



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.

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

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Thank you to everyone who turned out on a blustery Saturday morning to help with the Village Tidy-up. Luckily for us, the weather forecasts were proved wrong, the rain held off and the sun shone. This exercise always brings to light evidence of some antisocial activity or another. This time we found that our village lanes appear to be being used as a dumping ground for people from outside the Chelmsford District, because garden refuse is being tipped in the hedges and ditches and on the verges, and we locals all have brown bins and have it collected. Unfortunately, dumping in ditches leads to blocked water-courses and flooding, so it can have serious consequences. Another frequent find is take-away food packaging. It looks as though our village is the distance from the fast food outlet that it takes to eat a meal and drive at the same time! You can report fly-tipping direct to Chelmsford Borough Council by email at streetscene@chelmsfordbc.gov.uk .

Thanks are also due to those of you who helped with the Churchyard tidy-up in mid-March. It was a very successful event, which will give the regular volunteers a head start in keeping the plant growth under control this year. PC has decided to add the mowing of the churchyard to its existing mowing contract from this season. This has been done in recognition of the fact that it is the burial ground for the civil parish, and not just for members of the Church of England.

Sports activities have been arranged for the school holidays for those aged 6-14 years. There will be tennis coaching during half term, on Tuesday, 31st. May, and multi-sports coaching in the summer break on Monday 1st. and Friday, 5th. August. All sessions begin at 9.30am and end at 12 noon, and take place at the sports courts if the weather is fine and in the sports hall if it is wet. Please remember to bring a drink and slap on a good covering of sun-screen. These sessions are subsidised by PC so there is no entry charge.

At the time of writing I have received verbal notice from Chelmsford Borough Council that Smart Planning has appealed to the Planning Inspectorate against refusal of planning permission for their gypsy site application. All comments sent to CBC on the application will automatically be passed to the planning inspector, so there is no need to send them again. PC will keep you informed of what is happening in this matter with information on the noticeboards and the website.

Plans are in their early stages, but PC is hoping to hold a couple of fund-raising social events in the late summer and autumn. Profits will go towards the youth/children's facilities at the playing field. Keep your eyes open for details on the noticeboards and website.

On the subject of the website, if you have an event coming up that you would like posted in the Diary, please let me have the details.

PC Meetings continue on the fourth Thursday of the month, usually at 8pm, in the first floor meeting room at the Village Hall. Notices advising the time and date appear on the notice boards three days before. If you have a matter that requires a Council decision, please let me have it in writing a week before the meeting so that it can be included on the Agenda.

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BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Painting of the interior of the new church building in Old Church Road has been completed and has transformed its appearance. The kitchen units have been assembled and are ready for fitting. We are currently waiting on the delivery of a number of items before the carpenters, electricians and plumbers can resume work and finish the inside of the building. We are now on the last stage of this project and hope to be in and using the new church this year.

While building work is in progress we have continued to hold our regular weekly meetings and activities in other halls and homes in the village. You are very welcome to join us at these:

Sunday Worship Service	Sundays	10.45am W.I. Hall
Ladies Fellowship	Tuesdays	10.30am Homes
Bible Study	Thursdays	7.45pm Village Hall
Rainbow Club	Fridays	6.00pm Village Hall

During the school summer holidays we will be holding a three day 'Good News Club' for the 5 to 10 year old children. This will take place in the Village Hall and the programme will include indoor and outdoor games, action songs, Bible stories and craft activities. These are the dates for your diary:

'Good News Club' Tues 16th, Wed 17th and Thur 18th August, 10.30am – 12.15pm in the Village Hall.

David Cottey
400665

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

This has been a busy period for the Charity. The management committee (the Charity's Trustees) met for the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday the 23rd of February. The committee welcomed one new Trustee, Rose Pollard, and since then has welcomed two more Trustees in Lynn Sneller and Paul Garner. But there are still trustee vacancies and the committee, which meets bi-monthly, would dearly like to hear from anybody who may be interested. Please contact Colin Warren (the Chairman) on Ch 401050.

The main subject of discussion at the AGM was the Charity's plans for improvements to facilities on the Playing Field for children and teenagers.

You may remember that, prompted by adverse comments in our annual inspection report from ROSPA about the children's play area (the fence, litter and state of some of the older equipment), the Charity organised a survey to find out parents' views. The main points to come out of this were the need for extra swings, a safer and more exciting climbing frame and a new fence. These views have been taken on board starting with a weekly litter pick up, funded by the Charity but with a Parish Council contribution.

As a result of Hanna's Tots/Preschool mums fundraising (mainly from the Hanningfield Wives calendar – so thank you to everybody who bought one, and to Tom for selling them in the Post Office); the recent table top sale in the hall, and a grant of £7,000 to the Charity from the D of ES; and £1,500 from the Parish Council we have in total about £13,000. Thanks to Clare Liddiard and Dawn Falkingham who collated survey results and who investigated equipment and prices, we have now selected the supplier and are ready to order the new play equipment. This should be installed in time for the summer holidays (we are still fundraising for the fence).

