

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 10th FEBRUARY 2006.

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 Poppy Hall and the runners up are, Sarah Palmer, Michael Binns, Elliot White, Amy Knox, Lauren Fawcett, Jack Harris, Katie White, Chole Whitworth, Gregory Fawcett and Charis Evans. 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.

If you should wish to contribute an article or place an advert consider the following:

- Submitting your article or advert via e-mail is preferred. See e-mail address below. But as not everyone has access to e-mail this is not an absolute requirement.
- When compiling your article/advert remember that the finished article
 will be in A5 landscape format. A5 is half the size of A4. Therefore, a
 poster which looks good in A4 has to be reduced by 50% to make it
 fit to a full A5 page. Even smaller if it is half or quarter page.
- The published newsletter will be in black & white. Any use of colour in your input will be lost.

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PARISH COUNCIL

In the last News I said that we were awaiting the decision from the planning inspector regarding the appeal by Smart Planning against refusal of planning permission for their housing development proposal. The appeal was dismissed, which means it failed. Chelmsford Borough Council's Planning Committee then re-granted Colne Housing planning permission for their scheme of affordable housing for local people. If you go down Old Church Road you can't fail to see the signboards marking the site, where some preliminary work has already taken place. Completion of the housing will be some time in the Spring of 2007. Chelmsford Borough Council is still accepting applications, but if you apply please make sure that your application is clearly states that it is for the Colne Housing at East Hanningfield so that it doesn't go into the borough-wide list.

Also mentioned in the last News was the Race Night on 24th. September. Thank you to everyone who helped with or supported this event. This proved a very enjoyable event for those who came, but attendance, which was in the sixties, was disappointingly low. More than twice as many could have joined in comfortably. Nevertheless, the evening made a profit of £534.26, which will contribute towards improving facilities for children and young people at the playing field.

PC has decided not to hold the Christmas Dance fund raising event mentioned in the last News because it would have needed strong support from the community to make it viable, and the turn out for the Race Night showed that this could not be relied upon.

Thank you also to those of you who rallied round and voted for the East Hanningfield website, when it was nominated for website of the year by The Local Channel. The result of the vote has yet to be published, but it was nice to be nominated! If you have items of news or dates for the diary that you would like me to upload on to the site please let me know. Please add www.thelocalchannel.co.uk/easthanningfield to your favourites!

The dates for the manned refuse vehicle visits for 2006 have been announced and they are as follows: **18TH. FEBRUARY, 24TH. JUNE, 7TH. OCTOBER & 18TH. NOVEMBER**. These are all Saturdays and the vehicle will arrive at about 8am and leave at about 10.45am. This service if provided for household and garden refuse.

PC has now received a supply of **FREE** dog waste bags from Chelmsford Borough Council, which can be found in the entrance lobby of the Village Hall. They will also be available at PC Meetings and from me.

PC has received many compliments about the smart appearance of the village due to the painting of the post and rail fence and other street furniture. This was done by arrangement with Essex Probation who supplied the workers and their supervisor while PC provided the materials. The team of 'unpaid workers' also did some work for Hanna's Field Charity on the playing-fields and at the sports courts, and redecorated the small hall and kitchen inside the Village Hall. PC and the Charity were both very pleased with the quality of the work done.

Although PC Meeting usually take place on the **fourth Thursday** of each month, please note that the Meeting which would normally have taken place on 24th. November has been moved back a week to 1st. December. The next PC Meeting after that will be on 5th. January.

Karen Plumridge, Clerk to the Council Tel: 400628

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For information on forthcoming events, local news, planning applications, and your local council visit



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EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

You may have seen or heard us on our recent Sponsored Walk and heard that we are raising funds and wondered why. Our school was built to satisfy the educational needs of the 1970s. Since then research into learning, technology, curriculum requirements and legislation has made different demands on the building.

County funding and budgets should fund a major extension but we want to bring the learning environment into the 21st century for all our children, which involves some alteration to the existing building and in order to do this in the foreseeable future we need to raise additional funds.

