

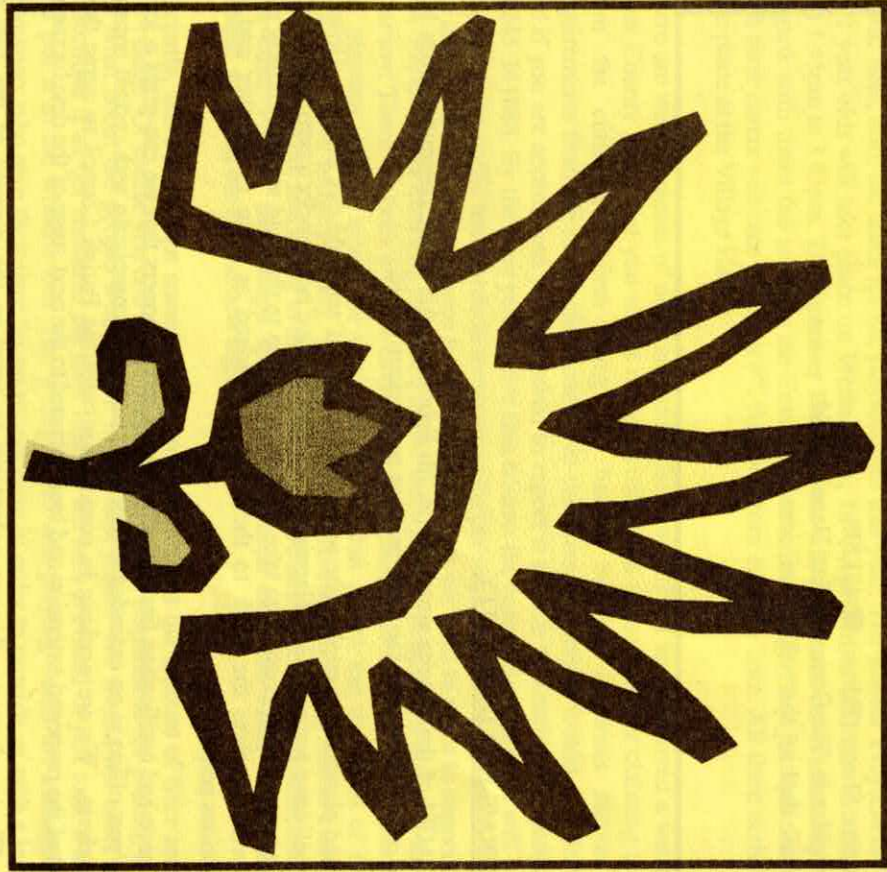
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#### FROM THE EDITOR

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 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2001**, so anyone with an article or advertisement should let me have a copy by this date at the latest

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#### HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

The AGM of the Charity was held on 7th February. All of the committee from last year were re-appointed with the same position as previously held.

We had planned to complete the works on the mound and field this autumn. However, as you will have noticed, East Hanningfield seems to have been under a permanent rain cloud and it has not been possible to take any equipment on to the field without causing damage. We will complete the work to the field and mound as soon as weather and ground conditions permit.

We have had notification from the Charities Commissioners that we can grant a lease to a shop/post office in an extended village hall, subject to complying with certain consultation procedures. We are working in conjunction with the Parish Council to agree the detail plans of the proposed extension and look forward to the next stage of the development.

The Charity always welcomes volunteers to assist in the running of the hall and its facilities. If you would like to help or find out more about the Charity please contact me.

Colin Warren  
Chairman  
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#### PARISH COUNCIL

There will be visits by the manned refuse vehicle on the following Saturday mornings during 2001: 17<sup>th</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 20<sup>th</sup> October and 17<sup>th</sup> November. The vehicle will be at the Village Hall car park on those dates from 8 am until about 10.45. Between times you can take bulky items of household and garden refuse to the civic amenity sites at Boreham or South Woodham Ferrers, where there are facilities to collect garden waste separately in order to turn it into compost.

Please note, also, the dates for the playschemes this year. The **Easter Playscheme** for 5-11 year olds will take place on **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April** from 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.45pm to 3.45pm. The **Summer Playscheme** will take place on **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August** with times the same as the Easter playscheme. **Picnic Play** for the under 5s with their carers will take place on **9<sup>th</sup> August** from 10am to 2pm. All these activities take place at the Village Hall.

There are various pieces of news regarding the new A130. I have received a warning from County route that you might receive visits from rogue builders claiming to be from the construction firm Laing and having building materials surplus to requirements from the road construction. No-one from the project would ever do this and if you are approached you are asked to report it at once to Trading Standards on 01245 341888. By the time you receive this edition the consultation process will have begun for the traffic amelioration measures to be put in place in the communities near the new road. This is our chance to say what measures we want in place to support the new 30mph speed limit and to reduce traffic through the village, so it is worth having your say. There has been a minor environmental success following the consultation on the planting scheme along the new road, which has meant the extension of some proposed native hedge planting. Two parish councillors are attending liaison meetings with County route and Laing to discuss matters associated with the construction of the new road. Finally, the 40mph speed limit has been extended north of Rettendon village, so watch out for the new signs!

Recently, there have been some adverse comments about the amount of litter around the village. Of course you can blame those you think are responsible for picking it up, but what about the people who drop it in the first place? We would not need litter collections if all our residents put their litter in the bins provided or just took it home and put it in the wheeie bin. The Village Hall and playing fields are managed by volunteers who give their time for no recompense in order to provide us with a leisure facility: in addition to all the hard work they do, why should they have to clear up after people who are abusing the place by messing it up with rubbish?



Even more unpleasant is the dog mess, and this matter has taken a very serious turn. I have been informed that dog faeces containing worms have been seen on the playing field. So, there is a dog owner who cares nothing for the health of the human users of the playing field, and does not care about the health of the dog either, because a dog with worms is not a healthy dog! Users of the playing field therefore should be extra vigilant about hygiene, and, please everyone, close the gate of the play area to keep dogs out; that is what the fence is for!

You have probably noticed that the Parish Council element of the council tax has increased substantially for the 2001/2 year. This is mainly due to the Village Hall extension project, and the associated temporary retention of the portacabin for the post office. PC will be using £11,500 of its reserves for the project and borrowing a further £40,000, for which repayments will begin during the financial year. In order that the reserves do not sink too low, PC has decided to make up from the 2001/2 council tax the amount taken from the reserves in the 2000/1 year to cover the unexpected costs of retaining the portacabin. Construction of the extension to the Village Hall should begin before the next edition of this newsletter.

At the time of writing the planning application for the affordable housing for local people and key workers at Highfields Mead was going through the consultation stage, and awaiting a decision from Chelmsford Borough Council.

Parish Council Meetings have now returned to the fourth Thursday of each month. Correspondence which you wish to be considered at a Meeting should be addressed to the Clerk to the Council and arrive at least a week before the Meeting so that it can be included on the Agenda. Please note that correspondence arriving at my house that is addressed to the Chairman or councillors will be forwarded unopened. You may attend PC Meetings and ask questions during Public Question Time, but if you think your question might require some research, please give fair warning before the Meeting.

Karen Plummeridge, Clerk to the Parish Council,  
2 Clinton Close,  
☎ 400628

## USE IT OR LOSE IT

Some of you will have seen the notices around the village announcing the time and location for the Mobile Police Surgery. So far it has been in the village twice.

This initiative is an attempt to make our local Police Officers more accessible. The vehicle and the officers, part of the Rural Beat Team spend one hour, once a month, in the village. Their arrival will be advertised by posters around the village in plenty of time for you to plan to meet them.

The Officers are there for you to consult with, not to sit twiddling their thumbs for an hour when they could be doing something useful elsewhere and that is what will happen if we do not support this initiative.

We know that financial and other constraints do not allow the kind of policing that we would like for our village, but here is an attempt to make our Policemen visible and albeit for a limited period of time waiting to meet US.

If we do not take advantage of these opportunities I am certain that the initiative will be withdrawn and the chance to talk to our local Police face to face will be lost.

## **IF WE DO NOT USE IT WE WILL LOSE IT.**

I do not yet have the date for March but the posters will be up as soon as I get them although I should know the date before then. If anyone would like to know more please telephone me.

Edward Poulter Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Tel.400520.

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## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Christmas celebrations have now finished and I expect almost forgotten, however we are now looking forward to the next "Good News" as we prepare to celebrate Easter, another great festival in the church's calendar. A welcome awaits you at all our services, these are the Easter ones:-

Palm Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00am Holy Communion 11.15am Matins
Maunder Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00am Holy Communion
Good Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> April	12.00 noon Hymns & Prayers 7.30pm Compline (15minute service)
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00pm Easter Vigil in St Andrews, Sandon
Easter day	15 <sup>th</sup> April	11.15am Family Holy Communion

The children's club continues to flourish on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month, in church, 9.30 to 10.30am - children do come and enjoy the craft work, stories, fun and a drink and biscuit.

### INTER PARISH WALK

Last year we held a Millennium walk which was very successful, so it is going to be repeated again this year. The date for your diary is May 5<sup>th</sup>. It is a sponsored walk from East Hanningfield to Sandon (and back if you are energetic enough). The walkers from Sandon come to East Hanningfield and we meet half way for a refreshment stop. We raise money for our own church and for Farleigh Hospice. Do come and join us - it is great fun - yes it is. More details from Heather, (400977).

### OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25 <sup>TH</sup> March	Mothering Sunday Service 11.15am
29 <sup>th</sup> March	AGM Parochial Church Council in church at 7.45pm.
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Holy Communion not family service at 11.15am.
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bring & Buy, coffee and a walk round the garden at "The Limes" from 10.30am, in aid of church funds.

A very Happy Easter to you all.

Rev'd. Keith Plaister  
Sandon Rectory  
01245 472262

Churchwardens  
Heather 400977  
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## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY

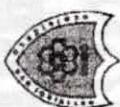
The mid-Essex group of the Chernobyl Children's Project is again organising a months recuperative holiday this summer for sixteen children, aged between 8 and 13, from southern Belarus. They live in a region still badly contaminated as the result of the explosion in 1986 of the nuclear power station in Chernobyl. Their health has been badly affected by radiation, and a months holiday here with fresh air and food can improve their immune systems to make them resistant to disease for a further two to three years.

It is a very worthwhile project, and last year some of our parishioners helped in a wonderful way towards such a holiday. This year we are well on the way towards planning something similar. We still need three host families for the first fortnight from Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July until Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August, taking two children into their homes for this period. Events are being planned, such as outings to the sea-side and zoo and we shall need event leaders who will take care of our guests and their interpreters for a day.

If you can help in any way, I would be glad to hear from you. Please telephone me on 01245-472262 and I will give you further information.

Many thanks  
Rev'd. Keith R Plaister  
(local co-ordinator)

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## BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Work is progressing well on our new church building project. We received planning permission over a year ago to replace our existing building in Old Church Road and since then the focus of attention has been on producing detailed plans, literally showing the nuts and bolts of the construction, for building regulation approval. This has proved to be quite time consuming and protracted but we expect to be submitting these plans shortly. We intend to be holding a number of events this year to help raise funds for the new church building and we will be letting you have further details of these.

April is a busy month at the church with all the Easter activities and services. Once again we will be holding a special, two day Holiday Club for 5 to 11 year old children. This will be in the Village Hall, 10.30am to 12.15pm, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

Over the Easter weekend we will be celebrating the Good News of the Christian message that Jesus, the Son of God, who, out of love, gave himself for us, defeated death on the cross and rose again to eternal life. Those that met with the risen Jesus had their lives wonderfully changed. God has promised that all who come to trust and follow Jesus will know the same hope of new and eternal life!

Come and join us in our Easter worship:

Friday 13th, 10:00am - Good Friday Communion Service.

Sunday 15th, 10:45am - Easter Sunday Family Service.

David Cotley (Tel. 400665)

(Pastor)



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## HANNA'S TOTS

After a trial time of three months, Hanna's Tots has been successful enough to keep a few moms interested in meeting up every Friday morning between 10-11.30 in the Village Hall. Thanks to The Parish Council's financial support we can keep the group running and we welcome new moms all the time. If there are any newcomers to the village or any new born babies around, we would love to see you join us for a friendly

chat and some fun for the toddlers. On Friday the 16th of March we have invited Chris Farmer, a librarian from South Woodham Ferrers, to come and read a story for the children and also recommend suitable books for different ages. I hope you can come and join us that day as well.

After only 8 months in the Village, me and my family will be moving again. This time, back to Seattle, USA. I'd like to thank everyone whom I have been in contact with, for the great support and warm welcome to this area. I have really enjoyed these few months and regret I can not stay any longer. Hanna's Tots will still be there for you. Please make the most of it.

Eva Tiid (401089)

## EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Greetings to you all. It's good the evenings are pulling out and when the wet weather finally goes we look forward to seeing more of you around the village.

A date for your diary is Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup> 10.30 to noon. We will be holding a charity coffee morning in aid of Farleigh and St Clare's Hospice. We hope some of you can make it.

As always our monthly meetings are at our hall in Old Church Road on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. We have some good speakers booked. Anyone who would like details, please give me a call.

Lillian Crace (400288).



## EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Anyone reading this newsletter who is new to the village may not be aware that we have a village cricket team. The ground is just outside the village, passed Great Claydons heading towards Howe Green. Over the years I have played at a number of grounds around the county and have to say that it is one of the most picturesque I have played at. The facilities are good with changing rooms, showers, kitchen and a members' bar.

Games are played throughout the summer on both Saturday and Sunday plus the odd midweek evening game. As a matter of policy we try to put out two entirely different teams over the weekend. This means that there is always a requirement for additional members. So if you are new to the area, gave up playing but would like to take the game up again or played at school and want to continue playing, why not play for play for East Hanningfield?

At the moment the club is organising winter nets at the Indoor Cricket School at the County Ground in Chelmsford. If you are interested in playing this is an ideal opportunity to get your arm/eye in & meet some of the members. Please contact either Rob Naybour on 01621 858668 or myself if interested.

Dave Sherry

☎ 01245 401208

## Hyde Ladies Probuss Club

If you are a retired or semi-retired business or professional lady, you may be interested to join our friendly club for **lunch** on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of each month at Cold Norton, **Three Rivers Golf & Country Club**.

For further information please contact our president.

Mrs. Aline Bradley

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### **Diary Of Events**

- 17 March Manned refuse vehicle. Village Hall car park 8am-10.45 approx
- 25 March Mothering Sunday Service. 11.15am All Saints Church
- 29 March AGM Parochial Church Council in church 7.45pm
- 8 April Palm Sunday Holy Communion 8am. All Saints Church
- 8 April Palm Sunday Matins 11.15am All Saints Church
- 10 April Bethel Holiday Club 5-11year olds Village Hall 10.30am-12.15pm
- 11 April Bethel Holiday Club 5-11year olds Village Hall 10.30am-12.15pm
- 11 April W.I. Charity Coffee Morning 10.30am-noon. W.I. Hall
- 12 April Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 8am. All Saints Church
- 13 April Good Friday Hymns & Prayers 12 noon All Saints Church
- 13 April Good Friday Compline 7.30pm All Saints Church
- 13 April Good Friday Communion 10am Bethel Church
- 14 April Easter Vigil in St Andrews Church, Sandon 8pm
- 15 April Easter Sunday Family Holy Communion 11.15am All Saints
- 15 April Easter Sunday Family Service 10.45am Bethel Church
- 18 April Easter Playscheme 10.30am-12.30pm and 1.45pm-3.45pm. V.Hall
- 5 May Sponsored Inter Parish Walk
- 18 May Copy date for next issue
- 22 May Bring & Buy and Coffee morning at The Limes 10.30am
- 16 June Manned refuse vehicle. Village Hall car park 8am-10.45 approx



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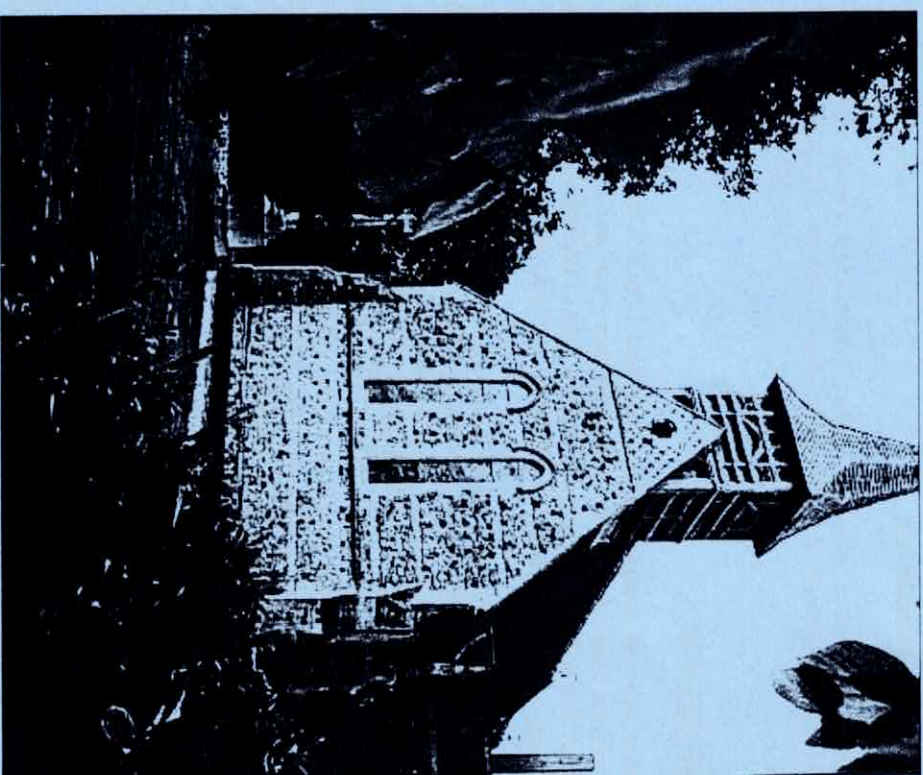
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## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

At our AGM in April all members of our Parochial Church Council were re-elected. We thank them all for their hard work during the past year and look forward to another successful year. We are in the process of having lights installed outside to illuminate the west wall. These will operate from dusk till about 10.45pm during the winter months.

Our annual sponsored walk from East Hanningfield to Sandon and back, which was instigated last year, was sadly cancelled because of the closed footpaths due to foot and mouth. However we hope it will now take place in September.

Our children's club continues to flourish and once again, supported by our congregation, their Lent giving of £78.76 has gone to the Good Shepherd Project in Brazil, which cares for street children and families in a shanty town. This includes help with school work, arts, craft and drama etc. They also get food, medical care and there is a crèche so that mothers can go out to work. This is a Christian organisation and so they learn all about Jesus and his love for all of us with Bible teaching and songs.

We hope you will all have a good summer holiday and come back refreshed and ready to have fun at the **VILLAGE FETE** on **SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**.

To anyone whose lives have been affected by the foot and mouth crisis may we say how sorry we are, you have been in our prayers and thoughts throughout. May God Bless you all.

Rev. Keith Plaister  
Sandon Rectory  
01245-472262  
Keith's day off is Friday

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Heather 400977  
Claire 400788

## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

The Charity is once again organising the Village Art show on Saturday & Sunday 14th & 15th July. If you are interested in exhibiting please contact Anne Parker on 01245 400784 or Wendy Thomas on 01245 400797.

The Charity is also organising the Village Fete in conjunction with the Church in September. If you would like to help at the fete or have any ideas for attractions please contact either myself or Stan Gordon on 01245 400298. We will be organising the Tombola and White Elephant stall. If you have any contributions for either stall please contact Wendy Thomas.

The hall, field and sports courts/tennis court are available for bookings which can be made via Iris Evans on 01245 401460. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to villagers.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

The weather was beautiful for the Village Tidy-up on Saturday, 12th. May. Thank you to all those who turned up on the day to help, and to everyone else who did their own independent litter-picking. It all goes to help make our village a more pleasant place in which to live.

Arrangements have been made for the manned refuse vehicle to visit the Village Hall car park on the following Saturday mornings: 16th. June, 14th. July and 11th. August. Please remember that it will be on site from approximately 8am until 10.45 and that waste should not be left at the car park at any other time. If you have household waste which you need to dispose of between the manned refuse vehicle visits it can be taken to the civic amenity sites at South Woodham Ferrers or Boreham, or arrangements can be made with Chelmsford Borough Council for a special collection. More information about refuse collection can be obtained by telephoning the Borough Council on 01245 606620. The variety of substances that can now be recycled is quite extensive. The civic amenity sites have separate disposal facilities for earth, green waste, plastic bottles and engine oil, to name but a few.

I am sure many of you will have visited the exhibition of Essex County Council's proposed A130 Post Bypass Traffic Management Measures, which took place in the Village Hall a few weeks ago. The County Council has informed me that the response to the proposed closure of the existing A130 was so overwhelming that that particular proposal has now been abandoned. The proposed closure of Creep hedge Lane appears to be causing some debate. The Parish Council has supported the closure of the lane, because this is seen as the most likely means of ending the rat run through our village from South Woodham Ferrers to Chelmsford. There are likely to have been many objections from residents of SWF, so if you support the closure and have not yet informed the County Council, please send your comments as soon as possible. The County Council will also welcome alternative proposals for traffic management in the communities surrounding the A130, so if you have some good ideas please let the County Council know. The department at County Hall dealing with this matter is Transportation & Operational Services.

Sadly, the number of children taking part in the Easter Playscheme on 18th. April was quite low this year, but I understand that those who did turn up had an enjoyable time. So far, two events have been arranged for the Summer holidays. There will be a Playscheme for ages 5-11 on Wednesday, 8th. August, at the Village Hall. It will begin at 10.30 am and finish at 3.45 with a break for lunch from 12.30pm until 1.45. Younger children may attend if accompanied by an adult carer. For the under 5s, there will be Picnic Play on Thursday, 9th. August, from 10am until 2pm. If the weather is good this will take place on the playing field, and, as its title suggests, you should bring a picnic lunch. PC hopes to arrange some sports sessions for the holidays as well, and will publicise all events on the noticeboards nearer the time.

At the time of writing, there is still no news regarding the planning application for the affordable housing for local people and key workers at Highfields Mead.

Parish Council Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of each month, usually at 8pm in the Village Hall. Posters appear on the noticeboards three days beforehand, confirming time, date and place. Please note that if you wish an item of correspondence to be considered at one of the Meetings it must reach me in time to go on the Agenda, preferably a week before the Meeting. Matters may also be raised during Public Question Time, which takes place shortly after the opening of each Meeting.

Finally, I should like to extend the Parish Council's good wishes to Mike Philpott who will be leaving East Hanningfield shortly. Mike set up our local Neighbourhood Watch some years ago and under his enthusiastic leadership it has been proactive, very successful and an example to other communities. Thanks are due to Mike for all the time and effort he has spent on behalf of the residents of East Hanningfield.

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School improvement is at the heart of the national agenda on education and is the first priority in the Essex LEA Education Development Plan. A school's success depends on the efforts of its teachers and teacher assistants. This award acknowledges their contribution and the staff have been praised and rewarded for their hard work and dedication.

Here at East Hanningfield School we continue to try to provide the best for all the pupils in the community we serve.

Madeline Hardy  
Headteacher  
01245-400772

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## **BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

One of the enjoyable highlights of fellowship life over the last quarter was the Quiz Evening we held in the W.I. Hall at the end of March. Seven teams made up from participants drawn from within the village and visitors from far and wide, 'strained' their brains to answer a broad range of general knowledge questions. Competition was keen but friendly! Half way through we broke off for food and refreshments and to renew mental energy. The winning team eventually snatched victory by the narrowest of margins. A great time was had by all and we've been encouraged to hold a repeat event later on in the year.

Easter celebrations and activities went well. We had a particularly enjoyable time with the children at Good News Club held in the Village Hall on two consecutive days of the Easter holidays. Children and adult helpers enthusiastically threw themselves into all the activities - following the aerobic directions of 'Mr Motivator', joining in with team games and craft work and listening intently to the Easter stories.

I'm glad to say that we will be holding another Good News Club for the 5 to 11 year old children in the Summer holidays. This again will be in the Village Hall, 10.30am to 12.15pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August. If the weather is fine then we will be holding some of the activities outside on the field.

David Cottey  
Tel: 400665

## **EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB**

Unfortunately there isn't much cricket to write about. The season should have started just after Easter. However, due to a mixture of the exceedingly wet weather we experienced during the winter & wet spring we have only been able to play two matches as at the time of writing. Bizarrely, the weather for the one weekend of cricket was absolutely superb. The problem has been the outfield. Just when it seemed to be drying out we had another spell of heavy rain.

However, we are hopeful for a good season. The pool of players has been strengthened during the close season. All of which augers well for when we can eventually get around to playing a few games.

Dave Sherry  
☎ 01245 401208



## EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Well as I write, it looks as if Summer has finally arrived. Long may it last. Thank you to all of you who supported our Charity Coffee Morning. We raised £189 which was split between Farleigh and St Clare's Hospices.

On Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. we are having our Open Meeting and we hope some of you can join us. We have a humorous and informative talk by Mr Denny titled "To fetch a Pail of Water". Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be served. Cost is £2-50. The men can come along. "Yes, we do let them in sometimes".

But you are welcome to any of our meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at our hall in Old Church Road at 7.30pm. Come along and give us a try. A warm welcome awaits you.

Lilian Grace (400288)

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## MID-ESSEX RESPITE CARE ASSOCIATION

Mid Essex Respite Care Association is a local voluntary organisation providing respite, care and support to carers of people with mental health problems. This is a free service which is available to families living within the Chelmsford Borough Council and Braintree and Maldon District Council Areas which includes many rural areas.

### Do you care for someone with a mental health problem?

If, like many other people, your life is affected by the need to take care of someone who is unable to manage without support due to mental health problems such as anxiety disorders, depression, manic depression, phobias, schizophrenia or dementia in people under 65 years of age, Mid Essex Respite Care Association, is a local voluntary organisation offering support and relief to carers of people with severe and enduring mental health problems.

### Would you like a planned respite break each week?

MERCA offer a free service to carers enabling them to take a break from the task of caring by allowing care workers into their homes to be with the cared-for person for a few hours each week giving them time to do what they want whether it be going out, jobs around the home or simply relaxing. Care workers are paid employees trained specifically for the role who are carefully selected to meet the needs of the families receiving support. If appropriate the cared-for person together with the care worker may engage in social, recreational and leisure pursuits such as swimming, aqua aerobics, yoga, aromatherapy, bowling, eating out and visits to local places of interest, during the respite period.

### How to get this service

If you are a carer living in the area covered by Chelmsford Borough Council, Maldon District Council contact Heather Harris on 01245 353855 - she will be pleased to tell you more about the service.

### Diary Of Events

- 16 June Manned refuse vehicle, Village Hall car park 8am-10.45 approx
- 14 July Manned refuse vehicle, Village Hall car park 8am-10.45 approx
- 14-15 July Art Exhibition
- 8 August Summer Playscheme 10.30am-12.30pm and 1.45pm-3.34pm. V.Hall
- 9 August Picnic Play for under 5's, Village Hall. 10am - 2pm
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## FROM THE EDITOR

**EAST HANNINGFIELD NEWS** is published by the Parish Council and distributed free to over 500 homes.

This is your opportunity to let the people of the village know of forthcoming events or something you may think is of interest to your fellow villagers. If you have an article or advertisement it must be with me by **FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER**.

Daphne Sherry (Editor) 401208.

Brooklands, The Common, East Hanningfield.

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## ESSEX AMBULANCE SERVICE COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

### BE A VITAL LINK IN THE CHAIN OF SURVIVAL

Life-threatening conditions are 'time critical' and the importance of early intervention is absolutely paramount if we are to improve the chances of survival for people who are in cardiac arrest.

More than 300,000 people have heart attacks and over 110,000 die of heart problems in England every year – 50,000 of these people are under the age of 75. In Essex, chest pain and other heart related conditions account for 10% of all 999 calls.

Sudden death from cardiac arrest is the single leading cause of death world-wide and the main reason that fewer than one in twenty victims survive is due to the fact that effective treatment does not arrive in time. With each precious minute that passes, survival rates decline by 10%. Research shows that early defibrillation (electric shock therapy to re-start a failing heart) is the most important factor affecting the survival of patients in cardiac arrest. The first few minutes of collapse are vital and early CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and defibrillation can greatly improve a patient's chance of survival. In 1997 Essex Ambulance Service pioneered a scheme to train volunteers in lifesaving resuscitation including the use of an automatic defibrillator. The scheme is known as 'Heartwatch' and the volunteers as 'Community First Responders'. First Responders are a vital link in the 'Chain of Survival'.

First Responders are taught how to administer emergency first aid to a number of potentially life-threatening conditions. It is well documented that the severity of conditions such as choking, uncontrolled bleeding, breathing difficulties and cardiac arrest can be alleviated with the correct intervention thus 'buying time' for patients whilst the ambulance is 'on the way'. This is not in place of an ambulance, First Responders act to support and enhance the level of response and care to their local community.

Essex Ambulance Service

## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

The Village Art show was held on the weekend of 14th & 15th July. On the Sunday the Art show was visited by a number of weary cyclists taking a break from their London to Southend bike ride.

The show was a success resulting in a profit of approximately £650.00. Unfortunately this money will not be spent on improving the facilities as on the following weekend the village hall was broken into. Two windows were broken and a fire extinguisher discharged. This vandalism cost the charity £360.00 in repair bills not to mention the time taken in clearing up the hall. It is very disheartening for the committee members who are all unpaid volunteers to be faced with such idiotic vandalism.

The Charity is organising the Village Fete in conjunction with the Church on Saturday 15th September. The charity will be running the Tombola and White Elephant stall. If you have any contributions for either stall please contact Wendy Thomas.

