children, held every weekday morning in the Village Hall. The children (and adult helpers too) really do seem to enjoy this mix of games, songs, Bible stories and craft activities and are really disappointed when it has to come to an end (although we oldies need the break to recuperate). Never fear though, if your children enjoyed the Holiday Club, I am sure they will enjoy the regular weekly Rainbow Club which re-starts for the autumn term at Bethel Church on Friday 11 September, 6-7.30 pm. If you would like your children to become more familiar with some of the great Bible stories and other aspects of the Christian message, we have a Sunday School time lasting 35 to 45 minutes alongside our Sunday morning service held at 10.45 am at the church. Why not come along? You will be very welcome.

David Cottey, Pastor, Tel: 400665

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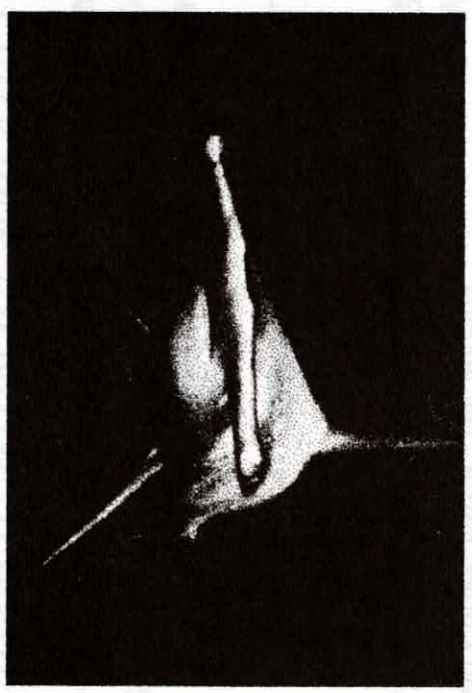
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We wish Reverend Tony Marty and his wife Carol much contentment in their new home in Cornwall. During the interregnum, the churchwardens, Gil Gordon (400298) and Heather Leigh (400977) are happy to help with any church matters. Thanks to the support of local clergy in the diocese, we continue to have a service every Sunday at 11.15 am and Holy Communion at 8 am on the second Sunday of each month. Baptisms may be arranged for the third Sunday, which is our Family Service.

Thanks to your support, the Bring and Buy at the Limes in June raised £630 for church funds; some minor work has been done to the church roof and stonework, and work continues on the windows. Part of the churchyard has now been set aside for the interment of cremated remains and the area is marked by a post and rail fence. Bronze plaques recording name and year of birth and death may be obtained via the wardens.

The village fete is on 12 September, and everyone is very welcome at our Harvest Festival which will be at 11.15 am on 27 September. This year, instead of being distributed to older members of the parish, the majority of the harvest gifts will be given to The Springboard Trust in Bicknacre, a Church of England charity providing accommodation and support for people with special needs. Anyone in the parish who previously received a harvest gift and would like to receive one this year is invited to contact Gil or Heather to arrange its delivery. Our Christmas Bazaar will take place in the Church at 10.30 am on 14 November.

Finally, four little words which can be of comfort in many situations: 'LET GO, LET GOD'.

Gil Gordon

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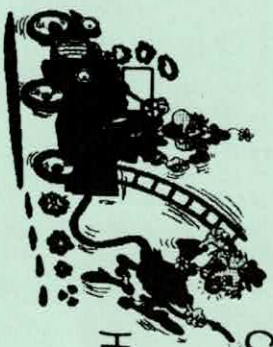
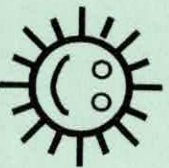
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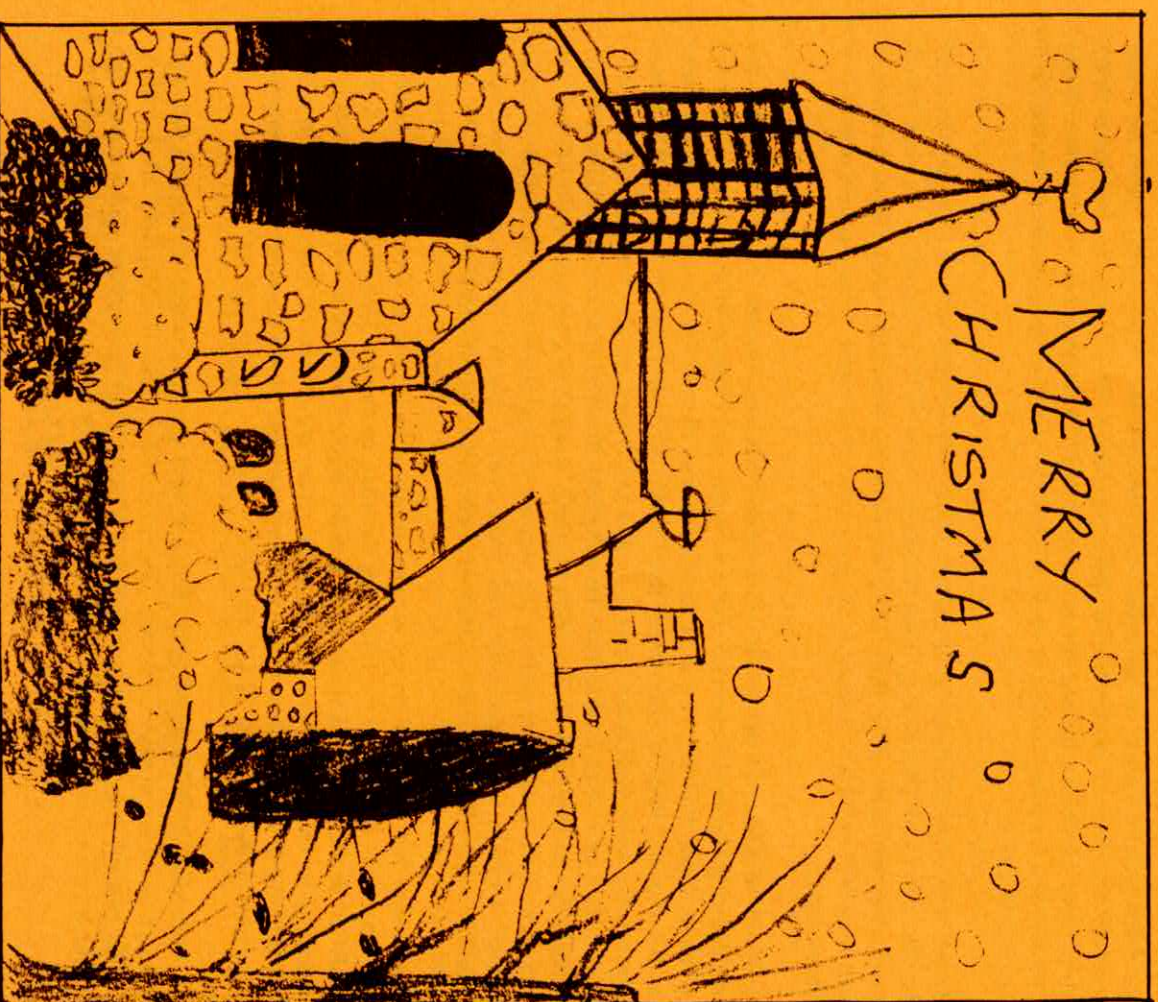
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PARISH COUNCIL

On a cold November morning, the Chairman and I took a Chelmsford Borough officer around the village to show him the traffic problems and to discuss possible traffic calming measures. There have been questions asked by a number of village residents recently as to how and why Howe Green has achieved a reduced speed limit of 30mph, and nothing has seemed to have happened here. The answer is that we are not going to get a lower speed limit on the main road through the village until there are some measures in place to reduce traffic speed physically. This means an inevitable delay while plans are drawn up and funds found, but P.C.'s willingness to contribute to the cost of traffic calming, which is now permissible under recent legislation, should help the process along.

By the time of publication, the Open Day at the Village Hall will have taken place, and the Hanna's Field Charity/P.C. joint Working Party will be preparing its final report concerning the future of the Hall. The response to the feasibility study questionnaire was well over 40%, which will stand us in good stead if or when an application is made for lottery funding.

You will be aware of the Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Hyde Hall, in the neighbouring parish of Rettendon, but you might not be aware of the Society's plans for its future. Hyde Hall is going to be developed into the Society's principal visitor centre in this region. P.C. is concerned that traffic to and from the site will increase substantially while Buckhatch Lane is used as the access, but also that the proposed new access via a new road joining East Hanningfield Road in Rettendon will direct traffic through the communities of East Hanningfield, Rettendon Common, Howe Green and Becknacre. P.C. is therefore seeking the support of neighbouring parish councils to make a joint objection to the proposed new road, with a counter proposal that the access should be via the Shaws Farm roundabout at the farther end of Crephedde Lane.

Please note that there will be no manned refuse vehicle visit in December or January. The next visits will be on the following Saturday mornings: 13th FEBRUARY & 13th MARCH, in the Village Hall car park as usual from 8 until 10.45am. On an associated subject, those of us who have had domestic refuse collections on Tuesdays during 1998 will have the final collection of the year on Thursday, 31st. December and during 1999 collections on Fridays.

On 6th. May, 1999 there will be Borough and Parish Council elections. Although Borough seats are always contested, several parishes, East Hanningfield among them, do not always have enough candidates for a poll to take place. This means that candidates are returned unopposed, and sometimes people have to be co-opted to make

up the required number of councillors. Although not having a poll means that the parish would save the cost of about £500, there is a good deal of criticism that returning whole councils unopposed is undemocratic. Whatever you feel about the democratic process you might like to consider being nominated for election in good time before the final decision has to be made nearer to election day. Notices of Election will appear by 26th. March, and nominations will be accepted, at Chelmsford Borough Council, from that date until noon on 8th. April. If you want to vote on 6th. May but find you are going to be away from home, C.B.C. will be accepting applications for postal votes until 5pm on 20th. April.

You will remember that last year the County Youth Service began bussing young people to the Galleywood Youth Centre on Wednesday evenings. So far this term, numbers interested in taking part in this service have not been high enough for it to be started up again. If you are aged 10-13 years and are interested in this service which has no cost implications, even the sessions at the Youth Centre are now free of charge, please get in touch with me for a parental consent form. If you are aged 14 years or over, you are invited to attend the Monday and Friday evening sessions at the Youth Centre, but will have to make your own arrangements for transport. As well as the usual snooker, tabletennis and arts and crafts the Galleywood Youth Centre has a coffee bar with tuck shop, a music studio plus instruments including guitars and drums, video cameras and lots of space.

For about seven years, Clare Seymour has been editing this Newsletter with skill and dedication. She has now reached the decision that other responsibilities which she has will prevent her from doing justice to the post of Editor, so she has tendered her resignation. P.C. would like to thank her for all the work she has done on behalf of the Council and for the community as a whole, and wish her well in the future.

At the time of 'going to press' no-one has answered the call to take up the post of Editor. Please contact me if you are interested. Clare has provided me with a job description which will explain what is involved.

Please note that the December P.C. Meeting has been postponed until 7th. January. Thereafter Meetings will continue on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council. Tel: 400628

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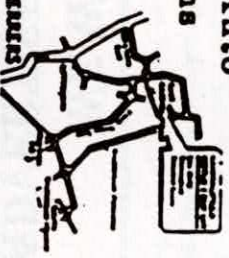
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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY - Village Hall

The Village Fete on 12th. September, which the Charity holds jointly with the Church, achieved a very healthy £850.68 for H.F.C. and a similar amount for the Church. Thanks to everyone who helped especially Richard Huke and also to Roy and Clare at the Windmill for sponsoring the raffle tickets.

Sadly, we have to report continuing vandalism at the Hall. Repeated attacks have resulted in the insurance excess being increased to £200, so for the recent incident which cost £285.53 to repair only £85.53 was received from the insurance company. It does not take a mathematician to work out how many vandal attacks will wipe out the profit from the fund raising work!

Following a rest period for the new surface at the sports courts they are now in full use.

Our A.G.M. will take place on 17th. February, at 7.30pm. Please come along if you are interested in the way the Hall and playing fields are managed. If you are willing to lend a hand we will be needing a new Treasurer. Ian Wigglesworth has done an excellent job for several years, but feels it is time to give someone else a turn. Our thanks go to Ian for all his work for the Charity.

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We are always looking to strengthen our playing squad, so whether you are new to the area or a young person wanting to move from school to village cricket or someone interested in taking up the game again after a break, why not become a member of East Hanningfield Cricket Club? If you are interested in playing and coming along to winter nets, please call Rob Naybour on 01621-858668.

David Sherry, Tel: 401208

EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Have you thought any more about entering our 'teams of eight' Fun Quiz on Friday 4 December? The £4 ticket includes a fish and chip supper - please ring if you are interested.

Bea Rice was re-elected for a third term as President - we wish her well and look forward to enjoying a full and varied programme for 1999. East Hanningfield WI has been in existence for over 80 years. The Hall was built in 1921 with donations from members and friends and it has just been redecorated for the fourth time. With our membership at 36, fund-raising is always a priority and we do hope you will be able to support our fund-raising events.

You are always welcome at our meetings, which are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm. Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

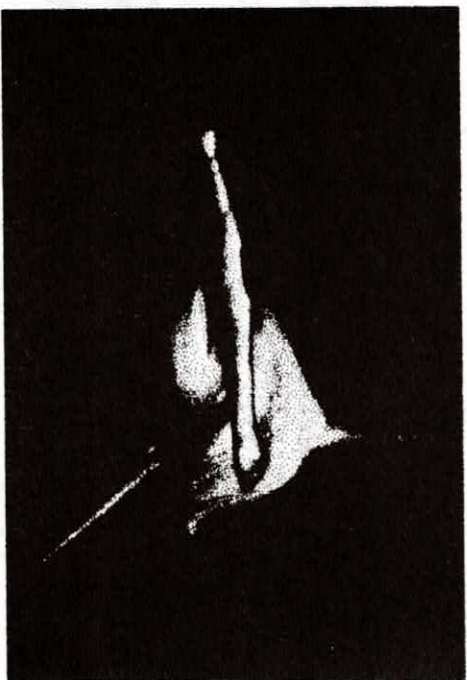
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Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of our Christmas Bazaar which contributed over £700 towards the maintenance and fabric repairs of our lovely church. Although we have no news yet on the appointment of a new vicar, it's business as usual, with our services being taken by retired clergy or local ministers. Please contact either of the churchwardens for baptisms, marriages, funerals or any other matters. Every month we have a Sunday Club in church for the children; this is usually on the second Sunday at 9.30 am and lasts for an hour. The youngsters have made a collage for our Harvest Festival and poppies for Remembrance Sunday. On December 13th our theme will obviously be Christmas! All children are welcome and there is no charge.

This year our Christmas services are as follows:

Sunday 20 December, 3 pm,

Carol Service with setting-up of Crib,
followed by mince pies and wine.

Christmas Eve, 11.30 pm,

Midnight Communion with Carols
Family Service with shortened
Holy Communion

Christmas Day, 11.15 am,

Marins

Sunday 27 December, 11.15 am,

Marins

Please come and join the celebrations of the Birth of Jesus. A Happy Christmas to one and all!

Gil Gordon, Tel: 400298; Heather Leigh, Tel: 400977

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

RAINBOW CLUB, our weekly club for 5-11 year old children is now held in the Village Hall, from 6 to 7.15 pm each Friday. The numbers of children grew throughout the summer and the Village Hall gives us lots more space for games and activities. We look forward to developing the club in the new premises.

Like everyone else, we have been preparing for Christmas. In all the frantic, tiring rush of preparation it is easy to miss out on the message at the heart of the Christmas celebration, which is one of JOY, PEACE and HOPE; Joy that a Saviour, Jesus, has been given to the world to make Peace with God for us and the sure Hope that we can know peace as a reality in our lives as we put our trust in Him. Our Christmas Family Service will be held in the W1 Hall at 10.45 am on Sunday 20 December. Please come and join us for carols, mince pies and refreshments to follow. Happy Christmas.

David Cortey, Pastor, Tel: 400665

NEWS AND VIEWS

Well, everybody seemed to enjoy the Village Fete, despite the weather-there appeared to be more grass in the Village Hall than on the playing fields! Well done to the Three Horse Shoes who won back the Tug-O-War trophy.

The Ladies Over 60's Club gratefully received £50 from The Chelmsford & District Auro Club, which will be used towards their Christmas lunch.

We must also say thank you and goodbye to our current Editor who is retiring from the post and good luck to the new Editor - I understand that ideas and material for cover pictures, drawings or photographs are needed relevant to East Hanningfield or village life, so if you want to forward them to me or the new Editor, I am sure they will be appreciated.

If anyone has any news or views, birthdays or other special events you would like to share with the village, please let me know.

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Did you know that 1998-99 is the National Year of Reading? This is an initiative to promote reading and engage the help of everyone - parents, grandparents, schools, employers, libraries, booksellers and local authorities. In school we have introduced the Literacy Hour each day for all pupils in order to raise standards in English. However, we also need help from the wider community to change attitudes to reading. Parents and others are asked to read to and with children so that everyone will be able to:-

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- * read often
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Children need adults to be reading models so that they see reading is valued beyond the classroom and the National Year of Reading is an important part of the government's literacy strategy to ensure that by 2002 80% of 11 year olds will reach the standard expected of their age group in English. We all need to work together towards this ambitious goal for our children.

Christmas Events: You are invited to:

- Sat 5 Dec PTA Christmas Bazaar in school hall, 1.30 pm
- Wed 9 Dec Over Sixties invited to 'Pepy's Show', 10 am, followed by coffee and mince pies.
- Thur 10 Dec 'Pepy's Show', 7.30 pm.
- Fri 11 Dec 'Pepy's Show', 7.30 pm
- Tue 15 Dec Carol Service in Church, 2 pm.

