

## **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.

**COPY DATE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2005.**

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

Help required to deliver newsletters to Industrial estate and Old Church Road from where it splits with Pan Lane. Anyone interested, please contact me.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

Since 2003, PC's Minutes have been available for you to read at the Village Hall. Also when there is space in the notice-boards the most recently adopted Minutes have been posted there. From the beginning of this year the Agenda and Minutes are available for you to read on the internet at [www.thelocalchannel.co.uk/easthanningfield](http://www.thelocalchannel.co.uk/easthanningfield) . PC information is accessed by a single click on the local council button. This site can be used by local organisations and advertising space is available for local businesses, so please take a look. Information is being added regularly so it will be worth a return visit.

Despite objections numbering in the hundreds, the Planning Committee approved the Hyde Hall planning application for the visitor centre with access off Creephedge Lane. PC had worked with the South Woodham Ferrers Town Council, Woodham Ferrers and Bicknacre Parish Council, Howe Green Community Association and Borough Councillors Ron Saunders and Richard Poulter to try to prevent this, as it is anticipated that the road improvements planned for the Lane will increase its use for rat-running. There was a very good attendance of objectors at the Committee meeting, and the general opinion was that we had won the argument even though we lost the vote!

At the time of publication of the last News, the signing of the legal agreement associated with the scheme of affordable housing for local was expected within a few days. This was prevented by Smart Planning (of the two gypsy site applications and other 'affordable' housing scheme) indicating the intention to Chelmsford Borough Council of seeking a judicial review about the way the two affordable housing applications had been handled. CBC's legal team reported to the Planning Committee that there were no grounds for judicial review so at the meeting on 11th. January, the Colne Housing application was confirmed as granted. The legal side was then rescheduled for 7th. February, so two months were lost. The Housing Corporation was aware of the situation and confirmed that the funding allocation would not be lost. This project has suffered repeated setbacks, but is still going ahead, and as yet the housing has not been allocated, so applications are still being accepted. Completion is now scheduled for August 2006. PC is planning a ceremony to celebrate the start of works at the site, so keep an eye open for the publicity for that.

The Parish Council is arranging two tidy-ups this year. The first, which is an innovation, is a 'blitz' on the churchyard on Saturday, March 19th. from 9.30-11.30am. This will be a gardening exercise, the intention being to clear away the old weed growth in readiness for the new growing season, so it will be much easier for the regular volunteers to keep in order. The second occasion will be the usual village tidy-up on Saturday, 7th. May. This is a litter picking exercise and gloves, sacks and

pickers will be provided. Please meet at the Village Hall car park at 9am. Children will be welcome but must be accompanied and supervised by an adult carer.

When you receive your council tax bill shortly you will see that the parish element has increased substantially. Every autumn PC prepares a budget for the following financial year. This usually calculates anticipated income and expenditure, but this time it was necessary to include in the calculations an element to cover the amount taken from reserves in order to employ planning consultancy services to help PC respond to the serious planning applications that the parish has been subject to during the past year. It was considered that the problem might not have gone away and the reserves needed to be strong enough to have the capability for PC to respond in the same way again. If there is no further unexpected drain on the reserves in the coming year, it should be possible to reduce the parish council tax for the following year. The budget calculations can be seen on the notice-boards and the website.

Parish Council Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of each month, usually at 8pm, but at 7.30pm if a guest speaker is expected, and take place in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall.

Karen Plumridge  
Clerk to the Council  
01245 400628



### Hanna's Field Charity 286877

The Charity needs to appoint a hall manager to look after ongoing maintenance at the village hall.

If you are interested in joining the management committee to fill this voluntary position please contact Colin Warren on 01245 401050

## **THE FUTURE OF HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY**

Most people in the village will probably have heard of Hanna's Field Charity, and some will know that it is connected in some way with the village hall and playing fields. By the time this newsletter goes out you may have noticed posters advertising the Charity AGM this month. The Charity is in fact registered with the charity Commission and its charitable status stems from its purpose, which is to manage and develop the facilities for the benefit of all those that live here. The beneficiaries of Hanna's Field charity are you, the people of this parish. Effectively you own it.