If you would like to join the Committee or wish to help at any of our events please contact me

The hall, field and sports courts/tennis court are available for bookings which can be made via Iris Evans on 01245 401460. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to villagers.

Colin Warren

Chairman

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### THANK YOU

Just a quick note to thank everyone for all your support over the 6½ years. You all made The Windmill what it was.

With your generous leaving gift we purchased garden furniture for lazy summer evenings!

For once Roy & I are quite lost for words, except, thank you all very much.

Roy & Clare



## PARISH COUNCIL

At the time of writing, the Village Hall Extension Project is making progress and you should start seeing some activity at the site at about the end of the month. Having a building site at the Village Hall will doubtless cause some inconvenience. Please be patient, and please, also, remember how dangerous building sites can be. Every attempt will be made to continue providing the Post Office during the building stage, so please do not take your custom elsewhere!

This year is the twenty-first anniversary of the finalisation of the registration of the Tye as a village green under the Commons Registration Act 1965. The process was long and complicated and the successful outcome was a tribute to the determination of the councillors and clerks who made it happen. The first application to register the Tye was made in May 1967. A second application showing the access ways across the Tye replaced the first within a few months. The owners of the two pubs in the village, Truman Hanbury and Buxton and Co. made four objections to the registration saying that the area in front of the Windmill was not village green; that they maintained pictorial signs on the grass in front of the Three Horseshoes and the Windmill; and that the car park in front of the Three Horseshoes was not village green. Much investigation into historical documents followed. Meanwhile the Parish Council was also attempting to register the wide verges along the Main Road through the parish, including the Tye, as common land. Truman Hanbury and Buxton and Co. objected to this as well. The Parish Council, Messrs. Truman etc., and their respective solicitors could not reach an agreement, and the matter of the village green was finally decided by the Commons Commissioner in May 1978. The Parish Council had acceded to the objection concerning the area in front of the Windmill, so a decision remained to be made concerning the car park in front of the Three Horseshoes. The Commissioner described the evidence relating to the objections as 'meagre', there having been no plan on the conveyance by which the Writtle Brewery Co. Ltd. acquired the inn in 1891. The Commissioner used the 1922 Ordnance Survey map to establish the extent of the grass, and thereby the village green, at that time and concluded that it had been encroached upon by the car park, which was not there in 1922. He had difficulty making a decision concerning the area immediately in front of the building and beside the garage, which had previously been a stable block. He speculated that "either it was originally part of the village green and was encroached upon when the inn and its stable block were built or the right to indulge in lawful sports and pastimes never extended further north than the area which was grassed in 1922". Finally he 'presumed' that the L shaped piece of land providing access from the road to the front of the inn and the garage, or stable block, was lawfully appropriated and so that area was excluded from the registration. (Obviously, he did not see the two old manorial maps in the Record Office which prove that the stable block was built on the green.) The final element of registration, which took place in 1980, was the entry in the register of the sole owner, Lord Petre. The Parish Council's byelaws for the protection of the village green were confirmed by the Secretary of State in the same year.

This Autumn, PC will be carrying out the annual budgeting process. I have been asked to put to you, the council tax payers of the parish, this proposal. PC is considering building a footway along the verge northwards from the Abbeyfields junction. The cost will be approximately £4,500, which would amount to a one off addition to the council tax next year of between nine and ten pounds for a D band property. This sounds a lot but is less than a pound a month. Please let PC know what you think.

PC has been approached by Bicknacre and Woodham Ferrers Parish Council with the proposal that our communities jointly set up a First Responders Scheme. The Scheme involves volunteers being taught how to administer first aid during the interval between an ambulance being called and its arrival. There is more detailed information about the Scheme elsewhere in this Newsletter. Please let me know if you are prepared to volunteer for this project.

Recently, I have had reason to complain to Chelmsford Borough Council about overflowing dog bins. Not being a dog owner, the bins have to get pretty bad before I notice them. Could I ask the dog owners in the village to let me know, before the bins get really unpleasant, if they are not being emptied regularly?

Play in the Park run by Chelmsford Borough Council and supported by PC was well attended this Summer, but the Picnic Play for the under 5s attracted only two children. CBC is going to be asking PC for ideas about holiday activities for children for next year, so if you can provide any insight into what would be a successful activity for under 5s and attractive enough to persuade their carers to bring them, please let me know.

The manned refuse vehicle will be visiting the Village Hall car park on the following Saturday mornings between 8 and 10.45: 15TH. SEPTEMBER, 20TH. OCTOBER and 17TH. NOVEMBER. There will be no visit in December. The civic amenity sites at South Woodham and the Boreham interchange are normally open every day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, and have facilities to recycle a wide range of materials.

The Parish Council Meeting to be held on 27th. September will begin half an hour earlier than usual, at 7.30pm, because Station Officer Hodgkinson, Station Commander at Great Baddow Fire Station will be present to explain the community based role of the County Fire and Rescue Service, which includes prevention of fires and casualties in the home and community, and other work. All residents are welcome to attend this and the other forthcoming PC Meetings, which are normally held on the FOURTH THURSDAY of the month at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Parish Council,  
2 Clinton Close,  
a01245 400628



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The community of East Hanningfield has an attractive feel to it. Of course it has its problems. Which village does not? But there is a positive side. To be fair there are many positive sides. The school for one.

I recently attended the end of year assembly. How welcome I & the other visitors were made to feel. How good the spirit among the pupils & the staff. Their recent achievements have shown a record of which they can all feel proud. We almost felt sorry for the school leavers having to say farewell to that community.

There are other groups, societies & organisations in the village fostering a community spirit too. I hope the cricket team manages to have had a few more games. A pity such a picturesque ground cannot be fully enjoyed.

But what about the church? It is a small group of people - of all ages - who meet together week by week or month by month, who care about & pray about the village, its inhabitants & the wider world. They actively try to make the message of the Christian gospel connect with the world's agenda.

If you would like to join, a welcome awaits you. The first Sunday of every month (11:15 am) is a Service for all ages & people of all stages of life, & is perhaps an appropriate first opportunity to get a feel. We could certainly do with more help & encouragement; which you could give simply by your presence.

The building we use is almost bang in the middle of the village. Soon it will be flooded thanks to those who freely gave of their labours to cut the cost of installation. Now, like a beacon, it will stand in the heart of our community reminding us of the importance of the worship of God - a God who cares about everyone in this village & beyond.

Rev. Keith Plaister (Priest in charge)  
01245-472262

## EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

As I write this summer is still here & long may it continue. We always hope some of you may like to give us a try. So to let you know in September we have someone coming from Aloe Vera, & in October we have embroidery 6-60, & looking very far ahead (& I will remind you in the next edition) that on 8<sup>th</sup> December we will be having our very popular Christmas quiz night. Always good fun.

Our meetings, as always, are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in our hall in Old Church Road. Anything you want to know please give me a call.

Lilian Grace 01245 400288

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

While I am writing this I suspect most of you will be enjoying a holiday. By the time you read this you will be contemplating a return to normality, hopefully with lots of happy memories. To the school children who are receiving their exam results I say well done to all of you, now work hard & look forward to your future. To those changing school - good luck - enjoy your secondary education.

We in our church are looking forward to a busy September. On the 8<sup>th</sup> we have the Annual Sponsored Bike Ride/Walk visiting as many churches as we can. The money is shared between our church & the Friends Of Essex Churches who help in the upkeep of our churches by giving donations to worthy causes: repairs renovations etc. On the 15<sup>th</sup> we have our Village Fete. We hope for a fine day, so do come along & support the event. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> we have our Village Walk between East Hanningfield & Sandon again. A sponsored event with the money shared between the Farleigh Hospice & our church. This walk was postponed from May due to the foot & mouth epidemic.

Many thanks to all who supported our open garden & bring & buy at The Limes in May. A special thanks to Stan & Gil Gordon. It was a great success with good weather. Our children's club will restart on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. at 9:30 am in the church when we will be preparing for our Harvest Festival Service on 7<sup>th</sup> October at 11:15 am - children do come & join us in the fun.

On 17<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30 am we have our Annual Christmas Bazaar in the church. Come along & spend a few pennies & enjoy some good company.

Rev. Keith Plaister  
Sandon Rectory  
01245-472262  
Church Wardens  
Heather 400977  
Keith's day off is Friday  
Claire 400788

## EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

The season is now in full swing. Since the early part of the season only a few matches have been lost to the weather. On the playing side both the Saturday & Sunday sides are having good seasons. One 'problem' has been the lower order batsmen getting a bat as the top orders of both sides have scored fairly heavily.

Recently we played our annual Challenge Cup match. This is an all day game played against St. Margaret's CC who, going into the game were the holders. They batted first & amassed a formidable 224-4 in 3 hours. At 184-8 with 30 minutes to go things did not look good. However, the 9<sup>th</sup> wicket pair put on the necessary 40 runs with 5 minutes to spare to win the cup back for East Hanningfield.

Dave Sherry  
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## BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

It's been an eventful summer period for the church, full of interesting and enjoyable activities, starting in early June with our participation in joint Sunday evening service at St Andrews, Sandon. It was good to share in this way with Friends from Sandon and East Hammingfield parish churches and from the Congregational church at Howe Green. We look forward to other events together.

In the middle of August we held our Good News Club for 5 - 11 year old children. This took place in the Village Hall over three consecutive mornings. A great time was had by all, adult helpers as well as the children. Everyone threw themselves enthusiastically into the games and craft activities and listened attentively to the stories. As in past years we were privileged to have 'Mr Motivator' leading us in limbering-up, aerobic exercises. Well done Mr Motivator!

Also in August we held a Summer Fete in the church grounds. The weather held fair and a good number of people from the village came along to try their hands at the various games and pick up a bargain in the table top sales or just relax in the garden with a cup of tea and a cream scone. A feature of the fete was a photographic display of the history of Bethel Church since its building in 1935. Some long standing residents of East Hammingfield might recognise themselves in some of the pre-war photographs we've got! All the proceeds from the fete went to the new church building fund. Our thanks to all who made a contribution.

David Cottey

Tel: 400665

## HANNA'S TOTS

Hanna's Tots meet at the Village Hall every between 10:00 & 11:30 am.

We are a group of local mums & carers with children under 5 who meet each week to share problems, chat & drink tea while the children play together in a safe environment with play dough, crayons & various toys.

We have recently been given funding by the National Toy Library & the Social Services. This has allowed us to purchase a number of toys which you are free to borrow. We charge only £1 per family per visit. You can stay & play of just collect some toys to take home for the week.

On 14<sup>th</sup> September we are having a beauty, massage & products demonstration from a local beauticians. Come & see us at the Village Fete (15<sup>th</sup> Sept.) where we will be running a Teddy Tombola.

We look forward to meeting you & getting new playmates.

Clare 01245 403174

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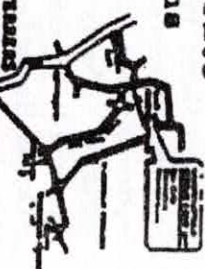
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## EAST HANNINGFIELD SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

This is to say hello to everyone who resides in the village of East Hanningfield & to introduce the Short Mat Bowls Club. We play in the Village Hall on a Tuesday afternoon (2:00 to 4:00 pm) with a club night on Friday (7:30 to 10:00 pm). To give you an insight into what we do, on a Tuesday us oldies get together & have a roll-up which is always enjoyable. The Friday club nights are more formal, but even so we always manage to have a lot of fun.

We often arrange to play friendly matches against other clubs in the area on a home & away basis. Also fun days are arranged in which friends are invited to join with us. For these events ability is not an issue, in fact it is the good players that make the most mistakes! But never the less we always have an enjoyable afternoon.

We do have some very good players in the club. They represent the Premier, 'A' & 'B' teams of the Essex County travelling around the country playing games. This coming winter we as a club will be playing in Division 3, so we should have some very good matches to play & watch.

This club are very well known in & around the county, some players having played at Haying Island & the Isle of Wight in competitions, usually doing very well & coming home with trophies. Last year we visited Hopton-On-Sea where we took part in the short mat competitions. For those that did not play it was an opportunity to watch & meet old friends.

So if anyone would care to come along to see us one Friday night we would be pleased to see you. If you are not sure about the game do not worry there are plenty of folks who will be only too pleased to help you. We do of course have some rules & code of dress for club nights & matches. We are also of course a little strict in regards shoes, but never the less please do not let that put you off from coming. Here's hoping to see you one Friday night.

George Perkins  
Chairman

Tuesday 2pm to 4pm  
Friday 7.30pm to 10pm

### Diary Of Events

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| 22 September | Village walk, East Hanningfield to Sandon                     |
| 23 September | All Saints church Children's club 9.30am                      |
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| 7 October    | Harvest Festival, All Saints Church 11.15am.                  |
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| 8 December   | W.I Christmas Quiz night                                      |

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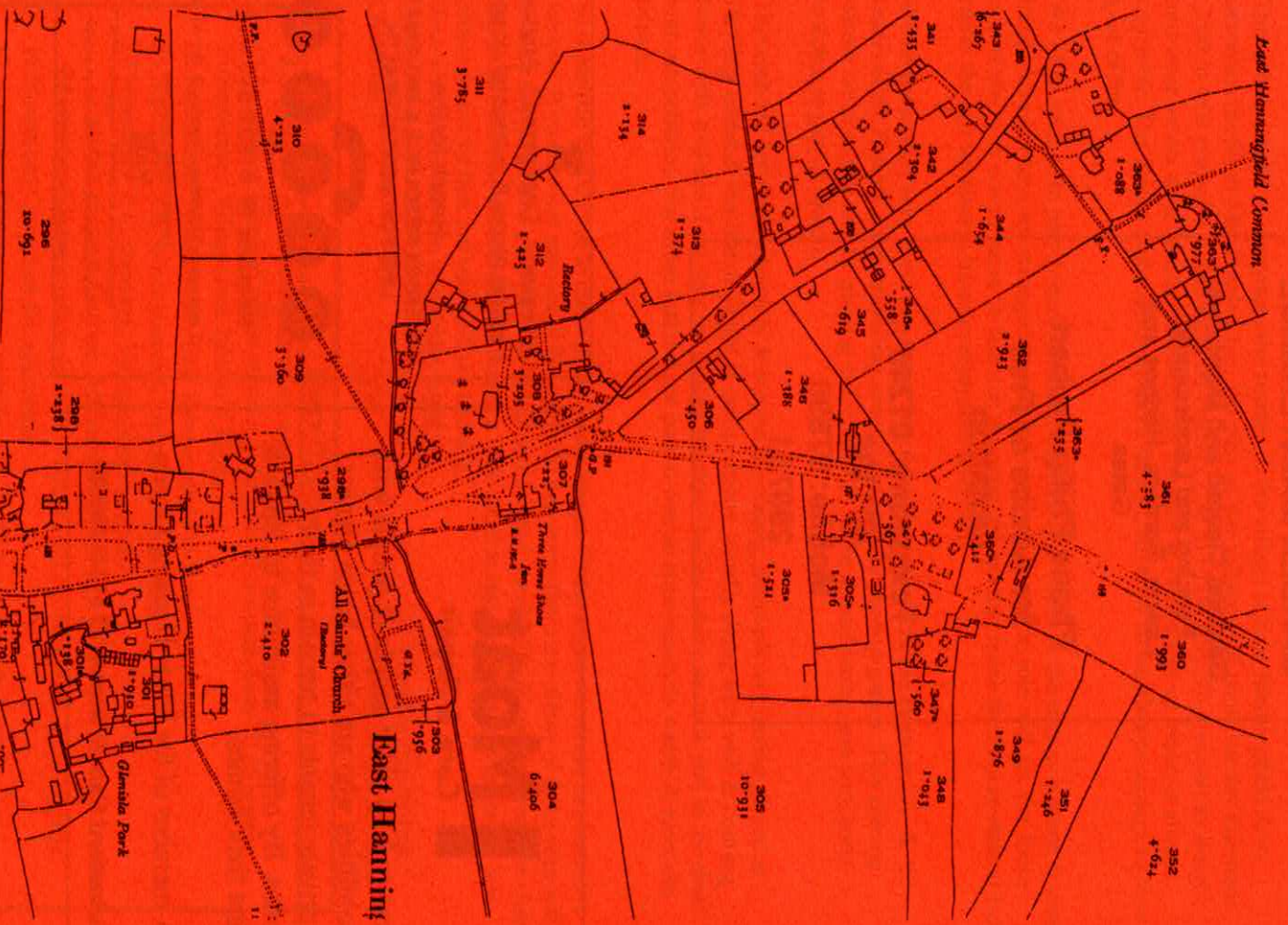
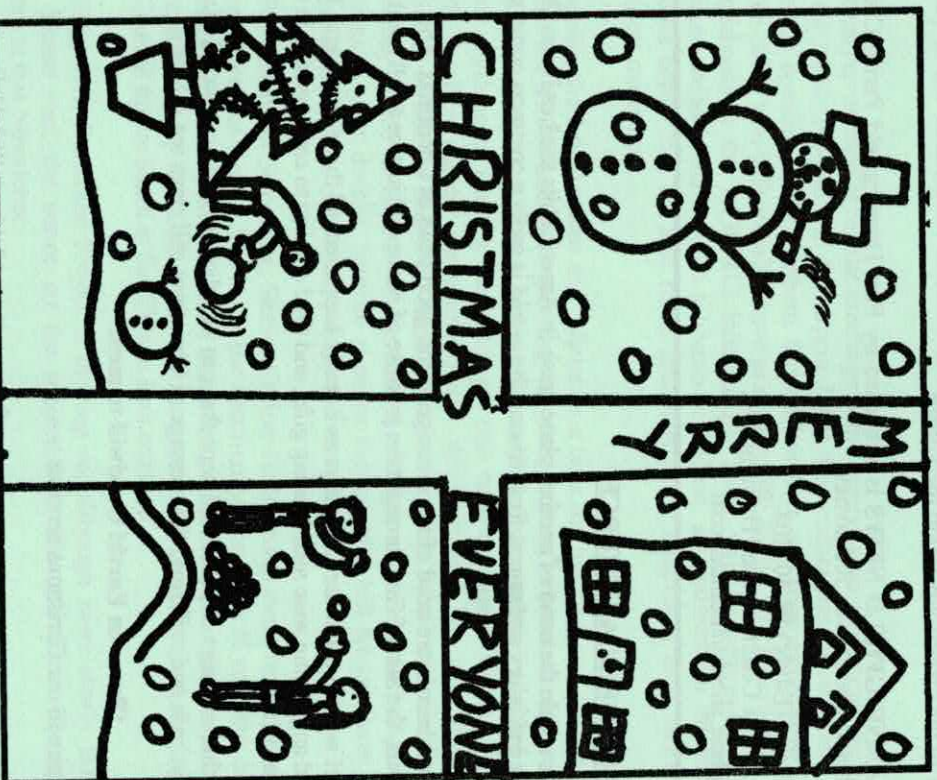
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## FROM THE EDITOR

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 FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2002.** so anyone with an article or advertisement should let me have a copy by this date at the latest.

I would also like to thank the children from the school who took part in the Christmas cover competition. The winner was Rudy Roberts and the runner ups were - Jack Harris, Libby Newman, Gregory Fawcett, Emma Jane White, Chloe Allen, Kara McEwen and Rowenna Butler. I would also like to thank the people who deliver the newsletter to the households round the village.

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## BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

As I write this article the news of another plane crash in America hits the headlines. Bad news of death and injury and unrest from around the world is sadly a common occurrence in these times.

There has never been more need of the message of the good news of Christmas. The coming of Jesus, the Son of God, brought the promise of peace and justice to all mankind.

Here at Bethel we still celebrate Christmas as it really happened, all those years ago. The shepherds and angels, the wise men bearing gifts, and God coming to earth as man in the person of Jesus Christ.

There is no other message of peace and hope that can be relied upon. In our world of wars and instability, pain and suffering, the message of Christmas still rings out offering

### **'Peace on Earth! Goodwill to men!'**

All our welcome to our Christmas services :-

Carol Service

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 10.45am, W.I. Hall.

Christmas Day Family Service

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December, 10-00am. Bethel Church.

Happy Christmas to you all.

David Cotley

Pastor

Tel :- 400665

## PARISH COUNCIL

In the last News, I wrote about a project that PC was considering but was looking for feedback from the community. This was a proposal to build a footway northwards from the Abbeyfields junction. The respondents were overwhelmingly opposed to the proposal with only one letter in favour. PC therefore decided not to proceed with the project.

Thank you to those who registered interest in the Community First Responders Scheme. There has not been enough interest as yet to get it off the ground, so if anyone is still considering it please let me know. As a reminder, First Responders are volunteers who receive training to be the first on the scene of a heart attack or other life threatening medical emergency in the community, and who give assistance to the patient until the ambulance arrives.

PC has been represented at regular meetings with County Route concerning the construction of the new A130. No-one will be surprised that the weather has caused some difficulties and that the opening of the northern section has been set back again, this time to late December 2001. You will probably have seen the traffic lights, which have been installed at the roundabouts at the A130/A12 interchange. These will be permanent, and the two roundabouts are to be turned into a 'dumb-bell island' in readiness for the road opening. You should notice that the side roads gradually being cleared of their temporary traffic management measures.

Traditionally, the late Autumn and Winter is a time for hedging and ditching, so please check that the shrubs and trees growing on your property are not causing a nuisance or danger to passers-by. Take a look and ask yourself whether a partially sighted person could walk into anything or could a pushchair get past on the footpath without going into the road. PC receives regular complaints about this problem, but it is the landowner's responsibility to keep a hedge cut back from the footpath. Also, roadside ditches are the responsibility of the landowner whose land they front, so please check that there are no obstructions in your ditches, because even on the top of a hill we can have floods after heavy rain if the ditches cannot carry away the water quickly enough.

At the PC Meeting in September, Station Officer Hodgkinson came to talk about the role of the County Fire and Rescue Service in the community. For those of you who did not attend the Meeting he has provided the most important points from his talk for inclusion in this Newsletter. A supply of leaflets on how to choose a smoke alarm is in the box below the Parish Council notice board in the Village Hall entrance.

The Village Hall Extension Project is moving on, although more slowly than had been hoped. Please read the notice on the subject from Hanna's Field Charity, which is elsewhere in this Newsletter.



At the time of writing the planning application for the Rural Housing Trust scheme at Highfields Farm was on the Agenda for the Planning Committee meeting at Chelmsford Borough Council on 19th November, so the outcome will be known by publication date. The plans have been on display on one of the notice boards inside the Village Hall entrance.

Please note that the November Parish Council Meeting was postponed until Thursday, 6th December, and will begin at 7.30pm. Other Meetings around the Christmas holiday period have yet to be arranged, so keep an eye on the notice boards.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Parish Council,

2 Clinton Close,

Tel: 01245 400628

### **HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY**

The Village Fete run in conjunction with All Saints Church was held on Saturday 15th September. The organisation of the fete is a co-operative effort between members of the Church and the Charity. We are supported by members of the village community who are all welcome to run their own stalls and raise money for their own organisations. This year we were joined by Sandon Scout troop for the first time. They brought three stalls and added to the fun of the afternoon. The sun was shining and many villagers came out to support the event which has resulted in a total of just over £1,500 being shared between the Church and The Charity.

The children's playground area and associated equipment is the subject of an annual inspection from ROSPA. As a result of this year's inspection the Charity have been advised that several items of equipment are now reaching the end of their life and will need replacing or upgrading before the next inspection. If you have any suggestions for replacement equipment that might be of interest to the users of the playground please let either myself, Clare Newman or Celia McEwen know.

If any of you have walked across the field recently you will have noticed that half of the old football pitch has been ploughed up. This is part of a long term plan to bring the second football pitch in to use. The pitch ceased to be used several years ago as the undulations in the ground made it unsuitable for football. We hope, subject to weather conditions, that the pitch will be available for the 2002/2003 football season.

The hall, field and sports courts/tennis court are available for bookings which can be made via Iris Evans on 01245 401460. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to villagers.

Colin Warren

Chairman

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### **CHANGES TO YOUR VILLAGE HALL**

For some time Hanna's Field Charity has been working with the Parish Council on a project to extend the Village Hall. The purpose of the extension is to provide improved facilities for team game changing/showers, a disabled toilet, extra storage and a room which could be used as a shop/post office.

Hanna's Field Charity have sought advice from the Charity Commission as to whether it was permissible to have commercial premises on the Charity's premises. The Charity Commission said, amongst other things, that the rent from the commercial premises would have to be used in support of the Charity's charitable aims, and that the beneficiaries of the charity would have to be consulted.

The beneficiaries of Hanna's Field Charity are the residents of the parish of East Hanningfield. So, the readers of this newsletter, who are residents of the parish, are being asked to give their views to the Charity about the lease of part of the as yet unbuilt extension to someone to run a shop.

The reasoning behind the need to consult you is that while the part of the property is leased on a commercial basis it cannot be used by the Charity towards its charitable aims and therefore technically and legally will have been 'disposed of' even though only on a temporary basis.

Please send your comments to Colin Warren, Chairman of Hanna's Field Charity at Tye House, The Tye, East Hanningfield.

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## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

A few weeks ago we were all very sad to hear of the death of Philip Mitchell who had been a stalwart member of our church for many years. He was a member of the P.C.C., a bell ringer, a churchwarden & a very great friend to all of us. It has been a privilege to have known him. Rest in peace Philip & thanks.

Our fund raising events in September have been very successful & thanks are due to all who supported us. The village fete owes many thanks to Stan Gordon & the committee who did so much work to ensure a well organised & happy afternoon. Why not volunteer to help this small group of people for next years event? - please help.

Jacky & Heather walked round Maldon & visited twelve churches to raise funds for the "Friends of Essex Churches". Two weeks later they were joined by Sue, Sally & George & members of the Bethel Church for our inter village walk to Sandon & back, (Sandon Parish walk from Sandon to East Hanningfield). This raised funds for Farleigh Hospice. All these events had good weather.

Once again we had a good Harvest Festival with the produce going to the Springboard Trust who were very grateful & send their thanks.

The Children's Club meet once a month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9.30am for craft work, stories, drink & biscuits etc. Do come & join us. We are a happy crowd & a warm welcome awaits you. At our family service this month Abbie Newman & George Scholtes received books for good attendance.

By the time you read this our Christmas Bazaar will have come & gone. We hope & are working for a pleasant sociable morning & thanks for all the support & gifts already given.

We hope that you have all seen our church with the new floodlighting. They will be on to welcome you all to our Christmas Eve midnight service. Do come & enjoy this lovely beginning to Christmas.

A Happy & Joyous Christmas to all of you with Peace & Happiness in the New Year.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 3pm - Service of lessons & Carols followed by mince pies & wine. Please note NO 11am. service.
- Christmas Eve at 11.30pm. Midnight Communion with carols.
- Christmas Day at 11.15am. Family Service with Communion.

Revd. Keith Plaister

Sandon Rectory

Tel:- (01245) 472262

Keith's day off is Friday

Churchwardens

Heather - 400977

Claire - 400788

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

First of all the Good news!

East Hanningfield is bottom of the league when it comes to crime. Our score is lower than surrounding villages. Yes we still have crimes committed in & around the village but at the moment we appear to be better off than most.

However be aware that this could change & it is probably even more important now than ever that we all play our part in making sure that the situation continues to improve. First & foremost do all that you can to protect your own property. Bear in mind that nearly half of all core crime does not involve forced entry. This means that the criminal can open a door, which is not locked, & help himself to your property be it in garage, shed, or other outbuildings & maybe even your home.

All this is common sense & you may think that if a criminal wants to get to your property he will. But forcing an entry makes a noise & takes time & it's a lot less bother to go up the road away & find a door that is unlocked. Professional advice on security is available from the police if required & a kit for marking property is available on a loan basis.

Is your house empty & unlit from dusk until you get home from work? If this the case then I suggest that you arrange for one or more lights to be switched on during that period thus not marking your house out as one that is unoccupied. I have seen time switches for as little as three for £9.99!

On a more general note remember criminals are not invisible but nor do they wear suits bearing broad arrows. If you see someone on your neighbour's property & you know that they are not at home ask the visitor if you can help or if you are not comfortable with that make sure that they know that you have seen them.

You may be aware of the campaign targeting BOGUS CALLERS & again seeing unfamiliar people around is something that should be noted. In these instances the criminals often work in twos & target the elderly or infirm & other vulnerable individuals. BOGUS CALLERS are professional criminals who make their living preying on the vulnerable in our society & they make a very good living indeed.

If you see anything suspicious or unusual make a note of time, place, & as good a description of any persons involved as you can. Then pass the information on to the police or your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator or you can telephone me & I can pass it on.

Edward Poulter E.H. Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.

Tel. 400 520



STATION COMMANDER MATTHEW HODGKINSON,  
Station Commander Great Baddow Fire Station  
Essex County Fire and Rescue Service

I'm writing this article so that I can introduce myself and explain the Fire Service role to the community of which Great Baddow Fire Station serves. The role of the service is now community based; its aim is to prevent fires and casualties in the home, whilst continuing other work that is required of the Service. Every year homes are devastated by fire and tragically lives are lost of all ages, nearly all of these fires and deaths could have been prevented. When the question "When do you expect to see the Fire Service?" is asked the reply is often "When there's an emergency?". The aim of the Service is to arrive before and prevent that emergency, through education and by making ourselves available to the community for advice, help and by giving talks to groups that request this facility. If there is any doubt just ask the question.

The three key areas are: - Prevention, Detection and Evacuation, Routines.

#### Prevention

Identify risks that could lead to a fire, then eliminate or reduce the risk, these could be: Chip pans, Open fires, Portable heaters, Smoking materials, Electrical equipment.