Parents are collecting their small change in special boxes for us and if anyone would like a box in which to collect their small change please contact school. Details of future fund-raising activities will be given at a later date.

The PTA Christmas Bazaar will be held in school on Saturday, 10th December, 1.30:3.30. We look forward to seeing you there.

All senior citizens are invited to the dress rehearsal of our younger children's Christmas play, 'The Hoity, Toity Angel' at 9.30 am on Tuesday, 6th December followed by refreshments.

Linda Findlay Headteacher

EAST HANNINGFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

Monday – Thursday 9.15 – 11.45 in the Village Hall

We've had an exceptional start to this term with the success of our fashion show which raised over £300! Although it was a busy night everyone enjoyed the evening, even the models after their initial nerves! Thank you to everyone who came along & well done to all those involved. Look out for the date of the next one!

The children have been getting involved with this term's topics: Where we live/Our village & Food/Celebrations. They have made & tasted special Indian food & will be making their own costume for the Pre-School Nativity.

The Nativity will be held on Monday 12th December. Please come along & listen to the children singing Christmas songs & browse round our bazaar with tombolas, cloths, books, videos & cake stalls.

We look forward to seeing lots of people at our Christmas Family Disco on 17th December to raise funds for the ongoing future of our pre-school.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas on behalf on the Pre-School & committee.

Dawn Falkinham – Chairperson

Tel: 400834

FAMILY CHRISTMAS DISCO East Hanningfield Pre-School Invites you to their Family Christmas Disco

Saturday 17th December In the Village Hall 7.30pm – 11.30pm

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

It seems ages since we held the village fete in September. I would like to express my thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the event successful. I am glad that we were once again lucky with the weather. The village fete is organised as a joint event with All Saints Church. Other local organisations are welcomed and I am pleased to report that Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints Church shared the profit of approximately £1,600.00 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 in February 2006 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 2006.

We are working hard at keeping the environment around the chase, hall and sports field litter and dog mess free. We have arranged for additional dog bins to be installed. Please ensure that you clear up after your dog; it is an offence not to do so and could lead to prosecution by the Dog Warden who has been asked to patrol the village.

We are once again fund raising to complete the work on the playground and sportswall which was officially opened by Lord Hanningfield in the summer. Priorities include the establishment of a all weather surface around the sportswall together with some lighting in order that the wall can be used throughout the year.

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 Tel: 01245 401050

email: cwarren132@aol.com

HANNA'S TOTS

Under 5's mother & toddler group with toy library. Friday mornings 9.30-11.30 in Village Hall

This time last year we were well into promoting our 'Hanningfield Wives' calendar. It's nice to see the result of the monies raised now standing in the children's play area by the Village Hall! The toddler tower & new swings seen very popular & are being well used.

Hanna's Tots have many items for hire i.e. high chair, travel cot, if you have friends/family visiting with young children & would like to use this facility please contact us. We have recently bought a small bouncy castle for children aged 3-5 years which again can be hired for parties etc.

We will be closing for Christmas on 16th December & will re-open on 6th January.

Dawn Falkinham – Chairperson

Tel: 400834



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ALL SAINTS'CHURCH

A big thank you to Sally, Daphne and Sheila who on 10 September raised £150 to be shared between Friends of Essex Churches and All Saints' as a result of their participation in The Friends of Essex Churches sponsored bike ride. Their effort was all the more commendable because they chose to walk rather than cycle! So, even if you don't have a cycle you too can take part in this fun event next year – watch this space for details!

To all who participated in the Village Fete on 17 September raising a total of £1600 to be shared between Hanna's Field Charity and Church funds. Our thanks to Richard Huke and his committee who worked hard to ensure a well organised and happy event. The committee would welcome new members when they reconvene in the new year. If you would like to help please contact Colin Warren on 401050 or Stan Gordon on 400298 – you will be very welcome.

To all who contributed food or money at our Harvest Thanksgiving service for Harvest For The Hungry. The village school were supporting the same good cause and our joint efforts produced a really worthwhile contribution which went to needy children in East European countries.