The Charity trustees are local people. They are volunteers and, apart from Iris Evans, the lady who takes bookings and keeps the hall clean, nobody gets paid. The Charity trust deed allows for up to 24 trustees. Half elected and the other half representatives of hall user groups. Anybody can stand for election at the Charity AGM and so you can see its all very democratic. Together the trustees are called the Management Committee and it meets six times a year in the hall committee room to oversee the running of the hall and playing fields and make decisions about its future. These facilities include the post office shop run by Tom Wright, who is the Charity's tenant and has a long term lease for his premises.

The Charity has no independent income. The upkeep and maintenance of the facilities are paid mainly from the income from hires and rent, although the Charity does receive help with some costs such as grass cutting from your Parish Council. It means that the Charity can only spend on maintenance and new facilities what it receives in income from hire and if a thoughtless person smashes windows or damages the drain pipes (as recently happened), the money for repairs is money the Charity doesn't have for say decorating the hall or upgrading the kitchen (last year the Charity spent over £1,700 on clearing up after break-ins and vandalism – imagine what uses we could have put that money to!)

It may seem odd that a local authority such as the Parish or Borough Council doesn't maintain the hall and fields. After all it would be easier to let somebody else have the responsibility of managing the hall, but there is a very good reason for why we are a Charity. When the land was purchased by the Parish Council for the village back in 1979, PC determined that the only way to ensure that the land would remain forever available to you the residents was to hand responsibility for it over to a Charitable Trust set up for this purpose. In this way, whatever changes may occur in local government organisation in future, the Hall and two playing fields at the heart of the village will always be there for you to use and enjoy. The fields can never be sold off or moved, or their use changed without the consent of the Charity's trustees, the Charity Commission and you, the Charity's beneficiaries.

Hanna's Field Charity isn't unique as a village hall charity, indeed there are over 9,000 village hall and community centre charities in England and Wales, representing more than 5% of all registered charities. They have a combined annual income of around £250 million. The Government recognises that village hall charities provide space and facilities for community services and activities, and can make an enormous difference to the well being and economy of the local community. Recognising their importance to local communities like ours, the Charity Commission issued a landmark report on in January about the future and management of village hall charities. You can read it on the Charity Commission's web site at [www.charity-commission.gov.uk](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk). The main message was "Village hall charities exist in a changing environment - funding is changing and so are the needs and interests of the communities they serve. Trustees need to keep pace with these changes if they are to meet their charitable purpose and survive".

The purpose of the report, which received publicity in the press and news media, was to highlight the importance of village hall charities to local communities; the help they need to survive; the importance of support from the local community; and the need for good governance. Perhaps the most important of these from the Charity trustees' point of view is the need for the full support and involvement of the local community.

We are all sometimes guilty of taking what we have for granted. Consider for a moment the village with no village hall, no shop, or school car parking; sports courts; playing fields and children's play area at its heart. Perhaps you don't use these at present but will that always be the case? If you intend to stay and live in this village taking an interest in your village hall and its management is really about making sure your village hall will survive into the future for you, your children and perhaps their children.

Hanna's Field Charity was formed in December 1982 and over the period since the Hall and Playing Fields have grown in size and popularity with the addition of new facilities and equipment. But in the last few years the Management Committee has shrunk as trustees have left and not been replaced at AGMs.

The Charity's future could be in jeopardy without the injection of new volunteer trustees and fresh ideas for the future. Without this the enterprise could fail or become moribund and what we take for granted today could tomorrow cease to exist due to lack of interest by the people for whom it exists. So, this is an appeal for your help - if you would like to know more about being a trustee of Hanna's Field Charity and what it involves, or if you would just like to help but not be a trustee contact Colin Warren or me at the telephone numbers below.