#### Detection and Evacuation

By fitting a smoke alarm in the event of a fire, the smoke alarm will give you those precious few minutes of warning which will help you and your family to safely evacuate your home. Ensure that alarm is marked with a British Standard Kitemark BSS5446 Part 1.

If your smoke alarm went off in the night would you know what to do, what is needed is a Fire Action Plan that should include: -

- Take everyone into account.
- Your best escape route is your normal way in and out of your home.
- Tell everyone in your household where you keep your door and window keys.
- Practise and review the plan.

If your smoke alarm goes off while you are asleep, don't investigate to see if there is a fire. Shout to wake everyone up, get everyone together follow your plan and get out, stay out and get the Fire Service out.

#### Routines

Many fires in the home start at night make sure you have a bedtime fire safety routine to help keep you and your family safe. These can include: -

- Switch off and unplug all electrical appliances not designed to stay on.
- Make sure no cigarettes or pipes are still burning, never smoke in bed and check all furnishings for smoking materials that may have fallen.
- Secure all smoking materials and always keep out of reach from children.
- Before emptying ashtrays make sure the contents are cold.
- Switch off portable heaters.
- Close the doors of all rooms.

Further and more detailed information is available at Great Baddow Fire Station which can be contacted on 01245 472886/473571 Andy Brown is the Community Co-ordinator for the Station. Information is also available at the following website: -

[www.community-fire-safety.org.uk](http://www.community-fire-safety.org.uk)

[www.essex-fire.gov.uk](http://www.essex-fire.gov.uk)

There are many services available to you, please do not hesitate to contact the Station to see what help is available.

For the employers of the community The Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations 1997 are now in force. Every employer should now be complying with these regulations guidance can be sought from the Home Office publication: -

Fire Precautions in The Workplace – A Guide to the Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations 1997 ISBN 0-11-341169-3

Don't forget we are here to help you as apart of the community, yours and ours.

Matthew Hodgkinson

#### HANNA'S TOTS

Winter is now upon us and if you are looking for somewhere to entertain your under 5's (in the warm), bring them along to Hanna's Tots.

We are a group of mums and carers who meet every Friday in the Village Hall between 10-00 and 11-30am. so our children can have fun and play together.

We also provide a toy library service, so for £1 per visit you can also borrow any of the toys for free.

On 30<sup>th</sup> November we have a lady from Tupperware coming to visit us. So come along and join us for a cup of tea, we look forward to seeing you.

Dawn

01245 - 400834



## EAST HANNINGFIELD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Embracing change is part of modern life, and working in the primary sector of education we have become experienced at responding to the many new demands placed on us. However, you will be pleased to know that some familiar features of school life remain firmly on our calendar. For example, the Harvest Festival, which took place in early October, 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. We also thought about harvest in other countries and sent money to the charity, 'Seeds for Africa', which provides support for families to grow their own vegetables.

More recently our pupils have been busy again, this time preparing decorated shoe boxes, which they have filled with little presents to be distributed to children in Eastern Europe by the charity 'Operation Christmas Child'. November is synonymous with the Poppy Appeal, and we have a special assembly to help pupils understand the significance of Remembrance Day. This event is closely followed by fundraising for 'Children in Need'. Pupils in Class 4 have taken a lead in organising a Bring and Buy Sale and everyone has also contributed pennies to the 'copper mountain'.

Now that the count down to Christmas has begun, we are looking forward to the PTA Bazaar on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 1.30pm, our production of The Grumpy Sheep on the 14th of December at 2pm and the Carol Service in church on the 18th December at 6pm. Of course there will also be the end of term parties!

Happy Christmas.

Mrs. Madeline Hardy (Head teacher)

### Invitation

We extend a warm welcome to the Over-Sixties to see our dress rehearsal of 'The Grumpy Sheep' on Thurs. 13th December at 10 a.m. in the school hall.

## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRESCHOOL

For anyone who hasn't come across us yet, East Hanningfield Preschool is a small, friendly group that meets four times a week in the village hall. Our excellent staff are caring, enthusiastic and well trained. We aim to bring together the younger members of the village in a safe and happy environment and by learning through play, prepare them for Primary School.

OPEN 9.15 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. Mondays to Thursdays (during school terms) in the VILLAGE HALL (opposite the church).

OFSTED and Social Services inspected.

For further information please call Alison Whitworth 01245-401387.

## EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

I say this every time, "Where has the year gone to?". I expect like me you are all busy with the Christmas shopping.

A reminder about our fun Christmas Quiz on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the W.I. Hall in Old Church Road. Tickets are £3-00, bring your own food and drink. Tables of up to eight. If any of you are interested we would be very pleased to see you. Just give me a call.

Our meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in our hall. Why not give us a try. In the meantime all the members wish you all a Happy Christmas and a great 2002.

Lilian Grace  
01245 - 400288

## THE VILLAGE FETE CAKE STALL

Many thanks to everyone who donated cakes etc. to the stall. Also thank you to those who came along and purchased the goodies. I hope you enjoyed what you bought.

The number of items given this year exceeded expectations and every single contribution was gratefully received. Over £140 was raised on the day and this is all due to your hard work, so once again thank you all.

Nid Hudspith

## EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

The year 2001 from a cricketing point of view was a very good year. Especially for the Sunday side. Going into the last match against a strong South Woodham Ferrers side they were undefeated. Not surprisingly for this season the weather was not good. However, both sides were determined & SWF battled. In very poor condition i.e. it was raining they were reduced to 67-6 until sanity took over & the game was abandoned. Hence, we were undefeated on a Sunday throughout the season.

The individual match of the season had to be the Saturday side winning back the Challenge Trophy. This meant scoring +220 runs batting second, & being 180-8 with 30 minutes to go.

On the social front a special game was arranged on August Bank Holiday Monday between the Saturday & Sunday teams to mark Peter Garland's decision to call it a day on the playing front. The Sunday team won ..... of course.

Now that the season is over winter nets will be starting again. If you are interested in resurrecting your cricketing career please call either Damian Jarvis on 01245 327414 or myself.

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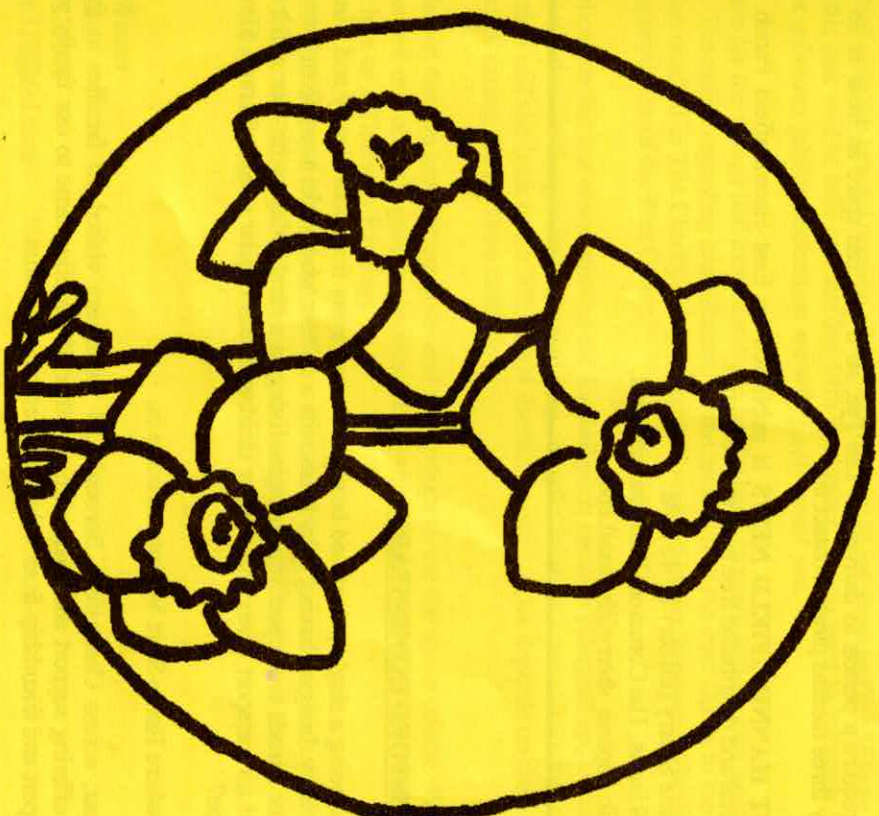
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## FROM THE EDITOR

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 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2002**, so anyone with an article or advertisement should let me have a copy by this date at the latest.

We require a person to deliver on The Tye, so if you can spare an hour or so every three months please contact me.

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## CHELMSFORD HOME-START

Imagine being a single parent and being re-housed away from your family and friends with a small baby. Imagine having baby twins with a partner who works away from home and no family or friends to support you. Imagine living in a rural village with four children under five and no transport when one of your children needs regular speech therapy. How would you cope?

That's where Home-Start Volunteers come in.

Last year, across Chelmsford Borough, 24 volunteers visited 40 families in their own homes offering support and friendship. Another 59 families came to our family groups to get support and friendship from volunteers and other families.

Could YOU help?

Have you got parenting experience? Could you offer some regular time to befriend and support a family with children under five through a tough patch?  
If you think you could call:

Russ in our Chelmsford Office on 01245 264047 or  
Helen in our South Woodham Ferrers Office on 01245 325228.

## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

By the time you read this article the AGM of the Charity will have been held on Wednesday 27th February. It would be great to be able to report that lots of villagers have volunteered to help run the hall, sports field and sports courts. If you do want to contribute in some way to helping with the Charity you would be very welcome. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Iris Evans and all of the hardworking volunteers who look after the village hall for the benefit of all of the village.

Last week I was asked by a member of the village whether we would be doing anything to celebrate the Golden Jubilee in June. We would like to do something but are fully committed with the general running of the hall, the annual art show and the Village Fete which this year will be held on Saturday 14th September. If you want to volunteer to organise a Golden Jubilee celebration we will gladly assist you.

The plans for the village hall extension have finally been received and are now going out to tender. The notice regarding consultation for the inclusion of the Post Office in the extension resulted in The Charity being urged to do everything in its power to facilitate the ongoing provision of the Post Office.

As predicted in the last newsletter the old football pitch remains ploughed up, awaiting suitable weather for the grading and reseeded. It looks more and more likely that the target completion will slip back to the 2003-2004 football season. A lot depends on the weather and rainfall during the next two months.

I am pleased that we have attracted several new groups to use the sports courts. We have however lost one of our regular badminton clubs which means that there is a vacancy for a regular hire on a Thursday Evening.

The hall, field and sports courts/tennis court are available for bookings which can be made via Iris Evans on 01245 401460. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to villagers.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

The Easter Activity Playday for children aged 5-11 years will take place at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 3rd April. The sessions will run from 10.30am until 12.30pm and 1.45pm until 3.45pm. This is an event run by Chelmsford Borough Council and supported by PC. Please remember that children will not be supervised or be allowed on the premises during the lunch break.

The manned refuse visits to the Village Hall car park have been greatly reduced to only four this year. The first has already taken place and the remaining three will be on the following Saturday mornings: 13th July, 26th October and 7th December. In between times, refuse can be taken to the civic amenity sites at South Woodham Ferrers or Boreham. Please remember to separate re-cyclables as there are individual bins at the amenity sites.

On a related topic, PC was recently contacted by the Chelmsford Environment Partnership who are looking to encourage community recycling programmes in the parishes around Chelmsford. You will probably be aware that some of the nearby urban areas already have separate kerbside collections for recycling, but due to costs, the Borough Council will not be extending that programme to the rural areas for some considerable time. The Partnership's idea is that groups can get together in the rural areas to organise their own solutions. If you have a project in mind the Partnership would be interested to hear from you and will be able to offer useful advice. They can be contacted on 01245 493964. One idea from the partnership involves reducing waste (which is at the top of the waste hierarchy), and that is by stopping junk mail. It seems that by contacting the Mailing Preference Service you can have your name put on a list of people who do not wish to receive unsolicited mail, and after a few months the junk mail stops. You can register with them online at [www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk) or write to them at Mailing Preference Service, Freepost 22, London W1E 7EZ.

Recently PC was contacted by the Emergency Planning Officer at Chelmsford Borough Council about storing sandbags in the parish. As PC did not have anywhere to keep them the offer was declined, but PC thought it would be worthwhile to let everyone know where sandbags can be obtained in an emergency. If your house is in danger of being flooded you can request sandbags from C.B.C.'s Emergency Centre by email on [emergencycentre@chelmsfordbc.gov.uk](mailto:emergencycentre@chelmsfordbc.gov.uk) or on 6066909. C.B.C. suggests that black bin bags filled with soil can be used as a substitute. There is more information about what to do in flooding emergencies on C.B.C.'s website at [www.chelmsfordbc.gov.uk](http://www.chelmsfordbc.gov.uk).

PC recently wrote to the bus company following a series of complaints about the time keeping of the Diamond Service. The worst incidents were probably when the bus left about 7 minutes early, so potential passengers did not realise they had missed it, and when it missed the village altogether and rerouted down the A130 in order to make up for lost time. PC would like to continue to keep a close eye on the performance of the service, so if

you suffer any problems with the bus please let me know the date, scheduled time and what went wrong, so that a log can be kept.

Although there has been some disruption to the Meeting cycle in order to progress the Village Hall extension project, the intention is that Meetings will continue to take place on the fourth Thursday of each month, in the Village Hall, and usually at 8pm unless weight of business requires an earlier start. Notices of the Meetings appear on the PC noticeboards three clear days before, along with the Agenda so that members of the public can have a clear idea of matters to be covered. Copies of the minutes of Meetings appear on the PC noticeboards in the Village Hall and on the Tye (opposite the Windmill) once they have been agreed as accurate and signed at the following meeting. This is the reason they appear to be 'old'. If you have matters that you would like to bring to PC's attention please write to me, or you could attend one of the monthly Meetings and speak during Public Question Time, which takes place shortly after the beginning of each Meeting.

Karen Plumridge,  
Clerk to the Parish Council,  
2 Clinton Close,  
01245 400628

## **East Hanningfield Preschool**

The Village Hall, East Hanningfield, Essex

The East Hanningfield Preschool is open during the following hours:

**Monday - Thursday (during school term)**

**09:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

**at The Village Hall**

We provide activities & equipment for 2½ - 5 year olds, four mornings/week. The children are cared for by enthusiastic team of qualified staff in a relaxed & friendly atmosphere. We are a registered charity & are regularly inspected by OFSTED.

For further information or to arrange a visit please contact:

**Alison Whitworth on 01245 - 401387**

**Everyone Welcome!**



**ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

Spring is here - well we do have the Spring bulbs coming through in all their glory - snowdrops, crocus and soon the daffodils, and at the end of March EASTER. A very important time on the Christian calendar, so invite you all to join with us to celebrate. Our services are as follows:

Palm Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	11.15am	Holy communion
Maundy Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00am	Holy communion
Good Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> March	12.00 noon	Hymns & Prayers
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00pm	Easter vigil
Easter Day	31 <sup>st</sup> March	11.15am	Family holy communion
Inter Parish Sponsored Walk	11 <sup>th</sup> May	(With Sandon)	

Last year our walk had to be postponed from May to September due to the foot and mouth problems, but we are now back to having it in May on Saturday the 11th beginning at 10.30am. We all walk to each others villages (same route - mostly footpaths) and meet about halfway for a refreshment stop in Butts Green and so greet our friends from Sandon. After a lunch break in Sandon we do it in reverse- or if very tired get a lift home. Money raised is half for our own church and the other half for Farleigh Hospice. Come and enjoy the fresh air, good company and good weather!! Sponsor forms from heather (400977).

Bring and buy - May 28th - The Limes

Once again Stan and Gill have very kindly offered to open their garden for our annual bring and buy at the Limes. Do come and enjoy their lovely garden on Tuesday May 28th at 10.30am.

Mothering Sunday - March 10th

Our family service will be at 11.15am when gifts and flowers for our mothers will be provided. There will be no 8.00am Holy Communion service on this day.

A.G.M Parochial Church Council - April 9th

Our A.G.M takes place in the church at 8pm on Tuesday 9th April following a short vestry meeting when two new church wardens will need to be elected as Claire and I will be resigning. Both of us have enjoyed our time as church wardens and would like to thank you for all the support given to us from the P.C.C and all church members.

A happy Easter to you all.

Rewd. Keith Plaister  
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## FUN AND FULFILMENT

If you would like to experience both of these, perhaps you would like to become involved in the Chernobyl Children' Holiday.

We are trying again this year to bring over from Southern Belarus, sixteen children (aged 9 - 13) for a recuperative holiday, away from the dangerous conditions in which they have to live after the nuclear disaster which contaminated their homeland sixteen years ago.

A month of fresh air and fresh food can help stimulate their immune systems and give them two to three years resistance back home to many of the nasty diseases related to radio-activity.

So we ask for host families to take a couple of these children for a fortnight (either July 20<sup>th</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup> or August 5<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>), to feed them and accommodate them. Special events and outings will be organised for them about three to four times a week.

If you feel you would like to help I can assure you, you will find it a lot of fun. You will meet all sorts of new friends and interesting people and you will find it very fulfilling, taking part is such a worthwhile activity.

Why does the church involve itself in this? Perhaps we've no need to answer - except to say that we feel we want to be involved in bringing fullness of life and healing to those whose lives are blighted by the conditions in which they have to live. But you don't have to be in any church to join in. Indeed, our parent organisation - The Chernobyl Children's Project is not affiliated to any religious organisation. But, my goodness they are undoubtedly doing wonderful work. Some of us would say - God's work.

Contact me for any further information you would like. The sooner the better; because we need to press on with our plans. Thank you for considering it.

Keith R Plaister  
All Saints Church  
(01245 472262)

## EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

The next time that I write this article I will be reporting the on-field activities. Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us than the early part of last year. The ground is looking good except for the outbreak of mole hills in one corner.

Every Wednesday at the Cricket School at the County Ground indoor nets take place. This is usually well attended with the maximum of 6/lane turning up every week. However, if you would like to turn out for your village side, would like to get a bit of practice in before the start of the season in April & meet some of the players please call either Damian Jarvis on 01245 327414 or myself.

Dave Sherry  
☎ 01245 401208

## EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

I expect like me you are eagerly awaiting Spring. The snowdrops are out and the daffodils are budding - so it can not be long.

Don't forget our meetings in our Hall on Old Church Road on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. We would really like to see you. Also we will be holding our charity bring and buy coffee morning on Wednesday April 10th at 10.30am until noon. It would be a chance for you to chat to us and find out about some of the things we do.

If there is anything you would like to know please don't hesitate to call me.

Lilian Grace  
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We've recently had some exciting news. At the end of January we were notified that the latest revision of our new church building plans had been passed by Chelmsford Borough Council. We now have Building Regulation Approval! This is the last planning obstacle overcome and we are now able to proceed with the actual construction work.

This first of all means the demolition of the existing old buildings, which we are aiming to do by early Spring. The old Bethel Church, which has stood on this site for almost 70 years, will disappear virtually overnight. But, do not be alarmed, we as a local church will continue to be open for business as usual. For our Sunday morning services we will continue to meet in the W.I. Hall, as we have done for the last eight or nine years. Our smaller, mid-week meetings will be held in the homes of church members. Rainbow Club in the Village Hall will not be affected.

This is a new and exciting phase in the life of the fellowship and we are looking forward to the changes it will bring. It is appropriate that this new 'beginning' is starting at Easter; that special time in the Christian year which speaks of new spiritual beginnings, the possibility of new and eternal life through Jesus, the risen Son of God.

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

**Easter Events**

'Good News Club' for 5 - 11 year old children in the **Village Hall**, 10.30am to 12.15pm, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

**Easter Sunday Family Service** in the **W.I. Hall**, 10.45am Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Come and celebrate the marvellous message of Easter with us.

David Cortey

Tel: 400665

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The cost will be £8.00 per person including lunch and an information pack.

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For more information about the day then please contact the Essex Rural Development Centre office & ask for Shelley or Catherine on 01245 352046 or email us at [erde@essxrcc.org.uk](mailto:erde@essxrcc.org.uk).





**WANTED - AFTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING SUPERVISOR**  
(Summer Term)

In order to comply with new Health & Safety regulations we need to appoint a person to supervise our after-school swimming sessions (3.15 - 4.15pm) each day. If anyone holding current qualifications from one of the following:

- National Pool Lifeguard Qualification
- Rescue Test for Teachers & Coaches of Swimming (Royal Life Saving Society)
- National Aquatic Rescue Standard for Swimming Teachers and Poolside Helpers (Swimming Teachers' Association)

wishes to apply for the post, at £5 a session, application forms and details are available from the school office.

East Hanningfield C. of E. Primary School, The Tye, East Hanningfield, Chelmsford, CM3 8AE (Tel: 01245 400772)

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#### 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 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2002**, so anyone with an article or advertisement should let me have a copy by this date at the latest.

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#### GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

It's our 100<sup>th</sup> edition of our East Hanningfield News as we celebrate **THE QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE ON HANNA'S FIELD, THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY JUNE 4<sup>th</sup> FROM 4pm.**

So come in your glad rags with a smile on your face,  
To enjoy a time together in honour of our Grace,

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on her Golden Jubilee Year,

When we'll raise up our glasses and give her a cheer,

A cheer of good luck and a special thank you for all she has done and hopefully will do,

To support us through our future in our Great British Isles,

For a time to enjoy as we reminisce through the years since our first Newsletter was thought of in 1972.

Anne Walden (401273)

#### PARISH COUNCIL

The following Summer Holiday Activities for Children have been arranged with Chelmsford Borough Council: Play in the Park for children aged 5-11 years on Thursday, 22nd. August 10.30am-12.30 & 1.45pm-3.45; and Picnic Play for children aged under five on Tuesday, 13th. August 10am-2pm. Play in the Park will take place in the Village Hall with sports outside, and the Picnic Play will be on the playing field unless the weather drives everyone inside.

There will be a visit by the manned refuse vehicle to the Village Hall car park on Saturday, 13th. JULY. If you miss this opportunity to dispose of your bulkier household refuse, then the next visit will be in October! The civic amenity sites at South Woodham Ferrers and Boreham will be open every day, and have extensive recycling facilities.

The project to extend the Village Hall continues to move more slowly than anticipated. At the time of writing PC had received builders' quotations, had just received the report on the quotations' compliance and was about to meet to make decisions about moving on to the next stage of the project. Meanwhile, the post office in the portacabin remains open for business, so please support it.

I am often asked what is happening about the Rural Housing Trust's plans to build affordable housing for local people at Highfields Farm. This appears to be another project that is taking a lot longer than expected to reach a conclusion. I have been told, although not by the Trust, that the Trust is negotiating the purchase of the land with the landowner. Please note that Mrs. Chris Moor has now left the Trust, and contact should be made through the office on 01371 874738.

You might have seen a notice in the Public Notices section of the Essex Chronicle on 17th. May that PC has adopted a new Code of Conduct and established a Register of Members' Interests. This is something that all parish councils have been required to do by the Local Government Act 2000, and brings them into line with borough and county councils. The Code provides rules as to the behaviour of councillors and guidance as to when they should declare interests at meetings, and also when an interest is prejudicial and requires a councillor to leave a meeting. The Register of Interests is a list of councillors' interests which is kept by PC and the Monitoring Officer at Chelmsford Borough Council. The Code and the Register of Interests will be available for public inspection at PC Meetings. Complaints by the public or councillors about breaches of the Code should be made to the Standards Board for England. (It is a requirement of the Code that councillors aware of breaches of the Code by other councillors should report them.)

PC has recently been given notice by the Audit Commission that its audit arrangements have changed. The system has always been that after the end of the financial year, all the books and records have been delivered to the appointed auditor and then audited. The Audit Commission has had increasing difficulty in finding auditors willing to undertake the audit



work for parish councils, because it is not particularly remunerative, although it is relatively expensive for the councils. The new system involves PC appointing an 'independent internal auditor' who will monitor the accounting systems and follow the audit trail on sample expenditure ensuring that correct procedures have been followed. Following this process, only the statement of accounts and the 'independent internal auditor's' verification will go to the auditor. The Audit Commission has said that PC needs to find a 'competent person' to fill the post of 'independent internal auditor'. This person must also be completely independent of the council (no family members or friends), so if there is anyone out there who has a grounding in local council law, understands local council accounts and would be interested in this appointment please get in touch.

Parish Council Meetings are held in public and continue on the fourth Thursday of each month, in the Village Hall at 8pm unless volume of business dictates an earlier start. Correspondence for consideration by the Council at one of its Meetings should reach me a week before, to ensure it is included on the Agenda. The Agenda appears on the Parish Council noticeboards at least three clear days before the Meeting (on Sunday at the latest for a Thursday Meeting). If you would like to bring a matter of concern to the notice of the Council in person, you may speak during Public Question Time, which takes place shortly after the opening of each monthly Meeting. Please remember to address letters for the attention of the Council to me, the Clerk, as letters addressed to the Chairman or individual members are passed on unopened.

Karen Plumridge,  
Clerk to the Parish Council,  
2 Clinton Close,  
01245 400628

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### HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

The Hanna's Field Charity committee should comprise approximately 24 members. The current active membership is less than ten. If you would like to join the committee and help in the running of the facilities for the benefit of all of the village you would be very welcome. Our next committee meeting is on June 12th at 8.00 p.m. in the village hall. You may have read in the local newspaper of the near closure of the village halls at Bicknacre and Hatfield Peverel. It is possible that this could happen to our own village hall without the support of more villagers.

The annual village art show will take place on Saturday July 13th from 10.00 to 7.00p.m. There will be an invitation only preview evening on Friday 12th July.

Litter continues to be a problem in and around the hall, particularly in the region of the recycling bins. This was all cleared up on the weekend of the village tidy up only for more rubbish to be dropped within 24 Hours.

The initial tender prices for the village hall extension have finally been received and are the subject of discussion within the parish council. More news should be available after the Parish Council Meeting to be held on the 23rd May

The hall, field and sports courts/tennis court are available for bookings which can be made via Iris Evans on 01245 401460. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to villagers.

Colin Warren  
Chairman  
01245 401050  
cwarren132@aol.com

### EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our Charity Coffee Morning in aid of the Helen Rollison Cancer Appeal last month raised £250. A big thank you to all of you who came along and made it a great success. A very worthy cause.

I have another date for your diary on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm, we are having our Open Meeting when Mr M. Cheshire will be coming along and bringing his Birds of Prey. All are very welcome. Our posters will be up to remind you nearer the time.

Don't forget a warm welcome awaits you at our meetings in our Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Lilian Grace  
01245 - 400288



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

At our A.G.M. all members of the P.C.C. were re-elected and given thanks for their work during the last twelve months and for their continued loyalty in agreeing to continue for the next twelve months. Clare Newman has now resigned as Churchwarden but is continuing as a member of the P.C.C. Thanks Clare for all the hardwork during the last three years and for your commitment and loyalty. Mr Stan Gordon has been elected to the post of Churchwarden and we thank him for agreeing to stand. I (Heather Leigh) have been re-elected and will continue until such time my husband and I move house.

It has been satisfying to hear such good comments on the floodlighting of the church and for the next three months they will be off. We are not allowed to have them on because of the bats in the church who come out of hibernation during this time.

The Children's Club were very busy at Easter making glove puppets and scenery to create a display depicting the Easter story. Using some of the puppets and making a 'flock' of sheep it was turned into a display telling us the story of 'The Good Shepherd'. This fitted in very well with our Lent Giving which was sent to the 'Good Shepherd Project', helping the street children in Brazil.

On May 11<sup>th</sup> we had our annual inter-village walk with Sandon church and Bethel church. It was a sponsored event with proceeds going equally between our church and Farleigh Hospice. It was a fine day and dry underfoot with a good turnout of walkers. Thanks to all the workers and their sponsors.

### JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> - 7.30 PM - MUSICAL EVENING

Please make a note of the date and join us for a musical evening with the **BOREHAM LADIES CHOIR** who will be entertaining us in church. There will be a retiring collection.

### SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> - 2PM - VILLAGE FETE

Another year as passed and you are invited to come and support, have fun, socialise and of course spend some money on Hanna's field. Congratulations to the committee for all their hard work to make this event a success. Please don't let them down.

### QUEENS JUBILEE - FLYING THE FLAG

A flagpole has now been put into our churchyard in time for the Jubilee. It is in memory of Mr Eric Saville who for many years kept the churchyard in such good order.

A happy holiday to you all.

Revd. Keith Plaister  
Sandon Rectory  
01245-472262

Churchwardens  
Heather 400977  
Stan 400298

## GREETINGS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

The church in our village is more than just a building. It is the community, which worships there. It contains people of great warmth of character. Think of the church as just a building and you think of cold stones. Think of the church as a dynamic community and you see a group of caring people; caring for one another; caring about the world outside itself.

That community is an open society. It welcomes newcomers – the enquirer, the wounded, the troubled, and those who want to rejoice and celebrate. If you consider yourself as one who fits into any of these categories, you will be made welcome at All Saints.

We have Services of different kinds, tailor made to fit the needs (we hope) of people in all stages of life. Every Sunday, at 11.15 am, we have worship of one kind or another.

On the first Sunday we have a short all-age worship Service. On the second, after an 8 am Communion, the 11.15 Service is Morning Prayer (as it is if there is a fifth Sunday in the month). On the third and fourth there is a Communion Service with popular hymns.

Then, for children, there is the Sunday Club which meets at 9.30 am on certain Sundays. We are glad to welcome any new people at any of these Services. Come and experience them. If you don't feel at home, tell us. There may be something we can do about it!

We have been wonderfully served by the leadership over the past few years of Claire Newman and Heather Leigh as our churchwardens. Claire has now retired, although her help in other ways will continue to be there, thankfully.

Heather has agreed to continue at least for a little while. And Stan Gordon has been elected to serve as the other churchwarden. We are glad to have his services and wish him well. I hope that both he and Heather will receive support from our parishioners, which they richly deserve.