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PARISH COUNCIL

P.C. has continued to receive numbers of long consultation documents which have required in depth consideration and detailed responses. The Essex and Southend Waste Local Plan was controversial enough to reach the local press. P.C. was obviously not supportive of a major waste management site and possible incinerator upwind at Sandon, but also criticised the Plan for its lack of direction towards the three Rs, Reduction, Reuse and Recycling. The South East Regional Planning Conference's 'Sustainable Development Strategy for the South East' covered such issues as house building allocation across the region and 'sustainable transport'. Amongst many points raised, P.C. argued for a commitment to improve rail services; for public transport to be integrated; for housing to be fairly distributed across the region, including in the green belt; and against road tolling.

Also, recently P.C. has responded to North Essex Health Authority's 'Health Improvement Programme', the Essex and Southend Replacement Structure Plan, and two documents concerning the Replacement Chelmsford Borough Local Plan: 'Development Principles' and 'Urban Intensification Issues'. The Local Plan contains detailed local planning policies such as what can be built where, so it is important to follow its development at every stage.

P.C. has also been involved with the development of the Borough Crime and Disorder Strategy, and is currently preparing a response to Essex Police's Review of Rural Policing.

P.C. has been informed recently that funding is not immediately available for traffic calming in the village, and that until funding is available the plans will not be produced. P.C. is contesting this on two fronts: firstly, by arguing that we really do not need speed restraints to qualify for a reduced speed limit; and secondly, that if a costed plan could be produced, P.C. would be able to consider making a financial contribution towards the installation of physical speed restraints.

At the Meeting at the end of November, P.C. set the Precept for the financial year 1999/2000. The Precept is the amount of money that P.C. instructs the Borough Council to collect from the council tax payers on its behalf. P.C.'s budget indicated a Precept of £15,238, which was slightly less than the rate of inflation above this year's Precept, which was £14,740. You might think that only the council tax payers would be interested in the level of the Parish Precept, but the Borough Council will now be taking more than an academic interest. Although capping has supposedly been abolished, increases in council tax above 4.5% will lead to a progressive withdrawal of council tax subsidy from the Government to district and borough councils. For the first time parish council precepts will be included in the calculation, so boroughs and districts with high spending parishes will be financially penalized, although the parishes themselves will not. It is generally believed that this is intended to prevent districts pressuring parishes into paying for services which they can no longer afford (due to capping).

On the subject of the budget, many residents of the parish are probably unaware that P.C. is repaying loans for the purchase of the playing field and the construction of the Village Hall. Repayments this year will amount to £1,852.

At the moment there is nothing concrete to report on either the Rural Housing Trust project to build affordable housing for local people in the village, nor the Village Hall extension project. Both projects are going through necessary processes, but with nothing visible to show for it at the moment.

Those of you who read the Essex Chronicle Community News section or the P.C. Minutes on the noticeboards will be aware of a rat problem, and that two foxes had died from a disease associated with rats. The Environmental Health Department at C.B.C. is monitoring the rat problem, so if you see rats or find any dead wild animals please let them know.

Please note that the Manned Refuse Vehicle will visit the Village Hall car park on the following Saturday mornings from 8 until 10.45: 13TH. MARCH; 17TH. APRIL; 15TH. MAY.

P.C. has arranged for a Borough Council run EASTER PLAY SCHEME to take place at the Village Hall on THURSDAY, 1ST APRIL. Sessions will run from 10am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4pm. Under 8s will be welcome but must be accompanied by an adult carer at all times.

P.C.'s Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of each month, in the Village Hall at 8pm. The first Meeting after the election will be an exception, because it has to take place within a statutorily prescribed time, so will be on 20th. May.

If you are interested in standing for election for a seat on P.C., please let me know, as I have an information pack which you could borrow, which will give you a good idea of what being a councillor involves. Nomination papers will be available from C.B.C., and from me, and should be returned, completed, to the Returning Officer at C.B.C. by noon on 8th. April. The Borough Council will also have an information pack available for potential parish councillors, which can be obtained from the Returning Officer at Civic Centre, Chelmsford CM1 1JE or by phoning 606449.

Lastly, P.C. wishes to thank Daphne Sherry for stepping into the breach to take over the post of Editor. Although P.C. pays for the printing, the production and delivery of the News is a totally voluntary effort, and is a service which deserves appreciation from the whole community, so this would be an appropriate time to thank all the distributors, including those who have had to give up recently and those who have recently volunteered.

Correspondence intended for consideration by P.C. should be directed to the Clerk at 2 Clinton Close. Question Time, towards the beginning of the monthly Meetings, allows members of the public to bring to the notice of P.C. matters of concern, or, of course, to ask questions. Parishioners are welcome to attend the monthly Meetings to listen to the discussions which take place on a wide variety of matters which have a local impact.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council.

Tel: 400628

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY - Village Hall & Playing Fields

By the time you read this News the Charity will have elected the new Management Committee and another year begins. So, on behalf of the old Committee, 'Thank you' to those in the village who helped and supported the Charity throughout 1998. 'Thank you' also to Iris Evans, our Hall caretaker and keyholder, for her unstinting efforts.

Some dates for the diary! The Fund Raising Committee plan the following activities:-

13th. March - WINE TASTING (& PURCHASE) £6.50 per head;
17th./18th. July - ART EXHIBITION & SALE;
September - VILLAGE FETE.

The Charity currently is involved in two projects. Progress on proposals to extend the Village Hall is underway. An application for planning permission for turning the playing field mound into a mountain bike track has been submitted. Residents and 'bikers' will be kept updated on progress.

The Hall and sports courts are in good demand but it is disappointing that, having resurfaced the courts, there is no group in the village interested in starting a tennis club. Chelmsford Borough Council's sports development officer, Antony Bensley, (on 606979) is interested in tennis coaching and development. Give him or the Charity a call if you want to know more.

Mike Plumridge, Chairman H.F.C.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

On behalf of East Hammingfield Short Mat Bowls Club I would like to let you know what we do and what we have done in recent months. The club is a competitive club in that we enter tournaments and competitions and have done well winning most that we enter. Individual players have done well winning County Championships and also some players have played for the County.

The club has two league teams which both look set to win their leagues this year. The club also has internal competitions and this year the finals were held as an all day event. It was very successful and enjoyed by all.

We have a good mix of players of all ages and experience. The mix of members is what makes the club what it is, very friendly and enjoyable.

Captain	Bill Bessell	01277-841374
Chairman	George Perkins	01245-476565
Treasurer	Ken Burn	01268-511255
Hon. Secretary	Anthony Orpin	01245-401228/401164

EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Despite the fact that there is (some) snow on the ground, the winter nets held at the indoor cricket school at the County Ground continue. Once a week (Wednesday) we hire a lane for one hour. Ideally we like to have 6 players. This way everyone gets to bat for 10 minutes. Though 10 minutes may not sound a lot, after having 5 bowlers wheeling ball after ball down at you continuously, believe me it is very tiring.

Just before Christmas the club held its AGM at the village hall where club officers, & Saturday & Sunday team captains & vice captains were voted in. At the ground at Great Claydons, since the end of season tidy up of the pavilion, outfield & re-seeding of the square there is not much that can be done until the weather improves.

The club is always pleased to welcome new playing members. So if you are new to the area & looking for a club, want to move up from school to village green cricket or have given up playing for a while but want to play again, why not play for your village team?

The indoor nets are an ideal opportunity for you to meet other members, get some exercise & get your eye in ready for a new season. If you are interested please call Rob Naybour on 01621 - 858668 or myself.

David Sherry Tel. 401208

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EAST HANNINGFIELD

So here we are in 1999 and the Millennium gets ever closer – two thousand years since the birth of Jesus Christ! As part of our celebrations we will be planting a yew tree in our churchyard. You can read more about this countrywide project elsewhere in this newsletter.

Also to mark the Millennium we plan to renovate all the kneelers in our Parish Church. If you would like to sponsor a kneeler (no stitching involved, simply a financial transaction!) please contact Gil Gordon. One kneeler per family with the surname to be printed under the kneeler and also recorded on a wall plaque. Unlike the shingles project you will be able to view your named kneeler ! There's a limited number, so it is first come first served. We hope you will wish to use this opportunity to celebrate the Millennium by leaving something for posterity in East Hanningfield – well the previous kneelers would seem to have been around a very long time !

Just as a point of interest, January hasn't always been the start of the year. March was the first month in the English ecclesiastical calendar, as in the Roman year, until 1752 and the legal year commenced on March 25th. Scotland changed the first month to January in 1599 !

EASTER SERVICES – everyone welcome, so we hope you will be able to join us

Maundy Thursday 8 am Holy Communion

Good Friday 12 noon Service of Hymns and Prayers

7.30 p.m. Compline (15 minute service)

Easter Day 11.15 Family Communion

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If you have children, remember on the second Sunday of each month at 9.30 am in the church, its Sunday Club for youngsters, all ages welcome, an hour of craft work, stories and fun. The third Sunday at 11.15 am is a Family Service. In March, however, the second Sunday is March 14th, Mothering Sunday and we have a Special Family Service at 11.15 am. No Sunday Club.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13th April – A.G.M. Parochial Church Council in church.

16th May - The chance to see and meet a real Bishop ! Bishop Laurie takes our Family Service at 11.15 am.

27th May - Bring & Buy, coffee and walk round The Limes garden from 10.30am in aid of church funds. N.B. It's a Thursday this year and let's hope it's sunny !

Churchwardens: Gil Gordon 400298 and Heather Leigh 400977

YEW FOR THE MILLENNIUM

By Professor David Bellamy OBE, President, The Conservation Foundation.

Taxus baccata, the churchyard Yew has many links with Christmas, perhaps the most obvious being that it stands beside so many of our parish churches. Among the other common names for this tree is palm and palm tree, for its fronds have been in religious festivals up until recent times.

Many of these churchyard Yews are venerable specimens and research over the past 15 years have shown that a number of them predate not only the church but Christianity itself.

Yes some of these trees were alive in our green and pleasant land while Christ lived out His life upon this earth.

This longevity and the fact that they could be cut again and again re-sprouting strong new shoots were the stuff of parables signifying resurrection and rebirth. Little wonder then that they were linked to many stories both true and untrue. Whether the cross on which Jesus died was made of Yew is still a matter of conjecture, however in olden times the traditional Yule log was yew, a timber slow to burn and so in great demand for legend has it that as long as the log still burned the servants could drink the master's best ale or cider or whatever was on offer.

Many of the most ancient wooden artifacts found in the peatbogs of Europe are made of yew. These range from implements belonging to the recently found ice man to wonderful drinking cups and objects of vague significance.

Of Saint Columba who founded a settlement on Iona (the Yew Isle) from which he set forth to evangelise the mainland, it is written, "though he feared death and hell the sound of the axe in the grove of Derry frightened him still more".

The Derry to which he referred is in Ireland where he had built an oratory of wood, facing not east but north toward Caer Arianshod and its Yew Trees.

Yews, there is no getting away from the fact that yews are very much tied up with Christianity, the Life of Christ and so with Christmas.

So as we approach the celebration of 2000 years since His Birth, the Conservation Foundation has taken cuttings from yew trees that we believe to be at least 2000 years old and they are on offer to all parishes who would like to celebrate the Bi-millennium of their faith by planting one in their churchyard or some other appropriate place.

Already 5000 parishes have reserved their tree including East Hanningfield. Each parish can have one free, but a 'limited edition' tree will be for sale to those who would like to celebrate the Millennium in private gardens, farms or private woodlands. The income raised will enable the Conservation Foundation to continue protecting and recording the country's ancient Yews and will also set up a fund to help churches unable to afford the proper care these ancient trees deserve, so safeguarding their unique place in history – a living link across 2000 years.

If you would like to know more about Yews for the Millennium contact:

Libby Symon, The Conservation Foundation, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR
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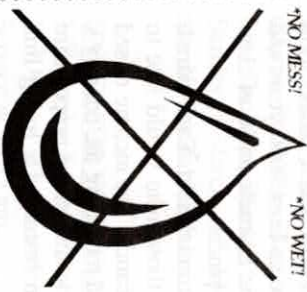
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Ice cold snow gliding
down to the frosty playground.....
Makes a white carpet.

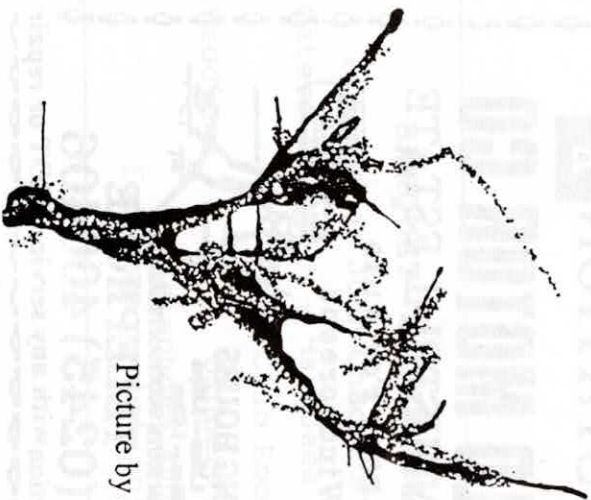
Matthew Hewett

Winter Weather..... snow
falls quickly, quietly, softly
Upon the bare ground.

Abbie Newman

All the trees are bare.....
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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our speaker for January was unable to join us, but we were most grateful to Mike Phillipot from Neighbourhood Watch who came along with a colleague to explain the purpose of the scheme and were surprised to learn that there is more in being part of this than meets the eye.

Being a very small part of a large Organisation, we, in Essex are fortunate to have such an active Federation who arrange many activities for us to enjoy.

This year on 12th March, Richard Baker O.B.E. and John Teather from the Central Weather Forecast Office will be speakers at the County Annual Meeting.

Our W.I. have a busy year planned, the first event being a Fashion Show on 10th March at 7.30pm. Tickets £2.00 including light refreshments.

April 21st we are holding a coffee morning in aid of Little Haven Hospice and on May 8th our annual Plant & Produce Sale at 10.30 - 12 noon.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday at 7.30pm in the W.I. Hall, Old Church Road. All would be most welcome to any of our events.

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NEWS & VIEWS

Gordon and Andrea Wilsher of Bridon Close were very pleasantly surprised by an early Christmas present: a Grandson! James Joseph, first son of Lee and Justin, 7 weeks early. Everybody is doing well and enjoyed baby's first Christmas.

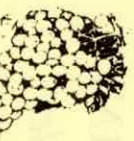
Saturday 13th March a 'Wine Tasting' evening is being held at the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Tickets cost £6.50 and all proceeds go to the Hannas Field Charity for the Village Hall fund.

Please don't forget that East Hanningfield school and playgroup are collecting the Walker crisps/ Sun newspaper book vouchers and vouchers from Tesco, Sainsbury's and Asda. You can post them into the Windmill if it is easier.

If you have any news or views on anything connected with the village, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Clare at the Windmill - 400315.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD NEWS is published by East Hanningfield Parish Council and distributed free to over 500 homes within the parish. The next edition of the newsletter will be the 25th anniversary. If anyone has any interesting articles about the village in the last 25 years, I would be pleased to hear from you. The copy date for the next issue is 14th May. A magazine distributor is urgently needed to deliver copies quarterly to the Ashley Green and Coude Dennis areas. Anyone interested please contact either myself or Karen Plumridge, Parish Council Clerk.
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COVER ILLUSTRATION: The Pond, Old Church Road.

The Pond appears on the Walker map of the parish, drawn in 1615, which can be seen in the Essex Record Office.

The Pond is historically significant because of its association with the Park, which is known to have been existent in 1299, when Hugh de Vere had license from Edward I to enlarge his park at East Hanningfield. At this time parks were status symbols which were expensive to create and maintain. Their purpose was to provide hunting, which was a rich man's sport and a source of fresh meat in the winter. Evidence for the location of the Park is provided by the Walker map and the local name Lodge Farm which denotes the hunting lodge. Park Corner was a field name still in use in the middle of the nineteenth century.

Fish was a necessary part of the diet during Lent and on fast days, so fish ponds were an important element of any park, therefore the Pond in East Hanningfield's Park was probably a fish pond.

From a study of the parish landscape by Karen Plumridge.

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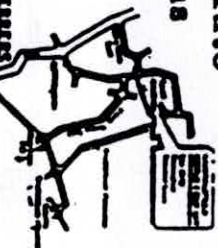
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PARISH COUNCIL

As this is the twenty-fifth anniversary edition, I have been taking another look at the very first edition of East Hanningfield News, published in the Summer of 1974. Village activities which will be familiar to present residents mentioned in the first edition were the W. I.; Playgroup then taking place in the Rectory; Sunday School at Bethel Church; Mobile Library; Cricket and Football Teams and Keep Fit. Consigned to history are the cheap market day returns; Cubs, Scouts and Brownies; whist drives; the Annual Country Fair; and Go Cart Grand Prix. The Parish Councillors were Messrs. Bird, Dixon, Hendry, Lovegrove, Mitchell, and Ruffell and Rev. Ost, names still familiar in the village. The Parish Council was reported as having carried out a traffic survey which had shown that, on average, one heavy lorry was passing through the village every three minutes. Soon after this an HGV ban was introduced at the P.C.'s instigation. P.C. was also heavily involved in negotiating a reduction in the rates because the country areas in Chelmsford were being charged the same as the town even though they had fewer facilities. P.C. was later successful on this matter as well, because for many years we have had "special expenses" whereby the town areas are charged for the facilities there and the parished areas get a reduction for the facilities they provide locally. I am sure that I have jogged a few memories, even amongst those of you who have not been here for the full twenty five years!

Now, back to the present, I have been asked by the Leisure Services Department at Chelmsford Borough Council to invite you to visit a mobile exhibition which will be on display in the Village Hall car park on Tuesday, 15th, June from 10.30 am until 4 pm. The subject of the exhibition will be the alternative proposals for new playground equipment at the play area behind Catherine Close. I am sure it will be of interest to all the children in the village and to the neighbours of the site. C.B.C. is really interested in hearing your views, because they want to get the design right and they want to avoid complaints once construction is completed, so please take the opportunity to see the exhibition.