To all who contributed gifts, produce and support for our Christmas Bazaar which will have come & gone by the time you read this!

CHRISTMAS

The nights are drawing in and the church floodlights have been switched back on so we all know Christmas cannot be far away! Once again our Services for the Christmas period will start with a Christingle Service at 5.00pm on Sunday 4 December. The work of The Children's Society is highlighted in a service which is a powerful and moving symbol of Christ's light and love for all people. Children are especially welcome and during the service the church is darkened and each child receives a Christingle which contains a lighted candle as a sign of Christ's light shining in the darkness. At the start of the hectic preparations for Christmas this is a service which is a great opportunity to stop and remember the less fortunate. For this and all our Christmas Services set out below a very warm welcome awaits you at All Saint's Church. Make a note of the services and ...come all ye faithful, be joyful and triumphant!

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

Keith Plaister Sandon Rectory Tel: 472262 Churchwardens: Stan Gordon Tel: 400298

Sue Edward Tel: 403091

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Sunday 4 December 5.00pm

Christingle Service - Family Service and a Christingle for every child!

Sunday 18 December 3.00pm
<u>Lessons & Carols</u> - Setting up of the Crib followed by mincepies & wine

Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Communion - with carols

Christmas Day 11.15am Family Service

Sunday 1 January 11.15pm Family Service

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The last few months have been a busy but encouraging time in the life of the church fellowship. We've had two very special Sunday Services – both great, family occasions, well supported by lots of visitors. At the end of August we had our Dedication Service, where we, as a church, prayed for God's blessing & guidance on the lives of two young children of a family in the village. Then in October, two young women from the fellowship were baptised in water. After a preliminary service where they shared their new found faith in Jesus, they were both baptised in the school swimming pool.

Work has continued on the new church building in Old Church Road. We are now very much on the last stage & nearing completion. Painting of the internal woodwork has been done & the connections made to the gas, electricity & water supply. Putting in the finishing touches has taken longer than we anticipated but we are still hoping that the building will be complete before Christmas.

Speaking of Christmas, that time is upon us again & we are already making out preparations. Rainbow Club will finish for the year on Friday 16th December with a Christmas Party for the younger children. In the past, a well known, red suited figure has turned up bearing gifts, so we wait in anticipation to see what happens this time. On Sunday 18th December we will be holding our Family Carol Service. There is always a strong emphasis on including the children in this time as we celebrate together the coming of Jesus into the world.

Christmas Day this year is on a Sunday & we will be meeting for a short, very informal time in the morning. It's great way to start the day as we focus our thoughts and worship on Jesus – after all he is the 'Reason for the Season'. Jesus came at Christmas time as the Light of the World. We can know the spiritual light & hope he brings as we welcome & receive him for ourselves, for he said: 'Whoever follows me shall not walk in darkness but will have the light of life'.

Come & join us for:

Family Carol Service 10:45 am, Sunday 18th December Christmas Morning Service 10:00am, Sunday 25th December

Happy Christmas David Cottey tel. 400665

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We've had another busy year. We are always pleased to welcome new members. Why not come along as a visitor first to see if you like us. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. in our hall in Old Church Road, except the December meeting will be on the 2nd Wednesday (14th).

In the meantime we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy 2006.

Lilian Crace 400288

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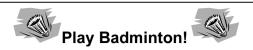
The cost is £12 per person first session then £6.00 per person per session.

Come with a partner or come alone, there will be someone to partner you.

The Classes are aimed at beginners but those with some experience will be very welcome.

The teacher will be a qualified instructor from the Chelmsford Dance Centre.

FOR MORE INFORMATION TELEPHONE CHRISTINE ON 01245 400561



Want to get some exercise? Played before & want to take up game again?

East Hanningfield Badminton Club are looking to increase their membership. We play every Tuesday at the Village Hall between 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm. We are not a league team, playing for fun.

If interested either turn up on the night or call Rosemary on 224168.



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