Mention must be made of the service to the community, which Mrs Madeline Hardy has given as head of our church school. Her retirement at the end of this term will be a sad occasion, considering all the work she has put into our village.

We wish her well – as we do to her successor. And thank you, Madeline, for all you have done for this parish and the children in your care.

Keith R. Plaister  
Priest-in-charge



## EAST HANNINGFIELD SCHOOL

I am leaving the school at the end of this term after nine years as Headteacher at East Hanningfield. During this time I have met many residents of the village, either as parents of pupils who came to school here, or as supporters of our PTA events, or as members of the Over Sixties group who attend our plays and concerts. As you can imagine the school has been a very important part of my life and undoubtedly I will miss it a lot. However, I feel the time has come for me to have a change of lifestyle.

Looking back over the years there has been much to celebrate, including two good Ofsted inspections, a DFES Achievement award and many personal successes for individual pupils. I value the opportunity I have had to work with enthusiastic pupils, talented teachers and dedicated support staff. I have also been fortunate that the governors have always generously given of their time and expertise, and contributed greatly to the effectiveness of the school. I hope that you feel the school has been a positive influence within your local community.

Change is not always easy to embrace but I genuinely think that the school will benefit from new leadership and a fresh vision. In September Mrs. Linda Findlay, currently the Deputy at Great Waltham School, will take up her appointment as headteacher and she will be introducing herself to you in the next edition of the village news.

Best wishes,  
Madeline Hardy

## BICKNACRE PRIORITY SCOUT GROUP

For people who are not aware that scouting is still active nearby I would like to tell you about our group. We are an off shoot of the Hanningfield scout group which unfortunately closed some time ago. We have been in existence for about 20 years with at one time 1 Beaver colony, 2 cub packs and 1 scout troop.

We are now operating 1 cub pack and 1 scout troop but seem to be expanding again with both units at about maximum capacity. The troop will be attending Cambridge Jamboree at Peterborough Show Ground in August for a week of activities and fun. We also have two scouts that have won themselves places at the World Jamboree in Thailand at the end of the year. A great achievement for them.

This year is looking extremely busy so if you would like to join us as a leader, helper, cub or scout please give Graham a ring on **01245 224903** or call in on a Tuesday evening at the Bicknacre Village Hall and have a chat with any uniformed leader.

Eddie McCall  
Acting Group Scout Leader

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## SAFER JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL

East Hanningfield School has been successful in its Safer Journeys to School bid. This is a community partnership to reduce the risks young people encounter on the way to and from school. It is part of an initiative by Essex County Council and the Borough Council and many schools are already involved.

The school will be holding its first Working Group meeting on Tuesday 16th July, from 3.30-5.00pm. Among those present will be the local Road Safety Team, including the Road Traffic Engineer and Road Safety Officer.

Any interested members of the village community are invited to attend.

## YOU COULD BECOME A FOSTER CARER

Essex County Council Foster Carers launched this year's foster carer recruitment campaign at County Hall in Chelmsford on Friday 12th April. The campaign 'You could foster a child' is aimed at dispelling myths about the types of people that can become foster carers.

Foster carers come from a variety of backgrounds, married or unmarried, working or not working, with or without children. There are around 500 foster families caring for children looked after by Essex County Council. The most successful carers really enjoy being around children and feel a sense of satisfaction helping to make what can be a very difficult time for a child that bit easier.

Essex County Council are looking for more carers in your area to be able to offer a local service to local children, to increase their chances of returning home and enabling them to maintain links with friends, family and school.

Foster carers look after children of all ages from babies to teenagers. There is a particular need for carers who can look after children aged 8 years and above, children who need long-term placements, children with disabilities, and for brothers and sisters who may need to stay together. Foster carers provide a variety of care ranging from a few days each month, to a few weeks or months and sometimes longer.

Councillor Mrs. Iris Pummell, cabinet member for children's services and schools said: "Our foster carers tell us that fostering is one of the most rewarding and challenging things you can ever do. Many say that the best rewards are often the simplest things like a child's smile or chatting with them about what they did at school."

Essex County Council offers support and training to foster carers and there are also fee paid schemes with very competitive rates and training opportunities. All carers receive an allowance that meets the costs of looking after a child. You can find out all about becoming a foster carer by calling the freephone number on 0800 801 530.

Could you become a foster carer? You could.

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## BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

It's been an eventful and exciting few months for us. At the end of January this year we received Building Regulation Approval for our new church. The last planning obstacle had been overcome and the time had arrived to make a start on the actual construction. For us that meant, first of all, the demolition of our old, existing buildings. So, on April 15<sup>th</sup>, the demolition company rolled in with its big digger and skips and over a period of three working days, completely cleared the site. It was a bit sad to see the old church go ; it felt a bit like losing a friend ! Still, we are looking forward to seeing the new building go up in its place. Building is expected to start in June.

In the meantime, we are still very much 'open for business'. Our Sunday Service will continue to be held in the W.I. Hall. Our mid-week meetings including the Ladies Fellowship on Tuesdays and the Bible Study on Thursdays will be held in homes in the village. Rainbow Club for the children will continue as usual, in the Village Hall on Friday evenings. Please contact me if you would like further details.

Again this year, during the school summer holidays, we will be holding a 'Good News Club' for 5 - 11 year old children. This will be in the Village Hall on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30am - 12.15pm. The programme will be indoor and outdoor games, action songs, Bible stories and craft activities. We always have a great time so, send your children along - they will enjoy it !

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## HANNA'S TOTS

Toddler group & Toy library, every Friday 10 - 11.30 in the village hall.  
£ 1.00

Well, support is slowly increasing, even if we are adding to the numbers ourselves! With 6 brand new ones this year (including a set of twins) and at least 1 more brewing! Don't forget everyone is welcome Dads, Nannies, Grandparents, Childminders.

We've purchased some new equipment, that anyone can borrow free of charge, including a pop-up ball pond, dressing-up outfits, pushchairs & dollies. This is added to our already large selection of toys for age groups 3 months to 3 1/4 years. Crayons and playdoh are always available for the creative types. Tea, coffee & biscuits for Mums and Carers !

We also have a travelcot / playpen for hire, anyone can hire it, so if you have grandchildren visiting it could come in handy.

Hanna's Tot's is run by volunteers & supported by The Parish Council and Hanna's field charity. So if anyone has any unwanted toys we will gladly collect.

Clare  
01245 - 403174

## EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Surprise, surprise. For the first time in two seasons we actually played our first match of the season ..... & it was the first Saturday in April. The Sunday team were not so lucky as their game was abandoned due to, you guessed, rain.

As I noted in the last edition the Sunday team had a remarkable record last year. They were undefeated. This year they lost their second match. At the time of writing the Saturday team has lost a match by 18 runs & won another by 8 wickets, bowling the opposition out for not much more than 50 runs. All the other games have been drawn.

On the social front a treasure hunt took place the other week & four more events are planned: a family fun day over the Jubilee holiday, a Caribbean evening, a pool competition & on August Bank Holiday a match to celebrate the club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at our current ground.

If you are interested in playing for your village team please call either Damian Jarvis on 01245 327414 or myself.

Dave Sherry  
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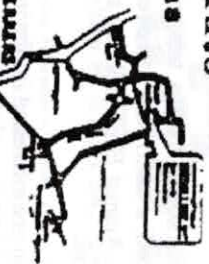
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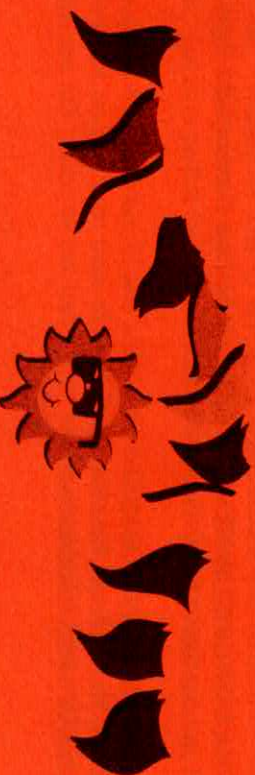
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## EAST HANNINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

East Hanningfield has a strong network of N.W.co-ordinators and all residents should know who their co-ordinator is.

They form the link between residents and the Police either directly or via the village co-ordinator. This link works both ways: us informing the Police about suspicious or unusual incidents and the Police warning us about possible problems, for example bogus callers in the area.

It is important that this network is kept intact and not allowed to disintegrate as happened in Danbury and Little Baddow. It then became necessary because of rising crime figures to rebuild the Neighbourhood Watch network in these two locations.

Because of changes in peoples circumstances new co-ordinators are sometimes needed and there is a need at the moment for new ones in :

Bionacre Road	1
Highfields Mead	1 or 2
Payne Place	1
Catherine Close	1

The amount of time involved is very small so anyone interested or who wishes to know more about Neighbourhood Watch please contact me.

Edward Poulter 400 520

## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

The annual village art show organised by Anne Parker took place on Saturday July 13th with a preview evening on Friday 12th July. The show was very well organised and supported by many villagers. As a result of the efforts of the Art Show committee and Anne in particular over £1,100.00 was raised by the charity. Well done to all concerned

Our next major event is the Annual Village Fete which will take place on Saturday September 14th. Thanks are due to the many organisations and companies who have offered to support the event by providing prizes for the Grand Draw and by supplying various stalls. Let us hope that the sun will shine on the 14th September.

Litter continues to be a problem in and around the hall, particularly in the region of the recycling bins and on the route from the village shop across the field. If you find the recycling bins are full please do not leave your bottles outside the bins, take them home with you.

The village hall extension is fast approaching a start date for the building. Detailed planning permission has been granted by the Borough Council and it looks as if funding is now in place to enable building to commence this Autumn. Further grants are being sought to enable us to make maximum use of the new facilities.

The play area has been inspected and it is apparent that some of the equipment will need replacing. The views of the playground users are being sought regarding their preferred replacement equipment. It should be noted however that the funds for the replacement of the playground have been allocated to the village hall extension so replacement is not likely during the current year.

The hall, field and sports courts/tennis court are available for bookings which can be made via Iris Evans on 01245 401460. The big hall is available on Thursday Nights for a regular booking and most weekends during the day. The small hall is available every evening with the exception of Mondays. The Sports Courts are available on Mondays, Fridays and most Weekends. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to villagers.

Colin Warren  
Chairman  
01245 401050  
cwarren132@aol.com



## PARISH COUNCIL

Although in my report this time last year I anticipated that the construction works to build the extension to the Village Hall would begin shortly, various setbacks prevented that happening. Now, the situation is that we have a satisfactory quotation from a builder and the promise of a grant of £25,000 from the Countryside Agency, so, this time, it really looks as though construction will start very soon.

As building sites have the appearance of being adventure playgrounds they are very attractive to children, so please tell your youngsters that, although the building site will be on the playing field, it really is out of bounds. Obviously every effort will be made to keep unauthorised individuals off the site, but as we have had children climbing over the fence into the tennis courts and on to the post office roof at various times some of the local young people see fences more as a challenge than a warning.

Again, on the subject of the Post Office, you will probably be aware that although Jake Singh has put a great deal of thought and energy into improving the business at the portacabin, he is not intending to stay, so we are going to need a new Post Master or Post Mistress. If you would like to know more about applying for the post please contact the Human Resources Centre on 0845 6016260 or write to Agent Recruitment, Human Resource Service Centre, Freepost NW16 75A, Salford M5 9JB.

It has been a very good year for hedge growth, believe me I know, and as always this has been accompanied by complaints to the Parish Council of hedges overgrowing or obstructing footways. As Autumn and Winter are the traditional hedging seasons, now is the time to make a start on cutting back that overgrowth, because it will grow even more next Spring. If there is any kind of right of way beside one of your boundaries please make sure that there is no obstruction caused by plant growth from your property.

Those of you who drive through the village will have noticed pairs of wires stretched across the road at various points and times. The first instance was associated with a study of traffic numbers and speed following the opening of the new A130. The result was that traffic numbers had dropped by 3%! A figure the Parish Council found very disappointing but not really surprising. Unfortunately, speed had risen slightly. It is hoped that these figures will hasten the introduction of speed and traffic reduction measures. The more recent appearance of the wires was an exercise by the Police who will be using the resulting statistics to help them decide whether the village should be targeted for speed enforcement. So, you have been warned!

Please note that there will be only one more visit to the Village Hall car park by the manned refuse vehicle this year, on Saturday, 26th. October. Please do not leave any refuse in the car park on that day or at any other time. Also, please do not leave bags of cans or bottles next to the recycling bins if the bins are full.

Parish Council Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8pm in the Village Hall. Parishioners are invited to speak to the Council during Public Question Time, which takes place shortly after the beginning of each Meeting. (Please note that members of the public are not allowed to participate for the rest of the Meeting.) Letters for consideration by the Parish Council should be addressed to me at 2 Clinton Close.

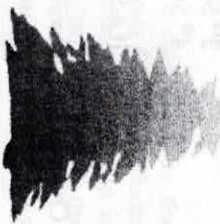
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## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

I am sure by the time you read this most of you will have had your holiday & I hope it was a happy relaxing time for all of you. Now we turn our thoughts to Autumn & our Village Fete, Harvest Festival & for many children it will be school for the first time and for others the first term in secondary school, college or university - Good luck to you all!

In June, Boreham Ladies Choir came to our church to entertain us with music - piano duets, a soprano & choir. It was an excellent concert. The enthusiasm & enjoyment of the performers gave the audience a wonderful happy evening. Thanks to Robert Scholes for his organisation, wine & biscuits. Don't miss it should we do it again.

### VILLAGE FETE 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2 PM

Come & join in the fun on Hanna's Field & support all the village clubs who take part. The small committee have worked hard to organise the event & we extend our thanks to them.

### FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES ANNUAL WALK/BIKE RIDE 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPT

Once again this event clashes with our fete but we do open our church to visitors & hopefully manage to visit a few churches ourselves. It is a sponsored event with half going to our own church & half to the Friends of Essex Churches who regularly help with donations to help the repair of our churches.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL - 6<sup>TH</sup> OCT. 11:15 am.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - 6<sup>TH</sup> NOV. 10:30 am in church.

Just a reminder of our services each month.

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Family Service	11:15am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion	8am
	Matins	11:15am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion	11:15am
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Children's Club	9:30am
	Holy Communion	11:15am
if a 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Matins	11:15am

Our Children's Club will restart on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 9:30 in church. Do come along & enjoy the craft work, stories, drinks & biscuits.

On a personal note may I say goodbye as my husband & I (George & Heather) move to our bungalow in West Mersea. We have had over 20 years in East Hammingfield & made many friends - thanks. We hope to come back to support the Village Fete & Church Bazaar. So see you all there.

Rev. Keith Plaistow

Sandon Rectory 01245 472262

(Keith's day off is Friday)

Churchwarden

Stan 400298

## BICKNACRE PRIORY SCOUT TROOP

As many readers will be aware, Anthony Lugton and Dominic Chambers of the Bicknacre Priory Scout Troop have spent much of the last year on fund raising events and also obtaining donations to help them raise funds to enable them to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Thailand at the end of this year.

Lots of hard work has gone into this fund raising, but there is still quite a significant amount left to be raised to get the boys on the trip, which leaves the UK just before Christmas this year.

The final fund raising event - an Auction - is now planned for the 20th September at the Function Room of the White Swann Public House in Bicknacre. Once again the publican (Ron) has provided the room for the boys fund raising activity for free. Thanks very much Ron!

The auction will start at 7:30pm and will be run by a professional auctioneer - Mr Edward Hartard - who is also providing his time and expertise for free. Thank you very much too!

The boys have collected some great items to be auctioned, most of which have been donated by members of the business community in Bicknacre and the surrounding villages. The items include: two complementary places at a McLaren Mercedes F1 test day at Silverstone (in 2003) - sorry, you do NOT get to drive the cars, but meals and other good things are included!, two tickets for a day trip to France or Belgium, a meal for two at a number of venues, rounds of golf at various courses, and a number of nice things for the home and family.

Thank you to all of you who have donated these items. We hope that the great support of the community that we have witnessed over the last year will continue with this event and the auction will be well supported to enable us to raise the rest of the monies needed.

Entry on the night will cost £1 per person. We are selling advance catalogues for the auction which lists all of the items up for bid. The catalogue also costs £1, and includes entry for one person on the night. Those who cannot attend the auction can still help in supporting the event by bidding for any (or all!) of the items using the 'pre-bid' form in the catalogue.

Donations of more items for the auction will be most welcome. Donations can be sent to 18 Westerings, Bicknacre or you can call us on 01245 226038 and we will collect. The same address and telephone number can be used to obtain an auction catalogue which will be available from 1st September.



## BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Work on the new church building is progressing well. After a few weeks peace and quiet following the demolition of the old church in April, the builders moved in at the beginning of July to start digging the foundations of the new building. These are up to three metres deep in places, which has always seemed surprising to us for such a relatively small structure. Still, I suppose it's a good illustration of the Biblical principle that if we want to build something of lasting spiritual value in our lives, then it needs to be based on solid, deep foundations. Jesus said the wise man builds his house upon rock, and he himself is that rock.

All the foundation work has at last been completed and the great mounds of clay that were generated by the digging have been removed. We are now looking forward to the quieter, less messy operation of building up the walls. We want to thank our neighbours in Old Church Road for their forbearance during all the coming and going of the big lorries - we hope it hasn't been too much of a nuisance.

We had a great time at our summer holiday club for children, held in the village hall back in August. The sun shone and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the proceedings. Just to remind you parents that our weekly Rainbow Club for the boys and girls starts 6:00pm-Friday 6th September in the village hall.

David Cottey  
tel. 400665

## AEROBICS & BODY TONING

I like to keep fit & active. I thought aerobics were not for me but as it is walking distance from home, is at a convenient time & inexpensive I gave it a try. There are '20 somethings', '60 somethings' & all ages between. There are large & small, fit & not so fit but working on it.

Angie gives us various routines including a stretch warm up, exercise routines to music, mat/floor work &, the best bit, relaxation. On warm evenings we even venture outside. All routines have a low impact alternative (suits me) which means Angie caters for all abilities without any embarrassment. It's good fun & does you good so why not give it a try? Look forward to seeing you on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept., 8pm, Village Hall.

Barbara Poulter

## EAST HANNINGFIELD SCHOOL

I am delighted to be appointed as the headteacher of this thriving village school. Madeline Hardy has achieved much during her eventful nine years as headteacher and I appreciate all the help she has given me to aid the smooth transition of leadership. I look forward to continuing developing the school to benefit all its pupils.

I first wanted to teach when I was 10 years old and I never grew out of this "phase" and still feel it is a privilege to be a professional educator and that education enriches life.

"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to people who prepare for it today." (Malcolm X).

All my professional career, which was happily interrupted by a parenting break, has been spent in Essex and has spanned a variety of changes in teaching. The enduring philosophy is that our children deserve the best.

I believe that every child is unique, precious and gifted with unknown potential and our duty and pleasure is to provide the quality teaching, opportunities and experiences to unlock that potential.

I look forward to meeting many of you during the coming months.

Yours sincerely  
Linda J. Findlay

## ANGIE'S AEROBICS/BODY TONING

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## HANNA'S TOTS

Every Friday 10- 11.30 at the village hall.

Our monthly visit from the health visitor is 30th August, you can bring babies for weighing or discuss any childcare problems you may have.

We had a photographer visit recently and had great fun pulling faces and blowing raspberries to get the children to smile at the camera at the right time.

We will be running a Teddy Tombola stall at the village fete, so please come along and see what we do, and spend a few pennies ! This will be used to purchase more toys for the library, which anyone can borrow free of charge.

I would like to thank the volunteer's who help me every week getting it all out and putting it all away again! And the continued support from the Parish Council and Hanna's Field Charity.

Clare 403174

## EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

As I write this we are busy preparing for our open meeting featuring "Birds Of Prey". I did mention it in the last newsletter. Hope some of you made it. We always seem to be busy arranging something. Why not come along and see what we get up to.

At our September meeting we have a talk on "Ceremonials and Customs In and Around The City of London". In October it will be about "Humanist Ceremonies". We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in our hall in Old Church Road.

Lilian Crace  
Tel. 400288

## EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Matches this season have been characterised by close finishes. Both the Sunday & Saturday sides have had tied games. In the Sunday side's case a dropped catch off the last wicket allowed the opposition to escape with a tie. In the Saturday side's case with 2 balls to go the opposition needed 1 to win. The 5<sup>th</sup> of the over resulted in a run out & with the last ball the bowler scattered the wickets to all four corners of the ground.

One of our major games of the season is an all day game against St. Margarets for a Challenge Cup. We it won back last year in a very tight game. Unfortunately we did not prevail this time. Barring first in difficult conditions we didn't make enough runs. Though we knocked a few early wickets over at the start of their innings the weather & wicket had improved & we just didn't have enough runs to play with.

On the social front the club held an excellent Caribbean Night. It has to be noted that the weather that Friday night was somewhat tropical. With rain lashing across the field more like a tropical storm than an English summer.

A club always needs as big a pool of players to call on. This season the Sunday side have been particularly adversely affected by injuries & player unavailability. If you do want to play please call either Damian Jarvis on 01245 327414 or myself.

Dave Sherry

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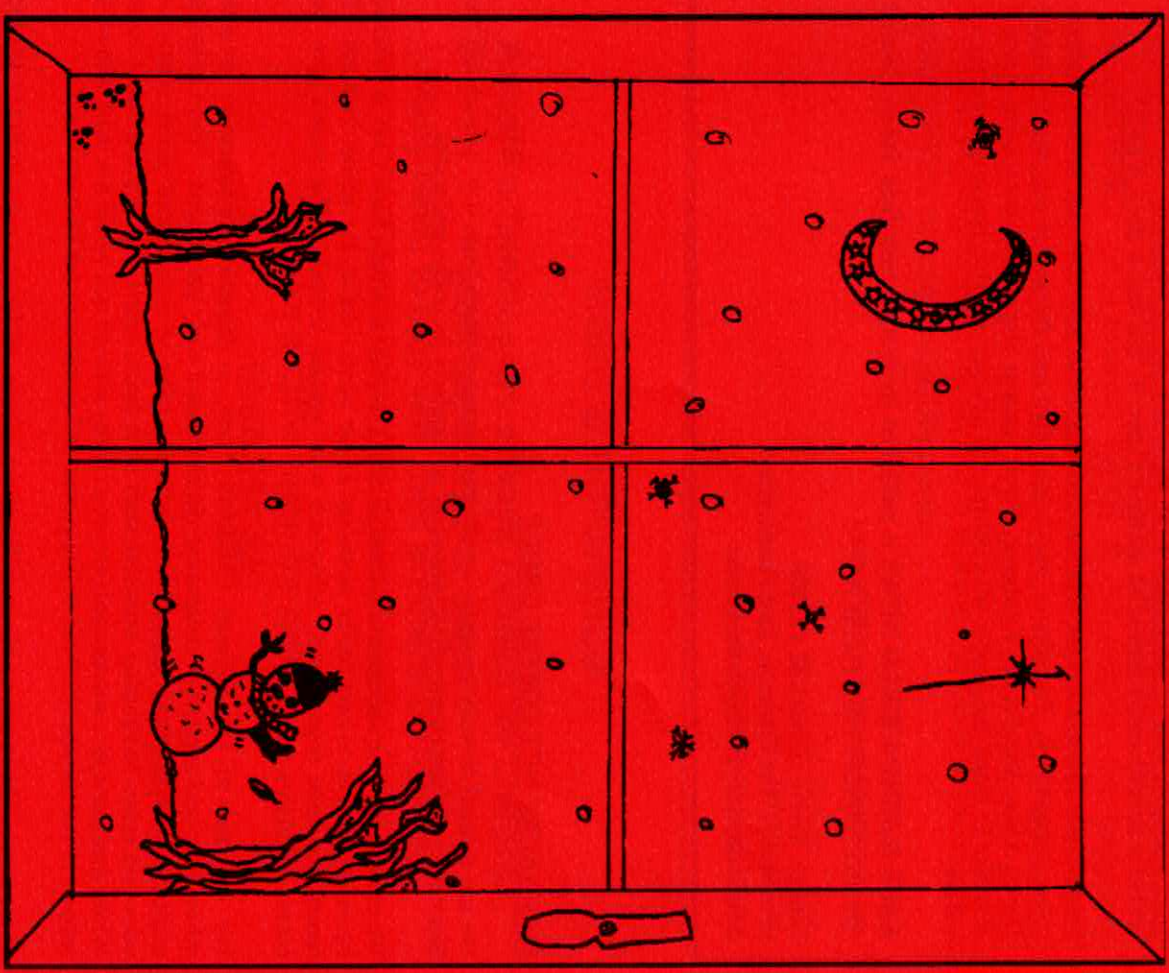


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#### **FROM THE EDITOR**

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 FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEB. 2003.** Anyone with an article or advertisement should let me have a copy by this date at the **LATEST**.

I would also like to thank the children from the school who took part in the Christmas cover competition. The winner was Luke Howe and the runner ups were - Jordan Dayer, Alice, Jake Brown, Kimberley Perrin, Lauren Stopp, and Laura Allen. I would also like to thank the people who deliver the newsletter to the households round the village.

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#### **BICKNACRE NCT COFFEE GROUP**

We are a small friendly group of mums and young children (age 0 to pre-school) from Bicknacre and East Hanningfield who meet up regularly for coffee and a chat.

We meet every Thursday morning from 10 till 12, usually at Jesters Kids Club in Bicknacre but we take turns to host coffee mornings in our homes during the school holidays. We sometimes have trips to soft adventure play venues instead. The mums also have occasional nights out.

We are part of the National Childbirth Trust, a charitable organisation providing information and support in pregnancy, childbirth and early parenthood. The Chelmsford and District branch holds many events including talks on child related topics, newly new sales and many fundraising activities such as a disco, sports day and Christmas bazaar. Whilst membership is encouraged (we are a charity after all and would not exist without the support of our members) all our coffee groups and events are open to everyone.

If you would like to join us at our coffee group, please call Helen Lewis on 01245 401001.

For more information about the NCT call 0870 444 8707

## Accounts and Audit Regulations 1996 EAST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL IS SEEKING TO APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT INTERNAL AUDITOR

The post requires competence in checking the accounts, which include the cash-book, VAT records, PAYE & NI records, the budgetary process, the assets register, and the end of year balances and bank reconciliation. It is anticipated that the checks would need to be carried out twice a year. Further information is available from the Clerk to the Council. Those interested are invited to write to the Clerk to the Council citing relevant experience/qualifications.

Karen Plumridge,  
Clerk to the Parish Council,  
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## PARISH COUNCIL

After writing in several issues of the newsletter that the Village Hall extension project had almost reached the construction stage, building finally began on 14<sup>th</sup> October, and should be finished by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2003, weather conditions permitting. A resident has asked me to explain how the project will affect the public purse. The largest amount of the funding is coming from a loan of £70,000 from the Public Works Loan Board. This is a fixed interest rate loan over 25 years, repayments being £4752.90 per annum. I have estimated that next year's D band council tax will have to increase over this year's by £3.93 per household per annum to cover the repayments, unless economies are made elsewhere. The Parish Council is also holding £11,500 of its reserves as a contingency fund against unforeseen additional payments. In addition the Countryside Agency has made a grant of £25,000 towards the shop element of the project and Chelmsford Borough Council £12,000 towards the recreational side. Essex County Council has made a grant of £16,500 and Hanna's Field Charity have agreed to pay the difference between the cost of a single storey and two storey building in order to increase the Hall's storage capacity in the short term and to create the potential for another meeting room in the future.

Discussions have been held with the builder in order to minimise the impact of the construction work on Village Hall users, but inevitably there will be congestion in the car park and probably some mud about. Please be patient; it will not last for long.

In the Summer News I said that the Rural Housing Trust was still negotiating the purchase of the land at Highfields Farm with the landowner. Those negotiations fell through, but the Trust is still aiming to build affordable homes for local people somewhere else in the village. I have application forms for registration on the Trust's housing list, if you have not already done so. Please note that you will be required to register on Chelmsford Borough Council's housing list in order to be eligible for the Trust's housing list. The Trust can be contacted on 01371 874738.

The term of office of this Council will come to an end in May, 2003, when there will be elections for the next Council. If you are interested in standing for office please keep an eye out for the posters calling for nominations, which will appear on local noticeboards in late March. I am usually supplied with nominations papers to distribute locally but they will also be available from the Returning Officer at Chelmsford Borough Council. There are seven seats on the Parish Council. If there are more than seven candidates there will be a poll, but if there are seven or less they will be elected unopposed. Polling day is 1<sup>st</sup> May, and this is also the date for Chelmsford Borough Council elections. New electoral arrangements will mean that East Hanningfield will be part of a two-councillor ward for the first time.

The last visit of the manned refuse vehicle to the Village Hall car park will take place on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December. It will arrive at 8am and leave by 10.45am.

Please note that there will be no Parish Council Meeting in December. The next two Meetings will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January 2003. Thereafter Meetings will be on the fourth Thursday of the month. At the moment it is not envisaged that the building work will prevent the Meetings taking place in the Village Hall. Meetings begin at 8 pm unless there is a visiting speaker when they begin half an hour earlier. Public Question Time takes place shortly after 8 pm, whatever the start time of the Meeting.