Summer holiday activities arranged so far are a Playscheme for 8-11 year olds on Wednesday, 28th, July from 10-12.30 and 1.30-4; the Youtubus for 11 years and above on Friday, 30th, July, from 12.30-4.30; and the Playbus for children up to 8 years and their carers, from 10-2, bring a picnic! All these activities will take place at the Village Hall.

You will no doubt have noticed that we had Parish and Borough elections on 6th, May. A poll was unnecessary for the Parish Council as there were seven candidates for the seven seats, so all were returned unopposed. All the candidates were council members prior to the election, so the new term will continue from the old with the minimum of disruption. In case you are unaware of the identity of your Parish Councillors, they are Peter Applegate, Alan Dixon, Les Draper, Mike Feehan, Graham Parker, Penny Waters and Ian Wiglesworth. Alan Dixon was re-elected as our Borough Councillor, so we have continuity at both of those levels of local government. Both Borough and Parish Councillors will serve for a term of four years.

In the last News I referred to the budget process and P.C.'s Precept of £15,238 for the 1999/2000 financial year. How P.C. is allowed to spend your money is very strictly controlled, and to make sure the rules are being followed, P.C.'s accounts are audited annually by the District Audit (Audit Commission). The books are with the auditors for a month, and are there now. Copies of the audited accounts will be available for purchase following completion of audit. P.C. has been building up its reserves over several years, although there was a noticeable drop when the footway between Abbeyfields and the School was built a few years ago! The reserves are there in case of emergency expenditure and in readiness for a major project which, if all goes according to plan, is going to be the Village Hall extension. They presently stand at £23,198, although £2,748 of that is earmarked for specific expenditure such as the £1,000 towards the games wall project being planned by Hanna's Field Charity.

Please note that the manned refuse vehicle will be at the Village Hall car park from 8 until 10.45 am on the following Saturday mornings: 12TH JUNE, 17TH JULY, & 14th AUGUST. Please do not leave any rubbish at the car park if you miss the refuse vehicle. The recent Village Spring Clean left the Village Hall surrounds looking their cleanest for a long time, thank you to everyone who took part: you really did make a difference! With the co-operation of all the residents of the village we could keep it looking tidy.

Although I have no definite news about the affordable housing scheme for local people, at the time of going to press, I am assured that the project is about to move to its next stage, and more information should be available within the next week or so. I understand that the major hold-ups have been caused by the cost of clearing the site, and the concept of local allocation which the local housing authority have had trouble digesting as a prerequisite of the scheme. The Parish Council and the Rural Housing Trust have always maintained that the scheme is for local people only, and would not go ahead otherwise.

The Parish Council is presently giving consideration to the Report on the Village Hall Feasibility Study, and the Working Party has been asked to consider continuing with a view to producing a business plan for the Village Hall Project.

Consultation documents have continued to flood in from various levels of government. Most recently there have been "Integrated Transport in Essex" and the "Schedule of Proposed Variations" to the County Structure Plan from Essex County Council; the "Borough Local Plan Issues Report" from Chelmsford Borough Council; and "Rural England - A Discussion Document" jointly from the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. County and Local plans set the planning policies for several years into the future, and in particular, what can be built and where. P.C. considers it essential that there should be a local input when these plans are being formulated. Although P.C.'s will be one small voice amongst many in the response to the DET/MAFF document, it is important to use this opportunity to tell central government about local issues and concerns, and about the problems associated with living in rural areas.

For the foreseeable future, P.C. Meetings will continue on the fourth Thursday of each month, in the Village Hall, at 8 pm unless extra business requires an earlier start. Notices of Meeting appear on the P.C. notice boards by the Sunday previous to the Meeting. Members of the public are invited to attend the Meetings to listen to the proceedings and may ask questions during Public Question Time, which takes place shortly after the Meeting opens. Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council
Tel: 400628

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

The Wine Tasting Evening in March was a very well attended fund raising event, bringing people from all parts of the village together for an enjoyable and entertaining evening. The event raised £298.66 towards Hall projects.

The Annual Art Exhibition and Sale on the 17/18th. July in the Village Hall is always a popular event, bringing in many local artists' work for viewing and sale, and arrangements for this event are well under way. Although some way off, planning for the Village Fete on 11th. September continues and there will be details in the next Newsletter.

The Charity continues to be involved in plans for the extension of the Village Hall. We still await news on our planning application to convert the mound in the corner of the field into a mountain bike track.

The tennis nets have been replaced (in time for Wimbledon fortnight). The re-surfaced courts look in excellent condition, so if you feel the urge to get some exercise whether here or in the Hall make a booking through Iris Evans on 401460. Warning! The top of the chain-link fence surrounding the tennis courts has been painted with non-drying paint to deter people from climbing over.

The children's play area has had new chains fitted to the tyre swing and vertical poles. This was due in part to somebody having tampered with the equipment. This was highly dangerous and we ask people to report any damage they find at the play area to the Charity immediately.

Dog fouling on the playing fields is a continuing problem, causing many complaints. If you use the fields to exercise your dog please, please clear up the mess afterwards and place it in the dog bins provided. Still on the subject of clearing up mess, a number of people have complained about the growing litter problem on the route from the Post Office across the playing field to the entrance off Ashley Green. It is mostly sweet wrappers and drink containers so please ask your children to put the litter in the bins along the route.

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A MESSAGE FROM ANNE AND BRIAN WALDEN

It was with much sadness we left our home in East Hanningfield, the village we have come to love over the last 35 years. To all the friends with whom we have shared so many joys, frustrations and tears, may we say thank you. We will miss seeing you but know the many memories of experiences shared, through the growing up of our children, Stephanie, Andrew and Anna, the new beginnings of playgroup, new school, village hall, W.I., Brownies, Girls club, Cubs, swimming, walks through Back Lane and over the fields and meeting with friends in our two churches, pubs and the village shop will always remain with us. Our very best wishes to you all. Very sincerely, Anne and Brian Walden.

EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMENS INSTITUTE

May is a very busy month for all W.I.'s, from Lands End to John O Groats. We will be discussing four resolutions sent by the National Federation. Subjects covered this year are: Women's rights throughout the world, Ovarian cancer screening, G.M. foods and the decline in the agriculture industry.

We were sorry that many of you were unable to support our charity coffee morning in aid of Little Haven Hospice for children, but we did raise £138. Thank you all who came along.

Our County show is to be held at Marks Hall Estate, Coggeshall on 2nd and 3rd July. Our small team are busy putting the finishing touches to our entry and we wish them well.

If you want to find out more about the Women's Institute in the village, you would be most welcome to visit us. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in the W.I. Hall, Old Church Road.

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Kay Coombes.
Bridges to Education. March 1999.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Class 4 have been considering the arguments for and against having a school uniform.

"I believe that school uniform should be abolished. Firstly it prevents you from being individual and school uniform is just extra clothes to buy from the shops. Furthermore, it is just more clothes for parents to wash. But some say it is cheaper for parents to buy. Nevertheless, once you have bought all of the uniform you still buy all the latest fashion. Therefore, you can see surely school uniform should be abolished."

Iain Matheson

"I believe that school uniform is a good idea and every child in school should wear it. Firstly, I think school uniform makes you look very smart and part of the school. Another reason is that when a school goes on a school trip and you see them, on their sweaters is usually a badge to show what school they go to. This also helps if by any chance a child gets lost. Furthermore, it is a lot cheaper for parents.

But some people disagree and say that school uniform is not cool. Nevertheless, some people will say things like they don't like your clothes and you will spend loads of money on clothes to suit them. Therefore, I strongly advise school uniform is a good idea, surely you could in some way agree with me."

Savannah Heard

What are your views?

Mrs. M.A. Hardy

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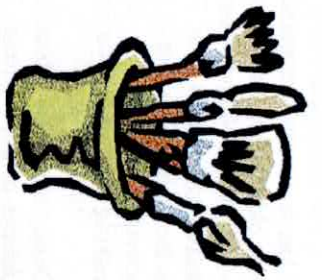
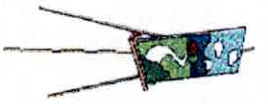
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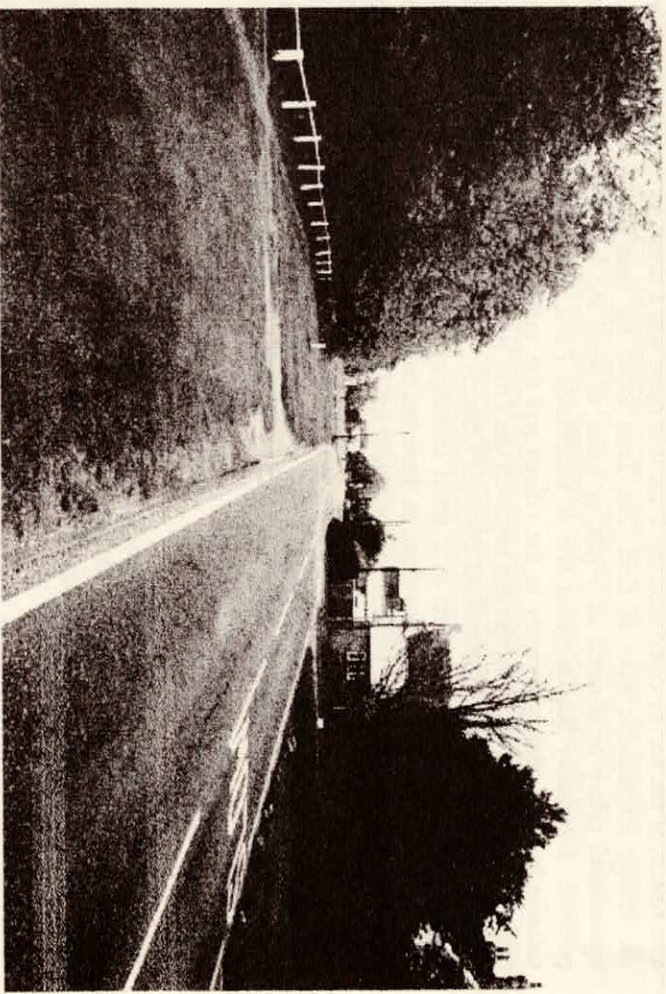


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A VIEW OF THE TYE

PARISH COUNCIL

At the time of going to press there was still no sign of the planning application for the affordable housing for local people, although it is expected at any time. Residents who have moved into the village recently might be unaware of this long term project, so I shall give a brief outline of its history in order to bring everyone into the picture. A few years ago it was brought to the attention of P. C. that there were families with local connections who wished to live in the village in order to stay close to friends and family but were unable to do so because of the shortage of available low cost housing stock; and others who were living under conditions of multiple occupancy for the same reasons. P. C. contacted the Rural Housing Trust who advised that the first step in taking any action was to establish whether or not there was a demonstrable need for low cost housing for local people, and this was done by organising a housing survey whereby every household received a questionnaire. The results of the survey convinced the Trust that there was a need, so the Trust surveyed the village for suitable plots of land. The Trust looks for land which will be sold at agricultural prices or donated as a gift, in order to keep the building costs as low as possible. Eventually the farmyard site at Highfields Farm was identified as the most suitable because of its proximity to the village and the willingness of the owner to cooperate. The next stage of the project involved the Trust negotiating with the Planning and Housing Departments at Chelmsford Borough Council. The Planning Department had to consider its position with regard to a small development outside the village's defined settlement boundary, or village envelope, as there had been no previous scheme of this kind in the Borough and this one would set a precedent for future schemes in other villages. The Housing Department had to come to terms with accepting that allocation of the housing would be to local people, not to the names at the top of the Borough's housing waiting list. Until a planning application is lodged we cannot be sure what the development will entail, but P. C. understands that the Trust is presently thinking along the lines of building six small houses for rent or part ownership plus a bungalow, with the landowner being allowed to build four houses for sale.

There has been considerable discussion at recent P. C. Meetings concerning the merits and disadvantages of the site chosen for the housing scheme. Local concern has been expressed about the entrance to the site through the Highfields estate, but this has to be considered against the possibility that the site can still be used or developed for agricultural purposes, including intensive stock rearing, and the present planning policies which favour the re-use of redundant farm buildings for other employment uses. Residents will have the opportunity to comment to the Borough Council about the development when the Trust applies for planning permission.

Please note that the manned refuse vehicle will be stationed at the Village Hall car park on the following Saturday mornings from 8 am until 10.45: 18TH, SEPTEMBER; 16TH, OCTOBER; 13TH, NOVEMBER. As in previous years, there will be no visit in December. Between visits you can take your rubbish and items for recycling to the civic amenity sites

at South Woodham or Boreham. Please do not leave any refuse at the Village Hall car park if you miss the refuse vehicle, and, also, please do not leave cans and bottles beside the recycling bins if the bins are full, because there will be some one who will think it is fun to kick them around the car park.

The project for improvements to the Village Hall, including premises for the Post Office, moves forward slowly. Funding is being investigated, and the first application for financial assistance made. Hopefully, I shall be able to give positive news in the next edition.

On 21st. July, the County Council brought an exhibition to the Village Hall car park which showed possible traffic measures for the area following the construction of the new A130. (Construction work on the A130 is to start very soon). Various schemes were proposed which would prevent or slow down traffic through the nearby villages. These need careful consideration, because such plans as the closure of Creephedge Lane to motor traffic might cause residents of East Hanningfield more inconvenience than its benefits warrant. P. C. continues to promote the provision of a 30 mph speed limit through the village centre. Written support from residents to the Borough Council would add weight to P. C.'s case.

I have been informed by the Principal Emergency Planning Officer at the County Council that the Tidal Flood Sirens System will be tested on Thursday, 2nd September, at 6.30 pm, so there will be no need to worry when you hear the sirens.

P. C. Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of each month, and take place in the Village Hall at 8 pm. A break shortly after the beginning of each Meeting allows members of the public to ask questions and bring issues of local concern to the notice of the Council. Correspondence for consideration by the Council should be addressed to the Clerk, and arrive by the Friday before the Meeting in order to be included with the Agenda.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Holidays over, refreshed and ready to plunge into the new millennium – well almost. At last we can announce that the Revd. Keith Plaister is to become the Priest – in – Charge of Sandon and East Hanningfield. At present he is Team Vicar in the Witham Team Ministry. He will be taking up the position sometime in November, until then our services will continue with the help of many vicars and lay – readers.

The open garden at “The Limes” in May was very successful – lovely sunshine, lots of support and a grand total of £725 was added to Church funds for ongoing maintenance and future projects. Many thanks to Stan and Gil for the use of their garden and to all the people who came along to make this a very enjoyable morning.

Looking onward to more fundraising and lots of fun we have the Village Fete on September 11th shared with Hanna’s Field Charity and on November 13th we have our annual Christmas Bazaar held in the church at 10.30 am.

Autumn is almost here and the village Harvest Festival is on Sunday September 26th at 11.15 am. All gifts will be taken to the Springboard Trust in Bicknaere which is a Church of England charity for people with special needs. Last year they were very grateful for the gifts and are pleased that we will be doing the same this year.

The Children’s Club will restart on Sunday September 12th at 9.30 am, when we will be preparing for the Harvest Festival, and will continue on the second Sunday of each month. All children welcome.

In November we always have a special service in our church on Remembrance Sunday when wreaths are laid at the War Memorial as we remember and give thanks to those men and women who gave their lives for our peace. Do come along and join us at 10.55 am.

Churchwardens : - Heather (400977) and Claire (400788)

EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

After the somewhat wet month of June, July could not have been more different. The lush green outfield became parched & quicker. The fortunes of the Saturday & Sunday teams have been quite different. The Sunday team has been having an excellent season, winning most of its matches. On the other hand the Saturday side have had trouble winning games. On three occasions they have ended up one wicket short of bowling out the opposition.

There has been one notable success on the field. Every year we play an all day challenge cup match against an old enemy. We managed to retain the cup by winning a close match. Chasing 170 we won by 2 wickets & with 2 overs to spare.

On the social side a very successful BBQ evening was held. We were lucky with the weather that Friday evening. The players & families who attended all had an excellent time.

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

Planning permission has at long last been received for the conversion of the spoil mound in the far corner of the field into a mountain bike track with an access path for bikes from the entrance off Ashley Green. Conditions of the planning permission stipulate no flood lighting, the times of use, conservation of the present hedge line and footpaths, and that the height should not exceed the height of the mound as it now stands. The next step is to get contractors' quotations.

We are approaching a critical point in the proposed Village Hall development. Once committed there can no turning back. There is concern on the part of the H.F.C. Management Committee that there is not enough involvement and interest from the village as a whole with what will be a large project. Is anyone interested in joining H.F.C. to help with the project? Contact me or other members of the Management Committee if you are.

The Art Exhibition and Sale did slightly better than last year, making a profit of £650 towards future village hall projects, but overall the profit for this event has fallen over the last few years, mainly we think because of competition from the number of other art exhibitions in the area. Our exhibition is a long established event in the village however, and it would be a shame to lose it, so we intend to organize the exhibition again next year, but perhaps in late Autumn rather than Summer. Thanks to all who did attend, those who

helped with the preparations this year, and especially Ann Parker and the fund raising committee.

The next fund raising event will be the Village Fete on 11th. September. Please come and support this event. The profits go to H.F.C. and the Church.

Many people have complained about problems with broken bottles in the hall car park and the children's play area, particularly the danger they present to children. To the young people who use these areas as a meeting place in the evenings, please take away the empty bottles afterwards.

The charity has decided to provide goal posts for use by youngsters on the playing south field. This is intended to discourage youngsters from both using the smaller north field which has the E. H. Football Club pitch marked out on it, and the end of the village hall, which causes annoyance to hall users. These will be installed within the next few weeks and a low earth bank will then be placed along the side of the path at the end of the hall. The sports courts have been free of charge to under eighteens during the school holidays and there has been take up, especially after the Wimbledon finals.