After several years of increasing criminal damage and antisocial behaviour at the hall and field, the Charity have been involved in discussions with Parish Council, Neighbourhood Watch, Police and Essex Youth Services about the problem. The perception is that much it arises from the fact that the area is used as a meeting place for young people with no where else to go. Providing something for this age group to do might lead to less damage, and conflict with hall users and local residents. Last year the Charity sounded out village opinion through this newsletter on the location of a youth facility on the field and at end of last year, after discussions with the Parish Council, we decided to apply to various bodies for grants to towards a Youth Shelter and Sports Wall. This has been more successful than we expected, having achieved so far just under £10,000, including a grant of £5,000 from the Lottery Awards For All fund, £700 from the Essex High Sheriff Award Scheme as well as £1,000 promised from the Parish Council. This is not enough to complete the project but, as the funds

have to be spent this year, Charity decided at the last management meeting to make a start whilst we seek further funding. At this meeting, points about the facility raised by some residents in Ashley Green who back onto the field were noted and discussed and the Charity will be responding to these in writing.

We asked the Essex Youth Service to sound out the opinion of young people in the village on priorities and held a meeting for young people in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th May. This was attended mainly by the local skate board enthusiasts (who incidentally thought the newly resurfaced hall car park was excellent for their sport) and their view was that although a sports wall would be good what they really wanted (not surprisingly) was a skate park, and perhaps a some form of fitness trail/assault course. We suspect this may not be the majority view from comments received from other young people not at the meeting but the Charity will look at these ideas and it was agreed we should hold another youth meeting later in the summer after looking at the cost implications. Unfortunately we know any form of Skate Park would be very expensive and need a large area so options are limited. We would still like to hear from other young people in the village on their views (other than skate boarders) – comments should be written and passed to Clare Liddiard, 4, Ashley Green, with your name please.

And, if any adults have ideas on how they might be able to help with organisation, funding or facilities for youth projects we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Most will have seen that the village hall car park has now been marked out following its resurfacing and we are grateful to the Parish Council for funding half the cost. Although there have been some adverse comments, the majority view is that this is an improvement and the ‘shop use only’ bays welcomed. The double yellow lines are visually intrusive but after talking to the school we believe necessary to prevent congestion in the Chase and we therefore ask parents to comply with these when picking up or dropping off children, and to use the hall car park instead.

Some people believe that the hall car park and chase are public property but they are not and their use is reserved for users of the hall and post office and those temporarily stopping to drop off or pick up school children. People are asked not to leave cars or trade vehicles there without the permission of the Charity.

The Charity’s Annual Art Exhibition and Sale at the Village Hall is booked for Saturday 16th July and we are now taking bookings from local artists. Last year there were over 600 paintings in a variety of media and all at very reasonable prices. The profits will go towards the youth equipment project. There will be a ticket-only preview evening with cheese and wine on Friday 15th July, so if you are interested in art and would like to support this good cause, you can purchase tickets for the preview by contacting the event organiser Wendy Thomas (Charity Secretary) on Ch 400797. With the present focus on youth we have decided to include in this year’s Art

Exhibition a photo exhibition by young people in the village with a prize for the winning entry. Details will be on the Hall notice board closer to the date.

Still on fundraising, the Charity would like to hold a Ladies' Night in the hall with the evening dedicated to beauty regimes, hair, nails, aroma therapy etc and we very much would like to hear from anybody in the village who is interested in demonstrating these skills. We are also considering including the sale of cosmetics and jewelry in the evening. If you are interested in attending, selling or demonstrating please contact either Jenny Mouser on Ch 400411 or Ann Walden on Ch 401273.

Finally, we would like to hear from anybody with ideas for stalls or willing to help at the Village Fete on Saturday 17th September.

As always, contact the Bookings Secretary on 401460 for Hall, Field and Court bookings.

Mike Plumridge, Treasurer

HANNA'S TOTS

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

It has been good to see some new faces this year. The children thoroughly enjoy themselves playing with our range of toys which include, pull along / sit on toys, bricks, puzzles, books, ball pond, slide, see-saw, house corner and many more. The children can play safely while Mum or Dad(!) can relax and chat with a cup of tea. We have also kept the session price at just £1 which includes use of our toy library.

We will be holding a 'Cheeky Monkeys' party on 27th May which is the sale of children's clothes. Everyone is welcome.

Dawn Falkingham
400834

EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

Monday – Thursday 9.15 – 11.45. Village Hall.

Firstly a warm welcome to our new member of staff Alison Whitworth. We're sure she will enjoy her new role.