Karen Plumridge,  
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### ANGIE'S AEROBICS/BODY TONING

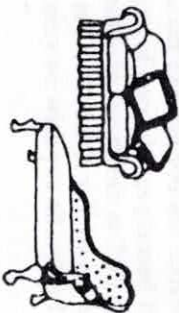
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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

A very big thank you to all those who supported the Village Fete on Saturday 14th September. Despite a cool day we had a very good attendance and record receipts in excess of £2,000. The Church and Hanna's Field Charity each benefited by £872 and other village clubs /groups e.g. W1, Pre-School etc. also boosted their funds. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

As I write these notes we are without a vicar! Happily this is only a temporary state of affairs. Our Priest in Charge, Keith Plaister, has recently successfully undergone a hip replacement operation and is now recuperating and learning to walk again. We wish Keith a complete and speedy recovery and look forward to his return in the New Year.

In Keith's absence a succession of visiting Clergy and Readers are ensuring that it's business as usual in All Saints'. A reminder of our services each month to which you are all welcome:

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Family Service	11:15 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion	08:00 am
	Matins	11:15 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion	11:15 am
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Matins	09:30 am
	Holy Communion	11:15 am
If 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Matins	11:15 am

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Mon 16 Dec	School Carol Service	06:00 pm
Sun 22 Dec	Carol Service	03:00 pm
	Christmas Eve Midnight Communion	11:30 pm
	Christmas Day Short Family Service with Communion	11:15 am

Make a note in your diaries now. All will be very welcome.

A Happy and Joyous Christmas to you all with Peace and Happiness in the New Year.

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

Churchwarden  
Stan Gordon  
Tel: 400298

## EAST HANNINGFIELD SCHOOL

Harvest seems a long time ago now. The ten boxes collected joined the rest of the 5000 & will have arrived in Eastern Europe now. Our oldest children presented their ideas for a charity, which the school should support this year. Everyone in the school then voted. The RSPCA won the ballot so pupil fund raising in school will be focusing on this well-known animal charity this academic year.

We are collecting Nestle Box Top Education tokens. If you eat products with these tokens, we would be grateful for any you can send into school. The school receives funds on the basis of numbers of tokens saved.

**As part of the Safer Journeys to School Initiative we are seeking a school crossing patrol, a "Tolly pop" person, for our school. Training will be given for this paid post, which involves an hour at the beginning & end of the school day. It could be a job share. If you would like to know more please phone school, 400772. The next meeting, which includes information for traffic calming measures, is on Wednesday, 12th February 2003 at 2:15 p.m.**

This year's Christmas production is Jack & the Beanstalk. Performances are for parents & pupils' relatives & carers, however as is the custom, our local senior citizens will be invited to the dress rehearsal on Tuesday, 3rd Decemberat 1:45pm.

Our PTA contributes a great deal to our school & has organised the School Christmas Bazaar for Saturday, 7th December, 1 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in the school hall. Please come to give your support. The school Carol Service is 6pm on Monday, 16th December in All Saints Church. Everyone at East Hanningfield School wish you a happy & enjoyable Christmas, & New Year.

Linda J Findlay.

## EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

It seems like no time at all since I did my last report in the summer. Where has the time gone? I expect like me you are thinking of Christmas. We have had another busy year at W.I. and lots of good things planned for 2003 so why not come and give us a look on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in the month at 7:30 p.m. in our hall in Old Church Road. Though please note that in December it will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be good to see you. In the meantime may we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Lilian Grace  
Tel. 400288



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This is a door-to-door service for anyone who cannot access public transport, including the elderly and disabled. The drivers are volunteers and users of the scheme are required to make a contribution to the expenses (dependent on mileage). Subject to availability, the scheme operates all week long, within the Chelmsford Borough, but 48 hours notice is usually required.

### CHELMSFORD DIAL-A-RIDE

This is a scheme part funded by the Countryside Agency and Chelmsford Borough Council. Chelmsford Community Transport have 3 fully accessible minibuses (2 owned by themselves, 1 owned by Social Services) which can be hired by anyone who is unable to access public transport. There are 25 drivers available, so groups do not have to provide their own driver. However, a contribution to expenses is required. Subject to availability, the scheme operates all week long, within the Chelmsford Borough, but 48 hours notice is usually required.

### MINIBUS BROKERAGE

The scheme is available to voluntary groups who are based within the Chelmsford Borough. Chelmsford Community Transport operates 7 minibuses (2 owned, 5 managed for other groups) that are available for hire. A driver can be provided if needed, and the cost is just £30 per day (+fuel). Subject to availability, the scheme operates all week long, but 1 day's notice is usually required.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT NAME: Keith Smith  
CONTACT NO: 01245 280732/493761

### THANK YOU

A big Thank You to all who braved the weather on 6<sup>th</sup> November to attend the Coffee Morning at 'Millers'. We raised £267 for the Endeavour School and a further £50 for the Helen Rollinson Breast Cancer unit at Broomfield. Many thanks to those who posed donations to me, it was much appreciated. I would also like to mention and thank my good friends, that band of willing (I hope) helpers who work so hard to make the morning a success.

We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and that we will see you again next year.  
Happy Christmas and Bright New Year.

Pam Kenton

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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

The Village Fete run in conjunction with All Saints Church was held on Saturday 14th September. The organisation of the fete is a co-operative effort between members of the Church and the Charity. We are supported by members of the village community who are all welcome to run their own stalls and raise money for their own organisations. This year we were joined once again by Sandon Scouts who brought three stalls and added to the fun of the afternoon. The five a side football competition was very popular this year and combined with the Hawks and Owls display, The Morris Dancers and many stalls and competitions made for a superb afternoon. The sun was shining intermittently and many villagers came out to support the event which has resulted in a total of just over £1,600 being shared between the Church and The Charity.

The Fete committee has been masterminded by Stan Gordon since it was reinstated over ten years ago. Stan has confirmed that this was his last year as Chairman of the Village Fete Committee. Stan's retirement as Chairman should not pass without all of us thanking him for his work in establishing the Village Fete as a regular event in the life of the village.

The children's playground area and associated equipment is the subject of an annual inspection from ROSPA. As a result of this year's inspection the Charity have been advised that several items of equipment are now reaching the end of their life and will need replacing or upgrading before the next inspection. If you have any suggestions for replacement equipment that might be of interest to the users of the playground please let either myself, Claire Newman or Celia McEwen know.

If any of you have walked across the field recently you will have noticed that the old football pitch has been levelled and sown with grass seed. This is part of a long term plan to bring the second football pitch into use. We hope, subject to weather conditions, that the pitch will be available for the 2003/2004 football season.

The hall extension construction has at long last commenced and if all goes to plan the completed building should be handed over to us in the middle of January.

The hall, field and sports courts/tennis court are available for bookings which can be made via Iris Evans on 01245 401460. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to villagers.

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## HANNA's TOT's

0-4 Toddler Group & Toy Library  
Every Friday 10 - 11.30  
East Hanningfield Village Hall

Firstly I would like to thank Justine Wislser who did a Virgin Vie party for us and donated her commission and raffle money. All of which goes in the kitty!

We will close this year through the Christmas holidays as no-one came to see me last year! So the last Hanna's Tot's will be 13<sup>th</sup> December which will be a festive day. We re-open 10<sup>th</sup> January.

In the new year on 31<sup>st</sup> January we are planning a nearly new toy sale for you to make room for all the new ones. You can bring along stuff to sell or browse for different toys for yourselves. Was hoping to charge a 10% "commission" on anything you sell towards Hanna's Tot's. Or if you would prefer to donate any unwanted toys we would be very grateful.

The Health Visitor's next visit will be 31st January, for baby weighing or any childcare issues you wish to discuss.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
Clare. 403174



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Everyone welcome.

This week we have welcomed the OFSTED inspectors into Pre-school as even pre-schools are required to adhere to the National Curriculum. I am very pleased to announce that the inspection was extremely successful. Mercy and her team met and surpassed all fourteen standards. Congratulations!

The Autumn Term is galloping on a pace and we shall soon move from our current topic of Nursery Rhymes to the excitement of Christmas preparations. The children will have a party with a rather special visitor on the last day of term, Thursday 12th December. Also in that week the children will perform their Christmas show for all to come and enjoy and we shall be holding our bazaar in the big hall afterwards. See you there.

Merry Christmas  
Allison Whitworth

## EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Though the season finished at the end of September it does not mean that all activity in the club ceases. At the ground work parties tidied up the pavilion, out field & dressed & re-seeded the wicket. A new departure is that the club have entered a side in the Chelmsford Indoor Cricket League. This is a 6 a side game played in the main sports hall at the Riverside Leisure Centre in Chelmsford. Our first match did not go too well. Not really surprising as all but one of the team had never played this format before. The second match was also lost but by only 2 runs. We played much better but did not enjoy the best of fortune.

Other coming events are the AGM & club dinner where player of the year awards are presented. In previous years in door nets have taken place before Christmas. This time they will not start till after Christmas. So if you would like to play next season, get your arm/eye in & take the opportunity to meet some of the players by coming along to in door nets. To do this please call either Damian Jarvis on 01245 327 414 or myself.

Dave Sherry  
☎ 01245 401 208



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**FROM THE EDITOR**

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**HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY**

By the time you read this article the AGM of the Charity will have been held on Wednesday 19th February. I am pleased that in the last year we have gained two new members for the management Committee. However, we remain few in number and would welcome further assistance. If you do want to contribute in some way to helping with the Charity you would be very welcome. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Iris Evans our caretaker and all of the hardworking volunteers who look after the village hall for the benefit of all of the village.

The extension to the village hall is nearing completion and I would like to apologise and thank all of our regular users who have been inconvenienced during the building works. I am certain that the end result will prove beneficial to all of the village.

During the last three months the hall and field has attracted the attention of a number of vandals who have broken windows and doors in the hall and then broken in and caused disruption to the daily users of the hall. The most recent problem was caused by a car driver who decided that it would be fun to drive his car over the sports field damaging the turf resulting in the cancellation of two football matches while the field was repaired. We have been given details of the driver by the police and will be seeking reimbursement of the costs that we have incurred

The main fund raising events of the charity continue to be the Annual Art Show which is held in July each year and the Village fete which this year will be held on Saturday 13th September. Further details of both events will follow nearer the time.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

As mentioned in the last Newsletter the term of office of this Council comes to an end at the beginning of May with the election of a new Council. I have now received notice of the important dates relating to the elections. If you want to stand for election to either the Parish Council or Borough Council you must deliver your completed nomination papers to Alan Batley at Chelmsford Borough Council between 25th. March and noon on 1st. April. Nomination papers require two signatures, for parish council elections they must be of people on the parish electoral roll and for borough council elections they must be signatures of two people on the ward electoral register. Nomination papers for the parish council election are available from me; alternatively they can be obtained from Chelmsford Borough Council.

If you want to make arrangements for a postal vote for this election you must do so at Chelmsford Borough Council by 5pm on 23rd. April. Leaflets are available in the Village Hall entrance.

Two councillors who have been members of the Parish Council for some time have announced that they will not be standing for election again. Graham Parker, who has recently moved away from the village, has been on the Council since 1983, and Ian Wiglesworth has been a member since 1995. I am sure that all members of the community would like to join me thanking them for their years of service and hard work for the parish.

It has been brought to the notice of the Council that horses are being ridden on public footpaths. If a person leads or rides a horse over a footpath that is a trespass against the landowner. The act is not just a theoretical offence, it causes damage to the surface of the path which makes it extremely difficult for walkers to use and means that the landowner has to repair it. Riders are asked to think carefully about where they are riding and what damage they might be doing.

Since the last Newsletter, the Village Hall extension has progressed rapidly. The original completion date of the end of January has been extended because of some delays caused by bad weather and also because of some extra work that has been done to develop the upper room into a usable meeting room. There are some very stringent rules about the areas of buildings which are open to the public, and there have had to be some additional fire safety measures and disabled access arrangements added to bring the upper floor up to standard. These have included a wider staircase able to take a chair lift and extra fire check arrangements. These extras have not caused any delay to the progress of the shop side of the building. At the time of writing the expectation was that the shop would be opening in early March.

Remember you can do your banking and pay your bills at the post office!

There has been some considerable interest in broadband lately, particularly as it is not available locally. Broadband is the very fast access to the internet which allows instant downloading of large amounts of data. PC was contacted by the East of England Development Agency which had organised a competition whereby the winning community would achieve a grant for the connection of broadband. PC decided that it did not wish to participate in the competition, but there is still something residents can do to encourage BT to upgrade the local exchange for broadband connection, and that is to register for broadband. It will cost you nothing and there is no commitment to join once the connection is established. You can register on [www.demandbroadband.com](http://www.demandbroadband.com) and this website will also give you more information such as where broadband is and is not available. The more local registrations there are the more likely we are to get connected.

Please note that the Annual Parish Meeting, which is the meeting at which local electors have their say, is scheduled for 8pm on 24th. April in the Village Hall. If you would like an item put on the Agenda please let me know, otherwise just turn up on the night.

Parish Council Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of the month, usually at 8pm, also in the Village Hall. Public Question Time which takes place shortly after the opening of each meeting gives members of the public the opportunity to raise matters with the Council and ask questions. Please note that if you wish the Council to discuss and reach a decision on a matter it must appear on the Agenda as an item of correspondence and so you will need to send it me in writing a week before the Meeting.

Karen Plunridge,  
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**EAST HANNINGFIELD CEP SCHOOL**

The recent heavy snowfalls inspired children's poems and stories. I have included just a few for your enjoyment.

*Snow is cold,  
Snow is soft  
Snow is squidgy.*  
Harry. (year 1)

*Snow soft and cold  
Covering everything  
Icing Houses and Trees*  
Rebecca (year 1)

*Snow is sparkly soft and wet.  
They are like small raindrops falling to the ground.  
Snow twinkles in the sun.  
You can make a snowman out of snow.  
All the snow will soon melt.  
Icicles hang from the bars.*  
Chloe. (year 2)

*Snow is crunchy,  
Frosty, soft,  
Like cotton wool  
On the roof.*  
Sam (reception)

The day it snowed so much I couldn't get to school

*Yesterday it snowed non-stop. When I got out of bed it looked like God had dropped a giant white blanket all over our village.  
"Time for breakfast." Said mum.  
"Coming." I said.  
Mum was listening to the radio to find out if school was open.  
After breakfast, me, mum and Lucas went out to the car, but it wouldn't start. The engine had frozen over night.  
"No school!" we boomed.  
"Oh no," mum sobbed.  
Lucas and I ran inside, threw off our school uniform, put on our ordinary clothes and chased and waved our arms around wildly.  
As the day went on we had fun playing in the snow.  
"Can you make it snow on Monday mum?"  
"Oh no!" said mum.*

Jacob (year 3)

The PTA would like to invite you to the following events happening this year. Tickets are available from the school office in the week prior to the event and at the door.

Quiz night	Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30-10.30pm	Village Hall
Family disco	Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30	Village Hall
Summer Fete/Fun day	Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30-4.00pm	In the school grounds

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I am looking to hold the event on a Saturday Afternoon in either March or April depending on response. Tables will be £5 each and entry to the sale will be free. Anybody interested can contact me on 01245 - 401460.

Iris Evans



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## HANNA'S TOTS

Mother & Toddler group with Toy Library  
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Firstly, Thank you very much Chelmsford Borough Council, for providing us with some more money for new equipment, as part of their Jubilee Community Fund. We have purchased some large items to enhance the children's playtime when they visit and lots of other bits and pieces for you to borrow free of charge!

The bring and buy toy sale was a bit of a loss, due to the snow, but we have decided to have a selection of toys for sale every week.

Sometime in the near future we hope to have a demonstration of baby massage which relieves many problems, such as colic. Please look out for posters. The Health visitor is due 28 February for Baby weighing and any childcare issues you wish to discuss.

For any further information contact:  
Clare on 403174 or Dawn on 400834

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## EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Not much to report in this issue. The club held its annual dinner just before Christmas where awards for best batsman & bowler were given. However, the most cherished award is the "Players' Player". There are two of these. One voted for by the Saturday & one by the Sunday team. The winners were Steve Wakling & Damian Jarvis respectively.

The only other event to report is that winter nets at the cricket school at the County Ground started after Christmas. If you are interested in playing this summer, would like to get your eye/arm in & meet club members call either Damian Jarvis on 01245 327 414 or myself.

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## EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Well here we go again, bringing you up to date with our news. Meetings as usual in our hall at 7.30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

On March 19<sup>th</sup> it will be a talk on Aloe Vera and on April 16<sup>th</sup> it will be CEFAS "Who we are". Also on Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Bring and Buy Charity Coffee Morning at 10.30pm. It will be good to see you.

Anything you need to know, give me a call on 400288.

Lilian Crace

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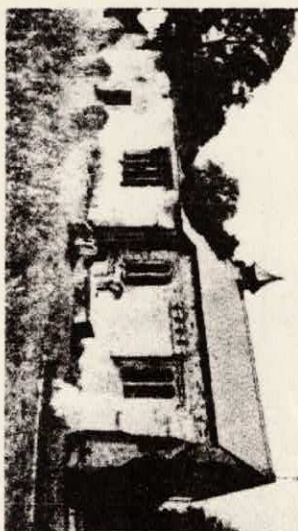
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## ALL SAINTS EAST HANNINGFIELD, A HISTORY

I lived with my parents in East Hanningfield for most of my life, I found this extract from a book called, ESSEX, *Off The Beaten Track*, which interested me along with a picture I found on the internet. I found it interesting. If anyone else has anymore info' on the Church and the Well along with its whereabouts I would love to hear more.



*What satisfaction there must be in digging for water and eventually finding it. The idea of having water on your land was just a dream to most villagers in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Even the Parson at East Hanningfield did not have this useful perquisite until he set the work in hand himself – and what an arduous task it turned out to be. A reader, writing to The Gentleman's Magazine on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 1791 reported: 'It was begun June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1790, and water, when the workmen, from such tedious labour, were at the moment of despair, was found May 7, 1791. Thirty-nine thousand five hundred bricks were used, without cement, in lining this well, the soil of which ... was fine, light brown, imperfect marl ... [which] continued to 450 feet, where it was consolidated into so rocky a substance as to require the being broken with a mattock. A bore then, of 3 inches diameter and 15 feet in length, was tried, which soon, through a soft soil, slipped from the workman's hands and fell up the handle. Water instantly appeared, and rose within the first hour 150 feet, and, after a very gradual rise, now stands at 347 feet, extremely soft and well flavoured ...'*

*The parson had dug the well for the benefit of his parishioners, for use it is always open', he declared. They benefited from water – but suffered by fire; the church was burnt down on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1884. That fire brought to light under coats of lime wash some exquisite wall paintings done around AD 1300. The vicar tried to protect them behind closed doors, but vandals broke them. In 1933 one portion of these paintings was successfully peeled from the wall for preservation in the Victoria and Albert Museum.*

*The Church we now see was built in record time: started on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 1884, it was consecrated on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 1885.*

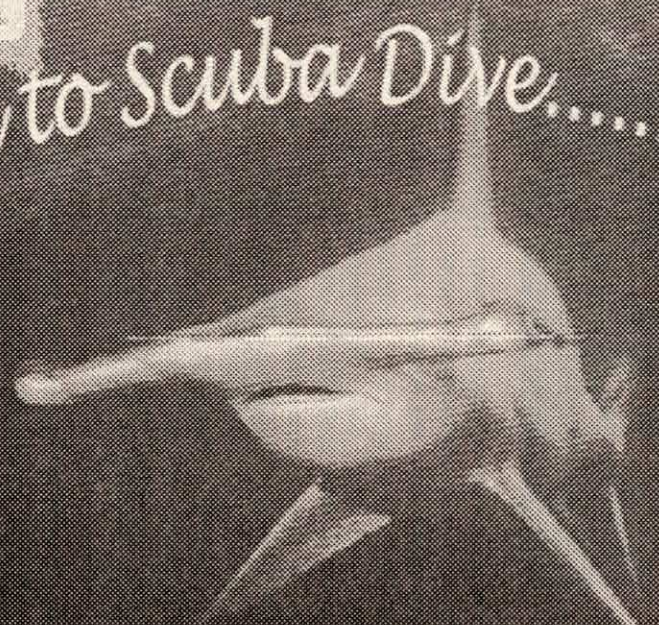
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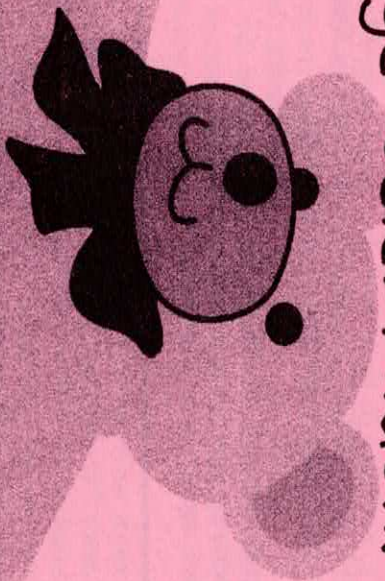
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## A Village Celebration!



We are going to celebrate at our Village Hall the opening of our new shop and new facilities for us all.

So join us in music and also in fun, a teddy bears' picnic for everyone from baby to Grandad, will you all be there to welcome Lord Hanningfield as he will declare.

The opening of Tom's new shop and our hall's new facilities there for us all to delight in and their future to share.

So join us on Saturday 14th June from 1.30pm onwards for a happy afternoon.

East Hanningfield, Hanningfield Community



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#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

On 1<sup>st</sup> May, we had the first contested Parish Council election since 1987. Your new councillors are Stewart Amos, Peter Applegate, Les Draper, Michael Harris, Danny Palmer, Shirley Tilby and Ted Williamson. They have elected Les Draper as their Chairman with Peter Applegate serving as Vice Chairman. The new Council has decided to continue to hold Meetings on the FOURTH Thursday of each month in the new first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.

You are probably aware that a scheme of affordable housing for local people at Highfields Farm failed to reach completion. Another scheme at another site is at a very early stage. I have been asked to find out how much interest there is for such a scheme now, as the original housing survey took place about six years ago. If you think that you are eligible to apply for affordable housing because you live locally, work locally or have family living locally and would wish to apply, please let me have your name and address, so that I can collate the numbers still interested. This information will be kept solely for the purpose of the housing scheme, and so that you can be contacted direct at a later stage. Please do not give me any other personal information at this time.

Chelmsford Borough Council has asked me to bring to the attention of our senior parishioners their **Information Day for Senior Residents on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June**, in Chelmsford. The day will focus on advice from Essex Police about bogus callers, personal safety and keeping safe in your home. Chelmsford Primary Care Trust will be providing information on how to avoid trips and falls, with some health demonstrations, plus help with repairs or adaptations around your home, mobility, healthy eating, bereavement counselling, welfare benefits and lots more. To book your place at this free event which includes refreshments and lunch phone Alex Murdoch on 01245 606289.

It has been suggested that some members of the community might like to get involved in the production of a Village Plan. Although this would require the support of the Parish Council, it would be organised by a team of local people. The purpose of a Village Plan is to find out by various methods of consultation and involvement what the members of the community want for the parish. Please let me know if you are interested in taking part in such an exercise. If enough people register interest I can ask for a speaker to come to explain what is involved and how we can get a grant to cover the cost.

**Don't miss it!** The next increasingly rare visit of the manned refuse vehicle is taking place on Saturday, **28<sup>th</sup> June**, at the Village Hall car park 8am-10.45am. Recently there were several bags of clothing left at the car park. Please place bagged clothing and textiles in your green box for kerb side collection.



There have been so many unforeseen delays to the Village Hall extension project that I am wary of saying that the shop is going to open within a few days at long last. It has been a tremendous effort for the Parish Council and Hanna's Field Charity to bring the project to fruition, and now it is up to you the residents to support Tom, our post master, in his new premises.

Our two new borough councillors have asked me to let you know about their surgeries. Richard Poulter will be holding his next surgeries at Bricknacre Village Hall from 10-11am on the last Saturday of May, June and July (tel. 223743). Ron Saunders will be holding his surgeries at his home on the first Saturday of each month (tel. 400389).

Your new Council hopes you will come along to Meetings now that they are in the more comfortable meeting room, and looks forward to hearing your views. If you would like a matter to be considered by the Council, please write to me at 2 Clinton Close.

Karen Plumridge,  
Clerk to the Council, Tel. 400628

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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

We have been very busy during the last three months and the hard work of the Charity Management Committee is now starting to bear fruit. As always if you would like to join the committee we are always looking for new members with new ideas.

The work on the playing field has been completed and we are hopeful that the improvements to the playing surface will enable us to bring the original football pitch in to use from this September. We have had a number of water logging problems on the current pitch due to the ditches at the edge of the field not being cleared. It would be helpful if the owners of houses whose gardens back on to the field would make an effort this summer to clear the ditches for which they are responsible of any obstructions that might be impeding drainage.

There are local bye laws which restrict the activities on the playing field. In particular riding motor cycles, playing golf, and riding horses. It has been noted that these bye laws are being ignored by certain individuals. Please note that offenders may be prosecuted by the police.

The charity is keen to support the recycling initiatives and does so by having the bottle and can recycling bins located in the car park. Unfortunately a number of users are dumping their bottles, cans and sometimes clothing outside the bins. Any bottles or cans must be placed in the bins. If the bins are full you should take your bottles and cans away with you. There are no facilities for any other form of recycling.

There has been an increase in the level of vandalism against the hall. Last year over £700.00 was spent in repairing the damage caused which would otherwise have been spent on improving the hall and field facilities for the benefit of all villagers. On 13th and 14th May ground floor windows were broken in the hall. If you know who did it we would be pleased if you would let us know. We will prosecute those who vandalise the hall and field. You may recall in January a car driver took it upon himself to joyride around the field causing considerable damage to the football pitch. I am pleased to report that the car owner has, following the threat of prosecution, paid for the damage caused.

Some good news; At long last the extension to the hall is complete. The official opening by Lord Hanningfield will take place on SATURDAY JUNE 14th. We are planning a teddy bears picnic for everyone. Please see the separate advert for further information. Tom the postmaster hopes to move out of the portakabin and in to the new shop during the preceding week.

The village art show is on Saturday 12th July with a preview evening on Friday 11th July. We look forward to receiving your support for this enjoyable fundraising event.



For many months Matthew Ellis has from time to time given up a Friday evening to D.J. a children's disco in the Village hall. Matthew feels its time for somebody else to have a go and so we thank Matthew for his help and wish him all the best with his studies. We ask if there is any other youngster in the village interested in picking the job up to contact us.

The hall, field and sports courts/tennis court are available for bookings which can be made via Iris Evans on 01245 401460. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to villagers.

Colin Warren  
Chairman  
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### BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The new church building development in Old Church Road continues to be a major feature in the life of the fellowship. The window units and exterior doors were scheduled to be fitted in May to be followed by the rendering of the external block-work. When this is completed the whole outside of the building will take on a more finished appearance. There is still much work remaining to be done. However, and this will be tackled in stages, as funds allow.

We had two major fund raising events in the Spring which were well supported by friends from within the tillage and from outside. The Mime Concert held in April, and featuring the nationally respected Christian mime artist Steve Murray, was a great success and greatly appreciated by all. Steve and his family live in the village and we want to thank him for giving of his time and talent to support us in this way. In May we held a Quiz Evening - Again the event was a sell-out and many enjoyed the time of fun, food and fellowship - although some of us found the mental challenge a bit exhausting! Thanks to all of you who came and helped to make both of these special evenings such a success.

Forthcoming events: in August we will be holding a Good News Club for the 5 to 10 year old children. As in previous years the programme will include Games, Action Songs, Bible Stories and Craft Activities. If the weather is good then we would hope to get outside for some of the games. The event will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 10.30am to 12.15pm.

David Cotley  
Tel. 400665

### BE SOMEONE WHO CARES

Essex County Council launched this year's foster carer recruitment campaign during Foster Care Fortnight (12-23 May). The Campaign 'Be someone who cares' is aimed at dispelling myths about the types of people that can become foster carers.

Many people who would make excellent foster carers sometimes don't come forward because they think they will be turned down. Fostering is not just for couples with children of their own. Single people, those without children and people whose children have grown up and left home are also needed. Carers can be working full time or not at all. There is no upper age limit to becoming a foster carer as long as you are in good health.

Essex County Council are looking for more carers to be able to offer a local service to local children, to increase their chances of returning home and enabling them to maintain links with friends, family and school.

Foster carers look after children of all ages from babies to teenagers. There is a particular need for carers who can look after children aged 8 years and above, children who need long-term placements, children with disabilities, and for brothers and sisters who may need to stay together. Foster carers provide a variety of care ranging from a few days each month, to a few weeks or months and sometimes longer.

Essex County Council offers support and training to foster carers and there are also fee paid schemes with very competitive rates and training opportunities. All carers receive an allowance that meets the costs of looking after a child. You can find out all about becoming a foster carer by calling the freephone number on **0800 801 530**.

Be someone who cares and call today.



## GREETINGS FROM THE PARISH CHURCH

Greetings from the parish church

There is a great spirit of optimism for the future at All Saints'. Largely this is caused by the wonderful group of young people who form the Sunday Club. They are marvellously led and are extremely keen to participate in the First Sunday Service which is a Service designed for people of all ages and stages of life. Great credit must go to those who give of their time and skills to help with this.

Another cause for hope in the future of our parish church is in the incredible number of requests we have had recently for the sacrament of Baptism. It must be something in the soil! Seriously though, it is a delight when so many lovely parents bring their lovely children to be Baptised. It is a privilege for the church to be involved in the family rejoicing which quite rightly goes on around the time of a new birth, and it gives us great pleasure to be the vehicle for introducing those children to a new family – that of the Christian church – through which they will grow to know they are loved by God.

A third cause for rejoicing at All Saints' is that we have been blest by the calling to office of a second churchwarden. As you may know, Stan Gordon has been struggling with the job on his own for the past year, and that was not what we wanted to inflict on him. Nevertheless, Stan did a great job. Now he is to be joined, at least for this year, by Sue Edward, and we are very grateful to her for responding to this call, as we are for Stan's continued involvement, and for the help of all those who have helped with trying to plan for the future administration of the church.