We are still looking for a volunteer to take over as Treasurer from Ian Wigglesworth. Please get in touch if with Ian or myself if you are interested in the learning more about the job, or the Charity.

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I write this at what is supposed to be the 'height' of Summer, although at the moment it is cold and very wet. I'm thankful, however, that our Church Summer activities have so far gone very well with warm sunny weather when we've needed it.

Our yearly Sunday afternoon church picnic in August was very enjoyable when we all took lunch, cricket bats, footballs etc. up to Danbury Lakes straight after our Morning Service. A great time was had by all!

The Ploughman's Lunch and Bring and Buy Sale held in July in aid of our New Church Building Fund, was a great success and we thank all those from the village who came to support us in this project. The weather was warm enough to put some tables outside and the harder types enjoyed their lunch in the garden. There were all kinds of interesting and unusual items for sale.

As we look ahead to Autumn, we invite you to our Harvest Festival service which will be held on Sunday morning 10th October at 10.45am. in the W.I. Hall, Old Church Road.

Our normal Sunday morning service is held at 10.45am. in the W.I. Hall and we warmly invite you to join us. The Sunday School for the younger children is held during the last part of the morning service when the children leave the adult congregation to have their own programme together.

David Cottey

Tel: 400665

EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our August meeting we welcomed George Mills from Little Sampford, who for ten years has worked with children from war torn countries. Members, husbands and friends found his talk very interesting but at the same time quite harrowing. It was followed by questions from the floor.

Two social events between now and Christmas are our Harvest supper on September 17th and a Christmas meal in December. On Saturday 4th December we will be holding our Fun Christmas Quiz. If you would like to join us, you can have teams of up to 8 people. Either contact me or Mrs B. Rice on 400597. Another date for those who enjoy music will be our Federation Christmas Concert on a Victorian theme to be held at the Brentwood centre on Friday December 17th. All seats will be £5 and for further details ring Chelmsford 261771.

East Hanningfield are a friendly group of ladies who meet in our hall on the 3rd Wednesday in the month at 7.30.p.m.. You can be assured of a warm welcome. Don't be concerned about coming on your own as one of us would be only too pleased to pick you up. If you would like to find out more about us and what we do, do come along to one of our meetings.

Lilian Grace. (400288)

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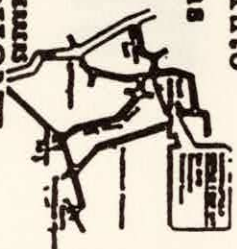
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Daphne Sherry

East Hanningfield

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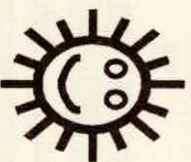
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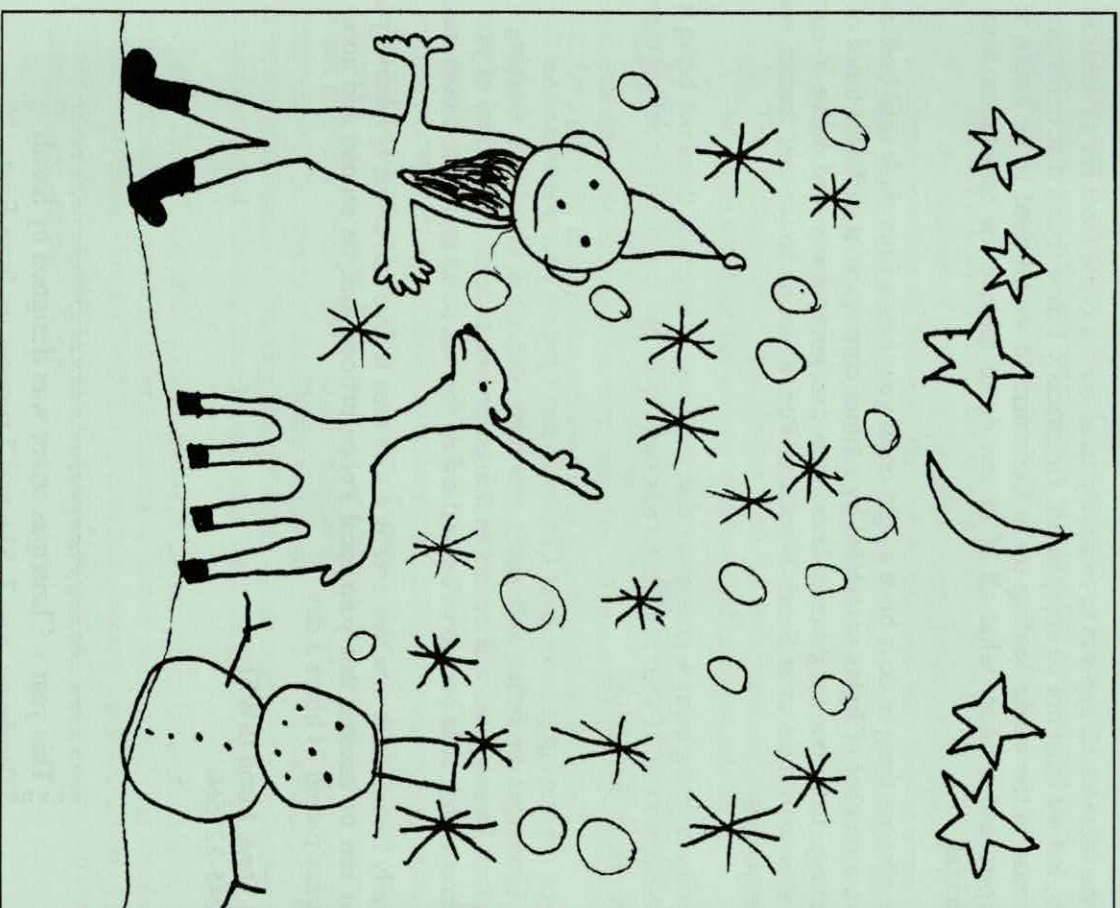
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CARE AT CHRISTMAS

As the Christmas and New Year period fast approaches, having consulted with your local Neighbourhood Watch group, we felt that a few words on security may be appropriate.

At the moment all appears to relatively quiet on the crime front for all areas in our area, but we must not be complacent. Historically I have found that crime tends to increase in the weeks leading up to Christmas so we all need to be aware of the dangers and consider what all of us can do to remove the temptation from the criminal.

The obvious thing to do is have a light on in your house from dusk until bedtime or have a number of lights controlled by a timer coming on at different times of the evening. Let your neighbours know you are going away and leave a contact number with them or at South Woodham Police Station so we can contact you in emergencies.

If you are going away a give-away that the house is empty is there not being a car in the driveway. If your neighbour has more than one car consider asking them to park one in your drive.

If you are staying at home over Christmas don't put all your presents under the tree on Christmas or better still don't put them out until Christmas morning. The criminal knows there will be lots of things for him to steal at this time of year and he knows that most people will pile them up for him so its easier for him to steal.

Finally I emphasise that this area is a safe area to live and crime is relatively low. You can be assured that your local Police officers will be around and about the holiday period 24 hours a day.

Sgt Steve Mann (SWF)
01245-327560

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This year's Christmas cover was designed by Sarah  
Dunlevey, age 7. She and 7 runners up from East  
Hanningfield School received prizes provided by the  
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PARISH COUNCIL

Traditionally, this time of year was used in rural areas for hedging and ditching, which is a good reason to remind those with trees and shrubs on their boundaries to go and check that they are not causing any kind of obstruction for people or vehicles passing by. On the subject of ditches, Chelmsford Borough Council has asked me to remind all property owners that it is their responsibility to ensure that the road side ditch in front of their property is clear. According to C.B.C.:

The last two winters have, due to high rainfall, seen a considerable increase in the number of flooding incidents along public roads and on private property within the Borough. Many of the problems have been as a result of the lack of maintenance e.g. cleaning, regrading etc. of the roadside ditches and drainage systems by the adjoining landowners who are responsible for such works. In many instances, the landowners are either not aware of their responsibilities or put the problems down to exceptional weather conditions. The Borough Council has limited funds for such work and also believes it only right that those that own the system should be responsible for it.

At the time of writing there was still no sign of the planning application for the affordable housing scheme for local people, but the reason for the delay is both sad and understandable because it has been caused by the recent death of the owner of the site. Obviously, the development process will be at a standstill for a while.

There is a little more to report on the Village Hall project. I understand that the officers at Chelmsford Borough Council's Planning Department are recommending that the planning application for the Hall extension be granted. The Working Party recently met officers from various departments at C.B.C. to discuss an application for grant aid for the project. It is now a matter of waiting to see if the application will be successful. The Working Party has also approached the Charity Commission, on behalf of Hanna's Field Charity, to confirm that the presence of the shop/post office complies with the criteria of the Charity Commission's Rural Regeneration Scheme, there is a good chance of obtaining lottery funding. Other sources of grant funding are being investigated including Essex Environment Trust and Essex County Council.

As part of the P.C. contribution to the project, P.C. has applied for loan sanction, this is the permission required for a local council to borrow money. P.C. has borrowed before: to purchase Hanna's Field and to contribute towards the construction of the Village Hall. The loan for the Field will be paid off shortly. The new loan, if needed, will be for a maximum of £40,000.

On a lighter note, Royal Mail has decided that the Victorian letter plate, which used to be on the front of the post box in the former Post Office, is unsuitable for postal use

and has donated it to P.C. It is intended that it should be put on display inside the new Village Hall extension.

I have been told informally that the arguments against the installation of a 30 mph speed limit in the village have been dropped at another level of local government. This means that East Hammingfield should now be on the list of sites waiting for the lower speed limit, but this does not mean that we will automatically get it, because the proposals will go through a consultation period and there might be some objections. I therefore suggest that supporters of the lower speed limit keep an eye on the back pages of the Essex Chronicle for the consultation notice, and write in support to the Borough Council when the notice appears. Thank you to everyone who has already written to the Parish and Borough Councils on this matter, because public support really does make a difference.

Still on the subject of speed, P.C. has contacted Essex Police's Traffic Section to request speed checks in the village and on the A130. You have been warned!

Those of you who use the Village Hall Chase after dark will have noticed that a new street lamp has been installed at the Main Road end. P.C. had it installed and obtained a 50% grant towards the cost from C.B.C. Please let me know if there are any other dark spots in the parish which need illuminating.

In response to requests for assistance, P.C. is presently helping the Rainbow Club and Preschool with financial support towards the rent they pay for use of the Village Hall.

At the time of writing, C.B.C. has confirmed that the manned refuse vehicle will continue its monthly visits to the Village Hall car park during 2000. Dates have yet to be announced but will be publicised by the usual posters.

Please note that although the December P.C. Meeting will take place on the fourth Thursday as usual, which will be 23rd, the following Meeting will take place on the third Thursday, which is 20th January. Thereafter, Meetings will return to the fourth Thursday of each month. If you have a matter which you wish P.C. to consider at one of the monthly Meetings, please ensure that I have it in writing at least five days before so that the information can be circulated to councillors with the Agenda papers. If you have questions for the Council you may attend one of the Meetings and speak during Public Question Time, but, obviously, if you think your question might need some research to answer, forwarding might be appropriate.



Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council,
2 Clinton Close,
Tel & FAX 400628

MUSIC, LAUGHTER & FUN

James Hearn has lived in the village all his young life. Now, at the age of 21, through working hard and dedicating himself to the arts, he has reached true professionalism. As it is nearly Christmas, come and join **JAMES & FRIENDS** on **FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER, 7.30pm. for 8pm.** at our Village Hall. With songs from the well known West End Shows and Top Chart Hits, the evening will be one of music, laughter and enjoyment.

With thoughts of special friends we have lost from here in our village, a 'fun' auction will be held during the evening, with proceeds for the British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research. Donations will be very gratefully received for these charities or raffle to be held during the evening.

Join us for supper and warm and friendly evening as we look forward to Christmas and this very special New Year. For tickets at £6 per person, please call Anne On 401273 and Vicky / Kerry on 400724. Please bring your own drinks.

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY – VILLAGE HALL

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK. By the time this newsletter is delivered the work to convert the spoil mound in the far corner of the south facing playing field to a mountain bike track should have been completed. The track layout was planned with help from youngsters in the village (thank you Chris Mills and others) and we hope they will see it as something they have a vest interest in and will look after. The reason for delays since the idea was first suggested has been the need to get planning permission and competitive tenders.

The track will NOT be ready to use until the fence around it has been removed by the Charity. This is to allow the track to consolidate and it may take as long as a month so if you have youngsters in your family eager to use it please ask them to be patient and not to go on it until the fence is removed. When it is ready we shall have a grand opening! The track is ONLY for use by children and teenagers from this village (not adults!) and using bikes (not Motor Bikes!). A wide farmac path has been provided to allow cyclist to get to and from it without cutting across the grass, as this will damage the turf.

If you do have youngsters who want use the track please note that they do so at there own risk! The Charity cannot supervise it, or provide first aid so please visit the track yourself and make sure you are happy to allow your child to use it. It is your responsibility to make sure your child has the right bike, safety clothing, and bike skills to use the track safely.

HEDGES AND DITCHES. People who walk on the playing fields regularly will also have noticed that the Charity has taken the opportunity of the work of the mound to do some long delayed maintenance work along the field's hedge and ditches. This is in part has been necessary due to a history of flooding of both fields in late winter from the adjacent Butercup field.

The work has been done by a Borough approved contractor and although the cutting back may seem extreme, it is in fact necessary to promote the long-term health of the hedge. Experience shows it will soon recover and thicken out as a result.

FOOTBALL PITCH. The Football Club has not used the south facing field for football for a number of years because of surface undulations. The Contractor doing the present ditch and mound work will rotavate and re-level the pitch in the spring.

In the meantime a set of goal posts have been provided by the Charity and installed by the Football Club for youngsters to use on this field. A low bank of earth has been placed along the path adjacent to the Hall to deter youngsters from using this area for football. This is necessary because of damage to the Hall wall claddine and turf, but

also because of the annoyance it causes to Hall users. In the longer term the Charity is still looking at the possibility of providing a wall elsewhere on the field for this purpose.

If you would like to know more about the Football Club contact Ian Kirtland on 400765. The Club is looking for players!

CAR PARK AND CHASE. Some people have commented on the condition of the Chase and Car Park. The Charity has set aside funds to re-surface these, and mark out the car park again, however we wish to do this after work on the proposed hall extension because of the potential damage from heavy plant. In the meantime we will continue to patch holes as they appear.

SEPTEMBER FETE. The fete was both well attended, and we are happy to report, made an excellent profit, so thanks to everybody who attended and helped. The net profit was £1,603 divided equally between the Charity and All Saints Church. This was marginally down on the previous year but, as that was the best result for three years, still a very good result. Some figures of merit – The Grand Draw made £907 (a marvellous result!); Tombola £162; and surprisingly, the white elephant stall £67 (thank you to all the people who donated items this year).

H.F.C. MEETINGS AND A.G.M. The Charity's next meeting will be on Wednesday the 15th December, in the Village Hall. The next meeting after this will be the AGM at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16 February 2000. The AGM is the point at which the new Management Committee is formed and there is also an opportunity for villagers to ask questions so if you are interested in the running of the Hall, playing fields and other facilities come to the AGM, and join us for a glass of wine at the end. Look out for posters in the Village Hall and on notice boards.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR BOOKINGS. The Hall will be closed from 25th -28th December inclusive and on 31st December and 1st and 2nd January, (apart from the party which is already booked) and will be open on the 29th, and 30th, for sports bookings, not parties. Normal opening will resume on Tuesday, 4th January.

TREASURER WANTED. Lastly the Charity still needs to find a treasurer so if you are interested or know somebody who might be contact me please. No previous experience or special skills are required as training will be provided, but we would like to find somebody for a handover period with the present Treasurer Ian Wigglesworth.

Mike Plumridge,
Chairman, Hanna's Field Charity,
Tel. 400628.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

We are moving through Autumn very nicely and enjoying the lovely sunshine. Thanks to all the people who have worked in the churchyard throughout the summer and have prepared it for its winter sleep. It looks great.

Thanks are also due to all who worked hard to make our Christmas Bazaar a success and to those who came and supported us.

In the Spring East Hammingfield News, we reported on David Bellamy's "Yews for the Millennium". We can now report that we have our Yew tree, propagated from "The South Haying Yew" in Hampshire, reported to be over 2000 years old. We will be planting it in the churchyard in the Spring.

The Childrens Club continues on the second Sunday of each month at 9.30am. For our Harvest Festival they all made mouse masks and performed John Beljemans poem "The Church Mouse". For Remembrance Sunday they made their own wreath of poppies and put it on the war memorial during our service. They now look forward to the Carol service when they will help with setting up the Crib.

Rev'd Keith Plaister has moved into the Sandon Rectory and is now working with us. We welcome you Keith with your wife Heike and wish you both happiness in our parish. Our thanks to all the priests and lay readers who have taken our services for the last few years.

Our services for Christmas and the New Year are as follows:-

Sunday 19th December at 3pm. Carol Service followed by mince pies and wine.

Christmas Eve at 11.30pm. Midnight communion with carols.

Christmas Day at 11.15am. Family service with communion.

Sunday 26th December at 9.15am. A joint service in Sandon church – said communion.

New Years Day We are joining with churches throughout Britain to ring our Bells at 12 noon.

A very Happy Christmas to you all and may the New Year bring Peace to everyone.

Rev'd Keith Plaister
Sandon Rectory
Tel :- 01245 472262
Keiths day off is Friday

Churchwardens
Heather 400977
Claire 400788

VILLAGE HISTORY.