About the advertisement ...we need help with ideas and experience in a number of areas on the committee eg setting up a web site and fund raising, but with the

resignation of Chris Evans at the AGM (thanks for your all your efforts Chris) we especially need somebody who would be interested in overseeing the maintenance of the Hall day to day. This doesn't require hands on activity, more a contact point for the caretaker and direction when something needs to be done.

Colin Warren (Chairman)  
401050

Mike Plumridge (Treasurer)  
400628

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**

As we write this Spring and Easter approach; a time for new life and new beginnings. You will be very welcome to join us at any of the following services, as together we seek to understand the new life in Christ available to all because of Good Friday and Easter Day:

Mothering Sunday 6th March	11.15am	A family service. Each child receives a small gift to take home to mum or granny.
Palm Sunday 20th March	11.15am	Shortened Holy Communion including distribution of palm crosses.
Maundy Thursday 24th March	8.00pm	Holy Communion (please note this will be at St Andrew's Sandon)
Good Friday 25th March	12.00	Devotions at the cross - hymns and prayers
	7.30pm	Compline - a very short meditative service
Easter Saturday 26th March	8.00pm	Easter Vigil - looking forward to the joy of Easter Day (please note this will be at St Andrew's Sandon)
Easter Sunday 27th March	11.15am	Family Holy Communion - come and celebrate the good news of Jesus' resurrection.

Priest in charge: Keith Plaister      Tel: 472262  
 Churchwardens: Stan Gordon        Tel: 400298  
                          Sue Edward        Tel 403091

(Please note: Keith's day off is Friday)

## **EAST HANNINGFIELD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Information about the school is available at [www.easthanningfield.essex.sch.uk](http://www.easthanningfield.essex.sch.uk).

Thank you to everyone who supported all the school's events last term.

The Mayor and Mayoress made a second visit to East Hanningfield when they joined us on the last morning of school before Christmas to enjoy the buzzing atmosphere of a primary school pre-Christmas.

This term's events include; the Infant Music Festival, held this year in Christ Church; Science Week, which includes a family robot challenge, an activity evening and a trip to Duxford museum; and taking part in a netball tournament at Moulsham School.

Spring Holiday for county schools is a fortnight after Easter this year. Lastly an early date for your diary the school's summer fete is on Saturday, 25th June 2005.

L J Findlay

## **HANNA'S TOTS**

Mother and under 5's group with Toy Library  
Fridays 9.30 – 11.30 in Village Hall

We ended a busy 2004 with a Christmas party for the children which they all enjoyed. We are already thinking about Easter and will be circulating the Chocoholics catalogues again. Please contact me if you require a catalogue and after the success and popularity last year place your orders early to avoid disappointment.

A big success for us last year was the Hanningfield Wives Calendar and to date we have exceeded our original target by £1000 and have raised £3500! A big thank you to Tom and Karen in the Post Office who are our top sales team!

Whilst we are regularly busy, we still have room for more tots, so come and join us.

Dawn 400834



## **BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

Work on the new church building in Old Church Road is progressing well. Towards the latter part of last year the central heating pipe-work was installed and the concrete floor rendered. After Christmas, the central heating boiler was plumbed in and the toilets fitted out. Currently the interior walls and ceilings are being painted, after which the building will be ready for the final electrical fittings: lights, sockets and switches, and also for the installation of the kitchen units. We are now on the last stage of this project and are hoping and praying to be in and using the new church this year. We have been thrilled and filled with praise to God for the way our building fund has continued to grow. Our grateful thanks to all who have supported the new building project either by direct giving or by contributing through one of our fund raising events.

Easter is early this year. We will be remembering and celebrating the great events of that first Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, by special services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday mornings. The Bible tells us that, as we put our faith and trust in Jesus and what he did for us, then we can know forgiveness and acceptance by God and we too will receive new and eternal life. That's something worth celebrating! Please come and join us for those special services.