There is, therefore, an exciting future ahead of us. We are an open-armed community! If you would like to come and join us, you will be most welcome.

Keith R Plaister

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### **PCC AGM**

The AGM was held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2003. All members were re-elected and thanks were expressed for all their hard work over the past year. At the time of the AGM the post of the second Church Warden was still unfilled but, happily since then Sue Edward has kindly agreed to take on the task. Welcome Sue and many thanks for agreeing to stand.

### **QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION**

As the name implies the Quinquennial Inspection is a 'health check' on the condition of the Church building which takes place every 5 years and for All Saints June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2002 was the key date! The inspection was carried out by a surveyor nominated by the Diocesan Office and covered every aspect of the building. Happily, no major structural faults were found and work to carry out the recommended works which were limited to routine maintenance and repair plus some improvements to the electrical installations has been started. You may have noticed gutters being cleaned and roof tiles being replaced! Although no major work is involved, the expense places a great strain on our finances and to keep within budget we have found it necessary to phase the work over 2 years. Next year will see repairs being made to the external stone of the porch.

### **VILLAGE FETE - SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Put the date in your diary now!

### **SERVICES**

A reminder of our services each month *to which you are all welcome:*

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Family Service	11:15am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion	8:00am
	Matins	11:15am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion	11:15am
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Children's Sunday Club	9:30am
	Holy Communion	11:15am
If a 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Matins	11:15am

Rev. Keith Plaister  
Sandon Rectory  
Tel (01245) 472202  
Keith's day off is Friday

Churchwardens  
Stan Gordon Tel. 400208  
Sue Edward Tel. 403001



## EAST HANNINGFIELD SCHOOL

Summer term is busy and varied for our school community. We have sports competitions, including cricket, athletics and rounders; sports day; music events, including junior music festival, concerts and musical afternoon; SATs; Book Week; Cycling Proficiency; School Journey; Open Evening; Splash Activity Day and I have probably forgotten something.

Our School Summer Fete takes place on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm to 4.00pm. I hope you will take the opportunity to join us. The formal garden completed last year looks wonderful and was only possible through fund raising and sponsorship.

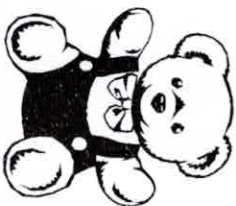
This year's garden project is our friendship garden. This will be less formal. Already we have a concrete base imprinted with our handprints ready for a special bench, that I hope will arrive before the fete. Our sunny flower bed is less planned as plants are donated, many from plants thriving at home. The children have not felt able to wait for the stepping stones to be embedded before developing a variety of games. Other forthcoming events organised by our PTA include a fashion show in September and a Christmas Shopping evening in October.

Linda J Findlay

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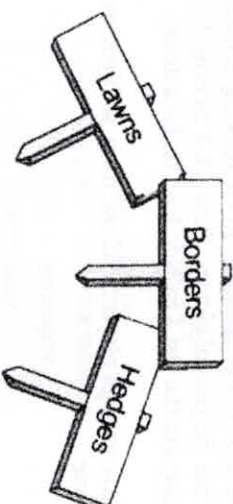


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### HANNA'S TOTS

Thank you's again. Firstly to Tom in the 'Post Shed' for donating a lovely Easter Egg to raffle, the money raised paid for a doll's house and secondly to the volunteers for their unstinting support.

We have some fundraising events planned: a Wine tombolla at the school fete, which will be a warm up for the Teddy tombolla at the village fete.

The Health Visitor always visits once a month for baby weighing or any childcare issues. Next visit will be 6<sup>th</sup> June.

We look forward to seeing you all at the 'Teddy Bears' picnic on 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Claire and Dawn  
403174 400834

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**EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB**

As the season has only just started there is not too much to report on the playing front. The most notable thing about the first matches of the season was the weather: warm & dry. Based on the recent past this is most unusual. On the opening Saturday we almost did an England: grab defeat from the jaws of victory. From 71-1 chasing 133 with 20 overs to go our number 11 had to play out the last 4 balls to hold on for a draw.

As ever we can never have enough players to chose from, so if you would like to play for your village please call me.

Dave Sherry  
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**EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.**

Well Spring arrived and wasn't it lovely? But as I write this it is cold and wet. So what happened?

Thank you to all of you who came along to our charity coffee morning. It went very well and we raised £223 for McMillan Nurses. We would be very pleased to see you at our meetings. On 18<sup>th</sup> June our talk is "Training the Family Dog." On 16<sup>th</sup> July it is "Send a Cow" and at our meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> August Jan Burnette is coming along to tell us of her life in show business. Those of you who are little older may remember her. The times are 7.30pm in our hall. The open meeting is for any of you gentlemen too. So hopefully we might see you at one of these events.

Lilian Grace  
01245 400288



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### Sandon Garden and Allotment Association

This Association is now in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year. The trading hut, by the allotments at the bottom of Hall Lane, is now open for the 2003 season and subscriptions are now due. These are £2.00 for members or £1.00 for senior citizens. All types of compost, fertiliser and garden requisites are available at reasonable cost. Typical prices are:

Growmore, 3Kg. at 90p,

Lawn Weed and feed and moss killer, 3Kg at £2.95,

Rose Fertiliser, 3Kg at £1.20

Wild Bird Seed, 2Kg at £1.00.

Seed catalogues are available in the autumn, the Association purchasing your requirements in bulk to obtain useful discounts. Outings for members are already being arranged, details of which are available at the trading hut. Why not come along, join and benefit from low prices and free advice.

Trading hut opening times 10-noon on Sundays February until October.

Further details : Denis Hawkins 471424

"Gardeners are adept at coping with the weather and the likely climate change over the next 80 years will present exciting opportunities as well as challenges," says Simon Thornton-Wood, Head of Science and Advice at the RHS. "Whilst there will be greater opportunities to grow exotic fruits and sub-tropical plants like citrus and cannas, increased winter rainfall and hotter, drier summers will present drought difficulties for Mediterranean species which dislike water logging. Careful irrigation techniques as well as wise water management will be essential for all gardeners - including those at the RHS."

Next month : Recent Pests new to Britain.



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# East Hanningfield Village Fete

Saturday 13th September 2003

2.00pm to 4.30pm

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## 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 FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2003**, so anyone with an article or advertisement **must** let me have copy by this date at the latest.

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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

The extension to the hall was officially opened by Lord Hanningfield on 14th June. The opening was attended by a number of villagers and representatives of the Parish and Borough Council. The theme of the afternoon was a Teddy Bear's picnic and a number of picnics were consumed assisted by at least two over-dressed teddy bears. Thank you to everyone who helped celebrate the opening of the Hall extension and shop.

The new meeting room is available for hire. Local village organisations will enjoy a reduced rate for the hire of this room.

The annual art show was organized on 11th & 12th July. Thanks to the hard work of several of the committee members a profit of just over £1,000 was achieved. The next major fund raising activity of the Charity will be the village fete to be held on Saturday September 13th. The village fete is organized in conjunction with All Saints Church. This year we hope to have a new stall enabling you to sell pictures that you may have previously purchased at the Village art show. If you would like to submit a previously owned picture for sale please contact Wendy Thomas on 01245 400797 for further details.

The hall, field and sports courts/tennis court are available for bookings which can be made via Iris Evans on 01245 401460. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to villagers.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

The Borough Council's Health Policy Officer has asked me to draw to your attention the free electric blanket testing which will take place at the Cramphorn Theatre Foyer on Tuesday, 23rd September and Wednesday, 24th September from 9.30 am until noon and 1pm until 3.30pm both days.

The new scheme for affordable housing for local people is moving ahead slowly. I have already had several registrations of interest in the housing. If you would like to register for the new scheme please let me have your name and contact address. The Rural Housing Trust is not involved in this scheme. If you registered with the RHT you need to register again, because the housing trust participating in the new scheme does not have access to the previous list of names.

Since the last News the Village Hall extension and Shop/Post Office really has opened, (photographs of the opening ceremony are on display in the Hall corridor) and the portacabin has finally been taken away. There continue to be minor 'snaggings' that need PC's attention, so there is still work being done although the building gives the appearance of being finished. Benches, coat hooks and so on are still to be fitted in the shower rooms, and it has been found necessary to improve ventilation in the shop. People have been using the track of the stair lift as a hand rail, which has been the cause of spreading greasy hand prints, so a proper hand rail is being fitted above the track. Also the earth that was excavated from the site for the foundations and was dumped near the bike mounds, has recently been contoured to improve the bike course.

PC has agreed to install two additional litterbins in the area of the Village Hall car park, and these will go in when the portacabin area has been reinstated. The recent increase in litter around the shop and playing fields makes the area look scruffy, and of course is a health hazard. Also it gives out the message that local people don't care about their local facilities, because they treat them with such little respect.

We have two more visits to the Village Hall car park from the Manned Refuse Vehicle this year. They will be on 11th October and 22nd November. Both are Saturdays, as usual, and the vehicle will arrive at 8am and leave at about 10.45.

Recent PC Meetings, where officers from Chelmsford Borough Council and Essex County Council have been present to explain the proposed traffic-calming scheme for the village, have been very well attended by residents. The officers were responsive to the comments that they received to the consultation on the scheme and came back with several changes. PC was aware that the scheme had to be agreed by September, or it might not go ahead at all, and agreed the second plan in principle, although accepting that there were a few minor points that could still be negotiated. PC is very appreciative of the time and care that the Borough Council officers have given to this scheme, and of their willingness to discuss the

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issues with councillors and residents in some considerable detail. Subject to the safety audit, which is taking place now, the scheme should be implemented shortly.

Following communications from PC a new security fence has been installed around the electricity substation at Ashley Green, and a new replacement directional fingerpost is to be installed on the Tye indicating the presence of the local shop. The finger post is of an expensive design reserved for rural locations and conservation areas, and should be a visual improvement on the existing very tired signpost.

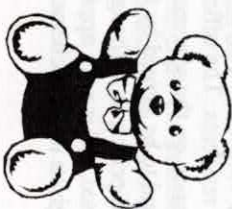
For the most part, PC Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of the month, December usually being an exception. Unless a large number of members of the public are expected, the Meetings are now taking place in the first floor meeting room. This room is a great improvement as it has better temperature control and acoustics than the larger meeting room. PC is presently trying some new ideas for public participation, so that members of the public will be able to speak immediately before the Agenda item which interests them, rather than only at the beginning of the Meeting. Agendas appear on the notice boards at least three clear days before each Meeting. If you have a matter that you wish the Council to consider please let me have your letter at least a week before the Meeting.

Karen Plumridge,  
Clerk to the Council  
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### EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

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The children and staff have been very busy this term.

With thanks to the school they had a great 'morning 'pond dipping' discovering lots of creatures.

We were able to have sports day outside in the sunshine this year, everybody did very well and were awarded with medals. Mums, Dads and Staff also were very energetic in their egg and spoon races.

There was also a Teddy Bears picnic to celebrate the end of term and say farewell and good luck to those who are going up to 'Big School'.

We look forward to seeing you at the village fete where we have a Tombola stall for grown-ups and a Name the Teddy stall for the children, all funds raised provide the Pre-School with new equipment.

Clare Liddiard

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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

In his notes in the summer edition of East Hammingfield News, Keith drew attention to the number of Baptisms that had been requested in recent months. So far this year we have already matched the total number of Baptisms over the past three years. Or put another way, by the end of July more people had been Baptized this year than in any of the previous 10 years - and we have more to come later in the year! Which ever way you look at it this is a very encouraging sign for the future of our Parish Church and one which brings much joy to our congregation. However you do not have to be a babe in arms to be welcome in All Saints'. New members of all ages are welcome - come and see for yourself!

### **VILLAGE FETE - SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2 PM**

This is All Saints' main fund raising event of the year. Come and join in and enjoy the fun on Hanna's Field & help raise the funds necessary to allow the Church, Hanna's Field Charity and the other village clubs involved to play their full part in our community.

### **OTHER DIARY DATES**

Sunday Club	9.30 am in the church on 28th September - The Sunday Club restarts after its summer break
Harvest Festival	Sunday 5th October
Remembrance Sunday	9th November
Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 15th November

### **SERVICES**

A reminder of our services each month to which you are all welcome:

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	Matins	11:15am
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion	11:15am
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	Holy Communion	11:15am
If a 5th Sunday	Matins	11:15am

Revd. Keith Plaister

Sandon Rectory

Tel: (01245) 472262

Keith's day off is Friday

Churchwardens

Stan Gordon Tel: 400298

Sue Edward Tel: 403091

## Jesters Kids Club



The intention of this information is to give you some insight into how **Jesters Kids Club** operates. Many of you may not have experienced a kids club and therefore may be a little unsure of what we are here for. Predominantly Kids Clubs are here to provide a range of creative play and learning activities in a comfortable and safe environment. We are a member of **Kids Clubs Network**, a national organisation dedicated to the provision of care for children aged between 4-15yrs, we are also inspected and registered with **Ofsted**.

### Meeting your needs

- Our after school clubs in Bicknacre and Danbury run from **3.15pm**, when we collect children from school to 6.15pm
- We also provide a breakfast club from **7.30am - 8.45am**, at which point we take the children to school at St John's school in Danbury
- To compliment this service we offer a full days holiday club from **8.00am - 6.00pm** every day of the holidays with the exception of bank holidays at Bicknacre
- Prices range from £4.50 for a breakfast session, £8.00 for an after school session and £20.00 holiday. There are concessionary rates for more than one child. For all three services the children are supplied with nutritious snacks prepared on site.
- We are registered for 26 children, our staff ratios are 1:8 (under eighths) and on outings 1:5.

### Activities

The approach of our club is centred on the children, who have choices in what they do and balances free play with structured activities. Puzzles, reading, construction, dressing up and colouring are examples of the things that will always be available for the children to play with.

Structured activities follow chosen themes from term to term and generally involve, arts and crafts projects, team games, quizzes, music, sports, gardening and simple cookery. Some of our after school themes have included the Aztecs, Inuit's, Textiles and Woodcraft.

In the holidays we have previously got ourselves involved in fossil hunting, making instruments, making costumes, producing radio and television shows, aboriginal artwork on fabric and face painting, pottery, painting large garden murals, team games, sports, visits and lots more!

If you are interested either in childcare or job opportunities then please contact Alison Doherty on 07810 634 151 for more information.



## PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S RETIREMENT

During the early part of the 1970's, a young family moved into the village of East Hanningfield and took up residence in Rails Farmhouse. The Dixon family were to have a marked influence on this village community in the years to come.

In 1973 Alan Dixon was elected on to the Parish Council and he was later to become the Chairman at the Parish Council Meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1981, a post he held until this year when he decided not to continue in office.

During the early days, he was extremely active in organising fund raising events for the East Hanningfield Community Centre Appeal. Part of this activity consisted of organising ten annual Chelmsford Model Railway Exhibitions and Go Cart Grand Prix in aid of the then future village hall. Alan's enthusiasm and effort was instrumental in providing the village with the hall and indeed with the very recent extension that we are now all able to enjoy with its integral shop and Post Office.

However, a great deal of the work that Alan undertook on behalf of the village goes unsung and unrecorded and we all owe him a vote of thanks for his dedication and tireless effort over the years.

On behalf of the residents of the Parish, may we wish you a long and happy retirement and may you leisurely enjoy the village on whose behalf you worked for over thirty years.

Les Draper (Chairman-Parish Council)

## BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Work has continued to progress well on the new church building in Old Church Road. The window units were fitted at the end of May, closely followed by the external doors. In June the outside rendering was finished. This transformed the external appearance of the building which now looks ninety five per cent complete.

It was decided to take advantage of the he summer weather by continuing with the outside work. So in early August the drains were laid, external paths and ramps made up and the car park and grounds levelled. The site now looks the neatest and tidiest it has done since building work started just over a year ago. Our thanks to our near neighbours who have patiently borne with all the upheaval during the major stages of building - things should be much quieter from now on.

In June we held a 'Lunch and Plant Sale' to raise funds for the new building. This went really well with many people from the village enjoying a ploughman's lunch in pleasant surroundings and taking home plants at bargain prices. Around £600 was raised for the building fund! Our thanks to all who supported us in this and particular thanks to Joyce Dorman of Ashley Green who allowed her home and garden to be used for this event.

While the new building is under construction, the church continues to meet for worship on Sunday mornings in the W. I. Hall and during the week in various homes in the village, rather like the very early church before they had any special buildings of their own.

Rainbow Club for primary school aged children continued to thrive this year with around forty children coming along to the Village Hall on Friday evenings. Just to remind parents that the Autumn term will start Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 6.00pm.

We as a church have known God's blessing this past year, not just in his provision for the new building but in many other ways also. He really is our Good Shepherd who leads, comforts and satisfies. We have an opportunity to give our thanks to him for his provision at our special Family Harvest Thanksgiving service, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 10.45am in the W. I. Hall. Please come and join us.

David Cotley Tel. 400665

## EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

Where have the last 3 months gone to? What a glorious summer we are enjoying. Let's hope it goes on a bit longer. A reminder for all you ladies out there to go along to your local cinema next month to see the film "Calendar Girls". Should be good fun. Who knows it might even encourage some of you to join.

As well as our monthly meetings you can do such a lot of things at our centre in Chelmsford & at national level. In September our talk is "A Nation of Shopkeepers" & in October someone from the Trading Standards Office.

We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in our hall. Hope to see you there.

Lilian Crace tel. 400288

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How do you get broadband? In East Hanningfield from everyone's favourite telecoms company of course: BT. If you go to BT's web site ([www.bt.com](http://www.bt.com)), follow the broadband link, enter your phone number or post code you get a message saying "Sorry - broadband ADSL is not yet available in your area, but we are currently assessing demand". In order for BT to upgrade the Hanningfield exchange they need 200 people to register interest. As at mid-August 115 (58%) had registered an interest.

So if you want broadband, it only needs another 85:

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- o Register your interest.

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Scott Matheson/Dave Sherry

## HANNA'S TOTS

Mother & under 5's group with Toy Library. Volunteer group.

Every Friday 9.30 - 11.30 in Village Hall

Thank you all who supported us at the School fete. With the money raised we managed to buy a few more bits. We now have a good stock of toys, from baby soft stuff, toddler noisy stuff and rough and tumble stuff - tunnels, tents, ball ponds and wheels! All of our equipment can be borrowed free of charge, not only by parents but also grandparents and babysitters.

We will be at the Village fete with a Teddy Tombola and look forward to seeing you there. There are other fundraising events coming. We have a jewellery party on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, and coming up to Christmas ( dare I mention it ! ) we have a number of present idea parties.

The Health Visitor still comes once a month for anyone to come and see about childcare issues. Or pop in any week for a cup of coffee, biscuits and a chat with other mothers, we'd love to see some new faces.

Clare Liddiard  
403174

## EAST HANNINGFIELD C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

I thank you for the support the school has enjoyed from parents and the community during my first year as Headteacher.

We managed to dodge the showers in the last week of term to have Sports Day and open our Friendship Garden. Only the rounders tournament was a victim of poor weather and sadly had to be cancelled. The children have been a pleasure to take out on visits, including the extended journey, District Sports and the Music Events. All those taking part in Cycling Training reached the required standard and should continue to put skills into practice to use the roads safely.

We were proud of the individual efforts of the children in their SATs and wish our Year 6 a successful and happy continuation of their education in their new schools. We look forward to seeing other full time pupils refreshed and ready for learning on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September.

There is a Fashion Show in the Village hall on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. This is run by the PTA to raise funds Mr the school.

Linda J. Findlay

## EAST HANNINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

A feature of the type of cricket we play is that when we have no game we "go to conference". The "conference" is the Club Cricket Conference to which most village green clubs are affiliated. One of the services it offers is a match clearing house facility. So if, for example, you have a team but no one to play you can call conference & they will put you in touch with teams in a similar position & hopefully you can set up a game.

Over the years we have played a number of conference games. In some cases you get a side too strong/weak for a good competitive game. Other times we played teams who went on to become regular fixtures. In August our fixture secretary set us up with an 'interesting' (his words) fixture. It was a touring side. From Bombay! They had been sent to England by the Cricket Board for a 3 week tour. The average age was about 16. Before the game, despite their age, we felt we may be on to a bit of a hiding. Especially as half of our bowling attack was unavailable. We were not disappointed! They hammered us for 274 runs off of 40 overs. Though not humiliated we got nowhere near their total when we batted.

However, besides their obvious talents as cricketers what struck us most was their politeness. When they asked for guard it was "please" & "thank you sir." When they brought the drinks out to us (it was a very hot day) it was "a drink sir?" The fact that some of them batted & bowled in jumpers made us think that perhaps it wasn't as hot a day as we thought. Apparently back in Bombay they play in +40C.

As ever we are on the look out for players. Especially for our Sunday side. So if you would like to play please call.

Dave Sherry  
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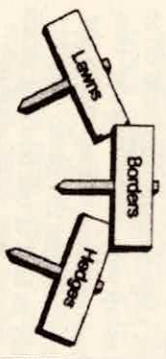
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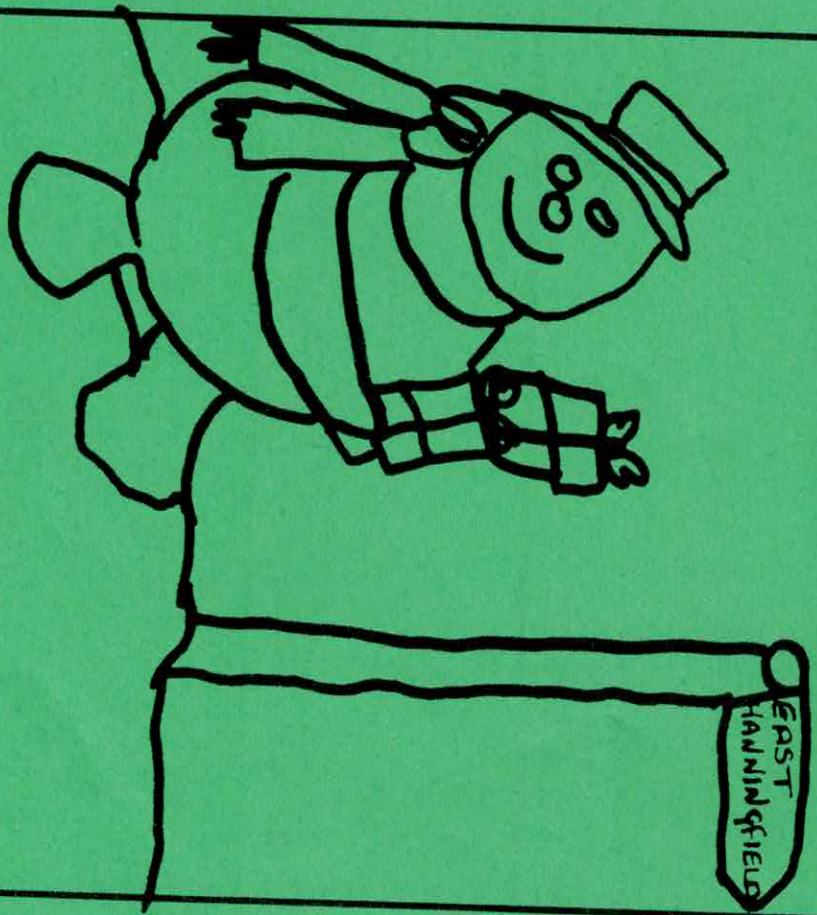
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## **FROM THE EDITOR**

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 FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEB. 2004.** Anyone with an article or advertisement should let me have a copy by this date at the **LATEST**.

I would also like to thank the children from the school who took part in the Christmas cover competition. The winner was Callum Perrin and the runner ups were –Shannon Glenn, Chloe Brooker, James Harvey, Charis Evans, Hannah Knox and Harriet Silvester. I would also like to thank the people who deliver the newsletter to the households round the village.

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## **PARISH COUNCIL**

The Saturday morning manned refuse vehicle visits to the Village Hall car park for 2004 have been confirmed as 21st. February, 26th. June, 9th. October and 20th. November. The vehicle will arrive at 8.30am and leave at about 10.45. Please don't leave any refuse in the car park. On a related topic, Chelmsford Borough Council will be temporarily ceasing the brown bin collection for the months of December, January and February, and from 1st. December the black bins will be emptied every week. The paper-sacks and green boxes will continue to be emptied fortnightly.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Housing Survey form and return it. The replies have shown without a doubt that there is a need for affordable housing for local people in East Hanningfield. At the time of writing there have been 27 registrations of need. There has been some concern expressed about the proposed development, and questions raised as to whether the housing would be 'open market' or 'key worker'. I can confirm that it will be neither of these. It will be a mix of shared ownership and rented housing with no right to buy, so it will remain available for local people in perpetuity. PC has expressed support in principle and awaits production of the design details. The site for the proposed development is in Old Church Road between Oaklands and the pumping station.

There having been a flurry of activity concerning the consultation about the proposed traffic clamping for the main road through the village, you might be wondering why the installation is being carried out piecemeal. Much of the signage has been installed but is covered by sacking. The reason for this is that the new traffic priorities must have illuminated signage and street lighting to be safe, and it is the connection to the electricity that we are awaiting. The Borough Council cannot do this work and must wait for the contractor to do it. The Parish Council was pleased with the attention paid by the Borough Council officers to the consultation process and is assured that all views expressed were considered, and the final design was the best compromise that could be reached.

Borough Cllr. Ron Saunders has provided me with information about Christmas shopping arrangements in Chelmsford. From 1st. December the market will be open seven days a week, on Saturdays from 8.30am to 5pm and on every other day from 8.30am until 4pm. For Thursday late night shopping there will be free parking in the Borough Council car parks, and Sunday parking will be £1 for the whole day. To pre-book a scooter from the Meadows Shopmobility service please call, during normal working hours, 01245 357097. To entice you into the town, Chelmsford Borough Council is installing new Christmas lights in the town centre from Quadrant to Shire Hall and in part of Springfield Road, transforming it "into a twinkling winter wonderland".

There has been much concern expressed at Parish Council meetings recently by councillors and members of the public about the anti-social behaviour of a few youths. Demanding money with menaces and causing criminal damage are obviously criminal offences. Do you



know where your teenagers go in the evenings and at weekends? And do you know the company they are keeping? It is going to come as a nasty shock to a few parents when the inevitable happens and the Police pay a home visit. Now would be a good time to have a chat with the younger members of your family to find out what has been going on, how deeply involved they are, and also whether they are being intimidated to keep quiet.

Please note that during December and January, the PC Meetings will not be taking place on the usual fourth Thursday of the month. There will be no Meeting in December. In January there will be Meetings on 8th. and 29th. both of which are Thursdays. Members of the public are very welcome to attend PC Meetings and are given an opportunity to speak, but if there is an important matter which requires a council decision it must appear on the Agenda. If you have such an issue please send me the details in writing so that I receive it a week before the Meeting.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council,  
Telephone 400628

Macmillan Cancer Relief will be holding their Chelmsford Cathedral Christmas Carol Concert in aid of Macmillan in Essex £2.5 million appeal, on Wednesday 10th. December, 2003 at 7.30pm, featuring The Waltham Singers. Tickets priced £6 are available from Macmillan Cancer Relief, 60 Railway Street, Chelmsford CM1 1QS 01245 345280. Email [eburgess@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:eburgess@macmillan.org.uk).

#### Wishing for a family

In a bold appeal, Essex County Council marked National Adoption Week (3<sup>rd</sup> November 2003) by releasing poignant pictures of real children wishing for a family.

Toni, 7 & Page, 5 are half sisters who need to stay together. Toni is a bright, friendly and outgoing child who is eager to please. She enjoys reading and physical activities. Page is an affectionate child who loves playing with her dolls. She enjoys painting, drawing and watching TV. They would be ideally placed with experienced parents or a couple who have a lot of contact with children.

These children are among 60 in Essex waiting for adoptive families.

The 'wishing for a family' campaign aims to raise awareness of the type of children who need adopting including older children, brothers and sisters and ethnic minority children. The campaign also hopes to dispel some of the myths surrounding adoption. Many people who would make excellent adopters rule themselves out for the wrong reasons. Single

people as well as couples can adopt. There is no upper age limit for adoptive parents, though it is important to be fit enough to care for a child for the rest of their childhood. The only real criteria are that people are over 21 and in good health.

'Adoption is a lifelong commitment and can be incredibly challenging but it's also one of the most rewarding things you can do. The difference the security of having a permanent family makes to a child's life is amazing', said Essex adopters Mr & Mrs Smart who adopted four children aged six, four and a half, three and a half and two.

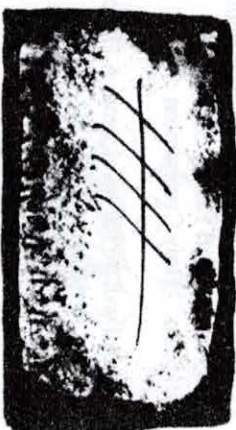
To find out more about adoption please telephone freephone 0800 801 530 and ask for an adoption information pack or visit [www.essexcc.gov.uk/adoptionandfostering](http://www.essexcc.gov.uk/adoptionandfostering)

#### Anyone For Broadband?

Following a surge of demand over the summer East Hanningfield has now made it on to the Broadband map. With a bit of luck we should be "switched on" in February 2004.

Before you all run out and get signed up to the best-advertised broadband offer of the week there are a few things you should consider: cost, contract length, connection ratio, free/good technical help and if any other services are provided.

So what can I expect? Connection from £18-£27/month, contract lengths from 1 to 12 months. For more information look at [www.ispreview.co.uk](http://www.ispreview.co.uk) for a complete list of 130 ADSL internet service providers (ISP's). Or [www.adslguide.org.uk](http://www.adslguide.org.uk) for reviews and actual speed test on the them. Alternatively send an email to [hanningfield2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hanningfield2003@yahoo.co.uk).