To celebrate the Millennium, two thousand years since Jesus Christ was born, churches throughout the land, including All Saints, will be ringing their bells at 12:00 on January 1st. Here in East Hammingfield we have three bells. Their weights and inscriptions are as follows:

Treble	Benedicite	4 cwt 2 qtr 18 lbs.	Jos. Ratcliff, Warden
2 nd	Te Deum Laudamus	5 cwt 0 gr 25 lbs.	J.F. Folwer, Rector
Tenor	Omnis Spiritus Deo Laudet	6 cwt 0 qtr 6 lbs.	F.L. St. Albans, Bishop

They were cast at Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London by Messrs Mears & Stainbank. Provision was made for a fourth bell to be hung alongside the existing three.

The bells are hung in a metal frame in the belfry. They can swing in a complete circle, the rope passes over a very large wooden wheel which is grooved to guide the rope. When the bells are chimed, they are just swung until they sound, but when the bells are rung, they are pulled mouth upwards until they rest on a back stay, which prevents them going in a full circle. Each time a bell rope is pulled, the bell swings almost upright and then back to rest. This ringing position gives a much clearer tone.

The bell ropes have a coloured 'Sally' – this is wool which is woven into the rope to prevent the ringer's hands from being cut due to the friction. Our bell ringers are: Sally Scurrell, Philip Mitchell, Martin Harcourt-Williams and they are assisted at family services by young Lawrence Wright. We are grateful to them for the beautiful and traditional sound that we hear in the village on Sunday mornings and on special family occasions.

N.B. Don't forget to have your surname recorded on one of the Millennium Kneelers. For more details contact Gill Gordon (400298) or the church wardens.

EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

The last East Hammingfield cricket season for the current millennium has now finished. The pavilion been cleaned & the pitch re-seeded. At the annual diner held recently prizes were handed out for players of the season, best batting, best bowling & most catches. I won none of these. But I'm not bitter much!

However, the cricket has not finished completely. During the winter, every Wednesday we hire a lane at the cricket school at the county ground in Chelmsford so as to keep our eyes & arms in. If you are interested in perhaps playing next season but unsure of your cricketing prowess, why not come along one evening? If you are interested please call either myself or Rob Naybour on 01621-858668.

David Sherry, Tel. 401208

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Terry Bowman, seconded to Interact from A.P.U.

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Daphne Sherry
Brooklands, The Common,
E. Hanningfield

EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

How will you be celebrating the Millennium? The Millennium has been an item on the agenda of our Governing Body meetings for nearly two years! We decided we definitely wanted to mark the occasion so that our pupils would remember the event as a special time in their lives. After careful consideration we decided, firstly, to recognise the Christian dimension to our celebration, and so we will be holding a Millennium Carol Service in the Church on Monday 20th December at 6pm. Then, early in the new term, each pupil will receive the gift of a specially commissioned mug funded by the PTA. In March we a trip to The Dome to look forward to when pupils and their families will travel to Greenwich in two coaches, subsidised by the PTA. During the Spring, as a permanent reminder of the year 2000, we will be planting twenty metres of native British hedge and three trees in our grounds, to be enjoyed by future generations, thanks to support from the Rotary Club. Finally, by the end of the year, we hope to be displaying our Millennium patchwork quilt, which everyone in school will have helped to make. However you are celebrating the Millennium we hope you have an enjoyable and memorable time.

Madeline Hardy, Headteacher

INVITATION

The Over-Sixties are invited to come to school on Thursday 9th December at 10am to see the Infants’ performance of “Rock Around the Flock”, followed by coffee and mince pies.

EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL.

East Hanningfield pre-school has recently appointed a nearly all new committee. The committee decides the future of the pre-school, supports staff and manages funds.

This is where you come in! If you have any services or supplies that could be utilised by the playgroup we would love to hear from you i.e. Scrap paper for painting, photocopying, items for raffle or white elephant (etc). We look forward to hearing from you and we will keep you and everybody else updated.

Finally, on the 20th of December at 10.00am it is the pre-school nativity play, everyone is welcome for some pure and simple entertainment to get you in the mood for Christmas. Followed by the Christmas bazaar at approx. 11.00am with stalls, raffle and refreshments.

Clare at the Windmill – pre-school fund raiser – 400315

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PARISH COUNCIL

During the warmest days of last Summer there were many complaints from residents that the smell from muck-spreading on nearby fields was preventing them from spending time in their gardens or having windows open. Also, there have been suggestions that the plagues of flies we have from time to time are a result of manure spread on local fields. P.C. has been involved in a dialogue with the Environmental Health Department at Chelmsford Borough Council about this problem and has invited an officer to come to the P.C. Meeting on 30th March. (Please note that this is the Meeting originally scheduled for 23rd March). As is customary when there is a guest speaker, the Meeting will begin earlier than usual at 7.30 pm. There will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions so, if you are interested, please come along.

There will be a one day Easter Play Scheme for children aged 5-11 years at the Village Hall on Thursday, 20th April, manned by staff supplied by C.B.C. All the usual activities will be provided and admission is free of charge. Younger children will be welcome but they must be accompanied at all times by an adult carer. The sessions will run from 10am-12.30pm and 1.30-4pm. There will be no lunchtime supervision, so please make arrangements for your children to come home for the lunch break. The dates of the Summer holiday activities are yet to be arranged.

I have been asked to remind residents who use the post box on the Tye that if they visit it by car they should show some consideration. It seems drivers are reversing their vehicles at various points along the Chase behind the former Post Office and damaging property in the process. Obviously, they are displaying very poor manoeuvring skills and have probably not considered the solution to the problem of finding their cars facing the wrong direction after the mail has been posted. The very simple solution is to reverse into the Chase!

I am often asked after the progress of the Rural Housing Trust affordable housing scheme for local people. The most recent news is that, although several months have been lost due to the probate issue, the scheme is starting to move forward again and the Trust is hoping to submit a planning application soon. C.B.C. has a policy of notifying neighbours of sites which are subject to planning applications, and the application will be listed on the P.C. Agenda which will be posted on the P.C. notice boards, so it will be well publicised when it happens. I understand that the Trust is still accepting applications for the housing, although the waiting list is quite long now.

There is not much to report on the Village Hall Project. The Working Party is presently negotiating with the Charity Commission for acceptance of the inclusion of commercial premises within the Hall extension. If the Village Hall Project can comply

with the Commission's Rural Regeneration Programme funding should be relatively easy to achieve.

There can be no-one who has not noticed the mess on the Tye created by the contractors installing the new water main and embellished by the numerous BT engineers working there. All are being pursued for reinstatement. P.C. intends that no council tax payers' money should be spent restoring the Tye to its former condition.

The manned refuse vehicle will be visiting the Village Hall car park on the following Saturday mornings from 8am until 10.45am: 11th MARCH, 15th APRIL, 13th MAY. Between visits you can take bulky items of household waste to the civic amenity site/recycling centre at South Woodham Ferrers. Please do not leave any rubbish in the Village Hall car park.

You will be aware that construction work on the new A130 is scheduled to start before Easter. This will have some impact on local traffic movements. There are going to be temporary speed restrictions in numerous places near the construction work, so make sure you are aware of the changes. Also, from 25th February, Hoe Lane, Rettendon, will be closed at a point just beyond the row of houses with traffic diverted along South Hammingfield Road; the Hawk Hill slip road off the A130 at Battlesbridge will be closed, and part of Hawk Hill will be one way only, so if you are travelling to Battlesbridge you will have to go via the access at the further end of the bypass. *CountryRoute*, the company appointed to design, build, fund and operate the new road has set up a telephone line so that they can be contacted about issues regarding the construction of the road. The number is 0845 3511 and calls will be charged at the local rate.

With the exception of the Meeting on 30th March all P.C. Meetings during the rest of the year are scheduled for the fourth Thursday of the month and to begin at 8pm. All Meetings include Public Question Time when members of the public can raise issues with the Council. Alternatively, you can write to the Council by sending your letter to me.

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY - VILLAGE HALL

First AGM of the new Millennium

Hanna's Field Charity held its first AGM of the new Millennium on Wednesday, 16th February. An AGM is required by the Charity's Trust Deed and serves three main purposes:

- Report on the Charity's Accounts and Activities for the Previous Year (forwarded to the Charity Commission);
- Elect the new Management Committee and Its Officers (Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, etc for the forthcoming year);
- Public Question Time.

The committee is made up of 12 representative members (they represent clubs and groups who use the hall) and twelve elected members (these people stand for election each year and represent no particular interest).

The Charity runs the hall and facilities in trust for the benefit of all residents in the village. Despite popular misconception, it is neither part of the Borough or Parish Council, although the Charity does work closely with the Parish Council on matters of common interest and receives financial support with grass cutting.

The charity is essentially a self-funding organisation, reliant on the income it raises from fund raising, donations and the hire of the hall, playing fields and sports courts to pay for running costs and improvements.

This AGM saw a number of changes on the committee. Ian Wigglesworth resigned as our long standing Honorary Treasurer - Many thanks Ian for all you efforts over the last 12 years you have served this village on the Management Committee. Collin Warren was elected as the new Chairman and Jenny Mouser as Vice Chairman, Jacky Feehan resigned (many thanks for your efforts on the committee Jacky) but Celia McEwan joined (Welcome Celia!). Mike Plumridge replaced Ian the new Treasurer.

The Charity's AGM report indicated that its finances were in good shape as was the hall and facilities. It was recognised a number of potentially large expenses were not far off, with resurfacing of the Chase and car park, and replacement of the sports flooring in both halls the most expensive but budgeted for.

The Charity's Management Committee is at present short of the 24 members it is allowed under the trust Deed so if you want to take a more active interest in what's happening in the village and the Charity contact the undersigned

Village Hall Chase Needs A Name?

The chase has no official name, which seems a bit sad and perhaps time this was remedied. After initial discussion with the School and Parish Council we have decided to ask villagers what they think it should be called. The suggestions are:

- The Chase;

- The Rookery, because of the rooks at the adjacent Lawns;
- Black Pitt Chase, because on the Walker Map of 1615 the chase is part of what was called Black Pitt Field.

I would be interested to hear your views, and any alternative ideas.

Dates for The Diary

The dates have now been set for:

Summer Art Exhibition & Sale - Saturday 15th - Sunday 16th July;
Village Fete - Saturday, 9th September;
Next Children's Disco - Friday 9th June, Village Hall, 7pm-9pm.

Whilst on the subject of events, Sandon are holding their "Millennium Pageant" on the Saturday 15th July. Part of the event is a celebration of the Peasants' Revolt (1381) in which it is recorded people from both Sandon and East Hanningfield took part. They are therefore particularly keen to hear from groups in East Hanningfield who would like to take part in the pageant or would like to run a stall - contact Libby Brooks on Ch 284165. They say it will be a day to "recall the past, enjoy the present and anticipate the future"!

On Your Bike!

The work on the conversion of the old corner mound to a children's mountain bike track is now complete, apart from recovery of disturbed areas and reseeding. It is still very muddy but we anticipate being able to open it officially, with press and somebody "famous" in the spring.

Footer

Work is also planned to start in early spring on the rotavation and reseeding of the south facing field football pitch, which due to undulations in the surface, has been unplayable for a number of years.

Mike Plumridge (Retiring Chairman),
Hanna's Field Charity
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The CIPs have access to organisations on a local, county and national level. They can help with queries ranging from housing benefits to health, from career change to clubs and social groups. They lead you through the confusing maze of agencies to provide the answer or an initial lead to your query. And for those wanting to do voluntary work, they provide an invaluable referral service throughout Essex.

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South Woodham Ferrers, Tel. 01245 327200,
Basildon, Tel. 01268 526097,
Witham, Tel. 01376 513332.

AN EVENING OF SONGS FROM THE MUSICALS PLUS TOP CHART HITS

We would like to thank everyone who supported our musical evening in December and were pleased to be able to donate £100 to Farleigh Hospice and £100 to the British Heart Foundation.

As some of you may know, James left immediately after Christmas to rehearse for the lead in "Grease" on a P & O Cruise returning on the 30th April and has agreed to join us in another musical evening of JAMES HEARN & FRIENDS! on Saturday 6th May at 7.30 pm.

We do hope many of you will be able to support this evening so that we can raise even more money for charity and tickets will be £6 each with cold buffet, tea and coffee and if you would like to bring your own drinks, we are sure we can make it another evening to remember for the village.

If you would like tickets, please phone Kerry on 400724 or Anne on 401273. Thank you.

All Saints Church

We are now gently moving through the year 2000 & looking forward to our Easter celebrations. We hope you will be able to join us – a welcome awaits you.

Easter Services

Palm Sunday	16 th April	11:15 a.m.	Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday	20 th April	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Good Friday	21 st April	12:00 noon	Hymns & Prayers
Saturday	22 nd April	7:30 p.m.	Compline (15 min. service)
		8:00 p.m.	Easter vigil (45 mins. approx.) in All Saints Church with St. Andrews Sandon

Easter Day 23rd April 11:15 a.m. Family Communion

Children

Are you interested in joining with us once a month in church, 2nd Sunday in the month 9:30 to 10:30 for stories, craft work, fun & of course biscuits & a drink, also for our family service on the 3rd Sunday in the month at 11:15 a.m. You are most welcome to just drop in & see what we are about. We look forward to seeing you.

Millennium Inter Parish Walk

On Saturday 29th April at 10:30 a.m. a sponsored walk is being organised to raise funds for our church & Farleigh Hospital. East Hanningfield walkers will walk to Sandon & Sandon walkers will walk to East Hanningfield meeting half way in Butts Green for a drink & to socialise. The energetic ones amongst us will also walk back !!! Lunch to be taken in the local hostellers or a packed lunch to be eaten in either church with drinks provided. More details from HEATHER on 400977.

Dates For Your Diary

2nd April Mothering Sunday Service 11:15 a.m. followed by holy communion
11th April A.G.M. Parochial Church Council in church at 7:45 p.m.
23rd May Bring & Buy, coffee & a walk round the garden at "THE LIMES" from 10:30 a.m. In aid of the church funds N.B. It is a Tuesday this year.

Rev. Keith Plaister

Sandon Rectory

☎ 01245 472262

Keith's day off is Friday

Church Wardens
Heather 400977
Claire 400788

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

What is our church up to? Many things, but one particular project is engaging some of us at All Saints at the moment.

Fourteen years ago, the world suffered its most dreadful nuclear accident yet. It was at Chernobyl in the northern Ukraine. Since then, people in the surrounding region – particularly in southern Belarus – have suffered from the effects of radiation which still today poisons their environment. They should not be farming the land. It is too badly contaminated. Yet they can not afford to import food, so simply have to eat poisoned food.

The Chernobyl Children's Project is a national charity which exists to (a) give medical and other aid and (b) offer children holidays for recuperative purposes. Which is where we come in.

We are part of the mid – Essex area and will, together with others, be hosting about fourteen children from 14th July to 11th August. Apparently, one month's fresh air and clean food can boost a child's immune system sufficiently for them to improve their chances for the next two to three years of not suffering serious disease.

A full programme of events is being designed and we almost have sufficient host families throughout the area – although if you would like to be able to be involved in this most exciting and fulfilling work, please let me know.

We shall be collecting clothing to provide a "clothes bank" for the children. If you have anything in good clean condition for 8 – 13 year-olds (tracksuits, swimwear, trainers, night-wear, T-shirts etc.), please bring them to the Rectory at Sandon on Sunday 2nd July (not before please), we would be very grateful.

If you would like further information please contact me:-
Keith R. Plaister. Priest – in – charge. (01245-472262)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It seems as though the season of shed break-ins has past its peak but that does not mean that we should be any less careful. There are enough people about willing to take a risk if they think that they can get away with some of your property and the best we can do is to make it as difficult as possible for them if they feel tempted.

Cars and their contents are also a popular source of revenue for the criminal and its not only during hours of darkness:

- Lock the car when you leave it even if only for a few minutes, and certainly do not leave valuable objects where they can be seen from outside the car.
- Mobile phones, Handbags, Purses, briefcases, Computer games Binoculars, Cameras and even sunglasses left on seat or on the parcel shelf can be the reason why your car is broken into in preference to one that apparently has nothing of value in it.
- Common sense you might say, but it happens somewhere in the Chelmsford area every day
- Similar principles apply to our homes. A valuable object left near a window only needs the thief to break the window and take it. He doesn't even have to get into the house.
- House break-ins are fortunately less frequent than car crimes but there have been several in East Hanningfield during the last five or six weeks, and it is particularly these events that highlight the need for all to remember the fundamental principles of Neighbourhood Watch.
- Protect not only ourselves but to look out for our neighbours and our community.
- Quite simple measures can improve the quality of life in our community and with the possibility that the Police may not be able to support the rural areas as much as they would like we must do as much as possible for ourselves.

Anyone who would like more information should contact their Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator who can also arrange the loan of property marking equipment as well organising security advice.

STOP PRESS

Good news. An arrest has been made in connection with one of the break-ins that occurred recently in the village.

Edward Poulter Tel. 400520.

EAST HANNINGFIELD SCHOOL PTA Registered Charity 1070125

We wanted to take this opportunity of letting you know forthcoming events which are being arranged by the East Hanningfield School's PTA in the hope that it will give you the chance to meet all the residents in the village, and at the same time support our local school and boost the community spirit!

Family Village Walk - Sunday May 14th - 10.30pm (starting at the Village Hall car park)

We don't aim to raise any money at this event but thought it would be a nice idea for everyone to get to know each other and socialise.

Jumble Sale - Saturday May 20th - 1.30pm

If you have any items (clothing/toys/books/bric-a-brac) that you no longer require, please set aside for our Jumble Sale. If you already have items but are running out of space, please contact myself or the school and we will arrange for collection. Flyers will be coming round your door 3 weeks prior to this event.

Lyn Sneller PTA Chairperson ~ 400810

ANYONE FOR TENNIS ?