The children's topic this term has been about 'People who help us'. They enjoyed a visit from a policeman and a nurse who talked to the children about their job roles. We always welcome parents who would like to talk to the children about their jobs or hobbies. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer.

The children regularly use and enjoy computer work, unfortunately our computer is starting to give up on us. If anybody has any old computer equipment still in working order they would like to donate to us we would be most grateful.

We look forward to seeing you all at the children's Sports Day at the end of term.

Dawn Falkingham
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EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer term in primary school is my favourite as it is packed with such a variety of events, including assessments, swimming, sports days, sports tournaments, open evenings and special assemblies. This year this busy term also includes our Ofsted Inspection.

One event that you are all invited to share is our PTA Summer Fete on Saturday, 25th June, starting at 1.30 pm. Thank you for your past support for this event which is the PTA's most important annual fund-raiser.

Thanks to the PTA fund-raising last year and the generosity of Ford Trust of Britain, we have installed additional playground equipment for our older pupils to enjoy.

Linda Findlay

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Thank you to all of you who supported our Coffee Morning in aid of Farleigh Hospice. We raised £176.

Our meetings continue on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2pm, the next one being on June 15th when our speaker is talking on The life of a J.P. On Monday June 20th we are having a Strawberry Tea. There will be a charge for this, so tickets need to be ordered. If you are interested please give me a ring. You will receive a very warm welcome.

Lilian Crace
01245 400288

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Greetings from the priest-in-charge.

All Saints' church welcomes you! Parish churches wherever they are try to provide a caring approach to people within their area – people of all ages and stages in their spiritual development. To that end, we would welcome you at any of our services, and we have plenty of variety of choice! At the moment, our schedule is as follows:

On the first Sunday of the month at 11.15am we have a short service for all – no matter how inexperienced. And you can't get any less experienced than Andy and Mandy, who quite often join us for this service. If you don't know who they are, come and find out!

On the second Sunday we have early morning Service of Holy Communion at 8am, then at 11.15am we have Morning Prayer, which is, more often than not, taken by Matthew Radford, a Reader from Danbury, whose help is immensely appreciated. Both these services are based on those prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer.

The third Sunday sees a short Communion Service with hymns at 11.15am. This we try to make as user-friendly as possible, with explanations of what we do and why.

On the fourth Sunday, at the same time, we have another Communion Service with hymns according to Common Worship, which aims to provide forms of worship in the most up-to-date style. And where there is a fifth Sunday in any month, Morning Prayer is sung – again at 11.15am.

The spiritual life is often likened to a pilgrimage. No matter at what stage you are on your pilgrimage, you are assured of a welcome at those Services which may be of help to you as you journey. And we are continually aware of the need to re-appraise our worship pattern so that it will be appropriate for all our parishioners. Do let us know if you have ideas to help us develop and grow as your parish church.

Advance notice of some events taking place over the summer months:

Inter-parish walk: Saturday 4th June

Our annual walk between the parishes of East Hanningfield and Sandon. Walkers set off from each church and meet in the middle at Butts Green for tea, coffee and refreshments. This is a lovely way to see our local countryside at a glorious time of the year. For more details contact Claire Newman (Tel: 400788)

Music for a summer's evening: Saturday 18th June at 7.00pm

This event was re-launched last year with great success. This year we will be treated to performances by some very talented young musicians (including pupils of our organist Daphne Hilliar), plus children from the Village School and our own singing group. The music chosen should have something for everyone with both light and more serious items. Wine and light refreshments will be served during the interval. Tickets (Adults £4, Concessions £2, Children free) may be bought in advance from Sue Edward (Tel 403091) or Stan Gordon (400298) or on the door. A lovely way to celebrate mid summer.

With best wishes to you all

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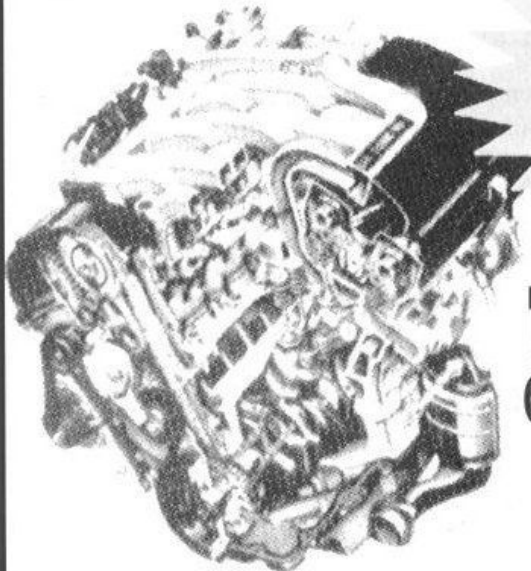
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