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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

What does All Saints' mean to me? On All Saints' Sunday, several people spoke in Church about what All Saints Church means to them. We thought you might like to read what they said. The first examples are reproduced below. Further extracts will follow in the next editions of East Hammingfield News.

*"I was baptised, confirmed & married in the same church, St. Mary's in Bedlington, Surrey. Then I ceased to be a regular church goer, attending baptisms, weddings & funerals, and the occasional carol service. Eight years ago I moved with my family to East Hammingfield to live a short walk from All Saints'. So why did I finally come back to Church - this Church? Gil Gordon bears some responsibility, as it was she who put a card through our door, welcoming us to the village, & to the church, giving times of services. And so I came, & found that welcome genuine & unconditional - something I needed at the time & which represented a way back. All Saints' meant to me then, & now, above all a friendly, caring & inclusive community. Like the people who worship here, this Church is unpretentious & unassuming, but with its own unique character & beauty. What could be more restorative to the soul than to sit in quiet prayer, with the sun streaming through the stained glass window?"*

*Jackie Feehan*

And the view of a Sunday Club member:

*"I think of it as a Holy Place. I like the pictures in the windows, really pretty, lovely colours especially when the sun shines through the glass. At Sunday Club we do fun stuff. I like singing the songs, they make you relaxed. Our Sunday Club prayer is nice because it rhymes when you say it ..."*

*Chloe Whitworth*

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 7 December	5:00 pm	Christingle Service. A service of candle lights. Children are especially welcome.
Monday 8 December	7:30 pm	W1 Christmas Service.
Thursday 18 December	6:00 pm	School Carol Service
Sunday 21 December	3:00 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols followed by wine & mince pies. Please note NO 11:14 am service.
Christmas Eve	11:30 pm	Midnight Communion with Carols.
Christmas Day	11:15 am	Short Family Service
Sunday 28 December	11:15 am	Holy Communion

Make a note in your diaries now. All will be very welcome. A Happy & Joyous Christmas to you all with Peace and Happiness in the New Year.

### LOOKING AHEAD TO 2004

Q. Do you know why 2004 is a special year year for East Hammingfield?  
A. Its the 120th birthday of All Saints' Church!

We need your help to keep the church going in this village, so please celebrate this birthday by collecting, during the next twelve months, 120 coins of the same denomination - you choose which coin you would like to collect. Special envelopes for this purpose are available in the Church or from Stan Gordon. Details will be given in the next newsletter of other events to mark this anniversary.

### DATE FOR THE DIARY

On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2004 we'll be holding a fun quiz evening in the Village Hall from 7.00pm. Tickets which include a ploughman's supper will be available after Christmas. They will cost £7.00 and can be obtained from the Churchwardens (see below) or other members of the PCC. More details will be on posters in the New Year. Please do come along and join in the fun.

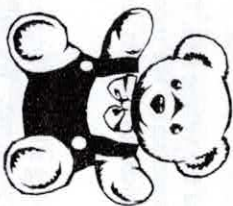
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## BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

It is hard to believe that we are approaching Christmas time again. In the last issue of the news magazine we were still advertising summer events, but summer now seems to be just a distant memory. Our Good News Club for primary school children, held in the village hall in August went very well. The children really seem to enjoy this, as do the adult helpers: everyone keeps coming back for more. Our next Holiday Club will not be until Easter time next year. We will let you know the dates well in advance.

It has been a quiet period in our new church building project in Old Church Road. The external features of the building and grounds have largely been completed and we are now waiting for the building fund to be replenished before continuing with work on the interior. We expect to be in a position to resume early in the New Year.

As I write we are preparing for our next fund raising event in connection with the new church building: the 'Winter Warner Lunch' held in the W.I. hall on 25<sup>th</sup> November. This has always gone well in previous years with many from the village enjoying the occasion, the food and the craft items that are available for purchase. We trust that this year's lunch will be just as enjoyable and thank you if you supported us in this.

Despite all the commercialisation, rush and added stress, I still find Christmas an exciting and special time. If we look beyond all the tinsel and forced jollity we may see the reality of the coming of Jesus, the Son of God, into our world, bringing spiritual light and life to all who will receive him. That is something special to celebrate. Come and join us in praise and worship at:

**Family Christmas Carol Service, W. I. Hall, 10:45am, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December.**  
**Christmas Morning Worship, W.I. Hall, 10am, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December.**

Happy Christmas  
David Cottey tel. 400665

## HANNA'S TOYS

Mother & Under 5's group with Toy Library. Every Friday 9.30-11.30 in Village Hall.

Thank you to all who supported us at the village fete. The money raised will help with our rent costs and go towards our Christmas party. We recently had a very successful jewellery party and children's clothes party which gave Mums (and little girls) ideas for Christmas presents.

On the 14 November we will be having a Body Shop party to which everyone is welcome. Another chance for more Christmas shopping. We still have our regular visits from the Health Visitor if you want to get your baby weighed or have a chat about any childcare issues. We shall be closed over Christmas but are looking forward to our Xmas party on 19 December.

Dawn Falkingham  
400834

## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

It seems a long time ago now, but this summer's Fete on the Playing Field was another great success. As in past years, the Fete was organised jointly by us and the Parochial Church Council, with a profit of just over £1,800 shared equally. The lovely weather of course helped but thank you to everybody who came and supported the event or helped with running it.

People using the playing fields will probably have noticed various improvements. As part of this work the Parish Council paid for the spoil mound from the hall extension foundations to be used to extend the Mountain Bike Track. The reinstatement of the south field football pitch has finally been completed allowing us to bring both football pitches into use next year. On that subject, dog fouling is still a problem on the fields and the Football Club's appeal to dog owners to stop their dogs fouling these areas. The Charity also reminds owners that dogs are not allowed into the Children's play area, and users please close the gate.

Hopefully, people will also have noticed how much cleaner the field and hall environs are thanks to the efforts of John Cousins who is doing a weekly litter pick. It's a pity we have to spend income from things like the Fete for this purpose when litterbins are provided and we ask parents in particular to remind their children to dispose of litter properly. It is also sad to have to report a massive increase in damage to the hall exterior and windows due to vandalism and most recently graffiti. These have resulted in a large increase in repair bills and increase in our insurance excess. The bills will have to be passed onto hall hirers in the form of increased hire rates and the Charity urges anybody witnessing an incident to report it directly to the police, as well as telling us the names of those responsible. We don't want to have to go to the considerable expenses of CCTV but it seems we may have to if things do not improve.

The extended hall facilities include a smart new meeting room/kitchenette, which is available to local people at the special low rate of £5 per meeting (up to three and a half hours). If you would like to use this room (meetings only) contact Mrs Evans (tel. No. at Hall entrance)

The Charity's last formal Management Committee meeting of 2003 takes place on the 17th December. With the completion of the hall extension and opening of the shop this has been a very busy and eventful year for the Management Committee. Looking ahead the Charity's AGM takes place on Wednesday 25th February (8p.m.) in the hall meeting room and we would like to hear from anybody interested in joining the new management committee in 2004.

Lastly, please note that the Hall will be closed over the Christmas period from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December through to Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> January inclusive.



## EAST HANNINGFIELD C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

At your village school we believe education extends beyond the classroom, so we make the most of opportunities to extend understanding, skills and experience. Year 5 and 6 pupils sang in a wonderful concert at the Royal Albert Hall in October.

A September trip by class 4 to Crossing Temple Barns was particularly popular, possibly because they all had a chance to get very messy while practising traditional building skills.

Many people in the village know Pat Harvey, the school secretary. Currently we are missing her calm daily presence as she recently broke her right arm. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Our Christmas Bazaar takes place on Saturday, 29th November. Please come along between 1.30 and 4.00 pm.

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## EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Well Christmas is looming again so we will all be busy. We've had a good year at W.I. and we hope it will be even better next year. As from January we are changing to afternoon meetings. Our meetings will still be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month and starting at 2p.m, so we hope some of you will come along and give us a try. Ray Spiller will be there to entertain us, he's good fun.

In the meantime we send our good wishes to you all for a Happy Christmas and a healthy 2004.

Lilian Grace

400288

## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

Monday - Thursday 9.15- 11.45 in Village Hall.

We firstly say 'farewell and thank you' to those committee members that have left and 'hello and welcome' to the new members. Great fun has been had by all this term with the children learning about different countries in Europe. They also had the chance to taste traditional Greek food when Katerina kindly visited us and showed the children how to make Loukoumatis.

We would like to thank all of those who supported our stall at the Village fete which was a great success. If anyone has any interesting skills, work or otherwise e.g. fireman, dentist, playing instruments and would like to visit us and talk to the children we would love to hear from you.

Finally the annual Christmas Nativity and bazaar will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone is welcome to join us. Followed by the Christmas party on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Clare Liddiard  
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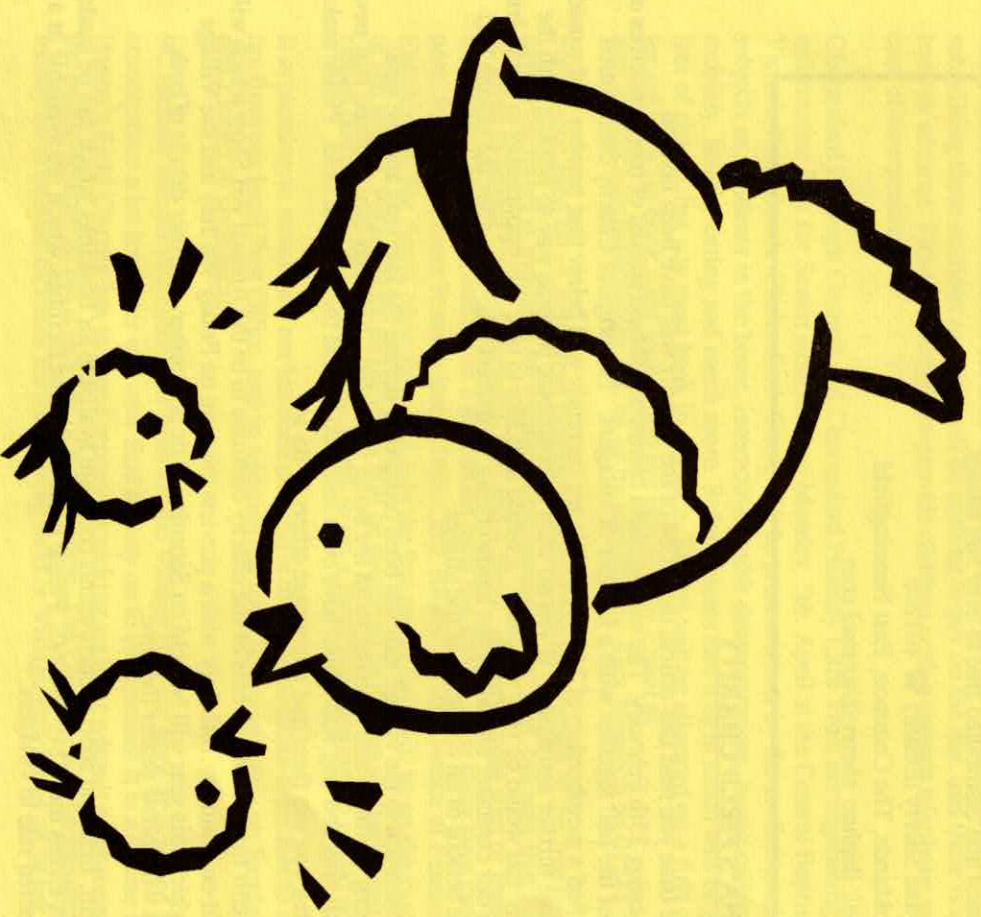
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**COPY DATE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS FRIDAY 14th MAY 2004**, so anyone with an article or advertisement **must** let me have copy by this date at the latest.

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## **HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY**

By the time you read this article the AGM of the Charity will have been held on Wednesday 25th February. The management committee should consist of representatives of users of the hall together with a number of villagers. The original Charity constitution identified a membership of 24 People. We are currently well below that number and would welcome further assistance. If you do want to contribute in some way to helping with the Charity you would be very welcome. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Iris Evans our caretaker and all of the hardworking volunteers who look after the village hall for the benefit of all residents of the village.

The extension to the village hall has been completed during the last year and the new changing facilities and meeting room are being well used. You may have noticed that new rubbish bins and dog waste bins have been installed around the hall and field. Please make sure that you use them and encourage others to do so.

The main fund raising events of the charity continue to be the Annual Art Show which will be held on Saturday 10th July with a preview evening on Friday 9th July and the Village Fete which this year will be held on Saturday 11th September. Further details of both events will follow nearer the time.

The hall, field and sports courts/tennis court are available for bookings which can be made via Iris Evans on 01245 401460. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to villagers.

Colin Warren  
Chairman  
01245 401050  
[cwarren132@aol.com](mailto:cwarren132@aol.com)

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

PC has made arrangements with Chelmsford Borough Council for activities to take place at the Village Hall during the Easter school break. There will be a Play Day for children aged 5-11 years on Thursday, 8th April. This will consist of a morning session from 10.30am until 12.30pm and an afternoon session from 1.45pm until 3.45pm. There will be two sports coaching sessions for children aged 6-14 years at the tennis courts. The Netball session will take place on Monday, 5th April from 9.30 am until 12 noon, and the Tennis session will be on Tuesday, 13th April from 9.30am until 12 noon. Both sports sessions will involve a multi-sport element, and the coaches will bring equipment for rounders and cricket. PC is subsidising these sessions so there will be nothing to pay on the day, and there is no need to book in advance. Please remember to provide children with a contact telephone number in case of emergencies.

Chelmsford Borough Council and Chelmsford Primary Care Trust are organising an Information Day for Senior Residents on Monday, 5th April at the Central Baptist Church, Victoria Road South, Chelmsford. There will be presentations by the professionals on such subjects as accidents in the home, interactive health demonstrations, bogus callers advice, mobility, healthy eating and much more. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided free of charge, but you must book in advance. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis (so book right away), and are available by Email at [alex.murdoch@chelmsfordbc.gov.uk](mailto:alex.murdoch@chelmsfordbc.gov.uk) or by telephoning Alex Murdoch on 01245 606289.

For anyone aged 60+ Chelmsford Borough Council has sent details of the free bus travel days. Free travel is available for journeys commencing after 9am, but note that priority will be given to school children between 3.30 and 4.30pm. Journeys must start or finish within Chelmsford Borough, and be on a scheduled local bus service. Just show your current bus pass, State Retirement Pension Book, DSS Card, BR464 or DSS Notice of Pension Entitlement. For April, May, June and July the free travel days will be on the first Tuesday of the month. Posters with all the dates will be displayed in the bus shelters, (until they are ripped down by the sad person who seems to get a thrill from tearing up public notices).

It is pleasing to note that Tom has been successful in his application to be able to supply car tax from our local Post Office, and in addition the shop is now opening on Sundays, so don't forget to shop locally.

PC recently bought two extra litter bins for the Village Hall car park. It is hoped that as a consequence a lot less litter will now find its way on to the ground! It is a shame that Hanna's Field Charity has to spend money on picking up litter when it costs members of the public nothing to put it in a bin or take it home. The Charity could be spending that money on improved facilities for the playing field or Village Hall for us all to use.

At the time of writing news is awaited on whether the bid for Government funding for the proposed scheme of affordable housing for local people has been successful. Obviously,



without the funding it cannot go ahead. Colne Housing have informed me that they will be giving PC sight of the plans for the scheme prior to submitting the planning application. They have been consulting with the Planning Department at Chelmsford Borough Council to establish what might be acceptable in planning terms and as a consequence the design which was on display in the Village Hall in the summer has had to be abandoned and a new layout prepared. I have no further information on this score because PC was not a party to this dialogue. There has been some suggestion that the chosen site is in the green belt and therefore should not be built on, but in fact the only part of East Hanningfield Parish that is in the green belt is to the west of the old A130. There have also been concerns that the scheme would set a precedent for open market development on nearby sites; but, according to the planners, this is incorrect because it would be an 'exception site' with strict conditions applied and therefore would not set a precedent. Colne Housing have also been talking to the Housing Department at Chelmsford Borough Council, and these discussions have resulted in agreement that there is more than enough demand to justify a scheme of twelve houses. From information received through the Housing Survey it has been decided that the mix should be as follows:

- 1 x 2 bed ground floor wheelchair adapted flat,
- 1 x 1 bed first floor flat for general use,
- 4 x 2 bed houses,
- 2 x 3 bed houses,
- 4 x 3 bed houses with a linked bedroom over an access to parking at rear.

Since the beginning of 2004 there have been new regulations in force concerning allowances for councillors. These regulations require PC to seek recommendations from an independent Remuneration Panel as to the level of allowances before determining what they should be. The allowances then have to be publicised. The Panel has yet to meet, so the whole process is on hold. The irony is that PC has to pay the expenses of the Panel, but does not have to follow its advice (for PC read the Council Tax Payer). It is generally thought that the cost of the Panel is going to be higher than most parish councils will spend on allowances in a year. Please don't shoot me; I'm only the messenger!

If you missed the manned refuse vehicle on 21st. February, I am sorry to have to say that you have a long wait until the next visit on 26th. June. In the meantime, don't forget that you can take your bulky refuse to the civic amenity sites at South Woodham Ferrers or Boreham.

Parish Council Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of each month, usually starting at 8pm. If you haven't been to a Meeting recently I think you will be surprised at how much more comfortable the first floor meeting room is and how much easier it is to hear what is being said! Matters for consideration by the Council should reach me in writing a week before the Meeting takes place so that it can be included in the Agenda. PC is forbidden by law to make a decision on a matter that is not specified on the Agenda, so please come and speak during Public Question Time but do not expect a decision there and then.

Lastly, some people are put off by my answer-phone. Please leave a message. Quite often I am there, but in another room or waiting to see if it's a double-glazing salesman! (or any other kind of tele-sales person).

Karen Plumridge,  
Clerk to the Council  
(400628)

### **BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

It has been good recently, to note how the days are lengthening and how it's staying light for longer - every sign that the worst of Winter is over and the Spring is coming with all its promise of new life and growth. It's good to be able to report, too, growth here at the church. A number of new people from the village and from the surrounding area have joined us over the past year and are now worshipping regularly with us. The new growth has meant that we've recently had to change the venue for our Thursday evening Bible Study group. Over the past 22 months since we demolished our old church buildings we've been holding our Bible Study at a home in the village, but the growth of this group has meant that, in February, we had to move to larger premises. You will find us in the new meeting room above the shop in the village hall. We will be there at 7.30pm most Thursday evenings except those on which the Parish Council meet. In March we will be starting a new series of studies looking at what the New Testament letter of the apostle Paul to the Colossians has to say to us today. Why not come and join us?

The building fund for our new church building in Old Church Road has been growing steadily over the past months. We recently had discussions with the builder regarding lighting and heating and we will soon be in a position to resume work on the interior of the building. We have now passed the two thirds stage in this project so we see the final third as the finishing stretch.

Spring-time means Easter-time for the church. Easter is the greatest of the festivals in the Christian calendar, reminding us as it does that all our hope for salvation and eternal life and relationship with God is based on the death and resurrection of Jesus. We have a number of Easter events planned.

For 5-10 year old children:  
**Good News Club Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> and Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> April, 10:30am to 12:15pm in Village Hall**

For everyone:  
**Good Friday Communion Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> April 10am, in W.I. Hall**  
**Easter Family Service Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> April 10.45am, in W.I. Hall**

Happy Easter

David Cotley tel. 400665



## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

2004 is a special year for East Hanningfield. This year All Saints' Church is 120 years old. The previous church, which dated back to medieval times was situated near East Hanningfield Hall in (curiously enough!) Old Church Road. When it burnt down the decision was made to rebuild the church in the heart of the village and All Saints' was born.

To celebrate we are planning a special Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 11th July at 11.15am when we will be joined by the Bishop of Bradwell, Laurie Green. Everyone is welcome to attend, so please do come along, especially if you have connections, however tenuous, with the church or been baptised or married in it.

However whilst there is cause to rejoice, there are also serious questions to be asked. Will All Saints' still be around in 120 years' time? Or even in 10 years' time? At the moment All Saints' is here for you throughout the year. For the happy occasions, such as weddings and baptisms. For the sad occasions when comfort is needed. It's here for regular weekly services and for the growing children's Sunday Club. But in 2003 All Saints' was not able to cover its costs, and has had to dip into its small reserve fund. For All Saints' to remain a focal part of our village life, you need to be aware that we require regular donations to keep it alive and open.

If you would like East Hanningfield to continue to have a living parish church, please think about making a regular donation. Large or small, all giving will be warmly welcomed. For details please contact the Churchwardens (see below) or our Treasurer, Richard Huke (Tel: 400744). Of course we also run fund-raising activities through the year and we would particularly like to thank all those who attended the recent fun quiz evening when a very welcome £622 was raised.

Here's what two members of our congregation said about what All Saints' means to them:

'As well as being a place where God's presence is keenly felt, All Saints' holds a special place in my heart as it's the church where I was baptised as a baby, attended Sunday School as a child, went to Communion with my mother as a teenager, was married, witnessed my brother's baptism and marriage, my son was also married there and both my grandchildren were christened there. My grandparents were married at All Saints' and my father was baptised there too. My grandparents and other relatives are buried in the churchyard and also when researching village history, I discovered that my great-grandfather was choirmaster and organist for many years. Perhaps because I have lived in many countries and made a home for our family all over the world, I feel a heightened sense of my roots in the village where I grew up and believe strongly as a Christian that the village church should be an important part of village life. As we were lucky enough to inherit such a beautiful church, we ought to cherish it and do all in our power to pass on to future generations this particular part of God's Kingdom.'

Gil Gordon

'When I come inside the Church it's lovely and quiet. The Church bells always sound as if they are talking when they ring. I enjoy going to Sunday Club because we make lots of things. I like singing the songs because we have the same ones at school!'  
Libby Newman

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 21 March 11.15am. Mothering Sunday family service. We celebrate God's gift of our Mother Church, as well as our own mothers and grandmothers. Every child will receive a small gift of flowers to take home to Mum.

March/April. Lent course. This short course is held on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings at St Andrew's Church, Sandon, for all who wish to reflect more closely on the meaning of Lent and Easter. Details from David Farrar (Tel: 471484).

### Easter Services:

Palm Sunday 4 April	11.15am	Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday 8 April	8.00pm	Holy Communion (nb at St Andrew's Sandon)
Good Friday 9 April	2.00pm	Hymns and prayers (nb at St Andrew's Sandon)
Easter Saturday 10 April	7.30pm	Compline (short service with time for reflection)
Easter Day 11 April	8.00pm	Easter Vigil
	11.15am	Family Communion

Tuesday 18 May. The Limes Garden Open. Enjoy the garden. Plants, home made cakes, teas and coffees for sale.

Sunday 11th July 11.15am 120th Anniversary Service

Revd Keith Plaister  
Sandon Rectory  
Tel: (01245 472262)  
Keith's day off is Friday  
Churchwardens  
Stan Gordon Tel: 400298  
Sue Edward Tel: 403091

### EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

We got off to a fine start on January with our New Year Party and we are looking forward to another busy year. A date for your diary, on Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup> we will be having our **Charity Coffee Morning** at 10:30am. Don't forget we meet in the afternoons now at 2pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Do come along, we'd be delighted to see you.

Lilian Crace tel. 400288



## EAST HANNINGFIELD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pre-school children can be registered for a school at any time but children born between 1st September 1999 and 31st August 2000 must be registered by the end of March. If you are a parent of a pre-school child and would like to come for a tour of the village school please ring the office (400772) to arrange a time. Information about the school is available on our website, [www.easthanningfield.essex.sch.uk](http://www.easthanningfield.essex.sch.uk)

On Tuesday, 23rd March the school hosts two performances of the Infant Music Festival. This is a wonderful musical experience for year 2 pupils and is only possible if schools are prepared to take a turn at hosting the event. Six schools, including ours, take part in the morning and a different six schools in the afternoon. This will generate more traffic in the village. I apologise for any inconvenience it causes and thank you for your forbearance on that day. This is a non-pupil day for our non-performing children. Although tickets on the Tuesday are limited, the class 2 pupils of the school will show their own version to the school, friends and parents on the following Friday morning.

Please come along to the PTA jumble sale on Saturday, 20th March 1.30-4.00 pm.

L J Findlay

## EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

Monday - Thursday 9.15 - 11.45 in Village Hall

Firstly a fond farewell to Rebekah Fawcett who has left the staff of Pre-School and welcome to Mel Ruschen who has joined us in her place.

We had a very successful Christmas Bazaar at the end of last year so thank you to all who supported that. A big thank you to Alison Whitworth who must have been baking non-stop to provide cakes for the cake stall!

On returning to Pre-School after Christmas the topic for this term has been "The Weather". The children experienced one of the colder aspects of winter when we had our share of snow and they had great fun making a huge snowman. We're still looking for visitors to come and talk to the children about their jobs and interests. Please contact us if you think you may be able to help.

Lastly we will be having visitors of a different sort this month as the OFFSTED inspection is due.

Clare Liddiard tel. 403174

## HANNA'S TOTS

Mother & under 5's group with Toy Library every Friday 09.30 - 11.30 in Village Hall.

A great time was had by all at our Christmas Party. We've started the New Year by managing to book a (very popular) choco-holics party. The party will be held on 19th March and is open to anyone. There will be plenty of ideas for Mother's Day and Easter. If you can't get along to the Village Hall on the day I have a stock of brochures which you can order from so please contact me direct.

Our Health Visitor will be visiting us on the following dates: 4th March, 2nd April & 7th May. Please come along and use this facility even if you just want to weigh your baby, otherwise she may well abandon us!

We're always looking for new mums to join us and we have plenty of equipment and toys for babies as well as toddlers. So do come and see us for a chat and a coffee.

Dawn tel. 400834

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## CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY (17<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> August)

### **Who are the Chernobyl Children?**

Three million children from the area in Belarus which have been affected by the nuclear accident at the Chernobyl power plant in Northern Ukraine some years ago.

### **What does the project do?**

It provides recuperative holidays in this country from which children have returned home noticeably healthier.

### **Who are the host families?**

Ordinary families from a variety of backgrounds who can accommodate 2 visitors for 2 weeks.

### **How can we help?**

Chiefly by considering whether you can offer to accommodate 2 youngsters for 2 week in the summer. They come for a month, but another family will be their hosts for the other fortnight.

### **What will it entail?**

Just give them fresh air & fresh food (unlike the contamination from which they normally suffer) will strengthen their immune system for 2 or 3 years. A programme of entertaining events will be organised for them. Financial assistance is available to help with their enormous appetites!

### **What is the next step?**

Please contact **Keith (01245 472262)** or **Kate (01245 501128)** for further details. Your help will be greatly appreciated. You can even chat things over with hosts from previous holidays at our regular meetings.

**Do, please, think about it!**

## A PLEA TO DOG OWNERS

This a plea to,

Dog owner who,

Do not pick up after their doggies do!

There's nothing to it,

Just bag it and bin it,

The village will be a nicer place for it.

The kids keep stepping in it,

The pushchair wheels get clogged with it,

Even the Library Bus has been victim to it.

Especially around School, Post Once & The Tye,

**PLEASE TRY,**

We don't expect you to search low & high.

But where it's an obvious pile,

Pick up with a smile,

Bins are nearby, not ½ a mile.

So please make it your resolution,

For a doggie do free revolution,

To stop our pavement pollution.

From a Doggie & 3 small children owner



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### *A Poem From Slim*

*When buds burst and turn to green,*

*And flowers start to grow.*

*And lambs they skip about the field,*

*It is in your heart you know.*

*The change of plumage of the birds,*

*As they begin to sing.*

*It's then you know that Winter's gone,*

*And the reason now -It's Spring!*



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## **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**

First of all we are very glad to welcome back our Rector, Keith Plaister after his time away from us, recovering from a hip operation.

Now the summer months lie before us, and as indicated in the last East Hanningfield Village news, it's a special time for All Saints' Church as we celebrate 120 years of Christian worship in our current church building.

On Sunday 11th July at 11.15am we will be holding a special 'Thanksgiving Service in Church when we will be joined by the Bishop of Bradwell, Laurie Green. We plan to 'invite back' those who've been married or had children baptised in All Saints' in recent years. But whether you've any connection or none, we hope that you will join us too, to give thanks for continuing Christian life and witness in our village.

The week before on Saturday 3rd July we will be holding a 'Concert for a Summer's evening' in the Church. This will include a wide variety of music: old, new, instrumental and choral and including pieces from well known musicals which will be played by some very talented young musicians and also involve children from the village school. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be served during the interval. Tickets are £4 (concessions £2 and children under 15 free) and will shortly be available from the Churchwardens (see below) or may be bought on the door.

Parents with children: don't forget our short, informal family service held at 11.15am on the first Sunday of each month and our Sunday Club at 9.30am every fourth Sunday. We'd love to see you at these events.

Revd Keith Plaister  
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(Keith's day off is Friday)

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## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Following the success of the Easter holiday activities, PC has arranged for an athletics coaching session for 6-14 year olds to take place during the Whitsun school break, from 9am to 12 noon on Thursday, 3rd June. During the Summer break there will be Playdays at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 4th August & Thursday, 26th August. The sessions will be from 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.45pm to 3.45pm. They are for children aged up to 11 years. Children under five must be accompanied and supervised throughout by their adult carers, with no more than four children per carer. There will also be two sports coaching sessions, which will take place during the first two weeks of August. The dates will be publicised in the usual way once confirmed. These activities are provided by PC in partnership with Chelmsford Borough Council.