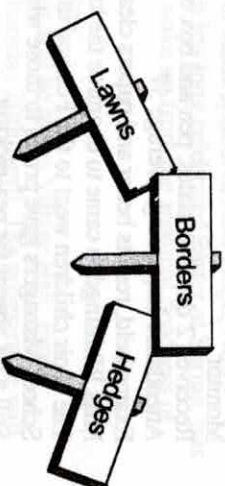
I would be interested in hearing from East Hanningfieldians who would like to play some evening or weekend tennis. Mediocore standard but keen.



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VILLAGE HISTORY

I am sure that many of you were aware of the recent OFSTED Inspection at our Village School. These days the teachers & the children are closely scrutinised to ensure that standards are satisfactory and all the various Government guidelines implemented. Schools today are still required to keep a Log Book, just as they were over a hundred years ago. Below I have selected some of the entries from the Log Book for our village school 1876 - 1884:

New girls admitted Emily Saffill, Mary & Susan Gibbs. Visit from Miss Smyth with freesias.

Children away pea-picking, so attendance low.

Rev. Smyth called to hear children repeat tables.

August average 23.3, as some children harvesting.

New boys admitted John & Henry Saffill. Few days later, same two sent home to wash.

Miss Smyth visited with some lady friends.

Half holiday for funeral of rector's son.

Scarlet fever claimed the life of one of our little girls, Emily Spurgeon

Smaller attendance due to weather being wet.

Summary of Inspector's Report: The results of the exam are not satisfactory, reading is unintelligent and the arithmetic of 2nd & 3rd standards is defective both in notation and working. Instruction generally seems to be too mechanical in its nature. Children should not be allowed to talk whilst at work. A classroom for the Infants is much to be desired & a map of the world is required. The issue of a certificate is deferred until a more satisfactory report is received.

Miss Julia Florence Tooky commences as Schoolmistress with her sister Miss Harriet as Monitor.

Received 2 doz new slates, pen and box of pencils.

Attendance improving, average 57

Exams held, results better and papers cleaner.

Miss Whittington came to examine the knitting and later to give the Catechism lesson

The choir children went to the Festival in Chelmsford.

School Managers gave prizes to those who had made 380 attendances in school year.

Still a lot absent for pea-picking.

1881 - diphtheria is about in the village, Edith Brown died from it.

Many cases of measles and also whooping cough later in year.

Meeting of School Managers, agreed that weekly school fees be increased to two-pence for

each child of Second Standard & upwards, children below that to be charged one penny.

Received map of Essex, also capital and small alphabet cards

1884 Foundation stone of new church being laid, a holiday was given. Rev & Mrs Fowler

visited school to distribute frocks and hats to poor children who were to join in procession.

Miss Georgina Baker took over as Headmistress and reported that she was 'somewhat pleased with behaviour of some of the children especially the boys, but others are very rude and bold'.

It would seem we are very fortunate to have such a well-equipped school in our village with a dedicated staff under the supervision of a caring Head Teacher and thank goodness diphtheria and pea-picking are things of the past!

Gil Gordon

GARDEN OPEN

On Tuesday May 23rd at 10.30 am, The Limes garden will be open for a "Bring & Buy" in aid of Church funds. We hope it will be a fine sunny morning, so you can enjoy a cup of coffee and a wander round the garden, after spending all your money on the cake stall, the raffle, the plant stall, the white elephant stall etc. All contributions gratefully received. Entrance @ 50p includes your coffee/tea! Do make a note of the date in your diary.

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

It's good to feel that the worst of winter is over, the dark, cold and maybe depressing days are behind us and spring is in the air. At the church, we are preparing for the Easter events and activities. Easter is the most important and significant time in the Christian calendar, more so even than Christmas which we all love to celebrate. Just as Christmas is more than presents and parties, Easter is much more than chocolate eggs and holidays. Easter with its wonderful message of the death and resurrection of Jesus speaks of New Hope. New Beginnings. New Life. How fitting that the church has long celebrated Easter at Spring, this time of the year when the natural world seems to wake up from the apparent deadness of winter.

We are holding a number of Easter events including:

Good News Club for 5 - 11 year old children. This will be in the Village Hall, From 10.30am. to 12-15pm. on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th April. The programme will include games, action songs, Bible stories and craft activities. There will be no charge for this club.

Easter Services at Bethel Church include:

Good Friday 21st April, 10:00am - Short Communion Service

Easter Sunday 23rd April, 10:45am - Family Service in W1 Hall.

Hope that you can join us for this time of thanksgiving and celebration.

Happy Easter

David Cottey Tel. 400665

Q: What's big, white or yellow, and a regular visitor to your village?

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What's more, we can order any title not immediately available. The Mobile Library can borrow items for you from 90 other libraries across Essex - very good value, at the price of an ice cream!

The Mobile Library is there to be local and convenient for you; we invite you to come and join us. The reading material and information you can get can become addictive!

ECC Libraries, Information, Heritage & Cultural Services.

EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Well, here we are well into the year 2000 and we hope it will be good for you all.

We have a busy year ahead so why not come and see what we are all about on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. in our W.I. Hall.

Two dates for your diary, on Wednesday April 12th we will be holding a Bring and Buy Charity Coffee morning at 10.30a.m. Even further ahead a Plant and Produce Sale on Saturday May 6th 10 - 12a.m. It will be good to see you. Anything you need to know, give me a call.

Lilian Grace (400288)

EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

By the time the next newsletter is delivered the cricket season will be underway. Hopefully the weather will be warmer & drier than at present. The season starts this year the weekend after Easter. However, until that date the winter nets at the indoor cricket school at the county ground are still underway. In addition though work has started at the ground, preparing the pitch & making repairs to the pavilion.

For anyone new to this newsletter East Hanningfield put out teams on Saturday & Sunday. Neither team plays in a league so all matches are designated friendly though competitive. The ground is so popular with our opponents due to its setting & facilities that many of them chose to play their 'home' matches at out ground. Hence we do not play that many away matches. As far as possible we like to put out two distinct teams at weekends. Therefore, there is a requirement for 22 players/weekend. If you are interested in playing or even attending winter nets please call either Rob Naybour on 01621-858668 or myself.

David Sherry, Tel. 401208

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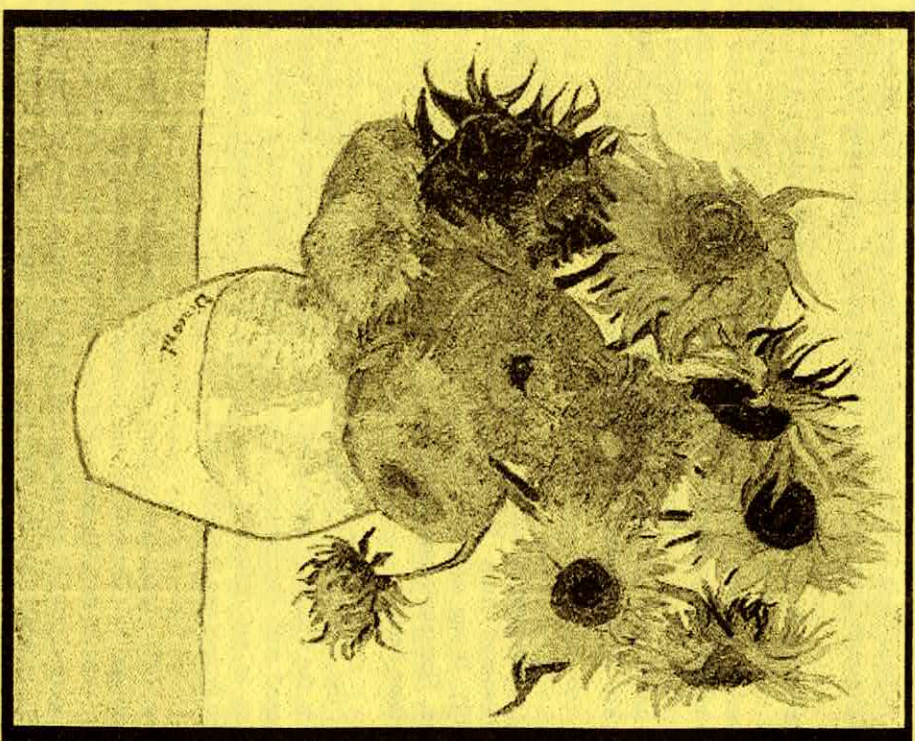
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East Hanningfield Art Show 15th-16th July 2000
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PARISH COUNCIL

Please note the dates of the following Summer holiday activities for children: for children aged 5 to 11 years there will be playschemes at the Village Hall on Monday, 24th. July and Friday, 18th. August, from 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3.30pm; for children aged 5 and under, who must be accompanied by an adult carer, there will be 'Picnic Play' at the playing field on Thursday, 10th. August from 10am until 2pm; and for children aged 6 and above there will be tennis coaching at the tennis courts on Friday, 11th. August from 1.30pm until 4pm. All these activities will be free of charge, Chelmsford Borough Council providing the staff and P.C. providing the premises.

In the last edition of the News I reported that P.C. was determined that the Tye should be returned to its former condition, but not at council tax payers' expense. The Chairman and I have had a long site meeting with representatives from the Water Company and they have agreed to reinstate the Tye to P.C.'s requirements and will send their own staff to maintain the areas which need special treatment while the seeded and turfed areas cannot be mown. Unfortunately, the work is not being carried out as quickly as P.C. would wish, so the Water Co. has been reminded of its obligations.

The manned refuse vehicle will be visiting the Village Hall car park on the following Saturday mornings from 8am until 10.45am: 10th. JUNE; 15th. JULY; and 12th. AUGUST. If you miss the visits, please do not leave any rubbish in the Village Hall car park. Household and garden waste may be taken to the civic amenity site at South Woodham Ferrers.

Members of the Village Hall Project Working Party recently went to London for a meeting with the Charity Commission, and from that meeting have established the way to proceed with the Project. It has taken some time and a certain amount of determination to get definitive answers from the Commission, but now that has happened the Project can move forward.

Recently councillors and clerks from this and neighbouring parishes attended a meeting organised by *CountyRoute*, the company building the new A130, in order to keep us up to date on developments. The main problem seemed to be rain, which was causing our local clay to be too sticky and heavy to move, but it was not thought to be so much of a problem that the opening in November next year would have to be delayed. *CountyRoute*'s telephone number for issues regarding the construction of the new road is 0845 3511.

Still on the subject of the A130, residents are reminded that the Police are regularly monitoring speed along the new lengths of speed restricted road. Those of you who

read the notice-boards will have seen the notice about the consultation concerning the proposed 30mph speed limit in the village. Results of the consultation are awaited.

There have been complaints about dog fouling on the footway in Bicknacre Road. There can be no-one who is unaware of the dangers to the health and safety of the public caused by dog excrement in such places, and I believe the majority of dog owners are now being responsible by clearing up after their pets. P.C. is considering installing more dog bins, in the hope that this will encourage more responsible dog ownership amongst those who are continuing to be anti-social at present. So, it would be very helpful if the dog owners in the village could let me know where new bins could be most usefully sited. P.C. is considering the small area beside the Bicknacre Road junction where the white notice-board stands; the Highfields Mead sight splay; and the Abbeyfields sight splay. What do you think?

The planning application for the affordable housing scheme for local people is still awaited. Please contact me for an application form if you would like your name to be added to the waiting list.

Thank you to everyone who joined in the Village Tidy-up on Saturday, 6th. May, and to those who have been making a special effort to tidy their immediate surroundings in time for the Best Kept Village Competition. The judges' comments are awaited.

P.C. has had a considerable number of consultation documents to study recently. The introduction of *Best Value* at other levels of local government means that this level of consultation will continue. Although P.C. is expected to embrace the principles of *Best Value*, it does not have to produce its own strategy documents, but is still noticing an increased workload due to the documents produced by other authorities, arriving for comment. One very important document currently under construction is Chelmsford Borough's new Local Plan. P.C. is taking an active interest in this document which will determine where housing and industrial development in the borough will be built. The question is not how many extra houses there will be, because the figure of 7,700 has been decided in regional and county plans, but where they can be best placed. Possible developments at Howe Green and South Woodham Ferrers would have an impact on East Hammingfield.

Please note that P.C. Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of each month, and take place in the Village Hall at 8pm. Shortly after the beginning of each Meeting there is an adjournment so that members of the public can ask questions or raise matters of concern. If you are unable to attend the Meetings, but would like an issue to be considered by the Council, you can contact P.C. by writing to me.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council,
2 Clinton Close, Tel. & FAX 400628

0845 3511000000000000

you can write to the clerk at the village hall or call 0845 3511000000000000

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

How much do you know about Hanna's Field Charity?

The Charity was created under a trust deed by The Parish Council of East Hanningfield dated 16th December 1982. The purpose of the Charity was to look after the field known as Hanna's Field and the village hall that had built on it for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of East Hanningfield. At that time the management committee was made up by twelve representative members and twelve elected members. The organisations to be represented were: All Saints Parochial Church Council, Bethel Evangelical Church Sunday School, Chelmsford Karate Kyokushinkai, East Hanningfield School PTA, East Hanningfield Football Club, East Hanningfield Parish Council, East Hanningfield Playgroup Association, East Hanningfield Table Tennis Club, East Hanningfield Women's Institute, First East Hanningfield Brownie Guide Pack, First East Hanningfield Scout Group, Lisirukwai Judo Club (East Hanningfield).

Several of the above organisations are no longer in existence and new organisations have taken their place in the village: Neighbourhood Watch, Short mat bowls, Badminton, Netball, Line Dancing being some of the new users of the Hanna's Field Facilities.

I was elected Chairman of Hanna's Field Charity in February this year. Our first committee meeting of the year had to be postponed as insufficient committee members were able to attend. The Committee is currently in a state of change with several of the long serving stalwart members deciding that they needed a rest after many years of service to the Charity. If you are a user of the hall or village facilities have you considered coming along and helping run your village hall and sports facilities? If we do not get some more active committee members the Charity is in danger of being wound up and the facilities which you or your children might wish to use will cease to be available in the future.

If you can offer some time and energy to maintaining and improving the facilities that Hanna's Field Charity is responsible for by serving on the management committee please phone me on 01245 401050.

Our next fund raising event is the Village Art Show which will take place on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th July.

Thank you

Colin Warren

HAVE YOU LOST A RING?

A ring was found on 11th May in Ashley Green, near the footpath to the playing fields. If you think that it is yours please call 400217.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our school was inspected by OFSTED - the Office For Standards in Education - in January of this year and the report was published in March.

The inspectors found that the school successfully promoted very positive attitudes to learning and high standards of behaviour. They also noted that teaching standards were good, with a significant proportion described as very good. The report said "The school provides an appropriately broad and balanced curriculum with a very good range of extra-curricular opportunities." The team described the teaching of English, mathematics and science as good and they were pleased with the teaching of children with special educational needs. Effective links with parents were also regarded as a strength of the school.

The main area identified for improvement was the teaching of Information and Communication Technology. However, in ICT we are working hard to improve standards and with the help of the PTA's fund-raising we have recently installed a new computer suite.

The full report is available on www.ofsted.gov.uk

Madelaine Hardy
Headteacher.

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VILLAGE HISTORY

Thanks to the Walkers of Hanningfield we have a good idea what our village was like during Shakespeare's time! The Walkers in question are not those who walk the Essex Way, the ramblers often seen in the village or those who recently to raised funds for the Chelmsford Hospice or School, but John Walker Senior, John Walker Junior & Samuel Walker, who were outstanding craftsmen in the years around 1600. They were commissioned by Essex county gentlemen to make maps & draw up written surveys of their estates. In all 22 maps remain; the earliest is West Tilbury in 1584 & the last known is of Landon in 1705, but the one of greatest interest to us is the detailed map of East Hanningfield made in 1615 by John Walker Sen. & John Walker Jun.

The shape of The Tye, many properties & fields are much the same today as on the 1615 map. Like most cartographers of their time, their maps are enhanced by small drawings of churches, manor houses, cottages, farm buildings etc., attractively coloured in reds & greens. However, the Walker maps are remarkable for their accurate surveying, excellent draughtsmanship & fine lettering. John the Senior was born around 1550, his father & elder brother were carpenters & it's reasonable to suppose that John was engaged in building work too, as his drawings of timber-framed houses on the maps show accurate observation far beyond the crude or conventional drawings done by his contemporaries.

In some Surveys he calls himself John the Architector, sometimes the Architect & Surveyor. It's interesting to wonder how & where he obtained the technical training & artistic skills? Patronage may have helped, as it helped many an Elizabethan including Shakespeare. An early written Survey of the Hanningfields in 1592 was described as being "by John Walker, Architect, in the presence of & by the direction of Richard Cannon, gent., for the use & in the service of Edward Newell, Lord of Bergevenny". The Lords Bergevenny would seem the likeliest persons to be Walker's patrons. The three Hanningfields were held as one entire manor by the Barony of Bergevenny.

The Walkers lived at Kents Farm, West Hanningfield. The son died in 1618, the father in 1626, both buried in West Hanningfield churchyard. Samuel Walker, believed to be a nephew of John the Senior, did a survey of East Hanningfield in 1628. This can be seen at the Essex Record Office; also a comprehensive book entitled 'The Walkers of Hanningfield, Surveyors & Mapmakers Extraordinary' written by A.C. Edwards & K.C. Newton.

By studying the map itself, one can discover the origins of some village names, the area of SCARLES CROFT is marked Scarles John Griggs. There was a house named COULDE DENNIS on the area now taken up by Ashley Green. This was in the ownership of one Thomas Pease in 1614 hence PEASE PLACE & in Samuel Walker's Survey of 1628. It was owned by Elizabeth Filliol, widow gentewoman, hence FILLIOL CLOSE. According to the Tite Award Map of 1840, the same area was owned by the Trustees of Ralph Nicholson, so NICHOLSON PLACE. More research needed to find out about Catherine, Bridon, Clinton & Payne - can you help?