After Easter we will be holding a two day 'Good News Club' for the 5 to 10 year old children , in the Village Hall, during the April school holidays. The programme will include games, songs, Bible stories and craft activities. Look forward to seeing your children there.

### Easter Services

Good Friday	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	W.I. Hall
Easter Sunday	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	W.I. Hall

'Good News Club' Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> and Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30 am to 12.15 pm, Village Hall

Happy Easter  
David Cottey 400665

## **CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY**

We are looking for host families who would be willing to have two children to stay for a fortnight in the summer either July 15<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July or July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup>.

They need a month's holiday with clean air and fresh food to help them recover from the problems created by living in southern Belarus, an area still polluted by the effects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986.

Events are organised on three or four days each week, and the host families are welcome to join in if they wish. Two translators accompany the party and are constantly available to help with language problems. Financial help is also available to assist with two extra mouths to feed.

If you would like to consider offering to help, please contact Keith on 01245 – 472262 who will be able to give further information. Two or three meetings will be arranged before the children arrive so that you can be kept informed and ask any questions you may have.

This is a wonderful and exciting project and, as well as giving an opportunity to make new friends it gives these children a marvellous opportunity to recover their health.

Revd K.R. Plaister 01245-472262

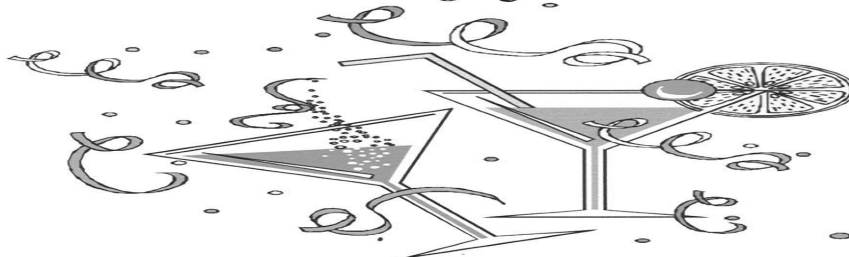
## **GO SHIN RYU JU-JITSU ACADEMY**

Some of you may have seen us demonstrating our art of self defence at the fete last September. We are based in Witham, but I have been asked if we would be interested in holding a class in East Hanningfield. I need to find out if there is enough demand to make a class viable. If you are interested in taking up Ju-Jitsu or would like to participate in a basic self defence course, in either East Hanningfield or Witham, please contact me on the following tel no.

Paul Parmenter 01376 516031

# **JAN'S COOKIN**

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**For more information contact Jan on 01245 400938**

### **EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL**

Monday – Thursday 9.15 – 11.45 in Village Hall

A great end to 2004 was had by all with the Pre-school Christmas Party and a visit from Father Christmas. For weeks the children practised very hard to learn their lines for the Nativity play and they put on a great performance for the parents.

They have started the new term with the topic of food, discussing their favourite and least favourite food! The children have also learnt about the Chinese New Year.

Anybody with children wishing to join Pre-school, please contact me.

Dawn  
400834

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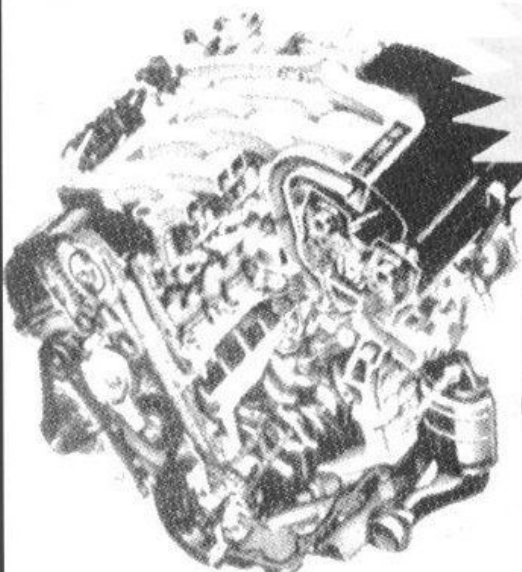
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