In the last News I wrote that we were waiting to hear whether Government funding had been forthcoming for the scheme of affordable housing for local people in East Hanningfield. Funding was confirmed in April, and at time of writing a planning application for the scheme is expected to be submitted to Chelmsford Borough Council any day. I understand from Colne Housing that if the planning application is successful construction is expected to begin in mid-September. The builder is promising completion by December 2005 at the latest, but a much earlier date is more likely.

Chelmsford Borough Council has asked me to publicise the Essex Pond and Crested Newts Survey. In Essex knowledge of where great crested newts live is particularly poor, and this species and its habitat are protected by law. Copies of the leaflet which contains information on newt identification and a short questionnaire for recording sightings of amphibians and reptiles is available by phoning Chelmsford BC on 606335 or can be downloaded or completed on line at [www.essexbiodiversity.org.uk](http://www.essexbiodiversity.org.uk) the Essex Biodiversity Partnership's website.

PC has been very disappointed at the speed, or rather the lack of it, exhibited in the construction of the traffic calming scheme. I am reluctant to write that it should all be finished by the time this News is delivered, because so many times PC has been told it is all happening and then it didn't. The hold up has been getting the electrics connected. Chelmsford BC cannot do this itself and has to contract EDF. As it would be unsafe to alter the junctions and build in pinch points which were not lit 24 hours a day, it has been necessary to wait for all the lighting to be powered, which is where EDF comes in (or not!).

You might have noticed some posters on the noticeboards asking for volunteer Parish Tree Wardens. The Tree Warden Scheme has come to Chelmsford Borough after being run successfully in other counties for many years. Volunteers will be provided with an informative action pack and be invited to regular training sessions to increase their skills and knowledge, so you don't need to be an arboriculturist to get involved. It looks as though the only qualifications needed are an interest in the local landscape and a commitment to the locality, in other words it takes a while to set up tree projects and to

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learn all the skills so someone who is intending to move away quite soon would be inappropriate. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer to be a Parish Tree Warden.

In the last News I mentioned the new regulations concerning councillors' allowances. The Remuneration has now made a recommendation, and PC has adopted a Parish Basic Allowance and Travelling and Subsistence Allowances in line with that recommendation. The Parish Basic Allowance, which is the allowance payable to each councillor, will be £50 during this financial year, and the travel allowance will be 40p per mile for cars and 24p per mile for motorcycles. Details of the meal allowances and so on and the full Schedule of Allowances are on display on the PC noticeboard in the Village Hall.

Thank you to everyone who turned out on a very blustery Saturday morning in May to help in the Village Spring Clean. Thanks should also go to Chelmsford BC for lending us the litter pickers and gloves and for taking away the collected rubbish. Don't forget that the manned refuse vehicle will be visiting the Village Hall car park on the morning of Saturday, 26th. June to take away your items of household refuse that are too bulky for the wheelie bin.

At the time of writing PC had just received notice of a planning application for a nine plot private gypsy site in the two fields between Old Church Road and Back Lane next to Blackthorne and Arlberg (application no. 04/01018/FUL). PC is about to hold an extraordinary meeting in order to determine the initial response to the application, to make arrangements for a public meeting and to set in motion any other actions thought necessary. Details of the application should be available on Chelmsford Borough Council's website.

Regular Parish Council Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8pm unless there is a visiting speaker when we begin at 7.30pm. Correspondence for inclusion in the Agenda must reach me a week before.

Karen Plumridge,  
Clerk to the Council (400628)

#### CHELMSFORD COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SOCIAL CAR SERVICE FOR PEOPLE WITH RESTRICTED MOBILITY

Community Transport is a non-profit making service providing transport to people within the Chelmsford Borough who have difficulty using public transport. The Social Car Service can be used for visiting a friend or relative in hospital, attending day centres, shopping or just to enjoy the leisure and social facilities in the community. If you are disabled, elderly or perhaps carers with transport problems we are here to help. Our volunteer drivers offer an individual tailored door to door service and are aware of the special problems encountered by the disabled and elderly when travelling.

An annual registration fee of £3 per person will be charged to join Community Transport

- At least 48 hours notice needed on any booking
- Maximum of two trips per week, Monday to Friday only
- Cannot offer transport to hospital appointments (for this contact Essex Car Ambulance Service)
- The service is offered subject to volunteer driver availability
- Members pay a contribution calculated according to the miles travelled.

#### Social Car Service Contributions

Miles	Single	Return
0-1/2	£0.50	£1.00
1/2-2	£1.00	£2.00
2-3	£1.50	£3.00
3-4	£1.80	£3.60
4-5	£2.10	£4.20
5-6	£2.40	£4.80

Contact Chelmsford Community Transport on 01245 280732.

## Summer Showtime

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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

The management committee of the Charity have regular liaison meetings with the Parish Council. At our most recent meeting I was asked to describe the different roles of the Parish Council and the Charity.

The Charity was founded by the Parish Council at the time of the construction of the village hall to ensure that the Playing Fields, Sports Courts and Village Hall were maintained for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of East Hanningfield for all time.

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The Charity management committee should consist of representatives of each of the regular users of the hall and an equal number of non partisan villagers up to a maximum of 24 people. In recent times you will have noted a regular plea in this newsletter for volunteers to join the management committee as we are always below the maximum number. We are still below strength and would welcome new members. If you would like an informal chat about what joining the committee involves please contact me.

The Charity Officers are required by the Charities Commission to comply with the original objectives of the Charity and to file annual returns and accounts with the Commissioners. These are available for public inspection and details can be found on the Charities Commission web site (<http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/registeredcharities>)

The Charity is self funding and charges users of the facilities to cover the costs of maintaining and improving them.

The Parish Council is selected by the electorate in public elections and are responsible for the day to day decision making on all aspects of life in the village. Further details on the work of the Parish Council can be obtained from the Parish Council Chairman or the Parish Clerk.

## Vandalism

At the start of the Easter holidays the village hall was subjected to a concentrated sustained attack. During a one week period windows were broken at the rear of the hall on every night. One window in particular was found to be broken at 7:30 a.m. It was repaired during the day and broken again on the following day. These broken windows were not accidents, and then broken again on the following day. The broken windows were not broken by kicking a football at them. We were forced to board up the windows until we could replace the glass with toughened glass. This one week attack cost the charity in excess of £600.00 in glass replacement. We also lost income as we were unable to hire out a boarded up hall. These costs are not covered by insurance and the money comes directly out of the charitable funds that we have raised during the year at our art show or annual fete. If we did not have to waste our funds on this vandalism we would be able to improve the facilities that we have. If you know who was responsible we would be pleased if you would let us know.

## Fund Raising

The main fund raising events of the charity continue to be the Annual Art Show which will be held on Saturday 10th July with a preview evening on Friday 9th July and the Village Fete which this year will be held on Saturday 11th September. Keep your eyes out for the posters which will be promoting these events and come along to support them.

The hall, field and sports courts/tennis court are available for bookings which can be made via Iris Evans on 01245 401460. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to villagers.

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## EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

Just a reminder that we meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2pm in our hall, but at the August meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> it will be in the evening as we open that to you all, yes the men as well should you be brave enough !! Mr Ian Currie, a weatherman will be coming to speak to us. Posters will be put up nearer the time.

Our recent Coffee morning in aid of Farleigh Hospice raised £223.

In the meantime we look forward to meeting you where you will be warmly welcomed.

Lilian Crace  
400288



## BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Good progress has been made in recent weeks on the new church being built in Old Church Road. From the outside the building looks unchanged but inside great advances have taken place. The roof has been insulated and the ceilings boarded. The electrical wiring for lighting and power has been fitted and all internal walls and ceilings have been rendered and plastered. The high, vaulted ceiling in the main meeting hall has already been painted and the light fitting installed. The whole church fellowship are excited and encouraged by the work that has been done ; it certainly feels as though we are on the final stretch of this building programme. The main areas still to be done are the screeding of the floor, the heating and plumbing and the fitting out of kitchen and toilets. We are praying that the money for this next stage will come in quickly as we are keen to move in and start putting the new building to good use.

We are now well established in the new small meeting room above the village shop for our Thursday evening Bible Study sessions. We are currently going through the lovely New Testament letter of Paul to the Colossians which emphasises that Jesus is all we need for eternal life. If you would like to join us for these times you would be very welcome ; we meet at 7.30pm most Thursdays other than the evening of the Parish Council meeting.

During the school summer holidays in August we shall be holding a 'Good News Club' for 5 - 10 year old children. This will take place in the Village Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30am to 12.15pm. The programme will include indoor and outdoor games, Bible stories and craft activities. Hope to see your children there.

David Cottey  
400665

## EAST HANNINGFIELD C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer term is busy in school but includes many fun events as well as the well-publicised SATs tests.

We would like to see you all at the school Summer Fete on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> June (1.30 - 4.00 pm) which is organised by our PTA. There is no entry charge and refreshments will be available as well as stalls and entertainment.

Our Open Evening is between 6.00 and 8.00 pm on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July and we are extending the invitation to parents of pre-school children. Children are welcome with their parents or carers as it is an opportunity to get to know your local school better. Hoping we will see you at some of these events.

L J Findlay  
Headteacher

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## HANNA'S TOTS

Mother & under 5's group with Toy Library every Friday 9.30-11.30 in Village Hall

We are getting lots of Mums and children visiting us each week making the playgroup fun and lively ( if occasionally noisy). We try to alternate some of the toys each week to give the children a variety. Recently we provided giant cardboard boxes for them to play with and they had great fun setting up camps.

For any grandparents who are regular babysitters for their grandchildren we have the following items for hire:-

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| Play pen *                | Bath support     |
- \* 2 per week hire charge

The health visitor will be visiting next on 4<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> July.  
The school and village fetes will soon be upon us and we will be running stalls at both - so if anyone has any unwanted teddies or bottles of wine they could kindly donate, please contact me.

Dawn  
400834

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**EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL**

Monday - Thursday 9.15 - 11.45 in Village Hall  
The OFFSTED inspection has been completed with very good results - so a big thank you to all the staff for their help with the inspection.  
The subject for this term was growth. The children looked at and talked about the growth of people, animals, plants and trees in a variety of different ways, including bringing in photos of themselves as babies.  
Lastly could we put out a request if there are any chartered accountants who could audit the Pre-Schools prepared end of year accounts in August - your assistance would be most appreciated. Please contact me if you can help.

Dawn 400834

**CHELMSFORD ART SOCIETY**

The Society has been established for over forty years and has a membership of around 108. Fortnightly meetings are held in the winter months when visiting artists demonstrate their techniques or give an illustrated talk. In addition to the Summer Exhibition there is also a Christmas Exhibition and sale. The Society also participates in the annual Chelmsford Festival and has held selective exhibitions in the County Library. Membership is open to visual artists of all descriptions and the most popular medium is watercolour, but oils, charcoal and pastels are also used as will be evident in the exhibition.

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Ron Diss 01245 223459  
Philip Kyffin 01245 493336

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## East Hanningfield Village Fete

Saturday 11th  
September 2004  
2.00pm to 4.30pm

Children's Entertainer  
Side Shows, Stalls,  
Dancing Display,  
Karate Demonstration,  
Grand Draw, Five a side  
Football Competition



#### 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 FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2004**, so anyone with an article or advertisement must let me have copy by this date at the latest.

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#### PARISH COUNCIL

Since I wrote for the last Newsletter, the matter of the gypsy site planning application has moved on. Most of you will know that the applicant, Smart Planning, withdrew the application for the nine pitch site on the day of the Planning Committee meeting at Chelmsford Borough Council. Shortly after that they submitted a new application for a three pitch site and another application on the same site for twelve affordable houses. Both these applications and the application by Colne Housing for affordable housing will be considered by the Planning Committee at its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

The applications by Smart Planning have had a considerable impact on Parish Council's resources in terms of time and money. The employment of a planning consultant has enabled Parish Council to produce detailed planning documents to support its case against the gypsy site applications, and also has given PC the material on which to base the information leaflets which have been distributed to residents.

Inevitably, there will have to be some painful decisions made when it comes to preparing the budget for the next financial year. Will the very deep hole eaten into the reserves be made up by an increase in Council Tax or reduced spending, or both? The repercussions of these speculative planning applications on our parish could be long standing and wide ranging even if the developments never take place, because of the resulting inability of the Parish Council to spend proactively on projects for the community.

What is particularly worrying is that we have no idea how many more planning applications we are going to have to deal with for the same site.

It is heartening to know that the safe sex message has reached certain members of our community, those engaging in al fresco



activities, but please could they put their used condoms in one of the many bins PC has provided around the Village Hall.

PC and the Charity have been talking about the possibility of providing a youth shelter or benches as suitable places for young people to meet and chat. There have been some ideas about siting, such as around the football pitch so that match supporters could also use them. There have also been some ideas about where they should not go as well, in the children's play area for example. If you have any thoughts on this please let me know. It would be particularly useful to hear from the young people of the village on this topic.

As mentioned earlier. The Colne Housing planning application is to be determined by the Planning Committee at its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup>. September. This is much later than expected and will prevent the previously anticipated start of construction by mid September. People with local connections are continuing to come forward to register for the housing. Although I am required to protect the confidentiality of the applications, I can say that there does not seem to be any typical applicant; they come in all ages and family sizes. If you are considering applying for this housing, please ensure that you are on the Borough Council's Housing Register.

At the time of writing the Traffic Calming is almost finished! I have been asked if we can have a permanent road closure at weekends, because the experience was so peaceful, but I think that might not go down well with our village pubs! (and I don't know how we'd arrange it). There seems to be some positive feedback about some aspects of the project. The lack of white lining and the Bicknacre Road pinch point seem to be slowing down through traffic, but there are some late changes to signage which have taken everyone by surprise and have not been visually beneficial, and these, we are told, are due to changed regulations.

Please note that the manned refuse vehicle will be visiting the Village Hall car park on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>. October and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. November from 8am to about 10.45. Please do not leave any rubbish at the car park, and if you are using the recycling banks please do not leave your bags and boxes at the site.

Parish Council's monthly Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday, except in December, and the date for that meeting has yet to be arranged. Please ensure that matters for consideration by the Council reach me in writing a week before the Meeting so that they can be included in the Agenda.

Karen Plumridge  
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(Village Fete 11<sup>th</sup> September)

Tickets are now on sale for the Fete's Grand Draw  
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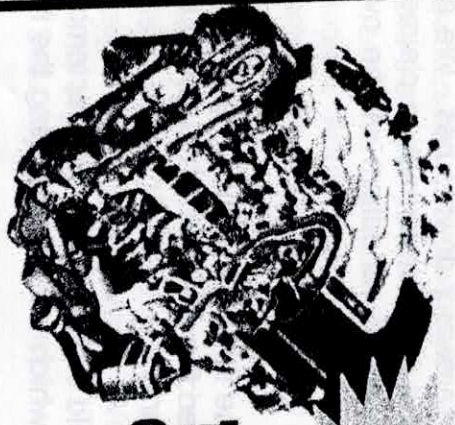
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## HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

The liaison meetings with the Parish Council have continued and we are investigating the improvements which we can make to the facilities available at the village hall and playing fields. We are aware that there are very few facilities available for the teenage residents of the village. A number of ideas have been voiced and if you have any suggestions they will be actively considered. Any improvements to the facilities are subject to the funds being raised to undertake them.

We are working hard at keeping the environment around the chase and hall litter free. We have arranged for additional litter bins to be installed and we hope that you will use them. The number of pot holes are growing in both the chase and the car park. Please take care while we investigate the options available to us in maintaining the surface.

### Vandalism

The vandalism reported in the last newsletter has resulted in a number of arrests being made. Unfortunately the vandalism continued with one or more vandals deciding that it would be a good idea to smash all of the hall's metal rainwater down pipes. We are hopeful that the culprits will be found and compensation claimed. The cost of repairing this particular act of vandalism will be over £1,300.00

### Fund Raising

The Annual Art Show was held on the 9th / 10th July. Thank you to everyone who organised and attended the event which is one of the main fund raising activities of the Charity.

The Village Fete this year will be held on Saturday 11th September. Keep your eyes out for the posters which will be promoting the fete and come along to support the event.

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## EAST HANNINGFIELD C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

This summer our year 6 pupils dispersed to seven different secondary schools, Beuchamps, Chelmsford High School for Girls, Great Baddow, Sandon, Swayne park, Westcliff High School for Boys and William de Ferrers. We think the secondary schools fortunate to be enrolling such talented, well-balanced students. We wish them a happy, successful future.

Sadly another leaver was one of our mid-day assistants. Ms Sue Newman has provided care and direction to pupils at lunchtime for more than four years. We wish her well in her new venture. We need to recruit her replacement. If you enjoy the optimism and company of children, would like to encourage imaginative play and traditional games, are calm and fair and have an hour to spare daily please contact me.

Thank you to all who came to our Summer Fete. For the first time we raised over £1000. This will go towards the second phase of our playground play equipment. We look forward to seeing you at future events organised by the PTA. The next event is a Quiz night planned for Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Term restarts for returning pupils on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September and for our new pupils on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Linda J. Findlay  
400772



## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

### MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING

Saturday 3 July saw this traditional summer entertainment make a welcome return to the Church calendar. Under the expert guidance of our new organist Daphne Hilliar a splendid programme of solo and choral music was presented. Young musicians from the Village School were included and their vocal and instrumental talents were one of the highlights of an evening that delighted all who attended. The evening concluded with enthusiastic and tuneful (?) audience participation in some well known songs from the shows. Look out for dates of next year's concert - this is an evening not to be missed!

### VILLAGE FETE - SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2 PM

This is All Saints' main fund raising event of the year. Come and join in and enjoy the fun on Hanna's Field and help raise the funds necessary to allow the Church, Hanna's Field Charity and the other village clubs involved to play their full part in our community. As always there will be something for every one!

Attention all bakers of cakes! Help stock the Cake Stall with delicious delights to tempt all those who don't have to worry about the Government's drive to keep us all mean and lean! Anyone interested in baking cakes for the Cake Stall please speak to Jackie Feehan on 400862 or at Altair, The Tye.

### OTHER DIARY DATES

Family Service 1.15 am Sunday 5th September  
Sunday Club 9.30 am in the church on 26th September  
Harvest Festival Sunday 3rd October  
Christmas Bazaar Saturday 15th November

**SERVICES** A reminder of our services each month to which you are all welcome:

1st Sunday	Family Service	11:15am
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	8:00am
	Matins	11:15am
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion	11:15am
4th Sunday	Children's Sunday Club	9:30am
	Holy Communion	11:15am
If 5th Sunday	Matins	11:15am

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Sandon Rectory  
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Keith's day off is Friday

Churchwardens  
Stan Gordon Tel: 400298  
Sue Edward Tel: 403091

### EAST HANNINGFIELD W.I.

Do come along and join us at our hall in Old Church Road on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2pm.

On September 15<sup>th</sup> our talk is "Expedition to the North Pole." You will be warmly welcomed. Flower arranging in October.  
Hope to see you there.

Lilian Crace  
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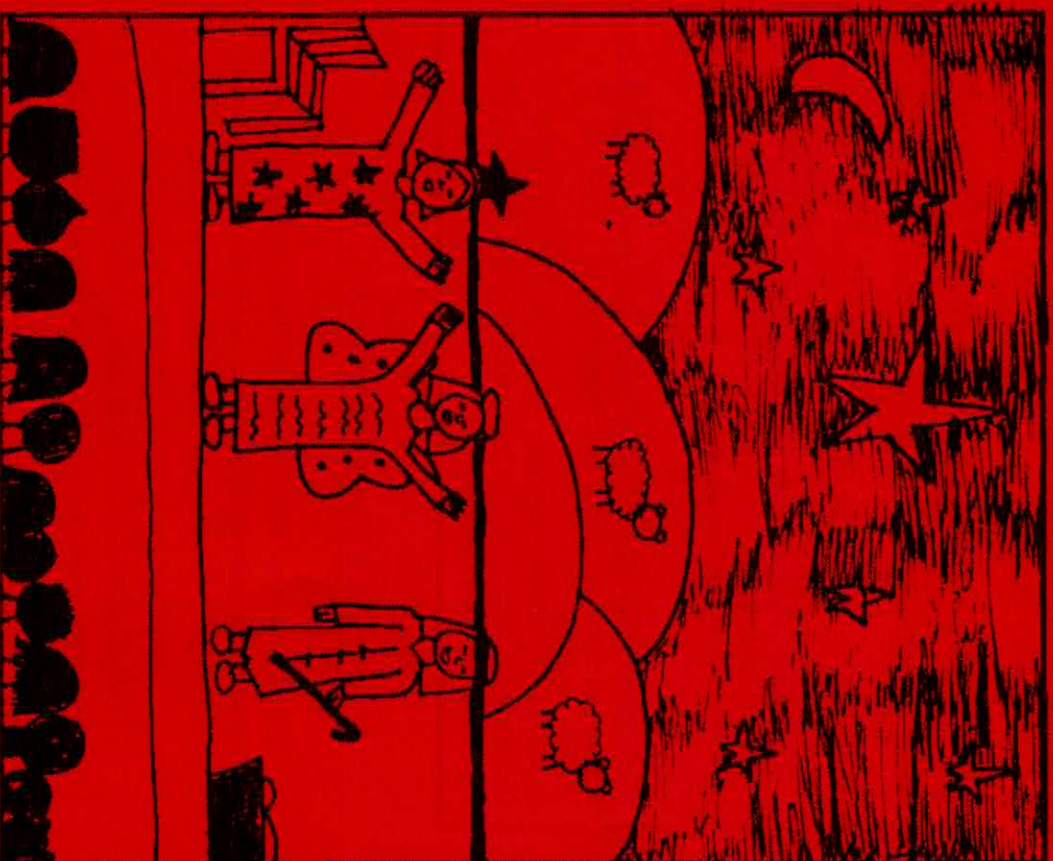
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**FROM THE EDITOR**

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 events happening in the village. If you have any village related stories you wish to contribute to future newsletters I will be most pleased to receive them.

**COPY DATE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2005.**

Anyone with an article or advertisement must let me have copy by this date at the **LATEST**.

I would also like to thank the children from the school who took part in the Christmas cover competition. The winner was Eleanor Dawson and the runner ups are : Katie Silvester, Sophie Bond, Chris, Annella Robson, Jolan Evans and James Roberts. I would also like to thank the people who deliver the newsletters around the village and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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*A Winter's Tale*

*The winds blow stronger, leaves turn yellow to brown,  
And with each gust of wind, more leaves fall down.  
In a few short weeks, trees are all bare,  
No sign of greenery that once was there.  
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And then once more we'll see the greenery we knew.*

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## PARISH COUNCIL

Since publication of the Autumn Newsletter, there has been considerable planning activity. Smart Planning's applications for a three pitch gypsy site and for twelve units of affordable housing on the site between Back Lane and Old Church Road were refused by Chelmsford Borough Council's Planning Committee. Smart Planning has appealed to the Planning Inspectorate against the refusal of permission for the affordable housing.

Residents in Old Barn Lane and Tileworks Lane will have been following the course of the planning applications for the caravan sites at 'Valley Park View' just over the parish boundary in Rettendon. The application for plots 2, 3, 4 and 6 was refused and has gone to appeal. In brief, the reasons for refusal were that the sites are inappropriate development in the Metropolitan Greenbelt and subject to noise levels that create an unacceptable living environment. The applications for plots 5 and 7 are yet to be determined.

It is expected that the Planning Committee will consider the Hyde Hall planning application at its meeting on Tuesday, 7th. December. South Woodham Ferrers Town Council, Woodham Ferrers and Bicknacre Parish Council and this Council are objecting to the proposed access off Creep hedge Lane and the associated upgrading of Creep hedge Lane which can only encourage more drivers from SWF to use it and our village as a short cut to the A12 and Chelmsford. Thanks to all those who rallied round at short notice to send comments to the Planning Department.

The scheme of affordable housing for local people is proceeding. Planning permission was granted and work on site should start very soon. The only delay is the drawing up of a

legal agreement between Colne Housing and the Borough Council, and that is moving on swiftly. I am still receiving applications for the housing at regular intervals, and they have yet to be allocated.

Thank you to those who responded to my call for comments on the siting of new equipment for young people on the playing field. All comments will be taken into account, and the need for siting to be away from houses has been noted. I did receive one letter concerning my request for used condoms to be disposed of in the litter bins. The writer was concerned that the Council was condoning indecency in a public place. The Council has never debated this issue and therefore has no corporate policy on it, but has discussed many times and does have a policies on the disposal of litter, hence my request.

It was recently said to me that East Hanningfield seems to have the most numerous provision of dog waste bins in the area. This being the case it is unfortunate that some dog owners still find it too much of an effort to pick up their dog's excrement and place it in a bin. I understand that when confronted with their failure to clear up they excuse themselves by saying that they have no bag with them. I thought that you might like to know that having nothing to pick it up with is no excuse in the eyes of the law. The legal requirement to clear it up whether or not you have a receptacle to hand will probably not appear harsh to those of us who are offended by the mess that is left around our village.

Still on the subject of dogs, the fence around the play area was installed in order to keep dogs out. Please close the gates behind you.

Parish Council Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of the month, although, at the time of writing, the date for the December Meeting is still to be confirmed. Residents may speak



on matters of local concern during Public Question Time, but if you want a considered response from the Council please make your point in writing, to reach me a week before the Meeting so that the matter can be included on the Agenda.

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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

### HARVEST 2004

Very many thanks to all those who donated tins and packets of food in support of our harvest appeal this year for the Homeless Action Resource Project (HARP) which is based in Southend. We have received a letter of thanks saying how much they were appreciated.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – 10.30am Saturday 20 November

If you are reading this before Saturday 20th November then do remember to come along to All Saints' Church from 10.30am. Entrance is £1 which includes a complimentary glass of mulled wine. There will be stalls selling candles and other decorations, home-made cakes, gifts, White Elephant etc. Also try your luck on the Card Tombola and Raffle. The Mayor of Chelmsford and his wife are calling in during the morning and you are very welcome to come too.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Make a note in your diaries. All will be very welcome.

Sun. 5 December	5.00pm	Christingle Service. A service of candle lights. Children are especially welcome. Each child receives a Christingle to take home. Please note NO 11.15am Service
Thurs. 16 December	6.00pm	School Carol Service
Sun. 19 December	3.00pm	Service of Lessons and Carols followed by wine & mince pies. Please note No 11.15 am Service
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Communion with Carols – Revd Chris Poulard
Christmas Day	11.15am	Short family service (no Communion)
Sun. 26 December	11.15am	Holy Communion (said service)



A Happy and Joyous Christmas to you all with Peace and Happiness in the New Year.

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Keith's day off is Friday

### **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 £1,650.00 between us. In addition the local organisations who ran their own stalls will have made a surplus and hopefully enjoyed the afternoons activities. If you have any ideas or input regarding the organisation of next year's fete we would be pleased to hear from you.

The Hanna's Field Charity Committee is always looking for new members to join the committee and assist in the running of the Village Hall and sports facilities. If you would like to find out more about the Charity please contact me or any member of the committee. The AGM of the Charity will take place on Wednesday 23rd February 2005 when a new committee will be elected. Villagers are particularly welcome.

We are currently reviewing the Hall, meeting room, sports field and sports court hiring rates and new rates will apply from January 2005.

We are working hard at keeping the environment around the chase and hall litter free. We have arranged for additional litter bins to be installed and we hope that you will use them. By the time this report is published we should have completed the resurfacing of the Chase and Car Park hopefully eliminating the pot holes for a number of years.

The hall, field and sports courts/tennis court are available for bookings which can be made via Iris Evans on 01245 401460. Please make use of the facilities which are available at a discounted rate to villagers.

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### **EAST HANNINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Time for news of us at W.I. We are coming to the end of another busy year. We have been very pleased recently to have a new visitor and we are hoping that she will decide to join us. Don't forget our December meeting will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, but then back to our normal 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

Lilian Crace  
400288



### EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

Monday – Thursday 9.15 – 11.45 in Village Hall.

The children have had a fun start to the Autumn term, learning about different festivities and how they are celebrated. Fireworks were a favourite, talking about the different colours and sounds. More recently they have learnt about Diwali, a traditional Indian festival. This included making Diwali lamps and tasting Indian snacks.

There was a great turnout for the Halloween party with the Village Hall full of little devils! We will be looking to make this a regular event.

We have our annual Nativity play and Christmas Bazaar on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please come along, browse the stalls and listen to the children sing their Christmas Carols.

Thank you to all the staff and committee members for their continuing hard work and support and a very Merry Christmas to everyone.

Dawn Falkingham

Tel: 400834

### HANNA'S TOTS

Mother and Under 5's group with Toy Library  
Fridays 9.30 – 11.30 in Village Hall

Thank you to all who supported us at the Village fete. The Teddy Tombola stall sold out in a record 50 minutes!

Welcome to the new Mums who have joined us recently and if there are any more Mums out there at a loose end on Friday mornings, please come and join us for a play, chat and cup of tea. We will be closing for Christmas – last day 17<sup>th</sup> December and re-open 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Our recent fundraising events have included the ever popular Chocoholics and have also taken a new turn resulting in the HANNINGFIELD WIVES CALDENDAR 2005. This was produced to help raise funds to improve the children's play/park area in the village. It features some Mums and village locations probably as you've never seen them before! We had a successful launch night in The Windmill, many thanks to those who came along and to Mickey for hosting the night. If you haven't done so yet please support us and your village by buying your Calendar from the Post Office, The Windmill Tavern or Sainsburys. An ideal Christmas present for your favourite Uncle. I guarantee it will bring a smile to his face – all for just £5.

Great fun was had by all in the making of the calendar but a big thank you to all the Mums, Claire Lidford for a lot of organising and publicising, Gary Hall for producing and all of our sponsors without which none of this would have been possible.

Merry Christmas to you all,

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