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

At our A.G.M. in April we very reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mr Philip Mitchell as a member of our Parochial Church Council. We thank Philip for his many years of service in this capacity and also thank him for his continuing service each Sunday as a bell ringer and other duties. Both Churchwardens were re-elected as were all the other members of the P.C.C. We welcome Mrs Sue Edward as a new member of the P.C.C.

We were very pleased that April 29th dawned with lots of sun after a very wet night. Members of our church with members from Bethel church began our Millennium walk to Sandon, halfway we met members from Sandon church walking to East Hanningfield. We had a pleasant break with biscuits and a drink before continuing on our way. After lunch the energetic ones walked back, well done. This was a sponsored event with half the proceeds for our churches and the other half for Farleigh Hospice. Thanks to all who took part, this was a very enjoyable day and we hope to repeat it next year. Are you going to join us??

The children's club continues on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 9.30am. With the help of members of our congregation they supported "The Good Shepherd Project" which helps the street children in Brazil. Their Lent giving enabled us to send £68.54 towards building a "Safe House", each brick costs 10p. We hope to continue supporting this charity.

After Gill and Stan's "Open Garden" in May our next fundraising is the Village Fete on September 9th. Do join us for an afternoon of fun.

Revd Keith Plaister
Sandon Rectory
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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Firstly to say thank you to those of you who attended our coffee morning for St Clare's Hospice. You may like to know we raised £142. Also thanks to all who came to our Plant and Produce sale.

We have a couple of good meetings coming up which might interest some of you. On June 21st we have someone coming from Norsey Woods Nature Reserve, and at a special open meeting on August 16th we have Bob Ogleby who is an author and broadcaster coming from Kent to talk to us about "Flying bombs over Essex". He is a super speaker and very entertaining. This meeting is open to all including the men (yes we do invite them to join us sometimes)!!

But any 3rd Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm. in our hall down Old Church Road, we would be delighted to see you.

Lillian Crace, Tel. 400288

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Greetings from the Parish Church!

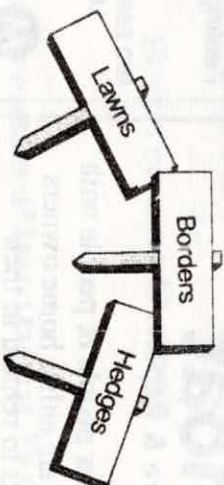
Mystery. Wonder. These are experiences we often have as children, and perhaps yearn to rediscover as adults. That is not an impossible task, as anyone who worships at All Saints will testify. There is present in every service (though some more than others, I grant) an opportunity to marvel. Sometimes a spark is lit and we are given a taste of mystery. And all because there is, in our village, a community at prayer, Sunday by Sunday. It is an open community, always welcoming to new members. We may be a funny lot (what community isn't?), but if we are given a glimpse of eternity, something at which to wonder - who cares?

Who cares? Caring of course, is one of the things which is born out of prayer. Caring begins with prayer then it becomes practical. Members of the church in this village will be sharing in the care of sixteen children from Belarus (Children of Chernobyl) who will be having a recuperative holiday in homes in the mid-Essex area from July 14th to Aug 11th. Altogether there are over 90 people involved - from Coggeshall and Tollesbury to Little Baddow and this parish - either as hosts or by planning and leading activities for the children during their stay.

If you would like details of this holiday, please contact me. Not only is it an extension of the healing ministry of the church, not only is it an opportunity to bring together children of different nationalities, but it is also a lot of fun.

It is the kind of thing in which the church as a community should be involved, and it is good to work with others towards a common aim.

Keith R. Plaister, Priest
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As some of you may have heard of read in the press it was the wettest April since 1700 & something. As a result only three games have been played, & one of those was away!

Of the three games played the first one must represent some sort of a record. Batting first East Hanningfield scored a mere 54. We then proceeded to bowl the opposition out for 20! The next weekend saw another low scoring match where we scored 100 with the opposition finishing 7 runs short but with only 1 wicket to fall. Bizarrely, in the third match we scored a very respectable 177 but lost by 2 wickets with 3 overs to spare.

If any of this whets (no pun intended) your appetite to play please call either Rob Neybour on 01621 858 668 or myself.

David Sherry ☎ 401208

MILLENNIUM PAGEANT

Sandon Parish's preparations for a Millennium Pageant on Saturday 15 July (the same weekend as the our village's Art Exhibition) are well advanced. They want to involve neighbouring parishes in this event and organiser, ex-village resident Libby Brooks, is keen to hear from people in this village who might be interested in taking part. A series of events with a historical theme are planned. They are also looking for local Pubs to field Tug-O-War. If you are interested contact Libby on Ch 284165.

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Harvest Time

PARISH COUNCIL

After many years of lobbying by P.C. and residents of East Hammingfield, Chelmsford Borough Council's Environment Committee passed a resolution on 25th July to introduce a 30 mph speed limit in the village. Surprisingly, there was a letter of objection from a resident of Bicknacre, but the letters of support carried the day. Keep an eye open for the new signs and remember that the Police always carry out speed checks in areas with new speed limits.

Also on the subject of speed, at the request of P.C. the Police recently carried out a speed check exercise on the A130 near the Bennetts Avenue junction. They caught 42 breaking the limit in about three hours. They found speeding at that spot so bad that they have added the site to their list of regular speed check locations, so be warned!

P.C. is often asked about traffic calming for the village centre. P.C. has had an outline plan for traffic calming lodged with C.B.C. for some years. The problem is funding, or rather the lack of it. P.C. has offered to contribute towards a scheme, but C.B.C. will not work out the costings until they have the funding, so we are at a standstill. There is another possible source of a scheme, and that is the County Council's developing plan for traffic calming in the villages affected by the new A130. This should be published for consultation this Autumn. It is envisaged that the scheme will be phased, with priority given to areas most affected by the new road, and of course funding will be extremely tight.

Although not yet at the planning application stage, the Rural Housing Trust has come up with a plan for a development of 12 houses at the Highfields Farm site. This would consist of 5 houses for rent by local people, 2 for shared ownership by local people and 5 for shared ownership by 'key workers'. 'Key workers' are public sector workers, subject to national pay scales, who are finding it increasingly difficult to live near their employment because of high house prices. This is a problem prevalent in the South East region. The 'key worker' concept is a recent addition to the scheme and P.C. is yet to learn all the details of how it would be expected to be applied. The scheme for affordable housing for local people has been protracted, with P.C. first deciding to contact the Rural Housing Trust in April 1995. The housing survey carried out over the Winter of 1995/6 showed that 5 single people, 8 couples and 10 families with children were looking for accommodation in East Hammingfield. Following the public meeting in September 1997, the Trust received 19 formal applications for housing. That number has now risen to 31, the applicants being 13 single people, 6 couples and 12 families. The Trust plans to hold an informative exhibition in early September, the date of which is yet to be confirmed, followed by a public meeting at the Village Hall on **Tuesday, 26th September at 8.30pm.**

P.C. was very sorry that Bill Joyce decided to leave the Post Office at the end of August, but was very grateful for the time he spent serving the community in very trying and uncomfortable conditions. P.C. is doing its utmost to retain a post office presence in the community. Recently, P.C.'s Chairman came up with an amended plan for a Village Hall extension which would be a cheaper alternative to the previous extension plan and which, it is calculated, could be carried out with funds already available to the community. P.C. decided to support this plan as it would remove the necessity of applying for grants and the associated time delay that would involve. The Charity Commission is yet to pronounce on whether it would approve of shop/post office premises in the Village Hall, but has indicated that it is looking favourably at the proposal.

I have received some suggestions from dog walkers as to the best sites for new dog bins. If you have not contacted me yet and know of a site that really needs a bin, please let me know.

Most dog owners are responsible members of the community, but unfortunately there are a few who are still behaving as though they do not care about the consequences of their actions for other members of the community. There are still dog faeces to be seen on the playing field and on village streets and verges. Local and borough wide bylaws make it an offence to allow your dog's droppings to remain in these places, and bins have been provided strategically around the village for you to dispose of them. Canine faeces are a serious health hazard, so please use the bins provided. On a linked topic, the fence around the children's play area on Hanna's Field was installed to keep dogs out, so please remember to close the gate behind you and leave your dog outside.

Finally, still on the subject of animals and bylaws, horses and ponies should not be ridden on the playing field. This is obviously for reasons of safety, and to prevent damage to the turf.

The manned refuse vehicle will be visiting the Village Hall car park on three more occasions this year. The dates to note are **16th September, 14th October and 11th November**. In between times household and garden refuse may be taken to the civic amenity site at South Woodham.

Parish Council Meetings continue on the **fourth** (not the last) Thursday of the month. For items of correspondence to be included in the Agenda papers please get them to me at least a week beforehand.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council
2 Clinton Close, Tel & FAX 400628

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

In the last issue of the Village Magazine I explained the background to the Charity and asked for your support. I am pleased that as a result several regular hall users have now joined the management committee. We still need more active members to ease the load on the current committee. If you would like to join the committee do not be shy. We do not bite! and would really appreciate your support.

In July we organised our annual art show over the same weekend as Sandon Village celebrated their Millennium Pageant. The Art show proved to be successful and I would like to thank all members of the Art Show Committee and the Artists who participated to make it the success which we are now tending to take for granted.

I would like to thank Roy and Clare in The Windmill who looked after the bookings and hall keys while Iris our caretaker was on holiday.

I have received several complaints about golf being played on the sports field. The by-laws which apply to the field include the banning of golf. I understand that the regulation is there on the grounds of safety considerations for other field users. Please ensure that you comply with the by-laws when using the hall and field. The by-laws are enforceable by the Police who should be called when there is a problem.

A working party is currently working in conjunction with The Parish Council, to investigate the possibility of enlarging the Village Hall to provide enlarged changing rooms, storage facilities and a space for the village shop and post office. At present we are seeking approval from the Charities Commission that the inclusion of the shop within our extension plans is not in breach of the rules governing the charitable activity of Hanna's Field Charity.

The next event that we are planning is the Village Fete in conjunction with All Saints Church on Saturday 9th September. If you have any item suitable for inclusion on the White Elephant stall please call Wendy on 400797 who will arrange collection. Do come along to the fete and enjoy yourselves. Posters advertising the Fete will be on display in the Village giving further details. If you would like to help at the fete please phone 400650 or 400298.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Welcome home ! Yes, I am presuming you have had a holiday and are now refreshed and ready to face the Autumn and Winter. Here at All Saints our church services continue each Sunday as follows:

- 1st Sunday in the month – 11.15am Holy Communion
- 2nd Sunday in the month – 8am Holy Communion
9.30am Children's Club
11.15am Matins
- 3rd Sunday in the month – 11.15am Family Service
- 4th Sunday in the month – 11.15am Holy Communion
- 5th Sunday in the month – 11.15am Matins (if applicable)

In May we had our open garden and Bring and Buy at The Limes. Although the weather was not to good it was a very successful and enjoyable morning. Thanks to all who came and supported Gil and Stan. Our profit was £701.

The next two events for your enjoyment are the Village fete on 9th September at 2pm on Hanna's field and the church Christmas Bazaar on November 18th at 10.30am held in the church.

Our Children's Club, which will restart on September 10th at 9.30am, will be preparing a presentation for the Harvest Festival Service which is on Sunday October 1st at 11.15am. Children would you like to join us? You will be made most welcome.

In November we have our Remembrance Sunday Service at the War Memorial in front of the church at 10.55am which then continues in church after approx 10 minutes.

Thanks to all the sponsors of the Inter-Village Millennium Walk in which St Andrews Church, Sandon, All Saints Church and Bethel Church, East Hanningfield took part. Farleigh Hospice was delighted with the £512.25 which was sent to them, an equal amount was shared between the three churches.

Rev'd. Keith Plaister
Sandon Rectory,
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(Keith's day off is Friday)

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

"How did it all go?" This is a question many of you have asked in relation to the recent Chernobyl Children's holiday. The answer is, I believe, very successfully.

Sixteen children, aged between 8 & 13 were collected at Gatwick on 14th July & on 11th August they were waved off. In between they had events organised for them including trips to Southend & Frinton (they come from a land locked country, so the sea-side was a real experience) parties in the gardens of two or three generous hosts (one of which was visited by a police helicopter!), weekly swimming & trampolining sessions, bowling, a trip to Blackwater Fun Pool & McDonalds, sailing, archery, wall-climbing & the zoo. They also went to the opticians & (just to cheer them up) the dentist. A lot was found to be wrong with their teeth due to malnutrition problems at home. But it was all skilfully corrected.

The children stayed in pairs with one host family, per fortnight & were spoiled – but not too much. The main purpose was to give them fresh air & fresh food – something they don't enjoy at home in southern Belarus because of the continuing state of contamination after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Several people from the parish were involved & many others donated generously. We are very grateful, as indeed are the children & the two interpreters.

Why was the event a success? I suspect it is because there are so many generous people with warm hearts who are involved. People from the local churches & others with no church connection at all work together in an enthusiastic way, & have fun themselves as they make new friends among us locals as well as the Belarusian children.

For those in the churches it is a form of healing ministry as well as being an extension of other ways of what Christianity might all be about, & how rewarding it can be to see these youngsters benefiting from the simple things we have to offer.

Thank you – all of you who made this event possible.

Keith R. Plaister, Priest
The Rectory, Sandon (01245 – 472262)

EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

After the rains of April & May the season finally got underway. The Saturday side's season has been mixed, while the Sunday results have been better. Notable performances have included one 9 wicket haul for Derek Myrard away at Castle Hedingham & a recent run of 50's & two centuries for Andy Coster. We also played our annual challenge cup all day game against St. Margarets. We were blessed with superb weather. Unfortunately our performance did not match the weather & we lost the cup for the first time.

On the social front the club held a very successful BBQ with a Caribbean theme & a quiz night. If you would like to play, & help us regain the challenge cup next year, please call either Rob Naybour on 01621 858 668 or myself.

David Sherry ☎ 401208

EAST HANNINGFIELD SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL GLORY

We enjoyed a successful season with Mr Crisp and have not lost a game all season except for one in the Maldon tournament. The season opened at our village fete where we won the 6-a-side competition. We won our first full game 8-1 against West Hanningfield and it went on from there. Our normal line up was William Knot, Tom Benson (C), Lauris Coggin (VC), Iain Matheson, Robert Tredgett, Daniel Whiteside and Asa Anderson as a regular sub. That seemed to work really well so we kept it for the rest of the season. Danbury Park was our next game. We knew it was going to be one of our hardest games and we ended up drawing 1-1. Then we played them away, this was more successful. We won 3-1, we were very happy with the result.

During the rest of the season we also played: Rettendon home and away and West Hanningfield home. We managed to win all three of these games.

The Maldon 5-a-side was less successful and we failed to qualify for our group, loosing to the finalist's Danbury St Johns.

At the end of the season we played in two school fetes. One of which was at our school. There were three teams competing: West Hanningfield, Bicknacre and us. We came top of the group to reach the final to play West Hanningfield. We succeeded with a 3-1 win.

The second fete was at West Hanningfield. This time there were four teams. We won our group again and reached the final to play Meadgate. This was a tough game and it went into extra time but in the end we won.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Well here we are again. Since the last time of writing we have been very busy. In June we had a very interesting talk about Norway Wood Nature Reserve and some of us are soon going there for a guided walk.


At the end of the month we celebrated our 83rd birthday with a party which was great fun. As our entertainment we had a Belly dancer, learning about the history and traditions of the art and some of our members were given a quick lesson and gave a very good show.

In July we had a lady called Iris Penn who is deaf. She came along to talk about Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and brought her lovely little dog called Jack with her, who got thoroughly spoilt.

At the time of writing we are getting ready for our Open Meeting. Posters were put up in the village for anyone to attend. Do hope some of you made it. We are always pleased to have visitors. In September we are having "Flowers around the house". In October we will have our Harvest Supper and the October meeting on 18th we will be having a talk about The Magistracy when a representative from the Basildon branch will be with us.

So if any of this appeals to you, do come along on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm when you will be given a warm welcome.

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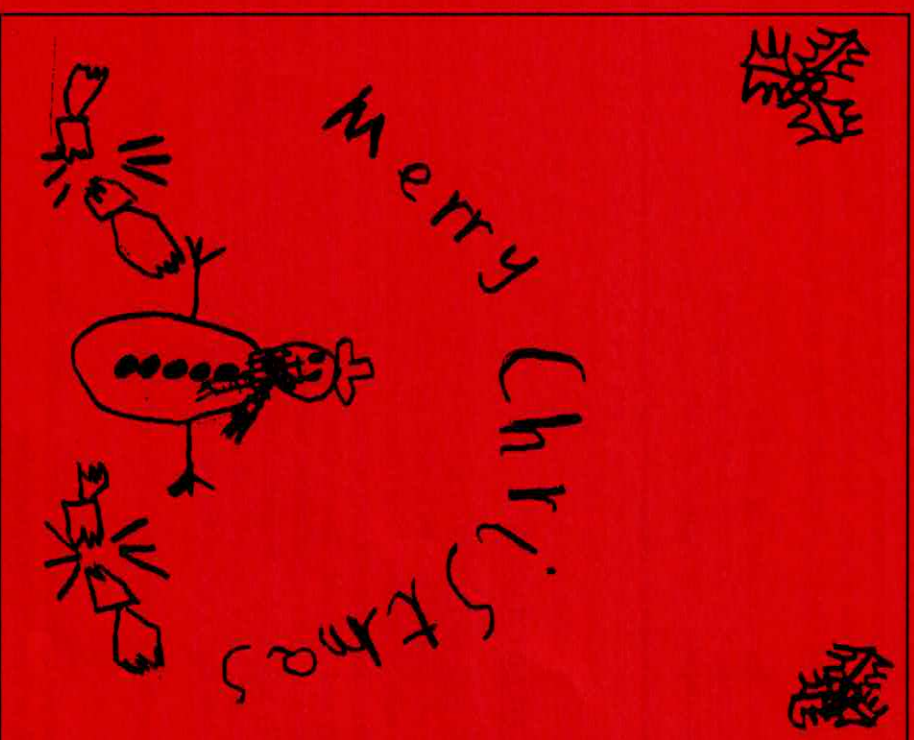
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Christmas cover by Anthony Burridge age 7

FROM THE EDITOR

First of all I would like to thank all of you who send in the articles for the newsletter. This is a newsletter to keep you, the villagers informed of what clubs and groups there are and what is going on in the village.

COPY DATE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS 16th FEBRUARY 2001, so anyone with an article or advertisement should let me have a copy by this date.

I would also like to thank the children from the school who took part in the Christmas cover competition. The winner was Anthony Burridge and the runner ups were:- Jake Brown, Nicholas Hewett, Emily Garner, Rebecca Stafford-Smith, Eldon Coggin, Alexandra Taylor and Mar Salom.

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

It seems ages since we held the village fete in September. I would like to express my thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the event successful. I am glad that we were once again lucky with the weather. The village fete is organised as a joint event with All Saints Church. Other local organisations are welcomed and I am pleased to report that Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints Church shared the profit of approximately £1,400.00 between us. In addition the local organisations who ran their own stalls will have made a surplus and hopefully enjoyed the afternoons activities. It was disappointing that we were unable to run the usual 5 a side football competition at the fete this year. Hopefully we will be able to reinstate the 5 a side at the fete next year.

We have recently reviewed the Hall hiring rates and new rates will apply from January 2001.

The hall opening times over the Christmas period will vary as follows:

Sunday 24th to Tuesday 26th December	Closed
Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th December	Club hirers only
Sunday 31st to Monday 1st January	Closed
Tuesday 2nd January	Normal opening times resume

There are still vacancies on the management committee for volunteers to assist in the management and running of the hall and grounds. If you would like to find out more please do not hesitate to contact me.

Colin Warren, Chairman.
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PARISH COUNCIL

The Council has asked me to write about the different responsibilities of councils at the parish, borough and county levels, because it is thought that there is some confusion amongst the population at large about who does what, or rather should be doing what!

Due to agency agreements and concurrent functions *who does what* varies from place to place, so I shall stick to what happens in the county of Essex, the borough of Chelmsford and the parish of East Hanningfield.

East Hanningfield Parish Council (EHPC) provides bus shelters, street lights, litter bins, dog bins and some play equipment; maintains the village green; mows the playing fields; purchased the playing fields for the village; is paying off a loan for the larger part of the cost of the Village Hall building; paid for the footway between Abbeyfields and the School (with special permission); supports school holiday activities, Preschool, the parent toddler group and the youth club; assists with the maintenance of the churchyard; and is working with the Village Hall management to build an extension which could house the post office and provide extra facilities. EHPC also puts a great deal of thought and time into responding to consultation documents from other bodies as the elected representative of the community to the outside world. Probably, the most conspicuous area of consultation is in the field of planning. EHPC is consulted on all planning applications emanating from the parish and responds to each one. Comments are also returned on applications from beyond the parish which will have a local impact. EHPC also has an input into local plans which establish future policy for the area.

Chelmsford Borough Council (CBC) mends and sweeps roads; empties dustbins, litter bins and dog bins; provides leisure facilities such as parks, Civic Theatre, play schemes, sports pitches, the Chelmsford Spectacular; provides and maintains council housing; decides most planning applications and inspects building work; designates which areas of land are for housing, industry, leisure and shops in the local plan; inspects food preparation premises; licenses places of entertainment; deals with vermin and noise nuisance; collects the council tax for all the other authorities; in Chelmsford provides public toilets, car parks, the cemetery, two museums and much more. CBC's headquarters are at Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford.

Essex County Council (ECC) has a more strategic role producing such policy documents as the County Structure Plan, and the county-wide Plans dealing with waste, transport and mineral extraction. ECC has overall responsibility for the road network in the county and delegates the work in Chelmsford Borough to CBC, but retains responsibility for the major routes, for example it is ECC that has commissioned the construction of the new A130. ECC provides the social services, the

libraries, emergency planning, education and waste disposal. ECC's headquarters are at County Hall. Obviously, this is not a definitive guide to all the responsibilities of the three tiers of local government affecting this village, and it might get more complicated as regional government becomes a reality.

You have probably been wondering what has happened to the new speed limit. I have been informed that the date of implementation is 1st. December, so watch out for the new signs. We can expect to see the Police monitoring the speed of traffic travelling through the village in the coming months.

The amended plan for the Village Hall extension has received planning permission. Chelmsford Borough Council has promised a grant towards the project and Essex County Council are considering a grant application from P.C. at the moment. The bulk of the funding will come from borrowing by P.C. and P.C. reserves. Confirmation is still awaited from the Charity Commission as to whether they will support the presence of the Post Office in the Village Hall. Unfortunately, their agreement is necessary, so delay to the project is inevitable whilst their response is awaited. Meanwhile, certain aspects of the pre-building stage are progressing so that on receipt of a favourable answer the project can move ahead quickly.

Due to a variety of factors, there have been changes to the dates of forthcoming Meetings. There will be no Meeting in December. The next two Meetings will be on **Thursday, 4th January** and **Thursday 1st February, 2001**. Thereafter it is intended that the Meetings will revert to the **fourth Thursday** of each month.

I have requested CBC that the manned refuse vehicle continues to visit the Village Hall car park on a monthly basis during 2001, but have not received notification of dates as yet, so please keep an eye open for the posters. A list of all the dates for the year will go up on the P.C. noticeboard in the Village Hall.

There seems to have been some public confusion about P.C. noticeboards, so I shall explain briefly what happens. Notices of P.C. Meetings go up on the three noticeboards, (on the Tye, at the Bicknacre Road junction and inside the Village Hall) three clear days before a Meeting. If there is space, which is usually only on the two larger boards, the Agenda goes on the board as well. The Minutes are posted on the following Meeting. There are times when this does not happen, for example when I went on holiday the day after a Meeting, and when I am required by law to display other notices, such as Audit notices. At the time of writing, P.C. was about to consider the replacement of the noticeboard at the Bicknacre Road junction, because of its poor condition. If P.C. decides to install a larger board there might be space for the Minutes to be on display there as well.

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HANNA'S TOTS

Certainly we are known by many, but I think we do need to introduce Hanna's Tots to a lot more of you. Hanna's Tots came "to life" about two months ago, since the wish of organising a group for the very youngest ones in the village were very strong. Thanks to Neighbourhood Watch, The Parish Council, The Pre-School and the Childrens Development of Chelmsford, this has now been possible. We have also considered starting a Toy Library during these sessions. They all stand behind the idea and their help is very valuable to us.

A toddlers group is a great way for the kids to start to interact with other children of different ages. Learn from each other and get a good start in life. We are just around the corner from you, so it is easy to get here. We are in The Village Hall every Friday morning between 10 - 11.30am. We do lots of fun stuff...like painting, playing with clay and exploring all the toys. We can mess with finger paints or just play around on the big mat. We have been given lots of toys to play with (thanks everyone) and we would still say yes to more.

Lots of activities are being planned, so it is very important to have YOUR support. And that means being there with us on Friday mornings, between 10-11.30. I promise to put in everything it takes to get this going, I have got the back support I need, but if I don't have YOU and your little ones, there will be no Hanna's Tots. And personally I think that would be very sad. I think it is very valuable to have both a Pre-School and a Primary School in East Hanningfield. We can now make the village even more valuable by adding on Hanna's Tots. So come along. If we are a big enough village for a Primary School, I'm sure we can get enough support for our toddlers too.

If you need any more information, please contact me on 401089. Eva Tiid.

EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

It's been a busy term and it's not over yet. We began with hibernation and looking at how different animals survive the winter, and the children made bird feeders for their gardens. One of our mums paid Pre-school a visit to talk about going to the Doctor's. The children always love to have visitors and they particularly enjoyed a close look at the medical instruments Dr. Fryer brought in. We are now discussing toys, past and present, and to support this topic the staff have been dusting off a few childhood favourites.

We are now working inevitably towards Christmas rounded off by our Nativity and end of term Christmas Party. As last year, once the children have performed the Nativity for their friends and relatives we shall be holding a bazaar in the large hall to which the village is invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you would like to join us at Pre-school, we are open Mondays to Thursdays, term time, from 9.15 to 11.45 in the village hall. For further information or to arrange to come in and see us in action, please call Alison Whitworth on 401387.

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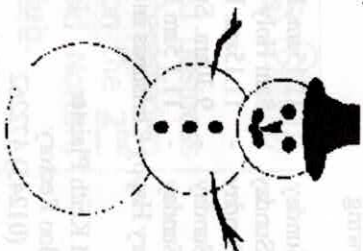
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

It doesn't seem possible does it that it is a year since Revd Keith Plaister and his wife Heike joined our Parish? It appears to me that the years seem to pass quicker and quicker or is that just my age? Anyway many thanks to Keith for all that he has done over this past year, and I would also like to take this opportunity to formally thank Heather too for all her advice, guidance and, above all, patience during my first eighteen months as Churchwarden, and I look forward to working with and learning more from both Keith and Heather during the next eighteen!

Thanks to everybody who contributed towards our 'Harvest Festival', 'Springboard' were very appreciative of the numerous and generous gifts they received. We would like to thank in particular all the children from East Hanningfield School, many of whom enclosed with their gifts lovely notes and poems as an extra surprise!

Owing to the fact that the weeks are flying by so fast, it is now time to let you know of the forthcoming Christmas and New Year Services as follows:

Sunday 17th December at 3:00pm. Lessons & Carol Service followed by mince pies and wine.

Christmas Eve at 11. 30pm Midnight Communion with Carols to be led by Fr. John Thackray.

Christmas Day at 11.15am. Family Service with Communion.

New Year's Eve at 11.15am. Matins Service to be led by Mr Ken Bandy.

Finally, from 1 January 2001 our format of Services will change slightly to that of the following

- 1st Sunday - 11.15am. Family Service
 - 2nd Sunday - 8am Holy Communion followed by 11.15am Matins Service.
 - 3rd Sunday - 11.15am. Holy Communion Service.
 - 4th Sunday - 9.30am. Sunday Club followed by 11.15am Matins Service.
 - 5th Sunday - 11.15am Matins Service.
- A very Happy Christmas and Peace to you all!

Revd Keith Plaister
Sandon Rectory
Tel.. (01245) 472262
(Keith's day off is Friday)

Churchwardens:
Heather 400977
Claire 400788

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

How will you spend Christmas?

Forgive me if it seems a long way away, but this is the last publication before it happens. The answer to this question will already have been given by those, for instance, whose families are spread about. Who will be invited where . . . and so on. Christmas, however, bids us reflect on those who can't even face that question – the lonely with no family, the homeless, the refugee, the hungry. Problems such as we face when considering where to go, who to invite, pale into insignificance when we reflect on those who would just love to have our worries.

The Christmas story in St Luke's Gospel perhaps underlines the gulf which exists between his picture of the nativity and the celebration of this event twenty centuries later in most of the western world. Born into poverty, laid not in a sanitised hospital bed but in a cattle trough, visited by the country's (and religion's) despised who, as shepherds, couldn't keep to the laws of the faith, here was the beginning of a life which, through his followers (hey! That's you and me) would, could or ought to bring hope, joy, peace and justice to the whole world. Isn't that why Luke paints the picture of the messengers (angels) singing "Peace on earth; goodwill to all"?

Lets take time out this Christmas to think on these things. A warm welcome awaits you at church. Look out for the carol services. Make a note of the Christmas-tide worship times. And . . . come, all ye faithful, be joyful and triumphant. Let the spirit of the Christmas story grab you and me as we celebrate together and spend time thinking about and singing about the core event this season.

Keith R. Plaister. Priest
The Rectory, Sandon. (01245-472262)

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Many people from the East Hanningfield area would be able to make use of the facilities at our Centre, and some have already taken advantage of our location and saved themselves a trip into Chelmsford.

We are a one stop shop for all your needs. We represent Essex County Council, Chelmsford Borough Council and South Woodham Ferrers Town Council and many public bodies and local groups and organisations.

If you receive a letter to say that your neighbour is planning an extension and you want to have a look in case they could affect you, you can see them here instead of Chelmsford. Maybe you would like a bus pass, or a Senior Citizens Rail Card? We can issue them from here. Everything from Tourism, Benefits, Passenger Transport, Trading Standards to Housing, Education and voluntary groups. We can answer your query.

The Telly Talk facility will again save journeys into Town and help bring agencies to more isolated areas.

News from your Community Information Centre

Video Conferencing

Some customers have mentioned that they heard me on BBC Essex on Friday 30th June, talking about what we do here at the Centre, and our plans for the future. Among these plans is a video conferencing facility. The unit has now been installed here at South Woodham Ferrers, and can be used by any member of the public.

The idea is to be able to provide a video link to an officer in another organisation. Our system allows you to communicate with the partners linked to SWF. The Benefits Agency is one of our first partners with others to follow. This is a valuable facility making it much easier for many local people to solve complicated queries. If, for instance, you need help filling in a benefits form, you will be able to call up the officer from the Benefits Agency using the telephone provided. He will then appear on the screen in front of you and you will be able to discuss your query. All the information will be shared between you. A scanner enables you to send him the form over the telephone line and you will be able to see your form in detail, and also watch the officer fill it in for you as he asks the appropriate questions. He will then scan the completed form back to you; all that's left for you to do is sign and post it. For us in South Woodham Ferrers, isolated from almost all the main public bodies and main council offices, it will save many journeys to Chelmsford, and in fact, bring those organisations to us in Woodham!

Another partner linked to our video conferencing unit is Answers Direct, Essex Libraries' call centre. This service aims to solve any query from the public. They answer questions on health, travel, legislation, genealogy, children's rights, to give some examples. Staff have a huge range of resources at their disposal to trace what you are looking for. They will be able to search CD roms and the internet when dealing with your queries and you will be able to watch them searching and discuss with them exactly what you do and do not want. Material can be printed out directly to you at South Woodham Ferrers. The Child Support Agency are coming on board very soon, and other agencies will follow.

We are sure video conferencing will provide a useful link for the people of South Woodham Ferrers, where as we all know, services are currently limited. It allows people to sort out complicated queries, save them time and money and will open the doors for many other organisations to become a part of our community.

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EAST HANNINGFIELD SCHOOL

In the same way that there is a rhythm to the seasons, so there is a pattern to the events in school, and this is particularly true of the autumn term. In late September we had our Harvest Festival, with the Over-Sixties as our guests. After the service, the produce, so carefully presented by the pupils, was taken, along with the contributions from the church, to be given to The Springboard Trust.

A few weeks later the pupils were busy again, this time preparing decorated shoe boxes, which they then filled with little presents to be distributed to children in Eastern Europe by the charity 'Operation Christmas Child.'

In November we always have an assembly linked to Remembrance Day, so that children understand the significance of the Poppy Appeal. This year the school received a certificate of appreciation from the British Legion for our support over the past 10 years. The Children in Need Appeal followed on, with each class collecting pennies to be taken to swell the copper mountain in Chelmsford, and everyone enjoying a Bring and Buy Sale, organized by the pupils in Class 3.

Now that the count down to Christmas has begun, we are looking forward to the PTA Bazaar on Saturday 2nd December at 1.30pm, our production of The Snow Queen on the 13th and 14th of December at 7.30pm and the Carol Service in church on the 19th December at 9.30am. Of course there will also be the end of term parties!

Happy Christmas.

Mrs. Madeline Hardy (Headteacher)

Invitation

We extend a warm welcome to the Over-Sixties to see our dress rehearsal of The Snow Queen on Mon. 11th December at 2pm in the school hall.

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While one is used to such things as 'rain stopped play', or 'match abandoned due to the state of the pitch' we had a new one this season: 'match cancelled because the opposition couldn't get enough petrol together!' This is what happened during August when the petrol crisis was with us.

On the 1st December we hold our dinner where prizes for batting, bowling & fielding are given, plus the Saturday & Sunday players' player of the year awards. Though the season is over winter nets have just started. So if you are interested in playing why not come along? If you are interested please give me a call.

Dave Sherry 401208

EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By the time you read this most of you will be getting ready for Christmas. Are there any of you out there who enjoy a fun evening? Well the place to be is in our hall on Saturday 9th December at 7.30pm for our Quiz night. Cost is £3-00, please bring own food and drink. Tables for up to eight people. If you are interested, please do give me a ring.

Don't forget our meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in our hall in Old Church Road.

In the meantime we would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and hope to meet some of you in 2001.

Lilian Crace (400288).

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EAST HANNINGFIELD SCHOOL PTA

Dear Residents,

Thank you to all of you who participated in our barn Dance on Saturday September 2nd. It was a very successful evening and we raised £93,00.

As we look ahead to next year, we are currently planning a lot more event of this nature and hope we can count on your support once again. If enough funds are raised we hope to be able to pay for landscaping of an area of the school near the playground and the library along with picnic benches.

Lyn Sneller
Chairperson

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Christmas Bazaar



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Diary Of Events

- 1 December 2000 30 mph speed limit through village implemented
- 2 December 2000 PTA Christmas Bazaar @ school (1:30 pm)
- 9 December 2000 WI quiz night @ WI Hall (7:30pm)
- 11 December 2000 Pre-School Christmas Nativity & Bazaar (09:45-11:45)
- 13-14 December 2000 School play (7:30pm)
- 17 December 2000 All Saints Carol Service (03:00 pm)
- 19 December 2000 School carol service (9:30am in church)
- 24 December 2000 All Saints Midnight Communion (11:30 pm)
- 25 December 2000 All Saints Family Service with Communion (11:15 am)
- 31 December 2000 All Saints Matins Service (11:15am)
- 4 January 2001 Parish council meeting
- 1 February 2001 Parish council meeting
- 16 February 2001 Copy date for next issue